

TEN WORD TALES No. 2

Turbo the Turtle

by The Story Spinner

CHAPTER 2



Nevertheless, Turbo was cheerful and had many friends in the underwater world as well as the turtles. He had fish friends, like Harry the hogfish and Santhi the snapper. When he asked them if he should worry about being slow they told him, “Yes! You need to be able to swim quickly away when there’s danger.”

He had young friends like Win the whale-calf and Sara the seal-pup. When he asked them if he should worry about being slow they told him, “Yes! You need to be able to swim swiftly to your mum or dad whenever there’s danger.”

He enjoyed talking to the old people of the sea because they had such interesting stories and Turbo was inquisitive about their lives. Una the red sea urchin lived in a Rock for Old Urchins near Turbo’s home and he often visited her on Sunday afternoons. He had to sit at distance because she was so prickly. When he asked her if he should worry about being slow she said, “Yes! Somebody might need help and you might need to be quick to save them.”

Turbo gave a great sigh. It was bad enough to think that by being slow he was in danger himself but it was much worse to think that he might put someone else in danger.

“I just don’t know what to do,” he said.

“It might be time,” said Una, “to go to the Water Wizard for advice.”