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The Early Bird Catches the Clock

Are you the kind of person who has difficulty waking up in the morning? Do you set the alarm at night, then hit the snooze button the next morning and go straight back to sleep? Statistics show that 40% of all people do this and then oversleep! If you are one of them, don’t worry－two brilliant new alarm clocks are here to solve the problem.

The first one is Tocky, a ball-shaped alarm clock that rolls. Its inventor thought that since the snooze button is so easy to reach, the alarm clock should just run away! Thus, Tocky was born. When Tocky wakes you up in the morning, it rings just like a regular alarm clock. The difference is that it will take action if you try to snooze. It will jump off your nightstand, make a lot of noise, and start running around everywhere! To stop the noise, you will have to get out of bed and chase after it. In this way, Tocky promises that you will get up on time every time.

The other new alarm clock, Ramos, wakes you up in a different way. This smart alarm has three parts that work together: a clock, a Bluetooth beacon, and a smartphone app. To use it, you place the beacon somewhere far from your bedroom. When the alarm goes off in the morning, you need to hold your smartphone near the beacon in order to stop the alarm. If you are a really heavy sleeper, you can also set a code in advance. These are the numbers that you will need to enter in order to silence the alarm. Either way, you will have to get out of bed.

The inventors of both Tocky and Ramos said that they created their clocks because they had difficulty getting up every morning. If you encounter the same problem , maybe you can come up with an even better way to wake up on time!

Days and weeks passed. Finally, the young man was able to remove the bandage and see the world again. Before the nurse wheeled him out of the room, he turned around and said to the old man, “I will be right back. Then we can enjoy the view together!” The old man replied with a smile.

When the young man returned, he was shocked to see that the old man was not there. “The old man passed away during his nap this afternoon,” the nurse said. The young man walked over to the old man’s bed and looked out the window. Surprisingly, he saw nothing but a wall. “The old man couldn’t even see this wall,” the nurse said. “He was blind.”

Tears fell from the young man’s eyes. “Thank you,” he whispered.