

## An Unexpected Winner

'Let's race,' said the tortoise. The hare laughed so hard that the entire Earth heard his laugh! "You'll never win!" the hare said. The tortoise said, 'Let's see what happens next.' They decided to start the race tomorrow morning.

'Oh! It's already morning! Well, what are we waiting for? Let's start!' said the tortoise. The cat blew her whistle. The hare ran at the speed of light! Although the tortoise was so slow, he didn't give up and kept running.

The hare looked back at the track and didn't see a trace of the tortoise. 'Hahaha! That tortoise is so slow! I'll just rest here since I'm a little tired after running so quickly,' said the hare arrogantly. It went into a deep sleep.

The tortoise finally caught up to the sleeping hare. 'I'm going to show the hare that I'm the fastest,' he said. The hare finally woke up after a good rest. The hare looked at his watch, '12:50! The tortoise must be ahead of me!' He ran fast to catch up to the tortoise but there was a long river! 'Bye! Have fun swimming in this river!' the tortoise said. The hare decided to build a bridge using some wood. When he finished, the tortoise was already at the finishing line! 'NOOOOO! He is going to be the town's fastest animal now!' cried the hare. The animals congratulated the tortoise.

The tortoise came up to him and said, 'Pride will lead to your downfall.' The hare agreed with the tortoise and promised to never be too proud again. They became best friends forever.

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