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Description: These 60 folktales and other materials were collected from Ila speakers in what is now Zambia; you can read more about the Ila people at [Wikipedia](#).

NOTE.-Brer Rabbit in Uncle Remus is defeated in the same way by Brer Tarrypin. "He had a wife en th ' ee chilluns, old Brer Tarrypin did, en dey wuz all de ve'y spin and image er de ole man... " On the day of the race: "ole Brer Tarrypin en his ole'oman, en his th'ee chilluns dey got up'fo'sun up and went ter de place. De ol'oman she tuck'er stan'nigh de fus'mile pos ', she did, en de chilluns nigh de udders, up ter de las ', en dar old Brer Tarrypin he tuck his stan '."

All the animals were dying of thirst, and they said: "Let us see who will be the first to reach the water." Now, Mrs. Tortoise had borne many children, and she went along burying them in the earth, and one child she buried by the side of the water.

Now all the animals said: "Let us run hard and go to the river and drink water. " They rose early and all ran, saying: "Let us see who will be the first to arrive." So they ran and the Tortoises went on saying: " Forward, oh companions of Hare!" Again they ran and again the tortoises said: "Forward, oh companions of Hare!" The sun went down and they went on shouting: "One day has passed. Forward, oh companions of Hare!"

Next day the animals were dead with fatigue, and the child of Mrs. Tortoise who was by the water-side shouted: "Forward, oh companions of Hare!"

And Hare was done up and could not reach the water. And Mrs. Tortoise's child that was by the river-side brought them water in his mouth; he came to spew it out for the animals. He said: "And it is you who started the dispute saying, We will outdo Tortoise in speed. And now what's the matter that you did not arrive? You are youngsters. I am the great-one; I reached the water. You are youngsters." Then he spat out the water for them which he had in his mouth. And they were unable to answer a word, but were simply ashamed.