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"In "Megadisasters," Florin Diacu takes the reader on a gripping tour of all the forces of nature that wreak havoc on our species, forcing us all, in the end, to cherish every day that Earth does not manage to kill us."--Neil deGrasse Tyson, author of "The Pluto Files"

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