

Alternative career for failed athletes

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Athletes inspire us. They ignite a sense of passion in the fans by showcasing their success and hard work and never-give-up attitude. But sometimes, athletes also help us realise something else with their successful failure story. That is that being not-so-good at your job doesn't necessarily mean that it is the end of the line. In hind sight, it's actually a chance of a fresh start, but in a different line of work. A failed athlete doesn't necessarily have to be known as a failed human being. A complete career makeover might just do the trick for these sportsmen sometimes. Yours truly, as always, does the reimagining:

WRESTLERS

A lot of us spent our evenings as kids sitting on the couch and staring at the TV screen in awe as some of our favourite wrestlers raised hell in the squared circle. But at the same time, there were a handful of them who made us wonder how they even got to this point. It doesn't have to be this way. Failed wrestling prospects can go back to where it all started for an alternative career path – the gym. Only this time, it would be much appreciated by the fans



if they never actually leave the place and settle down as a gym instructor. They got belts in gyms as well.

REFEREES

Referees are the sworn protectors of the laws of the game. They give it their all on the field to make sure that the rules are

not broken, rather obeyed. But sometimes, even the sworn protectors screw up in a big way. Sometimes, they outlive their heroics and live long enough to become the villain. And that is when they need to call it a day and move to a different line of work. A line of work where there is a dire need of

sworn protectors of the law as well. It's a shift from the laws of the game to the laws of the road. Because according to yours truly, referees meet every requirement to become a perfectly capable traffic police.

F1 RACERS

The racetrack isn't for the faint hearted! It feeds on every bit of adrenaline rush and puts every driver to the test. However, some of the racers are indeed faint hearted and they only realise that once they fail the test. Regardless of the failure, they are damn good drivers. And such talent should not go to waste, totally. That is why they should seriously consider taking a seat behind the steering wheel for a different brand. After all, ride sharing apps really need good drivers, y'all.

BOXERS

Just one perfectly timed uppercut to knockout the goon and you have the best bodyguard of the month saving you from getting mugged or worse.

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How to make everyone proud of you Girl Edition

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Welcome to today's class, fellow sistren. Do YOU want to make people applaud your every action? Who doesn't want to be 'the perfect girl' uncles and aunties rave about at social gatherings? Well good thing I'm here to tell you how:

Step 1:

DON'T be a feminist, if you don't want people to assume that you hate the male species because apparently, that is what feminism means these days. Don't even think about uttering these words let alone BE one. Just no.

Step 2:

Do all the household chores and help everyone out with theirs too, especially the guys who, according to elders, didn't receive that 'How to: Life' manual that came in the delivery along with you. You can't expect anyone else to fulfill their own basic responsibilities let alone help you out with yours. How could you?

Step 3:

Maintain yourself, but not too much. No one wants to be that girl who attracts too much male attention, but be sure to attract just the 'right' amount if you don't want people to judge your value in the world every day. At the end of the day, if you can't be classified as 'pretty enough' by society's absurd beauty standards, what are



you doing even?

Step 4:

Be the one who takes care of everyone in the family because that's the only thing girls are born to do. Make sure everyone is maintaining their personal hygiene like showering, cutting their toe and fingernails, because that too is a part of YOUR

job. You must brush their teeth for them if need be. That's right, you heard me.

Step 5:

You MUST be pleasant at all times. Sit with your legs crossed and speak in a low, soothing tone because you must be feminine. Smile even when you're uncomfortable because that's what all the 'bhdrog

horer' girls do. Be sure to never ever raise your voice, unless you want to hear the 'meyehoyejonmecho' lecture from uncles, aunties and your parents. Greet guests and serve them refreshments but don't hang around after, remember, we don't want to seem cheap and unladylike.

Step 6:

Don't go on hangouts with friends too much and definitely don't stay out after dark. Try to stay at home as much as possible to show people that you are indeed from a bhdroghor.

Step 7:

Keep your opinions to yourself. They don't really matter. Refrain from sharing your ideas and taking any sort of leadership. Everyone knows women can't be leaders. No one likes bossy, stuck up women who want to control everything. Get used to never being taken seriously. The sooner you accept it, the better.

These are just some of the tips and tricks I've learnt over the years. I hope you follow these steps and FINALLY manage to make everyone proud of you because what other people think of you is the only thing that matters. If at any point you think you're being treated unfairly then you're already failing sister. Get it together.

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