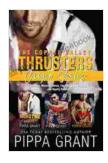
# The Copper Valley Thrusters: An Origin Story

The Copper Valley Thrusters are a minor league hockey team based in Glenallen, Alaska. The team was founded in 2003 and has played in the Western States Hockey League since its inception. The Thrusters have won two league championships and have been a consistent playoff contender.



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### The Early Years

The Copper Valley Thrusters were founded in 2003 by a group of local businessmen who wanted to bring a minor league hockey team to the Copper Valley. The team's first home arena was the Glenallen Recreation Center, a small facility that seated just over 1,000 fans. The Thrusters quickly became a popular attraction in Glenallen, and their games were often sellouts. In 2006, the Thrusters moved into their new home arena, the Copper Valley Events Center. The new arena was a state-of-the-art facility that seated over 2,000 fans. The Thrusters continued to be a successful team in their new home, and they won their first league championship in 2008.

### **Recent History**

The Copper Valley Thrusters have continued to be a successful team in recent years. They have won two league championships and have been a consistent playoff contender. The Thrusters are also known for their strong community involvement. The team hosts a number of youth hockey programs and they are active in the local community.

#### The Future

The Copper Valley Thrusters are a bright spot in the Copper Valley community. The team is a source of pride for local residents and they are a major economic driver for the area. The Thrusters are committed to continuing to be a successful team on the ice and in the community.

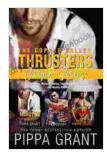
#### **Notable Players**

Some of the most notable players in Copper Valley Thrusters history include:

- Mike Watt: Watt was a two-time league MVP and led the Thrusters to their first league championship in 2008.
- Joe Palmer: Palmer was a three-time league All-Star and was a key member of the Thrusters' 2012 championship team.
- Sarah Bryant: Bryant was the first woman to play for the Copper Valley Thrusters. She played for the team from 2014 to 2016.

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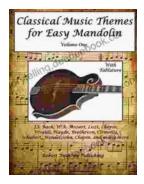
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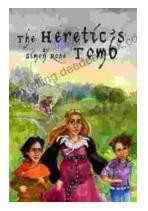
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