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Chapter 41: name of genius

"Your Majesty, I have to admit that His Royal Highness Prince Oscar is extremely talented in designing warships. Now it seems that what he predicted has come true. Although, we wasted more than a year. But if we catch up if so, it is not impossible for us to catch up with the British." Marshal Earl Tirpitz also said.

King William II nodded, being able to make the stubborn guy on the Naval Technical Committee bow his head and admit his mistake, this can be regarded as rectifying Qin Tian's name. At the same time, the 180-degree turn in everyone's attitude also made him very satisfied. At least, from now on, those guys in the Naval Technical Committee will not be so high above, as if they represent authority.

"Now that the Naval Technical Committee has realized its mistake, I will not pursue this matter any further. However, I hope you can learn from it and such things will not happen again in the future. After all, this damage it is the interests of the German navy and even the whole of Germany, which will put us at a disadvantage in future wars!" Wilhelm II said with a serious face.

"Yes, Your Majesty!" Earl von Warren replied hastily. At the same time, he also breathed a sigh of relief.

William II was able to lift it high like this, but put it down gently. For the Naval Technical Committee, it is undoubtedly a good thing. In this case, at least they will not be hit too hard. Of course, after this incident, the prestige of the Naval Technical Committee has been greatly reduced. Those experts no longer dare to know themselves with authority and cannot listen to any other opinions.

"Everyone, I have something to inform you. After his design was rejected, Oscar was not reconciled and decided to build the battleship he designed. Therefore, he bought the Royal Shipyard of the royal family with his own money, and will it has been expanded into a large shipyard. Since November last year, Oscar's Deutsche Shipyard has begun to build the battleships he designed. And, four ships were built at one time. Because he insisted that all the required expenses are all paid by himself to bear the burden. So, I did not stop this issue. What do you think about this?" William II looked at everyone.

The important German ministers present here are naturally not fools. They knew very well that without the support of William II, it would be impossible for Qin Tian to do so. However, the few battleships under construction in Qin Tian's shipyard have become the hope of the German Navy, the hope of the German Navy to catch up with the British Navy, and even surpass the British Navy. At this time, naturally no one would be stupid enough to ask the bottom line.

"Your Majesty, it seems that God blessed the German Empire and sent us a genius warship designer like Prince Oscar. It is also because of his persistence that our navy will not be left too far behind by the British. Since Prince Oscar's The shipyard has already started the construction of four new battleships, so let the navy take over as the next-level capital ship. In this way, the time required for redesigning and starting construction will be saved. Of course, the navy will it can also be paid to Prince Oscar according to the corresponding price." Prince Heinrich proposed.

In this case, it is undoubtedly the best result for the German Navy. Of course, for the Naval Technical Committee and other large shipyards, I'm afraid it's not so good. The Navy's warship orders,

especially orders for large battleships, have always been the main source of profit for those large shipyards. Now, if the navy uses the battleships being built by Qin Tian's German shipyard as the next-level capital ship, it will undoubtedly be eating meat from the bowls of several major shipyards.

Count von Warren opened his mouth, but in the end he said nothing. Although several major shipyards have a close relationship with the Naval Technical Committee, they will provide a lot of additional support to the Naval Technical Committee every year. However, after they have made a big mistake, it is clear that they no longer have the capital to bargain on this issue.

Marshal Earl Tirpitz frowned, he also thought of this question. However, in the case that the German shipyard has already started the construction of four new battleships, it is naturally impossible to have extra battleships for other shipyards to build. Of course, several other shipyards also have previous orders for battleships. Although there will be some less profit, the overall impact will not be great.

"Your Majesty, the navy is willing to accept several battleships built by the German shipyard under His Royal Highness Prince Oscar as the new capital ships of the next level of the navy." Marshal Count Tirpitz said.

Other ministers, although they know that this will cause certain losses to several other shipyards. But they also know that the general situation is over now, and if this question is raised again, it will only disgust William II. What's more, don't even think about the orders for the capital ships of the next level, but there will be orders for the next level. Anyway, if the German Navy wants to compete with the British Navy for maritime supremacy, it will not just build a first-class new battleship. Next, more new battleships will definitely be built.

"Since everyone has no opinion, then it is decided. Tirpitz, tomorrow I will let Oscar come back and sign a contract with the Navy!" William II said.

"Yes, Your Majesty." Marshal Earl Tirpitz nodded. Of course, he will not have any opinion on this. What's more, in his opinion, the battleships designed and built by Qin Tian bought a lot of time for the German Navy to catch up with the British Navy, even though the new battleships they built would enter service later than the British Navy. However, serving four ships at one time and being significantly stronger in performance than the British Navy's "Dreadnought" battleship will give the German Navy a greater advantage.

As the head of the German navy, Marshal Count Tirpitz valued the interests of the German navy and hoped that the German navy could defeat the British navy in one fell swoop in future wars, pull the British from the throne of maritime supremacy, and achieve His long-cherished wish for many years. As for the others, it doesn't matter that much.

Although, this matter is only spread in a small area. However, the Naval Technical Committee was reprimanded. At the same time, the news that the Navy received the new battleship built by the German shipyard as the capital ship also caused a great shock.

Of course, this also made Qin Tian, the prince of the German Empire, not only a business genius, but also a shipbuilding genius.

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Under the witness of William II, Qin Tian and Marshal Count Tirpitz signed their names on the transfer document. This also means that the four 'Nassau-class' battleships that Qin Tian's German shipyard is building have become the next-level capital ships of the navy. Once completed and sea trials completed, the battleships will be officially handed over to the Navy.

"His Royal Highness, thank you for everything you have done for the navy, and everyone in the navy will remember it." Earl Tirpitz said solemnly.

In the eyes of others, Qin Tian took a huge risk for the "Nassau-class" battleship. A huge amount of money was invested in the acquisition of shipyards and the expansion of shipyards. The construction of four battleships also cost a lot of money. If the navy does not accept these battleships in the end, Qin Tian's loss on this project may exceed 300 million marks, or even more. In the case of Germany's annual fiscal revenue of only one billion marks, this is undoubtedly a huge sum of money. Therefore, Marshal Earl Tirpitz was very moved by Qin Tian's behavior.

"Your Excellency, Marshal, this is what I should do. As the prince of the German Empire, I naturally have the responsibility to fight for the strength of the German Empire. Although it is not my ideal to go to the front line with the military uniform on the ship. However, I But I can use my own method to make the German Empire stronger." Qin Tian smiled.

The Navy officially received the "Nassau-class" battleship, which can be said to be a sigh of relief. After all, these are four battleships! From the acquisition of the shipyard to the construction cost of the four "Nassau-class" battleships, there are a total of 350 million marks. The Navy has now taken delivery of these battleships, for which various payments will be made. According to the agreement between Qin Tian and William II, these four 'Nassau-class' battleships will be used to offset the debts for the acquisition of the Royal Shipyard and the expansion of the shipyard. Qin Tian only needs to spend money to build these battleships. It is undoubtedly very cost-effective to spend more than 100 million marks to acquire a large shipyard.

Of course, to Qin Tian, more than 100 million marks is nothing at all. With the expansion of the German Welfare Lottery's business abroad, especially in the Austro-Hungarian Empire, it has achieved great success. Even with some headwinds in the Kingdom of Italy, overall the company's profits are rising. Now the profit of the Deutsche Welfare Lottery Company in each period has reached 8 million marks. This also means that Qin Tian can obtain a profit of 50 million marks from the company every month. After a year, that is an astronomical figure. The money spent on the construction of several battleships for the German Navy is nothing at all.

Both William II and Marshal Count Tirpitz laughed. You know, Qin Tian is only 17 years old now, and he is still a few months away from 18 years old. In their eyes, the agreement reached between Qin Tian and the head of the Kiel Naval Academy, Ludwig Birkenhagen, was nothing more than a joke. But now it seems that Qin Tian is fully capable of fulfilling his promise. To Qin Tian, the money spent to fulfill that little promise was nothing at all.

"Your Highness, the Navy has already received all four Nassau-class battleships. But, when will you fulfill the promise you made with Dean Birkenhagen?" Marshal Count Tirpitz smiled.

"Your Excellency Marshal, you can fulfill it at any time. Moreover, I have already prepared it. The first ship of the next-level capital ship will be fully built by me. After it is completed, it will be donated

directly to the navy. It will be regarded as my fulfillment and Dean Birkenhagen's promise." Qin Tian smiled.

If he was still worried about funds before, now he is rich and powerful. The Deutsche Welfare Lottery has grown into a huge cash cow, which can bring him huge profits every month. And this is enough to support the consumption of Qin Tian's other money-burning enterprises.

"The next level of battleship? Oscar, the 'Nassau-class' battleship is under construction. Do you have plans for the next level of battleship?" William II asked.

Marshal Earl Tirpitz also stared closely at Qin Tian. From the "Nassau-class" battleship, Qin Tian's design ability and vision in the development of naval battleships have been proved. If Qin Tian still has ideas about the capital ship of the next level, and there is no problem with the design, then of course they can use Qin Tian's design as the capital ship of the next level.

"Yes, father." Qin Tian nodded.

With nothing else to do, Qin Tian put his energy into designing those weapons and equipment. As for the next-level capital ship of the German Navy, Qin Tian also had a good idea.

"For the navy's next-level capital ship, I think so. The design concept of the 'Nassau-class' battleship is more advanced than the British Navy's 'Dreadnought' battleship. However, the 'Dreadnought' battleship It is indisputable that it will be put into service first. For the time being, we regard the battleship 'Dreadnought' as an epoch-making battleship. Then, the previous battleships with secondary main guns can be called 'pre-Dreadnought' The battleship 'Dreadnought', the battleship of the same type to be built by the British, and our 'Nassau-class' battleship can also be called 'Dreadnought'." Qin Tian introduced.

William II and Marshal Count Tirpitz nodded repeatedly, and there was nothing wrong with Qin Tian's division. However, the battleship 'Dreadnought' entered service before the battleship 'Nassau class', which also made them feel a little bit worried. If the Naval Technical Committee hadn't rejected Qin Tian's design before, then the honor of being the first to serve the new battleship should be worn on the head of the German Empire.

"Then, the capital ship of the next level, I think it should be 'ultra-dreadnought ship'." Qin Tian threw out a different term again.

"'Super Dreadnought'?" Both William II and Marshal Count Tirpitz were taken aback.

"That's right, it's the 'Super Dreadnought Ship'. As the name suggests, it is a battleship that is more powerful than the previous 'Dreadnought Ship'. The main performance is that it has stronger firepower and stronger defense. If possible, the speed will also be higher." It needs to be faster. In this way, we can ensure that our next-level capital ships have an overwhelming advantage when facing the British Navy. As far as I know, the next level of the British Navy is even the next level The battleships are nothing more than simple improvements to the battleship 'Fearless'." Qin Tian smiled.

Chapter 43: loan to empire

Whether it is the "Belle Luofeng" battleship or the "Saint Vincent" battleship, it is just a simple modification of the "Dreadnought" battleship by the British Navy, and even the subsequent "Neptune"

battleship and "Giant" battleship , are also used in a similar layout, and continue to use 5 double-mounted 305mm main guns.

The 343mm main gun will not be adopted until the follow-up "Orion-class" battleship. If the German Navy adopts 343mm main guns from the next-level battleships of the "Nassau class", this will give the German Navy an overwhelming advantage in the power of the main guns.

"Oscar, are you planning to use larger main guns on the next-level battleship?" Marshal Earl Tirpitz frowned.

"That's right, caliber is the truth. In naval battles, large-caliber main guns are always more powerful than small-caliber main guns, with greater range, greater armor-piercing capability, and greater power. If the technical conditions can If it is enough, of course we must use the main gun with a larger caliber as much as possible." Qin Tian replied without hesitation.

"However, this will make the battleship even bigger, and at the same time, the construction cost will continue to rise." William II also frowned tightly.

The current German navy is not very rich in military expenditures. Even in order to develop the navy, Germany's finances have already been burdened with heavy burdens. Once the arms race among various countries reaches its climax, the required military expenditure will continue to rise. One of the big reasons why the First World War broke out was that the countries that had been under the pressure of the arms race could not bear it. If the attention of the domestic people is not diverted through war, and the wealth of the defeated country is plundered through war, there will be only one final result, that is, the country's finances will collapse.

"Father, it is inevitable that battleships will become bigger and bigger. Even the displacement of future battleships will continue to rise. Especially for the battleships of the German Navy, we have always emphasized the defense and survivability of battleships , which makes our battleships have thicker armor and larger displacement than those of the British Navy. At the same time, the construction cost will naturally rise a lot. Of course, in my opinion, this is completely worth it .Once a war starts, our battleships can suppress the British Navy's battleships, and have a greater chance of winning in the war. After all, only when we defeat our opponents and win the war, the huge war military expenditure we have paid for this is the It is useful. Once you lose the battle, everything will be useless." Qin Tian said solemnly.

This is indeed the case. Since money has already been spent on armaments, once defeated, it will be a complete loss. If you can spend a little more money and improve your chances of winning, why not do it?

William II and Marshal Count Tirpitz nodded repeatedly, approving Qin Tian's statement.

"It's true to say so, but now the budget has been in deficit for years. If the government wants to increase investment in the navy again, the pressure will be very high. The opposition within the parliament will also be very loud!" William II The world has a face of embarrassment.

"Father, Your Excellency Marshal. According to the promise, I will bear the construction cost of one of the capital ships of the next level." Qin Tian said.

"The other ships are also a huge burden for the government." William II shook his head.

"Well, Father. I can provide a loan to the government, or the navy. If the interest rate is based on the bank rate, it will be used to support the navy's shipbuilding needs. Of course, this matter must be kept secret. Okay. Welfare lottery companies have been preparing to develop markets in countries such as Britain and France since this year. Once they find out that we use the profits of the welfare lottery company to support the construction of the navy, the consequences may be very serious." Qin Tian said.

If it were any country, it would probably not allow this kind of thing that makes money from its own country to develop weapons and equipment for the enemy country. In that case, it would be delusional for welfare lottery companies to enter the markets of Britain and France.

"Oscar, this is undoubtedly the best thing to do." William II approved with a look of approval.

"Your Highness, we will definitely keep this a secret. It is undoubtedly the best thing that the Welfare Lottery Company can make money from the British and French. At that time, we will use their money to build warships. They pulled down from the throne of sea supremacy." Marshal Count Tirpitz was also beaming with joy.

In the eyes of William II and Marshal Count Tirpitz, Qin Tian's wealth is astonishing in the entire German Empire. In particular, the continuous wealth created by the welfare lottery company has made everyone jealous. In capitalist society, the role of money is beyond doubt. If Qin Tian wanted to use the money to do other things, it might arouse the suspicion of William II. But now, Qin Tian took the initiative to provide loans to the navy, which undoubtedly showed his support for the navy. At the same time, it also allowed William II to see his patriotic heart.

"After the war is over, once the empire wins, the government needs to use the benefits it gained from the defeated country to pay back. Is there any problem with this?" Qin Tian asked.

He is not a saint, so naturally he would not want to just hand over his hard-earned money. Of course, unless he can become the crown prince or emperor of the empire, in that case, everything is another matter.

"Of course, there is no problem at all. Wait until the empire wins the war. Then, naturally, your loan will be repaid first." William II replied immediately. Being able to get Qin Tian to agree to make a sum of money to develop armaments for the navy is already a solution to their urgent need. If Qin Tian was still expected to contribute the money for free, then it would be a little too aggressive.

"Your Highness, how much money can you lend to the Navy?" Earl Tirpitz asked with anticipation.

Qin Tian thought for a while, and then said: "100 million marks!"

"100 million marks?" William II and Marshal Count Tirpitz were taken aback. Although, 100 million marks is already a lot of money. But for the navy, it seems to be nothing at all. After all, even the cost of the "Nassau-class" battleship is as high as more than 40 million marks. As for the capital ship of the next level, the cost may directly rise to 50 million marks or even higher. One hundred million marks is only enough to build two battleships. For the navy, it didn't help much.

In addition, judging from Qin Tian's current wealth, such a little money seems a bit too petty!

Chapter 44: next tier battleship

Qin Tian saw the expressions of William II and Marshal Earl Tirpitz, and knew that they seemed to be wrong.

"Father, Your Excellency Marshal, the 100 million marks I'm talking about is not a total of 100 million marks, but 100 million marks per year. After all, although the income of the welfare lottery company is quite a lot, I still have other investment projects. There are also many places to spend money. Therefore, we can only withdraw 100 million marks every year." Qin Tian explained.

If too much profit is extracted from his industries every year, it will have a great impact on Qin Tian's future industrial layout. In addition, the flow of such a large amount of funds will be more easily discovered by other countries.

"100 million marks per year? Very good, very good. Oscar, you have done a very good job. I am proud to have a son like you!" William II was very satisfied.

"His Royal Highness, 100 million marks per year until the war begins?" Marshal Earl Tirpitz asked excitedly. If this is the case, it means that the German Navy has received a huge extra amount of support. With this amount of funds, the financial pressure on the German Navy will be greatly reduced. They have enough funds to develop armaments and build warships.

"100 million marks per year, until the end of the war!" Qin Tian said solemnly.

Qin Tianzhi, the current high-level Germans probably would not have imagined that the future war would last for a long time. In another time and space, the war lasted for four full years, completely beyond everyone's expectations. You know, at the beginning of the war, everyone from William II to ordinary soldiers believed that they could defeat the enemy within a few months and end the war. In this time and space, even if Germany's military power has been strengthened, it may still be very difficult to end the war in a short time. Therefore, Qin Tian hoped that Germany would be ready for a protracted war.

Marshal Earl Tirpitz nodded: "Your Highness, thank you very much. Your support for the navy will definitely be rewarded. We will definitely defeat the British in future wars."

Marshal Earl Tirpitz is full of confidence. Originally, compared with the British Navy, the German Navy was at a great disadvantage. One of the main reasons is probably that the financial resources of the British Navy are definitely not comparable to that of the German Navy. Now with Qin Tian's support, everything is different. Qin Tian gets a loan of 100 million marks every year, which is almost enough to build two battleships. The construction cycle of a first-class battleship often takes as long as two or three years. The first-class battleships of the German Navy usually have four to five ships. In other words, basically using Qin Tian's loan, they are enough to guarantee the construction of the battleship. The German Navy's own military expenditures can be invested in the construction of other light surface ships. In this case, it is enough to make the strength of the German navy grow by leaps and bounds. Because of this, they will soon catch up with the British Navy, and even overtake the British Navy. In addition, the battleship designed by Qin Tian was able to crush the British battleship in terms of performance. Combining these favorable factors, if the German navy can't beat the British, then the German navy should just buy a piece of tofu and kill them.

"Oscar, when speaking to the outside world, I will announce that the royal family provided the loan to the navy. In this way, the British and French should not suspect you." William II said. He was very satisfied with Qin Tian's performance.

Qin Tian shook his head: "Father, there is no impenetrable wall in the world. The British and French will know sooner or later. However, if they dare to use administrative orders to expel the German Welfare Lottery Company from the markets of the two countries, Then they are deliberately sabotaging the market. Even if we have nothing to do with them for the time being, we can still liquidate them after the war is over and let them compensate us for the losses! Now, I just hope that it can be delayed as long as possible. In this way, it can also give us enough time to earn more wealth from Britain and France."

As the saying goes, ten years is not too late for a gentleman to take revenge, as long as Germany wins the war in the end. Then, there are naturally enough reasons for Britain and France to compensate for the losses.

William II and Marshal Count Tirpitz nodded repeatedly. This world is already very cruel. Once defeated in the war, the consequences will be very serious. And once they win, they can wantonly plunder wealth from the defeated country. It is the essence of this world that the weak prey on the strong, and the strong prey on the weak.

"Your Highness, do you have any specific plans for the next level of battleship?" Marshal Earl Tirpitz asked.

"Your Excellency, Marshal, here are the design drawings." Qin Tian directly took out a copy of the blueprint from the suitcase he carried with him, and spread it out on the desk.

This design drawing was designed by Qin Tian a long time ago. With the design drawings of the "Nassau-class" battleship in front, the new class of capital ships only needs to enlarge the "Nassau-class" battleship. Of course, some changes are needed in some places.

"Father, Your Excellency Marshal, this is the next-level battleship I designed." Qin Tian began to introduce William II and Marshal Count Tirpitz.

This new type of battleship designed by Qin Tian is 158 meters long, 26.5 meters wide, 8.7 meters draft, with a standard displacement of 23,500 tons and a full load displacement of 25,500 tons. Armed with three triple-mounted 343mm 50-caliber main guns, 14 150mm 45-caliber secondary guns, and 16 88mm 45-caliber anti-torpedo boat guns. The power is 16 Sulzer oil-fired boilers, four Curtis steam turbines, the maximum power of the main engine is 32,000 horsepower, four-axis propulsion, and the maximum speed is 23 knots. Armor defense defense, the main armor belt defense is 330 mm, the front armor of the turret and the armor of the conning tower are both 330 mm. The deck armor is 55mm.

The difference from the "Nassau-class" battleship is that the main gun has a larger caliber, using a 343mm main gun with a 50-caliber main gun. In addition, the armor is also thicker, the main armor has been increased from 305 mm to 330 mm, with a stronger defense, and the survivability of the battleship in naval battles has been improved. At the same time, by installing boilers, the power of the battleship is improved, so that the speed of the battleship can go further, reaching 23 knots. This is undoubtedly amazing for a battleship with a displacement of up to 25,000 tons. After all, the speed of the capital ships of various countries is generally only a dozen knots.

This also makes the overall performance of the new class of battleships a step higher than the "Nassau class" battleships. Of course, the cost is naturally more expensive.

Chapter 45: Benefit sharing (for collection)

The eyes of William II and Marshal Count Tirpitz all fell on the blueprint on Qin Tian's desk. When Qin Tian took out the design drawings of the 'Nassau-class' battleship, he shocked them all. Now, although the design drawings of this new class of battleships are not that shocking. However, they knew that this was undoubtedly a very powerful battleship, even more powerful than the 'Nassau-class' battleship.

If the German Navy can have such a battleship, this will further enhance the strength of the German Navy. If it is really like what Qin Tian said, the future battleships of the British Navy are all minor modifications of the "Dreadnaught" battleship, with the "Nassau-class" battleship and the new battleship, even if the British Navy has Quantitative advantage. However, in terms of combat effectiveness, the German Navy still has the advantage. This will undoubtedly enable the German Navy to further narrow the gap with the British Navy, and even achieve catch-up.

"Oscar, this battleship is very good. It has strong firepower and strong defense, especially in terms of speed. This is the battleship that the German Navy needs!" Wilhelm II nodded in satisfaction.

"Your Highness, I wonder how much this class of battleship costs?" Marshal Earl Tirpitz asked. He cares more about that. Although he has already obtained a huge loan from Qin Tian. However, the navy's military expenses still have to be saved. Try to use the least amount of money to enhance the strength of the navy, and spend every mark wisely.

"The cost is about 60 million!" Qin Tian reported a figure.

Suddenly, William II and Marshal Count Tirpitz could not calm down after hearing this. This price is too expensive, a battleship has to spend so much money. Doesn't that mean that it will cost two to three billion marks to build a few ships?

"Your Highness, 60 million marks a ship, this price is too expensive. The Navy simply cannot afford such an expensive battleship!" Marshal Earl Tirpitz shook his head again and again.

"Your Excellency, although this new class of battleship is more expensive than the 'Nassau-class' battleship, its combat effectiveness is stronger than that of the 'Nassau-class' battleship. Facing the British battleship, it can even achieve overwhelming Advantages. I don't think the navy wants to be like the British, spending huge sums of money to build those slick and useless garbage, right?" Qin Tian smiled.

Marshal Earl Tirpitz was speechless immediately. Of course, he hoped that the battleships of the German Navy could crush the British Navy.

King William II expressed his position at this time: "Your Excellency, Marshal, there is no need to say any more. I will find a way to solve the money problem."

The current William II is also rich and powerful. As the German welfare lottery company earns more and more profits, the royal family's share of profits is also rising. Although, the royal family can only share the profits earned by the Deutsche Welfare Lottery Company in Germany. But after a year, the

money is still a lot, and there are hundreds of millions of marks in a year. This money can be said to be a windfall, an extra income. In addition, the royal family also has its own fiefs and industries, which can also earn a lot of profits every year. If the royal family is willing to spend money to enhance the strength of the navy, then the rapid development of the navy will be unstoppable.

"Yes, Your Majesty!" Earl and Marshal Tirpitz beamed with joy. After getting William II's statement, what else does he have to worry about? For the first time, he felt that as the head of the German Navy, he was so happy. Watching cutting-edge battleships launch into service one after another, the German Navy gradually became stronger in its own hands. For Tirpitz, this is undoubtedly an indescribable sense of accomplishment.

"Father, how many battleships of this class will be built, and what names will they be named?" Qin Tian asked.

"Number of builds? Tirpitz, what do you think?" William II looked at Marshal Count Tirpitz.

Marshal Earl Tirpitz frowned, hesitated for a moment, and then said: "Your Highness, I'm afraid I need to explain to you a situation. It is impossible to hand over all the construction of the next-level battleship to the German shipyard." The Nassau-class battleships are all built by the "Deutschland" shipyard, which has made several major shipyards very dissatisfied. Therefore, the capital ships of the next level need to take care of the interests of the major shipyards. I hope that His Royal Highness can understand."

Qin Tian had expected this point a long time ago. After all, the background of several major shipyards of the German Navy is very deep, and the involvement is too great. Several major shipyards watched the German shipyards continue to build new battleships, but they could only receive orders for some small and medium-sized warships, which naturally made them very dissatisfied. At that time, Deutsche Shipyard may be outraged and become a public enemy in the industry.

Even William II and Marshal Count Tirpitz did not dare to do this.

"Oscar, we are very clear about what you have done for the German Navy and even Germany as a whole. However, we often have to think about the overall situation. Besides, the German Navy cannot become strong just by relying on Deutsche Shipyard. .Once the other major shipyards fail to get orders, suffer losses, or even go bankrupt, this will deal a heavy blow to the shipbuilding capabilities of the German Empire, which will affect our shipbuilding strength. For the interests of the German Empire, Serious damage will be done," Wilhelm II also said.

Qin Tian nodded: "Father, I can understand this point. For the benefit of Germany, Deutschland Shipyard will share some benefits, which is as it should be. Among the next-level battleships, Deutschland Shipyard only needs to build One ship is enough. I will pay for that ship, which is fulfilling my promise to Dean Birkenhagen."

Seeing Qin Tian being so reasonable, both William II and Marshal Count Tirpitz heaved a sigh of relief. This also made William II have a better view of this originally taciturn, withdrawn and introverted son. He even believed that Qin Tian was the best candidate for crown prince. But it is a pity that Crown Prince William is his eldest son and has the first right of succession to the throne, which cannot be changed.

"Your Majesty, since His Royal Highness can understand, then we have nothing to worry about. In order to take care of the interests of major shipyards, let's build five capital ships for the next level!" Marshal Earl Tirpitz proposed. .

Chapter 46: all for winning

Although there are seven top shipyards in Germany, including Qin Tian's Deutschland Shipyard, the number rises to eight. However, it is impossible to consider the interests of every large shipyard, and only choose shipyards with relatively close relationships.

King William II nodded and built five new battleships, although the price was a bit high. However, with the loan obtained from Qin Tian, coupled with the financial support of the royal family, and the original military expenditure of the navy, it is not a problem at all. Besides, the construction period of the battleship is already very long, and after being apportioned every year, it is not too big.

After discussions between William II and Marshal Count Tirpitz, the five capital ships of the next level, except the first ship was built by the German shipyard, the other four were built by the Naval Shipyard, the Royal Shipyard, and Vulcan. Shipyard and Weser shipyards built. In this case, there are five ships in total.

Qin Tian certainly has no objection to this. There were only eight large berths in the German shipyard. Four of the 'Nassau-class' battleships have already been occupied, and it is obviously impossible for the remaining four to eat up all the remaining new-type battleships in one go. Give a little to other shipyards, and the spare slipways can also be used to build other ships.

Regarding the naming of the new capital ship, William II finally chose the name 'Helgoland'. Therefore, the second-class dreadnought ship of the German Navy was officially named the "Helgoland-class" battleship. Five battleships of this level were eventually built, one more than in another time and space. The first ship 'Helgoland', the second ship 'Ostfriesland', the third ship 'Thuringia', the fourth ship 'Oldenburg', the fifth ship 'East Prussia' 'No.

Seeing that the history of the development of the German navy has been completely changed by himself, Qin Tian feels very moral in his heart. The four 'Nassau-class' battleships plus five 'Helgoland-class' battleships are only comparable in number to the British 'Dreadnought' battleships, three 'Bellerophon-class' battleships, three 'St. Class' battleship, battleship 'Neptune' and two battleships of 'Giant Class' is one less. More importantly, the "Nassau-class" battleships and "Helgoland-class" battleships in this space-time are both more powerful, and they will almost have an overwhelming advantage against the battleships of the British Navy. Once the war starts, the British Navy will pay a heavy price for it.

"Oscar, when can construction of the 'Helgoland-class' battleship start?" William II asked.

"Father, I'm afraid we will have to wait until next year." Qin Tian said.

"Next year? Why?" Wilhelm II was taken aback for a moment, he couldn't wait to see the German Navy have these majestic and powerful battleships.

"Father, Krupp is concentrating on the research and development of the 305mm 50-caliber main gun. Now I am afraid that there is not much power to develop the 343mm main gun. I am afraid that it will

have to wait until next year at the latest. The 305mm 50-caliber main gun The development of the 343mm main gun can only be started after the gun has achieved a breakthrough. It is not so easy to increase the caliber of the main gun, and it requires a lot of manpower and financial resources. The burden on Krupp will also increase as a result. Therefore, it is undoubtedly the best to start construction next year." Qin Tian explained.

Qin Tian hopes that the main guns equipped on the battleships of the German Navy will all be large-caliber and high-aspect ratio main guns. In this way, the main gun can be made more powerful, especially the more significant armor-piercing ability. This makes the development of the main gun more difficult and more expensive. Also, the service life will be reduced. But Qin Tian believes that any means that can strengthen the power of battleships and help Germany win the war are worthwhile. Even so, it will cost a lot of money. But Qin Tian is not hesitating. Who made him now, so poor that only money is left?

The German Welfare Lottery Company brought Qin Tian a huge amount of wealth. However, if the German Empire is defeated, the wealth in his hands will inevitably be coveted by others, or even plundered. If he didn't do it well, he wouldn't even be able to save his own life. Therefore, the best way to protect your own wealth and at the same time your own life is to help Germany win this war. For this, Qin Tian will of course do his best.

"Construction will start next year, and it will be completed and put into service in two and a half years. There is no problem in terms of time!" Marshal Earl Tirpitz said.

"Okay, let's start construction next year!" William II nodded, and did not continue to insist on this issue.

"Father, when the 'Helgoland-class' battleships are being built, they must be kept secret. The British will definitely do everything possible to collect information about our battleships. We must be prepared for this. It will work. According to the information we have obtained, the next few battleships of the British will use 305mm main guns. Once the British know the data of our 'Helgoland' battleships, I am afraid that they will be angry. Strong reaction. In this case, I am afraid that there will be problems in the strength comparison between our two sides, and it will not be conducive to us catching up with the British as soon as possible." Qin Tian continued.

"It's impossible to keep it completely secret. However, we can try our best to let the British know the specific data of our 'Helgoland-class' battleship as late as possible. We have won more time." Marshal Earl Tirpitz said.

During the confrontation between Britain and Germany, in order to collect various military intelligence of the other side, both sides dispatched a large number of agents. These agents can be described as pervasive. It is almost impossible to keep a secret completely.

"Let our secret troops act. Let the secret leak as late as possible." William II said.

Qin Tian nodded, nothing is perfect in this world. What's more, the so-called planning depends on people and success depends on heaven. In order to enhance the strength of the German navy, he has done his best. However, if this still fails to defeat the British and win this world war, then he can only say that the inertia of history is too great.

Of course, Qin Tian naturally hopes that through his own efforts, he can make Germany's military strength stronger, so that he can win in the future world war. Qin Tian didn't want to have huge wealth in vain. After the defeat of Germany, he could only live in exile overseas, living a life of incognito, always worried that his wealth would be coveted by others. That kind of life is not human at all.

Chapter 47: Embarrass the British

Next, William II and Marshal Count Tirpitz talked about the current international situation, while Qin Tian listened quietly from the side. Although, as a later generation, he is very clear about the direction of history. But it is obviously impossible for him to tell William II and Marshal Count Tirpitz everything. In that case, the two would definitely regard him as a monster.

In addition, having the opportunity to listen to the conversation between William II and Marshal Count Tirpitz means that Qin Tian has already been recognized by the two. You know, except for Crown Prince William who had this qualification because of his own status, none of William II's other sons had this qualification. This is already a great improvement for Qin Tian.

Of course, Qin Tian knew that it would be very difficult to replace Crown Prince William. He also basically no longer harbors such illusions. However, it would be great if he could enhance his voice in state affairs.

From the conversation between Wilhelm II and Marshal Count Tirpitz, Qin Tian knew that Germany is now facing a very severe external environment. After the Morocco crisis, Britain, France, and Russia are getting closer and closer. Although they have not yet concluded a real alliance contract, this is foreseeable. Even, the Three Kingdoms have been suppressing Germany from now on.

This also made William II gradually began to give up his illusions about Britain and began to increase investment in the navy. Otherwise, William II may still refuse to be an enemy of Britain.

"Your Excellency Marshal, once Britain, France and Russia actually conclude a treaty, we will be under greater pressure." William II frowned tightly. Today's Germany is undoubtedly a high-speed train that can't stop at all. If the blockade of Britain, France and Russia cannot be broken through, there may be only one final result, that is, the car crashes and people die.

"Yes, Your Majesty! Once the war starts, the empire will face great pressure. The combat effectiveness of the imperial army is the world's number one, there is no doubt about it. However, we may have to face two fronts. Once the imperial army cannot quickly defeat the If the opponent says it, the war will inevitably fall into a stalemate. At that time, I am afraid that we can only rely on the navy to reverse the situation. Therefore, we must strengthen the navy as much as possible and shorten the gap with the British navy as much as possible ." Marshal Earl Tirpitz said with a serious face.

William II nodded. Although he believed in the combat effectiveness of the German Army, once the war started, they were very likely to win a brilliant victory again, just like the Franco-Prussian War more than 30 years ago. But he has to admit that the current world situation is completely different from what it was more than thirty years ago. The development of science and technology has brought earth-shaking changes to the combat effectiveness and combat methods of the army. It is probably not easy for the German Army to sweep the French like it did more than 30 years ago. Therefore, William II had to prepare for the worst. That is, once the army cannot defeat the enemy quickly, the navy must take on

the responsibility of breaking the British sea blockade and ensuring that Germany's overseas trade lines are not cut off. Otherwise, there is probably only one way to wait for Germany, and that is to be dragged to death alive.

Of course, William II still believes that if Germany can have a powerful navy, it may be able to directly force Britain not to join the war, so as to achieve the effect of defeating others without fighting. Without the great enemy of Britain, the pressure on Germany would naturally be much less. It is almost impossible for France and Russia to defeat Germany.

If Qin Tian knew William II's thoughts, he would definitely say that the drawing is broken. In order to ensure their world dominance, how could the British allow Germany to defeat France and Russia and dominate the European continent? The policy implemented by the British has always been a continental balance policy. In other words, they will not allow a hegemon to emerge on the European continent. When a country is strong, they will win over other countries and besiege it. France, Russia, and now Germany were all victims of this policy of the British.

"From now on, until the outbreak of the war, we will do our best to develop the navy. I hope that we will be able to win the next war concerning the fate of Germany!" William II sighed.

"Your Majesty, we will definitely win." Marshal Earl Tirpitz was very firm.

"Father, there is no doubt that the British want to be our enemies, and even become the core of Britain, France and Russia. For this reason, we must use all means to weaken their strength. Apart from developing our armaments, other than the British, we need to use other methods." Qin Tian suggested.

"Oscar, do you have any suggestions?" William II asked.

"Father, the reason why Britain is strong is because they have the most extensive colonies in the world. It is these colonies with an area dozens of times larger than the British mainland and a population more than ten times larger than the British mainland, which propped up the British Empire. However, we can also see that the British rule in the colonies is no longer so stable. India has broken out against British big business, and South Africa has also broken out two Boer Wars. Even now, local opposition to Britain. There are many people who rule by people. If we can invest more in those people, I believe we will get very good benefits." Qin Tian said.

"Well, this is a good way. Although it is impossible to pose any substantial threat to the United Kingdom, it is acceptable if it can weaken their strength and add obstacles to them." William II nodded.

"Father, in addition to the British colonies, the British mainland is not peaceful. Isn't the Irish always fighting for independence? If we support the independence of the Irish, once it succeeds, it will not only greatly benefit the weakening the strength of the British will allow us to have a pro-German country next to the British. This will be very useful for us to defeat the British in the future. Even if the independence of the Irish fails, it will not be useful to us. What kind of loss is just a loss of some funds. It can also weaken the strength of the British and make the Irish hate the UK even more. Their resistance will definitely continue. At that time, the British will naturally have a headache. Already!" Qin Tian smiled.

Chapter 48: Broken warship (for collection)

"Father, Your Excellency Marshal. It suddenly occurred to me that our navy needs another type of warship. If we can build a batch, this will be a good way for our navy to improve its strength." Here When the conversation was about to end, Qin Tian said suddenly.

"Oh? Oscar, what warship?" William II and Marshal Count Tirpitz were both attracted. They are also extremely eager to enhance the strength of the navy.

"Destroy the battleship!" Qin Tian said.

"Destroying the warship? Your Royal Highness, you mean the warship that launched an attack on the British sea transportation line?" Marshal Earl Tirpitz frowned.

"Yes, Your Excellency, Marshal. As the name suggests, a warship that breaks engagement is a warship that specializes in attacking the enemy's communication lines. Especially for an island country like Britain, it is a deadly threat. Although Britain's industry is developed, it is absolutely Most of the materials need to be transported by sea. At the same time, all kinds of industrial products produced need to be transported to other places by sea. Once our warships destroy their sea transportation lines, it will be a big problem for the British. It will be a fatal blow. Their industrial products cannot be shipped out, and the resources they need cannot be shipped in. Even the food that meets the needs of the domestic people cannot be shipped back to the country. Under such circumstances, can they continue to fight us? Even food can't be satisfied, such a British Empire will probably collapse soon!" A smile appeared on Qin Tian's face.

Encirclement and suppression of sea transportation lines is undoubtedly fatal for island countries. In another time and space, both the German Second Reich and the Third Reich used such tactics. It's just that they lack level warships and can only use submarines. Although the British suffered extremely heavy losses, after the British increased their investment in **** warships, the effect that submarines could achieve was very limited. If in this time and space, Germany can invest a large number of destroyers and cut off the British sea transportation line, this will help Germany quickly win the war.

"It's a good idea, and the navy has thought of it. However, Britain is not far away from us, so there is no need to build a dedicated battleship. Ordinary battleships and cruisers can take on this task." William II shook his head. Shake your head. In his view, the German navy is currently in short supply, and all funds should be used wisely, and there is no need to waste them.

"Father, it is true that ordinary warships can be used to carry out the battle of breaking diplomatic relations. However, let us not forget that the British also have a huge navy. Their battleships and cruisers are certainly not as powerful as ours. However, in terms of numbers , but it is far ahead of us. If we send battleships and cruisers to carry out the task of breaking the border, we will only fall into the situation of being besieged by them. What's more, every one of our battleships is precious, if it is lost because of it , that would be a pity." Qin Tian explained.

William II and Marshal Count Tirpitz nodded repeatedly, approving Qin Tian's statement.

"Your Highness, do you have any suggestions on this?" Asked Marshal Count Tirpitz. Obviously, he has been persuaded by Qin Tian. Although the navy's current budget is very tight, if it is possible to build a warship that is conducive to the German navy's victory over the British, it should tighten its belt to build it. After all, everything they do has only one purpose, and that is to win this war.

"Your Excellency, Marshal, we need a battleship with fast speed and powerful firepower. As for the defense, it is best to improve it. In this way, when our warships attack the enemy's sea transportation lines, they will be relatively calm. Once you encounter the enemy's siege, you can easily escape with the advantage of speed. If the enemy sends cruisers to pursue them, even if their cruisers can catch up with our destroyer by virtue of their speed advantage. However, in Under the powerful firepower of our destroyer, their behavior is completely for us." Qin Tian smiled.

"Yes, such a warship does have a great advantage in conducting break-through operations." William II nodded.

"Father, I named this type of destroyer a battlecruiser, which is a battleship between a battleship and a cruiser. Its firepower is comparable to that of a battleship, and its speed is not inferior to that of a cruiser. In terms of defense, it is better than a cruiser. The battleship is slightly inferior, but it is much more powerful than the cruiser. The small-caliber artillery of the cruiser will not pose a fatal threat to it at all."

"His Royal Highness means that this kind of battleship called a battleship cruiser is a battleship that the enemy's battleships can beat but cannot catch up, and the cruiser can catch up but cannot fight." Marshal Earl Tirpitz said with a smile.

"That's right, that's it. Of course, even if our battlecruisers are weak in defense, they are no worse than the British battleships. The British battleships are too pursuing firepower and speed, so that in terms of limited displacement, In order to increase firepower and speed, we can only underestimate defense. Therefore, the defense of our battlecruisers can completely surpass their battleships. In this case, it may not be impossible to confront them. Of course, in order to preserve our own strength as much as possible, Battlecruisers should try their best to avoid confrontation with enemy battleships," Qin Tian said.

The biggest role of the battlecruiser is to attack the enemy's sea transportation line, and to bully the enemy's destroyers and cruisers, such small and medium-sized warships, rather than to fight against the enemy's battleships on the battle line.

"Your Majesty, this proposal from His Royal Highness is very good, pointing out another way for us to develop the navy. Although, I think the decisive factor in naval warfare is still the battleship defeating the enemy. However, the cooperation of battlecruisers is also essential. , This can give us a greater advantage in the war. At the same time, we also have more cards." Marshal Earl Tirpitz said.

If the battlecruisers of the German Navy were dispatched at the beginning of the war to attack the British sea transportation lines, it would not only weaken the British's war potential, but also deal a blow to their morale, making the British have to carefully consider whether they should Go to war. In this case, Germany can buy more time.

King William II nodded: "It seems that the battlecruiser is also a warship that our navy must have."

Chapter 49: battle cruiser

"Father, Marshal, this is the blueprint of the battlecruiser I designed for the empire." Qin Tian spread the blueprint of the battlecruiser he designed on the desk as he said.

William II and Marshal Count Tirpitz were taken aback for a moment. Obviously, they did not expect that Qin Tian had already designed it.

"Oscar, you have already prepared!" William II laughed.

"Yes, His Royal Highness has already prepared everything, and it was just to convince us before!" Count and Marshal Count Tirpitz also had a smile on his face.

"Of course, this is called preparing in advance." Qin Tian said with a smile.

"However, Father, Your Excellency the Marshal. The battlecruiser was not damaged by me. The British may have completed the design drawings of the first-tier battlecruiser. The construction work should also start soon. Therefore, we must speed up the progress." Qin Tian said with a serious face.

Qin Tian clearly remembered that the construction of the British Navy's first-class battlecruiser, the 'Invincible-class' battlecruiser, started in 1906. It's just that, apart from being fast, the 'Invincible' battleship is rubbish. Although the power of the four double-mounted 305mm main guns is good, but because of the performance of the British artillery, its power is really not flattering. In another time and space, the battlecruiser formation of the German Navy led by General Hipper exploded the battlecruiser formation of the British Navy. The thin-skinned battlecruisers of the British Navy are completely vulnerable to the battlecruisers with powerful firepower and amazing defense.

"Are the British going to build battlecruisers?" Both William II and Marshal Count Tirpitz exclaimed.

If they had some doubts about building battlecruisers before, now they have no doubts at all. How could the battleship that even the British have to start building be inferior? Although both William II and Marshal Count Tirpitz aimed to surpass the British Navy. However, they have to admit that the foresight of the British Navy is simply not comparable to that of the German Navy. If Qin Tian hadn't proposed his own design at a critical moment, the German navy would have been left far behind in this round of arms race. At that time, it will be even more difficult for the German navy to catch up with the British navy.

"Yes, Father. The British are also very aware of where their weaknesses lie. They are also eager to build a powerful and fast warship to protect their sea transportation lines and avoid their sea transportation lines. It was hit by us. That's why the British designed the 'Invincible' battlecruiser." Qin Tian said.

"Oscar, can the battlecruiser you designed be better than the British 'Invincible' battlecruiser in terms of performance?" William II asked. Since the British also want to build battlecruisers. Well, William II certainly hoped that their battlecruisers could outperform those of the British. In this way, the advantage of the German navy can be guaranteed.

"Of course, Father. The British Navy's 'Invincible' battlecruiser has a full load displacement of 20,700 tons and a maximum speed of 25.5 knots. It is armed with four twin 305mm main guns and sixteen 102mm single guns. And five 450 mm underwater torpedo tubes. Defensively, the armor of the main armor belt is 102 to 152 mm thick. The deck armor is 38 mm to 64 mm thick. The turret armor is 178 mm. The conning tower armor is 254 mm, the torpedo compartment The armor thickness of the wall is 64 millimeters." Qin Tian introduced.

Both William II and Marshal Count Tirpitz frowned.

"From this point of view, the defense of the 'Invincible' battlecruiser is indeed not very good. With such a thickness of armor, even the medium-caliber main guns cannot be defended, let alone the large-caliber main guns of the battleship." Tyr Marshal Earl Pitts shook his head.

"This is the result of excessive pursuit of firepower and speed. The top speed of 25.5 knots and four dual-mounted 305mm main guns are indeed very strong." William II said.

"The British design concept is also not to use battlecruisers for duels on the battle line, but to deal with enemy cruisers. To put it bluntly, they are afraid that we will send cruisers to destroy their sea transportation lines. Based on this In terms of design concept, their overall design is not wrong. However, compared with our battlecruisers, in terms of overall strength, it is a bit far behind." Qin Tian shook his head.

If Qin Tian was not a traverser, he would naturally have no way to know the development direction of the British navy in advance, so he would not be able to make targeted deployments in advance. This undoubtedly gave the German Navy a very large advantage in this regard.

"Your Highness, please introduce your design plan to us!" said Marshal Earl Tirpitz.

"Okay, Marshal." Qin Tian nodded.

"The battlecruiser of this class I designed has a length of 165 meters, a width of 26.6 meters, a draft of 8.9 meters, and a full-load displacement of 26,000 tons. It is armed with three triple-mounted 305mm 50-caliber main guns, and 10 150mm single secondary gun, 12 120mm rapid-fire guns and 4 88mm rapid-fire guns. Powered by 18 improved Sulzer oil-fired boilers and four steam turbines, four-shaft propulsion, with a maximum power of 48,000 horsepower, The maximum speed is 26 knots. In terms of armor defense, the defense of the main armor belt is 305 mm, the deck armor is 45 mm, the frontal armor of the turret is 305 mm, and the armor of the conning tower is 305 mm." Qin Tian introduced.

Both William II and Marshal Count Tirpitz nodded repeatedly. At least from the data on paper, the battlecruiser designed by Qin Tian completely crushed the British 'Invincible' battlecruiser. Especially in terms of defense, the British 305mm naval guns may not be able to penetrate the 305mm armor of the German Navy's battlecruisers due to performance reasons. However, the armor of the "Invincible" battlecruiser is like paper in front of the 305mm main gun of the German Navy's battlecruiser. If it is hit twice, the armor will be torn apart and then destroyed.

"Oscar, we are very satisfied with this battlecruiser," William II said.

"Father, what do you mean, the navy has decided to order it." Qin Tian couldn't help laughing.

"Your Highness, of course we will order such a good warship. However, the specific order quantity needs to be discussed again." Marshal Earl Tirpitz said.

For Marshal Earl Tirpitz, today is really happy. Not only received four "Nassau-class" battleships, but also ordered the construction of five "Helgoland-class" battleships. Next, battlecruisers were also ordered. This is undoubtedly a great improvement in the strength of the German Navy.

Chapter 50: crown prince's wrath

"Oscar, how many 'Invincible' battlecruisers will the British build?" William II asked suddenly.

"Father, according to the information we have received, the British will build three 'Invincible' battlecruisers, the first ship 'Invincible', the second ship 'Indomitable', and the third ship 'Indomitable'." Qin Tian said.

"Since the British will build three 'Invincible-class' battlecruisers, our battlecruisers should not be less than the British, and we will also build three." William II waved his hand, looking very heroic.

Of course, in Qin Tian's view, this is clearly the face of an upstart. The German Welfare Lottery Company provides a lot of funds to the royal family every year, and Qin Tian's promised loan to the navy makes the navy's military expenditure no longer so tight. This naturally gave William II enough confidence to engage in a naval arms race with the British. After all, battleships and battlecruisers are not so easy to build. Not only do they take a long time to build, but they also cost a lot of money. Except for several top powers in the world, several other countries simply do not have enough financial resources and technology to build these huge guys.

"Three ships? This is really great!" Marshal Earl Tirpitz almost cheered. Four "Nassau-class" battleships, five "Helgoland-class" battleships and three battlecruisers, this means that the German Navy has 12 new capital ships at once. Moreover, they are all the best dreadnoughts. This can undoubtedly make the strength of the German navy almost the same as that of the British navy. It has even surpassed it in terms of combat effectiveness. This has never happened to the German Navy for so many years!

Qin Tian also had a smile all over his face. If three battlecruisers were built, the remaining three large berths of the German shipyard would undoubtedly come in handy. Several of the previous "Helgoland-class" battleships were allocated to other shipyards. Well, these three battlecruisers, no matter what, they will eat them all at once.

"Your Majesty, building three battlecruisers at one time will put more pressure on our funds." In addition to being happy, Marshal Earl Tirpitz did not forget to remind. After all, in addition to building capital ships, the Navy also has a large number of small and medium-sized warships to build.

"In terms of funds, I will figure out a way. The royal family will provide a loan to the navy just like Oscar. It is also tentatively set at 100 million marks per year. After the war is over, it will be returned with war dividends." William II Said.

William II also thought very clearly that no matter how much wealth there is now, it does not mean that it will last for a long time. If we really want to achieve long-term success, we still have to find ways to win future wars. He is the emperor only if he wins the war. If he lost, he, the emperor, would be nothing more than a subjugated king.

Besides, Qin Tian's German Welfare Lottery Company provides huge wealth to the royal family every year, which also makes William II's hand more generous. There is also money to support the development of the navy.

"Thank you, Your Majesty! With the support of Your Majesty and His Royal Highness, the navy will develop rapidly. In future wars, we will definitely be able to win!" Marshal Earl Tirpitz said confidently. With so much support, if the German navy still loses in the future, then they will really have no face to face others.

"Royal father, how should the battlecruisers of this class be named?" Qin Tian asked.

King William II thought for a while, and then said: "I remember that the Navy wants to build a large cruiser in the name of Marshal Blücher?"

"Yes, Your Majesty." Marshal Earl Tirpitz nodded.

"In this case, this class of battlecruisers should be called 'Blücher-class' battlecruisers!" William II made a decision.

Regarding this, neither Qin Tian nor Marshal Count Tirpitz had any objections.

Subsequently, the battlecruisers of this class were officially named, the first ship 'Blücher', the second ship 'Von der Tann', and the third ship 'Leopold'.

"Father, the 'Blücher' class battlecruiser can be built in my shipyard. We just have three large berths left to build these three battlecruisers." Qin Tian said with an expression on his face. smile.

William II thought for a while, and looked at Marshal Count Tirpitz.

"Of course there is no problem. Our third-class new capital ships are all designed by the prince. The navy has also received a large loan from the prince. The 'Blücher-class' battlecruiser will be handed over to the prince. His Majesty's shipyard to build, this is also a matter of course." Marshal Earl Tirpitz fully agreed with this. It can be said that now Qin Tian has completely become the benefactor of the navy. For the navy, there is no problem in handing over these battleships to any shipyard, so it is better to give Qin Tian a face.

"Okay, Oscar, the 'Blücher-class' battlecruisers are built by Deutsche Shipyard. However, those warships in the future will not give Deutsche Shipyard so much. Deutsche Shipyard still needs to fight for more. We cannot rely solely on military orders to achieve profitability through orders for civilian ships," William II reminded.

"Yes, father." Qin Tian nodded.

It is inevitable to build civilian ships. After the construction of this batch of warships is completed, the shipyard will vacate some berths for the construction of large merchant ships and cruise ships, making further preparations for the war.

The conversation between William II, Marshal Count Tirpitz and Qin Tian lasted for a whole day. Even dinner is eaten directly in the office. And this undoubtedly aroused other people's surprise, even speculation.

Especially Crown Prince William was very dissatisfied with this. In his opinion, as the crown prince of the German Empire, is there anything he needs to hide from him? He guessed that Qin Tian and the others must be discussing the construction of the navy's next-level battleship. The commissioning of the battleship "Dreadnought" of the British Navy caught the German Navy by surprise. At the same time, the group of experts from the Naval Technical Committee were also slapped in the face.

Of course, Crown Prince William also lost face because of this. When Qin Tian's design was rejected, he was gloating. Now, he was also severely slapped in the face. And this naturally made Crown Prince William, who had always been narrow-minded, angry from embarrassment.

"Asshole, I am the Crown Prince of the German Empire, are they trying to ignore my existence?"
Crown Prince William roared angrily.