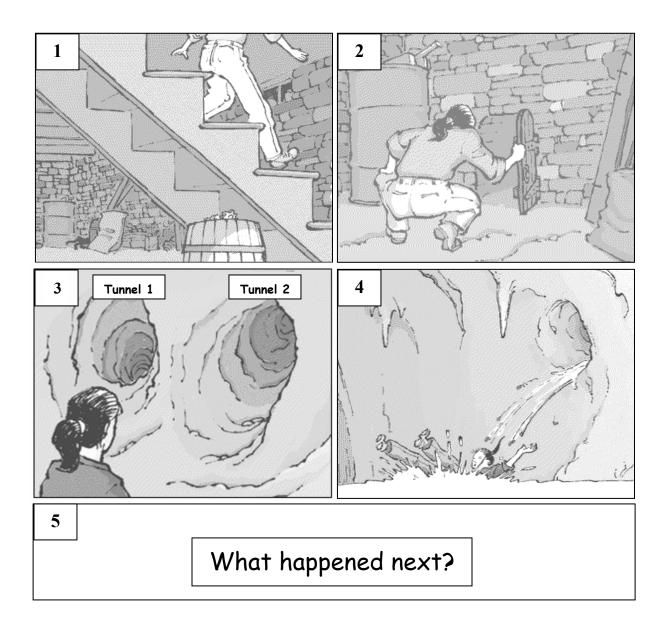
PICTURE COMPOSITION

Write a story beginning with the following words:

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Picture Composition (3)

While dusting the furniture, Sara noticed the cat sneaking out of the room. At once she followed him quietly down to the basement. The stairs creaked; so she had to pay attention where to step as she didn't want Macairty, her cat, to know she was there.

She spied Macairty sneaking in a small door, hidden from view by a sack of flour and a barrel of wine, and scurried over to catch up with him. Sara opened the small door and, slowly but surely crawled in.

Surprisingly the opening widened, and she found she could stand up. It was pitch black in that small cave, and she fished in her pocket for her small, portable torch. She played the beam around and saw two tunnels, each leading in a different way. She chose the first one as it appeared to be wider, and started a long but hard journey along the tunnel.

After a few minutes, she came to two other tunnels. Distinctly she heard the sound of gushing water, and chose the first tunnel again. She thought that if she followed the sound of water she would arrive at an opening and get some fresh air, as it was getting musty.

At last she felt the lapping water against her skinny feet and she slipped. The current became stronger by the second, and Sara was tossed around in the small tunnel. Finally the bumpy ride ended, and she found herself falling.

She fell into an underground lake. Sara could swim, so she waded towards a beam of light and noticed an opening. When she got out she scrambled to the bank and rested on the soft grass.

When she woke up from a deep sleep, she found herself in a hut, and a kind man asked her who she was and where she lived. Then he escorted her back to her house.