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1100 FIRE FROM FOREST FIRE

As forest fires ring the logging town of Forks, Washington, the community's 1,100 residents are ordered to evacuate. To check the fires trees are felled and bulldozers carve out protective trenches. But as night falls wind-borne sparks set the little town ablaze despite the efforts of hundreds who risk their lives in the battle.

Fires in the huge Olympic National Forest swept to the outskirts of the little town ten days earlier but were then brought under control. But this time, as the light of dawn reveals, the battle is lost.

The logging town which grew up and lived in the forest dies in the forest.

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In America, as

~~fires~~ in the Olympic National Forest, ~~searing down the Galena River~~
Ganges, race towards the logging town of Forks, Washington, ~~as the flames~~
~~sweep on, the community's~~ eleven hundred residents are ordered to flee. *y.f.*

Because of wind direction, back fires can't be started; so trees are felled
and two dozen bulldozers carve out protective trenches.

But as night arrives, the wind carries burning bark and flaming
tree fragments across the emergency trenches and the city begins to burn—
despite the effort of hundreds who risk their lives in the battle.

Daylight reveals the scope of the tragedy.

Ironically, only ten days earlier the city had apparently been saved when
another fire ~~nearby~~ had been brought under control. But now the logging
town which lived in the forest, dies in the forest.