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The Shadows in the Basement

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. What motivated Max to explore the basement, and do you think his curiosity was justified?
2. How do the strange occurrences in the basement challenge the concept of a normal, safe home environment?
3. What do you think might have happened to Max in the basement, and what could explain the eerie silence that followed his cries for help?
4. How might the experience in the story affect Emily and her family's perception of their new home and their belief in the supernatural?

