

UNIT 1: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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One Day After Hurricane Dante: Safety First

Our community can breathe one big sigh of relief that Hurricane Dante is over. The greatest danger may be behind us, but there are still plenty of safety concerns in the **aftermath** ✓ of the storm.

This storm was so **extreme** for our area that on Monday everyone living within a quarter mile of a shore had to **evacuate** ✓, grabbing only what they could in the minutes before they left.

Mayor Young made it clear that following her instructions was **mandatory** ✓, yet there were those who seemed to think they had a choice about leaving. On Lower Broadway, five families stayed in their homes even though their neighbors told them they had to leave. Every one of those families had to be rescued after the storm hit.

The families that stayed in their homes probably didn't realize that in a hurricane as strong as Dante, rivers can **surge** ✓ 10 feet or more. When the water level is **significantly** raised, dangerous floods can occur.

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SAFETY TIP: STAY AWAY FROM FLOODED AREAS!

The fierce winds caused blackouts all over town, and many neighborhoods still don't have power. Hurricane Dante also damaged gas lines in some people's homes. In two of these, the damage resulted in a major **explosion**. One **resident, identified** as Jocelyn Hart, 52, at 637 Elm Street, was rushed to the hospital with second-degree burns.

SAFETY TIP: TURN OFF YOUR GAS AND HAVE YOUR GAS LINE **INSPECTED**.

Parts of downtown Port Douglas are a shocking sight. Police have blocked off entry to both the Public Library and the Post Office. Owners of at least eight stores have put up signs warning **curious residents** away. City **inspectors** promise to get to all of these buildings by the end of the week. Each has shown signs of **structural**  damage, such as a sagging **foundation**, a fallen staircase, or cracked walls.

SAFETY TIP: DO NOT ENTER ANY CLOSED BUILDING, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE.

The Daily Byte will continue to keep readers **informed** about safety issues **related** to the storm.

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QUICKWRITE

Write a brief, one-paragraph email to your **staff**:

- Remind them about what areas or **situations** might be dangerous after the storm.
- Suggest what they can do if they find themselves in an unsafe **situation**.
- The days after the storm are difficult for everyone. Explain any special changes you will make in your **expectations** of **staff** for the next couple of weeks after Dante.

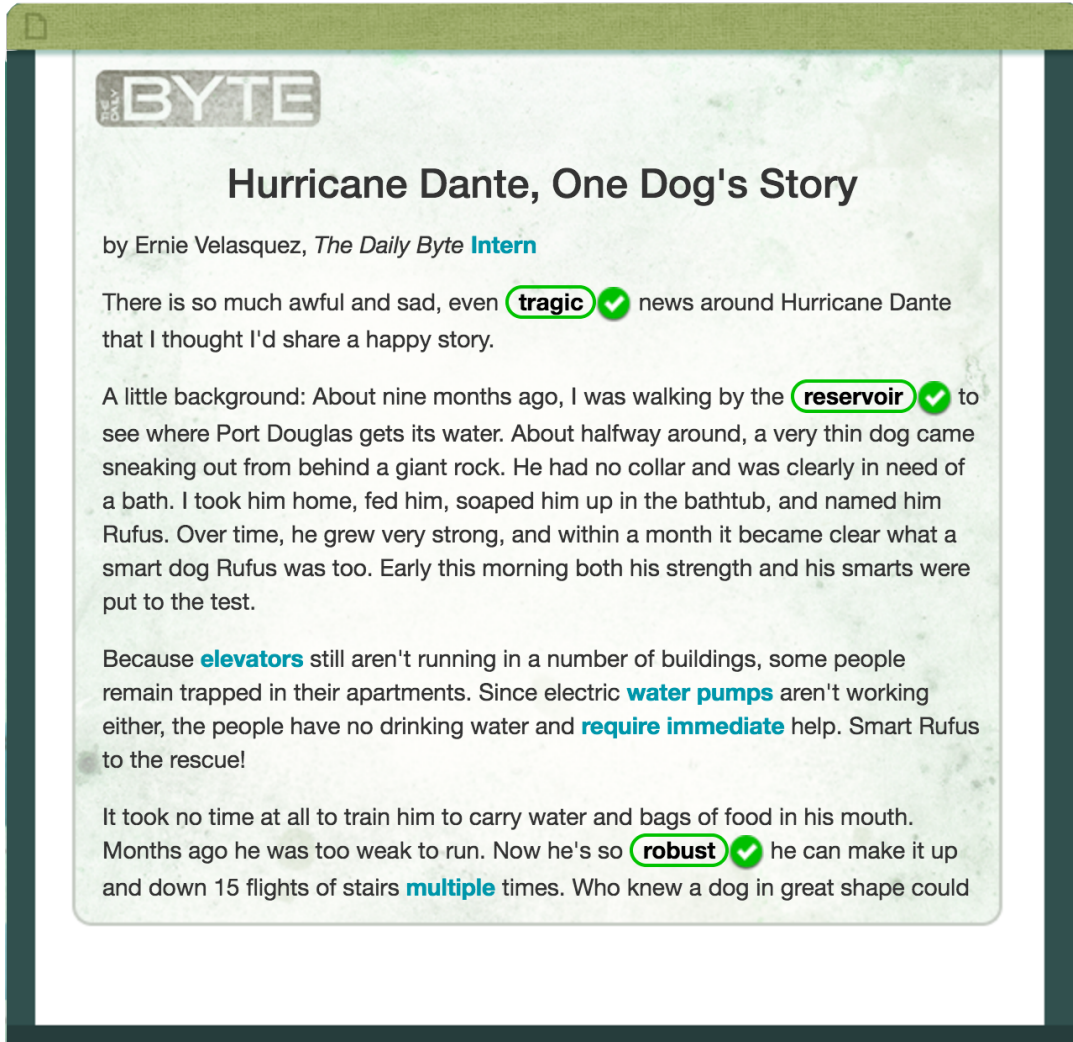
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Hurricane Dante, One Dog's Story

by Ernie Velasquez, *The Daily Byte* Intern

There is so much awful and sad, even **tragic** ✓ news around Hurricane Dante that I thought I'd share a happy story.

A little background: About nine months ago, I was walking by the **reservoir** ✓ to see where Port Douglas gets its water. About halfway around, a very thin dog came sneaking out from behind a giant rock. He had no collar and was clearly in need of a bath. I took him home, fed him, soaped him up in the bathtub, and named him Rufus. Over time, he grew very strong, and within a month it became clear what a smart dog Rufus was too. Early this morning both his strength and his smarts were put to the test.

Because **elevators** still aren't running in a number of buildings, some people remain trapped in their apartments. Since electric **water pumps** aren't working either, the people have no drinking water and **require immediate** help. Smart Rufus to the rescue!

It took no time at all to train him to carry water and bags of food in his mouth. Months ago he was too weak to run. Now he's so **robust** ✓ he can make it up and down 15 flights of stairs **multiple** times. Who knew a dog in great shape could


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Hurricane Dante Slideshow



NEEDS A KEYWORD HERE: **root** ✓



NEEDS A KEYWORD HERE: **submerged** ✓



NEEDS A KEYWORD HERE: **refuse** ✓

People use this field to dump refuse from the storm. ✓


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CHALLENGE ACTIVITY PART 1


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Dante and Port Douglas: The Story Starters




It's a good thing the driver of this car escaped before his car got practically submerged in flood water. ✓



There were still people in this house when the roof collapsed. ✓



To date, no one has found out what happened to the man who put himself in peril by kayaking during Dante. ✓



This ghoulish photo is meant to scare people into thinking someone is drowning. ✓

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CHALLENGE ACTIVITY PART 2

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Dante and Port Douglas:


Dante and Port Douglas: The Stories



Most drivers who were out during the worst of Dante escaped before their cars got submerged in water. Janelle Robbins swam out of her car (this blue one) just in time, and she's fine today, but Matilda Overton was not so lucky. Matilda could not get the windows open, and the water was rising fast.

Fortunately, divers from the Port Douglas Police Department were already in the area. They rescued her. ~~When she was a little girl, Matilda used to enjoy standing out in the rain.~~ ✓ She has some permanent damage to her lungs, but she's alive today because of those divers.

There were still people inside this house when the roof collapsed. Little Moses Cardiff was there, where no one could find him. All day during the lead-up to the storm, his grandparents and mother had been looking for him, searching everywhere they thought a four-year old would possibly go. ~~Last~~ week Moses went on his first trip to a national park. ✓ Right as they were scouring the property for the umpteenth time, getting beaten and battered by Dante, they heard a terrible, deafening crash.



Here are starting paragraphs for a story about each picture. In each, cross out the sentence that doesn't belong.

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CHALLENGE ACTIVITY PART 2 (CONT'D)

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To date, no one has found out what happened to the man who put himself in peril by kayaking during Dante.

People can be so mean, like the creep in the next town over who posted the picture to a photo-sharing site with the caption *Going, going, gone.* ✓ Grace Howard from *The*

Daily Byte was one of the several beach residents screaming at the man, telling him to turn around. Joe Casella even started to swim out to him, but headed back when he felt the waves overpowering him. No one knew who the man was.

This ghoulish photo is meant to scare people into thinking someone is drowning. The photo was the brainchild of the Tyrone brothers, Earl and Lamar. Earl filled their second-floor bathtub with muddy water, then lay down on his back with his slimy hand sticking up. Lamar stirred up the



water with his mother's egg beater. Their sister Sheryl used the zoom on the camera in her phone to snap the picture. Sheryl is two years younger than Earl but one year older than Lamar. ✓ Then, before anyone could stop them, they posted the photo on social media with the caption, *Sinkhole opens during Dante!*

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CHALLENGE QUICKWRITE

Write whatever you like but make sure your story paragraph answers these questions:

- What happens next?
- Where does it happen?
- Which characters are involved?
- What is their **motivation** for doing what they do?

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