

The day of the Hare

The animals lay sleeping over the ground, making snoring noises .The Birds are preening their feathers.

Enter Hare , full of life trying to box with the Animals

Hare Come on you sleepy lot. What are you lying around there for. It's time to wakeeeeeeee up. Come on wakeeeeeeeeeee up.
IT'S SPRING AT LAST

(Dance groups- I like it...)

(Song— A Spring in my Step)

Hare I fancy doing something exciting
Animal 1 Exciting ?
Animal 2 You want to do something exciting, do yeh?
Animal 3 Now let me think... (Walk around stage ...thinking...)
Ah it's no good, I'm still too sleepy

Hare Got it . I challenge any of you, yes any of you to a ...race !

(Mutterings from the animal)

Hare How about you ?
Animal 4 (Look startled) Ah no not me, I've got some..ah..spring..spring..Got it Spring cleaning to do—Sorry I would really have enjoyed that !

Hare Oh..... You can do that another time
Animal 4 No it really is very important. Now where have I put my duster?

Hare (to 5) How about you ?
Animal 5 I'm far too tidy. I'm sure these hibernations are getting shorter
Animal 6 I blame it on cutbacks.
Animal 7 Yeh cutbacks
Hare (to 7) Well how about you ?
Animal 7 I'm actually trying to *cutback* on the amount of racing I'm doing!
Hare (to 8) Well how about you ?
Animal 8 Would love to, however...my ...um.....ah...PANTRY is completely empty
You now what it's like !

(ENTER TORTOISE and CROW)

Tortoise I quite fancy a nice quick, well perhaps not so quick race
I'll challenge you

Crow Caw...Caw...Caw...Caw...Caw..Caw..

All animals Get on with it

Crow Just clearing my throat !

(All laugh - except Tortoise)

Hare (to tortoise) YOU...YOU..What ? Run a race with you, MR Aaround you ATHLETIC HIM-SELF. You must be joking !!
I could run rings around you all the way and still win

Tortoise If I WERE you, but I'm not glad to say, I'd save my boasting until I'd reached the finishing line. Unless that is you're toooooooooooooo
Scared and afraid
Frightened and ... (Make a rap up HERE!!)

Hare Me afraid and scared
Tortoise No, I said Scared and afraid (Continue with rap)

Animal 9 Come on hare show us how fast you really, really are.

Hare Not much of a contest...but ...oh well...if you insist on being
Humiliated and made fun of
Teased and joked with (Make rap up here)
I'll race you

Narrator And so it came about
Oh...hello there (walk to audience). I'm afraid I haven't introduced myself
I'm the Narrator. Usually I have the important role of letting you know what's happening, setting the scene at the start of a play and sometimes story.
But not in this one...Oh no... There I was one day back some time ago, given the script for the narrator. And guess what.
Go on have a guessYou've got it... I....I...me...
Don't appear until the second page

Animal 10 Cutbacks I blame it on (All laugh)

Narrator So I'm going to change the script
Animals You can't do that!
Narrator
And you can't talk to me
I'm the narrator—and it says here
that the narrator has no direct contact
Or can not, in any way communicate with
Any members of the story or cast
Clause 2.3.4.12—a of the features of writing
(Mhhhhhhhhph)

Fox Well I'm not going to communicate with you
I'm just going to eat you, if you don't let us get on with the race

Narrator (scared) Welllllll, asssssss, IIII, wassssss saying "It's time to get on with the race...
And here we are at the starting line, the crowds are gathering

Animal 10 Gathering what? Uh!!

Animal 11 We need an umpire

Crow (Walks around) Caw..caw..Cawwwrect me if I am wrong but did I here someone say that you need an umpire?

Animals (All about to speak)
Crow Caw...caw..cawse I will
(tests megaphone)CAWWWWWW.....CAWWWWWWWWWW

All animals Cheer (keep on going!)

Narrator What a tremendous turnout for this exciting finish
Crow The crowds all trying to get a better view of this spectacular race

Commentators CAWWWWWW.....CAWWWWWW
A little DE...CAWWWWWW..RUM, if you please

Narrator And here we are racing towards the finish
Yes racing. At full speed as fast as the wind
Trying to break the record set by.....ummm...whoever
Back in 19.....umm whenever.

(Song—You can Win)

All Run, don't give in
Crow Make way everyone
All Run you can win
Crow CAWWWWWWWW and the winner is no other than

(Enter Tortoise—slowly)

Crow And the winner is no other than

Crow Uh.....OLD.....LAZYBONES
All (Shouts of cheer)

Commentators And here he is crossing the finishing line
What great speed.. Actually what speed at all
It's old Lazybones

Narrator Lazybones, determined all the way
Slow but sure, winning the day

All (Cheering)

Hare (Enter Hare) (Dead silence)
Here I am everyone
No contest at all
Didn't I tell you what the outcome would be?
(Looks around) WELL?????????? I won fair and square!

Crow CAWWWWWW. Well actually.....CAWWWWWW this is difficult
ActuallyNO!

Hare No ? No what? And what's going on over there ? (Point to crowd)

All animals (Move aside to reveal Tortoise)

Hare (aghast) TORTOISE... But I thought...How on earth ?

(Song—A Spring in my Step)

