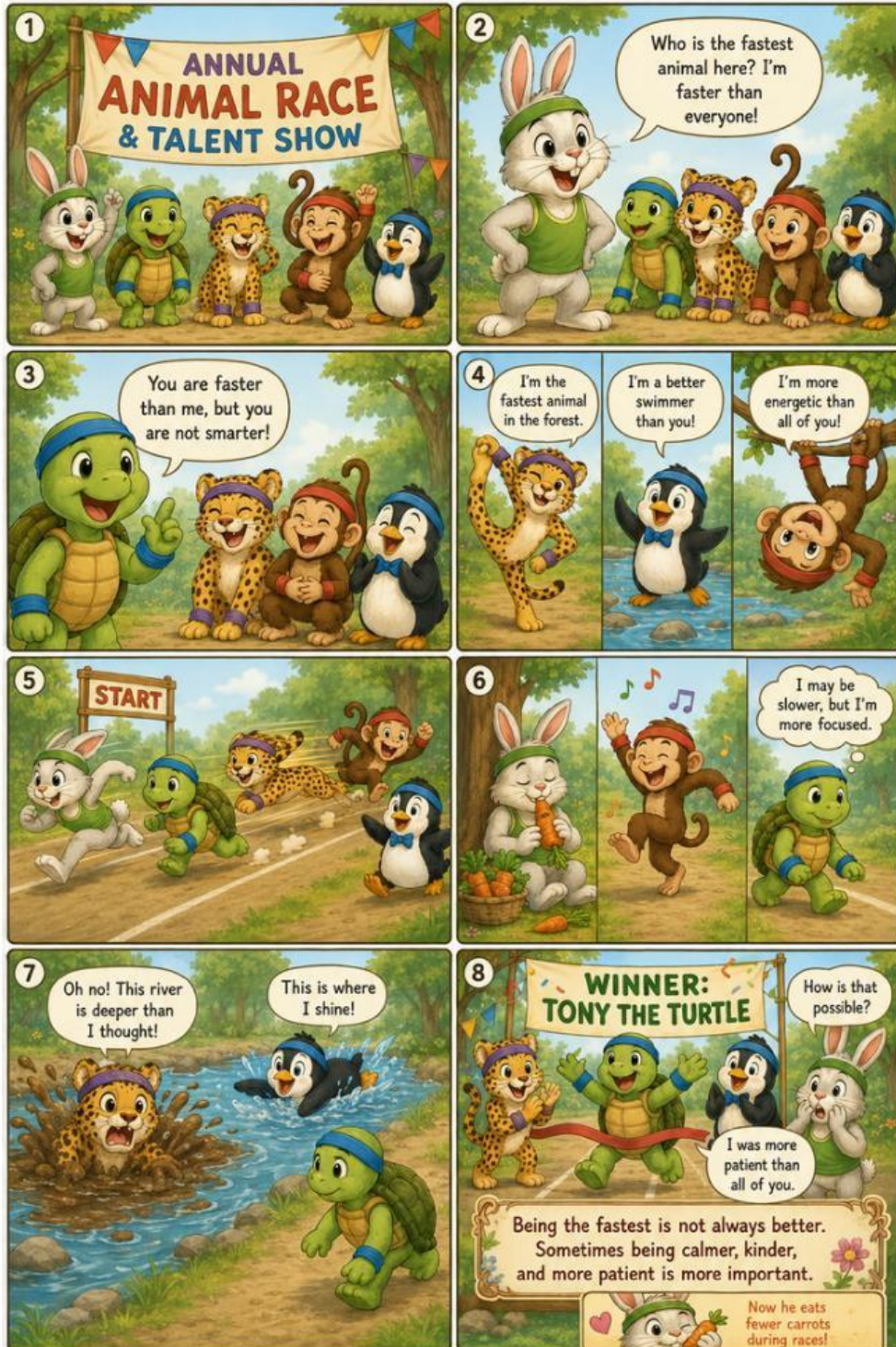


Animal Race

Check this comic strip then answer: **The Annual Animal Race & Talent**



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In the middle of the Green Forest, all the animals were excited. It was time for the *Annual Animal Race and Talent Show!*

"Who is the fastest animal here?" asked Benny the rabbit proudly. **"I'm faster than everyone!"** **"Oh really?"** laughed Tony the turtle. **"You are faster than me, but you are not smarter!"** The animals giggled.

At the starting line, there was Benny the rabbit, Tony the turtle, Carla the cheetah, Molly the monkey, and Percy the penguin. Carla stretched her long legs. **"I'm the fastest animal in the forest,"** she said confidently.

Percy shook his head. **"You may be faster on land, but I'm a better swimmer than you!"**

Molly jumped from tree to tree. **"And I'm more energetic than all of you!"** she shouted while hanging upside down.

The race began. Benny ran quickly, but he was also more careless than the other animals. He stopped to eat carrots only five minutes after the race started. Tony the turtle moved slowly but carefully. **"I may be slower,"** he said, **"but I'm more focused."**

Meanwhile, Molly was having too much fun. She was noisier than the birds and sillier than the monkeys in the zoo. At one point, she even started dancing instead of running. Carla the cheetah was still leading the race. She was faster than Benny and stronger than Molly.

But suddenly SPLASH!

Carla fell into a muddy river.

"Oh no!" she cried. **"This river is deeper than I thought!"** Percy the penguin smiled proudly. **"This is where I shine!"** He jumped into the water. Percy was smaller than Carla, but he was much better in the river. In just a few seconds, he crossed the water easily. The other animals were amazed.

Tony finally arrived at the river too. He crossed it slowly, but he was calmer than everyone else. At the end of the race, something surprising happened. Tony the turtle won!

"How is that possible?" Benny asked, shocked. Tony laughed. **"Well, Carla was faster, Molly was funnier, Percy was better at swimming, and you were quicker at the beginning... but I was more patient than all of you."** The animals clapped and cheered.

From that day on, the animals learned something important: Being the fastest is not always better. Sometimes, being calmer, kinder, and more patient is more important. And Benny He still believed he was the fastest rabbit in the forest... but now he ate fewer carrots during races.

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QUESTIONS

- a) Who was faster than Tony the turtle? _____
- b) Why did Benny stop during the race? _____
- c) Tony was _____ than the other animals.
- d) Which animal was better at swimming than Carla? _____
- e) Molly was _____ than the birds.
- f) Why did Carla have trouble during the race?

- g) Complete the sentence: Carla was _____ than Benny.
- h) Who won the race in the end? _____
- i) Complete the sentence: Tony was _____ than all the other animals.
- j) Complete the sentence: Percy was smaller than Carla, but he was _____ in the river.
- j) What lesson did the animals learn at the end of the story?
