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"Bandit?" Tang Shaoyang muttered in a low voice. The term was new, but he was not new with things like a bandit. It was similar to the gangster in his old world, but the bandit should be wilder and bolder compared to the gangster.

The gangster would use a dark means to grab money from people. The loan shark business was a great example of what the gangster did. Bandits were on a different level, they were ransacking villages and robbing people openly, and they would kill people without batting eyelids. Same yet different at the same time.

"This bandit is quite an annoying problem but should not be hard to solve." Tang Shaoyang looked toward Moonsong. "We can have our aerial legion sweep the region where bandits often appear." He looked at Ashley. "You should know more about these bandits, right, Vice-Marshal Ashley?"

"Yes, Your Majesty." This was a formal meeting, so Ashley had to address her man formally. She talked a lot about her story about eradicating bandits, and she understood why this duty fell on her hands. Especially, she had a deep hatred for the bandits as they took her mother from her. In fact, she was glad that Tang Shaoyang delegated this task to her.

"Good. You can work together with Legion Commander Moonsong to eradicate the bandits." Tang Shaoyang set his order. I think this was the only thing they could do to face the bandit issue. Then he looked toward Alton. "Do you have a better solution to face the bandit, Marshal Alton?"

"I don't think we have a better solution than your proposal, Your Majesty. I will discuss the issue with Vice-Marshal Ashley and Legion Commander Moonsong for a better option." Marshal Alton replied.

"Mnn. It's better to solve the bandit issue as soon as possible after taking over the kingdom. That way, we can buy people's hearts that the Tang Empire is better than the Lionax Kingdom." Tang Shaoyang nodded his head. "I am waiting for your better solution, Marshal Alton."

"Leave it to me, Your Majesty." Marshal Alton bowed his head.

"Alright, let's get to the next report, Marshal Alton." Tang Shaoyang motioned Alton to continue with the report.

"The next issue is our biggest ambition to take over the Ortis Continent. The only way to achieve this goal is to conquer the Warmir Kingdom and the Malecia Kingdom." Marshal Alton continued with the report. "I have a short discussion with Vice-Marshal Allan, and we propose to attack the Warmir Kingdom first."

Before Marshal Alton could continue with his report, someone raised his hand. Everyone in the throne hall looked toward an old man with gray hair. This person was Archduke Semea, the new General that had just entered the rank. Tang Shaoyang appointed him to be a General because of his rank. Archduke Semea was Primordial Rank Knight, not something he could find easily anywhere. On top of that, Archduke Semea was also under the influence of a strict oath.

"I apologize for interrupting." Archduke Semea apologized first. Marshal Alton did not mind and nodded toward Archduke Semea. It was a signal that the latter could speak. "I think we should attack the Malecia Kingdom first since The Malecia Kingdom is weaker than the Warmir Kingdom."

Marshal Alton smiled. "You have a point, General Semea, but please listen to my report until the end. There's a reason why I propose to attack The Warmir Kingdom first. It's true that the Malecia Kingdom is weaker than the Warmir Kingdom, but I don't think there's a big gap between the two kingdoms. Since we know the two kingdoms will put up a strong defense, it will not make us faster to win against the Malecia Kingdom. That's the first reason."

"Second, we have the former Great Commander of the Warmir Kingdom, Vice-Marshal Allan. We can say that he must be very familiar with the power structure of the Warmir Kingdom. He should know more about the Warmir Kingdom than any of us, so we can use this information as a weapon to fight the Warmir Kingdom. On top of that, the Warmir Kingdom is weakened because Vice-Marshal Allan brought his knights to our side."

"Third, The Malecia Kingdom is aware that they are weaker than the other two kingdoms. We can use that as a weapon against them and make them surrender instead of fighting them. Of course, there must be a condition for this surrender, but we can take them as our vassal instead of conquering them through the battle."

Marshal Alton stopped and looked toward Tang Shaoyang. "What do you think, Your Majesty? If you don't want to accept the Malecia Kingdom as a vassal, we can still fight them after defeating the Warmir Kingdom. We are following your decision, Your Majesty."

"Hmmm." Tang Shaoyang rubbed his chin. "I don't mind accepting the Malecia Kingdom to be our vassal, but I want the agreement to be based on oath, not just System Contract. And if the Malecia Kingdom proposes an absurd condition, then we will take the kingdom by force."

"I don't think they will put an absurd condition if they really want to surrender, Your Majesty. We can have the Guardian Beast Kirin and the two Dragons to the border for a start. We can have them light up the forest with fire." Marshal Alton smiled.

'I never thought that conquering the other Kingdoms would be this easy.' Marshal Alton thought to himself. 'Everything is possible because of that man on that throne.'

"That's a good plan. Let's start with the Warmir Kingdom, and we can have Kalliyan send my greeting to our neighbor tomorrow." Tang Shaoyang totally agreed with Marshal Alton's plan. "What about the knights of the noble houses' private force? Have all the noble houses handed over their private force?"

The official meeting continued for another two hours. They were discussing the aftermath of the battle. The Tang Empire now had an overwhelming force after absorbing the Lionax Kingdom's force. They had to form a new legion, choosing the new Legion Commander and generals. While the noble houses gave up their privilege, many of them came to Marshal Alton to be the general of the Tang Empire... They wanted to get back their nobility privilege by contributing to the Empire.