

The Tortoise and the Hare Script

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 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 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.

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HARE

That tortoise. I want to prove to them 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.

TORTOISE

That 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, hare, that the swift does not always win the race.

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Your list of materials:

Your set of costumes:

Your drawings: