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For the third time in four years, the volcano Hobe Hobe in the Philippines erupts, spreading destruction and killing hundreds. The death toll may reach two thousand. Belching clouds of acrid smoke and fixings fiery lava, the mountain erupts as often as six times a day. Fifteen square miles on the island of Gen-Negan have been utterly devastated.

Trucks carry refugees to safety. There's long waiting, for twenty-two thousand persons are homeless.

From the island's harbor, the disaster's victims, the old and the young, go by boat to the larger island of Mindanao.

Makeshift hospitals are set up for those hurt in the catastrophe. Many are injured by smoke or by the searing lava.

Here's a field of lava--molten stone, still smoking and smouldering, days after it poured down the mountain. The lava goes everywhere, burning and destroying. Even a week after, it's wise to be cautious about touching it.

The countryside is ravaged. Houses were wiped out like a blade of grass in a furnace. And above the wreckage, old Hobe Hobe goes right on smoking.