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"Your Majesty, the French really can't stand the scare. As soon as the Imperial Army launched an attack, they immediately gave up and accepted all the conditions proposed by the Empire. This is the original peace treaty, and Théophile Del Casey is already on it. It has been signed. The treaty has come into effect from now on." German Foreign Minister von Kidren Wachter smiled.

"Very good, very good. The French finally surrendered. The war on the European continent can come to an end." Qin Tian nodded in satisfaction.

"Your Majesty, according to the agreement, the French will pay the war indemnity of 55 billion marks to the empire in three years. The 15 billion marks in the first year will be handed over within three months after the signing of the treaty. Empire. Your Majesty, please let me know how to use this money." Bernhard von Bülow, Prime Minister of the Empire, said. The senior officials of the imperial cabinet have long been staring at the money.

Qin Tian thought for a while, and then said: "These money should be used to pay the debts owed during the war first! In addition, we have to make preparations for the next landing operation on the British mainland. The rest should be used to carry out Infrastructure construction. The empire acquired a large area of territory in Eastern Europe, and more railways and roads need to be built to ensure the empire's control over these areas."

Russia ceded millions of square kilometers of territory to Germany. Plus half of Belarus and the whole of Ukraine are controlled by Germany. This caused Germany's control area to suddenly increase by millions of square kilometers. However, most of those places are rich in resources but backward in development. Especially the transportation facilities are very backward. If Germany wants to develop these places, it must strengthen infrastructure construction.

In addition, although those places are nominally ruled by Germany. But there are not many places that Germany can really control. In particular, the vast countryside is still under the control of the local people. Partisans against German rule were even more numerous. Next, Germany has to mobilize troops to wipe out those guerrillas. And good transportation facilities are also an important guarantee for the German army to wipe out the guerrillas.

"Yes, Your Majesty." Prime Minister Bilo nodded.

"Our negotiations with the French are over, so let's start our negotiations with the Italians!" Qin Tian said.

"Yes, Your Majesty. The Austro-Hungarian delegation also arrived in Berlin yesterday afternoon. If Your Majesty has time, please meet the Austro-Hungarian delegation!" Foreign Minister Vachter said.

Qin Tian thought for a while, and then nodded: "Have a banquet in the palace tonight to entertain the delegation of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. No matter what, the Empire and the Austro-Hungarian Empire are still allies. However, I heard that people from the Austro-Hungarian Empire recently, Some are uneasy!"

"Yes, Your Majesty. The empire has gained a lot of benefits in the negotiations with Russia and France. However, the Austro-Hungarian Empire has not been able to get much from it. Especially in the

negotiations with France, we did not let Austria-Hungary. They are especially displeased that the empire has meddled," Wahit said.

"Hmph! They didn't do anything in the battle against France. Could it be that we still have to share some benefits with them? That would be ridiculous." Minister of War and Chief of the General Staff Feng Fafa Marshal Erkenhain said.

The Imperial\* military was very dissatisfied with the performance of the Austro-Hungarian Empire in this war. Of course, the army of the Austro-Hungarian Empire held back certain enemies for the empire. However, their performance on the battlefield was too bad. If it hadn't been for the German army to reinforce them in time, they might have been defeated on the battlefield. Behaving so badly, and wanting to reap the benefits desperately, is simply ignorant of self-knowledge.

Of course, the Austro-Hungarian Empire also suffered considerable losses during the war. Therefore, they hope to gain more benefits in the negotiations to make up for domestic losses.

It's just that Germany won't let them do what they want. After all, the two sides are still allies now. But with the transformation of international relations, the relationship between allies has begun to gradually change. In order to ensure its own interests, Germany will begin to suppress the Austro-Hungarian Empire. What's more, the recently revealed ambitions of the Austro-Hungarian Empire also made Germany feel threatened.

At the same time, the Austro-Hungarian embassy in Germany, Crown Prince Karl, was angry.

Originally, Germany prepared a hotel for the delegation of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. However, Crown Prince Karl rejected Germany's kindness and insisted on living in the embassy. In this regard, the German side did not say anything, as they wanted.

After Crown Prince Karl entered the embassy, he immediately began to inquire about the content of the treaty signed between Germany and France.

Although the negotiation process between Germany and France is confidential, the content of the treaty is not. Anyone with a little knowledge can know the content of the treaty. Anyway, the treaty has been signed, and that is a done deal. No one can change it.

"Your Highness, according to the information we have heard, the French have to pay Germany 55 billion marks in war reparations, and at the same time have to transfer all overseas colonies to Germany. In addition, the territory north of the Loire River in mainland France, it must be ceded to the Germans. The Germans also restricted the military power of France, requiring the French Army to have no more than 100,000 troops, no heavy artillery and tanks, no large warships, submarines, and aircraft carriers for the Navy, and no aircraft. The number of police and security forces cannot exceed 100,000 people, etc.," reported the Austro-Hungarian ambassador to France, Jugenbrug.

At this time, Crown Prince Karl's eyes were already red. He was completely intrigued by the benefits Germany was gaining from France. Although, he had long thought that the Germans would definitely make a fortune from the French. But I didn't expect that I would get so much money.

Among other things, the war reparations of 55 billion marks alone made him salivate. If the Austro-Hungarian Empire had so much war reparations, then their domestic crisis would be well resolved.

In addition, France's vast overseas colonies also filled him with longing. The Austro-Hungarian Empire had no colonies, so Crown Prince Karl was very eager for the Austro-Hungarian Empire to have vast colonies that could be exploited and oppressed like other countries.

Crown Prince Karl was even more surprised that half of the territory of mainland France was ceded to Germany. You know, that's the most elite half of France's territory! It has developed industries, abundant resources and a large population. Germany has swallowed such a large piece of territory, and it is not known how much its strength will increase.

Crown Prince Karl's heart is already filled with jealousy.