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## The Chernobyl Heroes

In 1986, a terrible accident happened at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant in Ukraine. A reactor exploded, releasing a huge amount of radiation into the air. This disaster was very dangerous, and the whole world was worried about the effects of the radiation.



In the midst of this chaos, three brave men stepped forward to help save countless lives. Their names were Alexei Ananenko, Valery Bezpalov, and Boris Baranov. These men worked at the power plant, and they knew they had to act quickly to prevent even more radiation from spreading.

The situation was extremely dangerous. The reactor was leaking radioactive materials, and the building was on the verge of collapsing. Alexei, Valery, and Boris decided to enter the reactor building to open a valve that would release the water from the cooling system. This was a risky move because the radiation levels were deadly. They knew that by opening the valve, they could stop a much larger disaster, but it would also mean that they would be exposed to lethal doses of radiation.

Despite knowing the danger, the three men did not hesitate. They entered the reactor building, opened the valve, and successfully released the water, preventing a much bigger explosion and further spread of radiation. Their brave act saved many lives, but it came at a great cost. The radiation they were exposed to was too much for anyone to survive.

Alexei, Valery, and Boris sacrificed their lives to protect others. Their courage and selflessness are remembered as some of the most heroic acts in history. Today, we honour them for their bravery and the ultimate sacrifice they made to save the lives of many people.



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- 2.What did the 3 men do to help stop the disaster?** They opened a valve that would release the water from the cooling system, preventing a much larger explosion and further spread of radiation.
- 3.What were the names of the three men who sacrificed their lives at Chernobyl?** The names of the three men were Alexei Ananenko, Valery Bezpalov, and Boris Baranov.
- 4.Why did the three men decide to enter the reactor building despite the danger?** Because they knew that opening the valve to release the water would prevent a much larger disaster and save many lives.
- 5.What can we learn from the bravery of Alexei, Valery, and Boris?** We can learn about the importance of selflessness and courage from the bravery of Alexei, Valery, and Boris.
- 6.If you were in their position, do you think you would do the same? Why or why not?** Answers may vary.