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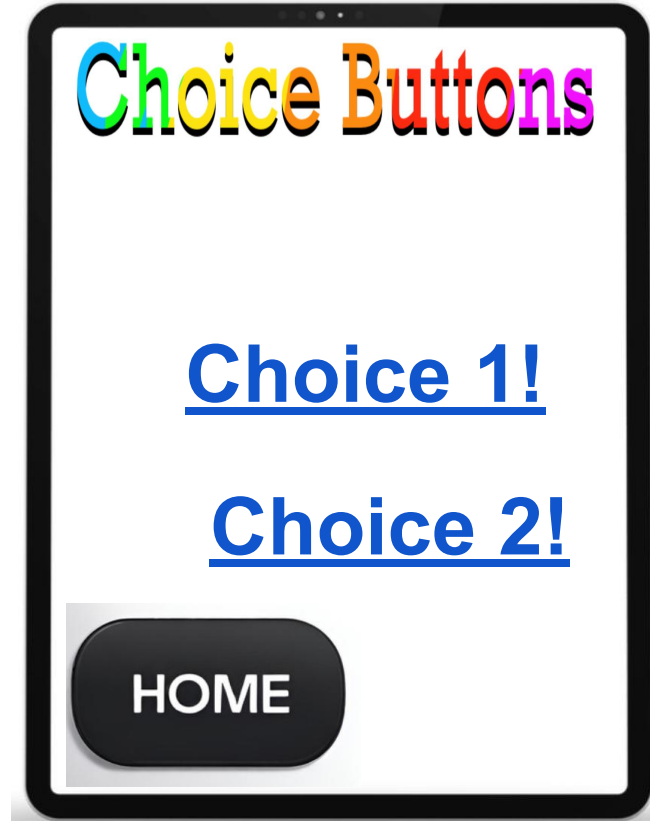
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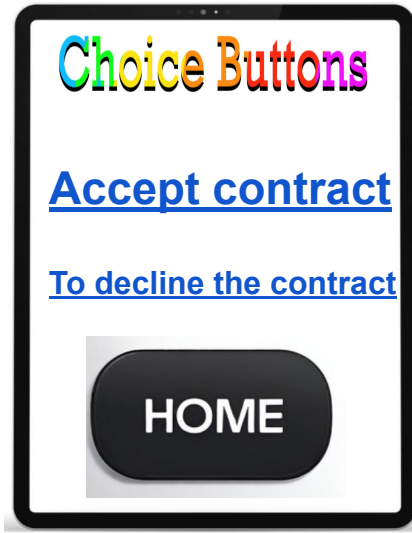
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The NBA draft happens every year. Only a few amount of people get drafted,so it would be a lifesaver if the Boston Celtics try to sign a undrafted player. “Hi Amen we are offering you eight hundred thousand dollars,” said Brad Stevens the Boston general manager. Do you accept the contract of decline it?



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You tell the General Manager that you're not interested in that contract and you might sign with them if there aren't any other options. Luckily for you your agent negotiated not one.... but two contracts! You could sign with the San Antonio Spurs (with the number one overall pick Victor Wembenyama) or the Miami Heat (with the disciplined Jimmy Butler)

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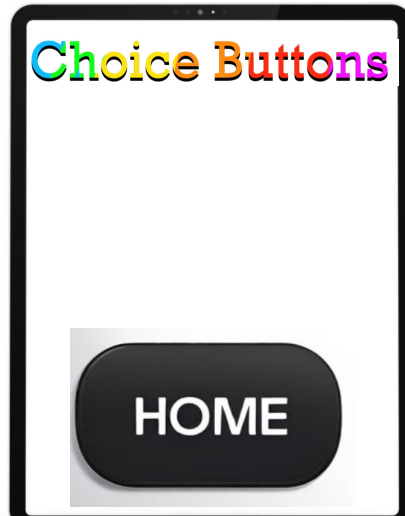
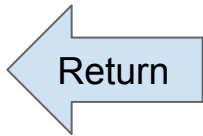
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Page 3 You sign the contract with Boston. Though you don't get much money they have the big three of Kristap Porzingis, Jayson Tatum and Jaylen Brown. The team breezes past the opposition in the regular season and before you know it your the first seed! When you get to the playoffs the Miami Heat is waiting for you, who are the eighth seed. Despite that they put in a show and absolutely annihilate you and Boston. You spend the rest of your playing days in Boston as a role player and you never win a championship



Page 4 You sign with the Miami Heat. Throughout the season the media hypes the team up so much that some start comparing the Heat to the 2017 warriors (widely considered the best basketball team ever). The regular season goes ok-ish you end up as the 6th seed. Despite this you Jimmy and Bam Adebayo carry the team to the finals where you get swept by the Phoenix Suns. This continues every season. Phoenix makes the finals and you get swept. This happens every single season for except one season where both of their stars were injured (Bradley Beal and Devin Booker). This was also the year you retired



You sign with the San Antonio Spurs, because apart from Victor other players signed with the team like Anthony Edwards, Andrew Wiggins and Bradley Beal. One day after you signing the contract you attend the team meeting. You're the only player who shows up (everyone else was still on vacation)! In the meeting General Management asks you who should they trade for your choices are: Jaren Jackson Jr (reigning defensive player of the year), Kevin Durant (former MVP), and/or Russell Westbrook (former rookie of the year)

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Russell Westbrook



Kevin Durant



Jaren Jackson Jr

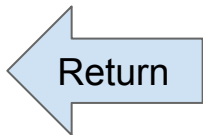
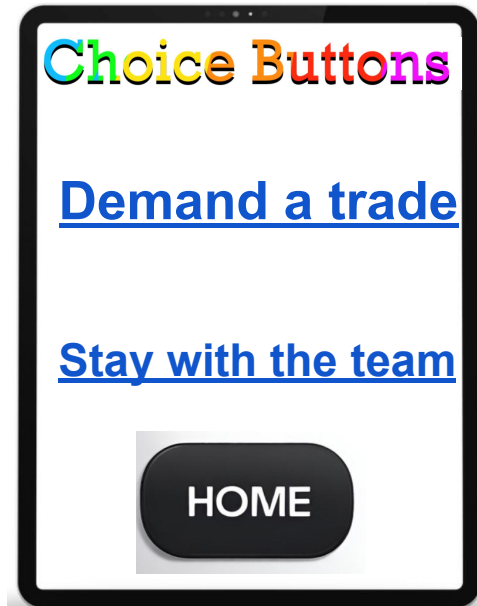


Page 6 You choose Russell Westbrook. The team organises a trade to get Russ on the team. Only problem is that LA clippers were very demanding and San Antonio ends up sending away multiple draft picks and Anthony Edwards! Despite this everyone hopes it goes well.... it doesn't. You and Russ fight for playing time, the team trades Russ mid-season but nothing much can be done you scramble to the playoffs as the 8th seed you make past the first two rounds but end up losing in the conference finals



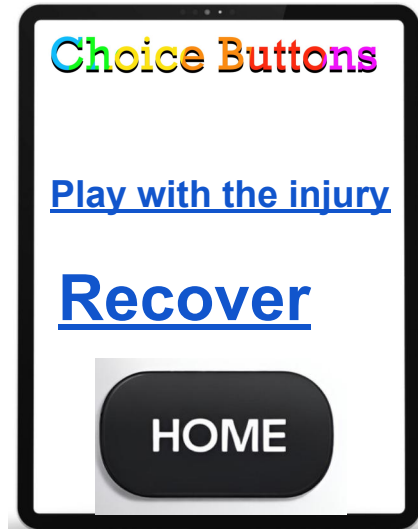
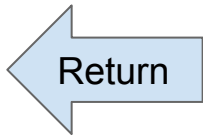
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When the season starts your starting lineup is something like this: Point Guard you, shooting guard Bradley Beal, small forward Anthony Edwards, power forward Kevin Durant and centre Victor Wembenyama. Despite lots of super stars on the team and a flourishing bench the team starts the season off with a 0-7 record! Do you stay with the team or demand a trade.



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You stay with the team and everyone starts building team chemistry. The team and you even your record to 7-7. Despite this on the last game Kevin got injured with a broken finger. You lose the next game and your record falls to 7-8. The next game is on the road at Washington DC. After a gruelling four hour flight you arrive at Washington. You check into the team's hotel rooms. And after that you text Kevin asking him if he can play with the injury. He texts back saying that other players have asked him to come back and he'll leave the choice up to you



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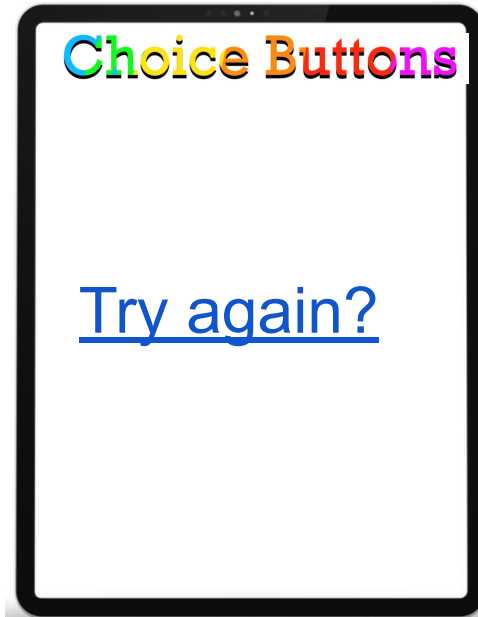
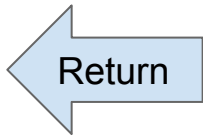
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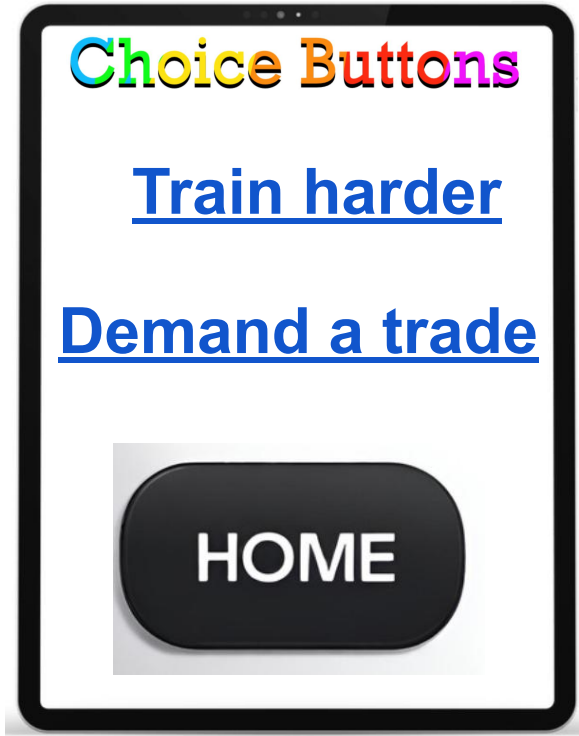
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KD comes back and everyone is excited. Despite this first game back Kevin gets injured with a broken ankle. He is forced to sit out the rest of the season. You, Victor and Anthony carry and make it to the playoffs where you get absolutely annihilated by the Los Angeles Clippers with the newly formed big four: Paul George, Russell Westbrook, Kawhi Leonard and James Harden. They also end up winning the championship.

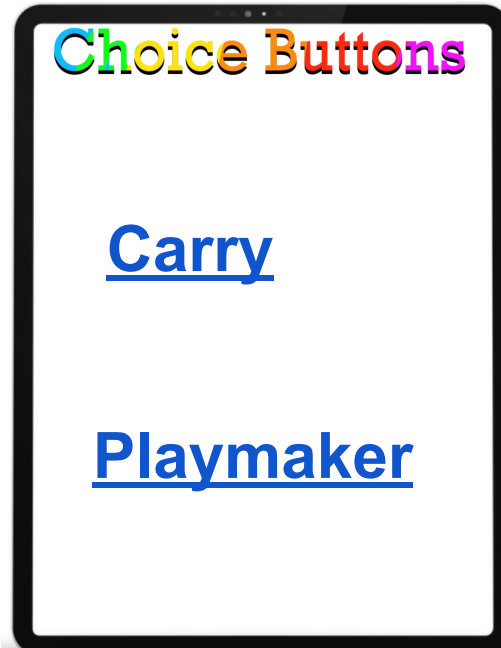


Due to KD's absence Andrew Wiggins is the starting small forward. Halfway through the season the team record is 21-21 and your the 8th seed. Your pretty annoyed with the team's situation: you're not getting much playing time and no one is passing you the ball. Do you demand a trade or train harder



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You start embracing the Mamba Mentality and shoot baskets everyday. Your agility improves and you start averaging a mammoth 28 points, 10 rebounds, 8 assists, 3 steals and 1 block per game. No wonder you win Rookie of the year. You scramble to the playoffs as the 8th seed only problem Kevin Durant and Victor Wembenyama are injured and out for the first two rounds. Do you become a playmaker or carry the team and not pass the ball



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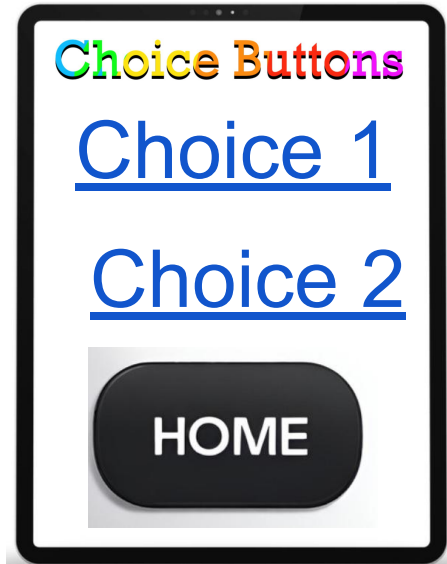
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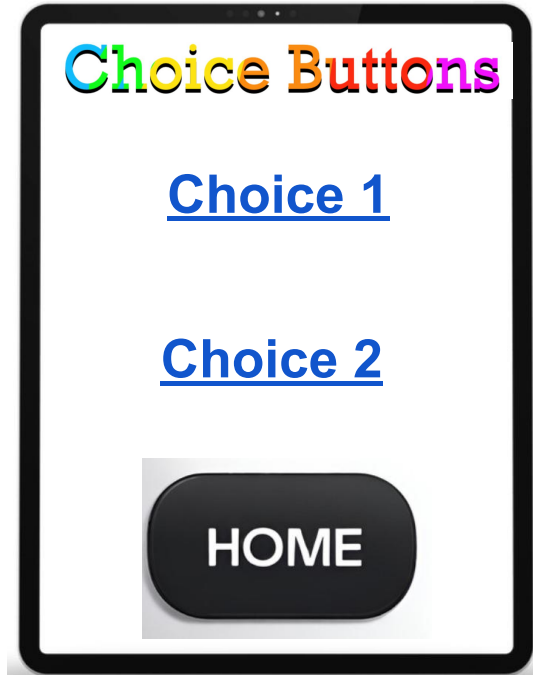
Your first round match is the Denver Nuggets, the first seed and defending champions, you realise that you **must** carry. You absolutely **dominate** you up your scoring to 35 points per game, 10 rebounds, 12 steals and five blocks per game. No assists. The series is back and forth and in the deciding game seven you're too tired and you get cramps in the third quarter. Gregg Popovich, the coach, substitutes you out and you get beaten by one point.



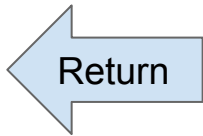
You become a playmaker, to the delight of your teammates, and start carrying in a different way. Your points drop to 20 but your assists skyrocket to 18, rebounds to 15 and blocks and steals to 4. You sweep the Washington Wizards led by Kyle Kuzma and the Los Angeles Lakers led by LeBron James and make it the Conference Finals. The Denver Nuggets are the only team standing in your way between the finals. The coach gives you the option to guard Nikola Jokic the best passer in the NBA or Jamal Murray their best shooter.



Denver and San Antonio split the next two games due to your ability defend Nikola Jokic with ease . You come on late in the fourth quarter ready and energised. “Isolation!” Yelled Jamal Murray. Your about to start defending him when you see,from the corner of eye, Victor racing towards him do you defend him or let Victor?



You almost immediately move out of the way. Jamal gets himself some space. “Jamal shakes off Victor,” yells the announcer “He steps back,” “Shoots,” “Rebound Jokic,” “Kicked out back to Murray,” “For three BANG!” “Jamal Murray’s three is good for three points.” Everyone morningly sulks back to the locker room. You vow you’ll never ever play for the Spurs again and in free agency sign with the Phoenix Suns.



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You choose Jaren Jackson Jr, the reigning Defensive Player Of The Year, with Jaren the team's defence flourishes and you have the best defensive rating in the league. Your record 70-12 games reflects your dominance. And in the playoffs it's no different. You make the finals against Milwaukee... where you absolutely annihilate them. Only problem is in the off-season Jaren signs with a different team. San Antonio never makes it the playoffs again and you get traded to the Phoenix Suns in your last year.

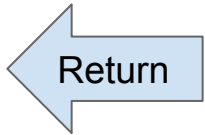
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Victor races towards Nikola, “Five seconds remaining,” exclaims the announcer, pure excitement rushing through his face. Nikola Jokic then steps back and lets the shot fly “For the win” says the commentator “... BANG!” “Nikola Jokic’s shot has won the game for the Denver Nuggets!” You trudge back to the dressing rooms depressed as anyone can be.



You are candidate for the defensive player of the year so this is no challenge. Denver regains their momentum and comes back. And finally it's the deciding game seven. "There's only ten seconds left somehow San Antonio has to scramble a play together." The coach makes a play for you to make the game clinching shot. You dribble to the top of the key and suddenly see Kevin sprinting to the paint. Do you pass to him or shoot the three?

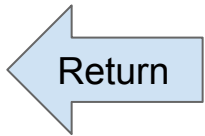
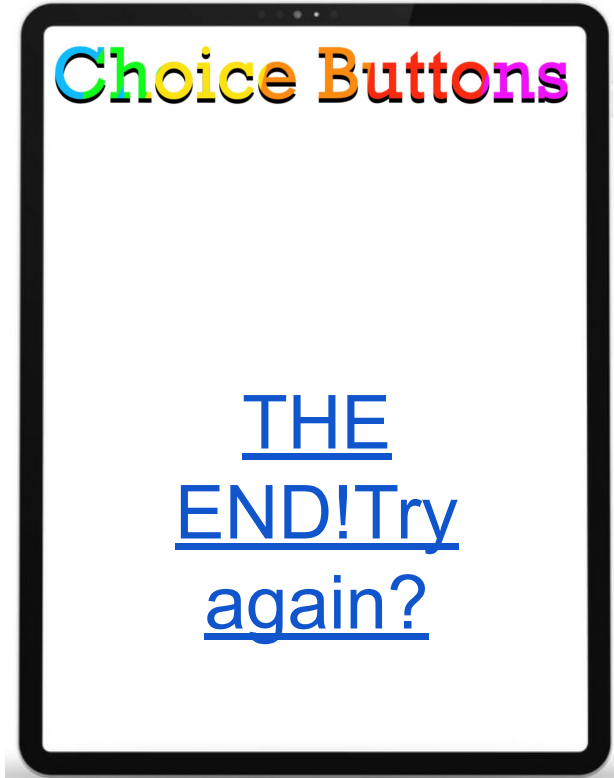


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You shoot the three, “Amen with the three,” the crowd is so silent that you could hear a pin drop. “It’s bouncing around..... and he misses!” “OVERRATED!!!” Scream the Denver Nugget fans with no mercy. You feel so guilty and selfish and vow to re-sign with the team next year.



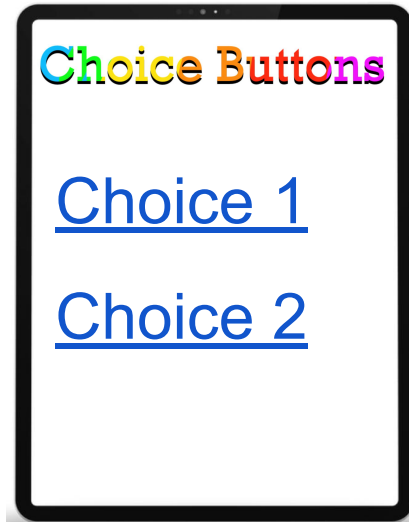
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You hastily pass to Kevin Durant, “Durant drives to the basket,” yells the commentator “Two seconds left!” Kevin steps back, elevates for the jump shot at mid-range the whole crowd is as silent as it is in space, “OH MY! KEVIN DURANT HAS JUST WON THE HE GAME FOR THE SAN ANTONIO SPURS!” Kevin’s shot drilled through the net. Everyone, including you, huddles around him and starts chanting “MVP,MVP, MVP!”



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After the game you see Kevin limping into his car, *that can't be good* you think. And the medical staff quickly rule him out for the finals against the Milwaukee Bucks. Kevin was supposed to guard one of the most dominant players right now: Giannis Antetokounmpo. The coach gives you the option of guarding Damian Lillard (another superstar) and Giannis or just guarding Damian and letting Andrew Wiggins and Anthony Edwards to double team Giannis for the whole series.



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It's a back and fourth series coming into the deciding game six. You put on a show scoring fifty points, pulling down eleven rebound and dishing out sixteen assists. With fifteen seconds and San Antonio with a abysmal lead you dribble out the clock reflecting on the past season. The buzzer sounds, confetti drops and everyone huddles around you chanting *MVP, MVP, MVP*. "The recipient of the Finals MVP goes to AMEN DAVIS JR!" Exclaims Adam Silver, the NBA commissioner .The team and you end up building the most successful and dominant dynasty winning ten championships, in a row, and you break the record for most MVPs having eight in total...not to mention three defensive player of the years, four scoring titles, and nine finals MVPs.



The End!



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Somehow Giannis isn't fazed by the double team (yeah not a single bit) by the time you realise this... it's too late. Milwaukee has already taken a 3-1 lead and even though you take it to a game 7 it looks bleak. With only three seconds left and San Antonio clinging onto a three point lead somehow Damian Lillard hits a deep three to take the game into overtime. Overtime is pretty one-sided with Milwaukee scoring three points and San Antonio with zero. Nonetheless in a last ditch attempt with two seconds remaining you pull up from half court the ball flies through the hoop to send the game into a *second* overtime and **that** is one-sided. They score six points and San Antonio don't score at all. Nonetheless no one really minds as everyone on the team has signed a long term contract. You can't wait to do it again next season.

