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The Wolf of Gubbio.

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THE HARE

(1Cel 60, LM 8:8)

On another occasion, while Saint Francis was staying at a small mountain village a man brought him a hare, which had just been caught alive in a trap.

The saint looked at it kindly and gently and said, “My Brother hare, come to me! Why did you allow yourself be caught like that?”¹

The man who was holding the hare set it free and immediately it ran to Saint Francis, jumped into his arms and snuggled into his habit, where it felt perfectly safe from all harm.

Saint Francis stroked its soft fur and caressed it speaking softly all the while just as a mother calms a little child that is upset. Then he set it down so that it might escape to its home in the woods.



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But as soon as he set it down the hare jumped back again into the safety of Saint Francis’ arms. He did this again and again until Saint Francis asked the brothers to carry it back to its home in the bushes.

¹ He spoke to creatures with great inner and external joy, as if they had been endowed by God with feeling, and intelligence, and speech. (LP 49)