



FAULT LINES

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Chapter 1
MOMENT OF TERROR

A small town in California.
A boy and girl are at home.
Their mom ran to the store.

There is a rumble.
The house shakes.
A little at first.
Then it rocks.
The ceiling falls.
Dishes break.
It is an earthquake.
A big one.

The boy thinks.
They have drills at school.
Earthquake drills.
He takes his sister's hand.
They go under a table.
Just in time.
The house falls.
They are buried.





The shaking stops.
The boy and girl are alive.
But they are trapped.


People rush to help.
They dig.
Move bricks.
Move wood.
They work day and night.

It takes two days.
At last, a crack of light.
It pours into the dark hole.



The hole opens wide.
An arm reaches in.
Then another.
Rescuers.
They pull the girl out.
The boy is next.
Cheers ring out.





The boy and girl are lucky.

People were ready.

Why?

Their town sits on a *fault line*.

One of the big ones.

FAULT LINES

Why does the earth move?

What makes us feel the shake?

Where is the largest fault line?

How many faults are there?

Why are faults helpful?



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