

# **A Tornado is Coming!!**

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## Cast of Characters

**Ed:** The “know it all” husband/geologist with an extensive rock collection.

**Jennifer:** The news broadcaster.

**Jamie:** The panicking wife.

**Patrick:** The meteorologist.

**Shawn:** The crazy weather person trying to report from the heart of the storm.

## The Set (s)

A Television News Studio with two chairs and an anchor desk.

The Bedroom of Ed and Jamie

Outside of Ed and Jamie’s House with trees and the family car.

Time: 6:00 am

## **A Tornado is Coming!**

Jamie and Ed just wake up.  
Stermer flips on the morning news.

JENNIFER

(Speaking Cheerfully) Good morning America! Just in (holding her hand to her ear) there is a tornado watch for Peoria County. Let's speak with Meteorologist Patrick for more information.

Jamie looks at her husband with fright  
in her eyes.

JAMIE

We need to take cover! We are going to die!

ED

(In disgust) Would you shut up! These weather people never get anything right. I should be up there reporting not that idiot.

PATRICK

Yes, Jennifer there is a tornado watch for Peoria county. That means that the conditions are favorable for a tornado to happen. Everyone needs to be prepared to take cover.

JENNIFER

To clarify Patrick, what is the difference between a watch and a warning?

PATRICK

A warning is that a tornado has been sighted. Where as a watch is that conditions are favorable. A tornado is detected by what is called a Fujita scale which measures a tornado by the damages that it produces.

JAMIE

You heard the man! We need to take cover

ED

He said we need to be prepared to take cover. I think I would know if a tornado is coming or not. See, look outside; it is just storming a little bit.

JAMIE

Wait look at the flying squirrels! And the rain...its...its stopped. Everything is calm. It looks a little eerie out there. OH my! That cloud...the funnel...its coming our way!!

The news channel starts to send out  
a siren.

PATRICK

The tornado has touched down right out side of East Peoria! Everyone take cover immediately! Go to a windowless interior room, or basement. Get away from windows. Use you arms to protect you head and neck.

Ed goes out side to bring in his rocks.

JAMIE

Get in here! Whatever! I'm going to the basement.

Jamie leaves to go downstairs.  
The wind starts to blow hard. The door slams shut

ED

Wow! They were actually right this time about the weather. The tornado is coming. (turns to yell inside) Jamie come help me gather my rocks!

A hard wind blows. Ed's car is picked by the  
force. It heads right towards him.

He is run over.

JENNIFER

Patrick, what is this being classified as. It is incredible!

PATRICK

This is an F5. It will cause large objects to fly through he air. Take down houses. The winds can range from 261-318 mph. Once again, “TAKE COVER”!

The TV goes to static.  
The furniture is tipped over. Trees are down.  
TV comes back on  
Jamie comes up stairs.

JENNIFER

It is all over now. Use the telephone for only emergency phone calls. Make sure is accounted for in you home. If you smell gas dot not turn on any switches or appliances. Clean up any chemical spills in your home.

Jamie is running around frantically.

JAMIE

(yelling) Ed where are you!! (She opens the front door. Ed is lying partially under the car) Oh my god!! (yell) HELP! HELP!

ED

(Struggling to talk) It's ok. This is how geologists are supposed to die.