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Trust me, you do NOT want to be in a large earthquake. It is possibly one of the most terrifying experiences you will ever encounter, and I don't mean terrifying as in "OMG WE WENT TO TEH HAUNTED HOUSE WE WERE SO SCARD BUT WERE OK NOW", but honest to God fear, something that you wish you could erase from your memory.

Let me give you a brief description.

You are reading a book on your desk, when you begin to feel your chair moving under you. You get up to check, but as you do, you notice the pencil on your desk jumping slightly. Then comes the big one. The room itself begins to shudder around you, disorienting you as you reach for the door. Once you manage to open it, you run down the hallway, tripping twice over the fallen paintings and broken vase. Once you reach outside, it's no better. You look above to se the power lines swaying, becoming tense and slack throughout the quake. People are running out of their houses, some bloodied by the broken glass that has fallen on them. The rest of your family emerges from your home, and you huddle by the car as the quake continues.

A minute after it began, it ends.

And this happened only in my city. 300 miles away, three cities were leveled to the ground, killing thousands and leaving thousands more injured.

Satisfied?

EDIT: I forgot to mention when and where this happened. It was in Cali, Colombia, 1997. I was only 10 years old at the time.

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