

Chapter 7181

The Research Team members, who had been frozen in the extreme cold, immediately turned bright red upon entering the indoor space with a temperature of around 20 degrees Celsius.

The temperature difference of over 80 degrees Celsius caused their skin to scald as if they had just been boiled.

The itching and pain were even more intense than when they were exposed to the elements,

To the point that everyone frantically scratched their entire bodies,

Some even leave them covered in sores.

The military commander hadn't expected that just a few dozen seconds could torment them to this extent,

And he couldn't help but worry that they had gone too far.

After all, if the protests from Japan escalated and the White House felt the pressure of public opinion,

He would likely be forced to take the blame.

However, he quickly reconsidered.

Whatever, the more he looked at the situation, the stranger it seemed.

If he didn't get these people to talk, he might miss some great secret.

If there were truly valuable clues involved,

He might be able to make a significant contribution.

Since these researchers were going to be transferred to McMurdo Station anyway,

The injured could simply be detained longer and released once they recovered.

If they complained to their government, they could simply deny it.

For him, there were plenty of ways to smooth things over.

Therefore, he ordered the interrogation of these researchers to be intensified,

Forcing them to issue orders to all their comrades outside to return.

However, further intensification of the interrogation would likely result in deaths.

Their resilience far exceeded expectations.

Even after being tortured to this extent, they showed no signs of relenting.

The military commander was somewhat puzzled.

Even many specially trained agents and special forces soldiers would find this kind of torture difficult to withstand,

So why were these ordinary researchers with no military experience completely unaffected?

His subordinate rushed to him for instructions, saying,

"Sir, these people seem to have an incredibly strong sense of conviction."

"Our conventional interrogation methods simply can't break it.

"We're at a loss!"

The commander coldly replied,

"I refuse to believe there's any conviction that can't be destroyed."

"Did they only spend a short time outside in the cold?!"

"Increase the intensity!"

The subordinate said worriedly, "If we increase the intensity any further, they might die."

"Their skin is already starting to ulcerate!"

"It looks like they've been scalded with boiling water."

"If they go out in the cold again,"

"Their skin might be destroyed!"

The commander was horrified.

He hadn't realized that minus sixty degrees Celsius could be so deadly.

If these people were frostbitten beyond recognition,

It would be difficult to explain.

He was momentarily troubled.

At this rate, it wouldn't be easy to gather the scattered Japanese soldiers back from Manchuria.

If they alerted the enemy, these people might destroy the evidence.

There were two options.

One was to wait and see, with everyone remaining hidden and waiting for the Research Team to return for supplies.

This would definitely be effective.

But it would take a long time.

The second option was to take the initiative,

Sending troops out in all directions to capture all the Research Team members currently working.

This would be much faster, but it would be a challenge for the soldiers,

It would require splitting into multiple groups and pursuing them for hundreds or even thousands of kilometers.

After much deliberation, he decided to report back to superiors,

Presenting both options and seeing which one they would choose.

So, he immediately reported the details via satellite phone.

The government was increasingly curious about the secret of the Research Team.

They couldn't understand what secrets Antarctica held that would make these people risk their lives to protect it.

The more this happened, the more eager they became to find out the truth.

The government immediately ordered them not to sit idly by,

But to send troops to arrest them.

Once captured, the personnel were to be interrogated immediately,

And the equipment was sealed off, awaiting the arrival of their technical experts to retrieve the data.

Upon receiving the order, the military commander immediately began redeploying troops,

And tracking the tracks left by the expedition team's vehicles on the ice sheet.

Charlie bypassed the Japanese Showa Research Station and waited until all their armored vehicles had departed before quietly leaving.

However, he didn't rush back to the Nordic research station.

Instead, he used a satellite network to send Duncan videos of the military abusing the Research Team in the extreme cold,

As well as videos of the Navy SEALs boarding armored vehicles and leaving the research station.

He then called Duncan and instructed him,

"Detective Li, have the AI model retrieve the contact information of major Japanese internet celebrities."

"Preferably, their email addresses for collecting materials."

"Then, send these two videos to them through secure channels."

Charlie wanted to send the videos to Japanese internet celebrities.

Because he felt their government might not have the backbone to stand firmly on this.

If the videos were given to them, they might try to cover them up.

But the public was different.

The public didn't have a strong sense of the bigger picture,

And this didn't involve their own interests,

So they were mostly driven by emotion.

These videos would definitely anger them,

So they would likely choose to expose them.

Moreover, internet celebrities valued traffic above all else.

Having such explosive videos was like entertainment bloggers obtaining top-tier celebrity scandal evidence.

They would definitely release them immediately to gain traffic.

Furthermore, Charlie gave the videos to more than one internet celebrity,

Providing multiple backups.

Even if celebrity A didn't choose to expose them,

Celebrities B, C, and even Z would compete to do so.

Internet celebrities themselves possess massive fan bases,

So once they release a video, it will instantly spread throughout the internet.

The public will be outraged, making this a spectacle.

Moreover, once the netizens begin to condemn it, the matter will undoubtedly garner global attention.

Anyone with a sense of justice will likely condemn the US military's actions, especially their violation of the Antarctic Treaty by sending troops into Antarctica.

It will certainly face accusations from countries around the world.