

This is the ten-thousand-foot volcano Merapi in Java --- whose latest eruption has caused the death of some twenty-five people, and injured many more. Two thousandx refugees, have been evacuated from their homes in the danger zone. Surrounding farms have been burned out by the white-hot lava, and buried beneath a ~~blizzard~~ blizzard of hundreds of tons of ~~glowing~~ ash.

The refugees flooded into the ~~the~~ villages in the safety area --- where emergency measures were put in hand long ago for just such an event. Because Merapi has spread death and ~~destruction~~ destruction fifty times in the past four centuries. In 1930, a thousand houses were wiped out of existence; and seven thousand people were killed.