

HOCKEY SUPER SIX

THE PUCK DROPS HERE

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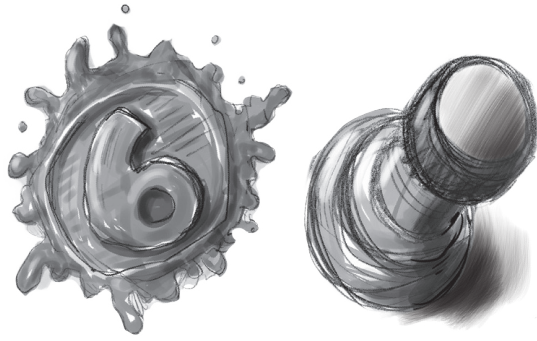
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Solemn Pledge

WAIT! Before you are allowed to read any further, you must make a promise.

This book will reveal **TOP-SECRET SECRETS**. Secrets that are kept in a locked vault somewhere deep inside the Canadian Shield.

This book will show you, the reader, a world that few other than the author, the head of the government, a few robots and a couple of radioactive chickens know even the tiniest molecule about.

Yeah. **WEIRD STUFF**.

You must promise never to repeat a thing you see on the following pages to **ANYONE**, under penalty of . . . Well, we can't tell you that (it's way **TOO TOP SECRET**) but trust us . . . it's bad.

There was once a kid in grade four in Canmore who took just a glimpse of, a mere peek at, page one of this book and repeated a single word that appeared on that page.

NOTICE WE SAID "WAS."

So . . . place your thumb on the scanner below. Make a **solemn pledge (AND MEAN IT)**. Only then can you read on.



YOUR FIRST WARNING*

There are people out there, **NASTY MEAN GREEDY PEOPLE**, who want to rule the Earth. People such as **EVIL SCIENTIST** (and former mediocre goalie) **Clarence Crosscheck**. Only **ONE THING** is stopping them:

HOCKEY!

FYI THIS IS
**Clarence
Crosscheck**



*We trust you agreed to the pledge on the previous page if you are looking at this right now. If not, attack drones may, or may not, be on their way.



CHAPTER ONE

WE LOVE GOOBERS!

It was a cool fall afternoon. School had just ended at the **GREATER OTTAWA-OUTAOUAIS BRAINY** (but not Brawny) **EDUCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL**, or **GOOBERS** for short.

GOOOO GOOBERS!!!!

So it's time to meet our "HEROES" – six students at **GOOBERS**: Jenny, Benny, Mo, Starlight, DJ and Karl.

BONUS INSERTS!!!! One-of-a-Kind Hockey Cards for each player.



KARL

POSITION: Centre (of attention)

NICKNAME: The Idea-menator!
(Karl calls himself this)

STATS

IDEAS: 1,000,000

SUCCESSFUL IDEAS: Hmm, let's say
NOT 1,000,000

FUN FACTS!

- ★ Karl believes he should be the captain of the team. Any team.
- ★ Karl's mom is the Prime Minister!

MO

POSITION: Defence

NICKNAME: Beanpole

STATS:

PENALTY MINUTES: Zero

HEIGHT: Tall!

WIDTH: Hardly!

FUN FACTS!

- ★ Comes from a big family.
Mo's the peacekeeper.
- ★ Doesn't like bullies, but also doesn't like fighting.





STARLIGHT

POSITION: Defence

NICKNAME: Space Cadet (thanks, Karl)

STATS

GRADES: Should be A+++ But she has trouble paying attention, so it's more like B+

FUN FACTS!

- ★ Starlight is easily distracted and finds the whole world fascinating.
- ★ Her friend DJ worries about her.

DJ

POSITION: Goalie

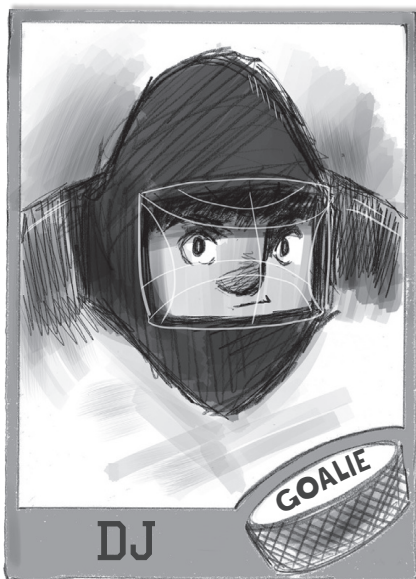
NICKNAME: Slowpoke, Weirdo

STATS

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE: Below

FUN FACTS!

- ★ DJ is convinced that invisible dangerous animals are all around. But of course he's a goalie, and as everyone knows goalies are all a little weird.
- ★ His friend Starlight worries about him.





JENNY

POSITION: Right wing

NICKNAME: Jenerino, Bonehead
(What Benny calls her)

STATS:

ASSISTS: 45 last season — none to her brother Benny.

FUN FACT!

- ★ She has a twin brother named Benny. They don't always get along. If they could, they'd be an amazing hockey duo!

BENNY

POSITION: Left wing

NICKNAME: Benerino, Bonehead
(What Jenny calls him)

STATS:

ASSISTS: 45 last season — none to his sister Jenny.

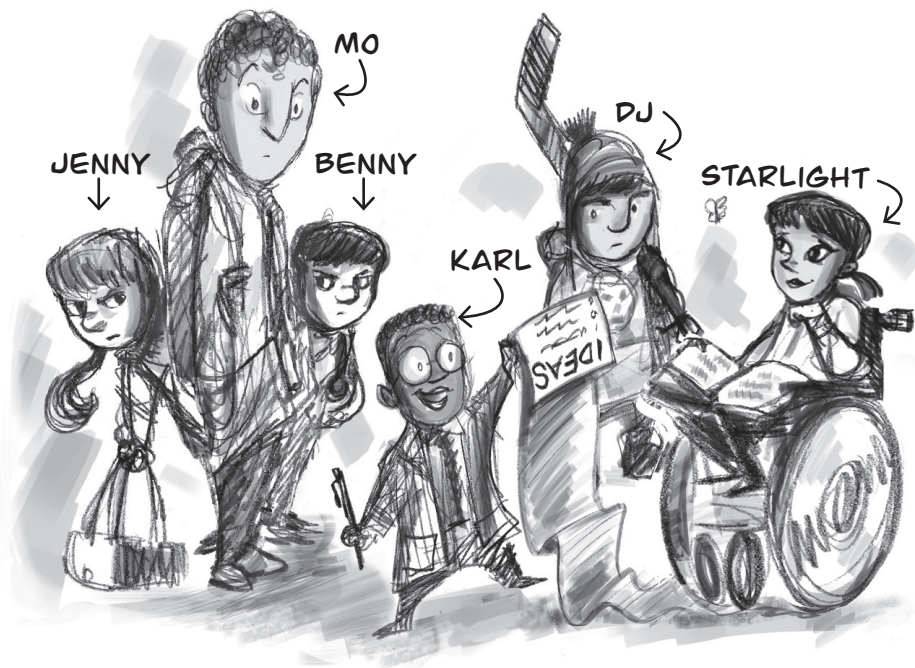
FUN FACT!

- ★ He has a twin sister named Jenny. They don't always get along. If they could, they'd be an amazing hockey duo!



The six weren't friends, exactly. More like nerds with stuff in common — like their **LOVE OF HOCKEY**.

Here they are standing around, listening to Karl. They are standing on top of a building, waiting for an elevator. You'll see why in a second. It's worth noting that this is **BEFORE** all the **COOL STUFF HAPPENS**.



They are waiting for the elevator to take them far underground, to a **TOP-SECRET HOCKEY RINK**.

This was, of course, Karl's idea.

Well, it was sort of Karl's idea . . . Earlier on this fateful day, all six had received the same letter from Coach Clapper, legendary coach of **GOOBERS HOCKEY**.

Well, they didn't get the **EXACT** same letter.

It takes a special student to have
GOOBERS spread across their jerseys!
If you want to be a GOOBER, you will need
to get some extra practice!!
Each of you has something special . . . I
assume. Actually, I have no idea what that
is yet because you all skate around like a
bunch of wild chickens.
You have to be a team!
My final decision on rosters will be made
tomorrow!!!
Signed: Coach Clapper!!!!
WE LOVE GOOBERS!!!!!!!

Coach had pinpointed one thing he felt each player needed to work on.

MO was “too scrawny” and needed to “**BEEF UP.**”

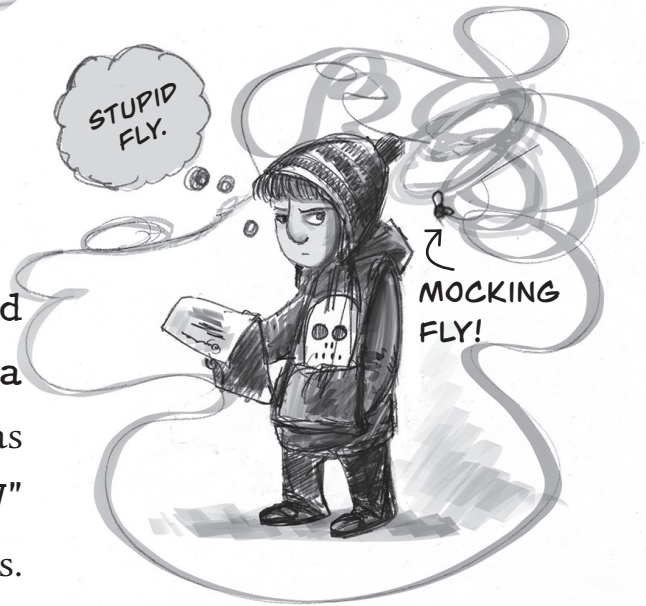


JENNY AND BENNY? They might be twins but on the ice they “fight over the puck like two hungry dogs with one bone” and needed to “**LEARN TO WORK AND PLAY TOGETHER.**”



STARLIGHT? A little “spacey” and needed to get her “HEAD IN THE GAME.”

DJ? He was “weird enough to be a goalie,” but was “WAY TOO SLOW” to stop many pucks.





KARL . . . well, he was “too Karl.”

But, despite their “shortcomings,” they all **REALLY, REALLY, REALLY** wanted **GOOBERS** spread across their jerseys. (**WHO WOULDN'T!?**) So they'd met after school to talk over what to do next.

Karl, as usual, had an idea. He always had ideas. Some of them were actually **NOT BAD**. Almost all of them eventually got them **INTO TROUBLE**.

Like the **DOG-WALKING/PIZZA DELIVERY SERVICE**.

Or the **DRONE-DELIVERED LEMONADE STAND**.



This time his idea seemed like it might be good but — **SPOILER ALERT!** — it was actually pretty bad, and then ended up weird . . . and maybe, just maybe, super.

Karl's idea this time was to take Coach Clapper's advice. **"MORE PRACTICE WILL MAKE US MORE PERFECT."**

"I'm not sure you can be 'more' per—" Starlight said. She was about to say "more perfect," which is grammatically true, but she got distracted by a honeybee.

"Yeah. It's like being more unique. You either are unique or not," DJ said.

"That's not the point!" Karl said.

"I'm unique," Benny said.

"Ha!" Jenny said. "We're twins, you bonehead."

"And I'm 'uniquely' better than you are at hockey."

"Say that again," said Jenny, grinding her teeth.

"Make me."

The twins began a death-stare match, fists clenched.

Karl had had enough. **“DO YOU WANT TO BE GOOBERS OR NOT?”** They all nodded. **“THEN LET’S GO PRACTISE!”**

The elevator arrived and all six kids took a

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