Irma's Wrath

Millions of people are recovering from Hurricane Irma. The storm slammed several Caribbean islands. It also hit the southern coast of the U.S. Irma made landfall on the island of Barbuda on September 6. Then it moved north and west.

The island nations of the Bahamas and Cuba were some of the hardest hit. Wind speeds reached 185 miles per hour. The storm turned streets into rivers. It knocked down trees and tossed boats onto land.

Irma made landfall in Florida just two weeks after Hurricane Harvey hit Texas. Harvey flooded streets and put many people in danger. Before Irma hit, Florida governor Rick Scott ordered people to leave their homes and head to safety. But some refused. Power lines came crashing down during the storm. It caused more than 13 million people to lose power. “We will make it through this together,” Scott said.

At press time, the death toll in the Caribbean was 37 people. At least 19 people died in Florida, the state hit hardest by Irma. Skies have cleared. But flooding and power outages are expected to last for weeks.

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Crime Fighters

Seven FBI agents search a house. A criminal suspect is hiding in a bedroom. The agents send in a small, remote-controlled robot. It scans the path ahead. The robot makes sure it is safe for the agents to follow.

The agents reach the bedroom. They toss in a small grenade. It explodes with a loud bang and a blinding flash of light.

The suspect is stunned. Three agents rush in. They capture him.

But the “criminal” is another FBI agent. The house is a life-size model. The exercise is a training session. It is held at a base in Fort Dix, New Jersey. The session is weekly practice for members of Newark’s FBI Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team. FBI agents must practice often to keep their skills sharp.

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