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You dreamed that you got out of bed to retrieve the charger

I dreamed I stayed up long enough
for you to do so and call me back,
after which you told me your plan
to escape your job and meet me
tomorrow morning after I ditch
my boss, who I dreamt was
Yosemite Sam, able to blast his way
through anything except a
cartoon drawbridge, which you dreamed
was in the back of your jeep,
which I dreamt jumping into
the back of, peering out as my
boss tried to micromanage
his way through the cracks
while getting flattened into the wall
while we dreamed onto the sofa
that you dreamed was turned over
to you before dreaming your way
to this new place, like both our places
but with far less cluttered piles
to mark our sighings, and we dreamt
of falling asleep on the sofa
where we dream again of waking up
in our separate real homes
before turning over to fall asleep
and dream ourselves back again,
thankful to wake up to another dream.

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