

Football 277

Chapter 277 Things In Motion

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A couple days after the game I had gotten into a steady routine that consisted of relaxed mornings followed by intense workouts and team training sessions. With mom here to guide me when she wasn't busy dealing with business the efficiency was that much higher. Mornings would usually start with yoga and a couple laps in the pool to warm up the body before breakfast.

Parts of the mornings were also spent picking out materials for the Titan hood and going through the final planning stages of for the marketing campaign. They had finally settled on a Velvet material that was both practical in absorbing sweat and visually pleasing. My final design for the Titan hood was also picked out following the Gold and black colour scheme with Titan-Fit written in bold golden fonts on the black side of the hood.

Underneath it was a picture of a Roman gladiator helmet with small angel wings on its side that would be stitched into the hoods mesh instead of being printed, making it look more lifelike. On the golden side the name Rex followed by his favourite number 22 along with 2 black lightning bolts underneath. There were more minute details about the Titan hoodie that made them much more special like the Roman numeral used for the first 10 produced. Safe to say that Rex Fashion & Sport was going all out when it comes to these new lines launch that's not even considering the actual gym products.

Moving on from that I had to deal with Matteo Smith and his team were still subtly brining me up in tweets or interviews looking to create controversy. However, after posting the rest of the teaser pictures of the contract signing the netizens were quick to forget. The fact we made it look like a contract signing didn't help matters especially when they tried to guess which team that red kit belonged to. Since I had no plans of engaging with them online, I chose to focus on the promotional plans by engaging with some fans.

Let's just say it was harder than I had imagined not to leak the product plans with my fans when engaging with them on stream hub. It's one of the 4 largest streaming websites to emerge in this timeline with the friendliest offer for established content creators. Being one of the most famous child athletes has some advantages even though I don't get to stream on a regular. Ever since the posts his chats on social media and especially whilst streaming where of both his fans and netizens interrogating him. Most of them engaged in guessing games as to what my cryptic posts could mean to which they would only get an answer for next week.

[FOOTBALL SINGULARITY SYSTEM]

USER: Rakim Rex

AGE: 15yrs

TALENT ASSESSMENT: Grade - S

Singularity Points: 12440

Position: Winger

(Evaluation: A wunderkind on his revenge arc as he re-enters the reader of major teams who doubted his potential after his injury)

[USER STATS: Under 23 Grade]

USER MENU

- USER STATS

- SINGULARITY MISSIONS: 4*

- SYSTEM SHOP

- SYSTEM LOTTERY (locked)

Pulling up my system screen I was happy at seeing the slight change in the system evaluation. After all no matter how well, I had played after the shooting it was quite stubborn refusing to change. So going by logic something must have change last night that convinced clubs that I'm still the real deal.

[SINGULARITY MISSIONS: 3]

1) Mr. Bling: Win a major trophy by playing at least 60% of your team's game.

Duration: 2 yrs

Rewards: Skill Upgrade Voucher

2) Goal Machine: Score 3 Hatricks in a single season.

Duration: 2 yrs

Rewards: Random Potion, 25,000SP

3) Operation Pheonix: Rais Your Player Value to 20 million or above

Duration: 2 Months

Current Value: 2 ->14M

Rewards: ???

4) [Ding: EGO Mission Untouchable activated]

Dribble Past 7 defenders blocking your way forward: 2/7

Maintain Control of the ball through traffic under all costs: 3/3

Win the ball off a player with a standing tackle: 0/1

Rewards: 10SP

Punishment: -500SP, Concede Goat race early

(Note: there comes a time in a young player's career when they must either tackle their flaws head-on or be content with their success and build upon a shaky foundation.)

'Nice to see I'm making progress in the last two missions, but how exactly did my value rise?' I wondered to myself after scanning the screen, happy to see the progress I've made. The fact I haven't been able to effectively tackle a ball away from a player since getting this quest is a little embarrassing though.

[your value is around 8-9 million by the skills you have displayed but due to inflation caused by certain circumstances your perceived value has been inflated,] Eva tried to explain but the only thing that stuck with me was the word inflation. Not because I fully understood what that meant but for the simple fact that's been the topic all over the news.

With the 2018 California wildfires having just ended everyone seemed to be discussing the effects it has on the economy. Not just for the California state but also the rest of the world who were actively involved in sending aid. Conveniently the US was dealing with backlash from their withdrawal from Syria after missile strikes, they had launched.

Ignoring the convince of all the inflation talks, 'dang I didn't realise that the system also suffered from inflation, guess money is a problem no matter who you are,' I commented realising how funny it was that the all-powerful thing that the system is had such a flaw.

[Don't misunderstand it's not the systems mistake but you humans,] she quickly tried to defend but at this time it sounded like one of the excuses I hear politicians give on the news. Everyone seemed to have maxed out their ability to redirect Argro whenever anything went wrong but if the tiniest thing went right, they'd be front and centre.

'Yeah, sure it's never your fault (ahem) the systems fault...'

{(ahem) Anyways the reason for your value being inflated is due to your performance and media marketing as they discuss you creating a demand in teams. So, the added value is due to the fact more teams are inquiring about your services and unlike human maths the system calculation of your inflated value is more accurate.] She clarified trying her best to clear up the misunderstanding not seemingly allowing the systems face to be disgraced.

Following her explanation he did not bother to continue assessing his stats. More info would confuse his head, and the fact teams fell into the media's trap and started hyping up his value wasn't his problem. The more money his next team spent on acquiring his services the better it would be for him when trying to secure his position in their squad. Moving past that he quickly brought up the stats screen wanting to see where he was at right now.

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[ USER STATS: Under 23 Grade]

>Physical Fitness: A

Balance and Coordination: S

Speed: B++

Agility: A+

Strength: C+

Stamina: C+

>Football Technique: S

>Game Intelligence: A

>Mental Ability: S+

>Singularity Skills: MR ShowTime: Grade B

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Seeing that my stats hadn't budged didn't Surprise me, already expecting it as I hadn't undergone any targeted training after the shooting. The first goal was to get back in playing shape and then it was to acclimate myself int the team's tactics and rhythm. No matter how good a player I consider myself to be no one's above the team. A perfect example of this is Chris Ronaldo and Leo Messi who fail to effectively achieve success when it comes to international games.

The screen flickered out of view as I sighed, contemplating my next steps. Since, I had finished all my training for the day I had the rest of the afternoon free. Since we trained Tuesday and Wednesday, we had Thursday off leaving me to try and figure out what I should do with myself. Debating whether to try my hand at baking some brownies I was stopped by the ringing of my phone just as I got up from the sofa.