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Tsunami

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Hi, my name is Leo and I am 19 years old. Let me tell you about the worst time of my life. I was in the middle of preparing to move out of my parent's house, when I felt a bug breeze. I asked my dad, "What is going on?" He said, "Oh, it's probably nothing." "Ok," I said.

Because I believed him, I went outside to play basketball with some other kids in my neighborhood. That is when I saw a huge tsunami coming toward my house. I ran inside, slammed the door, and locked it. Just then I realized that my mom was still outside and needed to come in, but I was too scared to open the door. My dad yelled to me, "Open the door and let your mom in quick!" So, I unlocked the door and ran to my room.

I had no idea what my mom and dad were doing, and I didn't care, I was just worried about that tsunami! Was it going to get bigger? Would it destroy my house? Just then, my dad ran upstairs and told me to come downstairs, so we could seek shelter before the tsunami hit. As I was running downstairs, all I could hear was my dad yell, "WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE!" I quickly ran out of the house and into the storm shelter.

Three hours later, my dad's phone sent an alert that it was now clear to come out of the shelter. We all worked together to open the door of the storm shelter. After the door finally opened, all I could see was my destroyed house – or what used to be my house. I said to my dad, "What are we going to do?" He replied sadly, "I don't know."

Four years later, we rebuilt our house and had replaced all that we had lost in the tsunami . Having a tsunami hit my home was the hardest thing I have ever been through in my life, I know that for a fact.

Why I wrote this:

I wrote this story because we have recently been learning about tsunamis in school and how much damage these natural disasters can cause. That led me to begin thinking about what I would do if a tsunami ever hit my home. I wrote this story to tell what I think I would do in that situation. Plus, I thought it was boo-yang cool!