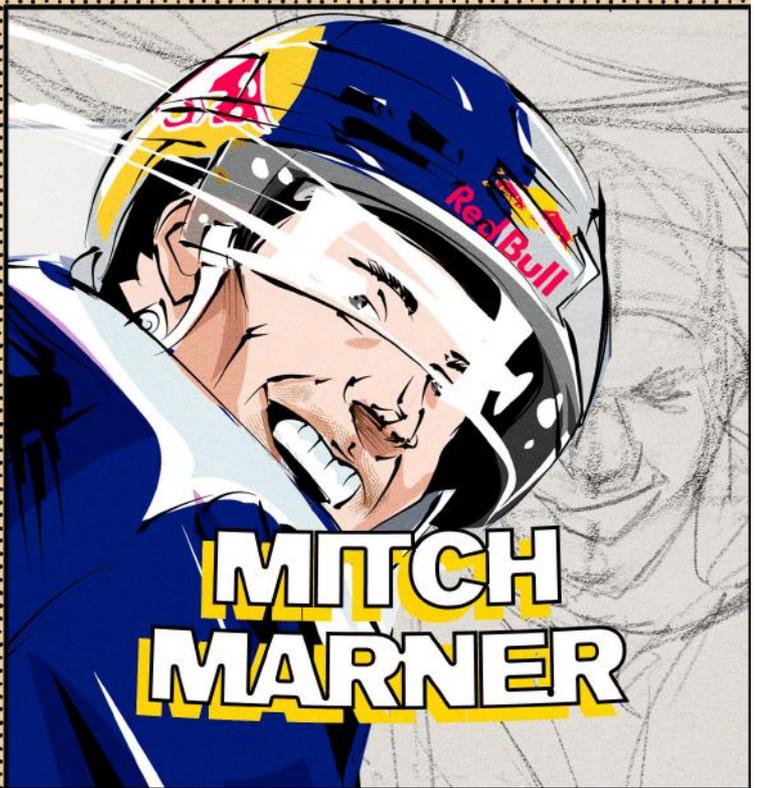
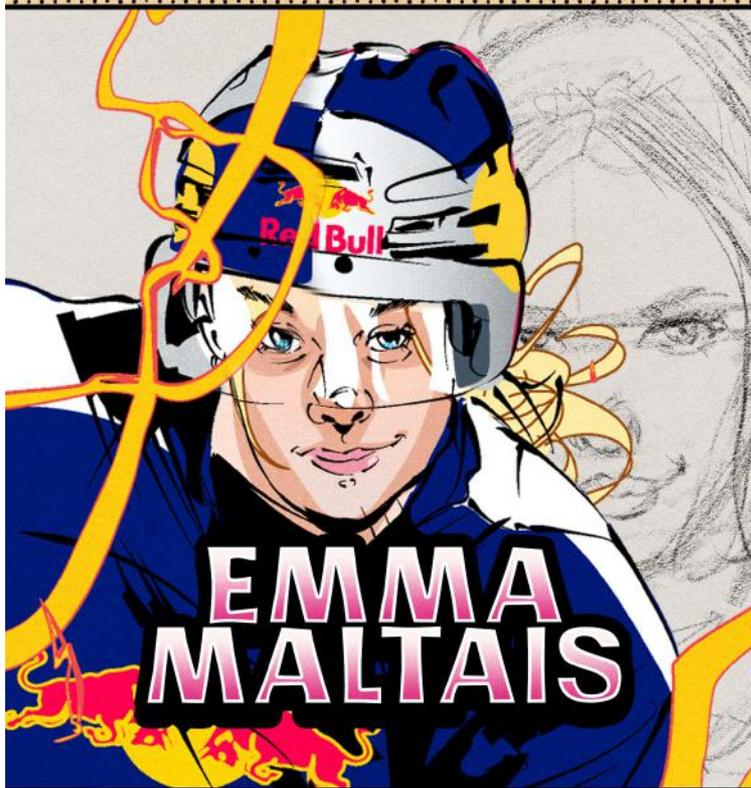
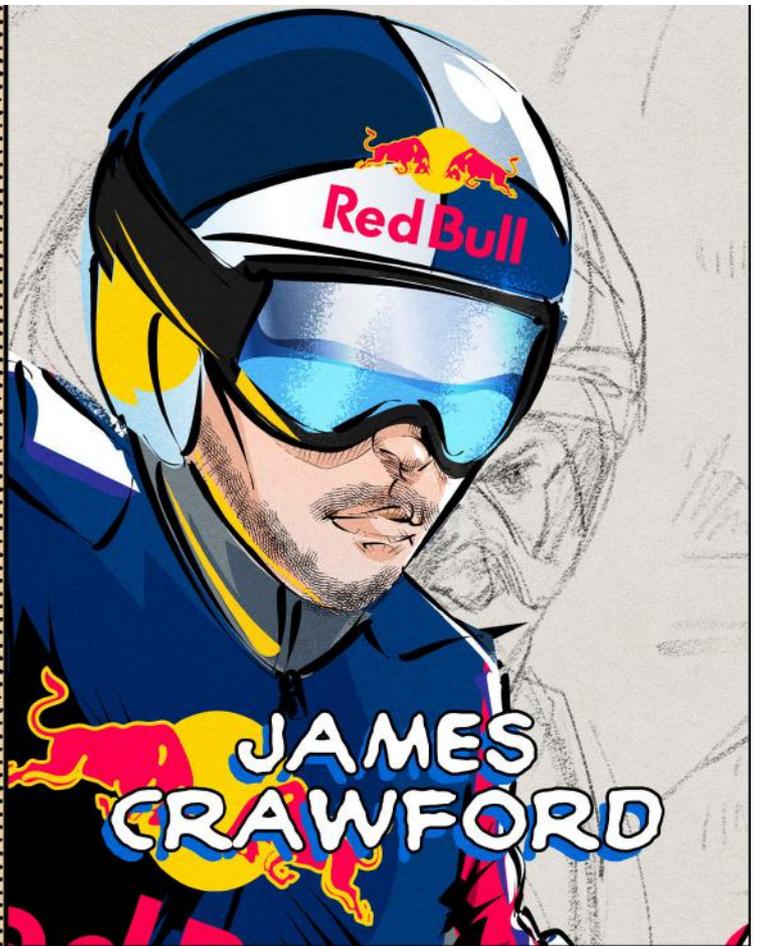
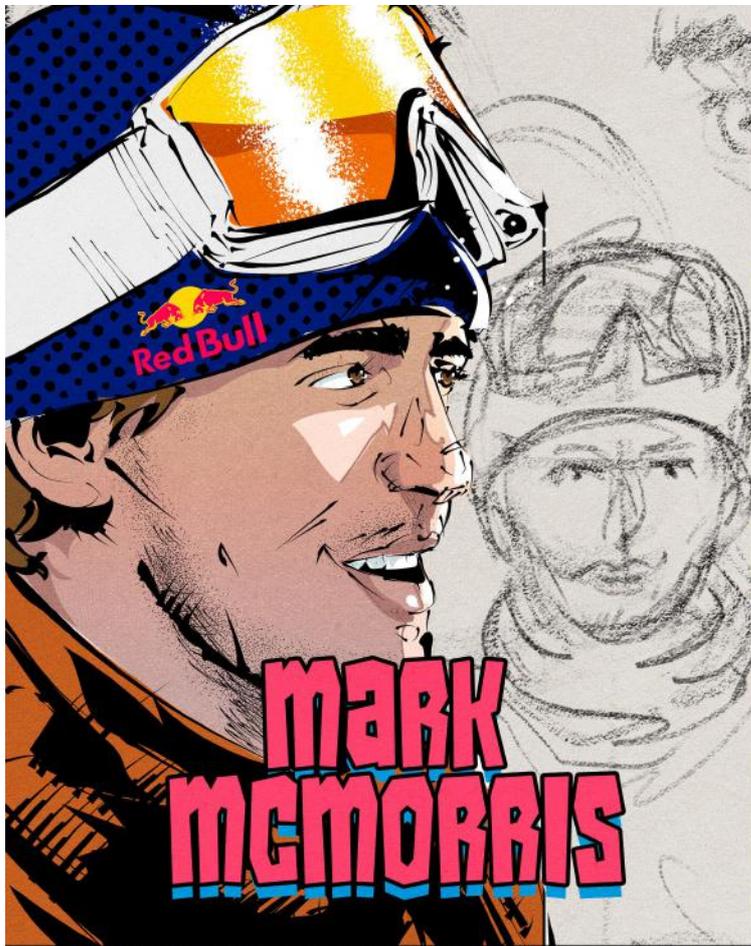


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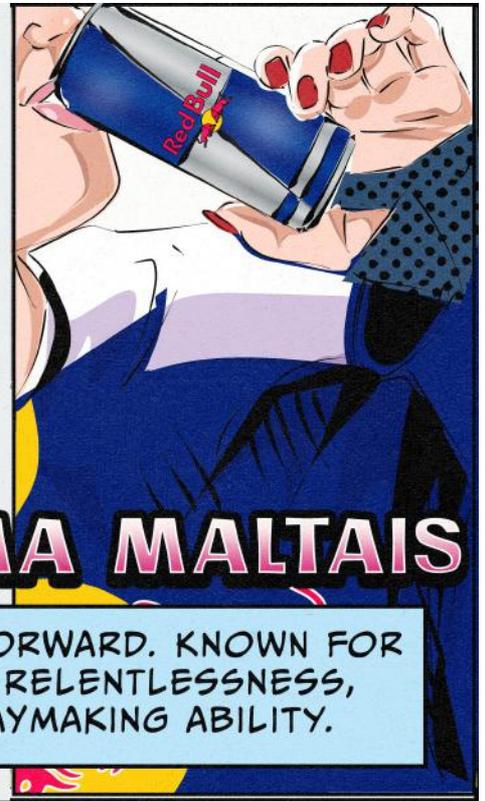
# EMMA MALTAIS



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**FORGED ON THE OUTDOOR  
RINKS IN BURLINGTON,  
ONTARIO.**



## **EMMA MALTAIS**

**STAR FORWARD. KNOWN FOR  
SPEED, RELENTLESSNESS,  
AND PLAYMAKING ABILITY.**



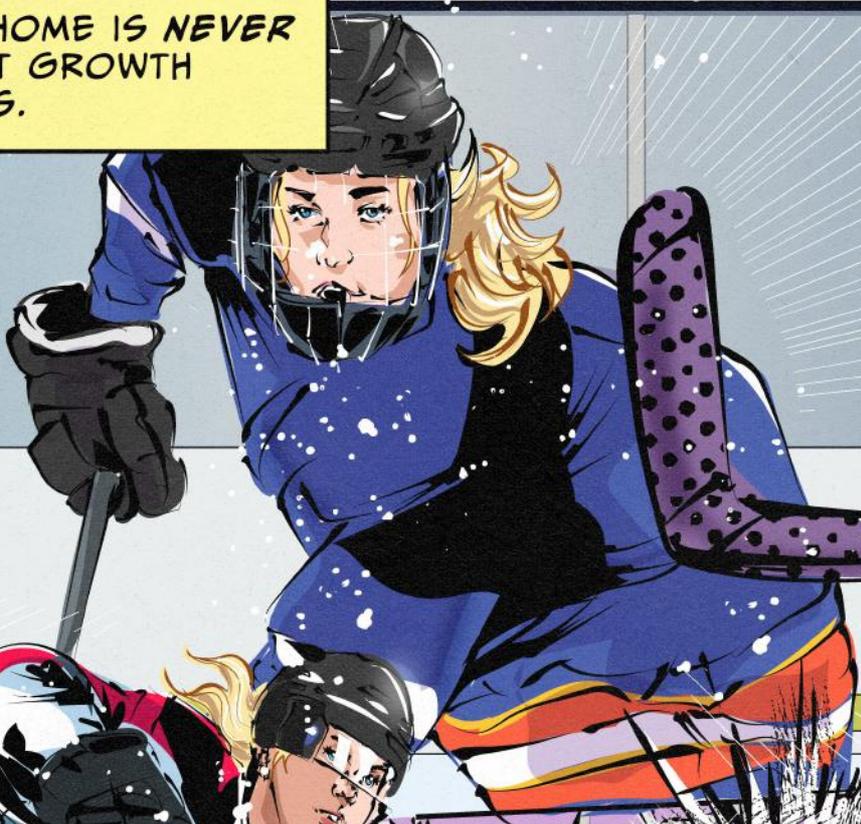
**NO DRILLS. NO EXPECTATIONS.  
IT WAS ABOUT JOY AND FAMILY.**



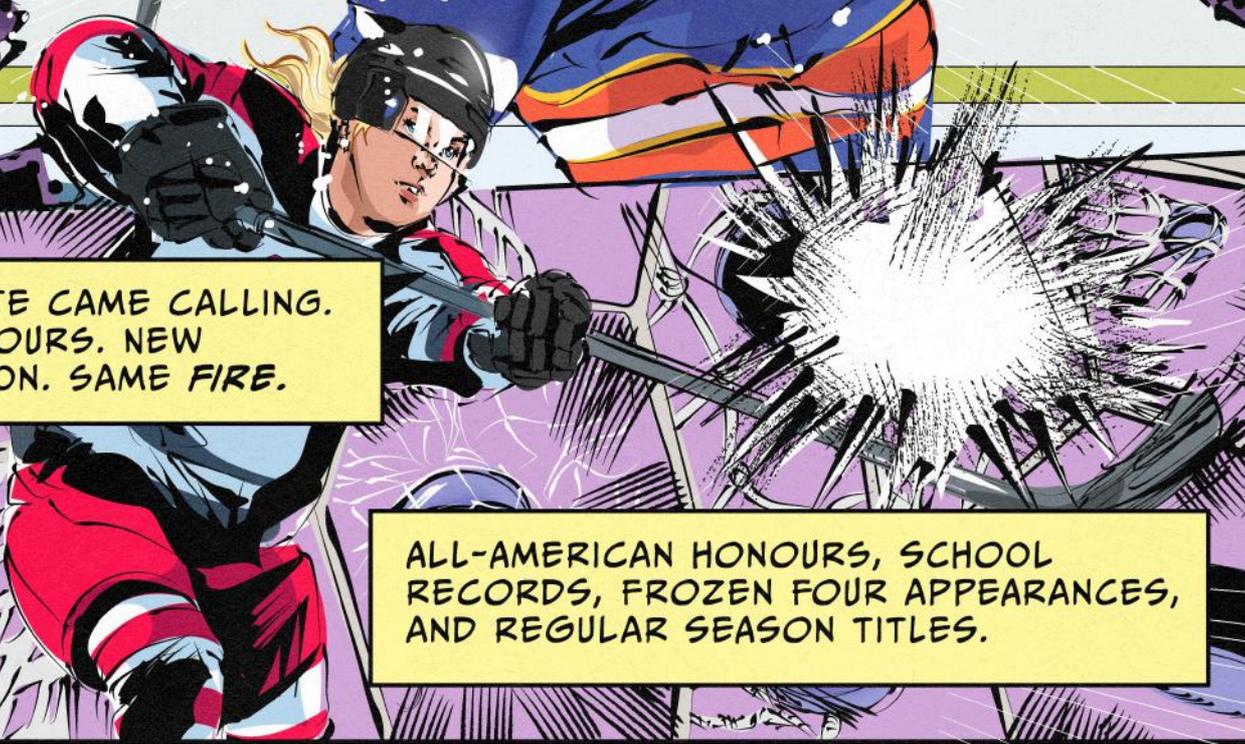
GOALS, ASSISTS, WINS  
AND LOSSES *DIDN'T*  
MATTER. BUT THE GAME  
KEPT ASKING FOR *MORE*.

THROUGH ALL THE EARLY MORNINGS  
AND LONG DRIVES, A *DREAM*  
STARTED TO TAKE *SHAPE*.

LEAVING HOME IS *NEVER*  
EASY, BUT GROWTH  
RARELY IS.



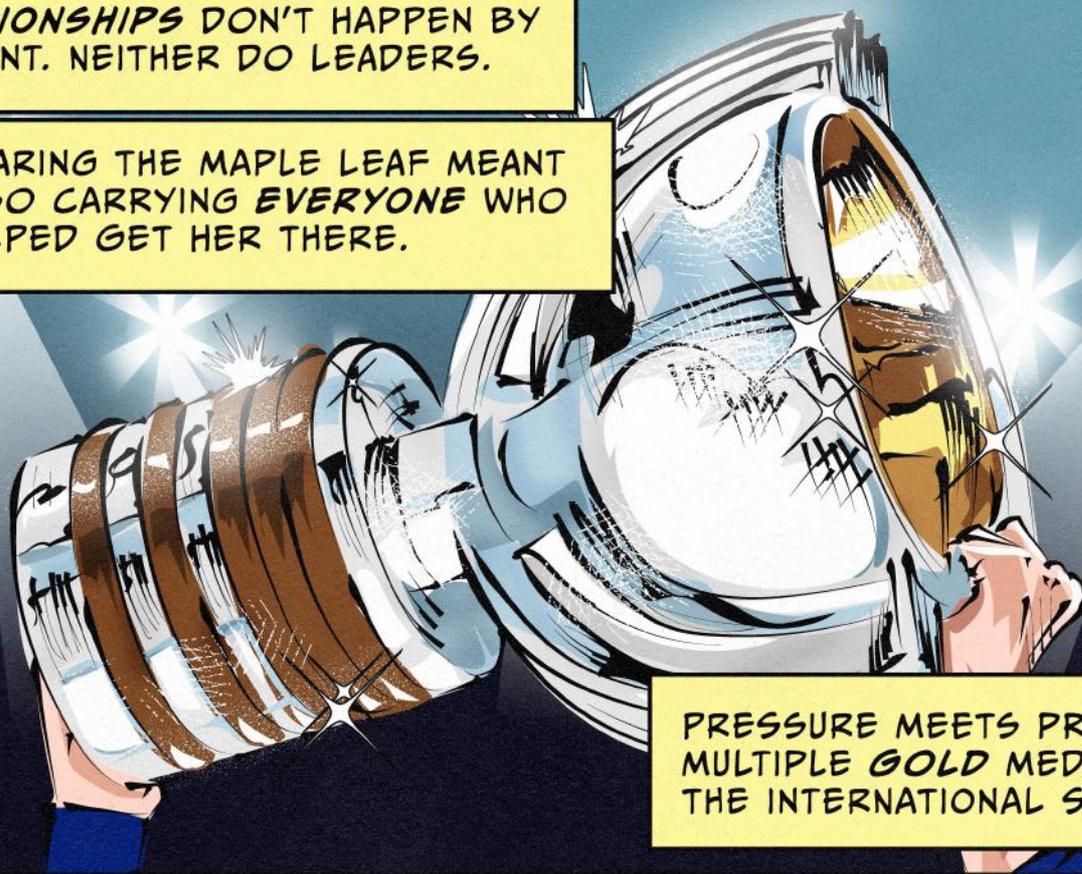
OHIO STATE CAME CALLING.  
NEW COLOURS. NEW  
FOUNDATION. SAME *FIRE*.



ALL-AMERICAN HONOURS, SCHOOL  
RECORDS, FROZEN FOUR APPEARANCES,  
AND REGULAR SEASON TITLES.

CHAMPIONSHIPS DON'T HAPPEN BY ACCIDENT. NEITHER DO LEADERS.

WEARING THE MAPLE LEAF MEANT ALSO CARRYING *EVERYONE* WHO HELPED GET HER THERE.



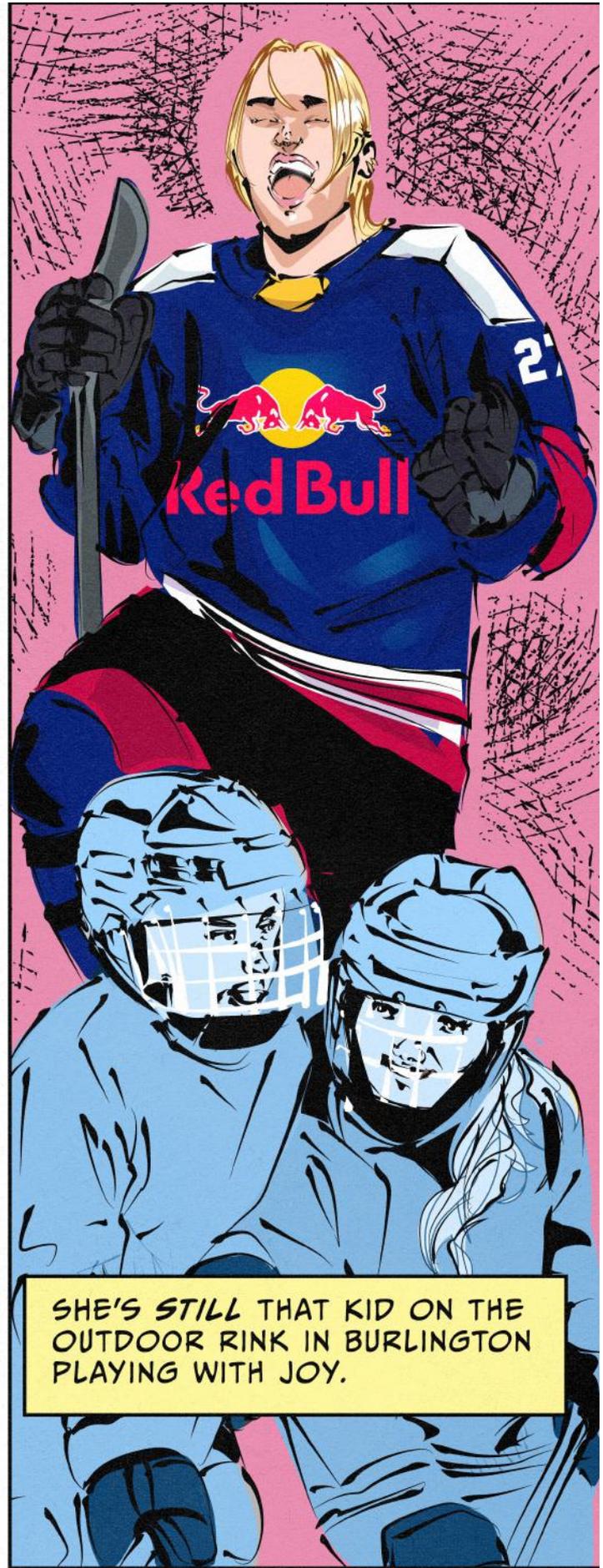
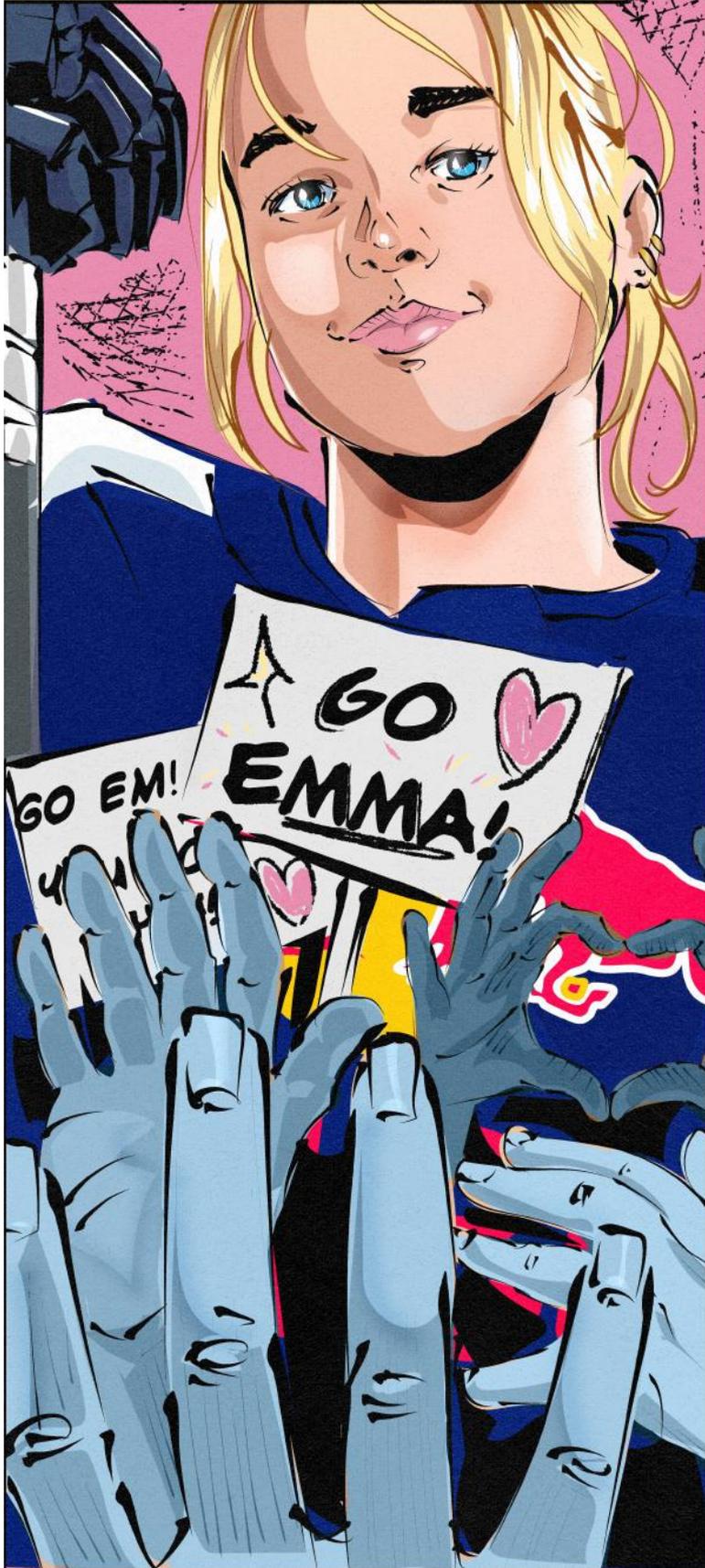
PRESSURE MEETS PRIDE, WITH MULTIPLE *GOLD* MEDALS ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE.

BUT EVEN THOUGH GOLD MEDALS SHINE, PURPOSE AND PRIDE ARE *EVERLASTING*.

NOW SHE SKATES FOR TORONTO. A NEW LEAGUE, HELPING SHAPE A *NEW ERA*.



A LEGACY THAT'S *JUST* GETTING STARTED AND SHOWING NO SIGNS OF SLOWING DOWN.

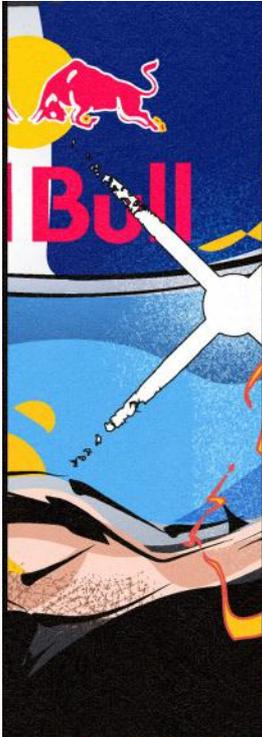


SHE'S *STILL* THAT KID ON THE OUTDOOR RINK IN BURLINGTON PLAYING WITH JOY.



BUT NOW SHE'S PLAYING  
WITH *IMPACT*. NOT JUST  
FOR HERSELF...

... BUT FOR EVERY  
GIRL IN CANADA WHO  
DARES TO DREAM BIG.



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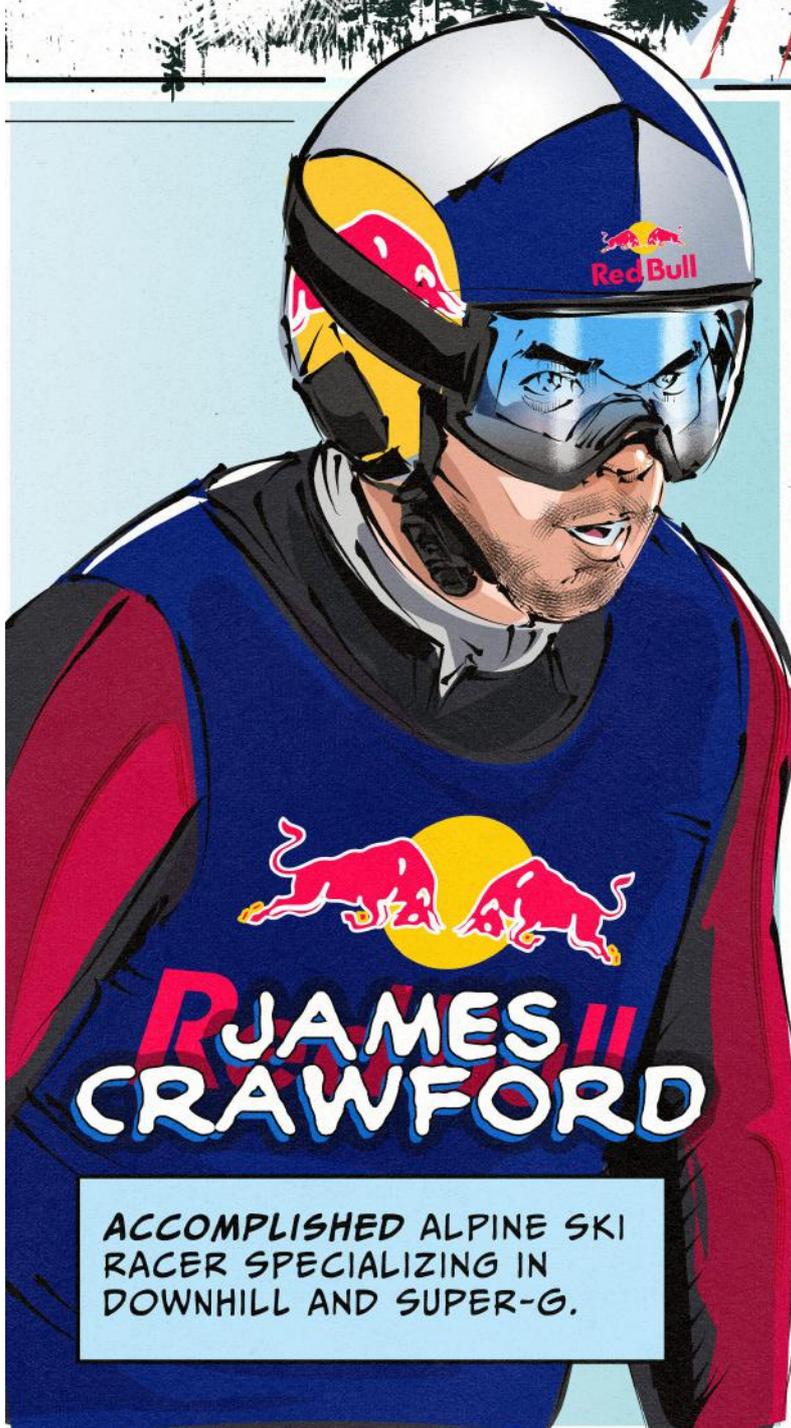
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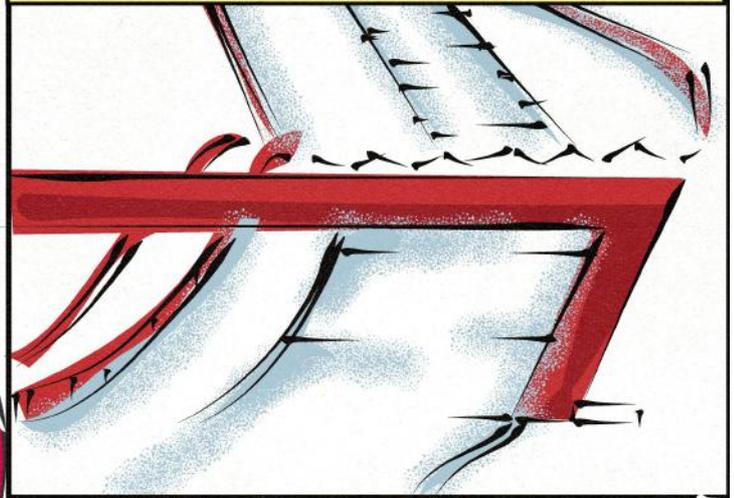
**THE STREIF, AUSTRIA.**

**THE WORLD'S MOST  
DANGEROUS DOWNHILL  
SKI RACE**

THE ALARM CLOCKS BEFORE  
SUNRISE. THE COLD HANDS  
BUCKLING BOOTS.



TURN BY TURN AND RUN BY RUN,  
PROGRESS CAME IN TENTHS,  
HUNDREDTHS, AND RAW FEELING.



THE RESULTS DIDN'T COME ALL  
AT ONCE. THERE WERE YEARS  
OF TRAINING WITHOUT HEADLINES.



ACCOMPLISHED ALPINE SKI  
RACER SPECIALIZING IN  
DOWNHILL AND SUPER-G.

**COLLINGWOOD, CANADA.  
YEARS AGO.**

SETBACKS THAT TAUGHT HIM  
HOW TO STAY STEADY AND  
TRUST THE PROCESS.

WITH THE *WORLD* WATCHING,  
STEEP COURSES, AND TIGHT  
MARGINS, THERE'S NOWHERE  
TO HIDE AT *FULL SPEED*.

**KRS SSK**

THIS IS WHERE LIFELONG  
TRAINING PUTS HIM AT THE  
EDGE OF *BREAKTHROUGH*.

STAYING PATIENT UNDER PRESSURE  
AND FOCUSING ON HIS SHOT.  
HIS MOMENT.



IT'S GO  
TIME,  
CRAWFORD!

IT SHARPENS THE FOCUS.  
RAISES THE STANDARD.

**SHHHRRR**

THIS IS HIS SHOT.

**SCRRRR**

59.33

HE INCHES CLOSER.

1:05.7

THE FIRST CANADIAN TO WIN THE STREIF IN DECADES.

AND THEN IT HAPPENS.

1:53.64

HE SHOWED THE PATIENCE, THE DISCIPLINE, AND TRUST NEEDED TO WIN AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL.

MASTERY AT OVER 140 KM/H IS ABOUT MORE THAN CHASING MEDALS.





BECAUSE IN DOWNHILL RACING,  
IT'S THE *THINNEST* MARGIN  
THAT SEPARATES THE *BEST*.

AND HE'S LEARNED  
HOW TO *LIVE* INSIDE IT.



FROM THE TOP OF THE HILL TO THE TOP  
OF THE PODIUM, JAMES CRAWFORD IS  
*STILL* JUST A KID *CHASING* SPEED.

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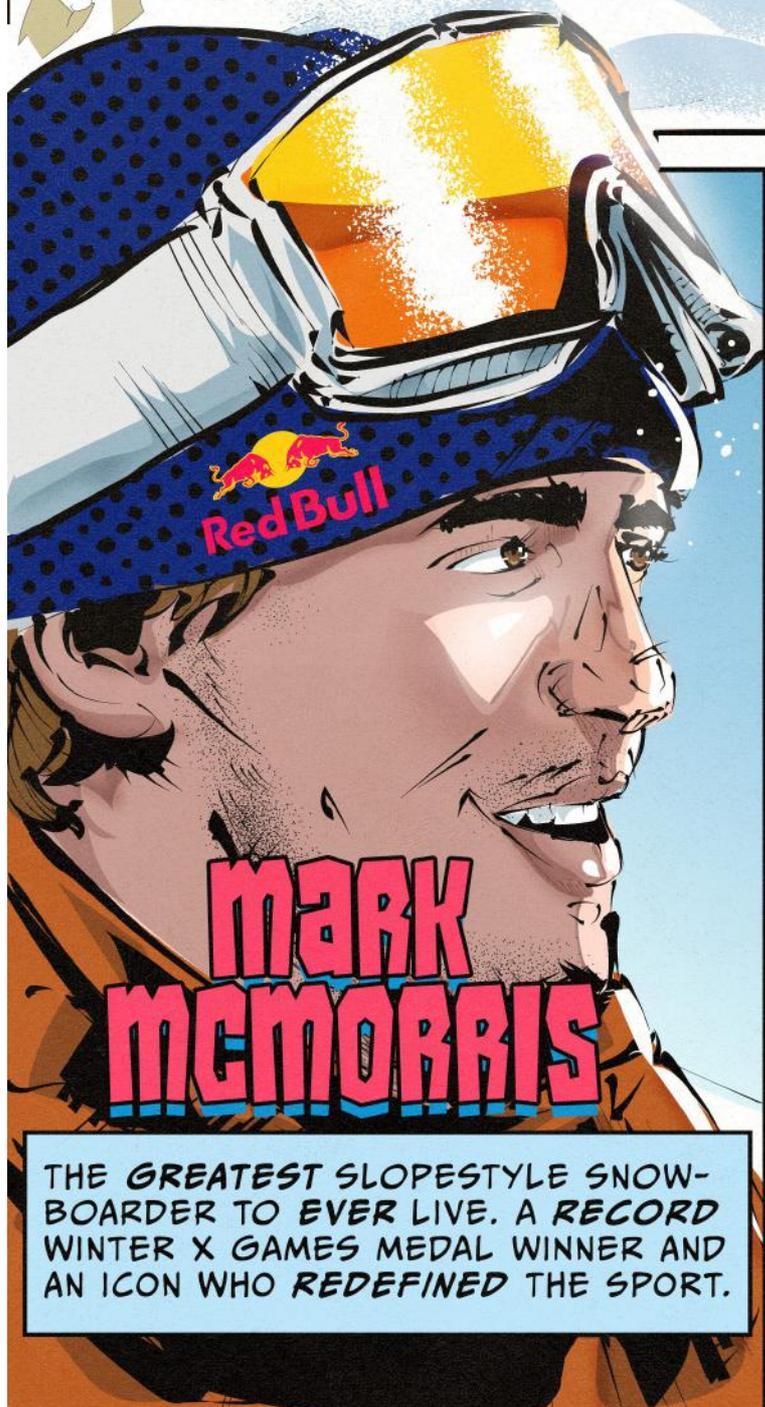
# MARK MEMORRIS



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**SAAS-FEE, SWITZERLAND.  
NOW.**



**MARK  
MCMORRIS**

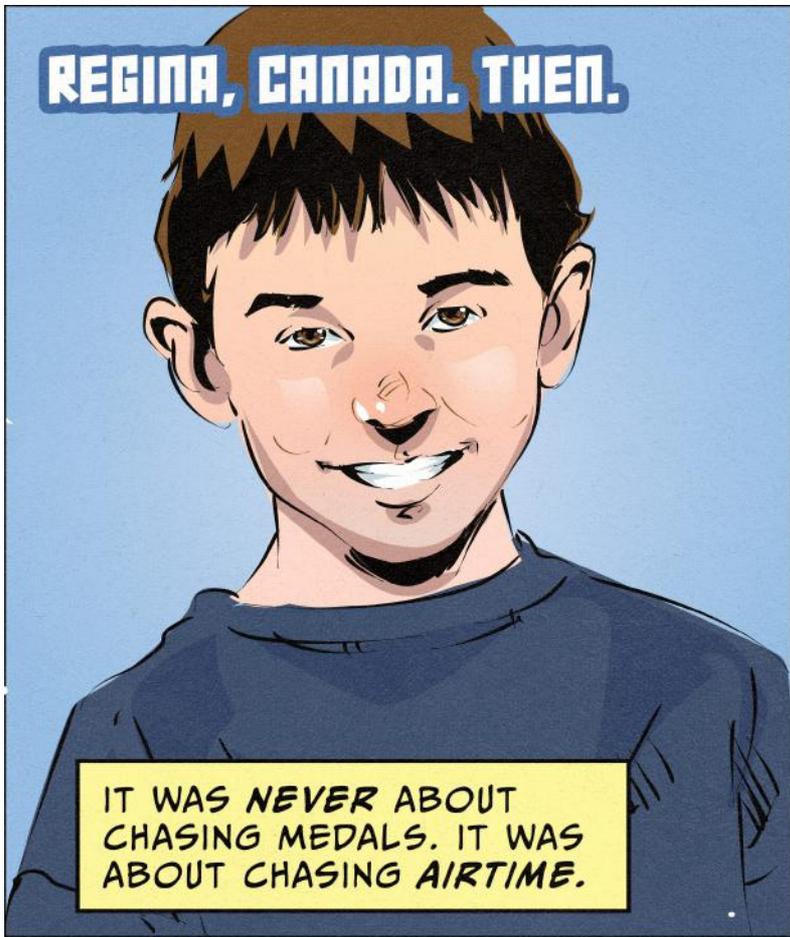
THE *GREATEST* SLOPESTYLE SNOW-BOARDER TO *EVER LIVE*. A *RECORD* WINTER X GAMES MEDAL WINNER AND AN *ICON* WHO *REDEFINED* THE SPORT.

BUILT ON THE FROZEN HILLS AND BACKYARD JUMPS IN REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN.



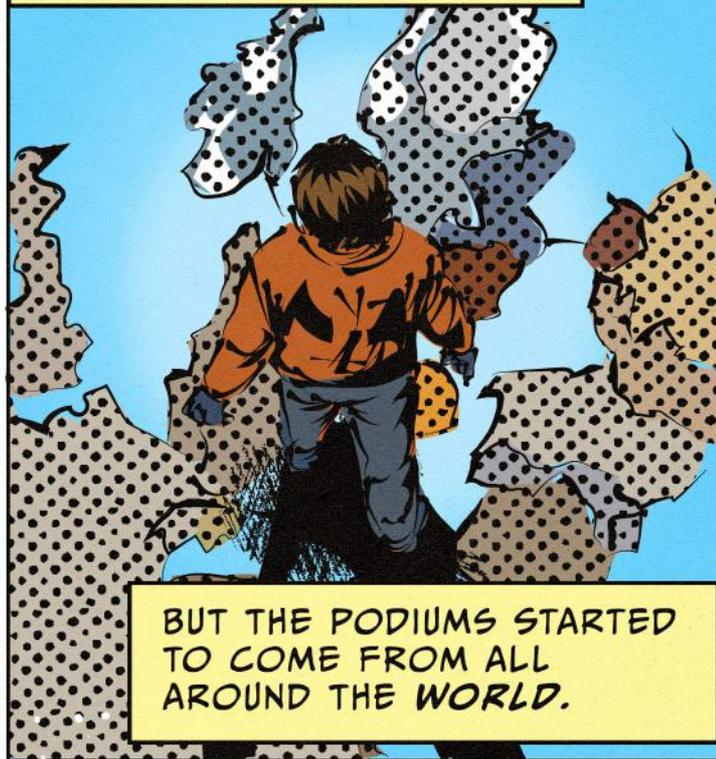
COLD WINTERS AND HAND-SHOVELLED LANDINGS, BUT *ALWAYS* WITH A BOARD UNDER HIS ARM.

**REGINA, CANADA. THEN.**



IT WAS NEVER ABOUT CHASING MEDALS. IT WAS ABOUT CHASING AIRTIME.

FLYING LONGER, HIGHER, CLEANER, AND BEING SURROUNDED BY FRIENDS.

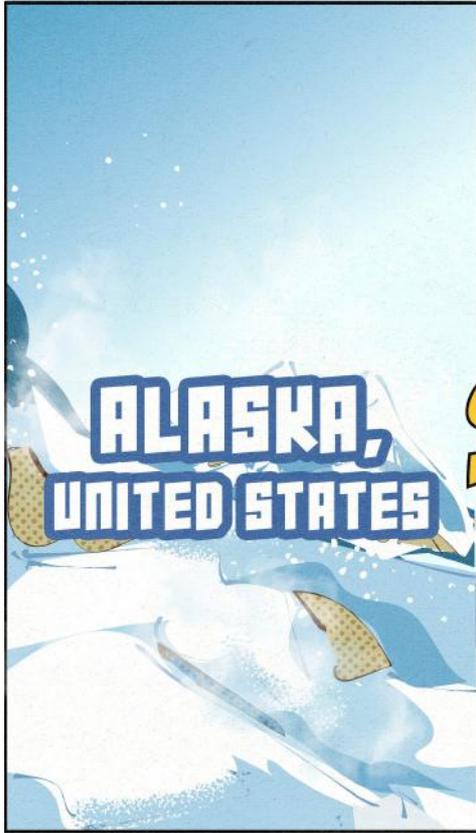


BUT THE PODIUMS STARTED TO COME FROM ALL AROUND THE WORLD.

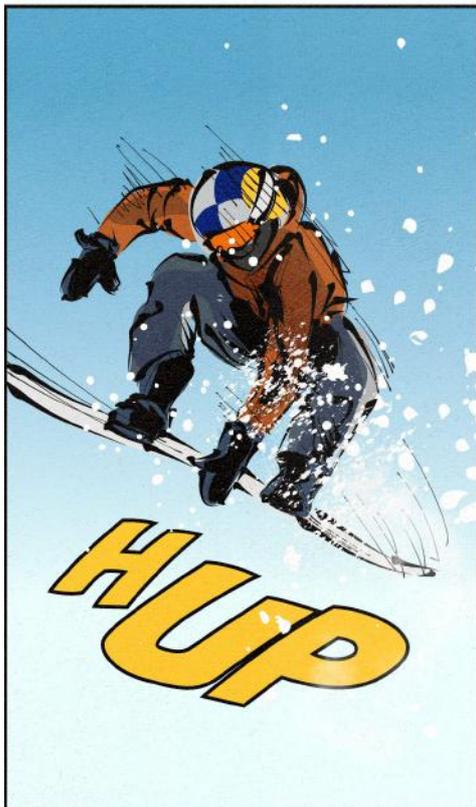


BIGGER TRICKS, CLEANER LANDINGS, AND SETTING NEW STANDARDS.

THE MOST MEDALS IN WINTER X GAMES HISTORY. INTERNATIONAL PODIUMS. MOMENTS THAT *CHANGED* AND *SHAPED* THE SPORT.



CRASHES, SETBACKS, AND SURGERIES COULD HAVE *ENDED* IT ALL.



BUT HE CHOSE THE LOVE FOR THE BOARD OVER FEAR. *EVERY TIME.*

**F WOOOSH**

COMING BACK WASN'T ABOUT PROVING *ANYTHING* TO ANYONE. IT WAS ABOUT *RIDING* AGAIN.

**WHISTLER, CANADA.  
NOW.**

THE STAKES CONTINUE TO RISE AND THE MARGIN FOR ERROR *SHRINKS.*

BUT BY RIDING FIRST AND *LEADING* WITHOUT FORCING IT, HE SHOWS THE NEXT GENERATION WHAT'S *POSSIBLE.*

**W  
A  
AHOOOOM**



A LEGACY WRITTEN IN LOVE AND  
PROGRESSION, NOT MEDALS.

THE TRICKS REMAIN BUT THE  
IMPACT GOES FURTHER.

BECAUSE AS LONG AS THERE'S  
A MOUNTAIN WITH SNOW, THE  
STORY *ISN'T* DONE.

**SHHHRRR**

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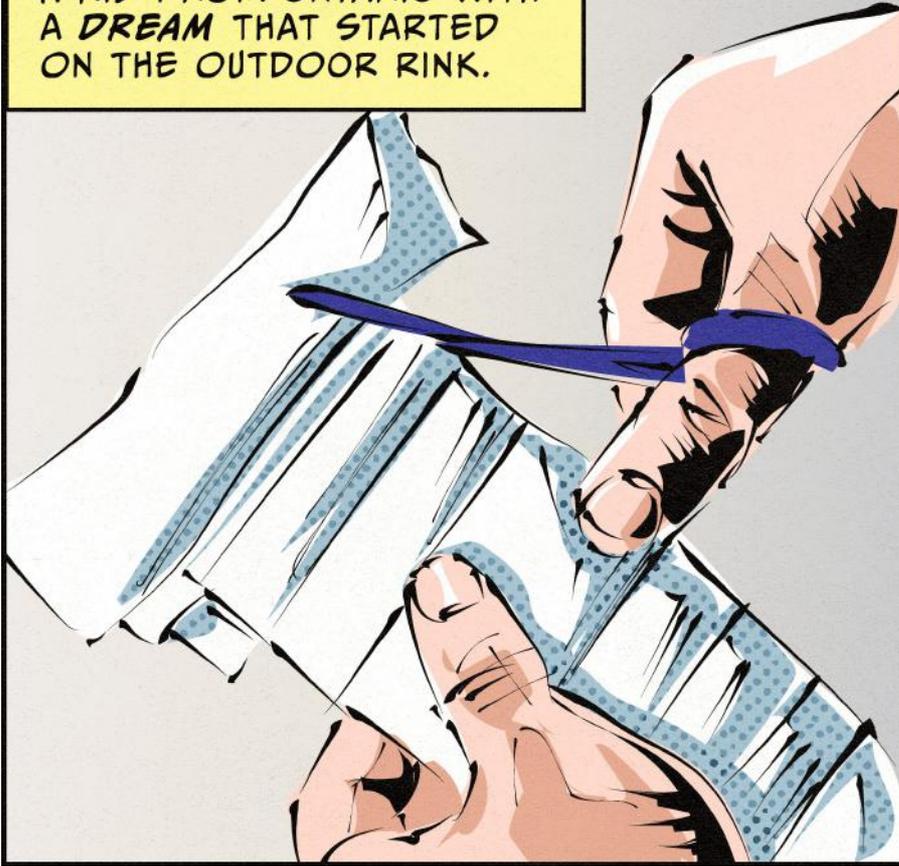
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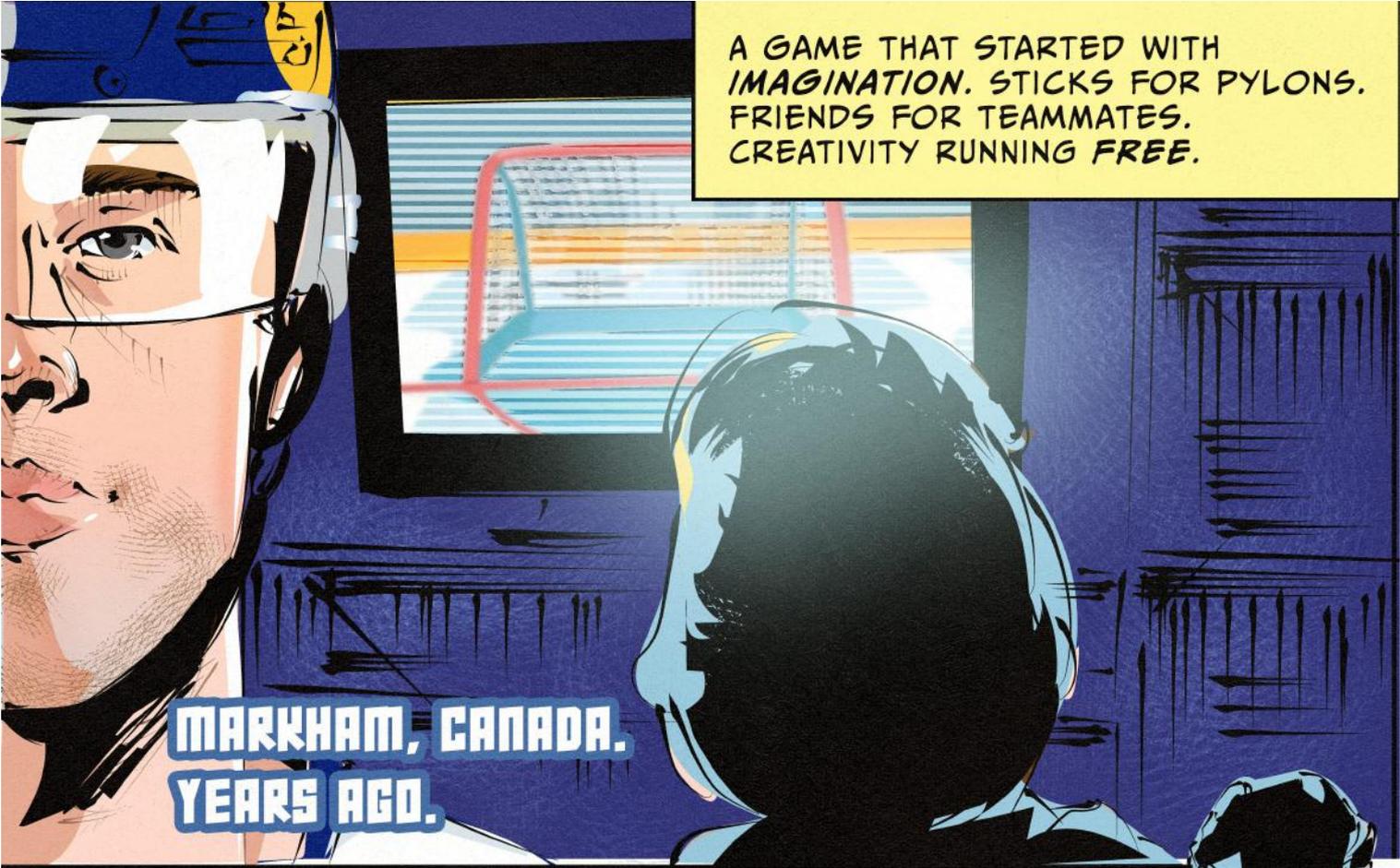
A KID FROM ONTARIO WITH  
A *DREAM* THAT STARTED  
ON THE OUTDOOR RINK.



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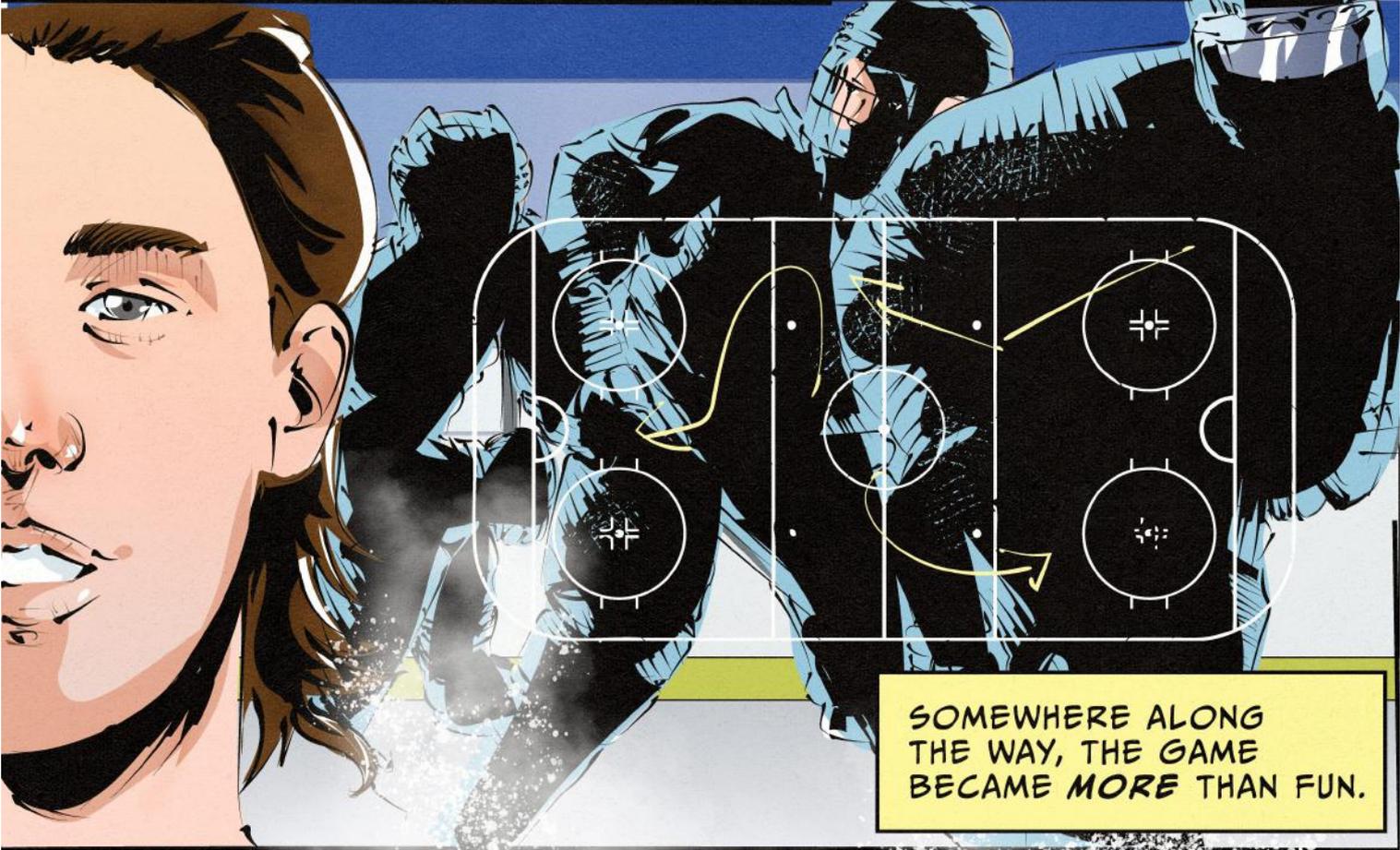
THREE-TIME NHL ALL-STAR,  
ELITE PLAYMAKER.  
PURE HOCKEY MAGIC.

THE *COLD* NIGHTS,  
FLOODLIGHTS, SHOVELS,  
AND PUCKS DISAPPEARING  
IN THE SHADOWS.



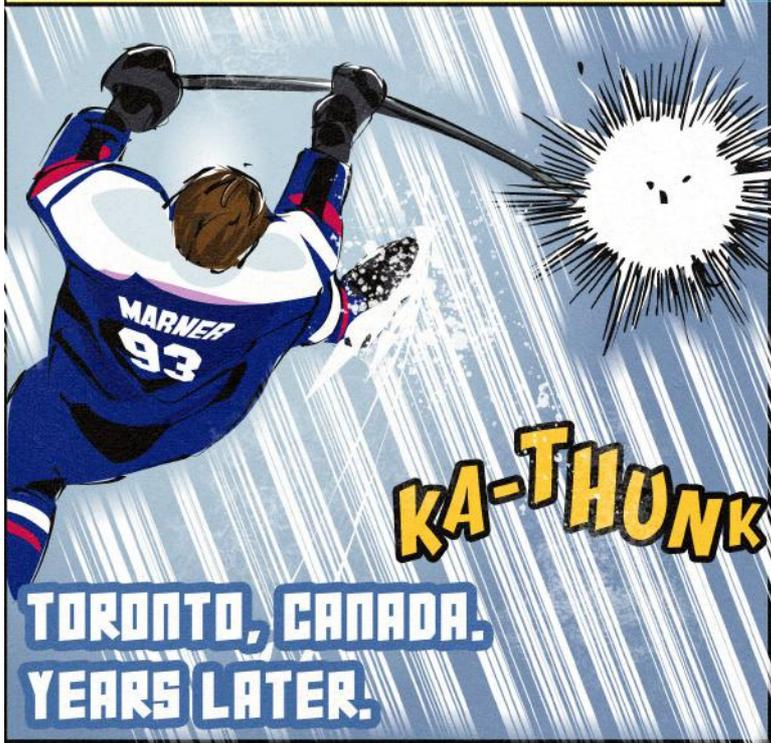
A GAME THAT STARTED WITH  
*IMAGINATION*. STICKS FOR PYLONS.  
FRIENDS FOR TEAMMATES.  
CREATIVITY RUNNING *FREE*.

MARKHAM, CANADA.  
YEARS AGO.



SOMEWHERE ALONG  
THE WAY, THE GAME  
BECAME *MORE* THAN FUN.

THE LONGER DRIVES AND EARLIER MORNINGS LEAD TO THE DREAM BEGINNING TO FORM.



**KA-THUNK**

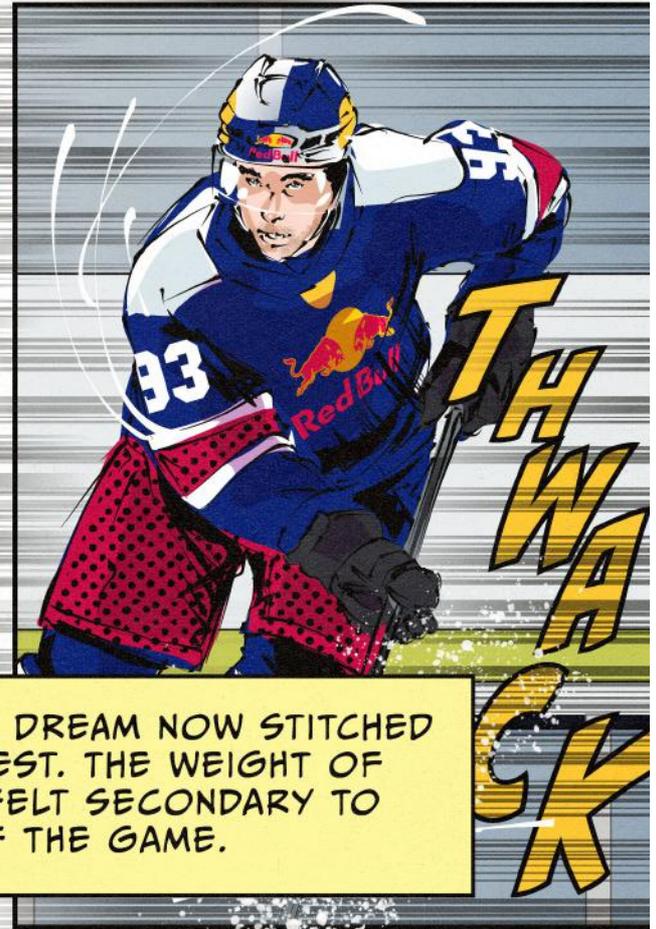
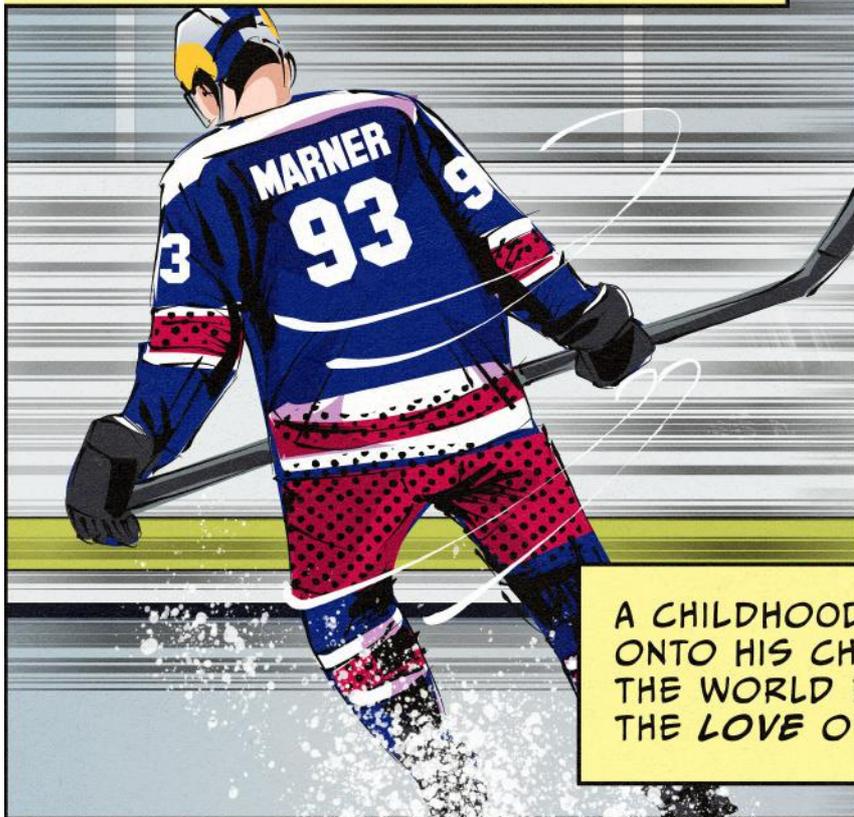
**TORONTO, CANADA.  
YEARS LATER.**

THEN CAME THE **BIGGER MOMENTS.**  
THE **LOUDER CROWDS.**

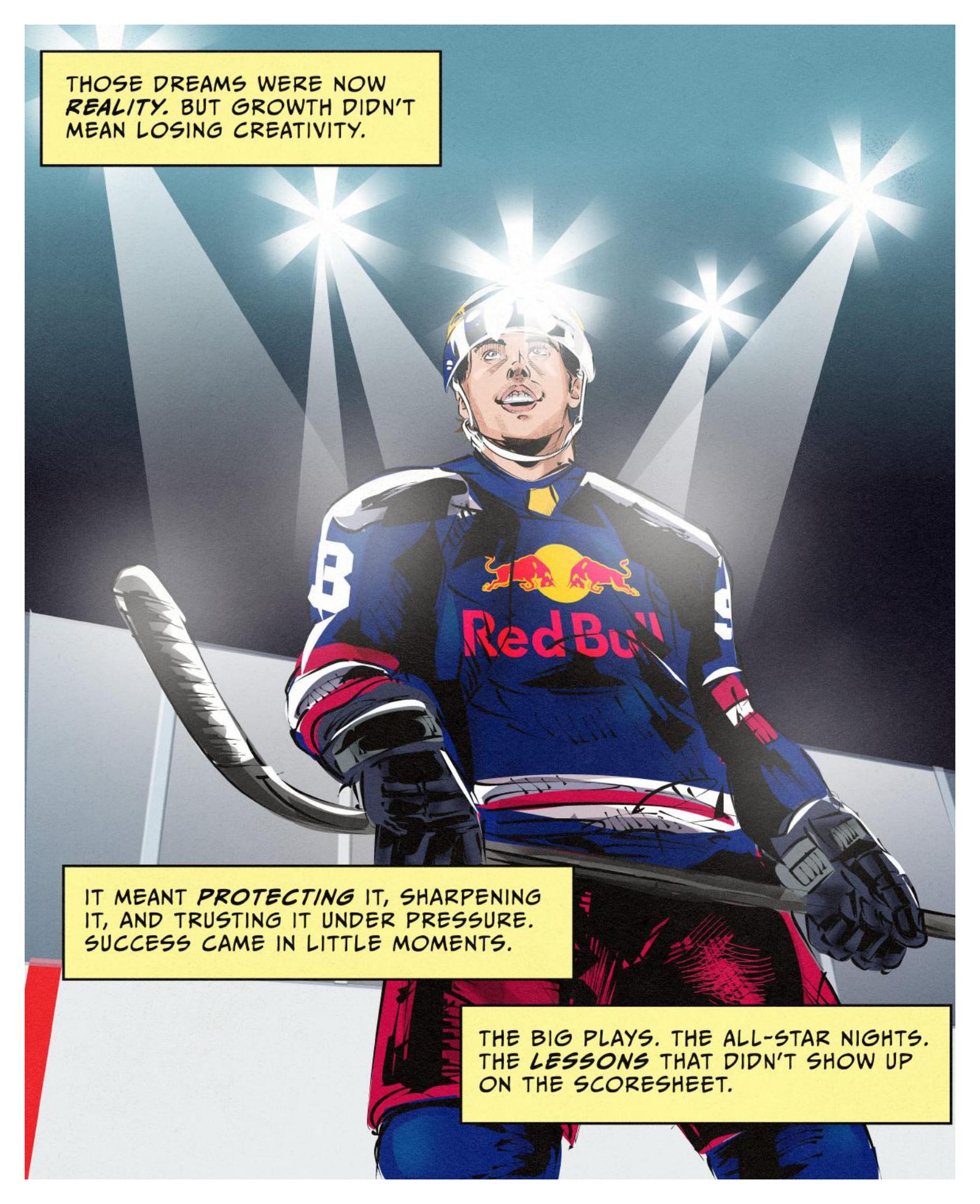


THE **PRESSURE GREW,** BUT  
SO DID THE **CONFIDENCE.**

HE WAS PLAYING FOR **MORE** THAN  
HIMSELF. HE WAS PLAYING FOR **PRIDE.**



A CHILDHOOD DREAM NOW STITCHED  
ONTO HIS CHEST. THE WEIGHT OF  
THE WORLD FELT SECONDARY TO  
THE **LOVE OF THE GAME.**



THOSE DREAMS WERE NOW  
**REALITY**. BUT GROWTH DIDN'T  
MEAN LOSING CREATIVITY.

IT MEANT **PROTECTING** IT, SHARPENING  
IT, AND TRUSTING IT UNDER PRESSURE.  
SUCCESS CAME IN LITTLE MOMENTS.

THE BIG PLAYS. THE ALL-STAR NIGHTS.  
THE **LESSONS** THAT DIDN'T SHOW UP  
ON THE SCORESHEET.



BUT THROUGH IT ALL,  
THE LOVE FOR THE GAME  
STAYED CONSTANT.

THE SAME JOY THAT LIVED ON  
FROZEN PONDS WAS *STILL*  
FUELLING EVERY SHIFT.

BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE  
THE DREAM *FIRST* BEGAN:  
ON THE OUTDOOR RINK.