

STARTING WITH REAL MADRID

Chapter 2: Let the Cannon Fire of the Superstar come Violently

Carlo frowned, nodded, walked back to the living room sofa, and sat down.

"This kid is probably forced to do this. Don't blame him; he can't help it." After speaking, Mrs. Carlo sighed, feeling distressed not only for her husband's unemployment but also for Gao Shen's predicament.

It's all the fault of that crazy chairman!

Given his young age and qualifications, it's no wonder if even a superstar in the Real Madrid locker room, let alone any player in the first team, would find it strange for him to act as an acting head coach.

Carlo leaned back on the sofa, raised his head, and stared at the ceiling in a daze.

After more than ten minutes, he finally made a decision, picked up his mobile phone, and made a call.

"Hey, it's me."

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Gao Shen also lived in the Odalesa district. He rented this two-bedroom apartment based on Carlo's advice.

After buying some instant noodles for dinner, Gao Shen has been contemplating his next steps.

Carlo didn't see him, which he expected.

If Carlo wasn't available today, he would be tomorrow. If not tomorrow, then the day after, until Carlo finally sees him.

This is a gesture. He just wants everyone to believe that he is being forced into this situation, that he is also a victim, and that his situation is even more miserable than everyone else's.

Only in this way can he stand on the side of justice.

The premise of righteousness is to hold righteousness first.

If Gao Shen always bears the reputation of occupying someone else's position and being ungrateful, who will obey him?

As for his hope that Carlo will return to Real Madrid, that is also his sincere wish.

It's just that he didn't say when and in what capacity.

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While waiting for the instant noodles to cook, Gao Shen took out a blank piece of paper and made a chart for the first team stars.

This is his habit of analyzing problems before crossing.

The horizontal axis from left to right represents the importance of the player to the club, and the vertical axis from bottom to top represents the player's level of support for him. Then he marked the players in the team one by one.

As a result, he found a very sad thing.

That is, all the players are in the bottom half, not even close to the horizontal axis.

In other words, among the players in the first team, no matter their importance, no one supports him.

He is now a real, veritable loner.

How is this still playing?

Gao Shen is a little bit scratchy. Before crossing, he worked in big companies for many years and had experienced many ups and downs, but he had never encountered such a thorny problem.

However, the great leader *** said that problems arise from contradictions, and wherever there is an unresolved contradiction, there is a problem.

What Gao Shen has to do now is to grasp the core contradiction in the Real Madrid locker room: the superstars!

In fact, this is also a problem that Carlo has always wanted to solve but has not been able to since he took office. Otherwise, the former chairman Florentino would not have resigned because of this, and Martín would not have taken office hastily.

Understanding this, Gao Shen suddenly became enlightened.

At this moment, the doorbell rang.

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As soon as the door opened, Fernando Lucas rushed in.

Seeing the instant noodles on the table, this guy wasn't polite, grabbed them, and started eating, while constantly complaining about how hungry he was. He even got himself another drink.

"Tell me, what did you find out at the Bernabéu?" Gao Shen asked with concern while pointing at the instant noodles.

Lucas was initially focused on eating noodles, but after he had consumed most of them and regained some strength, he finally spoke up. "It's okay if you don't ask, but once you do, things are serious." After saying this, he slurped up the remaining noodles.

Gao Shen wasn't in a hurry. After finishing his meal, he sat down opposite him and waited patiently.

After Lucas finished the last noodle in the cup and sipped a few more sips of soup with satisfaction, the young Spaniard looked at Gao Shen with surprise.

Today's Gao Shen gave him an unfathomable feeling.

If the two hadn't been together all the time, he would have wondered if Gao Shen had been replaced.

"Tell me," Gao Shen said lightly.

Lucas put down the instant noodles and looked at Gao Shen with a serious expression. "The superstars have called the Bernabéu. They can't contact the new chairman Martín directly, so they called the vice-chairman Butragueno, strongly protesting the new president's move as an extremely irresponsible decision for Real Madrid, for the players, and for the fans."

Gao Shen sighed inwardly. This hat is really big enough.

Are they planning to give the new chairman a slap in the face?

In fact, Gao Shen can understand the feelings of the superstars because they are being bullied.

If nothing else, who can play for Real Madrid? Which one is not a top star in the world?

Isn't it a joke to have a 25-year-old rookie coach now?

Who can be convinced?

"What is Butragueno's position?" Gao Shen asked with concern.

Lucas shook his head. "I don't know; it should be appeasement."

After a pause, Lucas added, "I guess Butragueno is a little uncertain about the new chairman's intentions now."

Gao Shen nodded. The emperor changes, and the courtiers change. The chairman has changed. Where will the Galacticos, Real Madrid, go next?

"After the change of chairman, are there any major changes in the various departments at the Bernabéu?" Gao Shen asked again.

"Major personnel changes?" Lucas shook his head. "The biggest change is the dismissal of head coach Carlo in the afternoon. The other departments are basically the same. Butragueno is the vice-chairman and director of public relations and technical director. Jose Sanchez is still the head of the commercial department, and Floro is still the sporting director. I haven't heard of any other personnel changes."

Gao Shen nodded. A scene was already forming in his mind.

If you compare Real Madrid to a company, the performance of the company is very sluggish, and the pressure of public opinion is very high. The top leader decided to step back behind the scenes. Originally, he was idle and had little real power. It's still the same staff left by the former leader. What will he do at this time?

Either he accepts this situation and acts as a puppet like he was when he was the second-in-command, or he tries to make a move.

If he wants to make a move, he must first test his power boundaries.

The head coach seems very important, but in the club's management system, it is actually not that important because the risk of this position is too great. The head coach may be blamed at any time, and it is a typical short-term role that is not thanked.

Therefore, many people would rather stay behind the scenes than go to the front desk. For example, the famous AC Milan legend Tassotti has been an assistant coach at AC Milan for nearly 20 years. He has given up several opportunities to coach alone.

Let me ask, if Tassotti were the head coach, would he be able to stay at AC Milan for so long?

Thinking about it this way, it seems absurd that Martín did this, but there is actually logic behind it.

And according to Real Madrid's rules, after Florentino stepped down, Martín became the new chairman. But the presidential election will be held again this summer. If Martín intends to run, there is not much time left for him to prepare.

As for changing coaches, Martín must have a head coach he likes. He probably wants to support his own people but didn't expect that because Gao Shen suddenly came through, he arranged for Gao Shen to replace Carlo.

After thinking about this, the situation in front of Gao Shen became clearer.

But Lucas still looked worried, very concerned about Gao Shen.

"I heard at the Bernabéu that Carlos has contacted a number of media and fan organizations. You know, he has played for Real Madrid for many years and is the third captain of the team. His relationships are very strong. You have to be mentally prepared," Lucas said with a long sigh.

Real Madrid's head coach position is very attractive, but it is also very dangerous.

Instead, Gao Shen showed a confident smile. "Don't worry, the more violent they are, the safer I will be for the time being."

He even wanted to shout: let the cannon fire of the superstars come more violently!

The more people discuss and pay attention to him, this is a good thing for Gao Shen.

If no one notices him, that is the most dangerous, because Martín can change his mind anytime and anywhere, and one sentence can kill him.

But things are different now. When the superstars make trouble, the whole world will know that Real Madrid has changed coaches.

Could Martín still be able to do things that change from time to time?

But there is not much time left for Gao Shen.

Lucas was confused. He couldn't understand why Gao Shen would feel safer the more the superstars attacked him.

But Gao Shen's confident and calm face still surprised Lucas.

Does he really have a way to deal with the current situation?

"What are you going to do next?" Lucas asked with concern.

"Tomorrow, I'll find a chance to talk to Raúl first."

Lucas was taken aback.

Raúl? The team captain? The leader of the local faction?