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After what happened in the Healer Division HQ, Tang Shaoyang moved Yu Shun to the main base. He made sure the young man was safe from Antorias' hand. The capital got more chaotic as the TEIS officers' arrest was known.

Meanwhile, Tang Shaoyang was scheduled to meet with the representative of the protesters. There was still a big hole in the throne room, so Li Shuang brought the five representatives to the conference room, where the high-ranking officials held their meeting.

By the time Tang Shaoyang arrived at the conference room, Li Shuang and Cao Jingyi were already there with the five representatives. The two girls stood up and greeted Tang Shaoyang with a bow while the five representatives remained in their seats.

Cao Jingyi frowned and was about to reprimand these five people, but Tang Shaoyang cut her off, "Let them be." He said as he took the seat between Li Shuang and Cao Jingyi. He observed the five representatives, four men, and one woman. The oldest was in his latest forties, and the youngest was a woman in her late twenties or even younger.

Cao Jingyi scanned the five representatives and shook her head. She told them repeatedly to show respect to Tang Shaoyang if they were to meet him. She reminded them for their own good, but it seemed they had not learned anything about Tang Shaoyang.

As soon as Tang Shaoyang sat down, the oldest man stood up, "We are the representative of the civilians. As the empire's people, we deserve to hear an explanation about Yu Shun's action who attacked the civilians with his zombies."

"Not just an explanation, we demand Yu Shun be punished for what he has done! You can't protect him or leave him unpunished after what happened just because he is close to you!" The youngest man of the four men followed up after the oldest man. The man looked like he was in his early thirties.

"First, who are you? Have you introduced yourself? Second, representing the civilians? Do you mean all the civilians or just a small part of a group?" Tang Shaoyang did not recognize any of them. He got the names from Li Shuang, but there was no way he would know whom he spoke to.

The youngest seemed too eager to answer him. He spoke first before anyone else, "Have you introduced yourself? And, of course, we are representing all the empire's people! We are their voices!"

Cao Jingyi immediately covered her face, massaging her forehead. She quickly realized the talk would never go smoothly as she thought it would. The meeting should never have been arranged in the first place if these people did not behave.

Tang Shaoyang let out a chuckle and shook his head, "That's a minus point for you if you don't know who you work for. Let's put that aside for now. Now I know I don't need to know your names; it's unnecessary."

The moment Cao Jingyi heard that she knew it was a red flag for the five people. The best part, they would suffer in the dungeon for a few months, if not years. The worst part, they would be killed. She realized the five representatives were doomed.

"And you are here asking me for an explanation about the recent zombie attack and also punish the culprit, right? Is that it, or do you have anything else?"

Again, the youngest man was the most enthusiastic of the five, "Of course, we have more to say. We come here to make a revolutionary move for the empire, for the better empire, and not just for the empire but also for the people!"

"Continue," Tang Shaoyang nodded, watching the man with interest.

He believed that the proposal was something that benefited them rather than the empire. He could tell that by the greed in their hearts. The excitement and the confidence in them, thinking he would agree with the proposal.

"We propose to form an Empire Council. The council has a duty to oversee the empire officials, to ensure the empire free from corruption and also preventing the high ranking officials like Yu Shun from abusing his power."

The enthusiastic man pointed his finger upward, "Not just overseeing the empire official, but the council will also give some bits of advice for the empire's development and also relaying the people's aspiration to the empire official. Then we strive together for a better empire!"

Tang Shaoyang leaned his head to the side, resting on his hand as he watched the man give him further explanation of the benefit of forming a council. Everything about the council was positive, the plus point for the empire. There was no single thing negative about the council. The man was truly good with his words, making it seem like the empire truly needed this council.

"This is not something we can decide...." Li Shuang was about to reject the idea, but Tang Shaoyang stopped her by raising his hand.

"I see; then let's discuss everything from the start. First, an explanation about the zombie attack? It's a zombie attack, something common that has happened ever since the world changed? What explanation do you want?" Tang Shaoyang handled it calmly. At least he looked calm, but no one knew what he felt inside.

This time, it was another person who talked. The man looked in his late thirties, "My name...."

Tang Shaoyang raised his right hand when the man was about to introduce himself, "There's no need introduction? Wasn't that what you said earlier? Stop wasting our time and go straight to the point."

Cao Jingyi knew that Tang Shaoyang was a hardhearted person when it came to business. Once he identified the person he talked to as an enemy or not his own people, he would not hesitate to do something ruthless. As the talk went further, she realized that these five people and everyone involved with them were beyond saving. He did not need to know the five people's names, meaning they were doomed; not so important to know their names.

The man furrowed his brow, "We want an explanation of how the Tarrior failed to protect the people. The neglect of the army, which was supposed to protect the people, a neglect that caused many casualties. Don't you feel you owe your people an explanation?"