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I used to eat chalk. Yes, chalk with which we write on a blackboard. And I used to like it very much.

SEISMIC SURPRISE

Whoever thought that an earthquake could measure up to 8.9 on the Richter scale? Well, Japan certainly was shocked by this unanticipated earthquake followed by an enormous tsunami wave.

But Japan is ready for disasters like these. It has special plans for buildings. There is a metal frame with rubber on top that absorbs vibrations and allows the building to sway with the vibrations, making it sustainable to quakes. It even has tsunami alert systems. But alas, even this was not enough. In this time of crisis, some turned to the social networks! They described the danger at hand in their videos and posted them, hoping that help would come.

Soon, the videos were all over the news channels. Then, the tsunami sirens blurred and immediately the hills were cascading with anxious Japanese. Then the waves came in and flooded city after city, destroying

everything in its path. And when it started to flow back to the oceans it took everything, including thousands of humans with it. By the next day, whole villages had disappeared.

Other countries could not bear to see Japan suffer and immediately sent help. Soon, more than 3000 people were rescued but many are still missing. But it seems that it was not over yet. A nuclear reactor blasted in the Fukushima Prefecture sending dangerous amounts of radiation into the air.

My intention is not to scare you but I must aver that there are fault lines in Mumbai. There is one from Malabar Hill to Worli. But the major seismic faultline is in the Thane Creek. We must be alert at all times and the government should have a backup plan for there might be a seismic surprise out here too.

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