Class Presentation of 6D

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Subject: Geography (Earthquake)

Narrator: On a rainy night in Nepal, something strange has happened. All the snakes creeped out of the mud and began to escape to the west. People don't realise this strange phenomenon.

<u>Props</u> Sound Effects

SCENE 1 (all the snakes escaped to the west)

P: Rubber Snakes

SCENE 2 (the students were having lessons at school)

Mary: Hey Tom, did you see many snakes coming out last night? It's so creepy! Something bad may happen! I know it is a sign of earthquake. (a shaky voice)

Tom: Are you sure? (writing on his notebook, ignoring Mary) Hey.Did you feel the shake?

Tom: What's wrong with you? Please pay more attention to Mr Wong! Otherwise we will be punished.(laughing at Mary)

Mary: (in a frightened voice) No! Something really went wrong! (Mary looked at the sky and luckily avoid from being hurt) (The ground suddenly shook and there were 'bricks'* dropping from the sky, Tom and the other students died)

SE: Earthquake P: *bricks – boxes full of scrap paper

Mary: (crying) Oh my god! Tom! Wake up! We still have to go to school tomorrow.

*****requiem for a dream soundtrack (keep the vol low)

(Tom has no response)

Mary: Everyone died ...I must go home to look for my mother! (wipe her tears and go away)

Narrator: On Mary's way home, she sees many collapsed buildings. She can't recognise this is the city she lives in. (in a sad voice) Unforunately, an earthquake with 8.0 Richter Scale has just struck this Nepalese city.

Mary: (walk to the house, and then yelled) Mum! Where are you? I am still alive! I am your sweet baby girl! Please tell me where you are!

(No one response) (She suddenly saw her mum's shoes)

P: Mum's shoes

Mary: That was my mum's shoes. (yell) Mum, I know you are here. You must be safe and sound! (searching in the ruin)

Narrator: Mary can see her mum's body. It is a dead body, with no single heartbeat, with no temperature in her hands, with no more warm smiles on her face. Yes. Her mother has died .But she is still holding a corn in her hands. (sad voice)

Mary: Oh! She was still cooking for my favourite lunch and waiting for my return. The corn.(crying with a loud voice) I love you my mum.

SCENE 3

Special Report: A Richter Scale 8.0 hit the city. Many people died of this natural disaster. Our reporter has arrived the scene for first-hand information.

Props Sound Effects

SE:Play the audio file

Journalist: Sorry for your loss Mary. After this earthquake, will you still stay in this area?

Mary: (weeping) Yes. I know it is risky to live in hazard-prone areas, but the volcanic activities make fertile soil and minerals which are good for farming activities. My favourite corn is an example. (Cry and go away)

P: Holding corn

Journalist: What about you? You are a villager here.

A man: You are so silly! (yell to the journalist) This is our hometown and we are staying forever. This Nepalese city has attracted many tourists since the landscapes here are incredible. We make our living by being a tour guide. There are good social ties for the people here, too. Everyone knows each other. We WILL NOT move!

P: Tour guide Flag

Journalist 2: Earthquakes don't kill people, but buildings of low quality do kill. This city is hastily constructed, filled with buildings which are not earthquake-proof. It is more vulnerable to earthquakes and therefore causing more casualties. What do you think about this, Mr Rescue Workers?

P: Picking up the broken bricks

Rescue Worker 1: True. I'd say no to those who live in those dangerous areas. Earthquake may cause landslides, tsunamis. The economic loss is unimaginably great.

Rescue Worker 2: Look at Japan, earthquake may cause nuclear accidents like the Fukushima Nuclear Accident. It is too irrational for them to live here.

(They look at each other with disappointment, tap on each other shoulders and go away)

Narroator: It is estimated that around 500,000 earthquakes occur each year, detectable with current instrumentation in this century. To live, or not to live. That's the questions for the residents living in the earthquake-prone area.