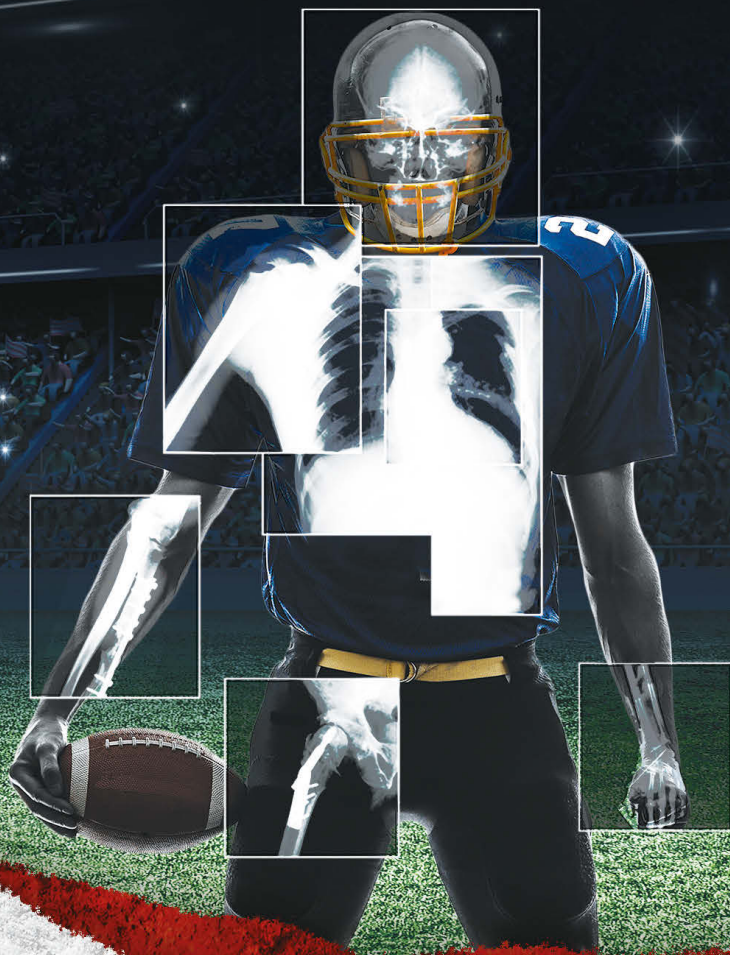


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Chapter I **BROKEN**

The score is tied.
There are seconds to go.
Now it's the quarterback's turn.
He will throw the pass.
The team can win the game.

He calls the play.
The team knows the plan.
One player will run.
He will fake right and move left.
Then he'll run to the end zone.
There he will catch the pass.
It will be a touchdown.

The teams line up.
Offense is on one side.
Defense is on the other.
“Hike!” yells the quarterback.
The ball is snapped.
It goes right into the quarterback’s hands.
He runs back.
Then he moves to the right.
The players move too.
One runs, just like they planned.
He’s fast.







A linebacker from the other team moves too.
He's 280 pounds of pure muscle.
The big man runs for the quarterback.
Crash!

The quarterback cries out.
He falls to the ground.
His leg is hurt.
It's bad.
The play is over.

The leg is broken.
Bone pokes through skin.
Blood pours out.
It's ugly.
He may never play again.



Players get hurt in sports.

Some **injuries** are small.

There are bloody noses.

Some get black eyes.

Fingers break.

Other injuries are **gnarly**.

Bones rip skin.

Eyes pop out.

Ears hang off.

It's a risk athletes take.



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Who was Homer?

What was the ball game?

What does a skeleton do?

Did Allan Ray's eye pop out?

Have you ever been hurt playing sports?

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