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This chapter deals with the inspiring incidents that took place when the Tsunami hit the different parts of the world.

In the first story, Ignesious was a manager of a cooperative society in Katchall. His wife woke him up at 6 a.m. when she could sense a few tremors. However, it was not just a simple earthquake, it was the sea rising. A tsunami had struck that place. The waves were so huge that it swept away his family including his wife, children, father-in-law and brother-in-law.

In the second story of Part 1, a policeman named Sanjeev saved his family members comprising his wife and his baby daughter from the dangerous waves. However, he drowned while trying to rescue the guest house cook, John's wife as the huge waves washed both of them away.

The third incident of Part 1 is about a thirteen-year-old girl, Meghna who was swept away by the waves along with her parents and many other people. She was floating in the sea holding a wooden plank and was brought to shore by a wave. Although she was saved, she was completely dazed as she walked on the seashore.

The fourth story of Part 1 is about Almas Javed, a ten-year-old girl. Her father had noticed that the seawater was receding after the tremors. He realised this was the sign of a bigger danger so he warned everyone to take shelter in a safer place. While he was helping others, a huge wave came and washed away Almas's father along with her grandfather. Slowly her entire family was swept away, while Almas had climbed on a floating wooden log and fainted. When she woke up, she found herself in a hospital in Kamorta. She was so traumatised that she never talked about the incident with anyone.

The Tsunami teaches a lesson to students that a tsunami is a natural disaster that causes massive destruction and immense loss to life and property. In each story, we learnt about hard life lessons and reassuring details of determination, courage, resilience and survival. One should exhibit acts of courage, compassion and responsibility in the tough struggle of endurance and restoration