

## Chapter 1

The car  
was almost ready  
for the Hot Summer race.  
It would be  
Bob's first time.  
He had gone  
to the races  
for many years.  
Now, at last,  
he would be  
driving in one.

Every day,  
Bob went  
right from his job  
to the garage.  
He worked and worked  
on his car.  
After each run  
he found something else  
to fix.

The car took time,  
but it was fun.  
All the work  
would pay off.  
if he won the race.

Between his job  
and the car,  
Bob saw very little  
of his wife, Mia.  
Their two girls  
were in bed  
when he got home  
at night.  
He almost never saw them.

A big chunk  
of Bob's pay  
went into the car.  
Mia had needed  
a new washer  
for a long time.  
She stopped  
bringing it up.

Bob forgot about it.  
Mia only hoped  
that the washer  
would not break down.

Bob just kept on  
working on his car.  
He loved to fine-tune it.  
He loved to see it  
shine in the sun.  
He loved showing it off  
to his friends  
at the garage.  
Most of all,  
he loved driving it.  
Bob knew he had  
the best car  
on the road.  
He had made it  
that way.  
He was very proud.  
But it cost  
a lot of time  
and money.

## Chapter 2

The Hot Summer race  
was only a week away.  
Bob's car  
was in good shape.  
Bob was sure  
he would do well  
in this race.  
He would  
cross the finish line  
in first place.

But every day  
was a race against time.  
So Bob started  
calling in sick  
to his job.  
After three days  
of calling in,  
the boss stopped by  
to talk to Bob.