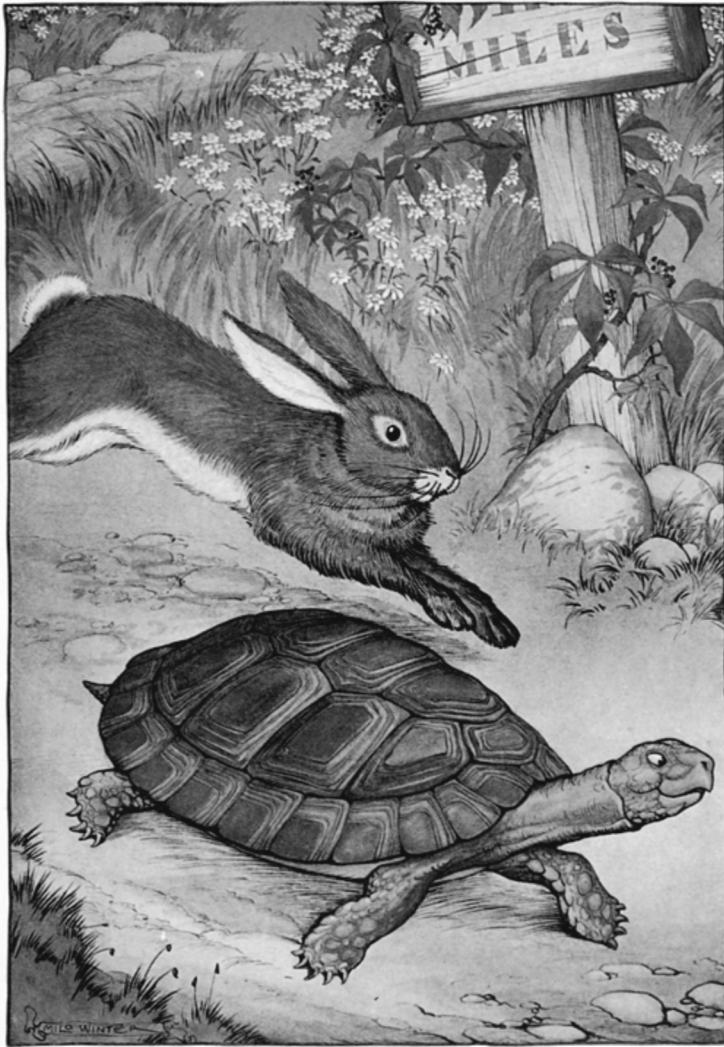




AESOP'S FABLES

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One day, a hare mocked the short legs and slowness of the tortoise, who replied laughing:

"Even if you are as fast as the wind, I will beat you in a race."

The hare, considering that simply impossible, accepted the challenge. They agreed that the fox would choose the route and set the finish line.

On the day of the race, the two started off together. The tortoise did not stop for a second, and moved slowly but steadily, straight towards the finish line. The hare, confident of victory, lay down to

rest at the side of the road and soon fell asleep.

When he finally woke up, he ran as fast as he could, only to see that the turtle had reached the finish line, and was comfortably napping after such an effort.

Slow but steady ensures victory.