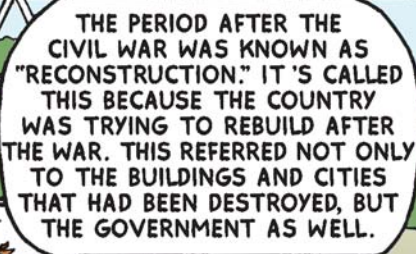


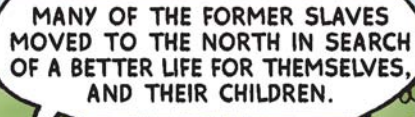
NOW THAT THE CIVIL WAR IS OVER, THINGS SEEM TO BE HAPPENING!



THE PERIOD AFTER THE CIVIL WAR WAS KNOWN AS "RECONSTRUCTION." IT'S CALLED THIS BECAUSE THE COUNTRY WAS TRYING TO REBUILD AFTER THE WAR. THIS REFERRED NOT ONLY TO THE BUILDINGS AND CITIES THAT HAD BEEN DESTROYED, BUT THE GOVERNMENT AS WELL.



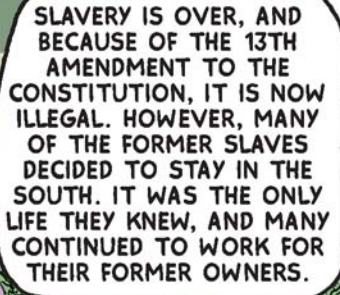
I GUESS THE FORMER SLAVES ARE HAPPY NOW THAT THEY ARE FREE!



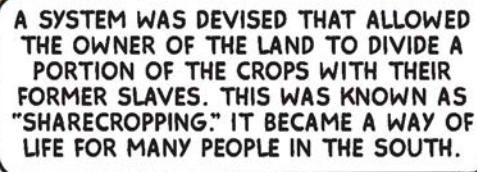
MANY OF THE FORMER SLAVES MOVED TO THE NORTH IN SEARCH OF A BETTER LIFE FOR THEMSELVES, AND THEIR CHILDREN.



I THOUGHT YOU SAID THAT SLAVERY WAS OVER!!



SLAVERY IS OVER, AND BECAUSE OF THE 13TH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION, IT IS NOW ILLEGAL. HOWEVER, MANY OF THE FORMER SLAVES DECIDED TO STAY IN THE SOUTH. IT WAS THE ONLY LIFE THEY KNEW, AND MANY CONTINUED TO WORK FOR THEIR FORMER OWNERS.



A SYSTEM WAS DEvised THAT ALLOWED THE OWNER OF THE LAND TO DIVIDE A PORTION OF THE CROPS WITH THEIR FORMER SLAVES. THIS WAS KNOWN AS "SHARECROPPING." IT BECAME A WAY OF LIFE FOR MANY PEOPLE IN THE SOUTH.



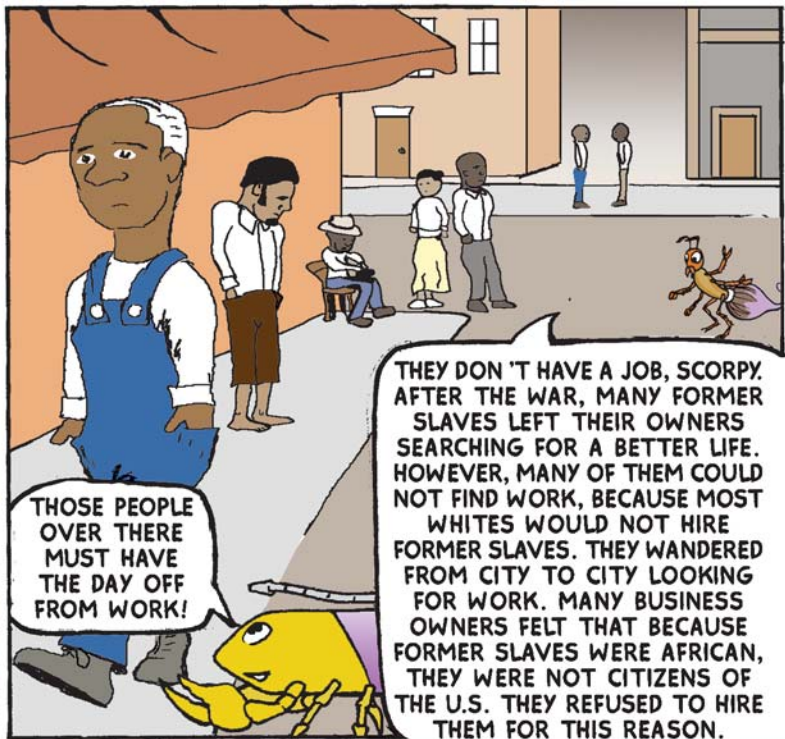
IT DOESN'T LOOK TO ME LIKE MUCH HAS CHANGED! I HOPE THINGS GET BETTER!





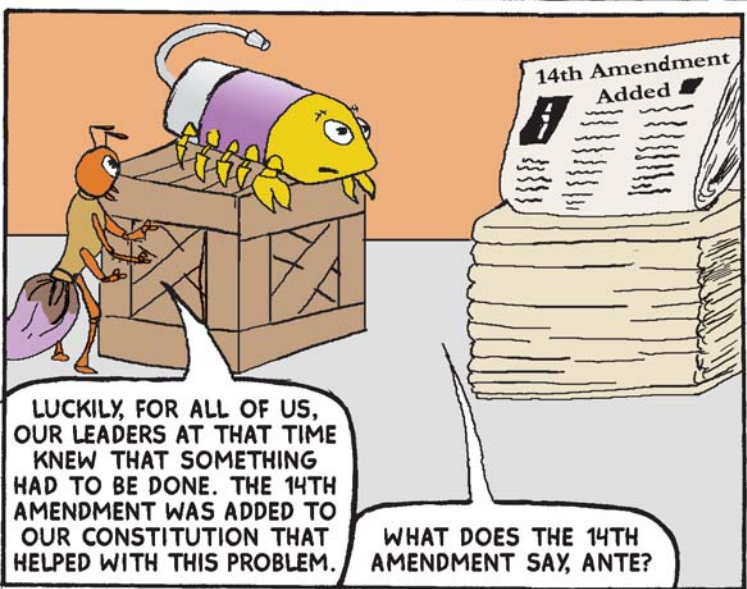
CHANGE WAS HAPPENING DURING THIS TIME, SCORPY, BUT IT WAS SLOW.

I GUESS MAJOR CHANGES DO TAKE TIME!



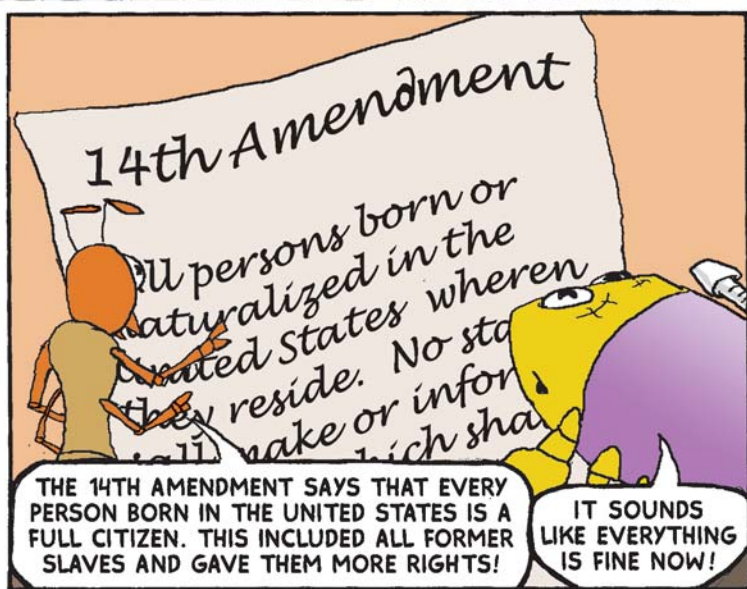
THOSE PEOPLE OVER THERE MUST HAVE THE DAY OFF FROM WORK!

THEY DON'T HAVE A JOB, SCORPY. AFTER THE WAR, MANY FORMER SLAVES LEFT THEIR OWNERS SEARCHING FOR A BETTER LIFE. HOWEVER, MANY OF THEM COULD NOT FIND WORK, BECAUSE MOST WHITES WOULD NOT HIRE FORMER SLAVES. THEY WANDERED FROM CITY TO CITY LOOKING FOR WORK. MANY BUSINESS OWNERS FELT THAT BECAUSE FORMER SLAVES WERE AFRICAN, THEY WERE NOT CITIZENS OF THE U.S. THEY REFUSED TO HIRE THEM FOR THIS REASON.



LUCKILY, FOR ALL OF US, OUR LEADERS AT THAT TIME KNEW THAT SOMETHING HAD TO BE DONE. THE 14TH AMENDMENT WAS ADDED TO OUR CONSTITUTION THAT HELPED WITH THIS PROBLEM.

WHAT DOES THE 14TH AMENDMENT SAY, ANTE?



14th Amendment

All persons born or naturalized in the United States who were born here reside. No state shall make or inform...

THE 14TH AMENDMENT SAYS THAT EVERY PERSON BORN IN THE UNITED STATES IS A FULL CITIZEN. THIS INCLUDED ALL FORMER SLAVES AND GAVE THEM MORE RIGHTS!

IT SOUNDS LIKE EVERYTHING IS FINE NOW!

IT SEEMS LIKE THE 14TH AMENDMENT HELPED TO MAKE LIFE BETTER FOR FORMER SLAVES.



NOT EXACTLY, SCORPY. EVEN WITH THE 13TH AND 14TH AMENDMENTS, THERE WERE STILL MANY CHALLENGES FACING FORMER SLAVES.

COLORED ADM. 10¢

WHAT DO THOSE SIGNS MEAN, ANTE?



A NEW SET OF LAWS CAME INTO EFFECT IN MANY SOUTHERN STATES DURING THE 1940S AND 50S. THESE LAWS BECAME KNOWN AS "JIM CROW LAWS." THEY WERE CALLED THIS AFTER A PERFORMER MADE UP AN ACT THAT MADE FUN OF AN AFRICAN AMERICAN MAN. HE CALLED HIS CHARACTER, JIM CROW.

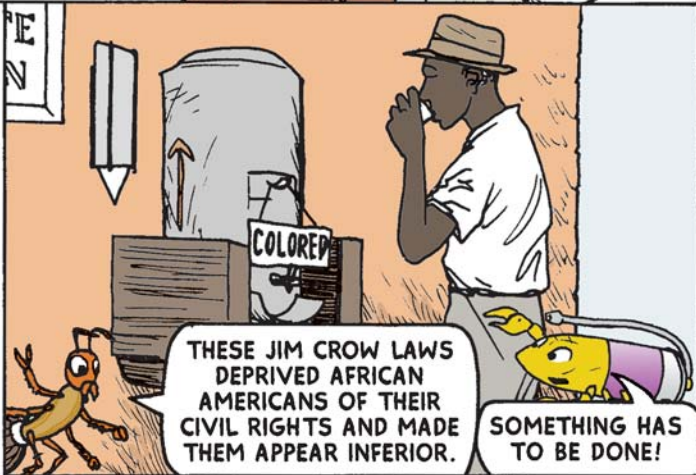
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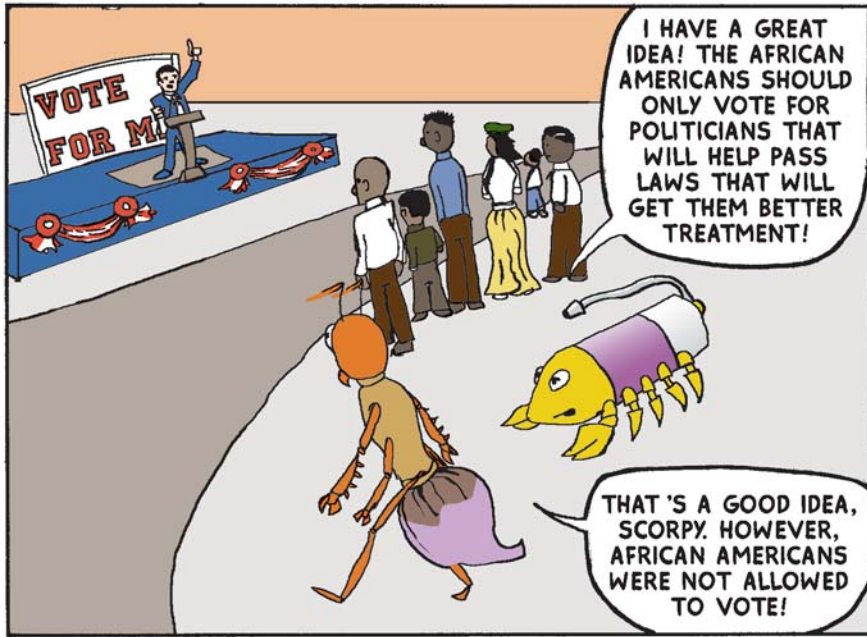
THESE LAWS WERE ENACTED TO KEEP WHITES AND BLACKS SEPARATE. RESTAURANTS, MOVIE THEATERS, SCHOOLS AND EVEN DRINKING FOUNTAINS WERE SEGREGATED.

YOU MEAN PEOPLE COULD NOT DRINK FROM THE SAME WATER FOUNTAIN JUST BECAUSE OF THE COLOR OF THEIR SKIN??

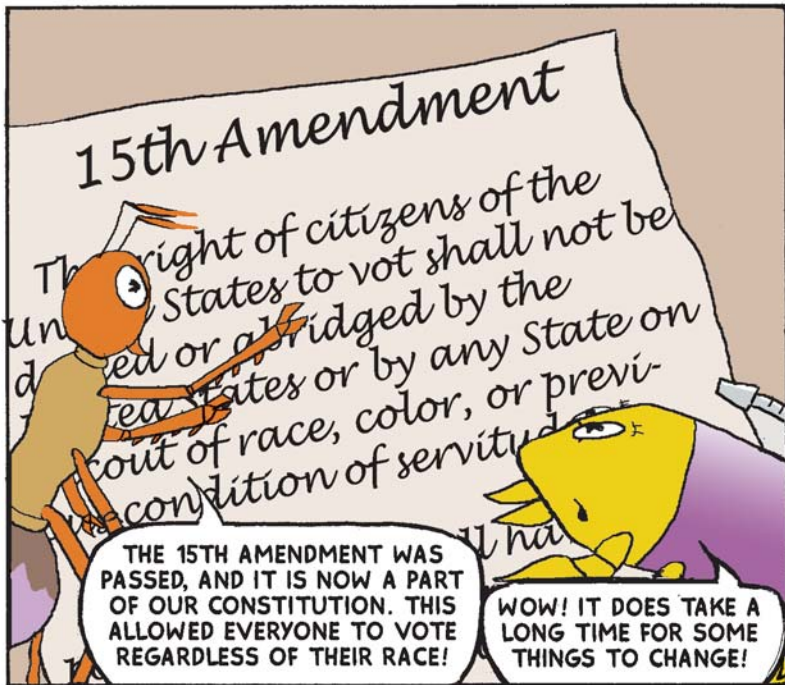
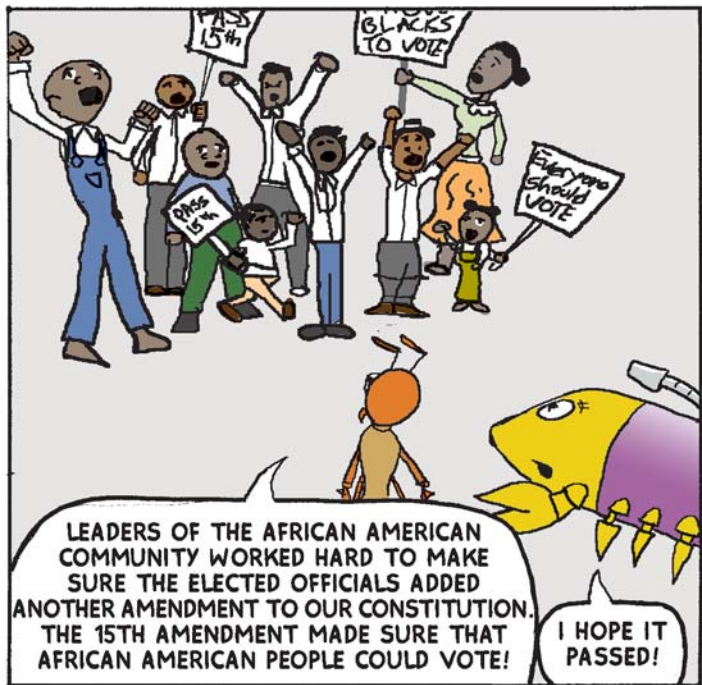
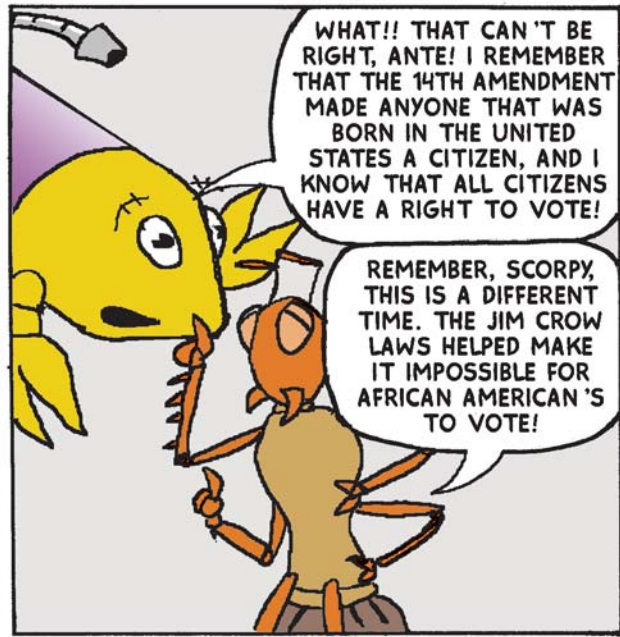
THESE JIM CROW LAWS DEPRIVED AFRICAN AMERICANS OF THEIR CIVIL RIGHTS AND MADE THEM APPEAR INFERIOR.

SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE!



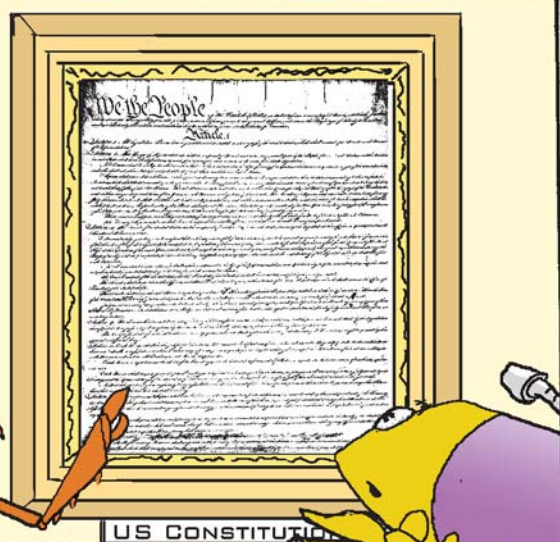


THAT'S A GOOD IDEA, SCORPY. HOWEVER, AFRICAN AMERICANS WERE NOT ALLOWED TO VOTE!



THANK YOU FOR TELLING ME ABOUT THE CONSTITUTION AND THE AMENDMENTS THAT HELPED MAKE LIFE BETTER FOR SO MANY PEOPLE!

I'M GLAD YOU LIKED LEARNING ABOUT THESE THINGS, SCORPY. I KNOW THAT IT'S NOT SOMETHING WE ARE COMFORTABLE TALKING ABOUT, BUT IT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THE ACHIEVEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE!



THE CONSTITUTION CERTAINLY DOES ALLOW US MANY FREEDOMS, BUT THE AMENDMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN ADDED GIVE US EVEN MORE RIGHTS AS CITIZENS.

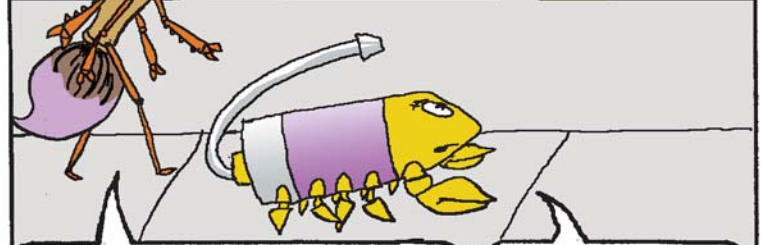
THEY CERTAINLY DO, ANTE. THE 13TH, 14TH, AND 15TH AMENDMENTS CERTAINLY DID A LOT TO HELP OUR AFRICAN AMERICAN NEIGHBORS!



Jack

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THANK GOODNESS THE JIM CROW LAWS ARE NO LONGER IN EFFECT. TODAY AFRICAN AMERICANS CAN HOLD ANY JOB THEY ARE QUALIFIED FOR, RUN FOR ANY POLITICAL OFFICE THEY CHOOSE, AND ATTEND ANY SOCIAL FUNCTION OR SCHOOL THEY LIKE. THEY TRULY HAVE AN EQUAL SAY IN ALL THINGS!

I AM GLAD THAT NOW WE ARE ALL EQUAL, NO MATTER WHAT COLOR SKIN WE HAVE! THANK GOODNESS FOR OUR CONSTITUTION AND ITS AMENDMENTS!