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The Story of
The **Tortoise**
& The **HARE**



NAME : _____

ACTORS SCRIPT

Characters

(in order of appearance)

NARRATOR
MAYOR GARY THE GOOSE
HOLLY THE HIGHLAND COW
DONNER THE DEER
HARRY THE HARE
SASSY BIRDS
LUCKY THE DUCK
TERENCE THE TORTOISE
SIMON THE SALAMANDER
RIPLEY THE RACCOON
STERLING THE SKUNK
CHIP THE SQUIRREL
CHUNK THE SQUIRREL
BARNABY THE BEAR
RICK THE RAVEN
WALTER THE WOLF
LITTLE PIG PUPPETEERS
FABIO THE FOX
LUCY THE LADYBUG

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SCENE 1: Sign-ups!

(Curtains open to Narrator sitting and reading a book to themselves)

NARRATOR

Oh, why hello! I didn't see you there! What brings you all here today? . . . Well, that sounds just lovely, now if you aren't too busy how about I read you all a story *(turns to look at their books)* now lets see . . . what about this one right here! A story about pride, perseverance, and hard work, but this one seems to also be about something more, something deeper, a cautionary tale to all. This is the story of *The Tortoise and the Hare*. Now picture this: a deep wooded forest of life and fun, full of wonderful animals from the tiniest chipmunk to the largest bear, all excited about the upcoming 46th Annual Great Amazing Race!

(all the animals start to appear on stage chatting excitedly about the news)(Mayor Gary struggles to get their attention)

MAYOR GARY

ahem attention . . . attention . . .

(All the animals continue to chatter)

HOLLY

Hey! Y'all better shut your trappers right now, or else!

(Menacingly looks at Harry)

NARRATOR

That right there is Holly the Highland Cow. She is the scary and quite hairy assistant to Gary the Goose, Mayor of the forest. He sure is a silly little fellow, just be careful not to ruffle his feathers or Holly will be sure to make you regret that decision.

MAYOR GARY

Th- thank you Holly, that's much better. *ahem* Thank you all for coming out to support the 46th Annual Great Amazing Race! I have the sign up sheet right here so please make a single file line and calmly make your way to the-

(All the animals run up to the sign up sheet in a panicked mob)

HOLLY

Woah, woah, woah, hold your horses

(Everyone holds onto Donner the Deer)

DONNER

... I'm a deer

HOLLY

Back up!

(everyone freezes)

Now! ... Good, make a single file line and calmly make your way to the sign up sheet.

MAYOR GARY

Tha- Thank you Holly, I'll take the first person in line now.

(Harry pushes to the front of the line)(Sassy Birds follow behind Harry being rude and trying to get his attention)(the Characters behind the line are upset, Holly rolls her eyes)

HARRY

Excuse me, coming through, outta my way, Why hello Mr. Mayor seems to be I'M the first person in line.

NARRATOR

There's our Hare of the story, Harry. He is the most selfish, condescending, self obsessed rabbit you will ever have the displeasure of meeting. *(sighs)*.

MAYOR GARY

(nervous laugh)

Seems you are ... Just sign your name right here.

HARRY

Don't mind if I do! See that everyone, first one on the sign up sheet, just like I'll be first in the race! So honestly there's no point in signing up since no one will be able to beat me, right birds!

SASSY BIRD #1

No way!

SASSY BIRD #2

Of course not!

SASSY BIRD #3

You're the fastest there is!

NARRATOR

Ah, and of course we can't forget about the sassy birds who flaunt their snazzy tales and follow Harry literally everywhere (scoffs). They call themselves the Im-Peck-Able Three . . . get it? *(awkwardly laughs)*.

MAYOR GARY

ahem Well . . . thank you for signing up Harry, now if you could move so the others could sign up I'd really appreciate it, but if you can't I totally understand-

(Holly cuts in)

HOLLY

Beat it Bunny!

(Harry raises his hands and walks away)

MAYOR GARY

ahem Can I have who's next! Hi, Just sign your name right here, no, right here, here let me help . . .

(Mayor Gary fades out as we pan over to Terance and Lucky)

LUCKY

Wow, can you believe that guy *(Mocks Harry)* "There's no point in signing up cuz I'm like super fast and gonna beat all of you, right birds!?! *(mocks birds)* "Oh yes" "No way" "You're so handsome"

(Terance gives a concerned look)

NARRATOR

This is Lucky the Duck, the clumsiest and quirkiest bird in the forest.

LUCKY

(Nervous laugh)

Anyway . . . so are you excited to watch Harry win the Great Amazing Race again this year!

TERENCE

Well, I was actually thinking about competing in the race, I think I have a real shot at winning this year!

NARRATOR

Ah, our Tortoise of the story Terence, the kindest and sweetest reptile in the forest who believes with enough perseverance and hard work anything is possible.

LUCKY

Really? Well I mean, not saying you can't or shouldn't, of course, but running isn't really, ya know, a tortoise strong suit. But if you think you can do it then so do I! I mean I've always dreamt of playing the piano even though I don't have any opposable thumbs *(nervous chuckle)* so I say dream big!

SIMON

Heh, Dream big and fall hard!

LUCKY

(dramatically gasps)

And it's people like you who end up sleeping in their parents' tree stump till they're forty.

(Simon Leaves and Lucky sticks their tongue out at them)

TERENCE

Let's just get in line.

(Lucky and Terence get in line while Ripley is signing up)

MAYOR GARY

Sir we have been over this, you do not win Holly if you get first place.

HOLLY

I'm telling you for the last time Ripley. Either sign up or mosey yourself back to whatever dumpster you crawled out of this morning.

RIPLEY

Heh, Anything for you my precious.

(caresses Holly's arm as she recoils then signs his name on the paper and hobbles away)

MAYOR GARY

ahem I'm just gonna . . . *(erases Ripley's name)*

(Terence and Lucky walk up)

TERENCE

Hello Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR GARY

Oh, why hello Terence what brings you here?

LUCKY

He's here to sign up for the Race!

(Gary and Holly act a little surprised, pondering the thought)

MAYOR GARY

Well that's . . . I mean you don't . . . I mean why not! Of course you can sign up!

(As Terence is signing up Harry and the Sassy Birds come up)

HARRY

Awe, Look Terence is signing up for the race, how adorable.

(Sassy Birds giggle)

TERENCE

Why yes I am, Harry. Are you scared?

HARRY

Wh- What, no I'm not, why would I be scared? You're just a slow no good Tortoise and I'm a fast and extremely handsome Hare, right birdies!

SASSY BIRD #1

Of course Harry!

SASSY BIRD #2

You're the fastest there is!

SASSY BIRD #3

And the handsomest!

(Sassy Birds glare at #3)

HARRY

see there's no reason for me to be scared i'm the best there is!

TERENCE

That's great, good for you, I'll see you out there then!

(Terence walks away and Lucky follows while sticking his tongue at Harry)

MAYOR GARY

Let's get this race started!

SCENE 2: The Great Amazing Race**NARRATOR**

Seems our main characters have it out for each other, as they prepare for the race let's take this chance to meet the other contestants of the 46th Annual Great Amazing Race, Sterling the Skunk, nervous, scared, overall just a big scaredy cat. . . well skunk. Simon the Salamander, smart, geeky, nerdy all words to describe this stuck up genius. Chip and Chunk the Squirrel twins. You would think that the odds of ONE of them being a decent mammal would be increased by there being two but nope both annoying and rude. Barnaby the bear, Tired and exhausted all the time, i'm sure most of you in the audience can relate. *(awkward chuckle)* Rick the Raven, mysterious and sneaky, it says here that they live in the shadows?

RICK

(in a deep menacing voice)

The Forest needs me *(runs off stage)*

NARRATOR

um . . . okay. Walter the Wolf and the Three little pigs . . . wait this isn't your story, is it?

(Walter and the Pigs shrug their shoulders and walk offstage) *(Sighs)* Donner the Deer, no not dasher dancer and all them just a deer with an unhealthy obsession with their hair. Lucy the ladybug who sure doesn't put up with those manbugs. *(awkward chuckle)* And last but not least Ripley the Raccoon . . . wait I thought your name was erased from the sign up sheet . . . *(Ripley creepily walks away)*. Now, the stage is set, the starting line is painted, the race is ready to start, as the racers are waiting for the mayor to give his final pre-race speech.

(animals chatter excitedly)

MAYOR GARY

ahem . . . excuse me . . . *ahem*

HOLLY

Shut your yappers and listen up!

MAYOR GARY

Thank you Holly! Now thank you, all you lovely racers, for signing up for the 46th Annual Great Amazing Race!

(Various applause from the animals)

MAYOR GARY

Thank you, thank you it is my honor to-

(gets interrupted by Harry)

HARRY

I would like to take this moment to congratulate myself for entering and winning this race, because there is no chance any of you losers are going to beat me!

*(The Sassy Birds cheer in agreeance) (Characters act in various different ways)
(Holly starts to walk menacingly towards Harry who backs up)*

MAYOR GARY

(nervous chuckle)

Thank you Harry . . . Ahem anyways, Good luck to all of you, and may the best racer win! Holly if you'll do the honors.

HOLLY

(Nods)

On your mark . . . get set . . . GOOOOOOOOOO!!!!

(Characters cheer for the racers as they run at various speeds while Barnaby has fallen asleep on the starting line)(Terence slowly makes his way)

LUCKY

Go Terence, You got this buddy!!! . . . Woohoo Terence!!! go get em tiger! . . . Terence! Terence! Terence! you got this! . . you got this . . . you . . . got . . . this

NARRATOR

And they're off! All at . . . various speeds. Some not moving at all . . . which leads to the first contestant out of the race Barnaby the Bear who didn't even make it past the start line. *(chuckles)* We've all been there. Now who will win the race Harry the Hare who has an enormous lead or Terence the Tortoise who is currently moving at about 2 mph, or will it be Ste- *(gets interrupted by Rick)*

RICK

(in a low voice)

I'm Rick

NARRATOR

Umm . . . *(Nervous chuckle)* Hi there, Rick.

RICK

The forest needs me

(Stares blankly then suddenly runs off stage)

NARRATOR

Well . . . anyways . . . let's take a peek at where our Tortoise friend is at so far in the race.

SCENE 3: The Arguing Twins

(Terence walks slowly on stage)

TERENCE

phew you got this Terence, slow and steady, slow and steady wins the race . . . slow and stea- *(overhears the Twins Fighting)*

CHIP

This is why everyone thinks I'm the better twin because I don't do stuff like that.

CHUNK

What?? You? the better twin? as if! And I didn't do anything, it was you! Why don't you just fess up, you're just jealous.

CHIP

Jealous?!?! Jealous?!?! Jealous of what? That small matted tail?

CHUNK

(Gasp)

My mom says that my tail is still growing!

CHIP

We have the same mom, you walnut!

CHUNK

(Gasp)

Don't use that kind of language!

(Continues arguing)

TERENCE

Hi? . . . Hello? Excuse me . . . what seems to be the problem?

CHIP

HE threw a pinecone at me but won't fess up!

CHUNK

I didn't throw a pinecone at you, you threw one at me!

CHIP

Yes you did!

CHUNK

No I did not!

(The Twins begin to argue again)

TERENCE

Wait, wait, wait . . . well there could be a simple explanation for this, what if the pinecone just fell from the tree?

CHIP

The tree?

CHUNK

Pinecones can just fall?

CHIP

Of course they can you pecan.

CHUNK

Don't call me a pecan you . . . you . . . you pistachio.

(The Twins begin to argue yet again)

TERENCE

Woah, woah, woah, why are you guys fighting so much? It doesn't seem to be helping anything.

CHIP

Well because he doesn't have any brains to- *(Terence interrupts)*

TERENCE

Hey, Be nice!

CHIP

Well . . . I don't know, I guess it's just what we've always done.

CHUNK

Yeah, maybe It's the patriarchal generational curse of learning that yelling is the only way to communicate with each other when we feel emotion. Instead of talking about our feelings we've been taught to bottle them up inside, until it explodes into a massive sludge of hate, self loathing, and aggression . . .

(Terence and Chip look at Chunk dumbfounded)

But what do I know? I'm just a little squirrel in a big world!

TERENCE

Well . . . that was just-

CHIP

Beautiful! Who knew my little brother would be such a smart nut! Come here you hazelnut!

CHUNK

Awe, stop you're embarrassing me!

CHIP

I'm sorry that we fight so much.

CHUNK

I'm sorry too. Thank you Mr. Turtle man!

TERENCE

Awe, well I'm just glad I could help.

CHIP

I promise, we will never fight again!

TERENCE

Welllll, That's not really how that works-

(Harry peeks on stage and throws another Pinecone at the Twins)

CHIP

Did you just throw another pinecone at me . . ?

CHUNK

What? No I-

(Chunk turns around and gets hit with a Pinecone)

... How dare you!

(Twins chase and argue offstage)

CHIP

You hit me first!

CHUNK

Even if I did that doesn't mean you hit me back.

CHIP

A Nut for a Nut like dad always said!

CHUNK

You promised we wouldn't fight again! And look at us now.

(Harry and the Sassy Birds enter giggling)

HARRY

Well, well, well, look who it is Turt the slow tortoise

SASSY BIRD #1

Good one!

SASSY BIRD #2

You're so funny!

SASSY BIRD #3

And handsome too!

(Sassy Birds Glare at #3 ... again)

TERENCE

Very funny. But why were you messing with them?

HARRY

Well why not? That's two less people in the competition.

TERENCE

That's not fair! That's cheating!

HARRY

Well life's not fair. The sooner you learn that Tortoise, the better. Let's move birds, Harry's got a race to win!

(Lucky runs on)

LUCKY

Terence, Terence, he's our guy! He can do it yes he can-

(Lucky gets pushed offstage by the Sassy Birds running after Harry)

Aaaaaaaahhh!

TERENCE

(Sigh)

It's okay Terence you got this, slow and steady, slow and steady wins the race-

(Fabio enters)

FABIO

Why hello there my reptile friend!

TERENCE

Oh, hello there. Are you a racer?

FABIO

No, no, no, I am just a humble spectator, Fabio at your service *(bows and outstretches hand)*

TERENCE

Terence, It's nice to meet you!

(Awkwardly shakes hand)

FABIO

It's nice to meet you as well my friend! Now I can't help but notice you seem to be very behind the rest of the group?

TERENCE

Well, I know I'm not the fastest animal in the forest but I have a motto that gets me through the day!

FABIO

Oh, a motto! Well that sounds fun and dandy, do tell!?

TERENCE

Well, I believe that slow and steady wins the race, because even though I may not be fast I can still kick-

FABIO

(laughing)

Slow and steady wins the race!? I don't think you know how a race works my friend.

TERENCE

Well I know, but I-

FABIO

I love your confidence friend, but what you need is a little boost, and I just so happen to have something that can make you the fastest animal in the forest.

TERENCE

The fastest animal in the forest? Even faster than Harry?

FABIO

Trust me, Harry won't even know what hit him.

TERENCE

Well what is it?

FABIO

Oh it's nothing really, Just a small little berry with definitely no side effects at all. Because when does taking something that improves oneself without any hard work at all ever have negative consequences *(nervous chuckle)* . . . So? What do you say?

TERENCE

Ummm . . . I think I'll pass, but thank you!

FABIO

No problem at all, have fun with your whole "slow and steady wins the race" thing. If you ever change your mind, you know where to find me!

(Fabio Exits)

TERENCE

I really don't though . . . *(sighs)* come on Terence, let's keep on moving

SCENE 4: The Worried Wolf**NARRATOR**

Well, what a strange encounter that was . . . but good for our Tortoise. Because we all know that taking candy from strangers is good . . . or was it bad? Or something to do with a van? Gah I don't remember, but too bad for those Squirrels huh? Up and out of the race because they couldn't stop arguing and they almost would have learned an important lesson too, if it wasn't for that meddling Hare. Well now that our Tortoise is back on track lets see if slow and steady really does win the race!

TERENCE

(singing a tune)

Just keep walking, just keep walking, walk and keep that steady pace cuz slow and steady, slow and steady, slow and steady wins the race!

(Terence notices Walter in the fetal position)

TERENCE

Oh no! Are you okay?

WALTER

(Swaying back and forth talking to himself)

Don't eat the pigs, don't eat the pigs, don't eat the pigs.

TERENCE

Here, let's get you up

(Walter continues talking to himself)

Deep breathes, deep breathes, in one, two, three, out one, two, three, in one, two, three, out one, two, three.

(Walter calms down)

. . . Better?

WALTER

Yes, thank you.

TERENCE

Of course! It's no problem . . .

(Walter slouchs and slumps down)

Do you want to talk about it?

WALTER

Well, I was running along the race track, you know keeping a good pace when all of a sudden one of those pigs jumped out of nowhere right in front of me. I've been going to therapy for it, but I had the urge to chase after them so I started freaking out, and then you showed up.

TERENCE

So when you saw the pig you wanted to chase after it?

WALTER

Yeah, I try not to, but it's so hard!

TERENCE

Well I'm proud of you for holding back.

WALTER

Awe, thank you, I just wish it was easier to ignore the urges. *(makes a face)*

TERENCE

Wellllllll . . .

(Terence looks around thinking of what to do then sees a stick on the ground)

What if when you see a pig you took a stick and threw it and chased after that?

WALTER

Well, what would that do?

TERENCE

Well, it could help distract you, and give you something to do without harming yourself or anyone else.

WALTER

Could I just chew on the stick?

TERENCE

Whatever helps you.

WALTER

Alright that sounds good. Man i feel so much better-

(a Pig runs by, and Walter freezes for a second and then eats the stick)

WALTER

I . . . I ate the stick . . .

TERENCE

Hey, it's okay we can get more sticks but you didn't chase after the pig look at you!

WALTER

I didn't!

TERENCE

There are only three pigs in the race which means there should only be one more!

WALTER

Bring it on.

(Walter opens his hand and Terence hands him another stick)

(They sit there looking back and forth while a piggie sneaks up behind Walter and jumps out of nowhere, Walter jumps then eats half the stick)

WALTER

I only ate half the stick this time!

TERENCE

Good Job! You're becoming a pro at this.

WALTER

You're right, thank you so much! Now I will never have the urge to chase after a pig again.

TERENCE

Well that's really not how that works-

(Terence is interrupted by the three little pigs running onstage due to Harry dumping trash for them on the opposite side, Walter eats the entire stick and freezes)

WALTER

I . . . I . . . I'm sorry

(Walter runs after the pigs)

Come here little piggies! Or I'll huff and puff and blow your house down!!

TERENCE

Wait! . . .

(frustrated sigh)

(Harry enters with the Sassy Birds)

HARRY

Well if it isn't the old slow machine five-thousand himself.

SASSY BIRD #1

Nice one!

SASSY BIRD #2

You're so smart!

SASSY BIRD #3

And handsome too!

(Sassy Birds start to argue with #3)

TERENCE

Why did you do that!! He was getting better!

HARRY

He's a wolf what did you expect

SASSY BIRDS #1 & #2

Yeah!

SASSY BIRD #3

You tell him!

TERENCE

It doesn't matter, just because he's a wolf doesn't mean he can't get better!

HARRY

Oh please, he's a wolf so he will always chase after pigs, just like you're a tortoise and you'll always be slower than me
 . . . Birdies, let's hit the track!

(Lucky runs in exhausted)

LUCKY

Terence! Woot, Woot, you're killing it buddy, you got this-

(The Sassy Birds chase Lucky off again)

. . . Not again!

TERENCE

Ugh, that Hare makes me so mad, why would he do that to him?

(Fabio enters while Terence talks)

FABIO

Well, he sounds like a piece of work.

TERENCE

(Startled)

AH! Oh, it's just you, what do you want now?

FABIO

Oh nothing, I just happened to be around the area . . . Man that Hare sure sounds like a real stick in the mud.

(Terence shoots Fabio a look)

What too soon?

TERENCE

I just can't stand how he treats everyone, it's not right.

FABIO

You've got a point there friend. Wouldn't it be great if you beat him in the race? Really show him who's boss!

TERENCE

Yeah, it would, I better get going then!

FABIO

Woah, woah, woah, woah, where are you going?

TERENCE

To win the race?

FABIO

well you aren't gonna win at this pace! Why don't you take this *(holds out berry)* You'll beat him for sure with this.

TERENCE

I'm not sure . . .

FABIO

Oh come on, don't you want to show him that a Tortoise can be faster than a Hare?

TERENCE

Ummmmm . . . I'm sorry but I think I'll pass.

FABIO

Tsk, tsk, all right then. Don't say I didn't try to help you my friend. If you change your mind you know where to find me!

(Fabio exits)

TERENCE

No, I . . . I still don't! *(exhausted sigh)* Come on Terence, slow and steady wins the race.

(Terence exits)

SCENE 5: The Skittish Skunk

NARRATOR

That Fabio sure is a persistent fellow, but Terence is right. Slow and steady wins last place. I mean slow and steady is a disgrace. Wait no I- *(Rick interrupts)*

RICK

THE FOREST NEEDS ME!

NARRATOR

. . . ugh never mind.

TERENCE

(slowly exhaustedly moving)(singing a tune)

Cuz slow and steady, slow and steady, slow and steady wins *(gasps for air)* the *(gasps for air)* race *(terence collapses on the floor)* Ugh, I'm so exhausted what if i just lie here for just a second *(starts to doze off)* No, no, no I have to keep going, i'm going to show that Hare that slow and steady wins the race-

(Terence gets cut off by Sterling running on to stage crying)

TERENCE

Sterling! What's wrong?

STERLING

(sobbing incoherently)

Well I was running the race you know minding my own business when I saw this big bush monster pop out and I got scared so I accidentally sprayed a racer and they got really mad, it was just so bad.

TERENCE

Woah, woah, woah, I can't understand you, Sterling. Deep breaths . . deep breaths.

(Sterling begins to calm down)

There you go, now what happened?

STERLING

Well . . . I was just racing when I accidentally got scared by a-

(Big bush monster appears causing Sterling to spray Terence)

STERLING

Oh . . . Oh . . . my gosh! I'm so sorry I didn't mean to spray you! Gah, I feel so embarrassed!

TERENCE

No, no, no, it's okay. It's not your fault, you can't control it.

STERLING

You're not disgusted by me?

TERENCE

No, why would I think you're disgusting? you can't help it, and besides it doesn't smell "that bad"

(Terrance tries to hold back gagging)

STERLING

Really? You mean it?

TERENCE

Of course I do, no one should make you feel bad about things you can't control, that's just wrong!

STERLING

You're right! Thank you Terence! I will never feel bad about accidentally spraying anyone ever again!

TERENCE

Well, that's not what I meant, it doesn't really work like that- *(Gets interrupted by Harry)*

HARRY

Hey Skunk! Watch this!

(The Bush Monster comes out causing Sterling to spray the Sassy Birds)

SASSY BIRD #1

EWV!

SASSY BIRD #2

That's disgusting!

SASSY BIRD #3

And unnatural too!

STERLING

I...I...

(Sterling runs away crying)

TERENCE

Sterling, wait!

(Harry reveals himself as the bush monster)

HARRY

Hah, look at that stinky skunk run! What do you think birdies?

SASSY BIRD #1

You're so funny!

SASSY BIRD #2

And smart!

SASSY BIRD #3

And handsome too!

(Sassy Birds Slowly turn around to #3 with their fists in their hands)

TERENCE

(Frustrated)

Why would you do that! Why are you being so mean!?

HARRY

Heyy, don't hate the player, hate the game. If you'll excuse me, I have a race to win, let's go birdies.

LUCKY

Phew I made it! . . . what is that smell-

(Lucky gets chased off by the Sassy Birds)

AAaaaaa noooooo!

TERENCE

(pacing)

Ugh! No matter what I do, that Hare always seems to mess things up, and what?! They just get to be mean to everyone AND win the race, how is that supposed to make sense I just wish I could-

FABIO

Did someone say wish?

TERENCE

Oh, hi Fabio, sorry I was just venting.

FABIO

Oh no no no, don't apologize, I think you should do something about it!

TERENCE

What am I supposed to do? How can I beat him in the race- *(Fabio holds out the berries)* No, that would be cheating and I . . . I just . .

FABIO

Don't think about it as cheating, you're doing this to bring justice to all your friends, someone has to show that Hare off, and who better than you!

TERENCE

I don't know. . .

FABIO

Come on, don't you want to see that Hare's face when you cross the finish line first?

TERENCE

Ummmm . . .

FABIO

This is my final offer, going once . . . going twice . . .

TERENCE

Okay! I'll take them!

FABIO

Sold! You won't regret it! Just eat these berries and you'll be faster than a granny sloth on Christmas.

(Terrence cautiously takes the berries from Fabio)

TERENCE

. . . Thank you, Fabio.

FABIO

The pleasure is all mine! Good luck you terrifying tortoise! If you need me, you know where to find me!

TERENCE

No, I still don't- ah, it doesn't matter. Okay, so I just take these berries and then I can beat that Hare . . . just need to eat the berries . . . just need to put them in my mouth . . . ugh It's no use I can't do it!

(Chip and Chunk appear and move in slow motion acting as Terraces memories)

CHIP

I promise we will never fight again.

(Harry throws a pinecone and laughs while the Twins run off fighting in slow motion)(Fades to Walter the Wolf)

WALTER

I will never have the urge to chase after a pig again!

(Harry scares the pigs onstage and laughs, Walter chases after the pigs)(Fades to Sterling)

STERLING

I will never feel bad about accidentally spraying someone ever again!

*(Harry Scares Sterling with the Monster and Sterling runs off while the Sassy birds laugh at them)(More and more animals join in the laughing with Sterling, The Twins, and Walter all sit ashamed in the center of the stage)
(some chant "do it")(Eventually Terrence has enough and breaks)*

TERENCE

Enough! I'm gonna beat that Hare and show him what it feels like to be the little guy! *(Terrence Swallows the berries)* . . .
huh . . . that didn't do anything- woaaaaahhh *(terrence runs off with speed)*

SCENE 6: The Speeding Tortoise**NARRATOR**

Well, off he goes speeding down the trail faster than my digestive track when I eat taco bell **not sponsored**

(awkward chuckle)

RICK

Justice . . . for affordable mexican cuisine

(runs offstage)

(words in "quotes" are read by the character not the narrator)

NARRATOR

Anyway . . . let's get back to our tortoise who is just sublime, and tell this part of the story with a rhyme! As the Tortoise raced through the woods at a rapid pace, he ran into Lucy the Ladybug who was quite content with her place. As the Tortoise approached he noticed the bug, and he shouted "Get out of my way you slug!" Surprised by the Tortoise's shouting she cried, all the way to her moms without a goodbye. The Tortoise had noticed that he had slowed down, and shouted "Fabio, oh Fabio, are you around?" The Sly little Fox slipped down from the trees while the Tortoise asked "Three more berries please? The Fox placed the berries in the Tortoise's hand and without one more word the Tortoise ran. Continuing down the windy trail, the Tortoise ran into Donner the Deer with the majestic tail. The Tortoise ran fast right through the mud, which caused a big splash where Donner said "crud". Still the Tortoise persisted. He kept moving forward, when he again seemed to notice his speed was distorted. So he stopped in his

tracks and he called out with glee, “Fabio oh Fabio, three more berries please?” The cunning little Fox appeared from the bush and gave three more berries and left with a shush. The Tortoise sped forth and was nearing the end, when he ran into Simon the Salamander who hurt his dear friend. So the Tortoise planned something that wasn’t quite nice, he decided to give Simon the scare of their life. So scared as can be Simon took off while The Tortoise slowed down and then he scoffed “Fabio, oh Fabio, I need more berries” So the fox appeared with all they could carry, The Tortoise ate them all in one giant gulp, and ran faster than light, or at least that’s what the author decided to write, but then the Tortoise slowed down and was very upset and yelled “Fabio, oh Fabio, get me more or I’ll quit!” Fabio appeared without one more word and said “Oh my little Tortoise, this is quite absurd, You ate all the berries you ate them too fast, so there was no way those berries would last, You were mean to the racers just like the Hare, You ran and said things like you just didn’t care. You screamed and yelled for berries kid that’s what you did, Young Tortoise I’m afraid you might be addicted” And just like that the Fox disappeared, Leaving the tortoise alone with a new sense of fear, “Addicted? The Tortoise said, I have never heard such a word, but that Fox is confusing with that I conquer. Maybe they’re right, maybe I’m mean, but I was just trying to make the slate clean. The race is over. I’ve run out of time, so with this last sentence I’m ending this rhyme.”

(Terrence collapses to the floor)

SCENE 7: The Fallout

TERRENCE

(humming “Just keep moving” half heartedly)

What’s the point? If only I had some berries, I could beat that Hare . . . but I, I can’t . . .

(Lucky Runs in exhausted)

LUCKY

(gasping for air)

Terrence! There you are! Boy that was a walk, did you like hitch a ride or something? cuz golly, It feels like I just walked to timbuktu and back

(Continues gasping for air)(Terrence doesn’t acknowledge Lucky)

. . . Terrence? . . . are you okay buddy? . . . *(pokes at Terrence)* Terrence . . . are you alive? . . . All right, I didn’t learn RPC for nothing!! Wait, or was it CPR? Nooo, maybe PRC? Gah, whatever Terrence I’m saving you buddy.

TERRENCE

(mumbled)

Leave me alone.

LUCKY

What was that pal? I couldn't hear you?

TERENCE

(Mumbled)

I said leave me alone!

LUCKY

Issac has mascarpone? . . . who's Issac? And what on earth is mascarpone? Sounds delicious!

(Terrence rolls around)

TERENCE

I said leave me alone!

LUCKY

Buh- buh- but why? We gotta get you up so you can win the race!

TERENCE

There's no point, I can't beat the Hare.

LUCKY

Well, I think you can, I believe in you! What about your motto? Keep moving forward? You have to try to just-

TERENCE

Don't you get it?! I can't win! Why? Because I'm a slow Tortoise and that's all I'll ever be, I'll never be faster, I'll never be better, I'll never win this race . . . just leave me alone

LUCKY

But Terrence I-

TERENCE

Go!

(Lucky starts sulking away, then stops for a moment)

LUCKY

You know Terrence, you always made me believe that anything was possible, that I could be anything I dreamed of even though I'm just a little duck in a little forest who might not be anything special. You made me believe that I was more than I actually am. I hope you find whatever it is you're looking for . . . bye Terrence.

NARRATOR

Well . . . this is depressing, poor little Lucky, and poor sad Terence the Tortoise who could, who's now resigned to live a sad and lonely life. What should he do? What can he do? Everything seems hopeless without the berries. But there is one thing you can always do . . . do you wanna say what it is? . . . Keep moving-

RICK

Keep moving forward

NARRATOR

Wow Rick, you actually said something . . . that makes sense! I'm so proud of you!

RICKY

For JUSTICE!! THE FOREST NEEDS ME!!!!

NARRATOR

(Sighs)

And as our story comes to a close Terence the sad lonely Tortoise sings his tune one last time . . .

(Pan over to Terrence slowly humming "Keep Moving Forward")

NARRATOR

As the Tortoise laid singing his old jolly tune, he began to remember the things that were true. He remembered the twins who fought quite a lot, but with his wise words they finally stopped. And that the wild old wolf who had so much fear, who learned self control when the piggies were near. The skittish little skunk who learned to not be ashamed, and his dear old friend Lucky who he shouldn't have blamed. So as the Tortoise laid sulking as sad as can be. He remembered the motto that always ran free. "Keep moving forward" he said "Keep moving I must, For I have lost someone who I truly trust. Yes I'll keep moving forward, I'll win this whole race, and show my old friend that they can never be replaced" So the Tortoise got up with that one final word, and stuck to his vow to keep moving forward. He ran through the mud! He ran through the trees! He ran even though there was pain in his knees! He ran as fast as he could, he wanted first place, till he found something strange that put a look on his face. The hare he was sleeping, he only said Z's, which angered the tortoise "what a louse what a tease", The Hare who was boastful and brimming with pride, was napping and snoozing and didn't even try! The tortoise was fuming he wanted to scream, when he remembered that this is how things went too extreme, so he took a deep breath and kept moving forward, even though his emotions were a lot to shoulder. He kept to his word yes against all the odds, the Tortoise would win either rain or fog . . . But as for the Hare. . .

(pan to the Hare loudly snoring with the Sassy birds fanning him)

HARRY

(sleeping)

Zzz I'm fast, zzz I'm, cool, zzz and handsome too.

SASSY BIRD #3

Hey, is that the Tortoise over there-

(Sassy Bird #1 cuts in)

SASSY BIRD #1

Harry! Look, it's that Tortoise, they're almost at the finish line!

HARRY

Just 5 more minutes mom.

SASSY BIRD #2

Harry, you're going to lose the race!

HARRY

I don't wanna goooooo.

SASSY BIRD #3

One second birdies *Ahem* . . . WAKE UPPPP!

HARRY

(startled)

Huh?! What, where am I?

SASSY BIRD #1

You're about to lose the race Harry!

(Sassy Birds Nod in Agreement)

HARRY

Don't be silly birdies, there's no way that I

(See's Terrence)

Oh, no, no, no, I gotta go, I gotta go! Get out of my way you dumb birds!

(Harry shoves his way through the Sassy Birds, they humph and make their way offstage obviously upset.)

SCENE 8: The Finish Line**NARRATOR**

As the Hare ran as fast as he could the Tortoise was nearing the finish line with their slow and steady pace, this sure will be a close race, and I for one can't wait to see how this plays out-

RICK

(in a low voice)

JUSTICE!!

NARRATOR

chuckle Why not *(In a low voice)* THE FOREST NEEDS US

*(Narrator and Rick run off together)(pans to the finish line where all the animals are cheering for Terence)(Terence makes their way to the finish line when Lucky walks across the race track behind Terence)
(Harry enters)*

HARRY

Get out of my way dumb duck!

(Harry shoves Lucky on the floor and everything goes slow-mo, Harry and Terence race to the finish and right before the finish line Terence stops while Harry crosses the finish line)(Slo-Mo stops)

HARRY

YESSS! I knew I would win.

(Some animals cheer for Harry, while most slow-clap as they aren't impressed, while a few watch Terence walk up to Lucky)

LUCKY

What are you doing, you were going to win the race, why did you stop? I don't understand, you worked so hard for this, why did you-

(Terence hugs Lucky they embrace and stand up)

TERENCE

Are you okay?

LUCKY

I'm okay, I'm pretty used to falling. *nervous chuckle*

TERENCE

I'm sorry for what I said, I just . . .

(commotion breaks out by the finish line)

LUCKY

Wait Terrence look.

(pan over to Harry and Mayor Gary)

HARRY

Where's my medal? I won the race fair and square!

MAYOR GARY

ahem Well, since you meddled with all the other racers you have been disqualified from the race, which means-

(Harry interrupts)

HARRY

Woah, Excuse me, I didn't do anything! So, I want my medal right now or I swear I'll-

(Holly starts to walk up)

MAYOR GARY

HEY! I was talking!

(everyone freezes)

Now that's more like it . . . anyway Mr. "Innocent Hare" the "im-peckable three" told me everything. So there's no use in arguing.

(Harry Scoffs in Disbelief)

SASSY BIRD #1

Turns out he's not so fast.

SASSY BIRD #2

He's mean and gross!

SASSY BIRD #3

And he's not handsome at all!

(Sassy Birds celebrate #3)

HARRY

scoffs Then who's supposed to be the winner huh? Everyone else is out of the race.

(As Harry is talking Terrence walks past the Finish Line)(everyone cheers)(Terence stands shocked)

MAYOR GARY

All mammals, reptiles, amphibians of the forest I am happy to announce the winner of the 46th Annual Great Amazing Race . . . Terence the Tortoise!!

(Animals cheer and pick up Terence)

LUCKY

That's my friend!!!

TERENCE

nervous chuckle Thank you guys, but I don't deserve this award. *(animals gasp)*

LUCKY

What do you mean?

TERENCE

Well, I-

(Chip and Chunk walk up and cut in)

CHIP

Helped us realize that sometimes there's other ways to talk through things rather than argue.

CHUNK

But sometimes you will find yourselves in arguments . . . and that's okay.

WALTER

And that sometimes all you need is some redirection to overcome something, and there will be some days where you struggle more than others.

STERLING

And that you shouldn't feel bad for things you can't control, but it's totally normal to feel bad sometimes.

LUCKY

And most importantly that as long as you stay true to yourself, even if you hit a few bumps in the road, you will eventually win the race.

TERENCE

. . . Thank you!

(Everyone embraces one another)

MAYOR GARY

Ladies and Gentleman and Mammals alike; the winner of the 46th Annual Great Amazing Race!

(Animals cheer and curtains close, Narrator appears)

NARRATOR

And that brings us to the end of our story. Now I would normally say they lived Happily Ever After but there will always be struggles we all have to face, but if you stay true to yourself and as our Tortoise friend would say stay slow and steady then you shall win the race. The End.

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