



A CATASTROPHIC FLOOD

In 1997, probably as a result of climate change, there was a disastrous flood in Tomelloso. It was the month of August and it was raining heavily.

It is not usual for Tomelloso to have such heavy rain. It only rained for one day, but the rain was so heavy that the sewers couldn't do their job and the water began to flow into the basements of the houses.

People tried to get rid of the water, but they couldn't, so all the basements were flooded.

Many people lost everything that was stored in their basements.

This was the case with my aunt, all her belongings were destroyed or useless. She tried to save her things, but it was so dangerous that she could only save one or two boxes. She called many relatives and friends, but they were all in the same situation, trying to save what they could.

The day after the disaster a new problem arose: the water had to be removed from the basement. A tractor with a water pump went to my aunt's house and it took about three to five hours to get rid of all the water.

But not all the water was drained, so they had to clean the whole basement and throw away all the things that were there, which were now useless.

The situation was chaotic, traffic was stopped, the town's festivals were cancelled and all the rides at the fair were closed.

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