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I was scrolling through twitter today when I saw that Dark Horse Comics (they're kind of a big deal) had teamed up with the Oregon Office of Emergency Managment (they're also big deal) to release the free comic book "Without Warning!" a comic book aimed at teaching earthquake preparedness. It's not every day that the geosciences get a comic book from such an esteemed publisher! The book follows the story Angie, a teen in coastal Oregon, who experiences a large magnitude earthquake and tsunami. She navigates through a day in a disaster zone, and takes some of the information she's absorbed over the years, as well as an emergency preparedness kit (initially intended for use in a zombie apocalypse).

Coming from a geoscientist, I thought it was a very fun read, and it was told in the only a comic book can. Spoiler alert: at the end, they even touch on some of the science of the Cascadia Subduction Zone, and what can be done to be prepared.

Definitely head over and download your free copy from Dark Horse Comics or download a free PDF at the OEM website.

- M. Moses

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