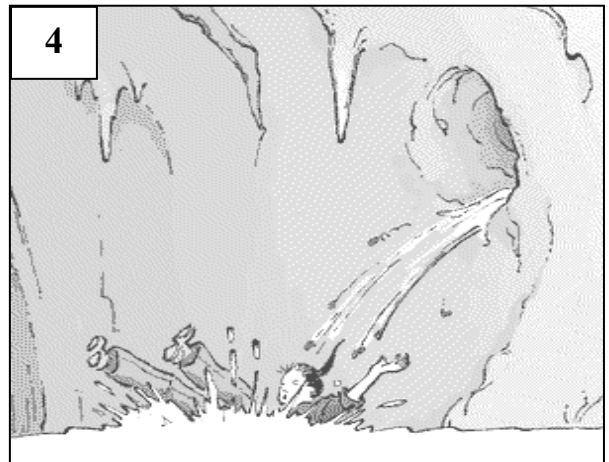
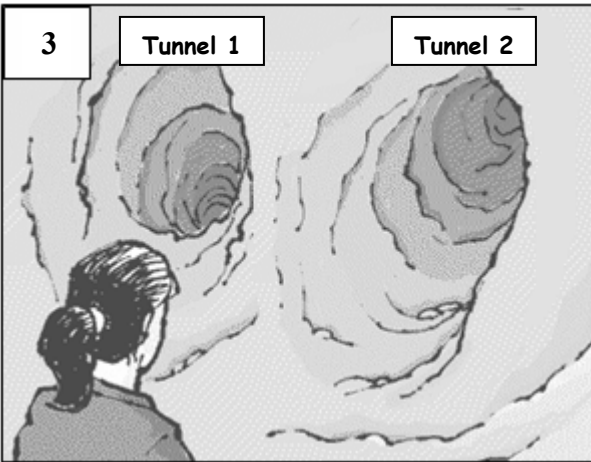
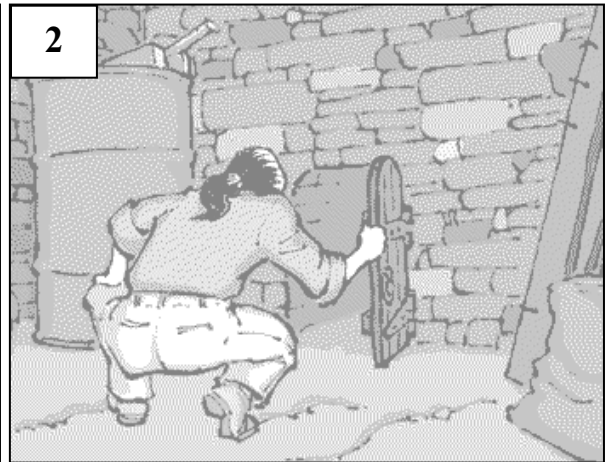


## PICTURE COMPOSITION

Write a story beginning with the following words:

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What happened next?

### Picture Composition (2007)

While dusting the furniture, Sara noticed the cat sneaking out of the room. At once she followed him quietly down to the basement. The basement was a very dark room with lots of cobwebs and junk. The cat went straight to a dark corner where there were lots of junk huddled together.

There was a secret door! He crept inside. The passage had a nasty smell. It was very narrow, dark and spooky and cobwebs hung like curtains. Suddenly Sara came to a halt because there were two passages and she didn't know where the cat had gone. She decided to go through the first tunnel. It was very silent as if it were a haunted tunnel. Sara kept on walking until she came to a steep bit. It was like a slide. She went to see what it was, and by accident she slipped. She went hurling down the tunnel.

She didn't know where she was going. Then Sara splashed into a pool of icy water. How she screamed! She didn't know how to go back home. She calmed herself down and climbed on to a rock. Sara found out that there was a secret exit. She crept in and went up the creaky stairs. Sara found herself near the two tunnels. She went back home and when she went to the kitchen, she found the cat in the basket.

Her mother scolded her, but when she told her the story she believed her and went to investigate. There, in the second tunnel were a momcat and her five cute kittens. "So that's where the cat goes!" said Sara.

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