The Heron and the Hummingbird

The heron and the hummingbird were great friends. One day they were sitting by a lake eating fish. They decided to have a race and agreed that the first bird to reach the old tree at the river would own all the fish in the world. Off they flew! The heron flew in a straight line. The hummingbird stopped to drink nectar from flowers. She realised that the heron had passed her out so she quickly flew past him again. When she was far ahead of him she stopped to have a little sleep.

She woke the next morning and flew as fast as she could to the old tree but the heron was there before her. He had flown all through the night. The heron told the hummingbird that he owned all the fish in all the rivers, lakes and seas. The hummingbird would have to eat nectar for the rest of her days.

What is the moral of this Native American story?

How do you know this is a fictional story?