

SAVAGE CORPORATE
HEADQUARTERS.



...RESPONDERS
ARE EN ROUTE.

...POWER SHOULD
BE RESTORED
WITHIN THE HOUR.



WE'RE GETTING
REPORTS OF SOME
CASUALTIES, BUT
NOT NEARLY AS
BAD AS IT *COULD*
HAVE BEEN.



"HAS YOUR TEAM RUN INTO ANY DIFFICULTIES, LONGSHOT?"

WE'VE KEPT THE SITUATION FROM GETTING WORSE, PAT. BUT THE QUAKE WAS A BAD ONE.

DO YOU REQUIRE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES?

NO, I THINK WE'VE GOT THINGS COVERED ON THIS END.



<COME ON, WE'VE GOT YOU.>



I JUST WISH THAT WE COULD HAVE GOTTEN HERE SOONER.

I THINK THAT HAPPY'S BEEN WORKING ON THAT, ACTUALLY.





BUT YOUR SEISMIC PREDICTION ALGORITHM IS STILL A WAYS OFF, RIGHT, HAPPY?

NO, THAT'S THE TROUBLE. I'VE HAD A WORKING MODEL THAT SHOULD HAVE PREDICTED THIS.



BUT THAT REGION WASN'T DUE FOR ANOTHER SEISMIC EVENT OF THIS MAGNITUDE FOR A DECADE.

AUTONOMOUS SENSORS TRACK STRESS LEVELS ALONG FAULT LINES, AND UP UNTIL THIS MORNING EVERYTHING WAS FINE.



AND THEN THIS MORNING?



SUDDENLY IT WENT OFF THE CHARTS, WITH THE STRESS SPIKING IN MULTIPLE LOCATIONS. LIKE SOMEONE HAD JUST FLIPPED A SWITCH.

PAT, SITUATION REPORT.



ALL FIELD TEAMS ARE REPORTING STEADY PROGRESS. HOW ARE THINGS ON YOUR END, COUSIN?

LIKE A LOT OF SWITCHES...

SCHOOL BUS WENT THROUGH A GUARD RAIL WHEN THE QUAKE HIT. LUCKILY I SPOTTED IT FROM THE AIR.



SAVAGE,
OUT.

ESCOLAR

<COME ON,
TAKE MY HAND.
EVERYTHING IS
GOING TO BE
JUST FINE.>



KREEEEAK



<THAT'S
IT, I'VE GOT
YOU.>

KREEEEAK



<... IN THE TREES OVER THERE.>

<THANK YOU, I'LL CHECK IT OUT.>

PAT, SEND A TRUCK TO TAKE THE DRIVER AND STUDENTS TO THE NEAREST RELIEF CENTER. THE DRIVER THOUGHT HE SAW SOMEONE PAST THE TREE LINE, AND I'M INVESTIGATING.



SOMEONE ELSE OUT THERE NEEDS SAVING?



THEY'RE PAST SAVING, I'M AFRAID. LOOKS LIKE A BROKEN NECK.



BUT WHAT WAS HE DOING OUT HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE?