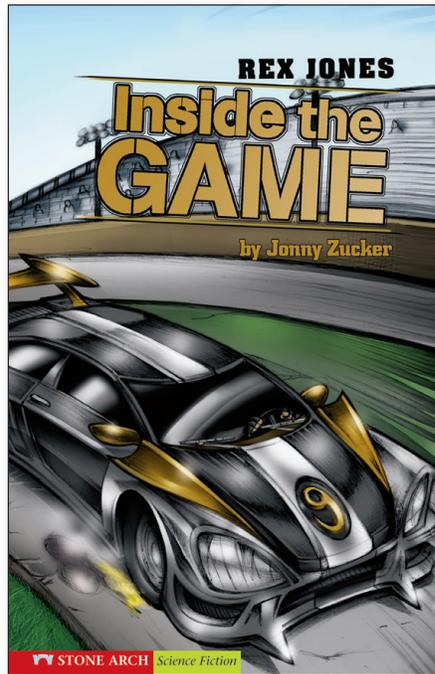




READER'S THEATER (Teacher's Version)



Inside the Game **by Jonny Zucker**

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- Characters:**
- Rex – reads slightly below grade level**
 - Dave – struggling reader**
 - Carl – reads below grade level**
 - Jerry Drag – reads slightly above grade level**
 - Platform Man – reads above grade level**
 - Narrator – reads at grade level**
- Genre:** Science Fiction
- Ages:** 10 – 14

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- Narrator:** Rex Jones has a cell phone that sends him on amazing adventures. He and his friends Dave and Carl were in science class when the phone buzzed.
- Rex:** It's time to go on an adventure!
- Narrator:** Rex pressed the EXPLORE button on his phone and the boys found themselves next to a racetrack.
- Carl:** This is cool. Is this a NASCAR race?
- Dave:** I think I've been here before.
- Carl:** Me too.
- Rex:** Me too. But how could all three of us have been here? We don't even know where "here" is.
- Narrator:** A man on a nearby platform told the boys to get into a red car.
- Platform Man:** Hurry up! The race is about to start!
- Narrator:** The boys jumped inside the car.
- Carl:** Can you drive?
- Rex:** Guess we'll find out!
- Dave:** Hey, I know where we are. This is the track from that video game, Motor Speed Chase. I recognize this red car.
- Carl:** Yeah, now I do too.
- Rex:** So we're inside a video game?
- Platform Man:** Hurry up, gentlemen!
- Narrator:** As the boys put on their helmets, they saw a young girl with brown hair standing next to the car. She told them to get out of the car.
- Rex:** Sorry. It's too late!

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- Narrator:** The boys sped off down the track.
- Carl:** It's a good thing you spent so much time playing Motor Speed Chase.
- Rex:** And always getting a high score.
- Dave:** We need to go faster if we want to beat the other cars.
- Narrator:** Rex pressed the gas down and the car sped up. 100, 120, 140, 170 miles an hour!
- Rex:** This is just like the game.
- Carl:** Faster!
- Narrator:** The other cars were catching up to the boys when the boys saw the girl standing in the middle of the track! She was holding a sign.
- Carl:** What does her sign say?
- Rex:** She better get out of the way soon, or the cars will smash right into her!
- Dave:** I don't remember her from the game.
- Narrator:** At the last second, the girl jumped out of the way and the boys finally could read the sign. It said "New game. New driver. New danger."
- Rex:** Danger?
- Dave:** What's that supposed to mean?
- Carl:** I think I know. You know how when you play Motor Speed Chase, none of the drivers get hurt?
- Rex and Dave:** Yeah.
- Carl:** There's a new game called Chase of Death and they've created this new driver called Jerry Drag. He drives like a madman.

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Narrator:

Just then, the boys saw Jerry Drag closing in behind them. He pulled up beside them and shouted

Jerry Drag:

Move over, boys! The King of the Track is dying to win this race!

Rex:

No way!

Narrator:

Jerry Drag tried to force the boys off the road.

Dave:

Watch out, Rex!

Carl:

We're all going to die!

Rex:

Not if I can help it!

Narrator:

Just then, the car started spinning out of control!
Will Rex and his friends make it through the Chase of Death, or will they crash and burn?

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