

"The Hare & the Tortoise"

ACT ONE

Scene 1

AT RISE: Light brightens on a garden on a warm summer day. Tortoise and Hare are talking.

Hare: (mockingly) You are so slow! Do you ever get anywhere? I mean, c'mon. I am way faster than you are.

Tortoise: Yes, I get places. And I get there sooner than you think. I'll run you a race and prove it.

Hare laughs heartily.

Hare: You? You want to run a race with me? Fine.

Fox enters.

Hare: Fox! Will you be the judge of our race? I am racing this silly tortoise.

Fox: I will be the judge. Here is the starting point.

Fox lays down some rocks as a starting point.

Fox: And the end point is the hollow tree by the pond. Get ready, get set, go!

Hare and Tortoise begin to race. Hare is soon far out of sight.

Hare: That silly tortoise. I want to prove to him how ridiculous it is to try to race me. I'm going to take a quick nap until Tortoise wakes up.

Hare lays down and soon falls fast asleep. The Tortoise keeps racing slowly but steadily finally reaching the place where the Hare was sleeping.

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Tortoise: That silly hare. Having a nap when we are supposed to be racing. I can see the hollow tree up ahead. I think I can make it.

Hare: (waking up with a start) What? What's going on?

Hare noticed up ahead that Tortoise was almost at the tree.

Hare: Oh no! I can still beat that tortoise though.

Hare runs fast but doesn't catch up to tortoise.

Fox: Tortoise wins!

Tortoise: See? I told you I could race you.

Hare: (sheepishly) I guess you were right.

Fox: You have learned, silly hare, that the swift does not always win the race.