Hit the Ice

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Chapter 1

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Ever since Brody had crashed into the boards, his teammates had noticed the star hockey player acting… strangely. He seemed unfocused at practice, skating in circles, humming to himself, even twirling from time to time. When Coach Snyder yelled at him, he seemed to come back to his old self, but it rarely lasted very long.

The big game against their rival school was coming up at the end of the week and everyone was hoping that Brody would finally be back to his old self. Coach Snyder insisted that he would be. In fact, he had ordered Brody to come to the rink an hour before the rest of the team's morning practice to get some extra drills in. The team emerged from the locker room and gaped at the unusual sight before them. Brody was on the ice, but he was not wearing his pads or his practice kit or anything. He wore an old figure skating costume of his sister's, sequins and femininity galore. The entire team had been growing their hair out until they won the championship, which allowed him to wear his in a braid as he twirled.

Brody noticed them all staring, but he only slowed down for a moment to wave at them before launching into a leap. The hockey players could not decide what was stranger: the fact that he was dressed like a figure skater or the fact that he was so good at figure skating.