

Turning Over

Humorous monologue by Samuel Stokes

(A turtle is stuck on its back and suddenly acknowledges the audience)

Oh, hello there.

That's right, I'm a turtle, and I seem to be in what you might call a "predicament."

It's not fun for us turtles when we get stuck on our backs like this. You see, I can't reach anything very easily when I'm like this. It's awkward and a little embarrassing. It makes me just want to go home and hide from the world. I think I will.

(Turtle sticks his head and legs back in his shell, waits a few moments, and then slowly and awkwardly peaks out)

Oh.... You're still here.... Well..... that's interesting....

You... you really don't have anything better to do?

(sighs)

I know, you're waiting with bated breath to see if I can turn myself back over. And, I suppose you're probably wondering how I ended up in this circumstance in the first place.

Well, it all happened so fast, so I'm not sure what happened exactly. I made a wrong step over there and rolled down that hill and here we are...

So, some people think that when turtles end up on their backs that they're stuck until someone helps them turn back over. It's not true though. We can turn ourselves over, but sometimes it takes a minute.

Okay, here we go.

(Turtle reaches with legs and heads and eventually flips back over)

Finally, right-side-up again. Oh great, now I'm late. I had an appointment to have my shell waxed this morning.

What? You didn't think turtle wax was just for cars, did you?