

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE HOLIDAY	when all through the house,
not a creature wasnot even a mouse.	
The smoke alarms were hung on the ceiling just rig	ght in hopes that would test them tonight
The children were nestled all snug in their beds, w	rhile visions of fire drills in their heads.
Before bed time they planned the fire escape route	e. They mapped it onand planned two ways out.
When out in the street there arose such a clatter. I	sprang from the piece of furniture to see what was the matter.
I $_{\overline{\text{VERB-PAST TENSE}}}$ to the window and there I stayed, I	tore open theand rolled up the shade.
When what to my wonderingshould	I I see?
Our family meeting place right by the tree and als	o someeating a snack.
But was eagerly calling them	back.
"Now! Now, Now	and Vixen!
"Now! Now, Now On, on, on	_and Blitzen!"
And then I heard the creak of the door! I went do	wn to investigate and find out more.
There stood! He didn't move	from his spot.
But said, "Forget about chimneys! That fire's too!	
He gave me a wink and said, "Do not fear." He tes	ted our smoke alarms and waited to hear
the infamous warning of "Beep, Beep," My f	family arose but he said, "Go back to sleep."
"This is only a test to make sure alarms work." He	wiggled his and turned with a jerk.
But I heard himas he drove out of sig	ght,
"Test you smoke alarms and practice, your fire esc	cape drill tonight!" Happy Holidays.

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