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**A SUNNY AFTERNOON, IN
THE SUBURBS OF CHICAGO...**

I NEVER THOUGHT
WE'D GET OUT OF *THAT*
ONE ALIVE!

I MEAN,
BETWEEN THE
200-FOOT TALL
COBRA COMMANDER
ROBOTS...

...PLUS THE
STORM SHADOW
CLONES...

...AND DON'T
FORGET DESTRO'S
HEAT CANNON.
UGH!

WEEOOOOOO

A FIRE
ENGINE!

PULL OVER
TO THE RIGHT
AND LET IT
PASS.

WE SHOULD
FOLLOW THEM AND
SEE IF WE CAN
HELP.

GOOD THINKING,
INFERNO.

SMOKE!
THAT MUST BE
WHERE THEY'RE
GOING!

YO
JOE!



CHIEF, ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO HELP?

SURE *DUKE*, WE CAN ALWAYS USE A FEW EXTRA HANDS.



ALL RIGHT, *INFERNO* AND *ROADBLOCK*, HELP OUT WITH THE HOSES.

SCARLETT, SEE IF THE PARAMEDICS NEED ANYTHING, *TUNNEL RAT* AND I WILL HELP THE POLICE KEEP THE CROWD BACK, AND *SNAKE-EYES*--



HELP ME!
I CAN'T GET DOWN!



GET A MAN UP THERE! NOW!



ONE HOUR LATER...



THE FIRE'S OUT AND EVERYONE'S **SAFE**.

WHAT **CAUSED** THIS, CHIEF? SOME SORT OF MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION?

I'M NOT SURE. OUR **FIRE INVESTIGATORS** ARE INSIDE CHECKING THE BUILDING. THEY'LL FIGURE IT OUT.



I'M A FIREFIGHTER **TOO**, CHIEF. IF IT'S OKAY, I'LL TAKE DUKE INTO THE HOUSE. WE CAN HELP THE INVESTIGATORS.

ALL RIGHT, BUT KEEP HIM **SAFE**.



SHORTLY...

ALL THIS GEAR SURE IS **HEAVY**, INFERNO.

BUT **NECESSARY**. A **BURNED** HOUSE IS STILL DANGEROUS, EVEN AFTER THE FIRE'S BEEN PUT OUT.



THAT **FAN** BLOWS AIR INTO THE HOUSE, HELPING TO VENT ALL OF THE SMOKE AND **DANGEROUS GASSES**.

OOOOSH!



WOW!

THE FIRE ONLY LASTED A **FEW MINUTES**, BUT STILL DID ALL THIS DAMAGE.





NO WAY, I'M NOT SHARING MY SNACK WITH A **STRANGE DOG!**



THAT'S **EMBER**, THE DEPARTMENT MASCOT. SHE LIKES ANYONE WHO FEEDS HER.

OH, WELL...



...FOR A **FIREFIGHTING DOG**, I GUESS I CAN GIVE UP A BITE.

RUFF!



WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER ABOUT THE FIRE, **MADELEINE?**

I DON'T KNOW, IT ALL HAPPENED SO **FAST...**



"...I WAS DOING MY HOMEWORK WHEN I SMELLED SOMETHING **STRANGE**. I THOUGHT IT WAS **SMOKE**, BUT WASN'T SURE."



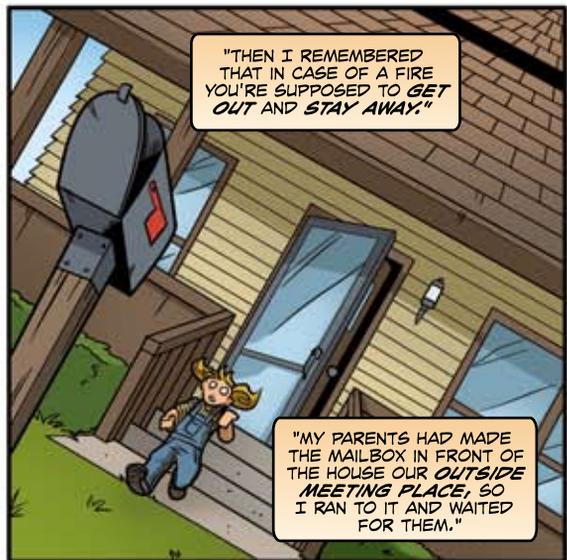
"THEN THE **SMOKE DETECTOR** WENT OFF, AND I KNEW I WAS RIGHT."

DEET
DEET
DEET



"I WENT TO GET MOM AND DAD, BUT THE ROOM WAS FILLING WITH SMOKE. I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO."

MOM!
DAD! DEREK!
FIRE!



"THEN I REMEMBERED THAT IN CASE OF A FIRE YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO GET OUT AND STAY AWAY!"

"MY PARENTS HAD MADE THE MAILBOX IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE OUR OUTSIDE MEETING PLACE, SO I RAN TO IT AND WAITED FOR THEM."



"I SHOULDED FOR HELP, AND MRS. SANCHEZ SAID SHE'D CALL 911."



I WASN'T SURE WE SHOULD. I WAS AFRAID I'D GET IN TROUBLE IF IT WAS A FALSE ALARM.



YOU DID THE RIGHT THING. IF YOU REALLY THINK THERE'S AN EMERGENCY, IT'S OKAY TO CALL THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR HELP.

EVEN IF IT TURNS OUT TO BE A FALSE ALARM?

YUP!



LOOKS LIKE WE'RE ABOUT DONE HERE, WHY DON'T YOU ALL COME BACK TO THE STATION WITH US?

DINNER'S ON US.

ALL RIGHT!

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?



MAKE SURE YOUR **SMOKE DETECTOR** WORKS AND HAS A **BATTERY!**

HAVE AN ADULT SHOW YOU HOW TO TEST IT, AND CHECK HERE WHEN IT CHIRPS.

IF THE SMOKE DETECTOR GOES OFF, OR IF YOU THINK THERE'S A FIRE, **GET OUT AND STAY OUT!**

TALK TO AN ADULT AND WRITE DOWN YOUR MEETING PLACE HERE:



IF YOU THINK THERE'S AN EMERGENCY, CALL **911** OR GO FOR HELP!



TRIVIA!

QUESTION: WHY ARE **DALMATIONS** FIREHOUSE DOGS?



ANSWER: A LONG TIME AGO, FIRE ENGINES WERE PULLED BY **HORSES**. AND BECAUSE HORSES AND DALMATIONS GET ALONG SO WELL, THE DOGS WERE TRAINED TO RUN IN FRONT OF THE CARRIAGES AND CLEAR A **PATH**, QUICKLY GUIDING THEM TO FIRES.

SINCE THEN, THE HORSES HAVE **GONE**, BUT THE DALMATIONS HAVE **STAYED**.



OUR DINING ROOM'S RIGHT IN HERE.

WE'D LOVE TO HAVE ROADBLOCK WHIP US UP SOMETHING, BUT FOR NOW IT'LL HAVE TO BE PIZZA.

YAY!



YOU ONLY HAVE ONE FIRE ENGINE?

YES.

BUT THERE WERE THREE AT THE FIRE.

THE OTHER TWO WERE FROM DIFFERENT FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

WHEN THERE'S AN EMERGENCY, WE ALL TEAM UP TO MAKE SURE THERE ARE ALWAYS ENOUGH FIREFIGHTERS AND EQUIPMENT TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE.



EXCUSE ME! CAN YOU HELP ME INSTALL MY BABY SEAT?

SURE!

YOU INSTALL BABY SEATS TOO?!



MANY FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS HAVE BEEN TRAINED TO CHECK OR PUT IN BABY SEATS TO MAKE SURE IT'S DONE RIGHT, AND TEACH THE PARENTS HOW TO DO IT.*

IS IT REALLY THAT BIG OF A DEAL?

80% ARE INSTALLED WRONG, WE JUST WANT TO MAKE THE ROADS SAFER.



NO KIDDING...

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PSI's Kitchen Quiz

1.) Only an _____ (adult/child) should use the stove.



2.) (Never/Always) _____ leave the kitchen while cooking!



3.) Use _____ (Baking Soda/Water) to put out a grease fire!



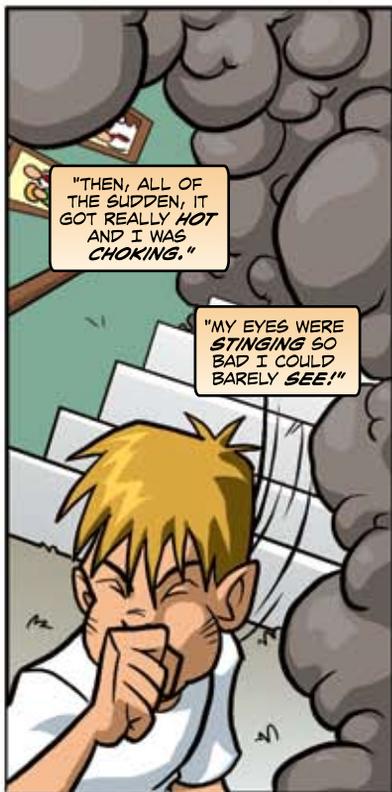
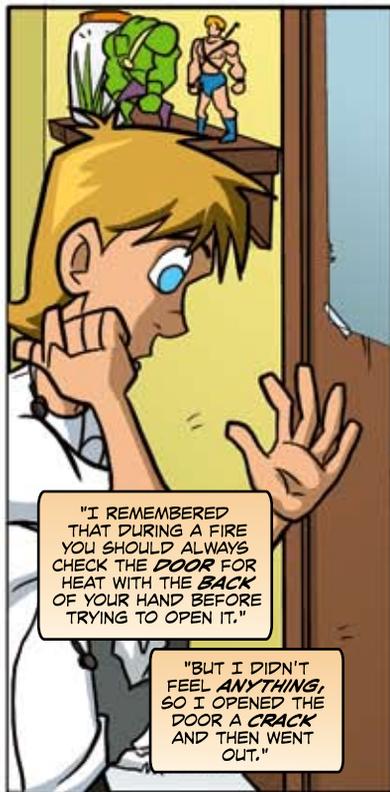
3.) Baking Soda

2.) Never

1.) Adult



I SMELLED THE SMOKE FIRST, BUT THOUGHT IT WAS JUST DAD MAKING HIS "SPECIAL" PORKCHOPS AGAIN.





"I **DROPPED** TO THE GROUND WHERE IT WAS EASIER TO BREATHE AND SEE AND **CRAWLED** BACK TO MY ROOM, CLOSING THE DOOR BEHIND ME."

"...THEN OPENED MY WINDOW AND YELLED FOR HELP."



"I GRABBED MY PHONE AND CALLED 911 TO REPORT THE FIRE..."



"I KNEW I **SHOULDN'T** TRY AND **HIDE** IN THE CLOSET OR UNDER THE BED, OR THE FIREFIGHTERS MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO **FIND ME**. SO I STAYED BY THE WINDOW."

HELP!

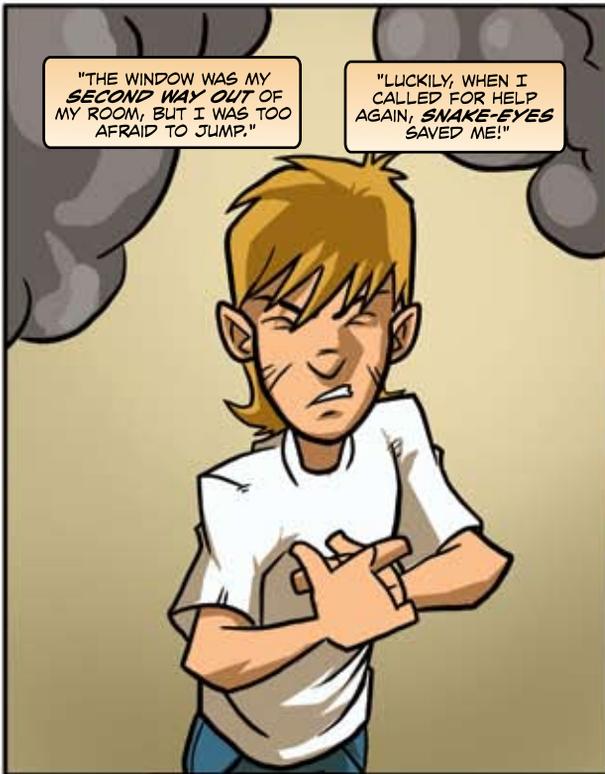
CRASH!



"IN A FEW MINUTES, I STARTED HEARING A BUNCH OF **CRASHING** AND LOUD NOISES DOWNSTAIRS."

"I KNEW THE **FIRE DEPARTMENT** WAS THERE, SO I WENT BACK TO THE DOOR TO GET HELP. BUT THIS TIME WHEN I **TESTED** IT WITH THE **BACK** OF MY HAND--"

"IT WAS **HOT!**"



"THE WINDOW WAS MY **SECOND WAY OUT** OF MY ROOM, BUT I WAS TOO AFRAID TO JUMP."

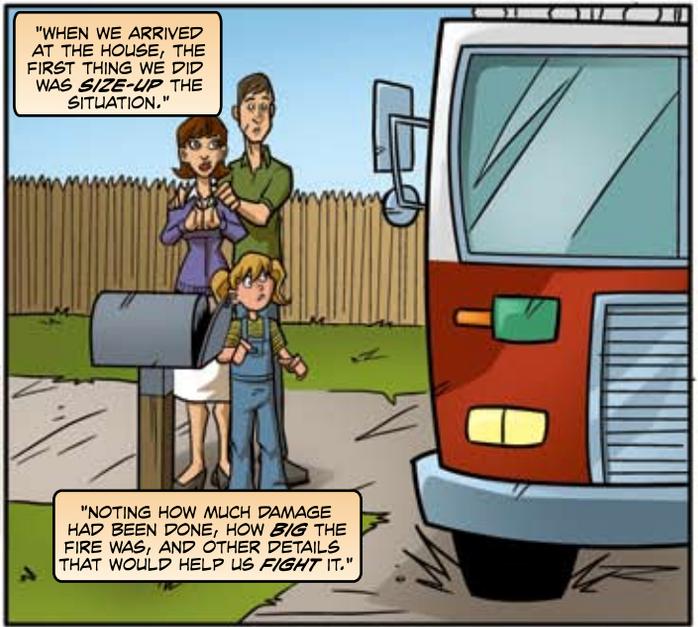
"LUCKILY, WHEN I CALLED FOR HELP AGAIN, **SNAKE-EYES** SAVED ME!"



AND WITH THE HELP OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WE MADE IT DOWN THE LADDER JUST IN TIME!



WE LEFT THE STATION AS **SOON** AS WE GOT THE CALL ABOUT THE FIRE.



"WHEN WE ARRIVED AT THE HOUSE, THE FIRST THING WE DID WAS **SIZE-UP** THE SITUATION."

"NOTING HOW MUCH DAMAGE HAD BEEN DONE, HOW **BIG** THE FIRE WAS, AND OTHER DETAILS THAT WOULD HELP US **FIGHT** IT."



"THEN WE DID OUR **INITIAL ASSAULT**, SPRAYING WATER ON THE FLAMES TO KEEP THEM UNDER CONTROL."



"THEN WE PERFORMED **V.E.S.**"

"**VENT**, OPENING THE DOORS AND WINDOWS SO SMOKE CAN GET OUT."



"**ENTER**, WHERE WE GO INTO THE FIRE, RELYING ON OUR GEAR TO KEEP US SAFE."

"AND **SEARCH**, WHERE WE LOOK FOR ANYONE STILL TRAPPED INSIDE."



THOSE ARE THE SAME TACTICS WE USE TO FIGHT **ALL** FIRES.

THEY KEEP US **SAFE**, WHILE ALLOWING US TO PUT OUT THE FIRE AND **RESCUE** ANYONE THAT'S IN TROUBLE.

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE HOUSE...



WHAT ARE WE DOING DOWN HERE?

I WANTED TO CHECK THE FURNACE AND WATER HEATER FOR ANY CLUES.

THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THE FIRE STARTED DOWN HERE.



DID THE FIRE START DOWN HERE?

I DON'T THINK SO. MANY FIRES *DO* START IN BASEMENTS THOUGH, WHICH IS WHY A PROFESSIONAL FURNACE AND WATER HEATER INSPECTION EVERY YEAR IS A GOOD IDEA.

FURNACES AND WATER HEATERS ARE ALWAYS GIVING OFF HEAT.

SO IF YOU DON'T KEEP THE AREA AROUND THEM *CLEAN* AND FREE OF *CLUTTER*, SOMETHING MIGHT CATCH ON FIRE!



AND LUCKILY THIS FAMILY DIDN'T HAVE *BAR*S ON THEIR WINDOWS, OR *BLOCK* GLASS.

SECURITY MEASURES LIKE THAT ARE DESIGNED TO KEEP PEOPLE *OUT*, BUT IN A FIRE THEY COULD ALSO KEEP YOU *STUCK IN*!



IS THIS FIRE *SUSPICIOUS*?

NO.

THEN WHY ARE THEY TAKING SO MANY *PICTURES*?



IF WE CAN *LEARN* MORE ABOUT WHAT STARTED THIS FIRE, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO *PREVENT* THE SAME THING FROM HAPPENING SOMEWHERE ELSE.



SO WHAT *DID* CAUSE THIS FIRE?

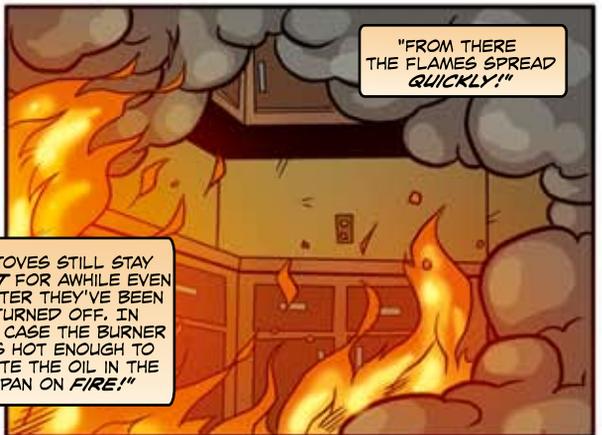
I THINK I CAN *ANSWER* THAT.



THIS FIRE WASN'T INTENTIONAL, OR CAUSED BY A BAD PERSON. IT WAS, LIKE MOST FIRES, AN ACCIDENT.



"AFTER THE FATHER FINISHED COOKING HE TURNED OFF THE **STOVE**, BUT LEFT A HOT PAN FULL OF OIL ON THE BURNER."



"FROM THERE THE FLAMES SPREAD **QUICKLY!**"

"STOVES STILL STAY **HOT** FOR AWHILE EVEN AFTER THEY'VE BEEN TURNED OFF. IN THIS CASE THE BURNER WAS HOT ENOUGH TO IGNITE THE OIL IN THE PAN ON **FIRE!**"



COULDN'T THEY HAVE USED A **FIRE EXTINGUISHER** TO FIGHT IT?

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ARE **IMPORTANT**, AND EVERY HOUSE SHOULD HAVE ONE...

...BUT IN THE EVENT OF A LARGE FIRE, YOU SHOULD **GET OUT** AND MAKE SURE YOU GET EVERYONE YOU CAN TO **SAFETY**.

NOT STAY BEHIND AND TRY TO FIGHT THE FIRE, THAT'S **OUR JOB!**

GOOD TO KNOW!



COME ON, DUKE. LET'S MEET THE OTHERS BACK AT THE **STATION**.

BYE! **GREAT WORK!**

THANKS!

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

DURING A FIRE, STAY LOW AND GO!

ALWAYS CHECK DOORS FOR HEAT WITH THE BACK OF YOUR HAND.

DON'T HIDE.

HAVE A SECOND WAY OUT OF EVERY ROOM, AND PRACTICE IT WHEN YOU TEST YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR BATTERIES!

HAVE YOUR FURNACE AND HOT WATER HEATER CHECKED, AND KEEP THE AREA AROUND THEM CLEAN!

DON'T LEAVE TOWELS, POTHOLDERS, DISH RAGS, OR UNATTENDED PANS NEAR A STOVE'S BURNER.

USE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS WHEN YOU CAN, BUT GET EVERYONE TO SAFETY FIRST.

FIREFIGHTERS MAY LOOK SCARY, BUT THEY'RE NOT MONSTERS.

EACH PIECE OF GEAR THEY WEAR KEEPS THEM SAFE, AND ALLOWS THEM TO FIGHT FIRES AND SAVE LIVES!

THIS HELMET PROTECTS THE FIREFIGHTER'S HEAD FROM FALLING OBJECTS.

THIS MASK ALLOWS THE FIREFIGHTER TO BREATHE FRESH AIR IN THE MIDDLE OF A FIRE.

THIS AIR TANK SUPPLIES FRESH AIR.

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LATER...



IS EVERYONE OKAY?!

THIS ACCIDENT LOOKS WORSE THAN IT WAS, NO ONE GOT SERIOUSLY INJURED.

BUT THE CAR'S DESTROYED!



WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT'S SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN. CARS ARE DESIGNED TO DESTROY THEMSELVES TO PROTECT THEIR OCCUPANTS.



WHY IS THE BABY SEAT IN THE BACK?

THAT'S WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE.

CHILDREN SHOULD NEVER RIDE IN THE FRONT SEAT, BECAUSE THE FORCE OF AIRBAGS DEPLOYING DURING AN ACCIDENT COULD REALLY HURT THEM.



BASE TO ENGINE 102!

ENGINE 102.

WE'VE GOT ANOTHER EMERGENCY AT 45 LAMPKIN LANE!

ENGINE 102 RESPONDING TO 45 LAMPKIN LANE!

LET'S GO, WE'LL MEET THE AMBULANCE THERE!



COME ON!

HERE WE GO AGAIN!

FIREFIGHTERS DON'T *JUST* FIGHT FIRES, THEY ALSO RESPOND TO *MEDICAL EMERGENCIES*.

HELP TREAT OR PREVENT *POISONINGS*.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED, I JUST GOT SO *DIZZY* ALL OF THE SUDDEN.

STOP! THAT'S GRANDMA'S *MEDICINE*, NOT A PIECE OF *CANDY*!

ASK YOUR PARENTS TO KEEP MEDICINE OUT OF REACH. YOU CAN'T ALWAYS TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CANDY AND MEDICATION, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S IN THE KITCHEN.

RESPOND TO FIRE RELATED INJURIES, LIKE *BURNS*.

OUCH! OUCH! OUCH!

YOU'LL BE FINE, SIR.



VISIT SCHOOLS TO INSTRUCT CHILDREN IN THE BASICS OF *FIRE SAFETY*.

EVERYONE SEE WHAT TUNNEL RAT'S DOING? THAT'S CALLED *STOP, DROP AND ROLL!*

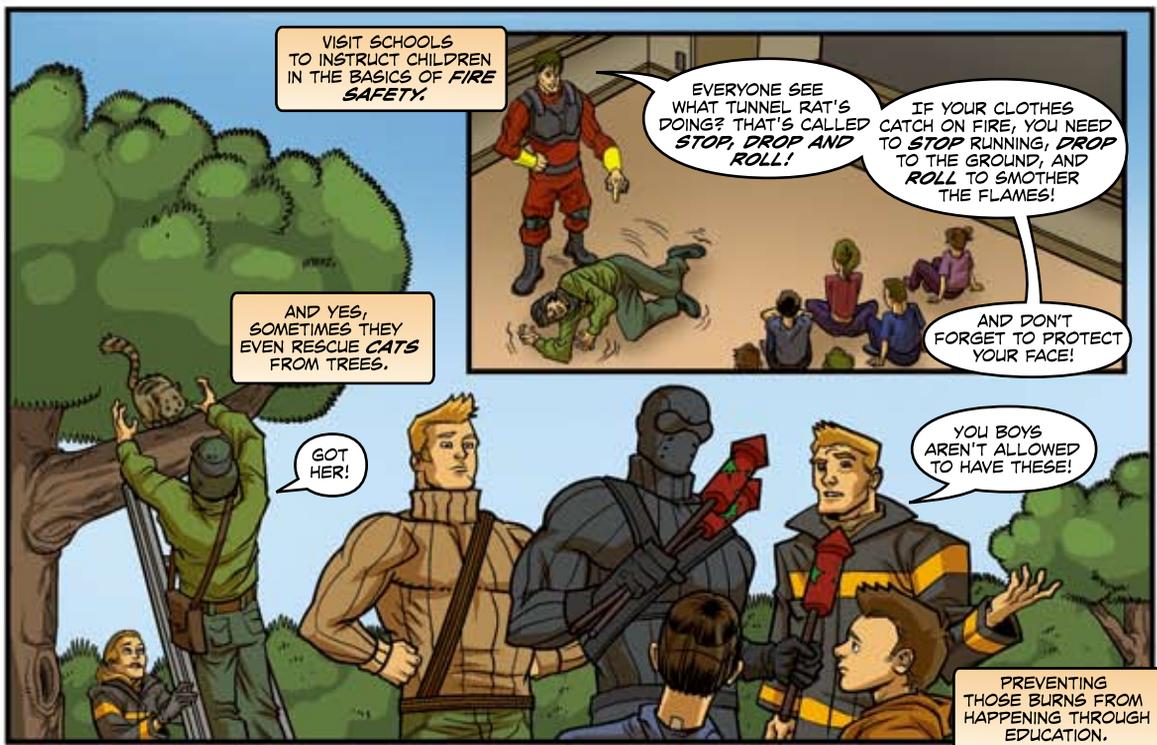
IF YOUR CLOTHES CATCH ON FIRE, YOU NEED TO *STOP* RUNNING, *DROP* TO THE GROUND, AND *ROLL* TO SMOTHER THE FLAMES!

AND YES, SOMETIMES THEY EVEN RESCUE *CATS* FROM TREES.

AND DON'T FORGET TO PROTECT YOUR FACE!

GOT HER!

YOU BOYS AREN'T ALLOWED TO HAVE THESE!



PREVENTING THOSE BURNS FROM HAPPENING THROUGH EDUCATION.

BACK AT THE FIREHOUSE...



WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?



ALWAYS WEAR YOUR **SEATBELT.**



CHILDREN SHOULD ALWAYS SIT IN THE **BACKSEAT.**



PILLS AREN'T CANDY. IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT SOMETHING IS, **DON'T EAT IT** AND TELL AN ADULT!



STOP, DROP AND ROLL!



FIREWORKS SHOULD BE LIT BY **ADULTS ONLY.**

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*WHEN YOU'VE FINISHED THIS QUIZ,
HAVE YOUR PARENTS CHECK IT
OUT AND GRADE IT.*



WHAT POWERS A SMOKE DETECTOR?

*IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, WHAT
THREE NUMBERS DO YOU DIAL?*

DURING A FIRE, STAY LOW AND WHAT?

*WHAT DO YOU USE TO CHECK AND
SEE IF A DOOR IS HOT?*



*WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF THE SMOKE DETECTOR
GOES OFF?*



WHEN SHOULD YOU WEAR YOUR SEATBELT?



STOP, DROP, AND WHAT?

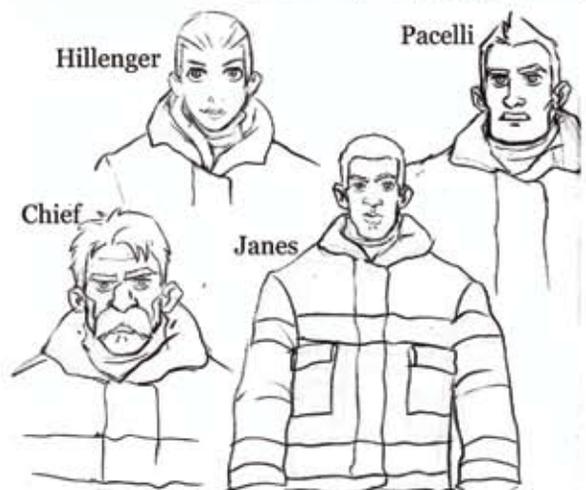
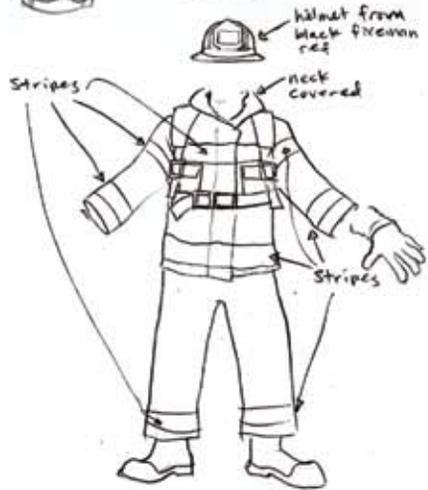


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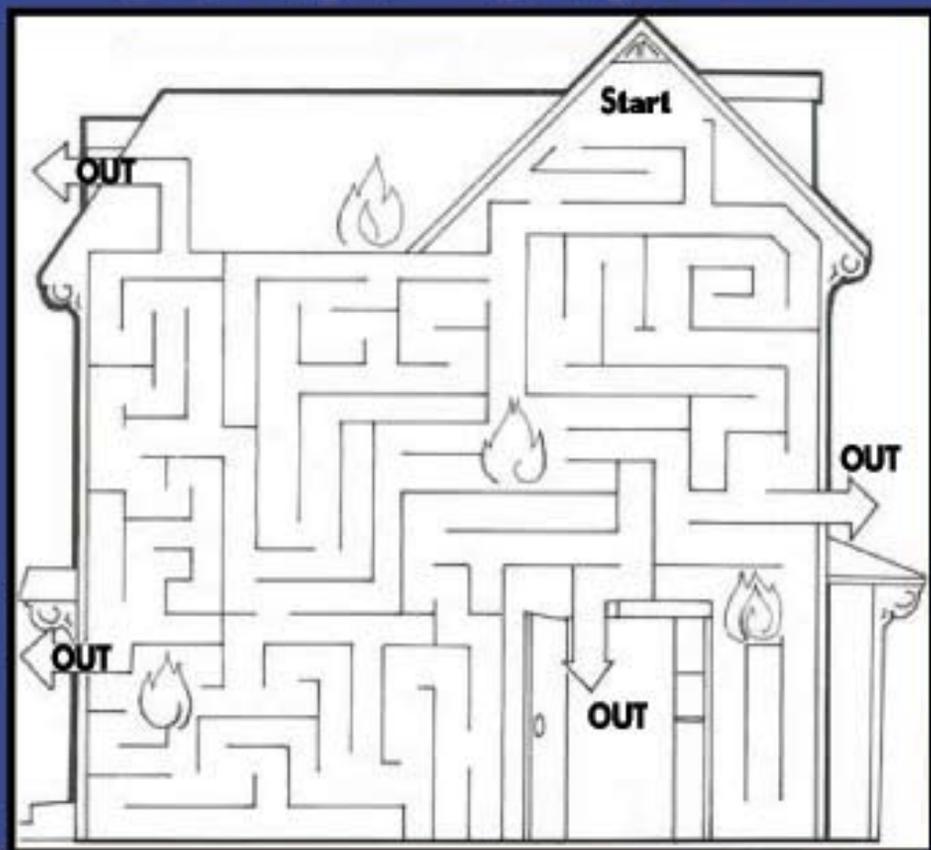
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- STAY TO SAFE!**



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family at least
2 ways to get out
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Always have a plan!





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