

► **Before reading**

Look at the title and the pictures. What do you think this story is about?

The Hare and the Tortoise

Once upon a time there was a hare and a tortoise.

The hare was very fast.

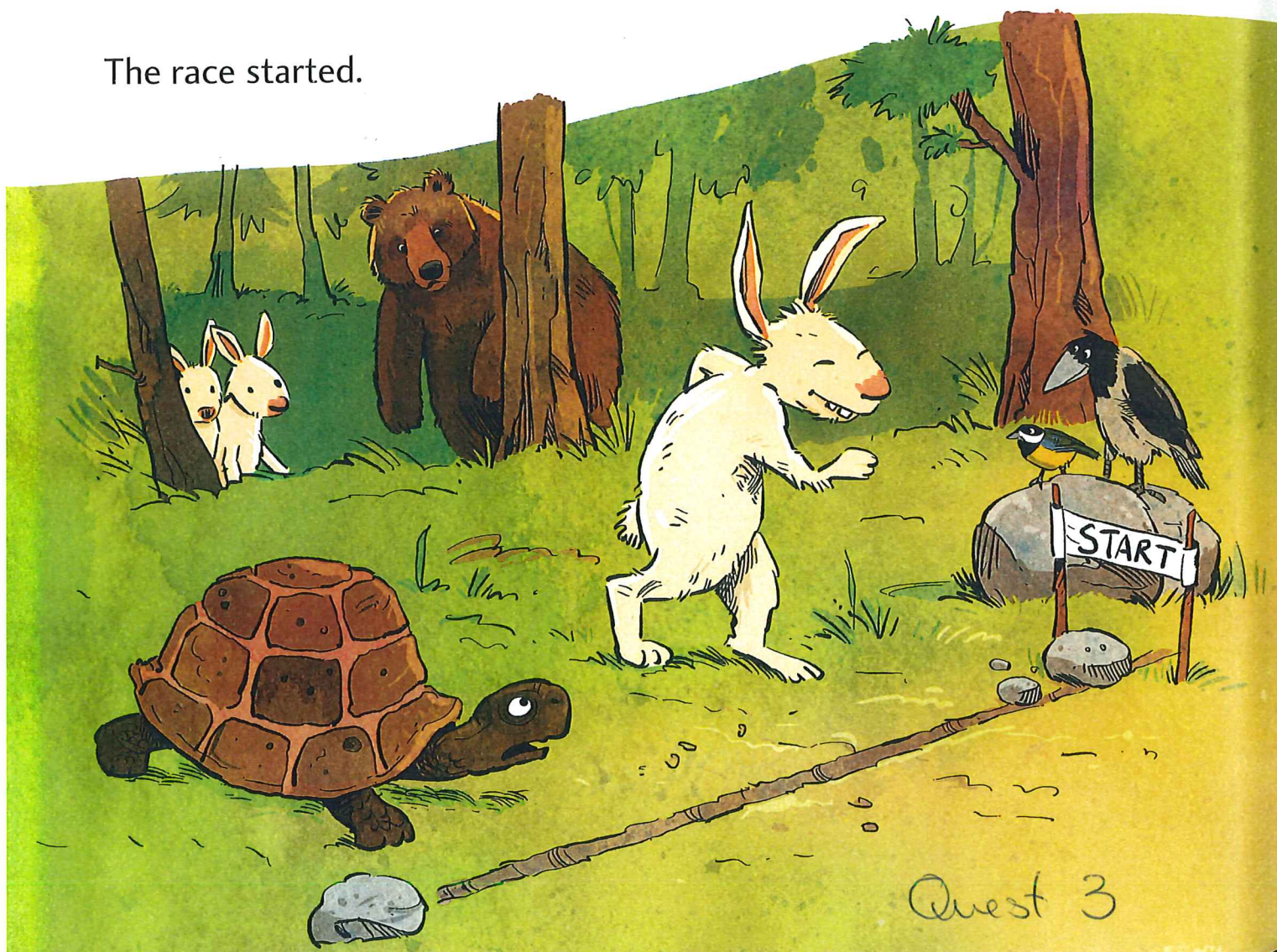
The tortoise was very slow.

The hare: I can run very fast. I am a winner.

The tortoise: I am slow and you are fast, but I can beat you.
Let us have a race.

The hare: Haha! You will lose!

The race started.



The hare: Haha! I will win this race.
The lady hares: Hello, Mr Hare. Are you in a hurry?
 Will you play with us?
The hare: I have plenty of time to play.

And so he did.
 Afterwards the hare took a little nap.



The tortoise walked and walked.
 She did not stop until she came to the finishing line.
 The animals cheered.
 The hare woke up, but it was too late.
 The tortoise had won the race.

The lesson is: Hard work wins the race!

From Aesop's Fables



GLOSSARY

- tortoise *skilpadde*
- fast *rask*
- slow *treg*
- beat *slå*
- lose *tape*
- have a race *løpe om kapp*
- in a hurry *ha det travelt*
- plenty of time *god tid*
- afterwards *etterpå*
- took a nap *tok en lur*
- cheered *heiet*
- but *men*
- too late *for sent*
- won *vunnet*

► **After reading**
 Act out the story.