Rookie on a Roofrope

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1. a. The fire that the rookie’s company races to is in a factory. What is unusual about the way the factory is built?

b. How has the man become trapped?

c. What is the only way to rescue him?

1. a. What dangers is the rookie aware of as he descends the shaft?

b. What happens to the man at the bottom?

1. a. In what way does the man endanger the rookie’s life?

b. Describe the rookie’s attitude towards the man he rescues.

1. a. The captain asks the rookie if he had been scared by the descent. What is his response?

b. How does his response indicate that he has the makings of a good fireman?

**Activity**

Imagine you are the man rescued in this story. Take turns with a partner who plays the role of a friend or family member that you tell about this frightening experience.

What were you doing prior to the fire?

How did you get trapped?

How did you feel as you climbed the rope and ran away?

Did you ever wonder about the the fireman who was left behind.

Be prepare to tell your story in class.