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All our efforts would probably be for nothing, yet at the same time we were live on television, our sponsors and the world were watching, and we were now under obligation to race. So we had to plough on. But we were in an attack with close to zero chances of success. I was furious with my impetuosity, angry for allowing my emotions to lead me into such a hopeless situation.

The gap came down to two minutes and it began to rain. Now my confidence ebbed away. I started to drop behind on the descents and in the corners. For some reason my ability to handle my bike on the slippery Catalan coastal roads had deserted me. I prayed the peloton would reel us in and put us out of our misery rather than prolonging the agony.