



Then, on New Year's Day in 1997, just after everyone was finished with their holiday parties, a terrible thing happened. A giant mudslide caused by MAXXAM's logging came crashing down on a small town called Stafford, California. A mudslide happens when all the trees are cut down. After it rains and the bare earth gets wet, it turns into mud and slides down the mountain. This mudslide destroyed many peoples homes.