



Bridge Over the River Yikes!

Ever wonder what would happen if you drove a 10-ton dump truck over a bridge with a 2-ton weight limit? Ask and ye shall receive ... that's my motto.

It all started out when a guy, let's call him Duke, decided he wanted to get a job as a truck driver. Well, it just so happens that Duke's buddy, we'll call him Buddy, worked for a company that had a dump truck. Nothin' like a little hands-on training, I always say. So one weekend, the two of 'em set out on a crash course in dump truck driving, but not before downing a few brewskis to warm things up. Oh, and did I mention that Duke has a reputation for doing stupid stunts?

Anyhow, the two of 'em are out crusin' the county, and Duke was doing fairly well when they came upon this bridge. At this point the facts become a little muddled. Perhaps Buddy gave some friendly advice like, "Duke, we should turn around here, this bridge has a 2-ton weight limit." To which Duke seems to have replied "Well that's O.K., because we ain't carryin' anything in the back."

Whether that's how the conversation went or not, one thing is clear. Duke made a poor decision. One that cost Buddy his job, and Duke ... well, he never even got in for an interview. Keep this little example in mind, folks, the next time you decide to push something past (or just plain violate) its safety limits.