The Clockmaker's Apprentice

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3 Problem

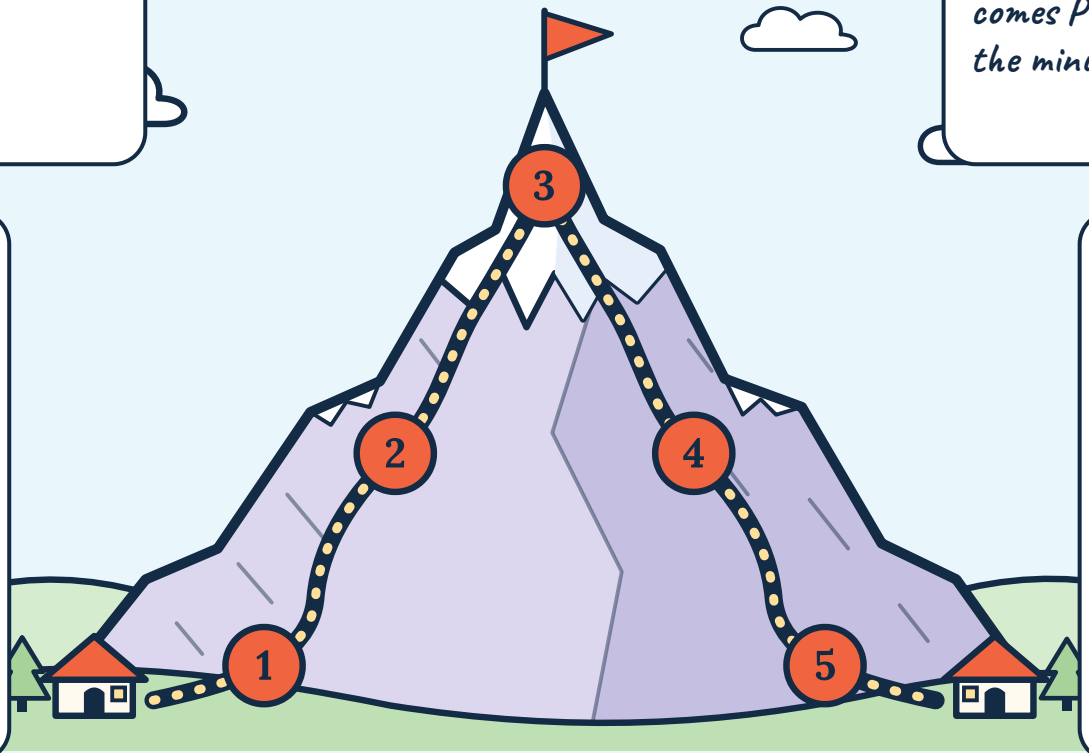
At noon a pigeon lands on the pendulum and the sun shines onto the brass, both at once. The pendulum hesitates. Which one is to blame?

2 Build-up

The great clock loses one minute every day, and the trains and airships are running late. The hero climbs the clock tower to watch.

4 Resolution

The hero covers the broken window pane at noon for three days, and the clock keeps perfect time. On the fourth day in comes Pim the pigeon for her nap, and the minute is lost again.



1 Opening

Clockwork City runs on gears. The hero has been the clockmaker's apprentice for exactly one week.

5 Ending

They mend the window and build Pim a shelf of her own in the sun. The clock never loses another minute.