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Chapter 131: armed to the teeth

"General Hindenburg, General Ludendorff, this is my suggestion for the reform of the military system, you two have a look. If we can make our command system more flat, it will improve command efficiency. It will bring great benefits." Qin Tian said, and then handed a document to Hindenburg and Ludendorff.

Hindenburg and Ludendorff took the file and read it. Soon, shock was evident on their faces.

Indeed, they never expected that Qin Tian would propose reforming the military system. Although, over the decades, from the Kingdom of Prussia to the German Empire, the army's military system has changed from time to time. But basically they are only minor modifications, unlike Qin Tian, who directly cut off a certain level of units. If they knew that Qin Tian not only wanted to get rid of the unit 'Brigade', but also wanted to get rid of the unit 'Army', they would probably be even more shocked.

General Hindenburg and Brigadier General Ludendorff, after reading Qin Tian's plan, remained silent for a long time.

After a while, Hindenburg spoke.

"Your Highness, removing the unit 'Brigade' can indeed simplify the command system. However, this may cause turmoil. It will also make many people not used to it. Most importantly, it will reduce the number of brigadier-level generals. I'm afraid this will make many people dissatisfied." Hindenburg was a little worried. After all, one radish and one hole, if brigade-level units exist, there will be many more brigade commanders, deputy brigade commanders, brigade chiefs of staff, etc. positions. These are the ranks of Brigadier General and Colonel. Where will these people go after the brigade unit is cut off?

"General Hindenburg, we are only implementing this military system within the Eighth Army, and will not extend it to other armies. Even if it causes turmoil, we can completely suppress it. As for those brigade-level generals We can transfer to other departments. It does not mean that these brigadier generals and colonels will no longer be needed after the brigade units are eliminated. The commander of the artillery regiment can be a brigadier general. The deputy division commander and division chief of staff can also be It can be a brigadier general. If you think about it, there should be no big problem." Qin Tian said.

On this issue, he has made up his mind, no matter how difficult it is, he will not back down.

"Although it is a bit troublesome, the simplified command system is indeed of great benefit to the command and operations of the army. I think we can try it!" Brigadier General Ludendorff said. Ludendorff was younger and more aggressive than Hindenburg.

Hindenburg hesitated for a while, and expressed another worry: "Your Highness, if we change the military system without authorization, this may cause dissatisfaction with the General Staff. Your Majesty does not know what the attitude is."

"Don't worry too much about the General Staff Headquarters. If little Moqi wants to make trouble, I will deal with it. As for the father, I will explain to him." Qin Tian said. Anyway, he and little Maoqi are now at odds with each other, even if he doesn't do anything, little Maoqi will make trouble for him. Instead of this, it is better to follow his ideas. Anyway, now that Qin Tian's crown prince position has become more and more stable, naturally he no longer needs to be afraid of Xiao Maoqi.

As for William II's attitude, Qin Tian is still confident that he can persuade him. After all, almost everything Qin Tian has done in these years has been successful. Under such circumstances, Wilhelm II would have believed him.

"Okay, Your Highness, then follow your plan!" Hindenburg nodded. He had already persuaded him, but Qin Tian was still stubborn, so he had no choice.

According to Qin Tian's plan, all units of the 8th Army will be reorganized according to the new military system.

A squad of 12 people is equipped with ten rifles, one light machine gun, one sniper rifle, and one grenadier. Three squads plus the firearms squad and the platoon department form a platoon. The firearms squad also has 12 people, equipped with a heavy machine gun and a mortar. The platoon consists of the chief and deputy platoon leader, a health worker, a signal soldier and two messengers. In this case, a row is 54 people.

Three infantry platoons plus a heavy weapons platoon and company headquarters. The heavy weapons platoon has two light machine guns, three 60mm mortars and one heavy machine gun, with a number of 23 people. The company headquarters is composed of the chief and deputy company commanders, two guards, one correspondent, one hygienist, and two messengers. The entire infantry company has a total of 193 people.

The infantry battalion consists of three infantry companies, a battalion headquarters company, a heavy weapons company, and an infantry artillery company. In addition to the officers and soldiers that make up the battalion headquarters, the battalion headquarters also includes a reconnaissance platoon, the guard reconnaissance platoon. The heavy weapons company is equipped with 6 81mm medium mortars, 8 light machine guns, and 3 heavy machine guns. An infantry artillery company equipped with six Type 08

infantry artillery (Type 92 infantry artillery for anti-Japanese troops), with a total strength of 1,050 soldiers.

Infantry Regiment consists of three infantry battalions and one artillery battalion, consisting of regiment headquarters and troops directly under the regiment. The regiment headquarters includes the civilian staff of the regiment headquarters, the guard company, the reconnaissance company, etc. Other regiment-affiliated units include regiment-owned mortar companies equipped with six 107mm heavy mortars. In addition, there are logistics company, health company and so on. The artillery battalion is a field artillery battalion, which is divided into three field artillery companies, each equipped with six 75mm field artillery, and the regiment has a strength of more than 4,500 people.

Infantry divisions include three infantry regiments, one artillery regiment, and other division-directed units. The units directly under the division include the division headquarters, reconnaissance battalion, guard battalion, supply battalion, armored battalion (not listed for now), etc. The artillery regiment has three artillery battalions, two of which are 105mm howitzer battalions, and each battalion is equipped with 18 105mm howitzers. The other battalion is a 150mm heavy howitzer battalion, equipped with 18 150mm heavy howitzers. The entire infantry division has a total of more than 16,500 soldiers.

The biggest difference between the new infantry division and the old infantry division is undoubtedly the enhanced machine gun firepower and artillery firepower. In particular, the artillery firepower has been greatly improved. The existing German infantry division is equipped with 54 77mm field guns and 18 105mm howitzers. The restructured infantry division is equipped with 54 75mm field guns, 36 105mm light howitzers and 18 150mm heavy howitzers. The number of artillery pieces has nearly doubled. The

intensity of the firepower is more than twice that of the previous infantry division.

It can be said that with the addition of so many technical weapons, as long as the new infantry division has been trained, its combat effectiveness will be stronger, at least much stronger than the previous one. If Hindenburg and Ludendorff didn't quite believe Qin Tian's proposal to build the 8th Army into the most powerful army in the German Army before, then they fully believed it now.

Chapter 132: Firepower wins (seeking collection)

Hindenburg and Ludendorff were already stunned. They may not have thought at all that the firepower of an infantry division can be so powerful. In their opinion, this kind of firepower is really too powerful.

"Your Highness, are we really going to do this? If you reorganize according to your plan, then the firepower of each infantry division will be greatly improved. It is estimated that other countries in the world are far from being able to compare with us ' said Hindenburg.

Before, an infantry division of the German Army had 54 77mm field guns and 18 105mm light howitzers. 114mm howitzer only. An infantry division of the French has only 36 75mm field guns. Although, Miss 75's rate of fire is terrifying. But the disadvantage in caliber is irreparable. As for the Russians, although each infantry division has 48 76.2mm field guns. But neither the rate of fire nor the quantity has any advantage.

Now, if reorganized according to Qin Tian's military system, the infantry divisions of the German Army will have an overwhelming advantage in firepower. Generally speaking, 155mm heavy howitzers will not appear in the sequence of infantry divisions. Now, Qin Tian asked the German infantry divisions to also be equipped with 18 artillery pieces of this caliber, which

undoubtedly made the German infantry divisions have more powerful firepower.

"The most direct way to further improve the combat effectiveness of our army is to strengthen the firepower of the troops. Artillery firepower is undoubtedly a vital part of the firepower of the troops. Having powerful artillery allows us to have powerful long-range Strike capability. In this case, our troops will have a greater advantage in combat." Qin Tian said.

"But Your Highness, equipping so many cannons may greatly increase the military expenditure." Ludendorff reminded.

Compared with the previous infantry divisions, each of the now reorganized infantry divisions has 18 more 105mm light howitzers and 18 155mm heavy howitzers. The 8th Army has a total of ten infantry divisions, which requires 180 105mm light howitzers and 180 155mm heavy howitzers. This is not a small expense! Especially now that the relationship between them and Mo Qi is so tense, it is almost impossible to get the General Staff to agree to increase military spending.

"Don't worry, this military expenditure is nothing. I paid it myself. I know that Little Mao Qi will definitely not increase our military expenditure, so I don't bother to find him. Such a small amount of money is not worth it to me." What is it?" Qin Tian said nonchalantly.

Hindenburg and Ludendorff nodded. Indeed, for Qin Tian, who is as rich as a country, the cost of several hundred cannons is nothing at all. Even if the cost of subsequent training is added, it is also nothing.

"Your Highness, with the addition of so many artillery pieces, the firepower of our infantry division can truly be the best in the world!" Hindenburg exclaimed.

"Of course, this is exactly my goal. Every soldier's life in the German Empire is precious. Soldiers are absolutely not allowed to fight for problems that can be solved with shells. If one shell is not enough, use ten, or even one One hundred pieces. In comparison, saving one more soldier's life is the most important thing." Qin Tian said.

The American emperors of later generations have always claimed to fight a war with zero casualties. Even the United States has not been able to succeed once. However, this concept is worth learning. Qin Tian also knew that even if the firepower of the troops was strengthened, there would inevitably be many casualties in the war. But being able to save the life of one more soldier is one, and the little adds up, and in the end it is very impressive. Qin Tian didn't want half of Germany's young and middle-aged to die in a world war. In that case, even if the war is won, so what? With so many people dying, the development of the country will inevitably be greatly affected.

So, Qin Tian hoped that in the war, as few deaths as possible.

Qin Tian's concept made Hindenburg and Ludendorff agree very much. Although, they are all people who are used to seeing mountains of corpses and seas of blood. However, Qin Tian's ability to consider the lives of ordinary soldiers and not hesitate to invest huge sums of money is undoubtedly worthy of admiration.

"In addition to the enhanced artillery firepower, the newly reorganized infantry divisions also have greatly enhanced machine gun firepower. Each infantry battalion, one infantry battalion has 15 heavy machine guns (6 12.7mm heavy machine guns, 9 7.62 mm heavy machine guns) and 33 light machine guns. There are also 18 60mm light mortars and six 81mm medium mortars. The firepower of the frontline troops has also been greatly improved," Ludendorff said.

Qin Tian nodded: "With the development of technology, the previous combat method of lining up with guns has long been inapplicable. The appearance of machine guns has made that combat method no different from courting death. I think that the next This war is very likely to turn into a trench warfare. The two sides are digging hundreds of kilometers of trenches on the battlefield. It will be impossible to break through the enemy's trench defense line under the blockade of the enemy's powerful machine gun fire The casualties paid will inevitably be very heavy. Therefore, we can only further strengthen the firepower of the infantry. At the same time, equip as many mortars as possible to attack the enemies hiding in the trenches."

It is very likely that future wars will evolve into trench warfare, which Hindenburg and Ludendorff still agree with. With the continuous advancement of technology, the way of fighting will inevitably change.

In addition, there is another extremely significant change, that is, the firepower of each infantry squad has been strengthened. In Qin Tian's plan, not only would each infantry squad be equipped with a light machine gun, a sniper rifle, and a grenadier. The rifle used by the infantry will also change from the Mauser 1898 rifle to the M1 semi-automatic rifle. Although, compared with the Mauser 1898 rifle, the M1 semi-automatic rifle has some disadvantages in terms of long-range accuracy. However, the fire rate is faster and the firepower is more powerful. After changing the equipment, the firepower of each infantry squad will be greatly strengthened. It can be said that in the future, there will be no problem for one infantry squad to resist two or three enemy squads. With powerful firepower, the goal of winning more with less is truly achieved.

Qin Tian believes that in war, the most critical factor is not weapons, but people. However, equipping the elite soldiers with the best weapons will undoubtedly further enhance the combat effectiveness of the troops.

Chapter 133: Impeach

"You two, if there is no problem, then I will call the commanders of the various armies and divisions for a final discussion. Once it is confirmed, the reorganization will begin immediately." Qin Tian said.

"Your Highness, I have no objection." Hindenburg immediately stated his position.

"Your Highness's reform of the military system will play a great role in improving the combat effectiveness of the troops, and I also support it!" Ludendorff also said.

"Fine, let's do it!"

"However, Your Highness. The large-scale refitting of the entire Eighth Army requires a large amount of weapons and equipment. Can the German Arms Company provide so many weapons and equipment?" Ludendorff asked.

"Reorganize for the time being, and the weapons and equipment will be gradually replenished. I have asked the German Arms Company to start full production. It will take at most one year to produce the weapons needed by the 8th Army. After all the weapons and equipment are in place, You can start training new tactics. I hope that in the last few years, the 8th Army can become a truly elite force. With advanced weapons, the combat effectiveness of the troops can be significantly improved. Our The opponents, the Russians, have relatively poor combat effectiveness. At that time, I hope that our troops will be able to fight against ten! If we rely on our strength alone, we can defeat the Russians. I think it will definitely be a huge military achievement." Qin Tian said with a smile.

If the 8th Army can perform well in the war, he will gain great prestige. In the army, his prestige will be further enhanced. This will be very helpful to consolidate his crown prince status.

Hindenburg and Ludendorff are also full of expectations for future wars. If the 8th Army can really hit the Russians hard, they will continue to be promoted, and it will be certain. At that time, Admiral Hindenburg may be able to obtain the Marshal's scepter. And Ludendorff can also be promoted to lieutenant general, or even general. Although, Ludendorff has just been promoted from colonel to brigadier general in an exceptional way. But at the end of the year at most, Qin Tian will come forward and let him be promoted again, from brigadier general to major general.

The next day, Qin Tian called the commanders and division commanders of the 8th Army to discuss the reform of the military system. The transfer order of the 17th Corps Commander Prittwitz has come down. Prittwitz sent only his adjutant to handle the formalities, while he stayed in Berlin. Lieutenant General Zeckert, the trusted commander of the 17th Army, has not yet arrived.

Regarding Qin Tian's reform of the military system, some of these army commanders and division commanders supported, some opposed, and some hesitated, taking a neutral attitude.

However, after Qin Tian and others did some work, and stated that they would properly arrange the generals and officers of each brigade-level unit, those division commanders and army commanders all expressed their support for Qin Tian's military system reform. After all, Qin Tian's identity and status are there, and if he wants to push something forcefully, no one can oppose it. Unless William II objected. But would Wilhelm II object? From the matter of Qin Tian's transfer from Prittwitz, everyone has already seen William II's attitude clearly. Under such circumstances, naturally no one would fight Qin Tian again.

Besides, the reform of the military system and large-scale refitting will undoubtedly further improve the combat effectiveness of the troops. This is a

good thing for the troops. Because of this, naturally there will not be too many people who oppose it. One by one, they also hope that the combat effectiveness of the troops can be further improved, and then in future wars, defeat the Russians, gain military merit, and thus be promoted.

On January 15, 1909, Qin Tian ordered that all divisions under the 8th Army be reorganized. The ten infantry divisions of the entire 8th Army began to be reorganized according to the new military system promulgated by Qin Tian. Although, during this process, countless people jumped out to oppose it. But it still couldn't change Qin Tian's determination, let alone stop the reorganization from continuing.

Of course, Qin Tian's actions also caused dissatisfaction among many people. Especially Moltke, who was incompatible with him, and Lieutenant General Prittwitz, who was kicked out of the 8th Army.

"Your Excellency, Chief of Staff, that's really great. That brat Oscar dared to reform the military system without authorization. He is looking for a dead end! My people reported to me that he was in the 8th Army, and everyone was angry. We should seize this opportunity and kick him out of the 8th Army." Lieutenant General Prittwitz was very excited. Although, after being transferred from the 8th Army, Little Maoqi found him a good position in the garrison. However, Prittwitz regarded his expulsion from the 8th Army as a great shame and humiliation, and he wanted to avenge this. Even though Qin Tian is the crown prince of the empire, Prittwitz, who has been blinded by hatred, can't care so much anymore.

"Are the members of the 8th Legion really dissatisfied with Oscar?" Little Mao Qi was also shocked. In the confrontation with Qin Tian, Xiao Maoqi rarely won, which made him very annoyed towards Qin Tian.

"Yes, Your Excellency Chief of Staff." Prittwitz immediately assured, patted his chest.

"Haha, good, that's great. This time I want to see how he was kicked out of the 8th Army." Little Maoqi's eyes flashed a ruthless look.

"It would be great if His Majesty could abolish his position as crown prince in a fit of anger," Plittwitz said.

Qin Tian's position as crown prince put him under great pressure. Although he is the favorite of William II, William II is not young. In the future, this empire will belong to Qin Tian. Offended Qin Tian, and Qin Tian will succeed to the throne in the future, is there any good fruit for him to eat?

Little Mao Qi shook his head: "It is undoubtedly very difficult to pull him down from the position of crown prince. However, it is not impossible. We need to do it step by step. As long as he continues to make mistakes, we must There will be a chance."

Little Mao Qi has always been on good terms with Crown Prince William, but unfortunately, Crown Prince William became a vegetable, which gave Qin Tian the opportunity to sneak in. If Crown Prince William hadn't become a vegetable, no matter how powerful Qin Tian was, he wouldn't have had the chance to become Crown Prince. Little Maoqi now only hopes that Crown Prince William can wake up as soon as possible. In that case, there might be a chance to remove Qin Tian from power.

On January 22, Mao Qi and Prittwitz met with William II and formally impeached Qin Tian for his misconduct in the 8th Army, and demanded that William II remove Qin Tian's 8th Army Commander's position.

Chapter 134: clown

"Your Majesty, His Royal Highness the Crown Prince is still too young after all! Regardless of the actual situation, he implemented military system reform in the 8th Army, which not only forcibly changed the traditional military system of the German Imperial Army, but also made many generals and officers resentful. The entire 8th Army has been greatly affected by this. If this

continues, it will be very difficult for the 8th Army's combat effectiveness to remain the same, not to mention improving. At that time, once the war breaks out, the Russians will attack East Prussia. If so, how can the Eighth Army be able to resist it?" Xiao Maoqi accused Qin Tian harshly, as if if Qin Tian was not dealt with, the Eighth Army would collapse and Germany would lose the future war.

King William II couldn't help frowning, he thought, it didn't seem to be as serious as Mao Qi said. However, Little Mao Qi said so seriously, which made William II's confidence shake. Could it be that Qin Tian is really not suitable to be the commander of the 8th Army?

"Your Majesty, I believe that His Highness the Crown Prince must be transferred from the 8th Army. Otherwise, the 8th Army will be messed up." Prittwitz also jumped out.

King William II knew that Qin Tian transferred Prittwitz from the 8th Army last time, which made Prittwitz hold a grudge. Now, there may indeed be some problems with the military system reform that Qin Tian implemented in the Eighth Army, so he couldn't wait to jump out.

William II knew about Qin Tian's military system reform in the Eighth Army. However, he doesn't think this will have any bad effects. He also hoped that Qin Tian could make some achievements in the 8th Army. In this case, he can take this opportunity to promote it to other legions.

"Okay, I understand. I will immediately send Oscar back to Berlin and explain this to me." William II said.

"Yes, Your Majesty." Little Moltke and Prittwitz replied. Although, William II did not immediately issue an order to remove the commander of Qin Tian's 8th Army, which disappointed them a little. However, being able to get Qin

Tian to rush back to Berlin from the 8th Army immediately to question him is already a great victory.

When William II's order reached the 8th Army, Qin Tian knew that it was Xiao Maoqi who made the move. In this regard, he is not surprised. He had expected a long time ago that little Maoqi would definitely make trouble for him.

"Your Highness, the news I got is that Little Mao Qi and Prittwitz impeached you to His Majesty. Those two guys really shouldn't be. Don't they know that the reform of the military system and the large-scale change of clothes Can the new weapons improve the combat effectiveness of the troops? This is only good for the entire German Empire, not bad." Hindenburg was very angry.

"It's not that they don't know this, it's just that they don't want the military system reform to succeed under the auspices of His Highness the Crown Prince. They know that once His Highness the Crown Prince succeeds, they will completely lose the chance to bring down His Highness the Crown Prince They also know that once His Royal Highness the Crown Prince inherits the throne, people like them will have no chance of being in a high position. Therefore, they jumped out eagerly." Ludendorff said.

"Hmph! They won't succeed. I want to see what tricks they can pull off this time. In the face of facts, His Majesty will not listen to their nonsense." Qin Tian said confidently.

"Yes, Your Highness." Hindenburg and Ludendorff nodded repeatedly. They are also very displeased with people who have little ability such as Little Moltke and Plittwitz, and who are in high positions by virtue of their close relationship with William II. It would be great if they could be driven out, or even driven out of the army.

Qin Tian took a special train overnight and returned to Berlin. The next morning, he had already appeared in William II's office. At the same time, Moltke Jr., Prittwitz, Generals von Falkenhain and Waldsee were also in the office.

"Oscar, how is the situation of the Eighth Army?" William II asked.

"Father, the situation of the 8th Army is all right. It is constantly developing. I believe that the 8th Army will soon become an elite force." Qin Tian is full of confidence in this.

"His Royal Highness, isn't it exaggerated? Your Highness is in the 8th Legion, isn't it outrageous? Now he deliberately deceives His Majesty, isn't it good?" Xiao Maoqi looked sinister.

"The sky is angry and the people are complaining? What's going on?" Qin Tian was taken aback. Although he has touched the interests of some people because of the reform of the military system, it is far from the point of anger, right? This crime is too heavy.

"Does your Highness still want to deny it? Your Highness insists on going his own way and implementing military system reform in the 8th Army, which has made the generals and officers very dissatisfied. If this continues, the 8th Army will collapse. What is there to talk about?" Elite Legion?" Plittwitz jumped out to accuse.

The corners of Qin Tian's mouth raised, and he looked at Lieutenant General Prittwitz, as if he was looking at a clown. He had known that Prittwitz would hold a grudge against being kicked out of the 8th Army, and he also knew that he still had some henchmen in the 8th Army. This time his military system reform, Prittwitz will definitely jump out. It's just that he didn't expect that the other party didn't even understand the real situation, so he jumped out and made accusations. He really doubted how such a person could be

promoted to be a lieutenant general of the empire, or a commander of an infantry army.

Qin Tian's eyes made Prittwitz so angry that he almost cursed. However, Qin Tian's status made him dare not treat ordinary people like that. I had no choice but to curse a few words in my heart to relieve my anger.

"General Prittwitz, it's too early to jump to conclusions. It's not too late to come to a conclusion after investigating the facts!" Von Falkenhain spoke out in support of Qin Tian.

"Hmph! Isn't everything obvious? What else is there to say?" Plittwitz yelled.

The whole office became noisy. This made William II very dissatisfied.

"Okay, shut up, I'm the one asking about Oscar. Without my permission, no one else can speak!" William II said angrily.

Seeing that William II was angry, Lieutenant General Prittwitz kept silent. Although he has no military ability. However, the ability to observe words and expressions is very strong. Otherwise, he would not have become the favorite of William II, and then promoted to lieutenant general and commander of the infantry army. He knew that all his powers were given by William II. If Wilhelm II was **** off and his powers taken back, he would have nothing.

Chapter 135: Pig teammate (for collection)

"Oscar, tell me about your military reform in the Eighth Army!" William II said.

"Yes, father." Qin Tian nodded.

"The current military system implemented by the 8th Army has only one purpose, which is to flatten the command system so as to improve the efficiency of command as much as possible. We have temporarily removed the 'brigade-level unit', and the division directly governs each regiment. In

order to simplify the command system. If the conditions are ripe in the future, we will further simplify it." Qin Tian confessed his thoughts.

With the advancement of technology, especially the advancement of communication equipment, the command system has been flattened, which is already achievable. It was Qin Tian's attempt to cut down the brigade-level units first. If possible, he plans to cut down the 'army' unit in the future and let the group army headquarters directly command each division. In this way, the command system can be simplified more.

After listening to Qin Tian's explanation, everyone nodded involuntarily. Everyone, including William II, believed that Qin Tian's reforms would undoubtedly be very beneficial to improving the combat effectiveness of the army.

"I didn't expect Oscar to have such excellent talent in the management of the army. If he is proficient in the army and navy at the same time, I have nothing to worry about in terms of army command." William II thought secretly.

The crown prince of the empire may not be a military strategist, but he must understand military affairs. The German Empire and even its predecessor, the Kingdom of Prussia, were established by force. This makes the emperor of the empire must have military talents. Before, William II was worried that Qin Tian only understood the navy, not the army. Now it seems that he was worrying too much. William II also had to admit that Qin Tian was a more suitable candidate for crown prince.

Von Falkenhain and General Waldsee also nodded repeatedly. Of course they can see that Qin Tian's reforms are beneficial to the army. They even want to promote it to other troops if they can.

But the faces of Xiao Moqi and Plitvicz are not so good-looking. If it proves that Qin Tian's reforms are beneficial, wouldn't their goals be impossible to achieve? This will also make William II dissatisfied with them.

"His Royal Highness, this is just your one-sided statement. Your reforms in the 8th Army have already caused dissatisfaction among many generals and officers. If they cannot calm down their anger, this will bring great trouble. Yes." Little Mao Qi said.

"Oh? Are there really many officers and generals who are dissatisfied? Why don't I know this. I'm curious, how do you know this?" Qin Tian looked at Little Maoqi and Prittwitz with a half-smile.

"Huh! Your Royal Highness, there is no need to change the subject. Of course we have our channels." Plittwitz looked confident.

"Father, how about this, you send people to the 8th Army to investigate on the spot and see if there are any generals and officers who are really dissatisfied. If there are really, and there are many, I am willing to be punished." Qin Tian said.

He knew that the reform of the military system certainly made some people dissatisfied. But they have used various methods to minimize this dissatisfaction. Even if some people are dissatisfied, it is definitely a very small number of people. Most people have already accepted the reform of the military system.

Little Mao Qi and Lieutenant General Prittwitz immediately looked happy. They seemed to have seen that Qin Tian was punished by William II and transferred from the 8th Army. Lieutenant General Prittwitz even thought, if Qin Tian was transferred from the 8th Army, wouldn't he be able to return to the 8th Army? Even returned to the 8th Army as the commander of the above general. At that time, all the humiliation on him will be washed away.

King William II froze for a moment, wanting to say something. But seeing the confidence on Qin Tian's face, he could only nod in agreement. William II believed that Qin Tian would not fight unprepared. With Qin Tian's intelligence, he would definitely not leave any clues waiting for others to catch him.

"Your Majesty, His Royal Highness the Crown Prince not only reformed the military system in the 8th Army, but also changed the firepower equipment of the troops without authorization. I think that His Royal Highness the Crown Prince is deliberately profiting for his own company, which is very inappropriate." Puli Tvetz jumped out again. Judging by his appearance, he wished he could completely trample Qin Tian to the ground all at once.

William II looked at Prittwitz with a hint of disgust, thinking that this guy was too aggressive.

Little Maoqi saw this scene, and suddenly cried out in his heart. In his opinion, this guy Plitvic is simply a pig teammate!

"Oscar, tell everyone!" William II said.

"Yes, Royal Father!" Qin Tian nodded, not at all worried about Prittwitz's question.

"The reason why the Eighth Army adopted the weapons of the Deutsche Arms Company on a large scale is because only the Deutsche Arms Company can provide us with those weapons. Of course, the artillery is purchased from the Krupp Company." Qin Tian explained.

Subsequently, he also revealed to everyone the firepower equipment of the 8th Army's troops at all levels.

Everyone couldn't help being dumbfounded after learning that every infantry division under the 8th Army was equipped with such powerful firepower.

"Your Highness, is this really an infantry division? Such firepower is too strong!" General Waldsee was speechless.

"Yes, Your Majesty. An infantry division with so many machine guns, excluding mortars and grenadiers, has 54 75mm field guns, 36 105mm howitzers and 18 150mm heavy howitzers. The firepower is really too powerful." Von Falkenhain was also speechless.

With such a powerful firepower, as long as the people of the 8th Army are not fools, other troops will have no way to compare with them!

Little Mao Qi and Plitvice were also very shocked. They were also shocked by the powerful firepower of the 8th Army.

"His Royal Highness, you need to spend a lot of military expenses to equip the 8th Army with such powerful firepower, right? The military expenses of the current Imperial Army are not rich, and there is no extra military expenses for you at all." Xiao Maoqi said.

"Equipment with such powerful firepower requires a large amount of military expenditure. If there is such military expenditure, it is better to mobilize more troops. It is a big mistake for His Royal Highness to do so." Lieutenant General Prittwitz triumphantly Said.

"I don't need to bother you about the military expenses. The military expenses of the 8th Army only need to be paid normally. I will be responsible for all the extra military expenses." Qin Tian said coldly.

Chapter 136: military order

In the German Empire, Qin Tian has undoubtedly become a legend. From an ordinary prince without a penny, he became the crown prince of the empire in a very short period of time, and I don't know how many people looked at him. What really makes people talk about is undoubtedly Qin Tian's talent in business.

From the earliest established Deutsche Welfare Lottery Company to the present huge Deutsche Industrial Group, Qin Tian's personal assets have exceeded 500 million marks. Such assets may not be considered the richest man in Germany. However, Deutsche Industries Group's ability to make money makes everyone jealous. From the German Welfare Lottery, which seems to be stealing money, to the Daimler Motor Company, which is popular all over the world, the annual profit is undoubtedly an astronomical figure.

In the capitalist world, the importance of money is self-evident. Even the emperor of the empire has to worship under the beauty of money. Qin Tian, the crown prince, has a large amount of funds, which naturally gives him an advantage in many issues.

For example, now, Xiao Maoqi wants to use military expenses to pinch Qin Tian's neck. Qin Tian said that the extra military expenses can be borne by himself, and he can push him back with one sentence. Anyway, for Qin Tian, paying the extra military expenses of the 8th Army was nothing more than a trifle.

Little Mao Qi and Plittwitz, their eyes widened and their mouths were open, but they couldn't say anything.

"Damn it! Damn Oscar, don't think he can do whatever he wants with a few filthy money!" Little Moqi was furious.

"His Royal Highness, you are rich, that's right. However, if you invest in military expenses privately, I'm afraid it won't be very good." Xiao Maoqi said.

"That's right! How can private money be confused with military spending?" Prittwitz also yelled.

"Your Highness actively supports the development of the army. What's wrong with that?" Von Falkenhain immediately expressed his opinion.

"Okay, since Oscar is capable of supporting army building, let him do it!" William II finally expressed his opinion.

Little Mao Qi and Plittwitz were very unwilling, but that was the end of their conversation, and it was useless for them to say anything else. In addition, the two are not fools, and they can naturally feel the attitude of William II. Obviously, William II was inclined towards Qin Tian.

"Damn it, His Majesty obviously supports Oscar. If this goes on, even if the result of the investigation is not good for Oscar, I'm afraid he won't be able to drive him out of the 8th Army." Prittwitz was worried.

At this time, Little Maoqi gave him a wink. Prittwitz hesitated for a moment, but he still bite the bullet and opened his mouth.

"Your Majesty, although His Majesty has the money to support the construction of the army. However, the reforms he implemented in the Eighth Army cannot be determined to be correct. If there is a mistake, the consequences will be disastrous. According to our battle plan, after the outbreak of war, The absolute main force of the Army is used on the Western Front. The Eastern Front is only supported by the 8th Army. Once the 8th Army is unable to resist, the entire Eastern Front will collapse. This will lead to the overall strategy of the empire A major mistake made the empire lose the war. Therefore, I don't think we can take such a risk. At least, we can't take risks until the war is won." Lieutenant General Prittwitz said.

Such a remark was obviously not something that Plitvice could have imagined, but it was told to him by Little Mao Qi. When necessary, let Lieutenant General Plitvitz raise it. Of course, Lieutenant General Prittwitz also knew that after saying these words, he would undoubtedly offend Qin Tian to death, and even make William II hate him. However, because of the hatred for Qin Tian in his heart, Lieutenant General Prittwitz no longer cared about thinking about those things.

"My reforms will not cause the Eighth Army to collapse, but will only further enhance the combat effectiveness of the Eighth Army. By then, the Eighth Army will be able to withstand the Russian attack and buy more time for the Western Front." Qin Tian said confidently.

"His Royal Highness, of course you can say that. However, there is no basis for words. How can others believe this? After all, once defeated, the consequences will be too serious, and no one can afford such consequences." Xiao Mao Qi also said darkly.

Suddenly, Qin Tian was cornered.

Although Qin Tian firmly believes that his military system reform can make the 8th Army more powerful, this cannot be proved. After all, it can only be proved by passing the test on the battlefield. And the war has not yet broken out, so naturally there is no way to prove it.

"Your Excellency, Chief of Staff, you have gone too far. How can the Crown Prince prove this?" Von Falkenhain said angrily.

In his opinion, Little Mao Qi and Lieutenant General Plittwitz are really shameless. Actually, on this issue, he couldn't let go.

"If you want to prove it, it is actually very simple. Wait until the reform of the military system of the 8th Army is completed, and conduct an exercise." General Waldsee suggested.

"There is an essential difference between drills and actual combat. The results of the drills are also unreliable." Little Maoqi shook his head.

William II frowned tightly. Xiao Maoqi's aggressive attitude made him very dissatisfied. One is his playmate, the other is his son, which makes it difficult for him to make a choice. On the other hand, there is a huge difference in the power of the emperors in the East and the West. Western emperors seem to

have a lot of power, but a lot of power is restricted and they cannot do whatever they want.

Qin Tian's complexion is not very good-looking either. He knew that little Moqi would make trouble for him, but he didn't expect the other party to be so persistent.

After being silent for a while, Qin Tian smiled: "Well, I guarantee that in future wars, the 8th Army will resist the Russians' attack and buy time for the Western Front. Of course, according to the Schlieffen Plan, the 8th Army will The 8th Corps only needs to last for six to eight weeks. I think there should be no problem with that."

"Your Highness, what guarantee do you have?" Little Moqi asked with narrowed eyes.

"If I fail to do so, I will voluntarily give up the right to inherit the throne. In this case, you should be satisfied, right?" Qin Tian looked at little Mao Qi and said coldly.

"what?"

Everyone was stunned, including William II. Everyone did not expect that Qin Tian would even block his crown prince position. This is too crazy. If you lose a promise made in front of so many people, you can't go back on it.

Even Xiao Maoqi and Plitvice did not expect Qin Tian to say such a thing.

Chapter 137: Immortal

"His Royal Highness..." Von Falkenhain was very anxious and wanted to prevent Qin Tian from using the succession to the throne as a bet.

Little Mao Qi and Plittwitz couldn't help flashing a gleam of joy in their eyes. Pulling Qin Tian down from the position of crown prince was what they longed for. However, they originally thought they had no chance. But he never expected that Qin Tian would take the initiative to use the crown prince as a

guarantee. This is undoubtedly a god-sent opportunity! As long as the 8th Army fails to withstand the Russian attack in future wars, then Qin Tian will definitely resign as Crown Prince on his own initiative.

If you can't become the crown prince, you won't be able to inherit the throne, but you're just an ordinary prince. Xiao Maoqi and Plitvich naturally no longer need to be afraid of Qin Tian's revenge on them. All the worries in their hearts naturally dissipated.

Little Mao Qi and Plitvice had already made up their minds. Once the war breaks out, it will definitely cause Qin Angel a lot of stumbling blocks. Let the 8th Army be defeated by the Russians in the war as much as possible. In this case, Qin Tian will lose.

In the eyes of both of them, personal interests are undoubtedly the most important. As for national interests, these need to be put on the back burner.

William II sat on his throne and saw all this in his eyes. He took a deep look at Mao Qi and Plitvice, and then said to Qin Tian: "Oscar, have you thought it through? You can't joke about these things."

King William II knew very well that Qin Tian was a person who never fought unprepared battles. If he dares to make such a decision, then he must be sure. However, this is about the succession to the throne of the German Empire! No one is taking this lightly.

"Father, I'm not joking, I've already thought it through." Qin Tian replied solemnly.

King William II nodded: "Okay, let's do it according to His Highness the Crown Prince's opinion! If the Eighth Army fails to withstand the Russian attack in future wars, he will resign as the Crown Prince."

Hearing what William II said, Little Mao Qi and Plittwitz couldn't help but smile on their faces.

"Father, now that I have made such a promise. Then, can the reform of the military system of the 8th Army continue?" Qin Tian asked. He placed such a big bet, isn't it for the continued advancement of the military system reform? Of course, it seemed like Qin Tian was taking a risk. But Qin Tian believed that the 8th Army, which had completed the reform of the military system and was equipped with new weapons, would undergo a radical change. Combat power will be greatly improved. At that time, let alone resisting the Russian attack, even if it is to defeat the Russians, it is not impossible. As long as he can win, Qin Tian will naturally fulfill his promise, and no one will ask him to resign as the Crown Prince.

"Your Excellency, Chief of Staff, what do you think?" William II looked at Little Mao Qi.

"Your Majesty, since His Highness is so confident, let His Highness carry out the reform of the military system in the Eighth Army. If it can be successful, it will be a great thing, and it can even be promoted in the entire army." Xiao Maoqi's expression was serious. smile.

Although he said so, in fact, he clearly thought that Qin Tian had no chance of winning. Although the combat effectiveness of the Russians is terrible, they have a lot of troops! The standing army of more than one million troops, once mobilized, can expand the number of troops to five or six million, or even more. Even if it is just the standing army launching an attack, it cannot be resisted by the hundreds of thousands of people in the 8th Army.

"Since this is the case, then let this matter be like this!" William II said.

"Yes, Your Majesty." Everyone replied.

Everyone left the office of William II one after another, but Qin Tian was left behind.

"Oscar, you were too impulsive just now. I don't know, how did this happen between you and little Maoqi? You are the crown prince of the empire and my son. Little Maoqi is the chief of staff of the Imperial Army, and even more so, I Playmates from childhood to adulthood. Your relationship is very stiff, which makes it difficult for me." William II looked distressed.

"Father, I have always wanted to improve the relationship with the Chief of Staff. I even proposed to name the second-tier battlecruiser the 'Moltke-class' battlecruiser in order to ease the relationship. But It's a pity that the Chief of Staff seems to have a prejudice against him, and has been looking for trouble for me. Now, he is pressing harder and harder. I have no choice but to stand up and fight." Qin Tian looked very innocent.

"Well, well, let you go. However, this time you take the succession to the throne as a bet, are you really sure? Once you fail, you will never have a chance to go back on your word." William II I'm a little worried.

"Don't worry, father, this is the result of my deliberation. I believe that after the reform of the military system, the combat effectiveness of the 8th Army, which has been replaced with new weapons, will be doubled. Even if the Russians cannot be defeated, but insist on six In eight weeks, there should be no problem." Qin Tian seemed very confident.

King William II nodded. If Qin Tian could really do it, it would be great. However, if Qin Tian can't do it, even if he is the emperor, it's not easy to show favoritism on this issue.

William II finally gained some confidence in Qin Tian after learning about the content of the military system reform and the weapons and equipment of all levels of troops from Qin Tian in detail. He thought that Qin Tian might really be able to create miracles.

Of course, this is not enough, and it is also necessary to prevent others from using other malicious means. William II also made up his mind, if Little Maoqi took the initiative to make trouble again, he would never tolerate it again.

Qin Tian didn't stay in the palace for long, he still needed to go to the German Arms Company and urge them to produce the weapons and equipment needed by the 8th Army as soon as possible. After making such a bet, Qin Tian has no way to turn back, and can only go one way to the dark. Therefore, he must do his best.

Of course, in Qin Tian's heart, he also hated the little Mao Qi who kept getting him into trouble.

"Little Maoqi, this time, we are going to die forever. When the 8th Army defeats the Russians, I will see what you have to say. At that time, I will make you unable to be the chief of the general staff. Don't even think about keeping it!" Qin Tian swore secretly.

Qin Tian is not a saint in the first place, it is impossible for someone to slap him on the left cheek, and he still sends his face up. Little Maoqi and Plitvice treated him like this, so he naturally wanted revenge.

Chapter 138: Cultivation of famous generals (for collection)

"Your Highness!" Qin Tian was called just as he walked out of the palace. It turned out that the Minister of War von Falkenhain was waiting there.

"Minister of the Army!" Qin Tian walked over.

"Your Highness, I have something to say to Your Highness."

"Well, let's talk in the car." Qin Tian nodded.

The two got into von Falkenhain's car. The driver has already got out of the car, and the security personnel are also on guard a few meters away from the car.

"Your Highness, Little Mao Qi and Prittwitz have gone too far today. They actually persecuted His Highness like this. However, Your Highness shouldn't be impulsive and fall into their trap!" Feng ? Falkenhain is worried.

"I know they deliberately provoked me. However, I have confidence in the 8th Army. I believe that the future 8th Army will be able to withstand the Russian attack." Qin Tian seemed very confident.

Although von Falkenhain was willing to believe in Qin Tian, he was the Minister of War and was very familiar with the situation of the German Army and the situation of the Russian Army. In his opinion, the 8th Army's chances of winning are not great. But this is the end of the matter, and it is useless for him to say anything else.

"May God bless Your Highness!"

"Don't worry, Your Excellency the Minister of War. God will definitely be on my side." Qin Tian smiled.

"However, Your Excellency the Minister of War, I think what you should think about is, after the 8th Army has resisted the Russian attack and proved that the 8th Army's military system reform is correct, can you take this opportunity to remove Moltke from the General Assembly?" He has been the chief of staff for many years. In my opinion, with his ability, he is simply not qualified for the position of chief of staff. If we can take this opportunity to oust him , That is undoubtedly the best thing. At that time, Your Excellency can also serve as the chief of the general staff." Qin Tian said.

Von Falkenhain's eyes immediately brightened. Indeed, according to Qin Tian, if the 8th Legion succeeds, it will undoubtedly prove that Mao Qi is

wrong. Then, naturally, he should pay the price for it. Resigning from the position of chief of staff can be regarded as an explanation for this. At that time, the position of chief of staff, isn't that still his?

"Your Highness, if you need me to do anything, just tell me!" von Falkenhain said.

"Keep an eye on little Maoqi, I'm not afraid of his provocations in the open. However, I'm worried that he will make a stumbling block." Qin Tian said.

"Don't worry, Your Highness, I will keep an eye on him, and I will never let him cause trouble for you." Von Falkenhain promised, patted his chest.

Qin Tian nodded, it would be best if Xiao Maoqi didn't make trouble.

"By the way, the few people on this list, you find a way to transfer to the 8th Army, I will use it." Qin Tian handed a piece of paper to von Falkenhain.

Although I don't know why Qin Tian wanted to find these people, von Falkenhain still agreed wholeheartedly.

After Qin Tian left, von Falkenhain opened the list. There are only three names above, namely Fritz Erich von Manstein, Heinz William Guderian and Erwin Rommel.

Von Falkenhain couldn't help but frowned. Because he didn't know any of these three people. However, Qin Tian seemed to attach great importance to them. Therefore, he had to go all out to find it.

It is normal for von Falkenhain not to know these three people. Both Manstein and Guderian are in their early twenties. Rommel was only eighteen years old. However, in another time and space, they were the three famous generals of the famous Third Reich.

During the foreign wars of the Third Reich, these few people made great military exploits. Of course, personal ability is also extremely good. Qin Tian hoped that in this time and space, he would train them before they made a fortune, so that they could show their talents in advance. In this case, he can be regarded as having his own team. In future wars, these young famous generals will definitely shine.

Qin Tian didn't stay in Berlin much, especially since Princess Gundlinde was not in Berlin, but returned to Munich, so there was no point in staying in Berlin.

After returning to Königsberg, Hindenburg and Ludendorff immediately joined hands.

"Your Highness, we all know what happened in Berlin. Little Moltke and Prittwitz are too much. But His Highness is using the succession of the throne as a bet, this bet is too big!" Hindenburg sighed.

"There's no way around it. Little Mao Qi and Plittwitz have been aggressive all the time. If I don't satisfy them, they will keep holding on. However, I believe that the 8th Army will definitely In future wars, they will defeat the Russians. At that time, they will naturally have nothing to say." Qin Tian looked confident.

"That's the end of the matter, and that's the only way!" Ludendorff also nodded.

"I have already urged the German Arms Company and Krupp Company. They will give priority to supplying the weapons and equipment we need. The reorganization of the troops must be accelerated. I don't want the war that broke out in a few years, we will I really will lose." Qin Tian said.

"Don't worry, Your Royal Highness, we will do our best to ensure victory." Hindenburg promised.

Now they have no choice but to fight to the death. If he lost, Qin Tian would certainly lose his crown prince position. But again, they can't escape the good. Their military career will even end because of this.

One month later, Manstein and Guderian went to the 8th Army to report. The current rank of both of them is only second lieutenant. They are also confused about this transfer order. As for Rommel, Falkenhain replied that he was not found in the army system. Qin Tian thought for a while, and it should be that Rommel hadn't joined the army yet, so he had to give up temporarily.

Qin Tian personally received Manstein and Guderian, which flattered them. After some encouragement, both of them had a good impression of Qin Tian. Qin Tian assigned the two of them to the staff of the 8th Army, and together with Ludendorff presided over the reorganization of the army, and the military rank was directly promoted by one level. Qin Tian planned to let them stay in the army staff headquarters for a while, and then make arrangements later.

Manstein is a master tactician, suitable to be the chief of staff. Guderian and Rommel, who had already been booked by Qin Tian, were rare handsome talents. Qin Tian still wanted to let them be the commanders of the armored forces after the tanks were developed!

Chapter 139: big wedding

Qin Tian stayed in Königsberg for half a year, and did not leave until the reorganization of the 8th Army was completed. Although the German Arms Company has not yet produced all the weapons and equipment needed by the 8th Army, by the end of the year at the latest, it will be able to arm the 8th Army to the teeth. At that time, the various firepower of the 8th Army will surpass the entire German Army, and even the world.

Under such circumstances, it would be meaningless for Qin Tian to stay in Königsberg any longer. The training of the troops can be left to General

Hindenburg and Major General Ludendorff. Yes, before leaving Königsberg, Qin Tian used his connections to once again get Ludendorff promoted and became a major general. Moreover, the word "generation" was removed, and he officially became the chief of staff of the 8th Army.

There is another important reason why Qin Tian returned to Berlin, that is, Princess Gundlinde's eighteenth birthday is coming soon. This also means that their wedding day is approaching.

Although Qin Tian was busy with official duties and spent little time with Princess Gundlinde, Princess Gundlinde did not complain and always supported Qin Tian's work, which moved Qin Tian very much.

On August 12, 1909, Princess Gundlinde's eighteenth birthday party was held in Munich, and Qin Tian rushed to Munich in person. Their wedding date has been fixed, that is one month later.

The Imperial Crown Prince is going to marry the Bavarian Princess, which is a big event for the entire German Empire. Although, there are still quite a few noble ladies who are still worried about Qin Tian's choice of Princess Gundlinde. However, no one can change this.

On September 18th, the newly completed Berlin Cathedral, the upper-class nobles, social celebrities, senior government officials and military generals of the German Empire all gathered here. Other countries have also sent special envoys or envoys to Germany to attend the wedding as representatives. Even the members of the Allied Powers, whose relations with the German Empire became more and more tense, also sent blessings for the wedding.

The bishop of the diocese of Berlin presided over the wedding of Qin Tian and Princess Gundlinde. Of course, if Qin Tian is willing, he can even invite

the Pope of Rome to officiate the wedding for him. It's just that Qin Tian is too lazy to bother.

Qin Tian in military uniform is waiting for his bride. When King Ludwig III appeared in the church with Princess Gundlinde on his arm and put her hand on Qin Tian's, Qin Tian felt something called responsibility. From now on, he is no longer alone, he still has a wife to love, and in the future, they will have many children. Therefore, Qin Tian is no longer living for himself, nor is he living for changing the fate of the German Empire, but for his family.

"Oscar, Gundlinde is my most beloved little daughter. Now, I will hand her over to you. I hope you can love her forever!" King Ludwig III is not like a king at all now, but a father who loves his daughter.

"Father-in-law, I swear to God that I love Gundlinde more than my own life!" Qin Tian said with sincerity.

Ludwig III nodded and handed Princess Gundlinde to Qin Tian with confidence.

The wedding is carried out step by step according to the scheduled process.

Under the witness of God, Qin Tian and Princess Gundlinde exchanged rings and officially became husband and wife. When the two hugged and kissed together, the audience erupted in warm cheers.

"Honey, Oscar is also married. I'm really happy for him. Seeing the children getting married one by one, I feel like I'm getting old." Queen Victoria's eyes turned red.

"No, my dear, you are not old at all. Oscar is our most outstanding son. He can find his own happiness. We should be happy for him." William II embraced his queen.

William II became more and more satisfied with Qin Tian, the crown prince of the empire, or acting crown prince. Although, Qin Tian and Xiao Maoqi were very stiff, which showed their weakness in dealing with interpersonal relationships. But Qin Tian's achievements also shocked William II. Although he didn't want to admit it, the fact was that, even if it was him, at this age, it was impossible for him to be better than Qin Tian. Not to mention Crown Prince William, who has always been valued by him. Nothing but big talk.

William II is also considering whether to remove the word "generation" on Qin Tian's head at the right time, so that he can become the real imperial prince.

After the wedding ceremony, there is a grand banquet. The new couple, Qin Tian and Princess Gundlinde, undoubtedly became the focus of attention. With smiles on their faces, they toasted those who wished them well. After a banquet, Qin Tian only felt that his face was going to freeze with laughter.

"Congratulations, Your Royal Highness." Marshal Earl Tirpitz said to Qin Tian while holding a wine glass.

"Your Excellency, Marshal, thank you very much." Qin Tian clinked glasses with Marshal Earl Tirpitz.

"Your Highness, you haven't paid attention to the navy for a long time, right? After the honeymoon, we will find time to talk in detail." Marshal Earl Tirpitz said.

Qin Tian nodded. During this period of time, his energy was mainly focused on the 8th Army, and he didn't pay much attention to the navy. However, this doesn't mean that Qin Tian doesn't value the navy anymore.

"Your Excellency, Marshal, I have always been very concerned about the Imperial Navy. When this period of time is over, let's meet directly at the

Deutschland Shipyard. Two days ago, Brutt told me that I asked them to make a secret weapon. , has been completed." Qin Tian said with a smile.

"Secret weapon?" Marshal Earl Tirpitz's eyes lit up. What can be called a secret weapon by Qin Tian must be a good thing. If it weren't for the wedding scene now, the Marshal Earl Tirpitz would have dragged Qin Tian to the shipyard directly.

Qin Tian didn't say much, and walked towards the other guests, holding Princess Gundlinde's hand.

The grand banquet lasted until late at night. However, Qin Tian and Princess Gundlinde left at nine o'clock in the evening. For them, tonight will be a special night. The so-called spring night is worth a thousand dollars, so naturally it can't be wasted on other people.

Although, Qin Tian and Princess Gundlinde had already ate the forbidden fruit and broke through the last step. But Qin Tian, who is still Chinese at heart, is still very much looking forward to the wedding night in the bridal chamber.

This night, Qin Tian and Princess Gundlinde spent a wonderful night.

Chapter 140: submarine

After the wedding, Qin Tian and Princess Gundlinde started their honeymoon trip. They traveled south from Berlin, passed through the Kingdom of Bavaria, and headed for Switzerland. Although the Alps in this season are not as beautiful as in winter, they have a special flavor.

Half a month later, Qin Tian and Princess Gundlinde returned to Berlin. It wasn't that Qin Tian didn't want to play outside for a while, but that he was too busy. In addition, the current international situation is becoming more and more tense, and the war is imminent, which makes Qin Tian have to focus more on official affairs.

Although, Qin Tian remembered that there were still a few years before the war broke out. What he wasn't sure, though, was whether wars would still break out at that time, after he'd already changed history. Therefore, Qin Tian had a sense of crisis. He hoped that the German Empire would be as fully prepared as possible before the outbreak of the war, so as to be able to change the outcome of the war.

"Honey, I'm going to Deutschland Shipyard tomorrow, and I'll probably stay there for two days." Qin Tian looked at his parents and children with an apologetic expression. They were just newly married, and he was going on a business trip, which was really inappropriate.

"It's okay, my dear, you can go and do your work!" Princess Gundlinde was very magnanimous. She knew that with Qin Tian's identity and status, he had too many things to do, and it was impossible for him to be with her all day long. Princess Gundlinde is already very satisfied to have such an excellent husband as Qin Tian. After all, marrying a talented crown prince is better than marrying a dude, right? What's more, she is very likely to become the queen of the empire in the future, which is undoubtedly every woman's dream.

Qin Tian and Marshal Count Tirpitz took a special train to the Deutschland Shipyard. Although on the way, Marshal Earl Tirpitz kept telling Qin Tian what he wanted to know what Qin Tian's so-called secret weapon was, but Qin Tian kept his mouth tight and didn't say a word on this issue, which made him Marshal Count Tirpitz was very dissatisfied, but there was nothing he could do.

"His Royal Highness. The strength of the imperial navy is growing rapidly. However, the British are also building warships like crazy. The gap between us and the British has not been able to widen." Marshal Earl Tirpitz flashed in his eyes A trace of worry.

Qin Tian nodded: "Marshal, it is simply unrealistic to compare the speed of shipbuilding with the British, or to compare the number of capital ships with them. The only thing we can do is to overwhelm the British in terms of single-ship performance. People. Only in this way will we be able to defeat them and win in future naval battles."

"It is true to say so, but if the British have too much advantage in the number of capital ships, our chances of winning will not be too great." In the view of Marshal Earl Tirpitz, the quality advantage is very important. But again, a quantitative advantage is also indispensable. In many cases, quantitative changes will lead to qualitative changes.

"Well, so we need to prepare some secret weapons for the navy to increase the combat power of the navy as much as possible." Qin Tian said.

Qin Tian knew that the German Navy could not have more capital ships than the British Navy. Therefore, he can only use other methods to weaken the strength of the British navy. For example, using submarines or aircraft carrier-based aircraft to attack the capital ships of the British Navy will further weaken the strength of the British Navy. In this way, the pressure on the German navy will be greatly reduced during the decisive battle at sea.

Marshal Earl Tirpitz nodded, and he couldn't help but look forward to the secret weapon Qin Tian talked about.

The current German Navy already has two levels of capital ships and one level of battlecruisers. The "Nassau-class" battleship, the "Wichersbach-class" battleship and the "Blücher-class" battlecruiser have been in service one after another, and the "Moltke-class" battlecruiser and the "Caesar-class" battleship are all under construction. In particular, most of the construction of the "Moltke-class" battlecruiser has been completed, and it is expected to be ready for service next year. The "Caesar-class" battleships will also enter

service on a large scale from the end of next year to the beginning of the next year. This will greatly enhance the strength of the German Navy.

"Your Highness, do you have any ideas about the construction plan for the next battleship?" Marshal Earl Tirpitz asked.

Through the construction of several battleships in succession, no one in the navy raised any objections to Qin Tian's design. Even the experts from the Naval Technical Committee have no nonsense.

Qin Tian thought for a while, then nodded: "The capital ship of the next level, my idea is to further increase the displacement of the battleship, so as to carry a larger caliber main gun and have a thicker armor."

"Larger caliber main guns? The 'Caesar-class' battleships, the 'Witchersbach-class' battleships, and the 'Moltke-class' battlecruisers all have 343 mm main guns. Is it possible that the next-tier battleships will be equipped with 343mm main guns? Is the 380mm main gun?" Marshal Count Tirpitz asked.

Marshal Earl Tirpitz knew that Qin Tian had always had a soft spot for increasing the caliber of the battleship's main guns. Otherwise, the caliber of the main guns of the battleships of the German Navy would not have been increased to 343mm. I am afraid that at this time, the caliber of the German Navy's capital ships is still 280mm or 305mm.

"Well, the 380mm main gun is inevitable. Krupp has already started research in this area at my request. It is expected that breakthroughs will be made next year. Our next level The construction of the capital ship can start next year. In this case, there will be enough time." Qin Tian said.

Marshal Earl Tirpitz nodded, of course he would not have any objections to this. The stronger the navy is, the more comfortable he will be as the Minister of the Navy.

Qin Tian is also secretly thinking, starting from the next level of capital ships to build capital ships equipped with 380mm main guns. In this way, if the war still broke out in 1914, the German Navy will have a first-level battleship equipped with 380mm main guns. Capital ship. Even the second-tier capital ships equipped with 380mm main guns will not be in service for long. As for the British Navy, I am afraid that there will be no capital ships equipped with 381mm main guns at all. By that time, the German Navy will have a greater advantage.

After the special train arrived at the Deutschland Shipyard, Marshal Count Tirpitz walked directly to the slipway. He couldn't wait to see what the secret weapon Qin Tian was talking about was.

However, after seeing the true face of Mount Lu, Marshal Count Tirpitz couldn't help being dumbfounded.

"Your Highness, isn't this a submarine? This is the secret weapon you said?" Marshal Count Tirpitz couldn't laugh or cry.