A woman with long dark hair, wearing a green t-shirt and blue jeans, is crouching in a room that has been severely damaged by an earthquake. Debris, including wood and plaster, is flying through the air around her. She has her hands raised to her head in a protective gesture. The background shows a wooden staircase and a doorway leading to another damaged area. The overall scene is chaotic and dangerous.

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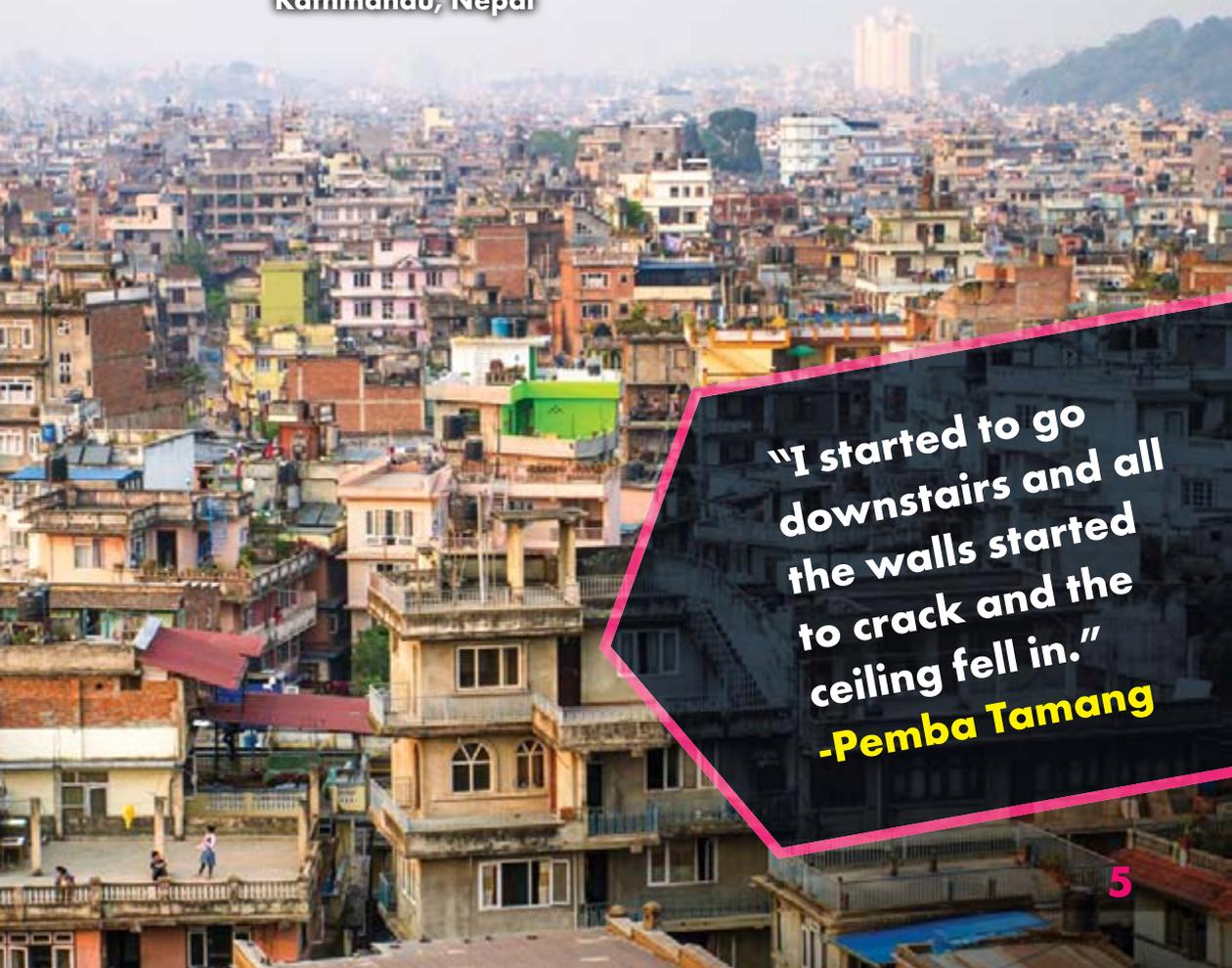
A 7.8 **magnitude** earthquake hit Kathmandu, Nepal, on April 25, 2015. When it began, 15-year-old Pemba Tamang was working at a hotel.

The powerful shaking began to crumble the walls. Suddenly, a concrete slab fell. When the dust settled, Pemba was trapped. A motorcycle had stopped the concrete from crushing him. But he could not stand up or stretch out. Stuck in his pocket of **rubble**, Pemba waited.





Kathmandu, Nepal

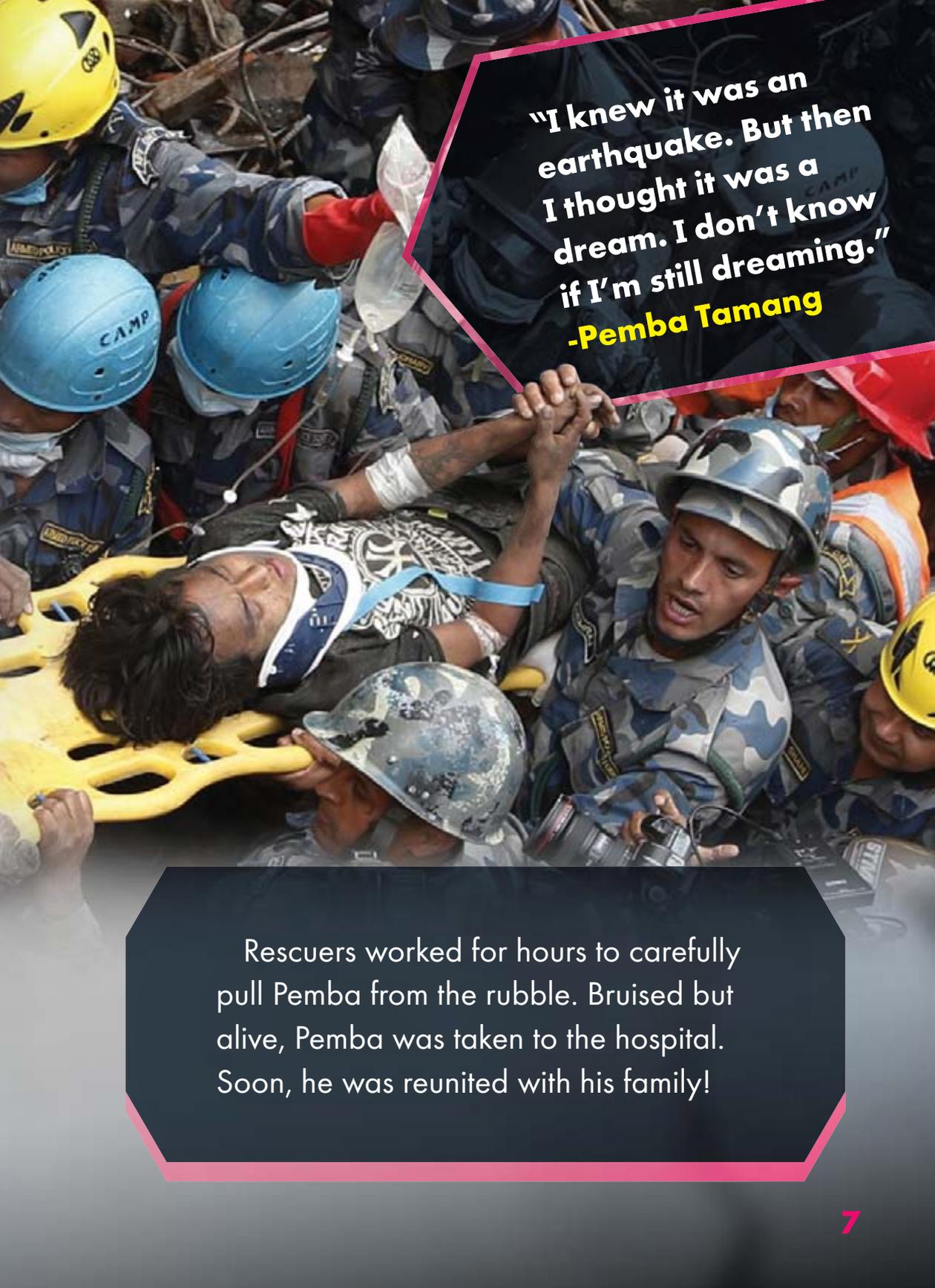


**"I started to go downstairs and all the walls started to crack and the ceiling fell in."
-Pemba Tamang**

Days passed. Pemba found a little water and ate some butter that he found in the rubble. Five days after the earthquake, he heard **excavators**. He shouted to the rescuers and threw rocks to alert them.



rescuers looking
for Pemba

A group of rescuers in camouflage uniforms and helmets are carefully lifting a person on a yellow stretcher from a rubble site. The person being lifted has a neck brace and a bandage on their arm. The rescuers are wearing helmets in various colors, including yellow, blue, and silver. The scene is filled with debris and the rescuers are focused on their task.

**"I knew it was an earthquake. But then I thought it was a dream. I don't know if I'm still dreaming."
-Pemba Tamang**

Rescuers worked for hours to carefully pull Pemba from the rubble. Bruised but alive, Pemba was taken to the hospital. Soon, he was reunited with his family!

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