

The Doom, Boom, and Gloom of the Current Boston Red Sox

For 86 years. For 86 mother fucking years we were cursed. We started off as one of the best teams in Baseball winning the first World Series ever in 1904. Then in the 1910's from 1912-1918 the Bo Sox were the original Yankees' winning 4 world series in a 6-year span. From there, we begin the story of the great Babe and his time with the Red Sox. Jack Dunn who owned the Baltimore Orioles, a then double A team with The International League, was forced to sell the contracts of three pitchers due to competing with another local team for a Major League spot, the Baltimore Terrapins of the Federal League in early 1914. On July 11th 1914 Ruth arrived to the Sox with two other players from the Baltimore Orioles. From there, the legend of the Sultan of Swat begins. But little did Red Sox nation know what was up ahead for the franchise after deciding to part ways with the best baseball player of all time (yes we can argue Shohei now) to the team who would become their biggest rival (and most pompous fan base) in the New York Yankees. What would happen over the next 86 years would be known as "The curse of the Bambino"

Now 86 years later and multiple attempts at trying to reverse the curse, we're an out away from winning our first world series in almost a century, after achieving what no other MLB team could ever do. Win a 7-game series after being down 0-3 in the series. And boy oh boy did those "idiots" "cowboy up" and give this team an identity for the next 15 years. 4 World Series, 10 playoff appearances, 13 winning seasons, and a reason to look forward to going to Fenway. And then the heartbreak. David Ortiz retired, trading a once in a generation talent in Mookie Betts, then not re-signing another home grown future "captain" of this team in Xander Bogaerts because of a pissing contest. Am I blind or has ownership been blind, or just not give a shit about our wants and needs for the last 5 years? Does ownership know that it's been too long in the city since a duck boat cruise. 4 months, that's a long time for someone in Boston. Do they have too many hands in too many pockets to hone in on a team with a fanbase that expects the post season, and at the bare FUCKING minimum winning seasons year in and year out? Abso-fucking-loutely. Look at the Dodgers, Yankees, Phillies, and PADRES for St. Michaels sake. Why is it that an ownership that charges so much for concessions, and tickets is putting out a half ass product on the field? So this is where I pen a letter to the Red Sox Ownership. "Will us fans ever get that answer? Will the ownership group even show up to the winter meetings this year to speak with season ticket holders? Or will they leave Craig Breslow out to dry like they did Chaim Bloom only to fire him later after actually taking the heat." And I must respect Chaim for that. He took the boos, acknowledged the Mookie trade was shite on his part, let the fans express their pissed-offness, and admittedly came up with a plan that he never got to see come to fruition. And this isn't about Chaim anymore. This is about what the Red Sox need to do to

be able to start competing in meaningful games at the end of the season, and into the postseason. And this is how we do it.

So Mr. Henry, let's look at the facts. For the last 3 years the Red Sox have been a legitimate .500 team. That must change. This team is too big a franchise to be this mediocre, and I would have been fine if their plan worked and they slowly won more games each year the last few years. But they haven't. In fact they've stayed exactly the same and have kept giving us the speech of the young guys coming up in the minor leagues that are going to make an impact for the long term. And the same narrative of we're looking at long term success for this team rather than an all in approach. Here's the bottom line: Red Sox front office.....you don't need to wait for these guys to come up to be competitive. It's evident on the rosters that were presented during our WS winning years that the teams weren't made up of all home grown talent. There were players from other teams coming in to make an impact, and that's where we need to get back to. It's time to spend. For the Yankees to have TWO faces of the franchise for the Marlins in Jazz Chisolm, and Giancarlo Stanton, a perennial All Stars in Aaron Judge, Gerrit Cole, and Juan Soto, and veterans like Anthony Rizzo, DJ LeMahieu and others WE HAVE TO COMPETE BACK WITH THAT. Not to mention, at one point we were close enough to really make a strong push for the last wild card spot. I'm all for the young guns coming up as Roman Anthony is the number 2 prospect in all of baseball, and Kyle Teel is going to be an all-star catcher, but let's build a winning club for these guys instead of waiting for them to show up, and build around them.

Here's how we do this. The first item at hand that should be addressed during the offseason is spending some fucking money. We need to get an Ace. We need to overpay for a guy that's not going to give us what he would now, 5-7 years down the road. That is just the way the market works, and we must give in to that. That is an easy task. The wallet is there, and the money is there. Signing a starter is step one. From there, we must look at our prospects, where they play and what side of the dish they hit from. We have 7 left-handed prospects that we don't have room for. The best option here is to trade some of these prospects for, yes, another starting pitcher. The trade package I have in mind is one of either Jarren Duran or Triston Casas and Marcelo Mayer. Looking for a pitcher that we can control for the next few years is what the Sox need. Whether that's trying to pry away Tarik Skubal from the Tigers or getting one of the studs in Seattle in George Kirby, and Logan Gilbert. There are also the two aces down in Miami in Sandy Alcantara and Eury Perez, and I know Casas would be fine being traded there. But the one thing that must happen this offseason in order for us to be relevant is signing two starters, one being a legitimate #1 that can stop the bleeding, and the other that can be a number 1 for another team.

The other item that needs to be addressed is a right-handed bat. This is something that has really plagued the Red Sox for a few years now that JD, Xander, and Justin Turner left the club. Not having a power right-handed bat in a field that houses the green monster is just mind boggling to me. They have to bring in a big name to really not only take over a leadership type of role, but fill the early part of the lineup that can do some damage and is a power bat. Insert

Alex Bregman. He would be the perfect candidate for the Sox to sign over the offseason if they can unload Casas. Moving Devers over to 1st base shouldn't be too much of an issue and Bregman will be a solid defender and a power right handed bat. Another bat that the Sox can pick up is Pete Alonso. Keeping Devers at first we would be able to put Pete at 1st and give ourselves a leader in the clubhouse and that power right handed bat. So this comes down to you ownership. This team isn't bad, it's just not making the right decisions at the right time. They really are a few moves away from making some noise in the league and they have to make a big splash this offseason, or start considering selling the team. Will you guys open your wallet and get the Red Sox back where they were? Or are you content with more years of mediocrity and a pissed off fan base?