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In the weeks leading up to the science fair it was all preparation. All the boys pitched in on the display each contributing their own little piece to the puzzle. Quentin on the other hand would drill Homer over and over again about definitions and concepts of rockets. Ms. Riley helped Homer create and perfect his pitch that he would end up giving the judges. Then after all the work he finally headed for the science fair.

When he went to the science fair he made a new friend he called Tex. Homer and Tex took off and became really good friends. They set up their exhibits next to each other. During the science fair the rockets section was popular, but according to Tex nobody in rockets won anything. Then the worst thing possible happened. Homer's rocket stuff was stolen. He made an emergency call home to hopefully get some more nozzles and rockets. Thanks to his mom he was able to get more stuff. Then he found out that they made rockets their own division so he had a chance to win.

The judges came around and asked a lot of hard questions, Homer answered flawlessly. Homer took home first place back to Coalwood.