

IN THE GAME

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CHAPTER FOUR LEVELLED UP

MEANWHILE, back in the Super Six hangout . . .

"THAT'S WEIRD," said Jenny.

Benny laughed. "See your reflection?"

Jenny, thanks to her and her twin's **SUPER-SYNCHRONIZATION**, didn't need to take off her visor to know exactly where Benny was sitting. **SHE SOCKED HIM ON THE SHOULDER.**

"Ouch!"

"What's weird?" asked Starlight.

Jenny pointed at her head. "DJ AND KARL KEPT

THEIR GAME RUNNING. I'm watching it right now."

"That is odd," Mo agreed. Well, he actually said, "Hofgh iffm blob," since his mouth was filled with pizza.

Benny put on the other visor. He saw what Jenny was seeing — a **WEIRD HOCKEY GAME** with a bunch of goalies and a bunch of Karls buzzing around the ice. One of the Karls scored, and a bolt of lightning zapped a goalie off the rink.



"THIS GAME IS INTENSE!" Benny and Jenny said. "WE COULD EVEN FEEL A TINGLE WHEN LIGHTNING WHACKED THAT DUDE!"

"Zapped one of the goalies right into oblivion!" Benny said, grinning.

"I don't remember DJ or Karl ever mentioning lightning," Mo said, licking his fingers.

Jenny shrugged. "Well, Karl and DJ seem to be doing okay. BUT THE OTHER TEAM NEEDS SOME HELP."



She reached out to press a button that read **JOIN GAME**.

Benny put up his hand to stop her. "Wait for this one to end. Then we can start our own game."

"Makes sense," Jenny said. "But if one of these teams doesn't win soon, we speed things up with some **TWINS-FOR-THE-WINS** superpowers. Deal?"

"Deal."



MEANWHILE, on the "ice," two NRKs and a goalie were all that was left of the opposition.

"LET'S FINISH WHATEVER THIS IS," DJ said.

"On it." Karl grabbed the puck off the faceoff. He easily sidestepped the remaining NRKs, then **SCORED ON A SHOT THROUGH THE FIVE-HOLE** of Gerry Woodchuck, who got zapped.

The ref blew his whistle, pointed at Karl and DJ . . . then disappeared with a blip along with the rest of the players.

The announcer voice boomed from the loudspeakers. Confetti fell from the rafters.

