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The Rabbit and the Tortoise

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Once upon a time a rabbit was friendly with a tortoise. They used to eat together. One day the rabbit's wife cooked some porridge and meat.

He saw the tortoise coming and said, "Oh dear, what shall I do?" He placed the tortoise on a high stool. Whenever it tried to reach the dish with its hand it failed.

The rabbit and his wife finished the food. The tortoise went away. One day he saw the rabbit coming along. He killed a fowl and his wife made porridge. The tortoise said to the rabbit, "Go and wash in the pool that we may eat together."

The rabbit went and washed, but as he was returning he stepped on some burnt grass. The tortoise said to him, "Go and wash." While he was doing this, the tortoise and his wife finished the food. The rabbit went home hungry as the tortoise had done.

So says the story.