

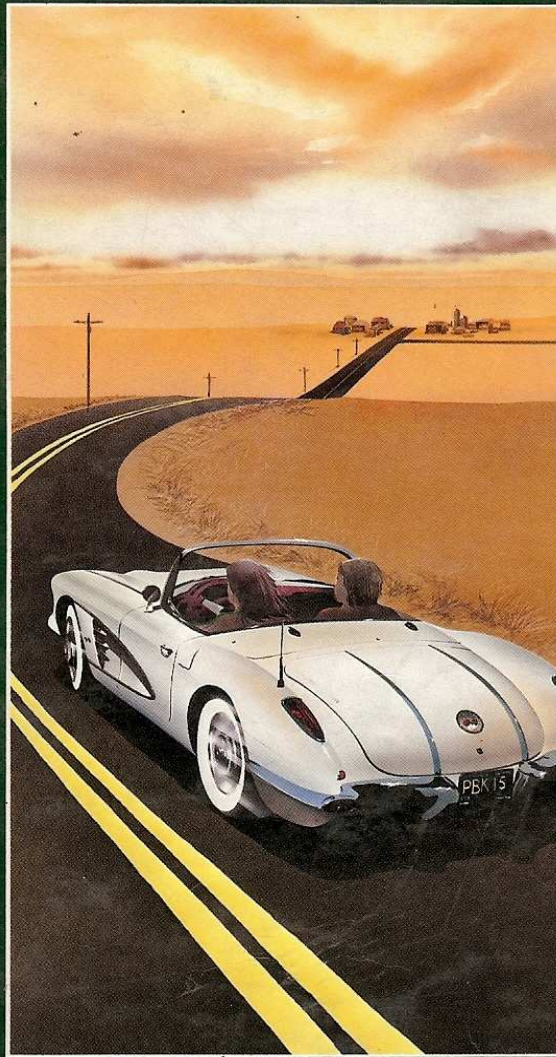
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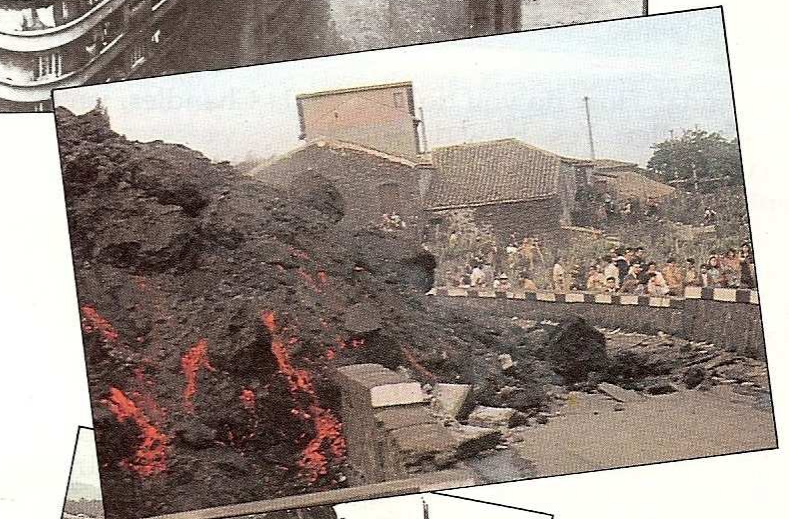
Good evening. Our program tonight is about disasters. This year there have been fires, plane crashes, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions. All our guests tonight have survived disasters.



Hello. I'm Susan Fisher-Diaz. I live in Chicago. I was working in my office on the 28th floor of a skyscraper. I was dictating some letters to my secretary when the fire alarm rang. I rushed out to the elevator, but it wasn't working. The stairs were full of thick smoke. We couldn't go down, so we had to go up to the roof. When we got there some people were waiting calmly. Others were shouting and screaming wildly. A helicopter managed to land on the roof and rescued six of us before the roof collapsed.



My name's Linda Reed. I was on vacation at the Med Club on Patapita, a small island in the South Pacific. I was taking a nap when the volcano erupted. The noise woke me up. I looked through the window. Everybody was running toward the port. I threw on my robe and ran to the port too. I managed to get on a cruise ship. It was leaving when the lava hit the town.



Hello. I'm Ron Byrd. I'm a farmer. I was working in the field when I saw the plane. It was flying too low to get to the airport. It was coming down fast. I was driving my tractor toward my house when the plane crashed into the trees behind me. I heard a terrible explosion. When I woke up, I was lying in bed—in a hospital.



Hi. My name's Richard Ching. My wife and I were staying with friends in Santa Librada near Los Angeles. We were having dinner when the earthquake began. Everything shook. All the plates and food fell on the floor. We were picking everything up when the ceiling fell in. We were under the table and survived. We had to wait for hours before help arrived.

