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The Boy Who Greatly Dared and Greatly Failed.

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Luke Walker's story began with his trip to the speedway. He needed to find out the truth about who his father was. He snuck through crowds of people and security to the car garage. The garage was full of everything a boy would want. It was awesome. Very few people have been allowed to enter that area. Amazingly, Luke had the courage to go the garage of Richard Gordon. Richard was thought of as a god by his race fans. His wealth and fame were beyond what most people could in their life ever imagine. Luke went there hoping to find his father. He had been told many times by his mother that Richard Gordon was his father, but how could he be the son of Richard, the famous racer?

The racer saw the boy enter and kindly asked him why he was there. The boy replied, "I have come to find out if you are my father or not." The racer deeply exhaled and took off his oversized helmet, and in a darker than a normal tone of voice said, "Luke, I am your father! Search your feelings you know it to be true, but I want to give you some type of proof that I am your father. Ask for anything you want and I will give it to you." He gave his word to the boy which could not be broken because his promise was captured on a video camera, and was already on its way to the press.

Luke had seen Richard racing in many races before. He thought of the thrill and excitement of the ride. He had often thought, "That's my father out there." Luke could imagine what it would be like to drive on the track and give excitement to the world. Now he had his chance to live that dream. The boy said, "I want to take your place in the race. I want to drive your car"

The racer knew he had made a very bad decision to offer a boy with rash ideas anything he wanted. He tried to explain to Luke how not any ordinary driver could drive his car. Even the other racecar drivers could not handle his car. To drive that car you have to be able to handle the force. He told him that you have to consider the track you are driving on. It rises up at very steep angles and comes down very fast.



The car will be hard to control. The announcers have said they do not even understand how he can avoid crashing when he comes down. Richard told Luke that it was even hard for him to control the car, so it would definitely be hard for a boy. He explained that there was nothing to see and it would be dangerous. Richard tried to persuade the boy to choose something else. He told him his fears were proof enough that he was his father. The boy would not listen to anything his father was saying. He only saw himself driving the car. He did not even consider that he could die from the dangers involved. There was no fear or doubts in his head.

Time ran out for Richard to change Luke's mind to take something else. The cars were lining up to start the race. The flags were up and ready. It was time to go. Luke proudly and joyously put on a suit and helmet. He went off. He had made his choice. Whatever happened could not be changed now. The race began. At first the rushing air was exhilarating, but soon he approached the embankment. It was very steep. He started to lose control of the car. The weight in the car was not right. He almost smashed the car into a wall. The boy was terrified. He let go of the wheel. The car ran down the track spilling gasoline and setting the track on fire. The car was filled with smoke and the heat was burning him alive. The boy wanted it to end. The other drivers knew they needed to do something to stop all this. One driver threw something to stop the car. It hit the boy, which killed him and caused the car to crash and break into pieces. The fire was put out. It was said by the fans,

"Here is a boy that greatly dared, but greatly failed."

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