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Content / CD / Summary / Precis (Say? "Plot? Setting/Situation? Key lines/phrases scenes, etc?)

This photo features a brave fireman going in to save a young woman who was injured during the Boston Marathon bombings of 2013. The man put his life on the line somewhat to go out and save people who were hurting. It is his job, but he could have slacked and not been as daring or brave as he was.

Content / CM / Meaning? / Theme(s)?

The them of this photo is being brave and courageous in times of great danger, pain, and frustration. Terrible things happen to good people, but good things happen when other good people come to the rescue. This firefighter saved this woman's life, and possibly some of her limbs. There was uncertainty whether any more bombs would go off, but this man went in anyway, realizing the danger and realizing his duty.



Form (Diction? Construction Terms? Symbolism?)

The firefighter here represents what we all want to be, and the woman represents what we actually are on occasion. We have all been in both pairs of shoes. Sometimes, we need a brave fireman to come in and save us. Other times, we see people in need and take action to become the firefighter and save them. If this woman could've walked, I'm sure she would have stopped to help those in need.

Commentary (What do you want to say? Why like? Questions? Synthesis / Allusions-Connections / Relevance to personal experience, to literature, 20Q's? etc.)? "Poetic" Traits?

I love this photo because everyone can relate to both people pictured in it. The bombings were a tragedy, but it certainly brought the city of Boston together as one. "Boston Strong" isn't just a slogan. It is now a way of life. The people of Boston will always be there for each other, especially in times like these filled with great suffering and pain. The man in the pictured can be seen as a hero, but I'm absolutely sure that if you asked him, he would say, "I was just doing my job." It is humble people like this who make the world great and help it up out of deep trouble.