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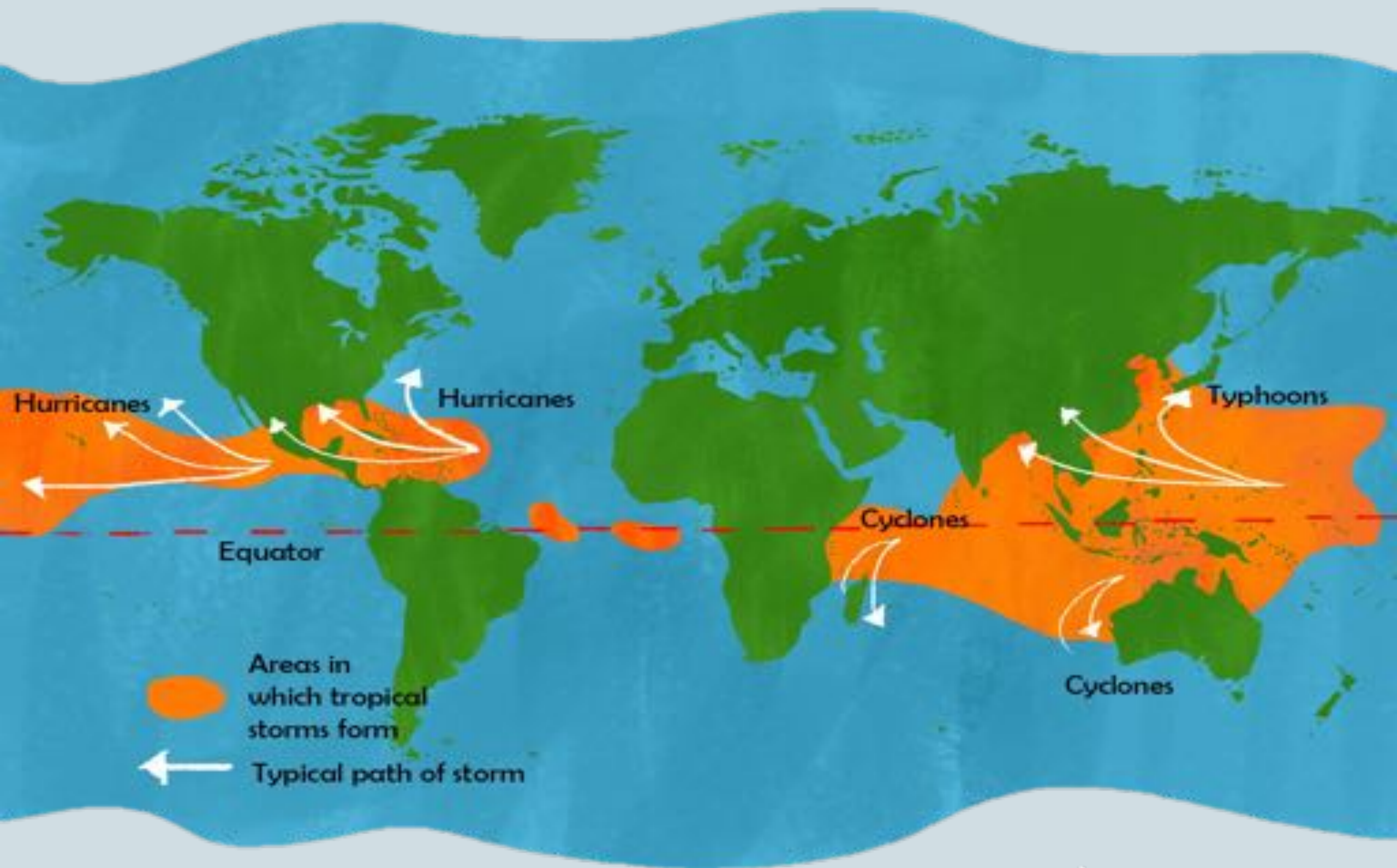
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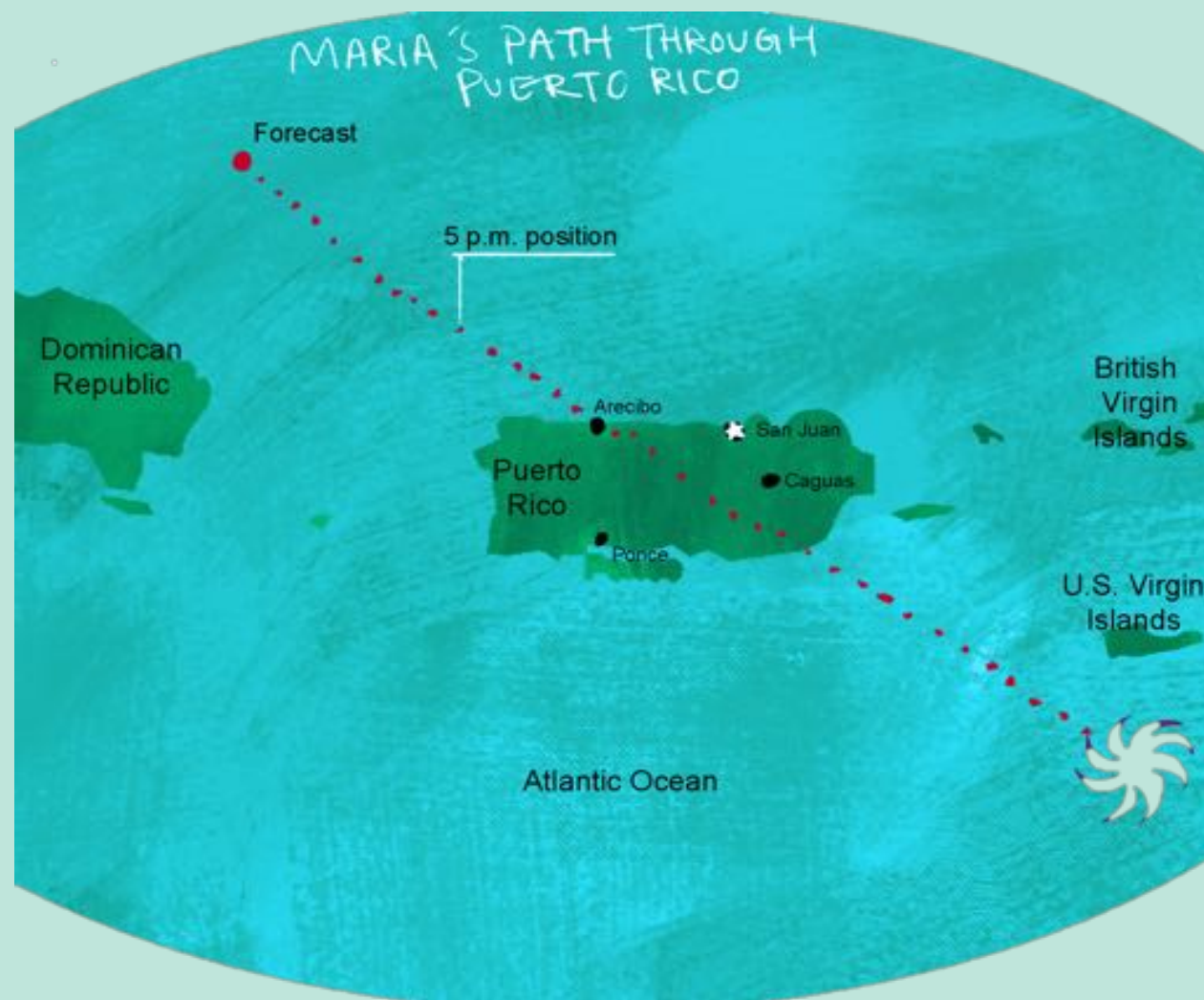
Hurricanes are the strongest storms on Earth.

People call them different names, such as typhoons or cyclones, depending on where they occur.

Cyclones that form over the Atlantic Ocean or eastern Pacific Ocean are called “hurricanes.”



In the summer of 2017, hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria struck Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, and the Caribbean.



HURRICANE HARVEY



HURRICANE IRMA



They brought strong winds and lots of rain. The wind destroyed trees, buildings, bridges, and schools.

The rain caused floods. The floodwater swallowed many houses and cars.

More than a million people had to evacuate and lost their homes and belongings.

They didn't know what to do and they were waiting for help.



Doctors, nurses, firefighters, soldiers, and many volunteers came to the rescue.



An Emergency Room doctor didn't go home for three days because he was too busy rescuing people who were hurt.



Rescuers in helicopters,
airboats, and cars
all came to help.





The rescuers were tired, but they didn't stop because they wanted to save more people.



Many people were saved and were able to stay in shelters with food, water, and rest.





Many people lost their homes.

Some children lost their parents, homes, schools, friends, and toys.

They have nothing left.



After hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, can we fix everything?

“Yes, we can!”

Together, we can help the people who were hurt and rebuild their homes.

“Yes, we can!”



What would happen to children, their parents, and their homes in areas impacted by the hurricanes?

Don't worry! Thousands of volunteers, doctors, and families are lending a helping hand to these brave children and their parents.



Where are these children going to play and study?

Don't worry! Lots of people will help them build an even better preschool or school so they can play and learn!



Dear children, if you still have your family, friends, and toys, what can you do for children who have lost many things?

You can draw or write to these children.

You can donate money to them.

You can keep them in your prayers.



If you lost your family, friends, or toys,
what can you do?

You can cry on adults' shoulders.

You can draw pictures so your sorrows
and fears will disappear.

Or you can write it out!



Dear children, you must believe you have the support of so many people behind you.

If you miss your loved ones, you must believe they are watching over you above the sky.

They love you and will be with you forever!



But you may ask, “Will I be safe? Will hurricanes Harvey, Irma, or Maria come again?”



Dear children, I don't know if a hurricane will come again, but I do know one thing for sure...



Despite the strong winds and heavy rain,
we will try our best to protect you!

But how?

I will hold you and take you to a place
where you can sleep snugly and have food
to eat, water to drink, and a place to sleep.

And...



I will give you 100 kisses and hugs!



After the disaster, what can you do?

If you are a hurricane victim, you can...

Draw your feelings, fears and sorrows.

Cry your feelings out.

Talk to someone about your fears or sadness.

Believe that everyone will try their best to help you out.

BE BRAVE! You are loved!



If you are not a hurricane victim but you want to help, you can...

Draw pictures or write letters to the victims.
Be a volunteer to help them build up their schools.
Donate money or toys to them.
Fundraise money to support the recovery of the impacted areas.



If you are an adult, you can...

Hug the child.

Let them cry on your shoulder

Listen to their fears, worries, and stories

Let them know that you will promise to try your best to protect them.

Redirect the child to positive thoughts.

Reassure the children about their safety.



Notes from the Author

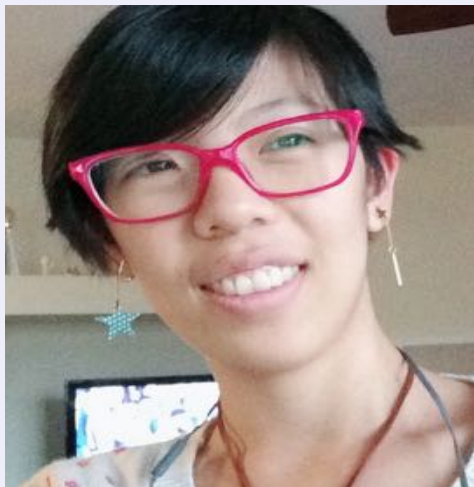
After a natural disaster, recovery priorities in the impacted areas include food, power, clean water, and shelter. As basic needs are met, psychological help should be met to enhance optimism and hope, especially for young children. At this time, young children may have either experienced trauma from hurricane damage firsthand or have been exposed to scary images about the disaster through the media. This book seeks to address the positive actions undertaken by volunteers in the aftermath of hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. We hope that this book reassures children that they are loved and supported and that together, “Yes, we can” heal and rebuild impacted areas.

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