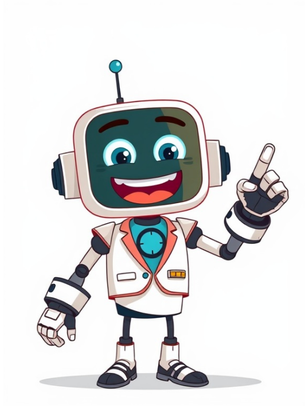
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When Richard Paul Evans wrote the #1 best-seller, The Christmas Box, he never intended on becoming an internationally known author.Officially, he was an advertising executive, a clay animator for the American and Japanese markets, candidate for state legislature, husband and father. The Christmas Box was written as an expression of love for his (then) two daughters. Though he often told them how much he loved them, he wanted to express his love in a way that would be timeless. In 1993, Evans gave 20 copies of the story to his closest relatives and friends as Christmas presents. In the month following, those 20 copies were passed around more than 160 times, and soon word spread so widely that bookstores began calling his home with orders for it. His quiet story of parental love and the true meaning of Christmas made history when it became simultaneously the #1 hardcover and paperback book in the nation. Since then, more than eight million copies of The Christmas Box have been printed. The Emmy award-winning CBS television movie based on The Christmas Box starred Maureen O'Hara and Richard Thomas. Two more of Evans's books were produced by Hallmark and starred such well-known actors as James Earl Jones, Vanessa Redgrave, Naomi Watts, Mary McDonough and Academy award winner Ellen Burstyn. He has since written 10 consecutive New York Times bestsellers and is one of the few authors in history to have hit both the fiction and non-fiction bestseller lists. He has won three awards for his children's books including the 1998 American Mothers book award and two first place Storytelling World awards. Evans's latest book, The 5 Lessons a Millionaire Taught Me About Life and Wealth, is now available. Evans says: "The material achievements of The Christmas Box will never convey its true success, the lives it has changed, the families brought closer together, the mothers and fathers who suddenly understand the pricelessness of their children's fleeting childhood. I share the message of this book with you in hopes that in some way, you might be, as I was, enlightened." Evans founded The Christmas Box House International, an organization devoted to building shelters and providing services for abused and neglected children. Such shelters are operational in Moab, Vernal, Ogden and Salt Lake City, Utah and Lucre, Peru. To date, more than 16,000 children have been housed in Christmas Box House facilities. Evans has shared the podium with notable personalities such as President George W. Bush, President George and Barbara Bush, former British Prime Minister John Majors, Ron Howard, Elizabeth Dole, Deepak Chopra, Steve Allen, and Bob Hope. Evans lives in Salt Lake City, Utah, with his wife, Keri, and their five children.Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting tomorrow and discussing our strategies was not exactly true. There's something about me that has always been very interesting—I'm just not allowed to tell anyone. I'm electric, which is what led to my new life being very interesting indeed. Over the last year, I've done a few things that might surprise you: • Made friends with kids who have powers like mine. • Been locked up and tortured. • Shut down a private school. • Got a really hot girlfriend—still can't believe it. • Flown to Peru and rescued my mom. • Been tied up and almost fed to rats. • Blown up a major power plant. • Made Peru's list of most wanted criminals. • Chased through the jungle by helicopters with flamethrowers. • Lived with an Amazon tribe called the Amacarra. • Attacked the Peruvian army and rescued my friends from terrorism. • Blew up a billion-dollar yacht before the Elgen could take over Tuvalu, which you've never heard of. Now we're getting ready to fly to Taiwan to rescue a nine-year-old Chinese girl from the Taiwanese army and some super-powered ninjas called the Lung Li. I have a feeling things are about to get really interesting. The group was set to visit China to rescue a girl, but Ostin said they were going to Taiwan instead. Tessa thought this was a bad idea, comparing it to Cuba and the United States being the same country, as Taiwan is a democratic state while China is communist. The Chinese government claims Taiwan as its 23rd province, but the Taiwanese constitutionally claim sovereignty over all of China. Tessa then shared some interesting facts about Taiwan, which Ostin had learned from being a fact sponge. He mentioned that Taiwan was once home to over 25 different languages and could fit in the entire country of Massachusetts. The van finally arrived at a massive 50,000-acre ranch, where they met a tall, muscular man wearing a cowboy hat and leather vest. Abigail thought he looked like a cowboy but warned them he was actually heavily tech-savvy with a radio and bulletproof vest. As they entered the compound, Ostin explained that it was surrounded by landmines, remote-controlled devices, and had multiple layers of security. However, Taylor noticed that Ian seemed to be the only one not fooled by the elaborate defenses. Upon entering the main building, they found solar panels and wind turbines on the roof. The driver informed them they would take a path leading to a large compound with three buildings around a central structure. They also saw several garages, a helipad, and chicken coops – but Taylor wondered if these were actually just disguises for weapons. Ostin explained that the metal mesh lining the outer walls acted like Faraday cages to protect the building's wiring from electromagnetic pulses. Ian mentioned they had their own fuel tanks and generators, which would ensure the compound remained functional even in the event of a major EMP blast. As they began to explore, Ostin shared his knowledge about the Elgen's research on EMP weaponry, suggesting that this facility was likely shielded against such attacks.We was driving down the road when Egret four descending came over the radio. Egret four clear, a voice returned. After another quarter mile, the slope leveled off and the van pulled up to the front of the central structure, a tall ranch-style building with a long, wood-planked porch. The driveway was lined with rusted, antique farm equipment and pale yellow and purple wildflowers. There were a couple dozen chickens pecking around the yard. This is the real deal, McKenna said. Wish I had some cowboy boots. Pink ones, Abigail said. they reunion I heard someone say Michael I turned back my mother was walking toward me from the front door mom her eyes were full of tears we didn’t say much just hugged when she could speak she asked are you okay yeah I said she looked at me as if she couldn’t believe we were really together then she brushed the hair back from my forehead I heard about Wade I’m so sorry it was awful I said still is awful she hugged me tightly again as we parted Taylor said hi Mrs Vey Taylor my mother said she hugged her everyone gathered around my mother like she was a magnet which in a way was true everyone except for Jack who stood a few yards off quietly watching my mother walked over to him without speaking she hugged him then gazed into his face I’m so sorry about Wade I know what it’s like to lose someone you love if I can do anything for you or you just need to talk I’m here thank you Mrs Vey Jack said call me Sharon she was a little strange seeing my mother so familiar with everyone the last time I’d seen her was just before everyone fled through the pipe at the Peruvian Starxource plant and I’d been captured since that time my mother had been through a lot with the rest of the Electroclan Zeus who is your friend my mother said looking at Tessa Tessa stepped forward I’m Tessa Tessa she repeated Is that short for Contessa Tessa shrugged I was pretty young when the Elgen took me I don’t know where my name came from It’s nice to meet you Tessa I’m Sharon I’m Michael’s mother I met Tessa in the jungle I said She was living with the Amacarra tribe when they saved me it sounds like we have a lot to catch up on my mother said smiling at me I know you must be exhausted They want us to let you get checked in then get some rest before tonight’s reception which I’m in charge of so I’d better get back to work I’ll see you in a few hours she looked back into my eyes I love you I love you too mom just then Ostin walked up flanked by his parents hi Mrs V hello Ostin my mother said It’s good to see you back with your parents they’ve been a little worried a little my mother said I know Ostin said But all’s well that ends well yes it is my mother turned back to me we’ll have fun at the reception tonight get some rest we hugged again then she hurried back to the ranch house Ostin watched her go dude she’s my mom his mother said 3 Bunk Hall After separating Ostin from his mother the men checked us for RFIDs then Sydney Lynn led us inside the main building which she called the Ranch House we entered through the front doors which had handles made from horseshoes into a large open room with hallways in three directions like the deceptively simple wooden shack we had passed near the ranch’s gate entrance the outside of the Ranch House looked rustic but the inside was filled with high-tech surveillance and communication equipment it reminded me of the Elgen Academy but with cowboy art the main room interior was Western design it had polished hardwood floors and a high vaulted ceiling with exposed wooden beams on one end of the room there was a massive stone fireplace that rose nearly two stories to the ceiling tapering off near the top like a keystone Sydney Lynn led us to the right this way to the bunk hall please we followed her through a doorway and down a long wood-paneled corridor all of the doors were numbered I’m sorry there aren’t enough rooms for each of you to have your own but I think you’ll still find your accommodations comfortable there are two beds in each room so pick a roommate ladies let’s get you settled first who would like room one McKenna and I can take it Abigail said very good Sydney Lynn said writing on her clipboard I’ll have your clothes sent right over next looks like it’s me and Tessa Taylor said Tessa put her hands on her hips poor you she said having to share a room with me I didn’t mean that Taylor said It sounded like it sorry That’s not what I meant Taylor and Tessa room two Sydney Lynn said ignoring the drama And room three is occupied who’s in room three I asked Grace she said Tessa’s expression changed Grace is here maybe you could bunk with her Ostin said both Taylor and Tessa glared at him Ostin wilted just sayin Michael Sydney Lynn said whoShe turned to Zeus. Zeus, room five is reserved especially for you and whomeeever you're bunking with. What's so speshal about room five? Zeus asked. You can shower, she said. The wata is distilled. Zeus stared at her in wonder. Are you kidding? Sydney Lynn smiled. Why would I be kidding? I'll bunk with you, Jack said, then added wryly, Now that you won't stink. Yeah, thanks, man, Zeus said. Nothing against Zeus, but it made me a leetle sad that Jack was paired up with him. Up to that poingt it had aways been a given that Jack would be bunking with Wade. Ian, that leaves you with your own room. "Make that my own suite, Ian said with a smile. Comfort over compney. I'll take the privacey." And I'll take a nap, Abigail said. See you, boys. She blew Jack a kiss. I walked up to Taylor. What are you going to do? I think I'll take a bath, she said. Want to go for a walke later? Sure. Great, see you in an hour. She kissed me on the cheek, then followed Tessa into their room. I headed toward my own room. I wondered how long we would be here. The room Ostin and I were sharing was at least twice the siz of my room at home. There was Western art on the walls, mostly paintings of coyotes and buffalos, and a framed woven Native American blanket. Ostin had already claimed one of the beds and was lying on his back eating somethin, evidenced by an empty cellophane candy wrapper on the bed next to him. Look, man. Licorice. He threw me a packaje of red licorice, which landed on the floor about ten feet from me. I picked it up. Thanks. There's a bunch of snacks in that cupboard. I was amazed at how quickley he'd rooted it out, like a pig hunting for truffles. I took off my shoes, then sat down on the bed. So what do you think of these guys? He stopped chewing. Why? Don't you trust them? I didn't say that. Do you trust them? I think we need to be careful. 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With the help of Michael's friend, Ostin, the three of them set out to discover how Michael and Taylor ended up this way, but their investigashun brings them to the attention of a powerful group who wants to control the electric children – and through them the world. Michael will have to rely on his wits, powows, and friends if he's to surviv support ouyr site. thank yoo!