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Fast forward to Sydney in 2000, and once again, Chemerkin was behind the leader—although this time it was a new, young guy named Hossein Rezazadeh. Also once again, Chemerkin had the last attempt . . . the final clean and jerk.

In training, he'd gone up to about 240 kg, but this was the Olympics and as Al Oerter said, "You die for the Olympics." Andrei called for the weight he needed to overtake Rezazadeh— 272.5 kg—a weight that dwarfed the world record and was more than had ever even been loaded on a bar in competition. Among those watching was the full court of dominant superheavyweights who preceded Chemerkin: Leonid Taranenko, Alexander Kurlovich, and Anatoli Pisarenko.



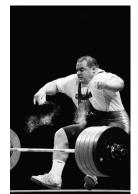
The most likely scenario at this point was that Chemerkin would—filled with bluster approach the bar, snort a couple of times, and then shake his head and walk away. Instead, however, he did the improbable: he bounded up the steps, quickly got set

and—Lord have mercy!—ripped the bar off the platform, before instantly reversing directions at the top of his pull and racing downward—attempting to rack the unworldly weight.

"He's really going for it," our minds screamed as we realized what we were seeing. And although Andrei Chemerkin didn't quite get his elbows around enough to secure the bar on his chest, he'd delivered what IronMind's Randall Strossen considers to be the greatest attempt he's ever witnessed.







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