Thursday

I’m having a seriously hard time getting used to the fact that summer is over and I have to get out of bed every morning to go to school.

My summer did not exactly get off a great start, thanks to my older brother Roderick. A couple of days into summer vacation, Roderick woke me up in the middle of the night. He told me I slept through the whole summer, but that luckily I woke up just in time for the first day of school.

You might think I was pretty dumb for falling for that one, but Roderick was dressed up in his school clothes and he’d set my alarm clock ahead to make it look like it was the morning. Plus, he closed my curtains so I couldn’t see that it was still dark out. // **1**

After Roderick woke me up, I just got dressed and went downstairs to make myself some breakfast, like I do every morning on a school day.

But I guess I must have made a pretty big racket because the next thing I knew, Dad was downstairs, yelling at me for eating Cheerios at 3:00 in the morning. It took me a minute to figure out what the heck was going on.

After I did, I told Dad that Roderick had played a trick on me, and HE was the one that should be getting yelled at. // **2**

Dad walked down to the basement to chew Roderick out, and I tagged along. I couldn’t wait to see Roderick get what was coming to him. But Roderick covered up his tracks pretty good. And to this day, I sure Dad thinks I’ve got a screw loose or something.// **3**

**From *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney.**

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**He wanted to punish him for having played a very bad trick on his little brother.**

What couldn’t Greg wait for?

**He was looking forward to see his father yell at Roderick. Tit for tat !!**

What happened in the end?

**Greg was disappointed because when they both came into his bedroom, Roderick pretented to be fast asleep, he hadn’t left any clues behind ! Now Greg is worried because his family might think he is crazy !**