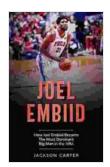
## How Joel Embiid Became the Most Dominant Big Man in the NBA

When Joel Embiid entered the NBA in 2014, he was a raw, unproven talent with a lot of potential. But over the past few years, he has developed into one of the most dominant big men in the league. In this article, we will take a closer look at Embiid's journey to the top and explore what makes him such a special player.

#### **Embiid's Early Life and Career**

Joel Embiid was born in Yaoundé, Cameroon in 1994. He started playing basketball at a young age and quickly showed a natural talent for the game. In 2013, he moved to the United States to attend high school at Montverde Academy in Florida.

After graduating from high school, Embiid attended the University of Kansas for one season. In his lone year with the Jayhawks, he averaged 11.2 points and 8.1 rebounds per game. He was named the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year and was also a consensus All-American.



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In 2014, Embiid was selected third overall by the Philadelphia 76ers in the NBA draft. However, he missed the entire 2014-15 season due to a foot injury. He made his NBA debut in the 2015-16 season and quickly established himself as one of the most promising young players in the league.

#### **Embiid's Breakthrough Season**

In the 2016-17 season, Embiid took a major step forward in his development. He averaged 20.2 points, 7.8 rebounds, and 2.5 blocks per game. He was named to the All-NBA Second Team and was also a finalist for the NBA Defensive Player of the Year Award.

Embiid continued to improve in the 2017-18 season. He averaged 22.9 points, 11.0 rebounds, and 3.0 blocks per game. He was named to the All-NBA First Team and was also a finalist for the NBA MVP Award.

#### **Embiid's Dominance in the 2018-19 Season**

In the 2018-19 season, Embiid took his game to another level. He averaged 27.5 points, 13.6 rebounds, and 3.7 blocks per game. He led the NBA in scoring and rebounding and was named to the All-NBA First Team for the second consecutive season.

Embiid was also a major factor in the 76ers' success in the 2018-19 season. The team won 51 games and reached the Eastern Conference

semifinals. Embiid was named the Eastern Conference Player of the Month for November and December.

#### **Embiid's Injury History**

One of the biggest challenges in Embiid's career has been his injury history. He has missed significant time due to injuries to his foot, knee, and back.

In the 2014-15 season, Embiid missed the entire season due to a foot injury. In the 2016-17 season, he missed 23 games due to a knee injury. In the 2017-18 season, he missed 14 games due to a back injury.

Despite his injury history, Embiid has still managed to become one of the most dominant players in the NBA. He is a skilled scorer, rebounder, and defender. He is also a leader on and off the court.

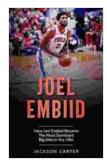
#### **Embiid's Future**

Embiid is still just 25 years old and has many years of great basketball ahead of him. He is already one of the best players in the league and has the potential to become one of the greatest of all time.

The 76ers are hoping that Embiid can lead them to their first NBA championship since 1983. He is the centerpiece of their team and will be the key to their success in the years to come.

Joel Embiid is one of the most dominant big men in the NBA. He is a skilled scorer, rebounder, and defender. He is also a leader on and off the court. Embiid has overcome a number of injuries to become one of the best

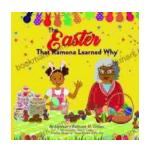
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