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CLASS - IX

ENGLISH

MOMENTS

CHAPTER - 4

A HOUSE IS NOT A HOME

Part – 1

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Zan Gaudioso

Zan Gaudioso is an author and editor whose works are written in **English**.

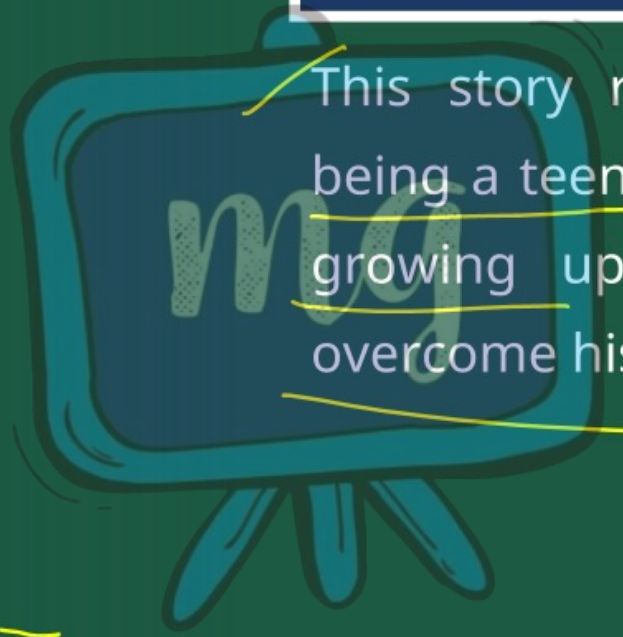
She is noted as an author based in **California** and lives in **Pacific Palisades, California**.

Her story **"A House Is Not a Home"** is a narrative that reflects the challenges and emotional life of a teenager. The story mentions the character's father died when he was young, and details a personal hardship involving a **house fire** and the subsequent **loss** of his home and temporary grief over his cat.

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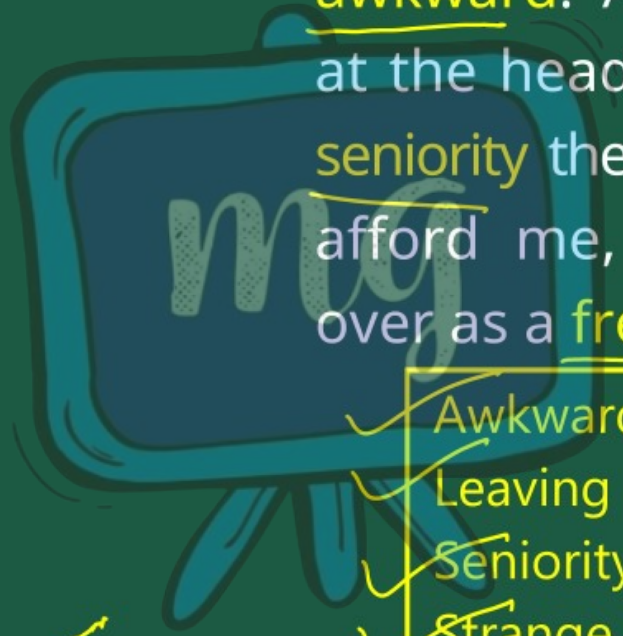


This story reflects the challenges of being a teenager, and the problems of growing up. How does the author overcome his problems?

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My first year of high school felt awkward. After leaving junior high at the head of my class with all the seniority the upper grade levels could afford me, it felt strange starting over as a freshman.



Awkward	:	অপ্রস্তুত, আচহুৱা
Leaving	:	এৰি যোৱা
Seniority	:	জ্যেষ্ঠতা
Strange	:	আচৰিত
Starting	:	আৰম্ভ কৰা
Freshman	:	নৱাগত

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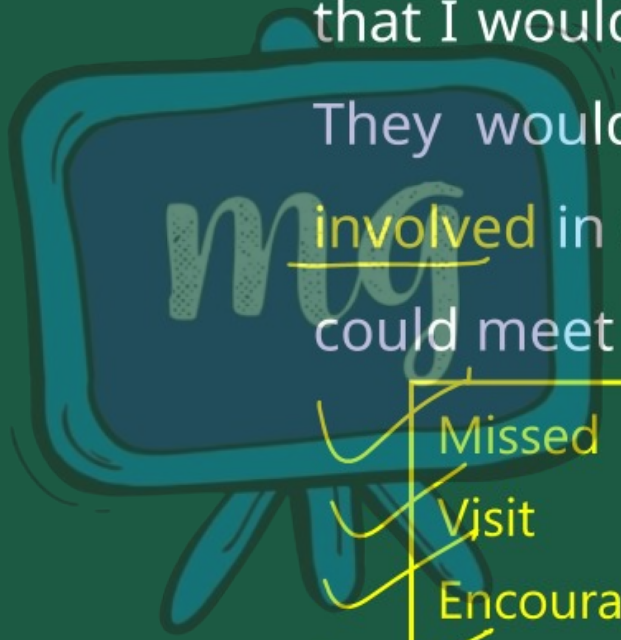
The school was twice as big as my old school, and to make matters worse, my closest friends were sent to a different high school. I felt very isolated.

Twice	:	দুগুণ
Worse	:	অধিক বেয়া
Different	:	অন্য
Isolated	:	বিচ্ছিন্ন

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I missed my old teachers so much that I would go back and visit them. They would encourage me to get involved in school activities so that I could meet new people.



Missed	:	মনত ৰখা
Visit	:	লগ/ভ্ৰমণ কৰা
Encourage	:	উৎসাহ প্ৰদান
Involved	:	উপস্থিত থকা
Activities	:	কার্যকলাপ

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They told me that in time I would adjust and probably end up loving my new school more than I had my old one. They made me promise that when that happened I would still come by and visit them from

Adjust	:	খাপ খোৱা
Probably	:	সম্ভৱতঃ
Promise	:	প্রতিশ্রুতি

time to time. I understood the psychology in what they were saying, but I took some comfort in it none-theless.

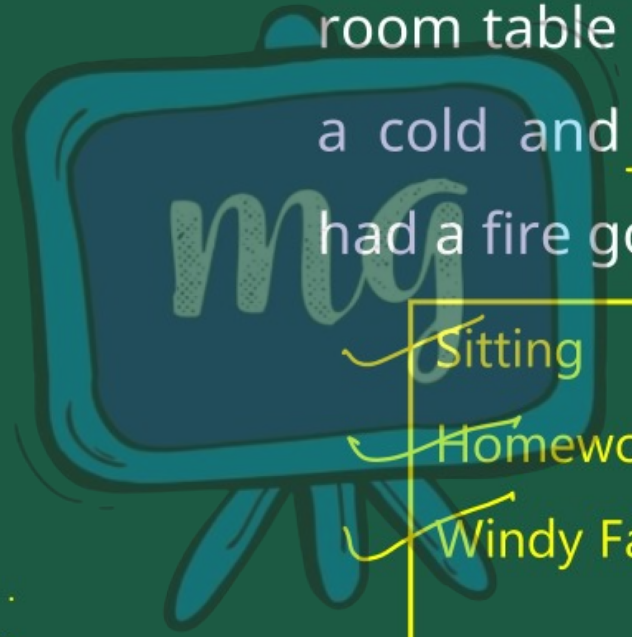
One Sunday afternoon, not long after I had started high school,

Psychology	:	মনোবিজ্ঞান
Comfort	:	সান্ত্বনা
None-theless.	:	তথাপি
Started	:	আৰম্ভ কৰিছিল

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I was sitting at home at our dining-room table doing homework. It was a cold and windy fall day, and we had a fire going in our fireplace.



Sitting	:	বহি আছিল
Homework	:	গৃহকার্য
Windy Fall day	:	বতাহে ভৰা শৰতৰ দিন
Fireplace	:	জুইশাল

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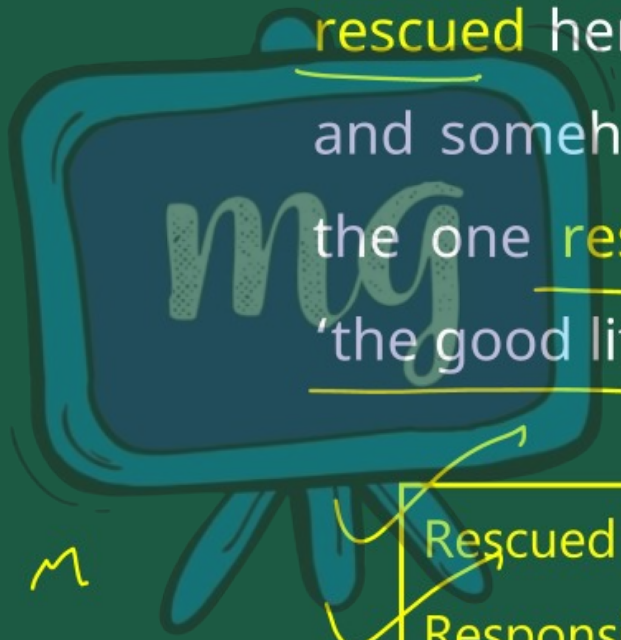
As usual, my red tabby cat was lying on top of all my papers, purring loudly and occasionally swatting at my pen for entertainment's sake.

Purring	:	মেকুৰীৰ ঘৰঘৰণি
Occasionally	:	মাজে মাজে
Swatting	:	খাপ মাৰি
Entertainment's	:	মনোৰঞ্জন
Sake	:	বাবে

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She was never far from me. I had rescued her when she was a kitten, and somehow she knew that I was the one responsible for giving her 'the good life'.

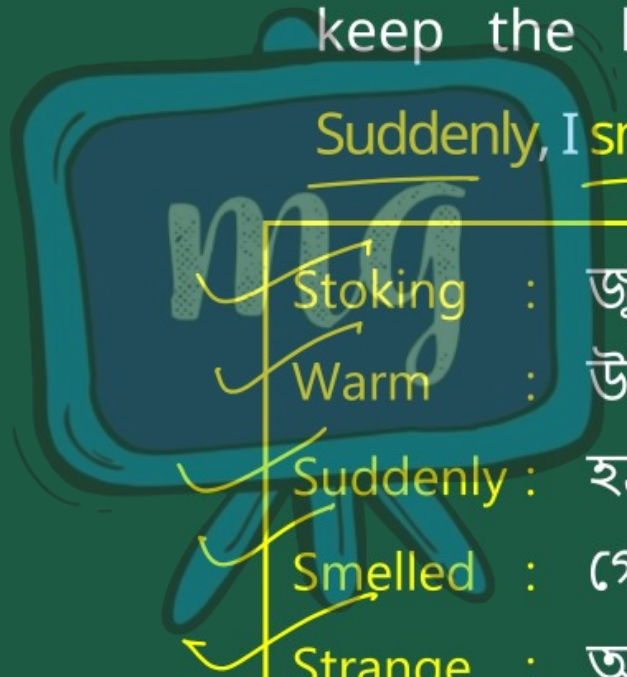


Rescued	:	উদ্ধাৰ কৰিছিল
Responsible	:	দায়িত্ব

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My mother kept stoking the fire to keep the house nice and warm. Suddenly, I smelled something strange,



Stoking	:	জুইত অধিক খৰি আগবঢ়াই দিয়া
Warm	:	উষ্ণ
Suddenly	:	হঠাতে
Smelled	:	গোন্ধ পোৱা
Strange	:	আচৰিত

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and then I noticed it... smoke pouring in through the seams of the ceiling. The smoke began to fill the room so quickly that we could barely see.

Noticed	:	লক্ষ্য কৰা
seams of the ceiling	:	চিলিঙৰ ফাঁকেৰে
Quickly	:	তীব্রভাৱে
Barely see	:	কোনোমতে দেখা

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Groping our way to the front door, we all ran out into the front yard. By the time we made our way outside, the whole roof was engulfed in flames and it was spreading quickly.

Groping	:	খেপিয়াই খেপিয়াই
Front Yard	:	সন্মুখৰ চোতাল
Engulfed	:	আৱৰি
Flames	:	জুইৰ শিখা
Spreading	:	বিয়পি যোৱা
Quickly	:	বেগাই

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I ran to the neighbours to call the fire department, while I watched my mother run back into the house. My mother then ran out of the house carrying a small metal box full of important documents.

Neighbours	:	ওচৰ-চুবুৰীয়া
Department	:	বিভাগ
Watched	:	দেখিছিল
Carrying	:	কঢ়িয়াই নিয়া
metal box	:	ধাতুৰ বাকচ
Important	:	প্ৰয়োজনীয়
Documents	:	নথিপত্ৰ

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She dropped the case on the lawn and, in a crazed state, ran back into the house. I knew what she was after. My father had died when I was young,

Dropped	:	পেলাই দিয়া
Crazed	:	ভয়ত বিতত হৈ
Died	:	মৃত্যু হোৱা

and I was certain that she was not going to let his pictures and letters go up in flames. They were the only things that she had to remember him by. Still I screamed at her, “Mom! No!”

Certain	:	নিশ্চিত
Pictures	:	ছৱি
Letters	:	চিঠি
Flames	:	জুইৰ শিখা
Remember	:	স্মৃতি. মনত ৰখা
Screamed	:	চিঞৰি উঠা

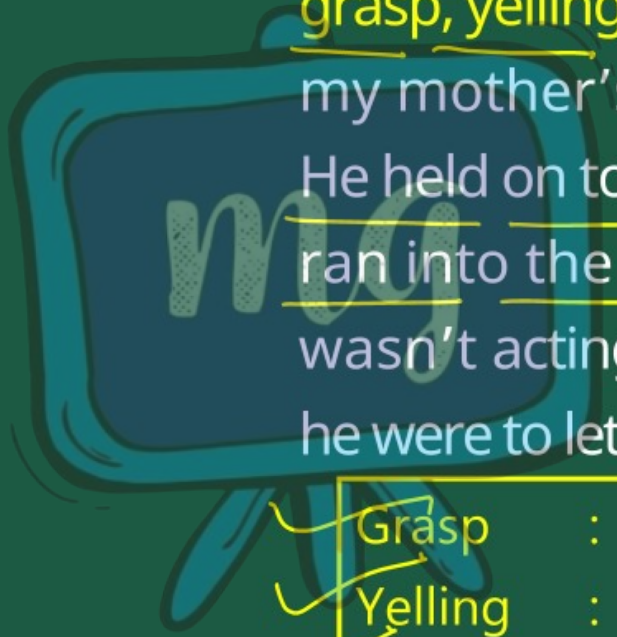
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I was about to run after her when I felt a large hand hold me back. It was a fireman. I hadn't even noticed that the street had already filled with fire trucks.

Large	:	বৃহৎ
Fireman	:	অগ্নিনির্বাপক ব্যক্তি
Noticed	:	লক্ষ্য কৰা
Already	:	ইতিমধ্যে

I was trying to free myself from his grasp, yelling, “You don’t understand, my mother’s in there!”
He held on to me while other firefighters ran into the house. He knew that I wasn’t acting very logically and that if he were to let go, I’d run. He was right.



Grasp	:	খামোচ মাৰি ধৰা
Yelling	:	চিঞৰি উঠা
Logically	:	যুক্তিপূৰ্ণভাৱে

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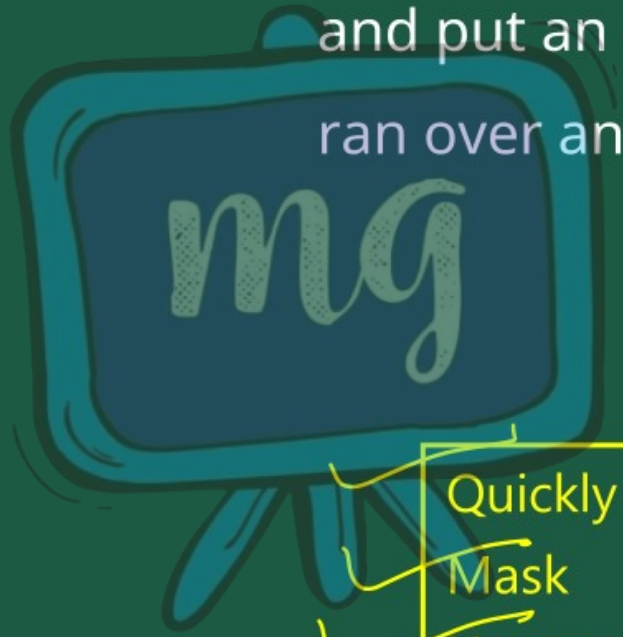
"It's all right, they'll get her," he said.
He wrapped a blanket around me
and sat me down in our car. Soon
after that, a fireman emerged from
our house with my mom in tow.

Wrapped	:	মেৰিয়াই থোৱা
Blanket	:	কম্বল
Emerged	:	ওলাই পৰা
Tow	:	টানি নিয়া

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He quickly took her over to the truck and put an oxygen mask on her. I ran over and hugged her.

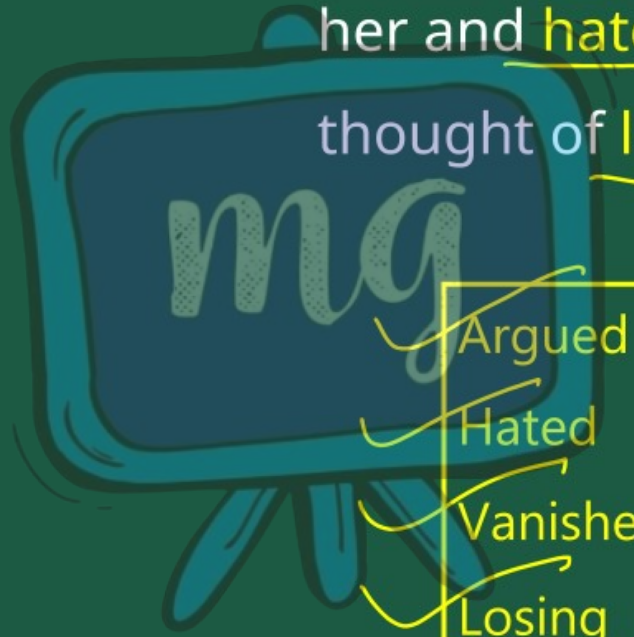


Quickly	:	বেগাই
Mask	:	মুখা
Hugged	:	আলিংগন কৰা

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All those times I ever argued with her and hated her vanished at the thought of losing her.



Argued	:	যুক্তি দিয়া
Hated	:	বেয়া পোৱা
Vanished	:	নোহোৱা হৈ যোৱা
Losing	:	হেৰুৱাই পেলোৱা

"She's going to be okay," said the fireman. "She just inhaled a little smoke." And then he ran back to fight the fire while my mother and I sat there dazed. I remember watching my house burn down and thinking that there was nothing I could do about it.

Inhaled	:	উশাহ টনা
Smoke	:	ধোঁৱা
Dazed	:	স্তম্ভিত হৈ পৰা
Remember	:	স্মৃতি
Burn	:	জ্বলা

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Five hours later, the fire was finally out. Our house was almost completely burned down. But then it struck me... I hadn't seen my cat. Where was my cat?

Finally	:	অৱশেষত
Completely	:	সম্পূৰ্ণ
Burned down	:	জ্বলি ছাই হৈ যোৱা
Struck	:	মনলৈ আহিল

Much to my horror, I realised that she was nowhere to be found. Then all at once it hit me— the new school, the fire, my cat— I broke down in tears and cried and cried. I was suffering loss, big time.

Horror	:	আতংকিত
Realised	:	উপলব্ধি কৰা
Broke down	:	ভাঙি পৰা
Cried	:	কান্দিলে
Suffering	:	কষ্ট সহ্য কৰা

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1 Who is the writer of A House is not a Home ?

A Zan Gaudioso

B Robert Frost

C William Wordsworth

D Ruskin Bond

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2 The Narrator's house was destroyed by -

A Flood

B Cyclone

C Fire

D Earthquake