Global Warming

Terminology:

Movie Clip: *The Day After Tomorrow*

* Hall will chew my head off if his cords get messed up.

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* You let Jason operate the drill?

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* Yeah! He can handle it.

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* What we have found locked in these ice cores is evidence of cataclysmic climate shift which occurred around 10,000 years ago. The concentration of these natural greenhouse gases in the ice cores indicates that runaway warming pushed the planet into an ice age which lasted two centuries.

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* I’m confused! I thought you were talking about global warming not an ice age.

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* Yes, it’s a paradox but global warming can trigger a cooling trend. Let me explain. The Northern Hemisphere woes it s temperate climate to the North Atlantic Current. Heat from the sun arrives at the equator and is carried North by the ocean. But global warming is melting the polarized caps and disrupting this flow. Eventually it will shut down and when that occurs, there goes our warm climate.

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* Excuse me! When do you think this could happen professor?

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* I don’t know. Maybe in a hundred years, maybe in a thousand but what I do know is that if we do not act soon it is our children and our grandchildren who will have to pay the price.

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* And who is going to pay the price of the Kyoto Accord? It will cost the world economy hundreds of billions of dollars.

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* With all due respect Mr. Vice President, the cost of doing nothing could be even higher. Our climate is fragile. At the rate we are burning fossil fuels and polluting the environment, the ice caps will soon disappear.

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* Prof. Hall, our economy is every bit as fragile as the environment. Perhaps you should keep that in mind before making sensationalist claims.

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* Well! The last chunk of ice that broke off was about the size of the state of Road Island. Some people would call that pretty sensational.

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* And here at the global warming Conference in New Delhi where if you can believe your eyes, it’s snowing. The coldest weather in record has thrown the city in chaos where the number of homeless people …

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* I have enjoyed your testimony professor, it was very spirited.

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* Thank you! So we’re here for a riot trying to put on a good show?

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* Quite! I was wondering if I can talk to you about your theory of abrupt climate change. The name is Robson – Terry Robson.

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* Professor Robson of the Headland Center?

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* That’s me.

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* I’ve read your work on Ocean Currents!

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* What do you say we have a cup of tea?

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* Absolutely! If we can hail a cab.

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* What, Yeah! I just closed my eyes for a second.

Dennis! Point 3411 is showing a temperature drop … of 13 degrees!

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* Where is port 311 at?

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* George’s bank.

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* Its rough seas out there! Its must’ve knocked it about!

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