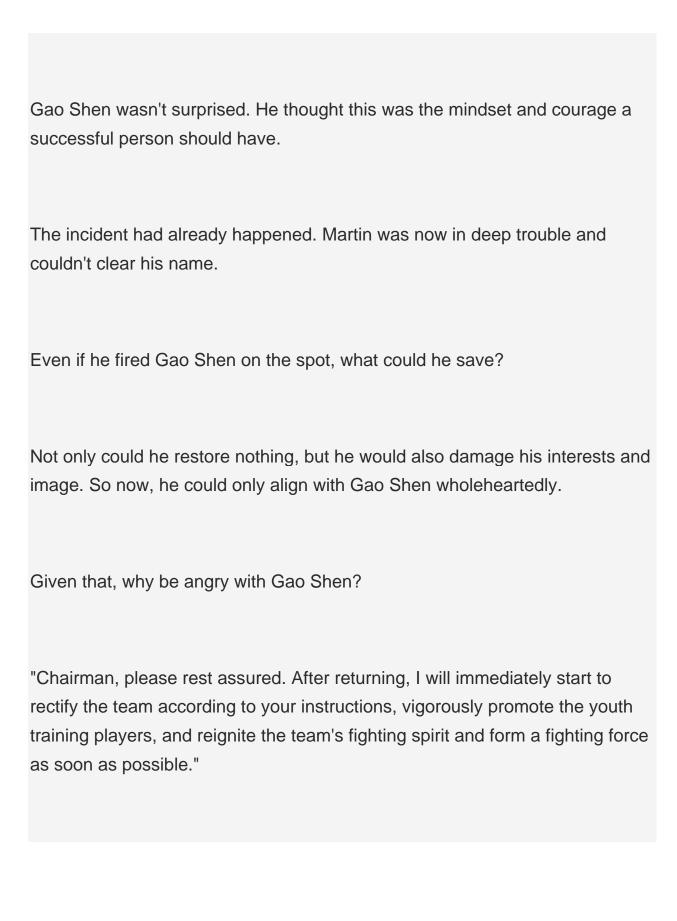
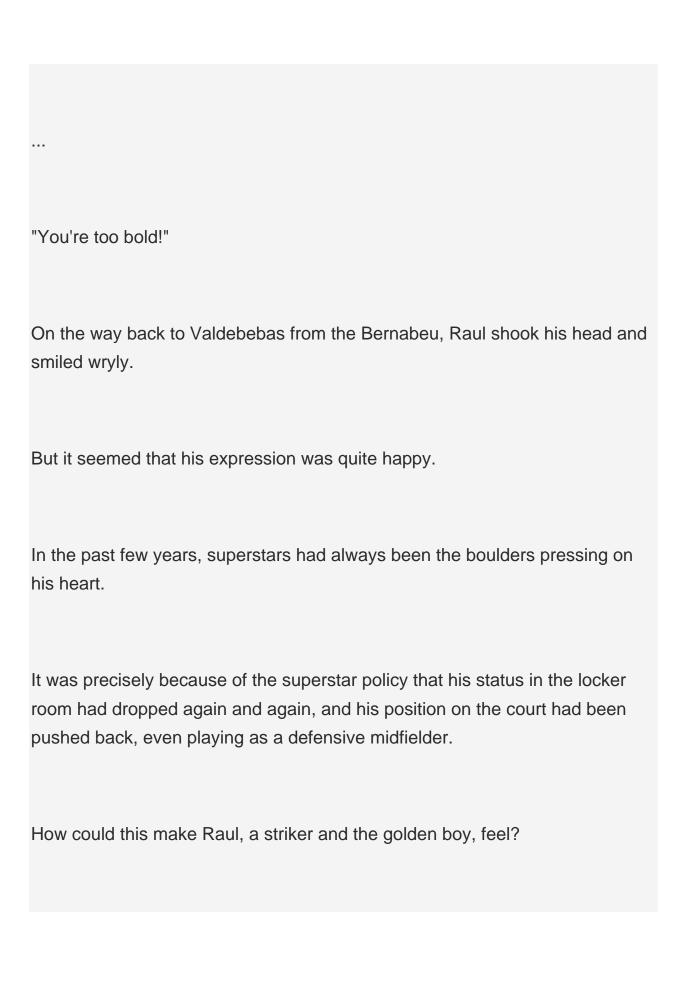
## STARTING WITH REAL MADRID

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Martin is definitely not easy!
This is what Gao Shen felt after talking with Martin for just ten minutes in the chairman's office.
At the press conference, he was put on a pedestal. Not to mention Martin, even Butragueno, Floro, and others saw the clues. But the new president of Real Madrid didn't react as everyone guessed. Instead of getting angry at Garshen and firing him on the spot, Martin praised Gao Shen fiercely, giving him ample encouragement and support.
To the unknowing, it might seem that everything at the press conference was genuine.
This surprised Butragueno and the others.



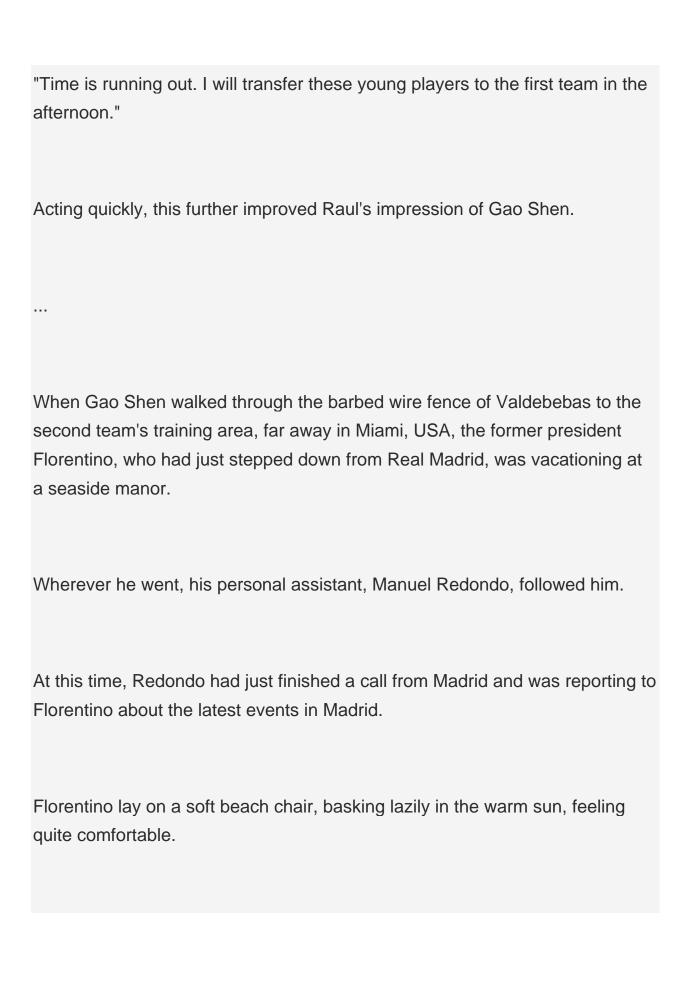
Before saying goodbye, Gao Shen seriously issued a promise to Martin, Butragueno, and others. "I promise, if we can't win against Atletico Madrid at home in this weekend's derby match, you will see my resignation letter on your desk after the game!" Gao Shen said solemnly. Martin was so angry that he cursed inwardly, "You \*\*\*\*, you're too good at pretending!" But with so many people watching, he could only put on a moved expression, give more encouragement, and even say that even if they lost the derby, it wouldn't damage his trust and support for Gao Shen. Of course, Gao Shen knew that Martin's promise held no weight. On the other hand, Butragueno, Floro, and others were unexpectedly paying more attention to Gao Shen. They never imagined that this nearly twenty-five-year-old fresh graduate was actually a cunning little fox!



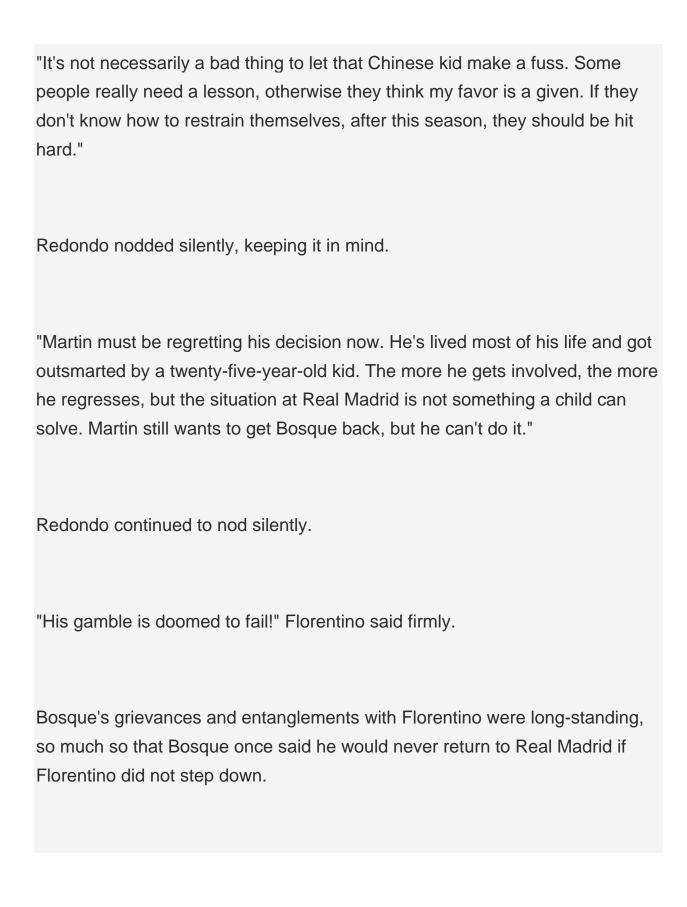
Gao Shen's remarks were a relief, but they also completely exposed the internal contradictions of Real Madrid.
He completely offended the superstars.
This press conference made Raul look at Gao Shen with admiration, but he thought Gao Shen was just an impulsive young man, especially considering what Gao Shen said on the way to the Bernabeu.
Raul was now beginning to believe that Gao Shen had really given up.
"You still have to be careful, especially" Raul reminded.
Gao Shen understood and nodded his thanks to Raul, "Actually, they are not monolithic."
Raul was stunned for a moment, then understood the deeper meaning.
They are all superstars and foreign players, but who said that the interests of so many superstars are the same?

By the same token, do all local players have the same interests? Don't Raul, Guti, and the others not get along with Salgado? The same is true of the superstar groups. The Brazilian team and the English players do not necessarily stand together, and Zidane and Gravesen may not necessarily support Carlos and others unconditionally. At this time, Raul realized that every word of Gao Shen had been pointed directly at the heart of the matter. With this kind of vision and speaking level, no matter how you look at it, Gao Shen didn't seem like a young man who had just walked out of the school gate. Gao Shen was also observing Raul, and he clearly felt that Raul was no longer as hostile to him as he had been the previous day.

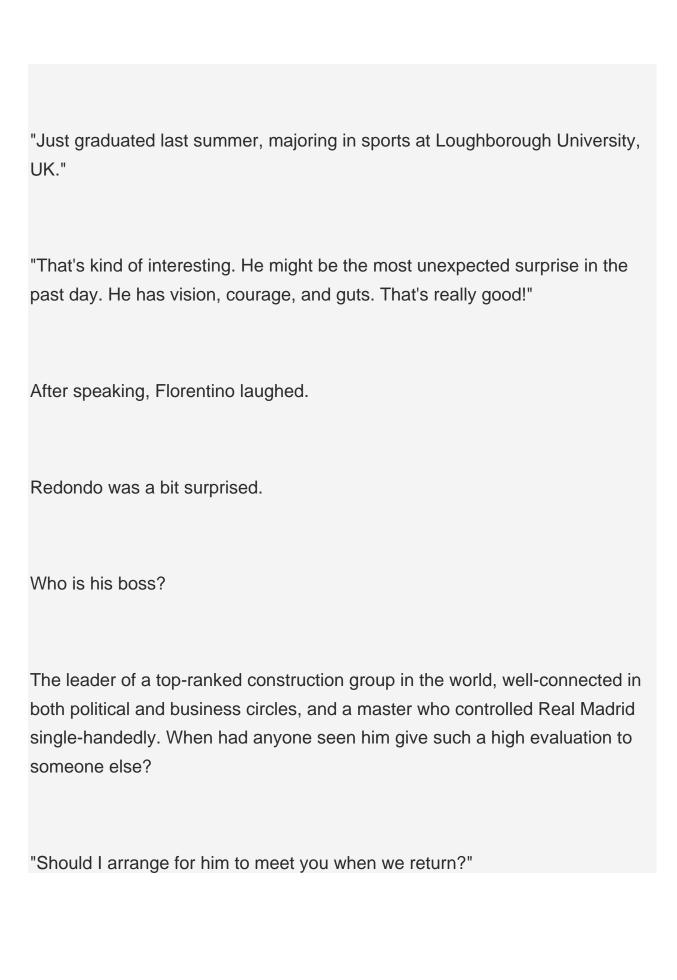
Many people think that doing things depends on relationships, but they don't know that relationships can be created. To accomplish things, you must reach an agreement on key points.
Gao Shen had little friendship with the new chairman Martin, but this didn't prevent them from sitting down and discussing the future of Real Madrid now.
In the same way, Gao Shen and Raul also had many similarities.
Realizing this, Raul would start to try to accept Gao Shen, at least he wouldn't hold back.
This was a good start.
And Gao Shen also wanted to further deepen Raul's impression of him.
After arriving at Valdebebas, Gao Shen did not go to the first team training building with Raul, but went directly to the second team.

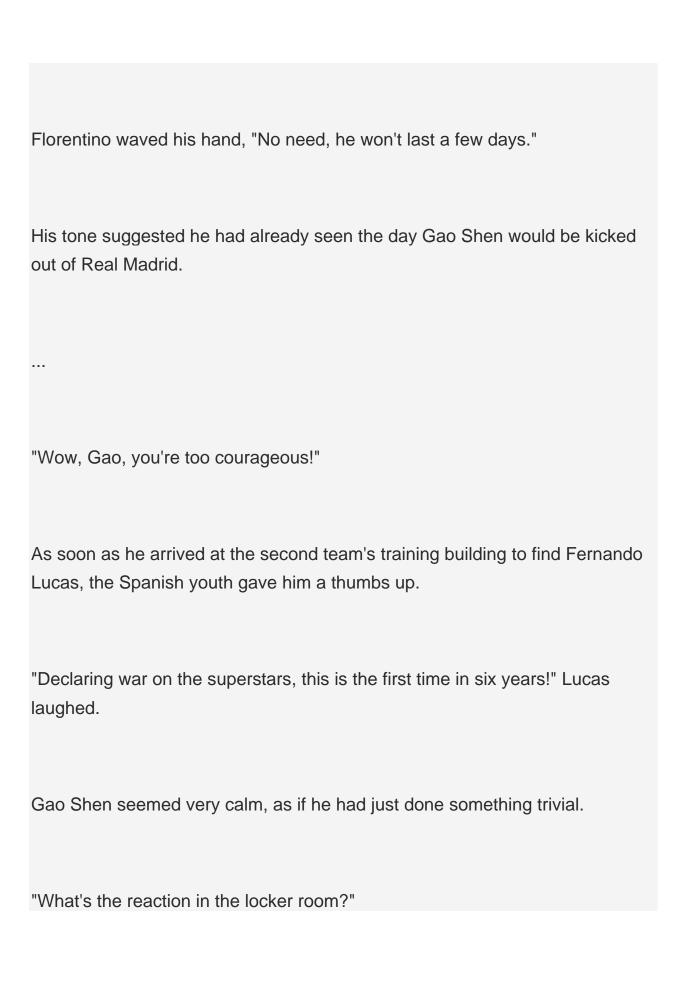


Although he kept his eyes closed the whole time, Manuel Redondo stood beside him, reporting seriously.
"My old comrade-in-arms has always been like this. He'll suddenly play his wayward cleverness, but he always thought no one could see through him. This time, even a twenty-five-year-old kid saw through him, haha"
Florentino, still with his eyes closed, spoke in a calm tone, as if everything happening in Madrid was under his control, and no one could escape his grasp.
"You know, I've reminded him many times over the years that if he listened to me, the market value of his company would be several times higher than it is now. But he was always so willful, and this time, he thought he could get Bosque and Hierro back?"
Florentino sneered, "Naive!"
"Then what do we do now?" Redondo asked.



Now that Florentino had stepped down, the new chairman, Martin, happened to be a good friend of Bosque. The most recent title of Real Madrid was won by Bosque in 2003, so the voices on the Real Madrid board of directors for Bosque's return were high.
But Florentino couldn't accept this.
"Calderon has been a bit conspicuous on the board of directors recently," Redondo reminded lightly.
"He's also a guy who can't stay out of the limelight. I guess he wants to see if he has a chance this summer."
Redondo nodded, "Should we arrange for someone to talk to him?"
"No, let him go. He can't cause much trouble. If he wants to come out to elect the chairman, he's not qualified," Florentino dismissed the member of the board of directors.
"I'm actually interested in that Chinese boy now. Are you sure he's a fresh graduate?" Florentino asked curiously.





"It's very strong. Some people are furious and cursing. Some are calmer and are working together to study countermeasures. Most people are still waiting and watching. They are very sensitive right now."

After listening, Gao Shen nodded. After Raul returned, these local players should adjust their positions

This made Gao Shen breathe a sigh of relief.

In fact, what he said at the press conference was like casting a vote for Raul and the local players.

According to his original plan, he intended to talk to Raul in the morning. But then the chairman suddenly decided to hold a press conference and even asked Gao Shen to attend. Since he was already with Raul, he adjusted his plan and staged the press conference accordingly.

Plans can't always keep up with changes. The key is to control the direction and adapt as needed.

Gao Shen's strategy was to win over the local players. First, they were closer to the fans. Second, the Brazilian contingent was unreliable and too self-willed. Third, it was about promoting youth training.

After making the chart yesterday, Gao Shen carefully listed which players in the team were worth attracting, which players should be suppressed, and which players needed to be appeared.

In the first team, he had no direct supporters and no foundation, so what should he do?

The Brazilian group led by Carlos was the first to oppose him, and their resistance was the strongest. However, their roles in Real Madrid were very prominent. For example, Ronaldo was currently Real Madrid's top scorer, and this was their biggest bargaining chip. So how to deal with it?

The great leader \*\*\* said that politics is about making fewer enemies and more allies.

If there are no direct supporters and no foundation, then find a way to attract a group of people. The Brazilian group is important but not the right approach.

Punishing them is impossible, and selling them is unrealistic. So the only option is to marginalize them, put pressure on them, and force them to relent.

Therefore, Gao Shen decided to promote youth players in their twenties to the first team.

Doing so would not only address these two issues but also cater to the local group led by Raul, killing three birds with one stone.

"By the way, Fernando, how is the head coach of the second team, Portugal?" Gao Shen asked suddenly.

Lucas didn't understand the purpose of Gao Shen's question, but as an intern with the second team, he was quite familiar with Portugal.

"Portugal's resume is relatively weak. In 1997, he coached the Real Madrid youth team for two years. In 1999, he coached the lower-level team Toledo, but his results were poor. At the end of 2003, he coached Cordoba for two months, and his results were also poor. The rest of the time, he has mostly been idle."

"It wasn't until December last year that the club promoted the second-team coach Corolla to the first team to put out fires, and Portugal found the opportunity to return to Castilla to coach."
After a pause, Lucas added, "He seems to cherish this coaching opportunity very much."
Gao Shen nodded lightly, understanding what he meant.
If he remembered correctly, Portugal also briefly served as Real Madrid's sporting director during the subsequent turmoil.
Gao Shen had made a lot of noise this time. With more players to be drawn from the second team, he still needed Portugal's cooperation.
This is a war, and he needs to unite everyone who can be united.