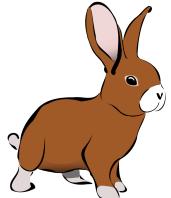


Once upon a time, in a bustling village nestled between rolling hills and lush forests, there lived a wise old tortoise named Thaddeus. Thaddeus was known far and wide for his sagacity and his knack for unraveling

life's mysteries.

One bright morning, as Thaddeus slowly made his way through the village square, he noticed a young rabbit named Rosie, hopping about in a flurry of activity. Intrigued, Thaddeus approached her and inquired about her bustling movements.



"Oh, Thaddeus," exclaimed Rosie, her eyes shining with excitement, "I'm off to find the elusive Emerald Meadow!

Legends say it's the most beautiful place in all the land, but no one has ever laid eyes on it. I'm determined to be the first!"

Thaddeus listened intently to Rosie's tale, nodding thoughtfully. "A noble quest indeed," he remarked, "but tell me, dear Rosie, do you have a plan to reach this Meadow?"



Rosie's enthusiasm faltered for a moment as she sheepishly admitted, "Well, not exactly. I thought I'd just hop in the direction that feels right and see where I end up."



The wise tortoise smiled gently and shared with Rosie a parable of his own. "Long ago, there was a hawk who dreamed of soaring to the highest peaks. Every day, he

would spread his wings and fly as high

as he could, but no matter how hard he tried, he always fell short of his goal. One day, a wise owl approached the hawk and asked, 'Do you have a destination in mind?' The hawk shook his head, and the owl replied, 'Without a clear destination, even the strongest wings will falter.'"



Rosie pondered Thaddeus's words, realizing the wisdom they held. With newfound determination, she set about crafting a plan to reach the Emerald Meadow. She



charted her course, gathered supplies, and enlisted the help of friends along the way.

Months passed, and Rosie encountered many obstacles on her journey. But with each setback, she adjusted her

course and pressed onward, fueled by the clarity of her goal. And finally, one glorious day, she stood at the edge of the fabled Emerald Meadow, its beauty unfolding before her like a painting come to life.



As she basked in the splendor of her achievement, Rosie knew that without the guidance of goal-setting, she would never have reached this wondrous place. And so, she thanked Thaddeus for his wisdom, understanding that in the journey of life, setting one's sights on a clear destination is the first step toward realizing one's dreams.

