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Chapter 1
FIRE AND ICE

It is dark out.

But you can see a red glow.

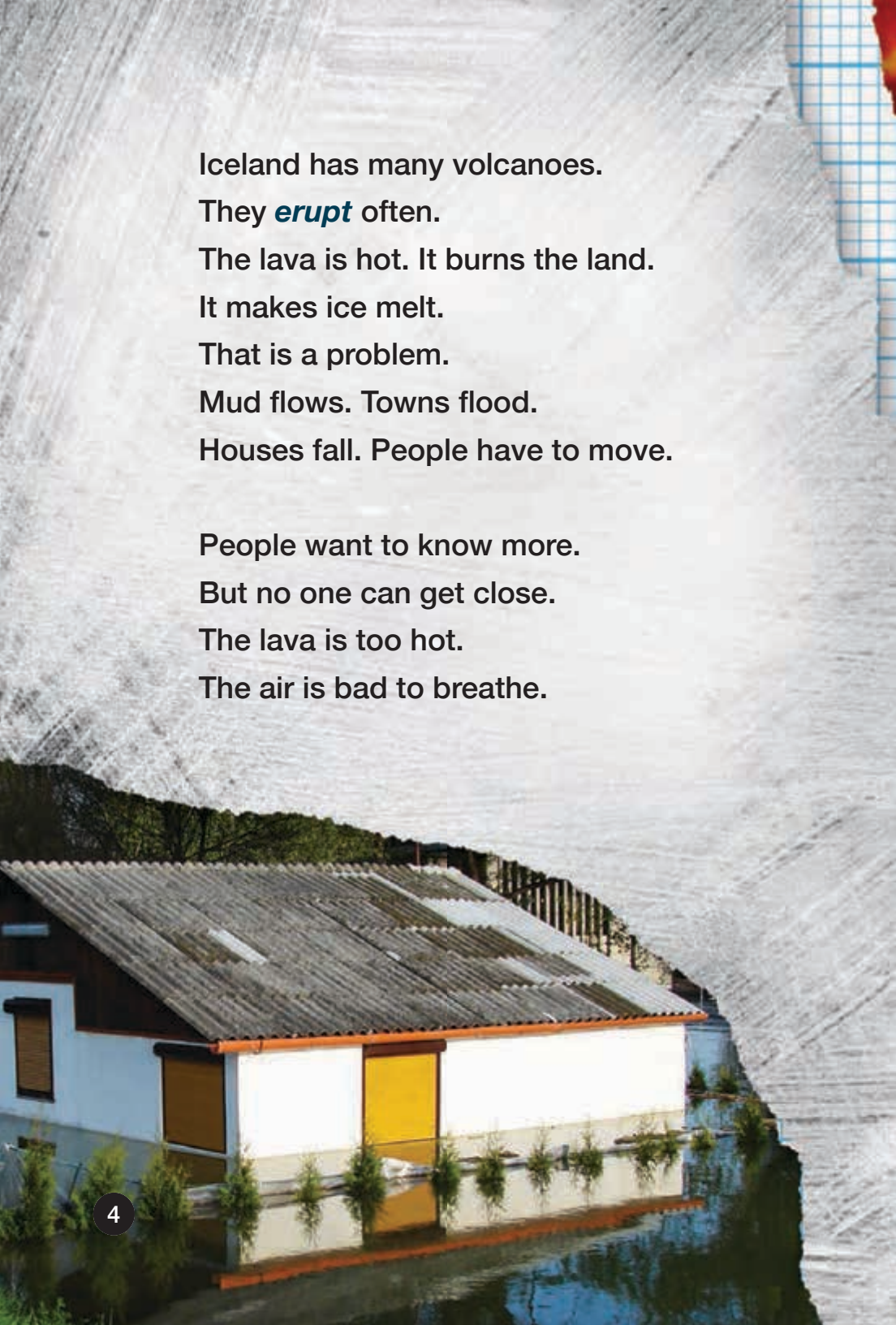
Boom!

Fire shoots up. Sparks fly.

Hot lava flows down a sheet of ice.


It is a *volcano*.

It is erupting in Iceland.



Iceland has many volcanoes.
They *erupt* often.
The lava is hot. It burns the land.
It makes ice melt.
That is a problem.
Mud flows. Towns flood.
Houses fall. People have to move.

People want to know more.
But no one can get close.
The lava is too hot.
The air is bad to breathe.



Eric Cheng flew to Iceland in 2014.
He had an idea.
People could not get close to the volcano.
But he had something that could.

Cheng drove near the volcano.
Then he hiked in closer.
He wore a gas mask.
The air was bad.
It was full of hot dust.
He sent up a small *helicopter*.
It had a camera on it.