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Twenty-First Century Moms

She turns on morning radio with coffee-maker
to hear of a depressed German pilot
who, missing his meds
rather than rising above the Alps, on course,
ploughed his unknowing or sleeping passengers into them.

So before the first child comes downstairs, yawning,
she scrabbles through the drawer,
for the edgeless bagel knife
to put beside today's basket of daily bread.