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Q1 : What does the author notice one Sunday afternoon? What is his mother's reaction? What does she do?

Answer :

One Sunday afternoon, the author noticed a strange smell. Then he saw smoke pouring in through the seams of the ceiling and filling the room very quickly. They could barely see anything. By the time they ran out into the front yard, the roof was already engulfed in flames and was spreading very quickly. His mother ran back into the house. She had brought out a small metal box full of important documents. She wanted to bring out important things from the house one by one. She was in a 'crazed state'.

Q2 : Why does he break down in tears after the fire?

Answer :

After the fire, he broke down into tears because it suddenly struck him that he was suffering a big loss. He realized that his cat could not be seen anywhere. Then, everything hit him at once - the new school, the fire, and his cat. That was when he broke down and cried.

Q3 : Why is the author deeply embarrassed the next day in school? Which words show his fear and insecurity?

Answer :

He was deeply embarrassed the next day at school because of the state in which he was. The clothes he was wearing looked odd. His shoes were gone in the fire and he had to wear tennis shoes to school. He had no homework or books and his backpack was also burnt in the fire. Some of the words that show his fear and insecurity are 'outcast', 'geek', 'wanted to curl up and die', 'zombie', and 'surreal'.