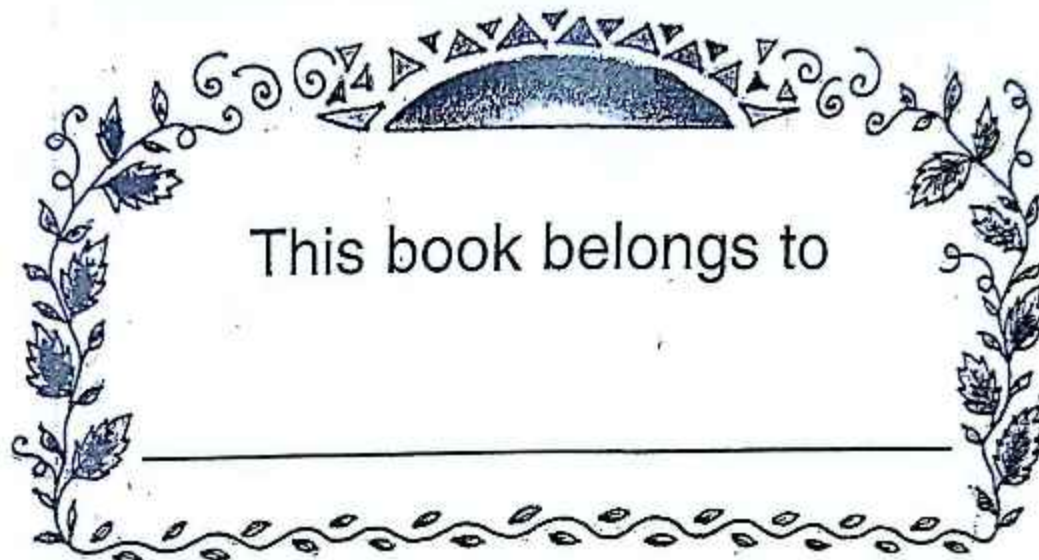


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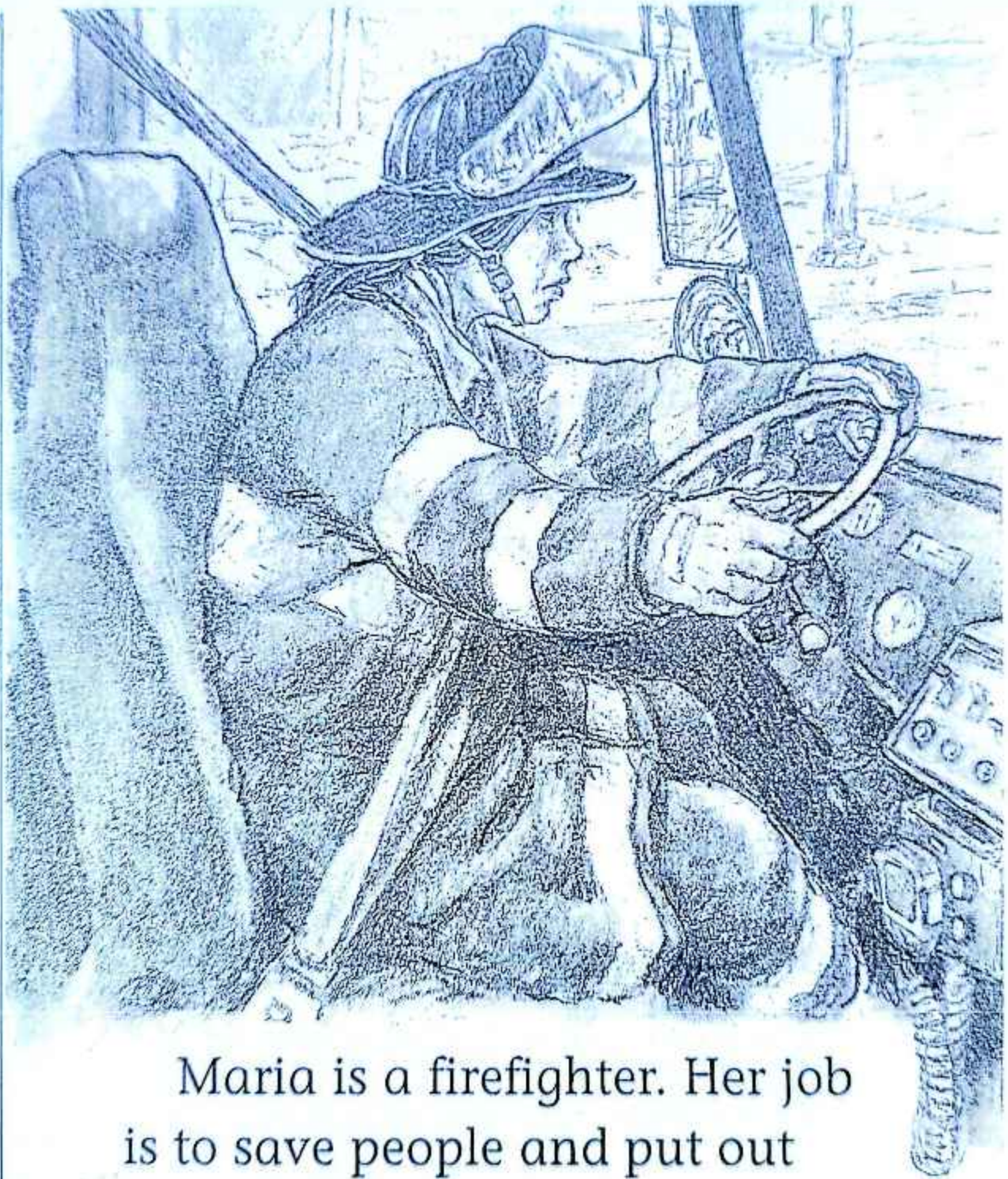
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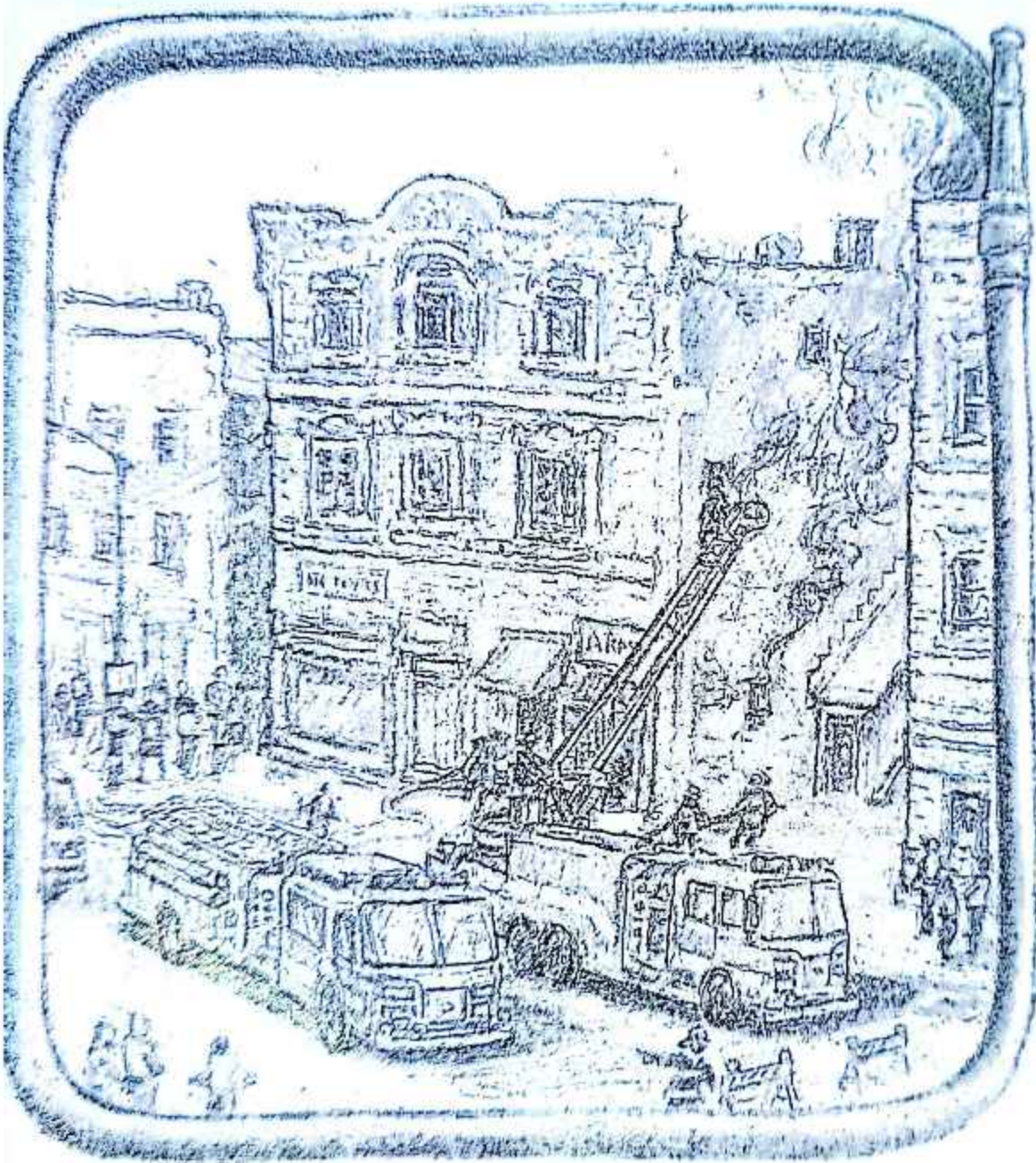
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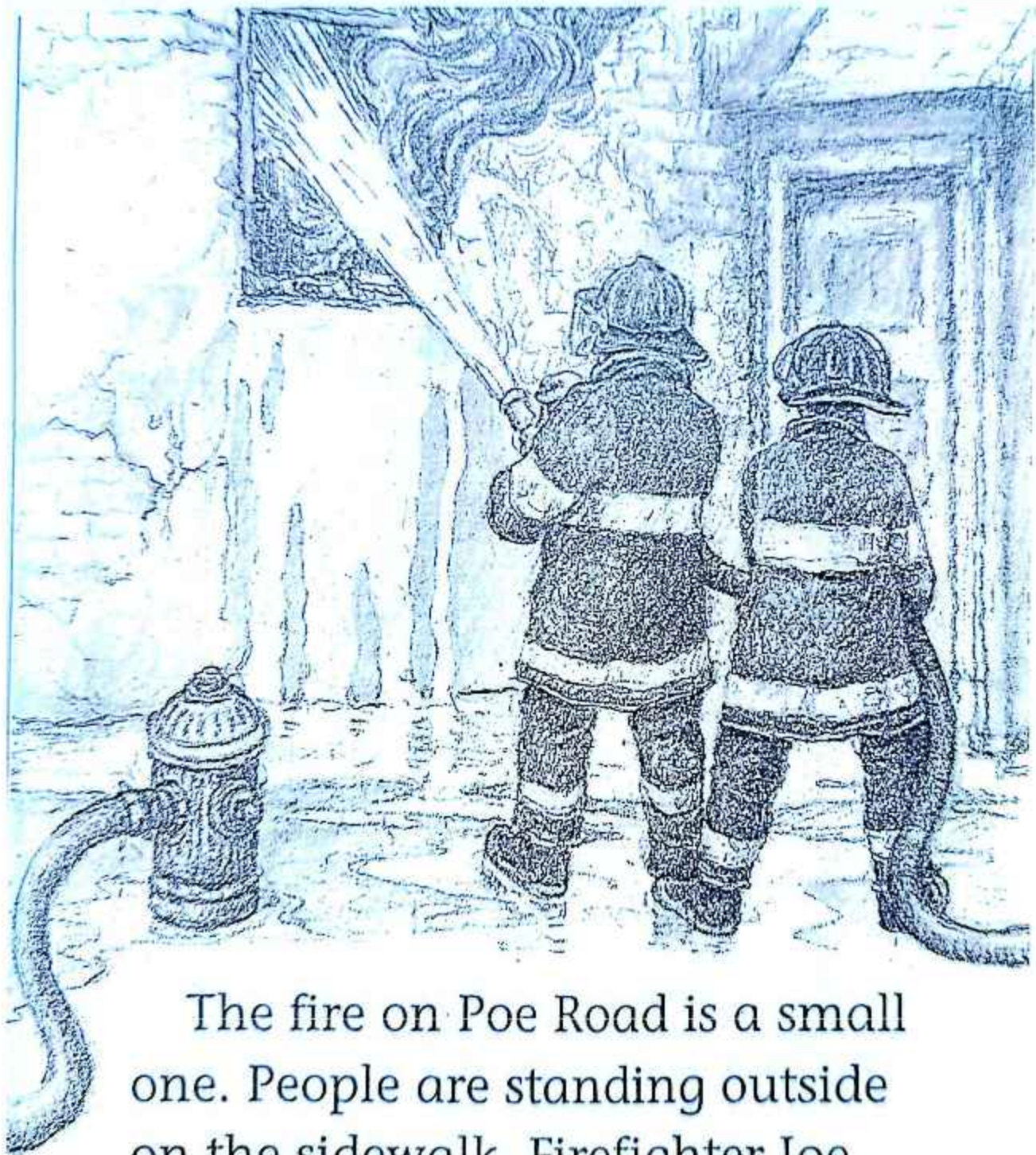
It is only six o'clock in the morning. Most people are sleeping. But a bright red truck races down the road. Maria Lopez is on the truck.



Maria is a firefighter. Her job is to save people and put out fires. Today, she and the other firefighters are going to a fire on Poe Road.



Maria is on a ladder truck.
This truck holds ladders that
can reach anyone in a tall
building. The other truck has
a pump and hoses.



The fire on Poe Road is a small one. People are standing outside on the sidewalk. Firefighter Joe Adams gets the hose and holds it tight. Before long, cold water puts out the fire.



"It's okay," Joe tells everyone before he goes. "You can go back inside."

There is water everywhere. Everyone will have a lot of cleaning to do. But no one is hurt.



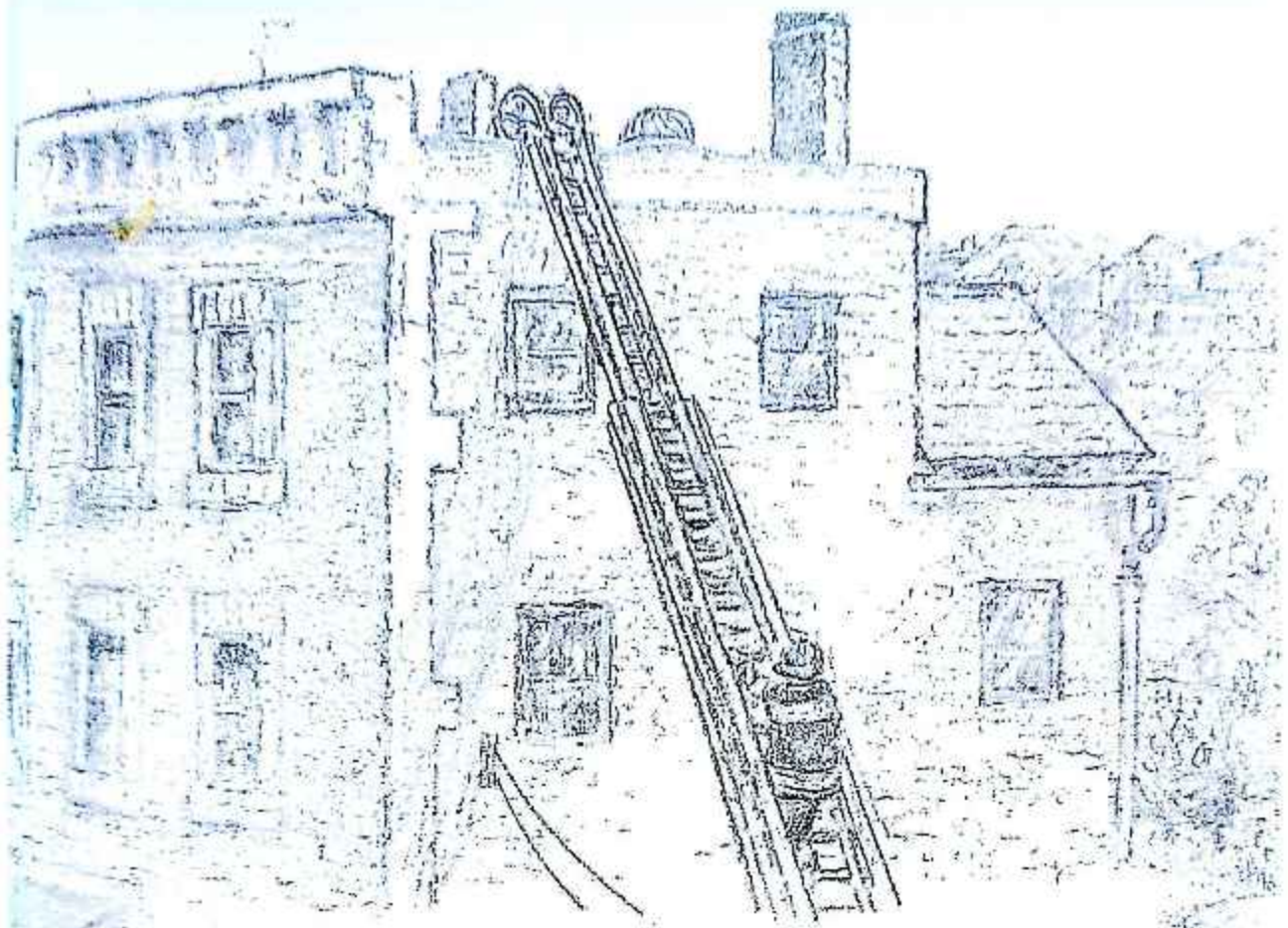
Joe and Maria are back at the firehouse. They are in between calls. Joe asks, "When did you know you wanted to be a firefighter?"

"I knew before I was seven years old," Maria tells Joe. "Do you want to know why?"



"Yes," says Joe. "Go on."

"My own dog was trapped in a building that was on fire," Maria says. "He was stuck between the wall and the bed. We couldn't get him out. But the firefighters saved him before he was hurt. That was when I knew I wanted to be a firefighter. I knew I wanted to save people and animals too."



It is ten o'clock. Maria races downtown on the firetruck. Why are the firefighters called this time? A cat is sitting on a chimney. The top of the chimney is open. The man who owns the cat is in the backyard. He is scared that the cat will fall in the chimney.



A long ladder takes Maria up to the roof. She walks over to the cat.

“Hello,” she says in a low voice. “You must be cold.”



Maria is good with animals.
She reaches for the cat. She
holds it in her hands. "You will
be warm inside," Maria says.
The cat is okay.



It is two o'clock in the afternoon. Maria is in a school. She is talking about fires.

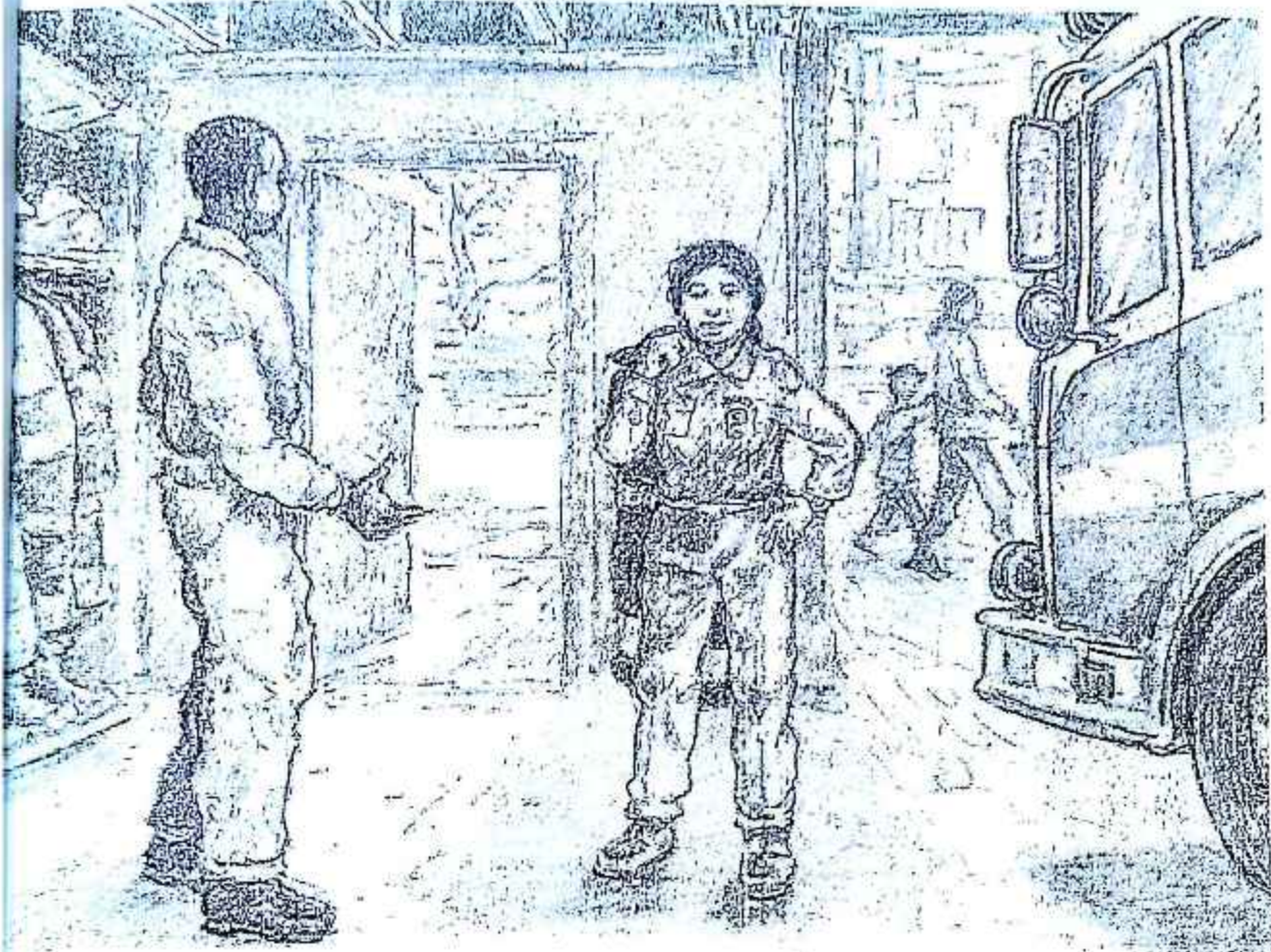
"Everyone must know the way out in case of a fire," Maria says.



She tells the kids that things should not be left close to stoves. Most of all, homes should have smoke alarms.



Maria shows everyone what firefighters wear. She says that the special clothes keep them safe. She shows them the air tank they hold on their backs.



It is six o'clock. Maria is near the doorway. Her day is over and she is ready to go home. Joe talks to her before she goes.

"There was a fire at the airport," Joe says. "The airport firefighters put it out themselves. They used foam to put it out."



“This was not a slow day!”
Joe says.

“No,” Maria says. “We don’t
get so many slow days. But I
like my job!”

Phonics for Families: This book provides practice reading compound words such as *firefighters* and *outside* and words with the long vowel o sound spelled o, oa, ow, and oe. It also includes the high-frequency words *animals, before, between, knew, and why*. Read the book with your child. Then go back through the book and have your child find words with the long vowel o sound.

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