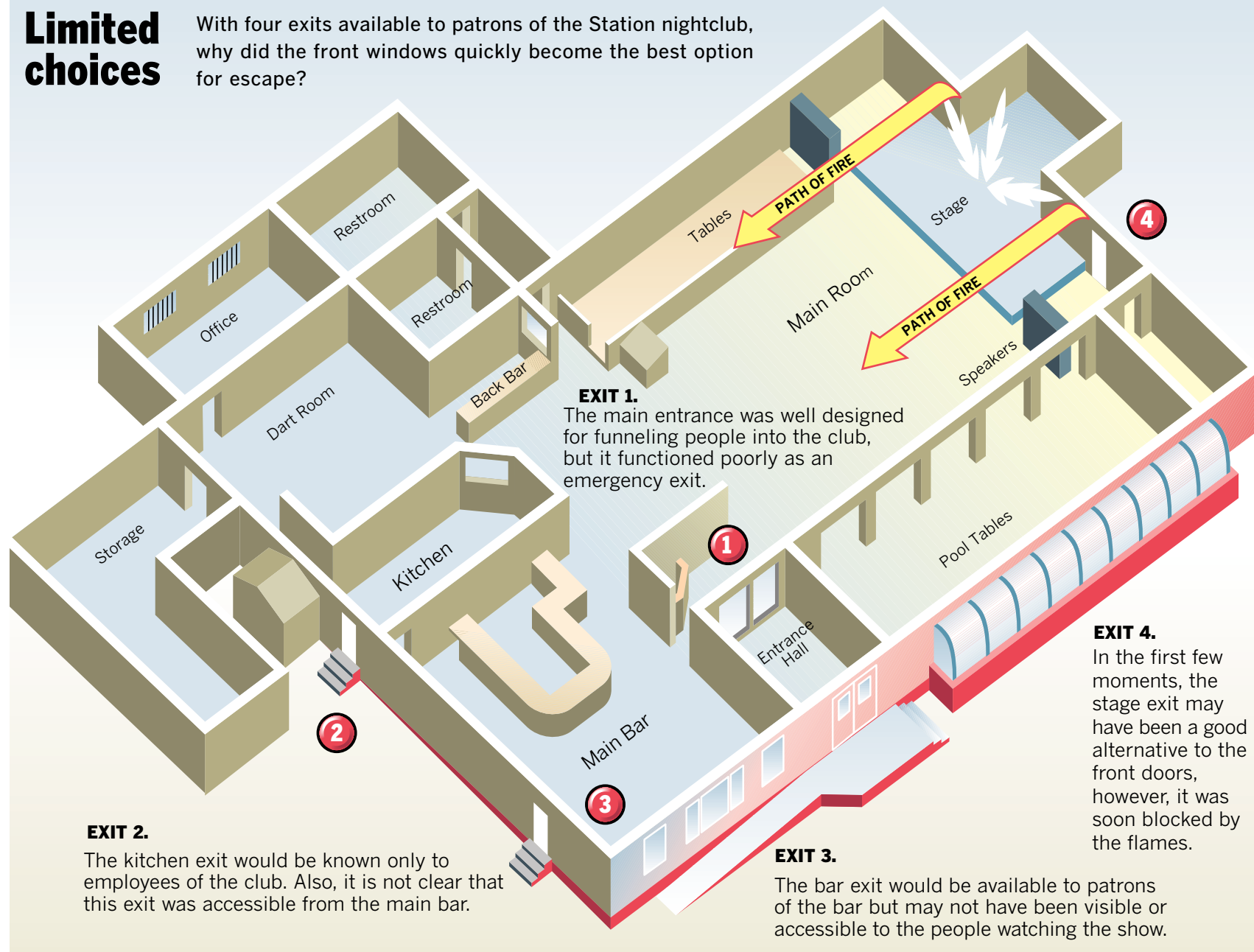


Limited choices

With four exits available to patrons of the Station nightclub, why did the front windows quickly become the best option for escape?



EXIT 1. The main entrance was well designed for funneling people into the club, but it functioned poorly as an emergency exit.

EXIT 2. The kitchen exit would be known only to employees of the club. Also, it is not clear that this exit was accessible from the main bar.

EXIT 3. The bar exit would be available to patrons of the bar but may not have been visible or accessible to the people watching the show.

EXIT 4. In the first few moments, the stage exit may have been a good alternative to the front doors, however, it was soon blocked by the flames.