

Chapter 6 – *Weathering the Storm in Ersama*

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◆ Summary (Easy Language)

“Weathering the Storm in Ersama” is a true account of courage and responsibility during the super cyclone that struck Odisha in 1999. The story is about a young boy named Prashant who faces the disaster bravely. When the cyclone hits, Prashant takes shelter on the roof of a friend’s house. After the storm, he sees massive destruction everywhere.

Instead of returning home immediately, Prashant chooses to help others. He organizes survivors, helps women and children, arranges food, and spreads awareness about hygiene and disease prevention. He also works with NGOs to get relief materials. Prashant shows maturity, leadership, and compassion. The story highlights how courage and selfless service can help communities survive even the worst disasters.

◆ Characters

1 Prashant

- Brave and responsible
- Natural leader
- Caring and selfless

2 Prashant’s Family

- Victims of the cyclone
- Represent suffering people

3 Villagers

- Helpless after disaster
 - United under Prashant’s leadership
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◆ Theme / Central Idea

- Courage in adversity
 - Leadership and responsibility
 - Community support during disasters
 - Importance of selfless service
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◆ Important Incidents

- Cyclone hits Odisha
 - Prashant takes shelter
 - Massive destruction after storm
 - Prashant organizes survivors
 - Relief and rehabilitation work
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◆ **Qualities Shown by Prashant**

- Leadership
 - Compassion
 - Sense of duty
 - Courage
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◆ **Message / Moral**

True heroes are those who help others in times of crisis. Unity, leadership, and compassion can overcome even natural disasters.