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Q. You came in kind of midway through the season. I just want to ask you, as you kind of look back at these last few months, what has this whole experience been like for you. How easy was it or challenging to just become one of the guys and become part of the team once you got here?

SVI MYKHAILIUK: Well, everybody made it easier -- the organization, the coaching staff, the players, everybody around us. Everybody around me made it a lot easier to adjust and come in and play and be a part of the team.

Q. How much do you think you raised your stock as an NBA player in the three months you were with the Thunder?

SVI MYKHAILIUK: I feel like I did raise it because I showed that I can do a lot of different things than just shoot the ball. The main thing is the shooting, so I've got to go from there, but like you said, I feel like I did it for a little bit. I'm not just a shooter who just stands still and shoot, but I can shoot the ball and make plays for other people and make the right plays, play hard, guard my position.

Q. You talk about being more than just a shooter. You had a lot of different opportunities at the end of this season, handling the ball, and obviously everything that you were able to do on the offensive end. Is there one area that you feel like you were able to grow the most in your game?

SVI MYKHAILIUK: I would say just overall, just well rounded, just become a more well rounded player. Being part of this team, it helped a lot, and playing with the guys, we have a good team. Everybody is unselfish, everybody playing the right way, everybody trying to make the right decision every time with the ball, without the ball, so I feel like it helped a lot.

Q. How are you approaching being a restricted free agent this off-season and sort of the uncertainty that comes with that?

SVI MYKHAILIUK: I mean, it is what it is. I've just got to take some time off, and I definitely love being here, love the team, love the organization, but everybody knows it's business. We'll see what it's going to be.

Q. Given what you just said, do you see the Thunder as a potential long-term fit for you?

SVI MYKHAILIUK: I would say so. I love it here. Like I say, I love the organization. I love the team. I love the coaches. I love the players. I feel like it's been a great fit so far.

Q. You hardly got to play with Shai, just based on the trade and his injury, but as far as what you can do spacing around him, are you looking forward to that potential fit and just how you guys can play off each other?

SVI MYKHAILIUK: For sure. He's an All-Star caliber player, and he's only 22. He's definitely going to be getting better and year to year of the I feel like he's going to be really interesting.

Q. Is there something specific about this team or environment that allowed you to play better than you were in Detroit?

SVI MYKHAILIUK: I would say it's two great organizations. Everybody's doing what they're supposed to do, and I just happened to play a little better here than there.

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