

STARTING WITH REAL MADRID

Chapter 8: Tactical Library

"I'm sorry, Gao, he's not at home."

It was still at the door of Carlo's house in Odaleza District. Just like yesterday, Gao Shen was turned away again.

He was not surprised but deliberately showed a hint of loss and asked a few questions, such as whether Carlo's mood was calm and whether he watched today's news.

Gao Shen specifically explained that before today's press conference, the management gave him a speech and asked him to follow it.

Mrs. Carlo showed an expression that said, "This is not what I expected."

When they saw the news, Carlo still had some doubts, but Mrs. Carlo insisted that Gao Shen didn't look like someone who could say something like this. Someone must have made him say it on purpose.

Now, Gao Shen has solved the mystery himself.

The manuscript was indeed given by the leaders, and he read it accordingly.

It's just... he added a few words on the spot.

"Mrs. Carlo, please tell Mr. Carlo that I really want to apologize to him in person, and also ask him to give me a little more time. I will definitely find a way to solve this matter as soon as possible."

After speaking, Gao Shen said goodbye to Mrs. Carlo politely and turned away.

Mrs. Carlo watched Gao Shen's departing figure and felt a sense of sadness.

This unfortunate child is about the same age as their children but now finds himself in such a predicament. How innocent!

Back on the second floor, she saw Carlo return to the living room sofa from the window. Mrs. Carlo told him everything that happened and sighed, feeling great sympathy for Gao Shen.

Carlo wasn't surprised either because, in his impression, Gao Shen didn't seem like someone who could say such things.

"I think when he comes back tomorrow, you can meet him and have a good chat," Mrs. Carlo suggested, sensing Gao Shen's sincerity.

Carlo didn't react immediately, just frowned and thought for a while.

He felt that Martin must have a plan. Gao Shen is now like a knife in Martin's hands, slashing at the superstars.

No one in the professional football circle is unaware that the head coach is a natural scapegoat.

Once a problem occurs in many teams, the responsibility of the leadership or the players, no matter who is at fault, as long as the results are not satisfactory, the head coach will be the first to take the blame.

"Martin and Bosque are very good friends. Now let Gao Shen do this to muddy the waters. Next, let Bosque come out to clean up the mess. Hierro may also return, increasing his chances in the summer presidential election and even getting rid of behind-the-scenes manipulation."

When Carlo analyzed this, he looked at his wife and shook his head helplessly: "These open and secret battles from the management are too far from us, and we can't change them. If he comes again tomorrow, tell him to resign quickly and not get involved; otherwise, it will be difficult to stay at Real Madrid in the future."

"Is it that serious?" Mrs. Carlo asked worriedly.

"As soon as this weekend, after playing Atletico Madrid, if the results are not satisfactory, Martin will stand up and fire Gao Shen, pushing everything on him. Florentino, even though he has retired, still wields considerable influence, with many people on the board of directors."

In the eyes of many fans, Real Madrid is a football team and a wealthy family. But only by getting close to Real Madrid can one know that it is no longer a football team, but Madrid and even a Vanity Fair where Spain's political and business celebrities gather.

Not to mention anything else, members of the Spanish royal family, prime ministers, and government officials often come to see Real Madrid matches.

And where do people of this level often appear?

"What if he wins against Atletico?" Mrs. Carlo asked curiously.

"Defeat Atletico Madrid?" Carlo smiled wryly and shook his head, "How is this possible? Without the support of the superstars, Real Madrid would not be able to win against Atletico Madrid."

Even if he were still in office, he would not be sure about the current Atletico Madrid, let alone Gao Shen.

And after defeating Atletico Madrid, there are more powerful Arsenal and Barcelona.

This is destined to be a dead end!

Gao Shen returned to his rented house, made a cup of instant noodles, and made a list.

The list is mainly based on the spool chart he drew yesterday. Some of the thorns in it that are strongly opposed but have a very obvious effect on the team are listed, such as Carlos and Ronaldo, and some are also crucial to the team but are ambiguous in their stance, like Zidane and Beckham.

Raul was listed as temporarily neutral by Gao Shen. He believed that after today's contact, Raul would cooperate with him, but the premise is that he must come up with concrete plans as soon as possible to make Raul believe he can solve Real Madrid's current problems.

Gao Shen has worked in the company for many years and remembers two words from a leader who had the greatest influence on him.

"Whether on the battlefield or in the market, winning a battle is the foundation and guarantee for boosting morale and uniting the team."

"You must be good at and dare to fight, look for opportunities in the struggle, and establish your prestige and status in the struggle."

How to fight?

It is to make more of your own people and less of the enemy.

Who should be united? Who should be isolated? Who can be won over? Who must be fought against resolutely?

In this list, Gao Shen has clearly labeled everyone in the Real Madrid first team. However, in the list of those to be fought against resolutely, he has only filled in one name for the time being: the Brazilian Gang.

Carlos threatened him in public, which is unbearable; Ronaldo, Baptista, Robinho, Cicinho, and others are too tight together, and these players are too willful, which is also unbearable.

As an ordinary fan, Gao Shen is a fan of Ronaldo and likes Carlos, but now they are rivals.

What are the attitudes of Zidane, Beckham, and some other players whose positions are vague?

Gao Shen placed a big question mark.

However, Gao Shen's actions today have already started the first step in the reform of the first team.

Bringing in many youth training players who are at least neutral, even if they are not his own, is one of Gao Shen's goals.

Next, he needs to find a suitable set of tactics for the team as soon as possible and start selecting players.

Thinking of this, Gao Shen ate the softened instant noodles and directly entered the tactical library.

Gao Shen finally pushed open the door and walked into the tactics library.

The feeling of passing through that door is like walking out of the player tunnel and entering a stadium of 100,000 people, which is full of people.

The library is just like its name, with endless rows of bookshelves, neatly arranged with various books, from theory to practice, from youth training to sports rehabilitation, from player psychology to locker room management. All kinds of football-related books can be found here.

While stunned, Gao Shen strolled through the layers of books, feeling very puzzled. Is that all?

Aren't the golden fingers of the travelers supposed to be very impressive?

How did it change for me?

Although knowledge can change one's destiny, one has to learn from scratch after transmigration. Isn't this a slap in the face of travelers?

Just when Gao Shen suspected that he might be the saddest traveler in history, he took a book from the bookshelf and immediately discovered that the books in this library were different.

The "books" on this shelf are not books in the real world but the author's experience, wisdom, and various detailed operation cases.

For example, the book that Gao Shen holds in his hand is his favorite Ferguson book, which belongs to the Ferguson series.

The focus of this book is on Ferguson's management, from the first day of his coaching, from the Soviet Super League to Manchester United, from the fledgling to the current stomping that can shake European football. It tells in great detail about Ferguson and all kinds of clubs. Managers, agents, and players deal with all kinds of emergencies.

The latest in the book is about Ruud van Nistelrooy, Ferguson's decision to sell the Dutch center.

Ruud van Nistelrooy has a long history of problems. He is very dissatisfied with the playing style of Portuguese teenager Cristiano Ronaldo. This is normal. The characteristics of the two do not complement each other. When Ronaldo lost his father last year, the two even almost fought on the training ground.

Ferguson ignored it at first, but gradually Ruud van Nistelrooy shifted his anger to other Manchester United players, including Gary Neville, because they were on Ronaldo's side during the conflict, which was problematic.

In the book, it elaborates on Ferguson's various trade-offs, as well as Ferguson's negotiations with the Ruud van Nistelrooy team, as well as his preparations to operate in the transfer market, all of which are preparing for the departure of Ruud van Nistelrooy this summer.

Gao Shen had never seen a manipulation of a top famous coach so closely before, which made him amazed, and at the same time, he was deeply amazed by the mystery of this library.

These contents in the book are not to be said to be outsiders. It is estimated that many of Ferguson's memories are blurred, and they are the memories hidden in the deepest part of his mind.

In addition to management, there are also tactical ideas about Ferguson.

In the book, since Ferguson was a player, he explained the changes in his tactical concept bit by bit, Gao Shen realized that Ferguson's approach was to constantly update his tactical concepts through learning, building Manchester United into a top European team.

Besides management and tactical concepts, the books also covered on-the-spot command, daily training, and other aspects of football management.

The library didn't just include Ferguson's methods. It also contained the knowledge and experiences of other famous coaches and head coaches, even from as far back as Beckenbauer and Michels. The collection was incredibly rich and comprehensive.

Gao Shen came to understand that this library was essentially a collection of the coaching experiences and tactical knowledge of many world-renowned

football coaches throughout history. This treasure trove of wisdom was priceless and exactly what he needed most at the moment.

Before he transmigrated, he was just an ordinary fan. Despite having more than 15 years of knowledge and insights, he still lacked the professional skills of a head coach. The library's collection could significantly help him overcome these weaknesses.

These books were like the famous coaches sharing their innermost thoughts and strategies, more invaluable than direct teaching.

However, despite the wealth of knowledge, Gao Shen faced an urgent problem. In this vast library, he had to choose the book that was most suitable for his immediate needs and then develop the most appropriate tactical system for Real Madrid.

Deep down, Gao Shen already knew which book he would choose.