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The Two Drunks and the Lamppost

There were two alcoholics who were accustomed to go to a certain restaurant in the evening to drink. One evening went there and started drinking. They drank and drank, passing the entire night in the restaurant and drinking until early morning.

As they left the restaurant, one of these drunks went to a lamppost and began to kick it. After he had kicked it several minutes, the second drunk came up to him and asked, "Why do you keep pounding on that door? There must be no one at home there, or they would have heard you by now."

But the first one kept kicking. He pointed to the light, which was barely visible now that dawn was approaching said, "Don't you see? They have a light burning low upstairs. Oh, they are there, all right, but they just haven't heard me yet."