

Ice-Skating Rescue

Story by Annette Smith

Illustrations by Lidia Fernández Abril



PM

Ice-Skating Rescue

Story by Annette Smith

Illustrations by Lidia Fernández Abril



Contents

Chapter 1	Getting Ready	2
Chapter 2	Disaster Strikes	6
Chapter 3	A Great Idea	14
Chapter 4	The Rescue in Action	20

Chapter 1

Getting Ready

It was the first morning of the winter school holidays. Jin, Lee and their parents had arrived the previous night at a lodge below some snow-covered mountains.

“Wake up, Lee,” called Jin. “Today is going to be a great day for ice skating.”

Lee rolled over and peered out the window beside his bunk. “It’s been snowing during the night,” he said. “The lake should be frozen solid.”

“I hope so,” replied Jin, “because I want to try out some speed skating.”

“You know you won’t beat Mum and Dad,” said Lee.

“Just wait and see, little brother,” said Jin, grinning.





After breakfast, the boys helped Dad pack the truck with extra jackets and some food supplies.

“I’ll check my toolbox for tow ropes and chains for the tyres,” said Dad. “If the road is icy we don’t want to be stranded up there on the mountain.”



“I’ve called the mountain park rangers to let them know we will be up at Rainbow Lake,” said Mum, coming out of the lodge. “They’ve told me the lake is frozen, but we must remember there’s no mobile phone coverage in that area.”

“We’ll be careful,” said Lee. “Come on. Let’s go before there are too many people at the lake. I need plenty of space to try out my new skating tricks.”



Chapter 2

Disaster Strikes

Mum parked the truck at the car park,
some distance from the lake.

The boys were out of the truck at once.
They ran off ahead, up a winding track on the hill,
and through some snow-covered rocks and trees.



“These new skates are fantastic,” said Lee, as he tightened the laces.

“I’m sure I’ll be able to race you, Jin. Are you ready for a challenge?”

“Of course I’m ready,” said Jin, laughing and gliding out onto the ice. “This year I’m going to be the speed-skating champ in the family!”

