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**The Tortoise and
the Hare**

RETOLD

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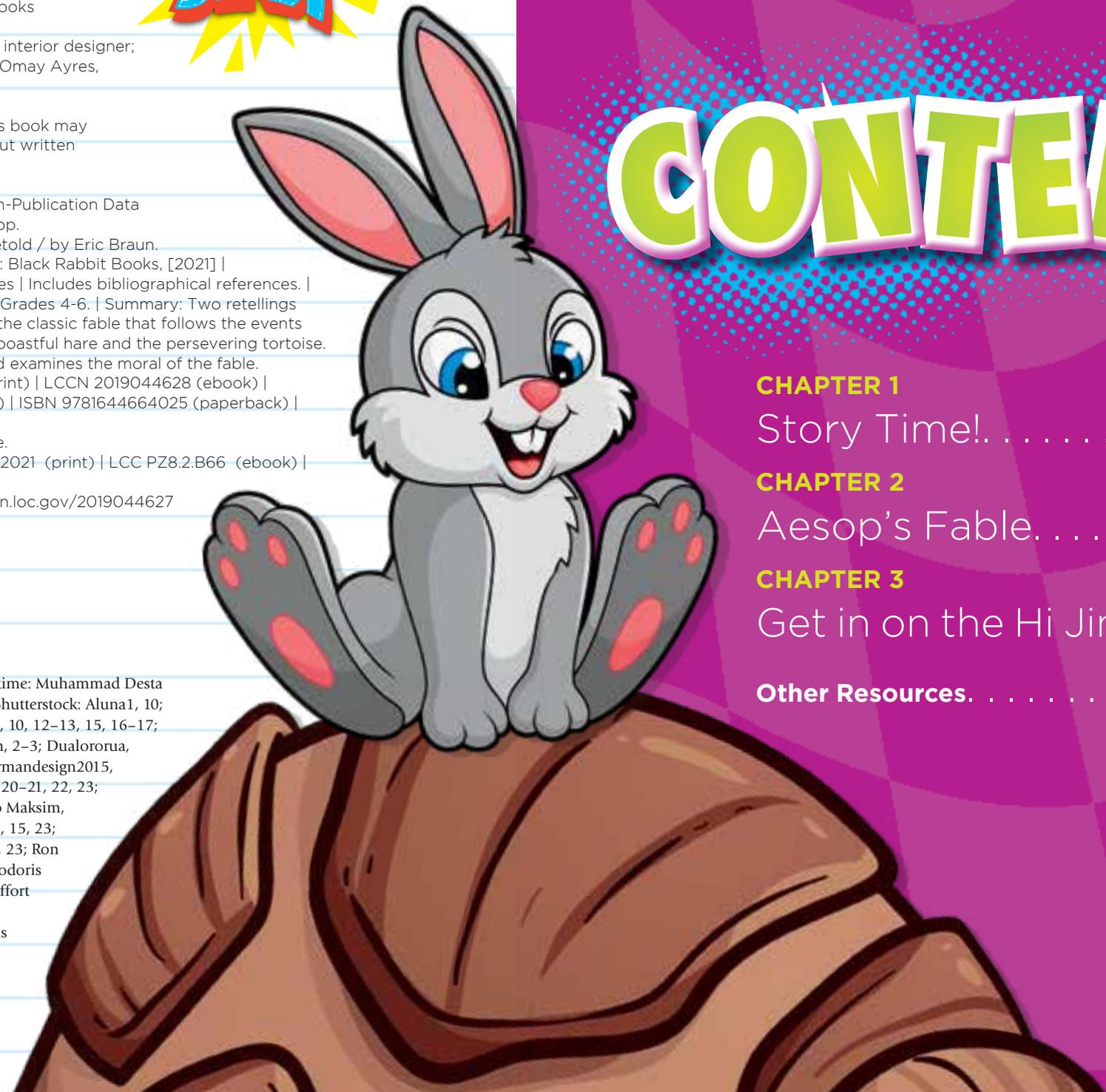
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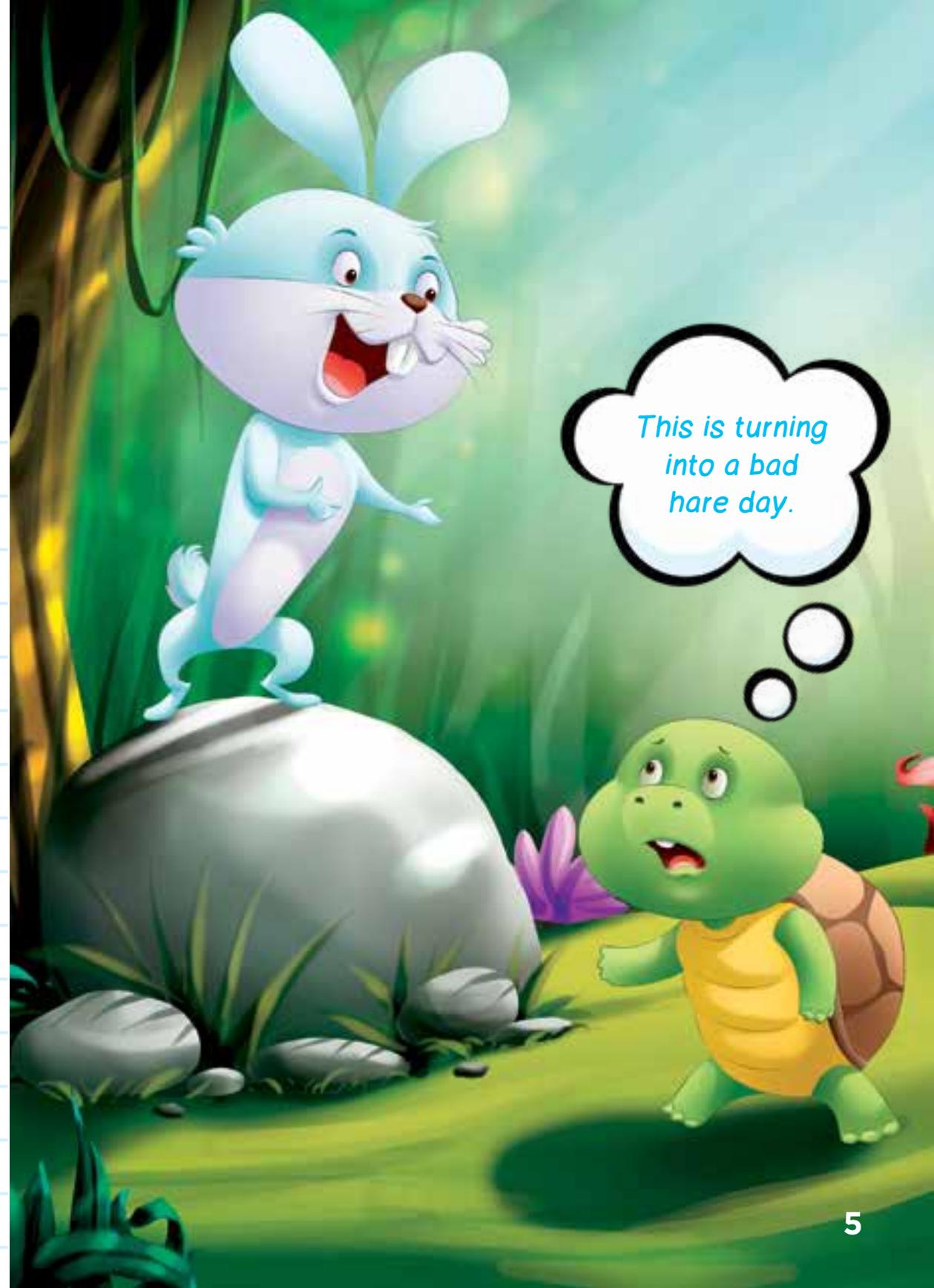
Story Time!

One day, a tortoise was walking through the forest. From behind, he heard a sound. Thump! Thump! Soon, a hare zoomed up.

"You're so slow!" the hare said to the tortoise. "When you cross the street, you get a parking ticket!"

"Well ..." the tortoise responded slowly.

"You're so slow! It takes you an hour to fall down!"





The hare was on a roll with the **slowpoke** jokes. He didn't care about the tortoise's feelings. "You're so slow! You'd get run over by a parked car!" he said.

"Not fair," said the tortoise. "You know I have to carry my shell."

"Michelle?" asked the hare. "Who's Michelle?"

"My shell," repeated the tortoise, but the hare was too busy laughing at his own joke.

"Your shadow is faster than you,"
the hare said. He was on fire with
the jokes. "Dust settles on you when
you run. When you run a race, the snail
gives you a head start!"

