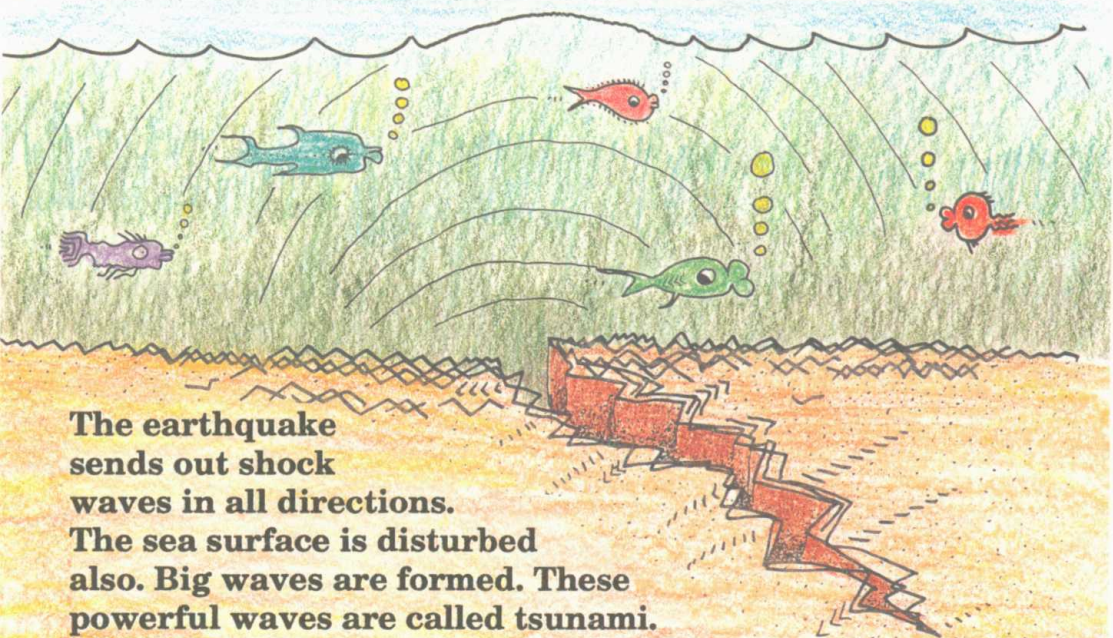


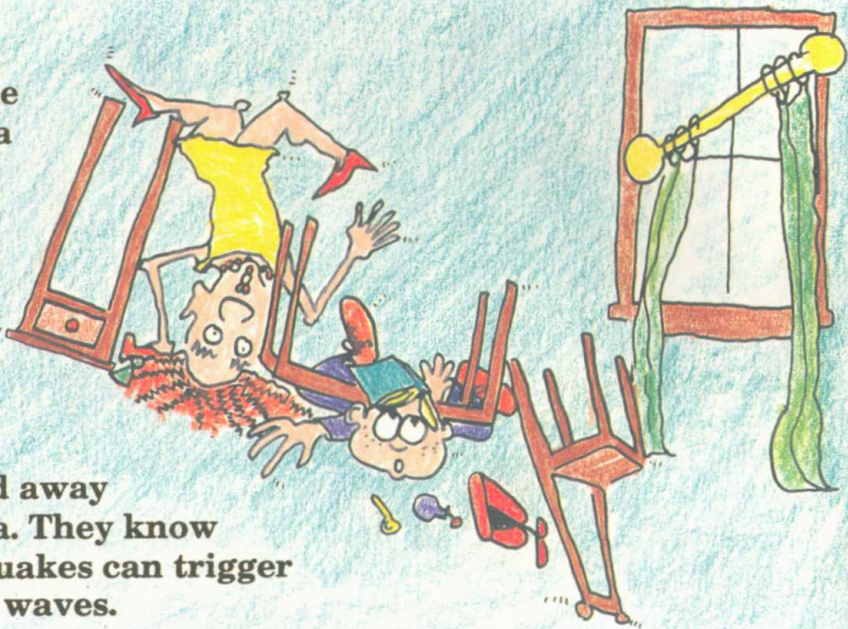
**It is an earthquake. People know what to do. They do not run outside. They take cover under tables, desk, or in doorways.**



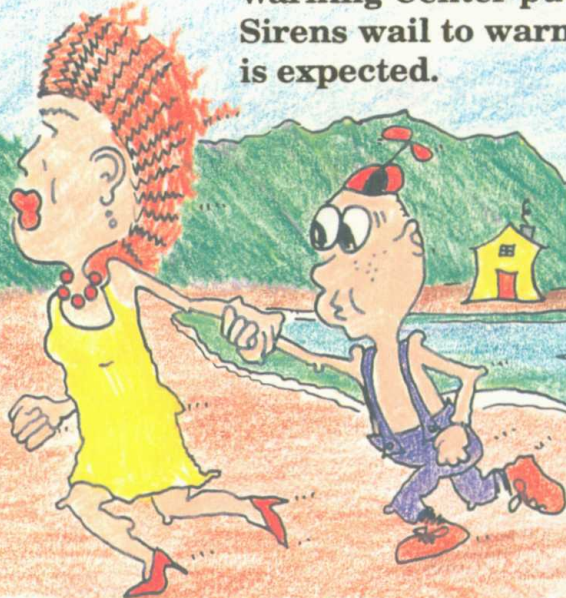
**The earthquake sends out shock waves in all directions. The sea surface is disturbed also. Big waves are formed. These powerful waves are called tsunamis. These waves travel fast across the sea. They are dangerous and they can kill.**



As soon as the shaking stops, people living by sea do not start to clean up the mess. They quickly leave their homes and move inland away from the sea. They know that earthquakes can trigger off tsunami waves.

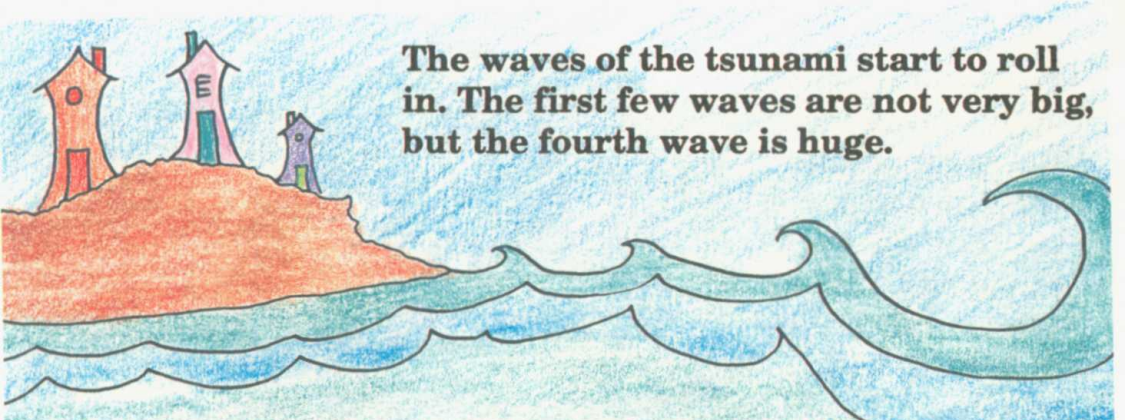


**The Alaska Tsunami  
Warning Center puts out an alert.  
Sirens wail to warn people a tsunami  
is expected.**

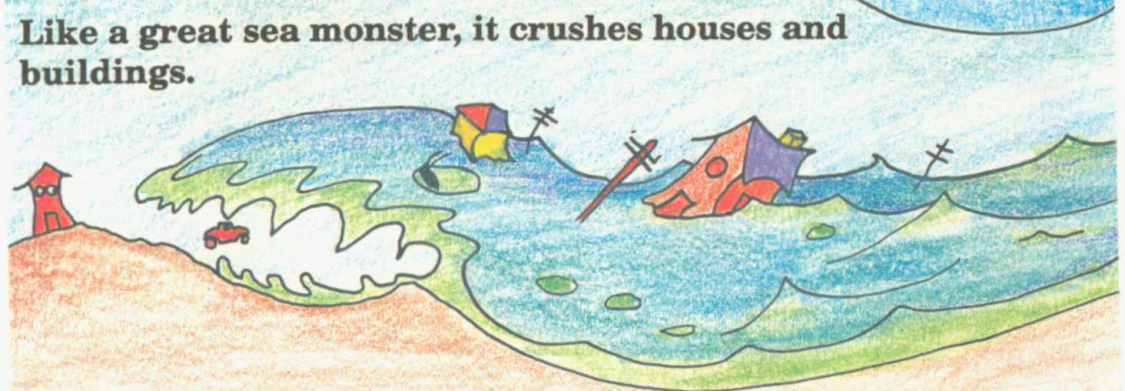


**There isn't much  
time. People  
hurry to safety,  
away from the  
shore and wait for the  
tsunami to come.**

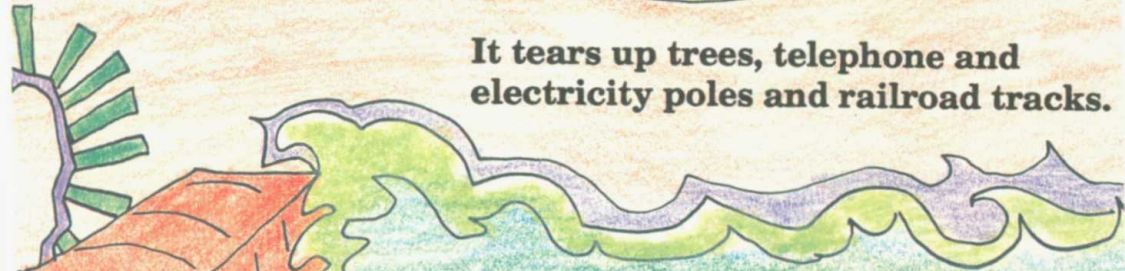




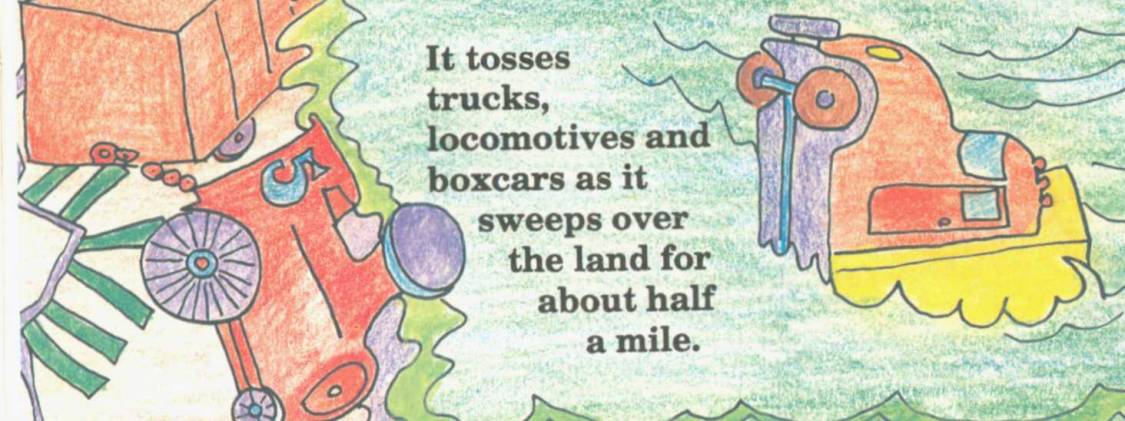
The waves of the tsunami start to roll in. The first few waves are not very big, but the fourth wave is huge.



Like a great sea monster, it crushes houses and buildings.



It tears up trees, telephone and electricity poles and railroad tracks.



It tosses trucks, locomotives and boxcars as it sweeps over the land for about half a mile.