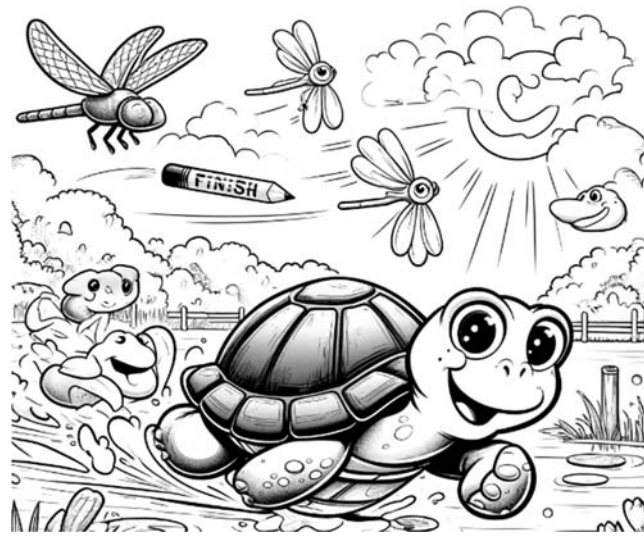


Name _____

Sebastian the Supersonic Turtle

Once upon a time in a small, quiet pond, there lived a turtle named Sebastian. Now, most turtles are known for being slow, but not Sebastian. He was no ordinary turtle; he was super-fast! Sebastian had a need for speed, and he loved to zoom around the pond, leaving a trail of bubbles in his wake.



One sunny morning, Sebastian had an idea. He decided to challenge all his friends to a race. He hopped onto a lily pad and shouted, "Hey, everyone! I'm the fastest turtle in town, and I challenge you all to a race!"

The other animals in the pond were surprised. They knew Sebastian was fast, but they had never seen a turtle challenge them to a race before. The frogs, the ducks, and even the dragonflies accepted the challenge.

As the race began, Sebastian shot off like a rocket, leaving the other animals in the dust. The frogs tried to jump as far as they could, but they couldn't catch up. The ducks flapped their wings, but they were no match for Sebastian's speed. Even the dragonflies, with their tiny wings, struggled to keep up.

Sebastian laughed as he zipped past each competitor. He was having the time of his life. But just as he was about to cross the finish line, he saw something that made him stop in his tracks.

There, in the middle of the pond, was a slow and sleepy snail named Stanley. Sebastian felt bad for Stanley and decided to give him a chance. He swam back to the snail and said, "Hey, Stanley! Want to join the race? I'll give you a head start."

Stanley, still half-asleep, agreed, and Sebastian gave him a head start of five minutes. Then, with a burst of speed, Sebastian raced off again, determined to catch up to Stanley.

Now, it was a race between the fastest turtle and the slowest snail. Who do you think won? Well, in the end, Stanley the snail crossed the finish line first, with Sebastian right behind him.

Sebastian learned that sometimes speed isn't everything, and he made a new friend in Stanley. From that day on, Sebastian still loved to zoom around the pond, but he also enjoyed taking things slow and enjoying the company of his friends.