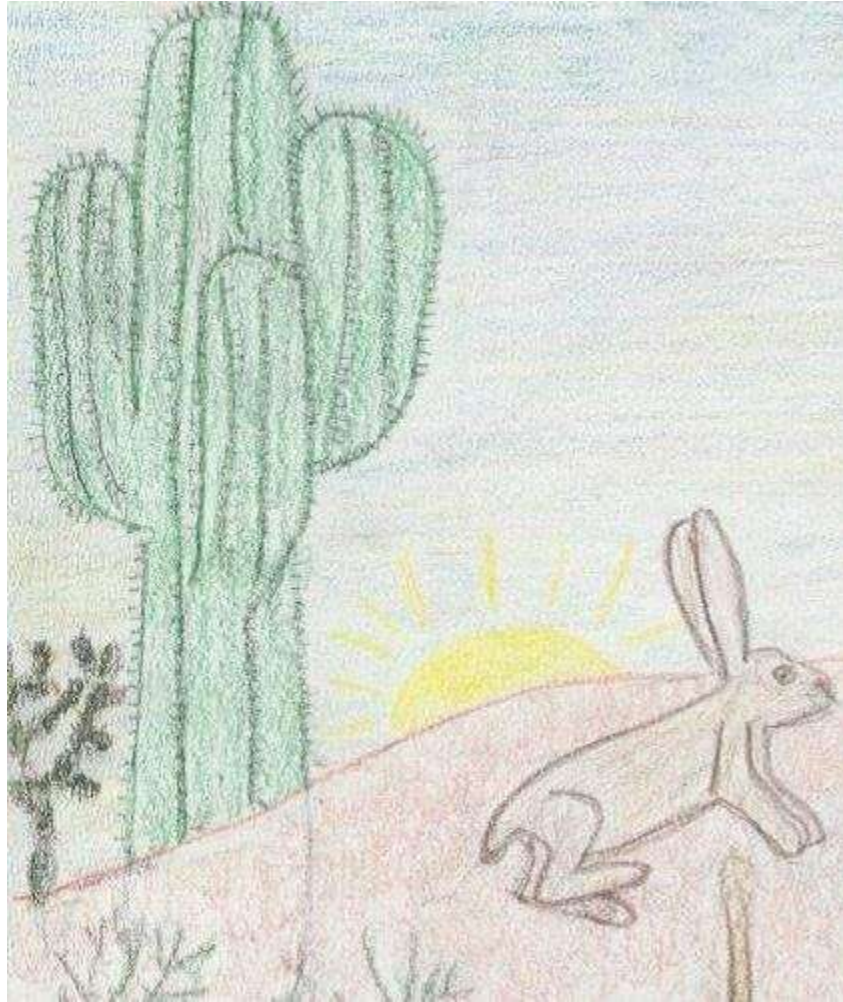


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Tomorrow was the big day, The Hares on the Run! My new friend Bella at my new school just signed up.

Bella said, "Hare come on, sign up!"

Hare said, "No, I don't want to run and embarrass myself in front of all the kids." She started crying and ran on home. She ran into her bedroom and said, "I'm never going to fit in at my new school."

Mama Hare said, "We moved here for the best. Your father is coming to see our new hole today!"

Hare got up and ran to the front door. He was there by the table. He sat down, and she shed a tear. "What is wrong little one?" asked Dada Hare.

"I can't run," said Hare.

"Sure you can, just believe in yourself."

"OK" said Hare and she ran to school.

"Hi Bella. Guess what?"

"What?" said Bella

"I'm signing up for it," said Hare

"For what? OH YAY! We will be on the same team!!!"

Today was the BIG day. Hare went to the field next to Bella and said, "I can't wait!"

They lined up on the starting line. The bell rang, and they took off. Hare tripped and fell.

“Oh no Hare!” said Bella.

Hare thought everyone would start laughing. But, a bunch of kids and teachers ran out and helped her.

She went to the hospital and got an x-ray. Her leg was broken. The doctor put a cast on her leg. Every day at school, she had a buddy to help her. Everyone signed her cast and she made lots of new friends.

By the next time the race came again, Hare had healed.

Her friend said, “Come on sign up.”

“I’ll think about it, but last time I broke my leg,” said Hare.

“You healed and you can practice at my house,” replied Bella.

Hare practiced with her new friends. The next race day, hare ran. She didn’t win, but everyone cheered and supported her.

“You were really brave to race again and we all had fun,” said Bella.

Hare just smiled.