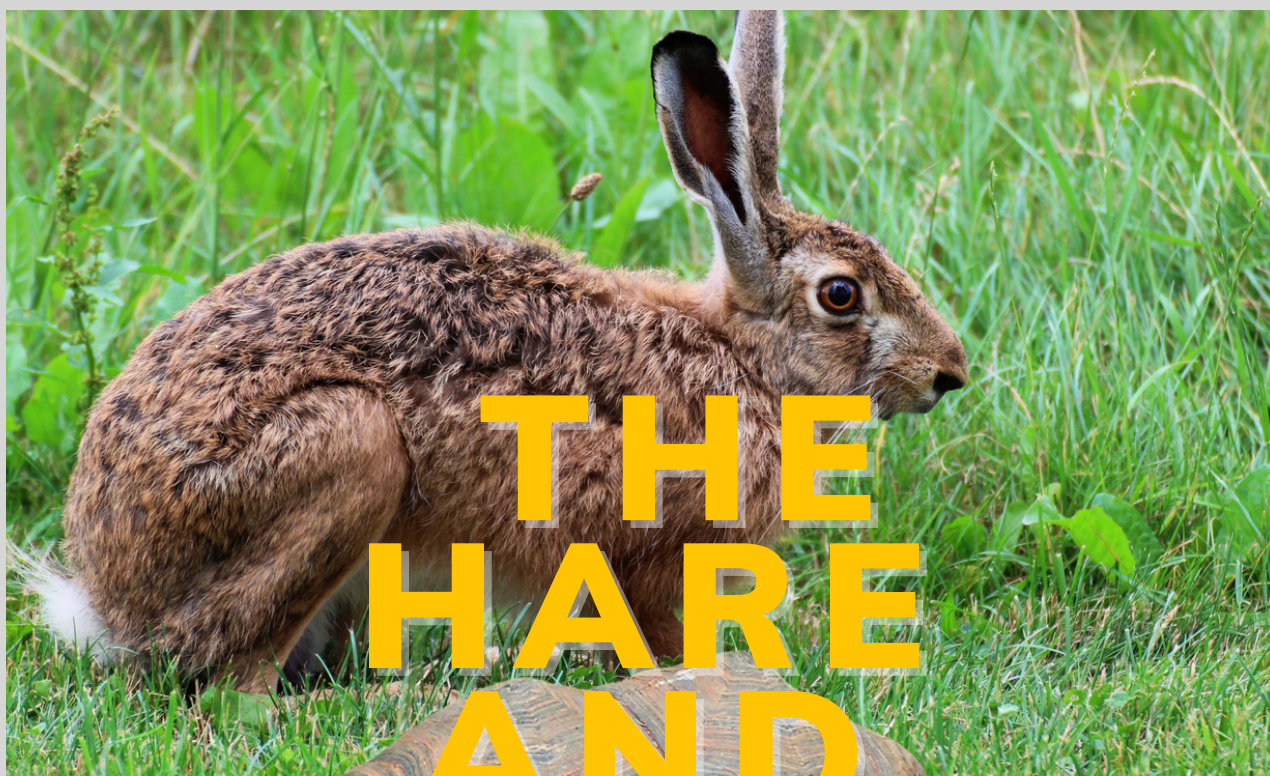


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THE
HARE
AND
TORTOISE





A NOTE FROM THE AUTHOR

The hare fondly referred to as Ogila is a favorite villain animal character among the Luos and was always depicted as crafty and full of mischief. Tales of the hare are told and retold to children and adults alike and in such stories, deep and profound life lessons were shared. The race between the hare and the tortoise is a must tell and read across all generations.

The tenacity, focus and resilience of the tortoise in winning the race vis a vis the boisterous, careless and over confident attitude of the hare that cost him the race are important lessons for all.

Eventually, it turned out that a race is not about the fittest person who looks like the most likely winner but it is about the person who wants to win and works for it. Amazing life lessons is in this story.

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A close-up photograph of a large tortoise, likely a Galapagos tortoise, resting on a patch of green grass. The tortoise's head is in the foreground, and its shell is the central focus, showing the characteristic scutes and their concentric growth patterns. The background is a soft-focus field of grass.

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The hare and the tortoise once decided to race against each other. They set the beginning of the race, the route to be followed and the finish line. On the day of the race, the other animals came to cheer them. They were on their marks and soon, they set off. Hare was very fast and soon he was far away, way ahead of the tortoise.

He looked back and saw that the tortoise was very very far behind. He then decided that at that rate, the tortoise was never going to catch up with him. He then selected a quiet place under some tree and decided to rest. Soon, he was fast asleep. And he slept and slept until the slow tortoise caught up with him and passed him.

A large tortoise with a grey, patterned shell is resting on a patch of green grass. The tortoise is facing towards the left of the frame. The text 'THE HARE AND THE TORTOISE' is overlaid in white, bold, capital letters across the middle of the image.

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He continued sleeping. When he woke up feeling refreshed, he stretched and then suddenly remembered that he was in a race. He looked up and noticed that the sun had changed positions and it was now late afternoon. He looked behind thinking that the tortoise was still behind .

He did not see the tortoise. Then he looked ahead and saw the tortoise almost at the finish line with all the other animals cheering him. That is when he started running faster to try to catch up. No matter how fast he ran, he could not catch up with the slow tortoise and he was so disappointed to see the tortoise cross the finish line. That is how the Hare lost the race and came last after the tortoise.

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LESSONS LEARNT

This story has great teachings captured in the proverb, **ngero**, "**kinda e ng'wech**". That tenacity will win the race. **Kinda e ng'wech** captures the essence of a small simple start, a continuous pace and effort with focus. An attitude and spirit of never giving up until the objective is achieved as an important cornerstone of success.

It also illustrates that a casual, boisterous and careless attitude to life's challenges, over confidence on self-perceived abilities is a recipe for disaster and failure.

