


like a skittish bird.



The welts on Margot's neck sting as though aggravated by the nightmare. Since the hotel opened last October, tourists have fallen victim to Pregnant Heidi's waves. One woman disappeared when she went for a swim in the deep part of the sea, and a little boy almost drowned when a wave reached for his leg and pulled him under as it receded from the shore. It's costing the hotel millions to install breakwaters and settle lawsuits, which inevitably have forced Alphonso to cut back on other expenses—like salaries.