

High Three - Unit Eight - Summary

At the end of September 1994, the young boy of Green's family named Nicholas was shot and killed in an attempted automobile robbery on a family trip in the south of Italy. Following the tragic event, his parents decided to donate his organs; In the following, we are going to describe this real story in detail.

Nicholas Green was a young boy touring southern Italy with his parents, Reg and Maggie, and younger sister Eleanor. On a lonely stretch of highway, the night of Sep. 29, 1994, bursts of gunfire targeted their car, and a bullet hit Nicholas. Being in a dilemma, Reg decides to floor the gas pedal and outdistance the bandits' car since Green's car was newer and faster. Seeing the first police car, he pulled over to report the tragedy. At that time, they found their children slept peacefully. Checking back of the vehicle, Reg found his son's head bloody. Immediately the boy was transferred to a hospital. After two days of fighting to survive, his life ended tragically in the hospital. His parents decided to donate his organs and his corneas to seven different people in Italy, which led to turn this bad event into a civility and humanity lesson, which were later given the highest medal by the Italian Prime Minister.

Fortunately, the organ donations enhanced and saved lives. More importantly, the act forever changed organ donation in Italy because of what is commonly referred to as the "Effetto Nicholas" or "the Nicholas effect." But since Nicholas's death, organ donation has tripled in this country, unquestionably thanks to the Green family's generosity.



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- 1- Why were Greens in Italy?
- 2- What was the first reaction of Reg when they faced with a bandits car?
- 3- Why did Reg decide to escape rather than stay?
- 4- How did they notice the death of their son?
- 5- What was abnormal about this family to Italians?
- 6- What was the effect of Green's sacrifice to the organ donation tradition?
- 7- Was Nicholas deliberately killed?
- 8- Did Greens forgive the bandits? Why?
- 9- Was Eleanor injured during this tragedy?
- 10- What is the moral conclusion out of this real story?



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