1) Over the last two seasons the Mariners have made a lot of transactions, but I believe one mistake is a move that wasn't made at all. I believe the Mariners mistakenly held onto Mitch Haniger after the 2018 season.

   Not trading Haniger is a mistake not because of the injuries he suffered in 2019, those were freak and unpredictable, but because of his performance and age in 2018. Haniger is a very late bloomer, having his breakout season at the age of 27, and his near top 10 MVP finish would have made him one of the most coveted trade candidates during the offseason. With his performance and current control, he could've brought back a huge return that would've greatly accelerated the current rebuild and put the Mariners on a fast track to competing in the American League again.

   Haniger's statistics during the 2018 season show that he may have been performing above his head. His career BABIP is .317, but during the 2018 season it was .336. His strikeout percentage of 21.7% and subsequent walk rate of 10.2% are also cause for concern, as he is performing roughly league average in those categories and not generating more ball in play chances than a league average, .247, hitter.

   Haniger may have turned a corner and found his stride as a 27-year-old but by the time the rebuild is completed in 2021-2022, he will be 30-31 and most likely on the downturn of his career. He is also now blocking Jake Farley and Kyle Lewis from getting everyday reps in the outfield. The Mariners shouldn't have held on to Haniger because his value, and return he would've generated, matched with the potential downturn in performance during the future organization competitive cycle.

2) To make the game more fun I propose that MLB allow managers to bat any batter in the game's most important spot. This variation on the pinch hitter would have a few quirks to make it work:
   - Any batter not currently on base may be used
   - Batter will only hit, and once at bat is completed, the player he hit for returns to the lineup spot and runs
   - If batter was already in lineup, they return to their previous spot
   - Same rules apply for pitching/hitting changes, once the player is announced they must pitch/bat unless you are pulling them for the game
   - Can only be used once by each manager during the game

   For example, let's assume Dee Gordon is hitting 9 and about to bat, the bases were just loaded with a walk and the Mariners are down two in the eighth with 2 out. Dee's splits against the current pitcher are .170/.220/.280 but Kyle Seager, who is hitting 5, hits .392/.500/.550 against him. Seager would be able to hit in place of Gordon. Assume Seager hits a single, tying the game, Gordon then returns to his spot in the lineup and runs for Seager, who returns to the 5 spot.