# THE HUMAN RACE

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Once upon a time, the world decided it needed a great leader So, a race was created, and one person from every country was invited to compete.

Soon runners from all over the world arrived

Each person was different, each person was confident, and each person thought they could win

The race started, and everyone started sprinting as fast as they could.

But it wasn't long before some runners realised that they actually couldn't win - and simply gave up.

Seeing this the rest of the runners ran harder and faster.

But some, knowing they couldn't keep up, looked for new ways to stop the others from winning.

So, some started lying, some started cheating, and others started fighting.

And it worked.

One by one, more runners started dropping out until there were only ten runners left.

Desperate to win, the remaining runners decided to start copying each other.

And soon everyone was lying, cheating, and fighting, eventually causing all runners to trip and collapse in a heap only metres from the line.

Finally, one runner stood up and slowly limped over the line.

Suddenly the whole world cheered - for they had finally found their great leader - someone who was better than everyone else. Better at lying, better at cheating, better at fighting.

But, for some reason, no one was happy - and no one could figure out why.

The next year they ran the race again, and the next year the exact same thing happened.

Except this time, someone else limped over the finish line and won.

Once again, the whole world cheered, but once again, no one was happy, and once again no one could figure out why.

Year after year they ran the same race with the same result, over and over again.

Until one day, just before the race, one runner stopped and asked

"Why are we keep trying to beat each other?"

"But how else do we win?" said another.

"Well how about we help each other and then choosing the winner," the runner said.

The other runners thought this was a crazy idea. But after years of being unhappy decided to at least give it a go.

And so, the race started.

And just like before

Everyone started running as fast as they could

But this time, people started encouraging, supporting, and sharing what they had and what they knew with each other.

And before they realised it they were all over the finish line "faster than they had ever run before.

Every. Single. One. Of. Them.

No one could believe it.

Not only was everyone quicker, they had a clear winner, and everyone was happy!

This didn't make sense. So, the next year they ran the same race again,

and again…

…and again.

And each year the exact same thing happened.

Everyone crossed the finish line faster than they had ever run before, they had a clear winner, and everyone was happy.

And that's when they discovered where they had been going wrong.

That by helping not hindering they got to choose from the "best of the best."

Instead of the "best of what's left"

And just like that everyone lived happily ever after.

Because they finally realised the real reason behind the creation of the human race.

Everyone is supposed to win.