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Uwe From Outer Space

Episode 5: Uwe at the Museum

Football history in a nutshell – special agent Uwe cannot wait to get to know past football legends and sets about doing so in his own special way.

Uwe from planet Penalta 8 wants to know everything about football, and so today, he visits a museum to find out all about the game's history. Big events, great players... with huge feet – there is so much for him to learn! But Uwe has not quite understood the way things work, as his hostess Susi soon finds out. While she explains everything to him in detail, Uwe is bursting with enthusiasm and tries to get as close to football history as possible. Susi knew it from the start: Uwe is turning out to be a very special kind of challenge!

The Manuscript of the Episode

Narrator
It's the year 2006. On a small planet in the Milky Way – Planet Earth – everyone is going crazy about the Football World Cup. And the population on Penalta 8 in system 4-3-3 wants to find out more about this strange phenomenon. So they send someone to investigate – special agent Uwe.

Uwe
"Hello!"

Narrator
And Uwe has Susi by his side to help him.

Susi
"Hello!"

Narrator
Susi from the OC tells Uwe everything there is to know about football.

Uwe
"Wehey!!! We-he-he-heyy!!!"

Susi
"Uwe, careful, you're going to get dizzy!"

Uwe
"Oh please, just one more time..."
Susi

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“You’ve been through the turning doors three times already!”

Narrator
Visiting a museum is always loads of fun...especially with turning doors like these! And then there‘s the entire history of football, right here at your fingertips.

Susi
“Now let’s have a look: in a Chinese barracks...”

Uwe
“Susi!”

Susi
“...it was 5000 years ago, that football was invented. Imagine, that’s how old the game is! T´suh küh – back then, it was called ‚kicking or stamping with your foot‘... Uwe, what are you doing?!”

Uwe
“…this is great. Can anyone just take what they fancy here?”

Susi
“What you’ve just taken there, are Fritz Walter‘s shoes.”

Uwe
“A German football legend...he used to play for FC Kaiserslautern.”

Susi
“Hey, very good!”

Uwe
“Thanks!”

Narrator
In 1954, after Germany won the football world cup, there was a new feeling of belonging, of uniting...9 years after the Second World War, Germany had managed to resurrect itself from the dark days of blame and destruction.

Susi
“Will you please take off Fritz Walter’s shoes!”

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Uwe
“Did you know that ‘a ball is round and that a game lasts for 90 Minutes’?”

Susi
“I did indeed – they’re Sepp Herberger‘s famous football phrases. He was once Germany’s national coach, by the way, who led the German team to victory in Bern, Switzerland in the 1954 World Cup final. Their victory was dubbed ‚the miracle of Bern ‘.”

Uwe
“’Your next opponent will always be the hardest one to beat...’.“

Susi
“…and, ‘as soon as one game’s over, the next one’s already started’."

Narrator
They’re sentences...in fact, they’re almost like laws...that every child in Germany could recite to you word perfectly. Even before they know what the law of gravity is!

Uwe
“Look at those!... Although they’d probably be too big for me.”

Susi
“Günther Netzer, shoe size 47 – he was someone who could be described as marching through life and living it to the full...d’you know what I mean?”

Uwe
“Er, sure...”

Susi
“Anyway...it’s pretty hard to believe that his passes were so precise with feet as big as that! And whenever he did a free kick, he managed to give the ball unbelievable spin.”

Uwe
“Balls? Spinning?”

Susi
“’Giving a ball spin’...it means kicking the ball in a way that it kind of turns or twists in the air...”

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Narrator
…you have to kick the side of the ball, with the inside or outside of your foot, to give it a spin. And that makes it really difficult for your opponent to guess which direction the ball‘s going in.

Susi
“OK Uwe, let’s go and see the women now...”

Uwe
“Oh?”

Susi
“They’re in the smallest room, back over there, next to the toilets.”

Uwe
“Really??”

Susi
“Women’s football hasn’t been around for long at all. It was even banned in Germany before 1970. But since then, it‘s become one of the most popular female sports. And we’re even the world champions! Our best female player‘s called ‚Prince‘.”

Uwe
“Because there’s a photo of her standing next to a prince?”

Susi
“…No, it‘s her family name, the name she was born with. And the thing she’s best at – her speciality you could say - is heading the ball…”

Uwe
“…so when one of her team mates plays badly, they get head butted by her?”

Susi
“No!! It’s the ball that get’s headed.”

Uwe
“Right, so first the ball‘s spun, and then it‘s headed – hmmm, and anything else after that?!”

Susi
“Well...sometimes it can be stroked Uwe...by a very technically skilled player – like a Brazilian maybe...”

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Uwe
“...not a German…?”

Susi
“I think Germans have a more practical style of playing.”

Uwe
“You know what, Susi, I’m feeling pretty tired.”

Susi
“No problem Uwe, let‘s go home. But we have to leave Fritz Walter’s shoes here, remember?!”

Narrator
And so they headed to the museum exit and left through the turning doors...in fact, Uwe left three times through the turning doors!

Uwe
“Phew...”

Susi
“Uwe!“

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