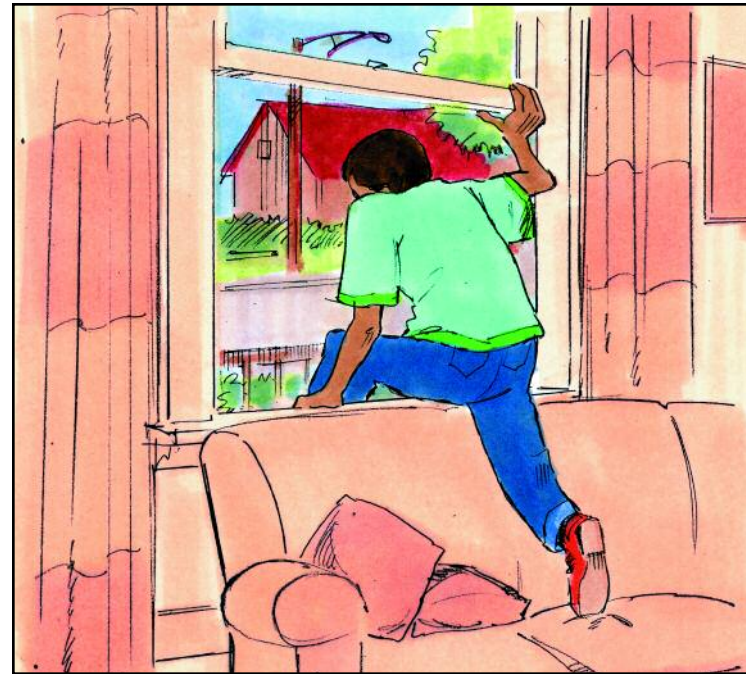


Mattie and Rashan practice the plan. Rashan is in the bedroom. He checks the door with his hand.



Mattie and Rashan practice the plan downstairs, too. The front door has a lock. Rashan can't open the lock. He goes out a window.



Mattie practices the plan at night. She pushes the test button on the smoke alarm. Rashan does not hear the smoke alarm. Mattie has to wake him up.



Mattie and Rashan go outside to the meeting place. Rashan is learning how to be safe if there is a fire. Mattie is learning how to help Rashan.



Rashan's Escape Plan

By Cynthia Nye



Mattie works in a home for older people. She hears the fire alarm. Everyone has to go out of the building.



They meet in a safe place. This was a fire drill. This time there was no fire.



Mattie goes home after work. Rashan is Mattie's son. Rashan wants help with his schoolwork. He has to make an escape plan for the house.



Mattie goes to work the next day.
Meg is Mattie's friend.
She tells Mattie about a fire.
The fire was in a house near Meg's house.



Robert was home alone.
The hall was full of smoke.
The smoke hurt his throat. It hurt his eyes.
Robert shut the bedroom door.



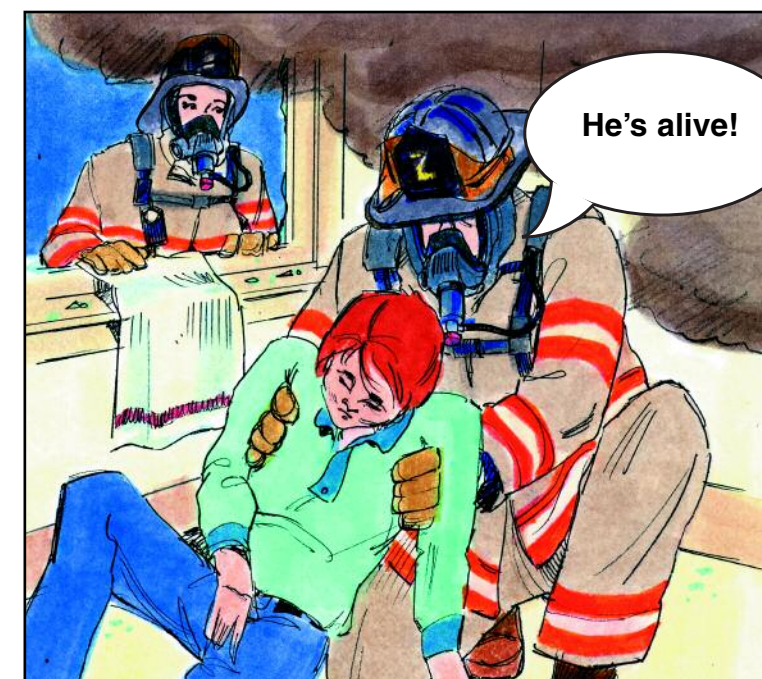
After work Mattie sits with Rashan.
She tells Rashan about Robert.
She says that an escape plan can save your life.



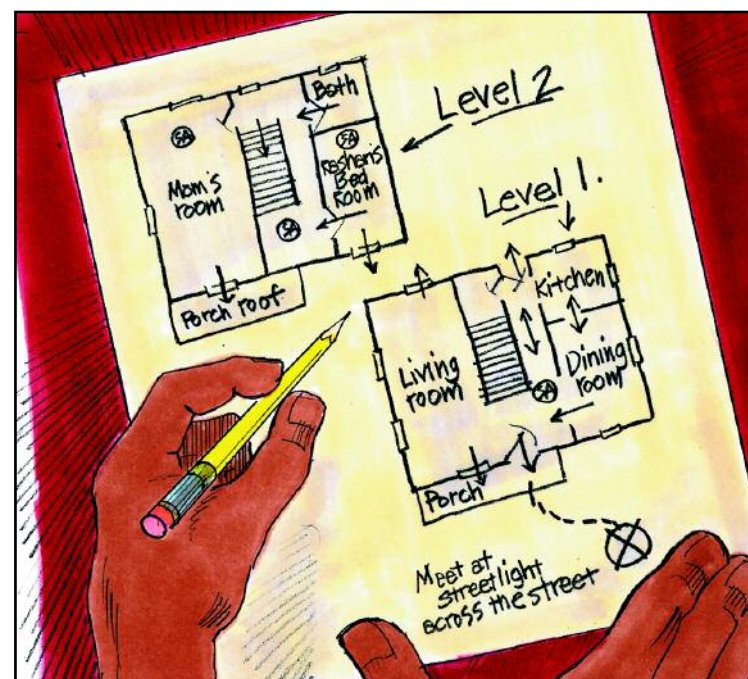
Rashan has a book from school.
It tells how to make an escape plan.



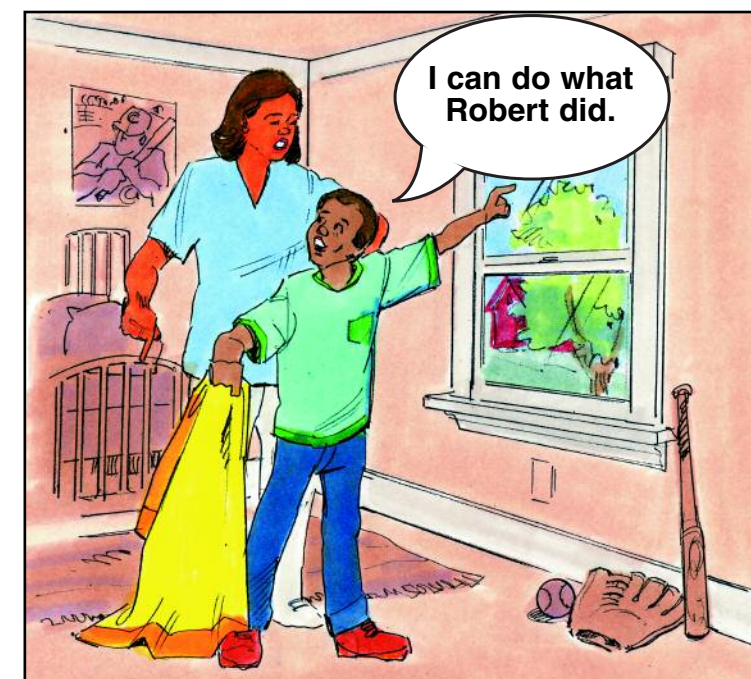
Meg saw Robert in the window.
He needed help fast.
Meg called 9-1-1.
The firefighters came quickly.



The firefighters found Robert.
They got him out. He is lucky to be alive.
Smoke can kill you.
Robert is lucky that his family had an escape plan.



Mattie and Rashan test the smoke alarms.
Then they draw a floor plan.
The plan tells how to get out of the house.
A good plan has two ways out of every room.



Mattie takes Rashan upstairs.
Rashan's bedroom has one window.
If there is fire or smoke in the hall, he can't go out the door.
What can he do?