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The Shadows in the Basement

Short Answer Key

1. Max heard eerie whispers and felt a malevolent presence closing in on him. He also discovered unsettling symbols etched onto the walls.
2. They grew concerned and called the police for help. They also tried to break down the door themselves but were unsuccessful.
3. Max's fate remains unknown, as his cries for help eventually faded into eerie silence. This traumatic experience left the Johnson family with a chilling mystery and led them to move out of the house.
4. The basement door remained stubbornly sealed, defying all attempts to break it open.
5. The story highlights the idea that some mysteries may remain forever unsolved and that there are limits to what humans can comprehend and control.

