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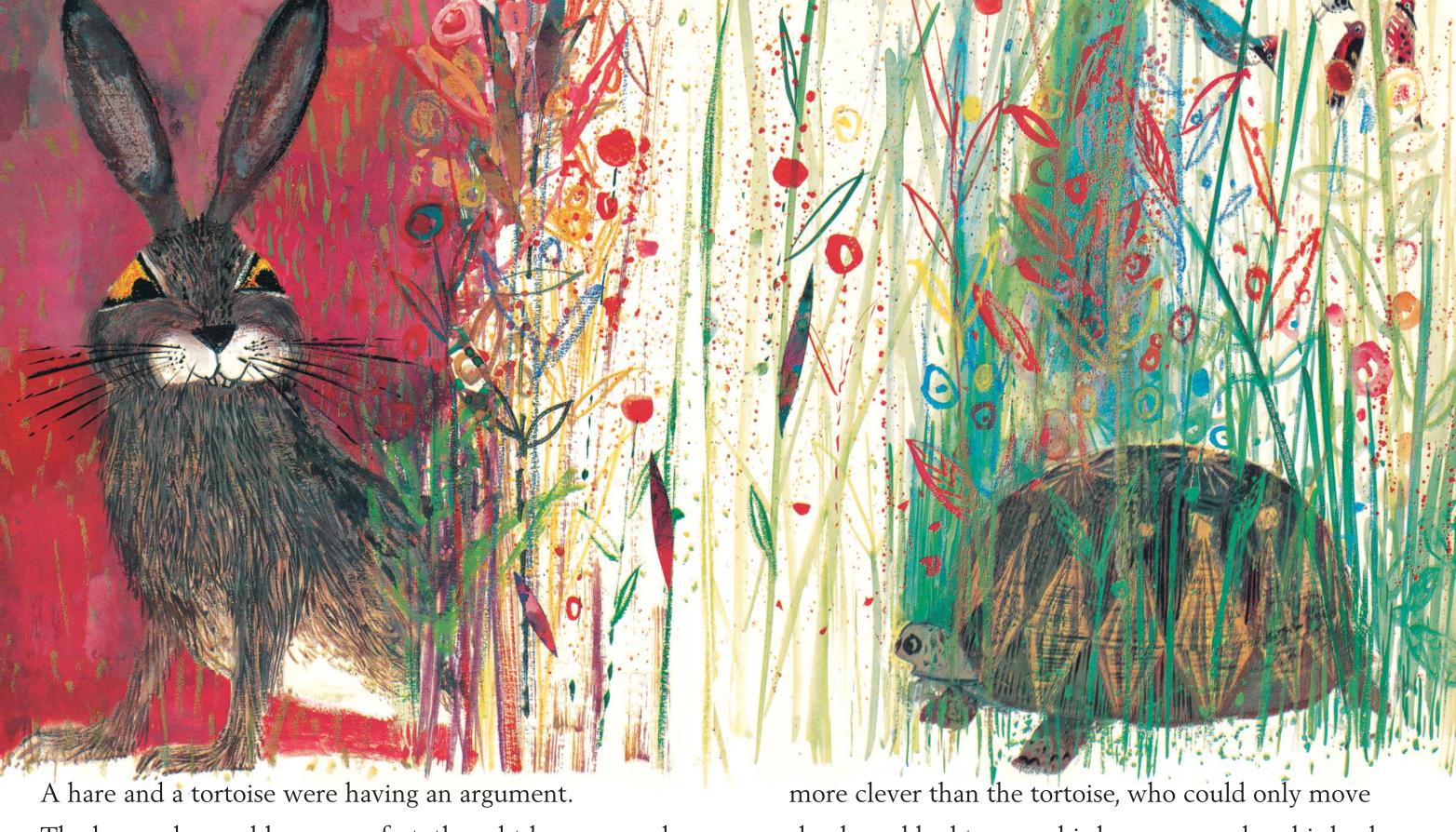
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The hare, who could run very fast, thought he was much

slowly and had to carry his house around on his back.

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But the tortoise did not agree. To the hare's surprise the tortoise challenged him to a race. 'We will run from here, over the hill, through the hedge, then along the carrot field to the old cart,' he said. The hare laughed. 'I am *Sure to win*, but we will race if you like.'

