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COMMANDING OFFICER

Have you ever wondered why some people are so strong? Have you thought about how they do so much with their lives? When things are hard, they keep going.

Captain Chris Nunn is one of these people. When he was little, he was put up for adoption. A family in Texas adopted him. They taught him to work hard and never give up.

When he grew up, he wanted to be in the Army's Ranger School. This is a very challenging school. He had to do a lot of physical exercise, including hiking for long periods of time in the mountains. One day when he was in the mountains, a rattlesnake bit him. He was in a lot of pain, but he would not quit. Two days later he came limping out of the mountains. He passed the Ranger class.

Chris will tell you he always wants to do his best. He works as hard as he can. Sometimes people call him "Hurricane" because he gets angry if he thinks other people are not doing their best.

He became a commanding officer at age 29. Chris was working in Afghanistan in charge of many men and many thousands of dollars in army equipment. Captain Chris Nunn will keep doing his best. He hopes to make a difference in the world.

STORY QUESTIONS

1. What word or words best describe Chris Nunn?

a. old and tired	c. never gives up
b. quitter	d. young and mean
2. If Chris gave you advice, he would probably say . . .

a. "It's not the end of the world."
b. "Today is just another day."
c. "Don't worry. Be happy!"
d. "Never stop trying!"
3. How old was Chris when he became a commanding officer?

a. 30	c. 54
b. 38	d. 29
4. Another title for the passage could be . . .

a. "Riding in the Rain"	c. "How to Heal a Snake Bite"
b. "Never Give Up!"	d. "I Am the Captain"