

TEN WORD TALES No. 2

Turbo the Turtle

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CHAPTER 4



Within a few minutes Turbo had told the Wizard about his whole life: his name, his slowness and how worried he was making everyone.

The Water Wizard thought for a bit, stroking his long bristly whiskers. “First of all, let’s remember that you deserve your name.

You are one of the very quickest turtles on land I have ever seen. You came dashing up from the ocean just now with your flippers flashing. This might be useful in emergencies. You are rare among turtles.”

Turbo was much comforted.

“I also have a bit of an idea about speed in the sea,” said the Wizard.

“You will need to rest tonight and I will send a message to an old friend who can help us. You do not mind being helped by an old person?”

Turbo assured him he was very happy to be helped by anyone. He dug himself a comfortable hole in the sand next to the majestic body of the huge walrus and fell asleep, warm as toast, sheltered from the arctic winds by the wizard’s body, while the Wizard enjoyed the brine-wine and lay awake in the starlight, thinking.

Read the final chapter tomorrow!