


WHAT A HUGE FARM. I'LL BET IT HAS ALL KINDS OF FARM EQUIPMENT.

NOPE. BEFORE FANCY MACHINES WERE INVENTED, HUMANS DID THE WORK ON FARMS OR PLANTATIONS. MANY OF THOSE WORKERS WERE SLAVES, BROUGHT FROM AFRICA TO AMERICA AGAINST THEIR WILL AND SOLD AS PROPERTY TO OTHER PEOPLE.


PEOPLE BOUGHT OTHER PEOPLE?! ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!

IT WAS A SAD TIME IN OUR HISTORY, SCORPY, BUT MANY SLAVES, SUCH AS **HARRIET TUBMAN**, DID GREAT THINGS. SHE WAS BORN TO ENSLAVED PARENTS ON A PLANTATION IN MARYLAND AROUND 1820 IN A ONE-ROOM HUT WITH DIRT FLOORS AND NO WINDOWS.

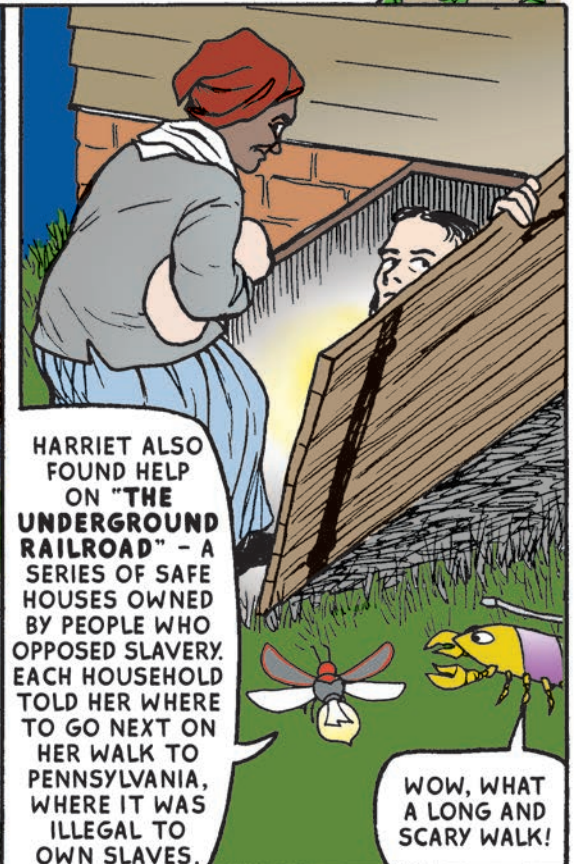


WHEN DOES SHE GET A BREAK? SHE LOOKS TIRED.

HARRIET WORKED IN THE FIELD UNTIL SHE WAS TOLD TO STOP. SHE HAD TO OBEY ORDERS OR SHE WOULD BE SEVERELY PUNISHED. HARRIET HATED BEING A SLAVE - AND SHE DID SOMETHING ABOUT IT!



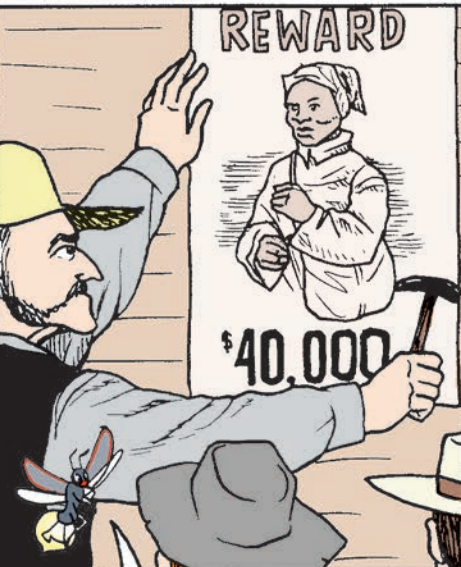
SHE RAN AWAY ONE NIGHT, LEAVING HER HUSBAND BEHIND. SHE FOLLOWED THE NORTH STAR. SHE HID FROM SLAVE CATCHERS DURING THE DAY AND ONLY TRAVELED AT NIGHT.



HARRIET ALSO FOUND HELP ON "THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD" - A SERIES OF SAFE HOUSES OWNED BY PEOPLE WHO OPPOSED SLAVERY. EACH HOUSEHOLD TOLD HER WHERE TO GO NEXT ON HER WALK TO PENNSYLVANIA, WHERE IT WAS ILLEGAL TO OWN SLAVES.

WOW, WHAT A LONG AND SCARY WALK!

AFTER FINDING FREEDOM IN PENNSYLVANIA, **HARRIET TUBMAN** WORKED AS A MAID TO EARN MONEY FOR TRIPS SOUTH TO LEAD SLAVES TO FREEDOM. SHE HID IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLDS SHE USED WHEN SHE RAN AWAY. THIS SYSTEM WAS CALLED **"THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD"**



A HUGE REWARD WAS OFFERED TO ANYONE THAT CAUGHT HER, BUT NO ONE EVER DID. HARRIET WAS NICKNAMED **"MOSES"** BECAUSE SHE LED HER PEOPLE OUT OF SLAVERY THE WAY MOSES DID OUT OF EGYPT IN ANCIENT TIMES.



WHEN THE **CIVIL WAR** BEGAN IN 1861, HARRIET WORKED AS A NURSE AND SPY FOR THE NORTHERN ARMY. SOON AFTER THE WAR ENDED, SLAVERY WAS ABOLISHED.



HARRIET ESTABLISHED A HOME IN AUBURN, NEW YORK, FOR SICK, POOR, AND HOMELESS BLACK PEOPLE. SHE DIED IN 1913.

WOW, SHE DID SO MUCH FOR SO MANY.

WHO IS THAT BABY?

THAT'S FREDERICK BAILEY, WHO WAS BORN A SLAVE IN TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND. HE BECAME A FAMOUS **ABOLITIONIST** - A PERSON TRYING TO END SLAVERY.

AT AGE 8 HE WENT TO BALTIMORE TO LIVE WITH HUGH AND SOPHIA AULD. SHE TAUGHT FREDERICK TO READ USING THE BIBLE. HER HUSBAND MADE HER STOP!

THAT'S RIGHT. AND HE TAUGHT OTHER SLAVES TO READ. THE MORE HE READ, THE MORE HE FELT SLAVERY WAS WRONG AND ALL PEOPLE SHOULD BE FREE.

TOO LATE! HE LEARNED HOW TO READ!

I BET HE WON'T BE A SLAVE MUCH LONGER!

RIGHT AGAIN, SCORPY! HE ESCAPED WHILE WORKING IN A SHIPYARD AND WENT TO NEW YORK. HE MARRIED, MOVED ON TO MASSACHUSETTS, AND CHANGED HIS LAST NAME TO **DOUGLASS**. HE TRAVELED TO SPEAK AT MANY ANTI-SLAVERY MEETINGS.

HE ALSO PUBLISHED A WEEKLY PAPER CALLED "THE NORTH STAR," WHICH CHAMPIONED THE RIGHTS OF FREE BLACKS AND SLAVES. AFTER THE CIVIL WAR HE CONTINUED TO FIGHT FOR THOSE RIGHTS.

IN 1872 HE MOVED TO WASHINGTON, D.C. HE CONTINUED TO SPEAK ABOUT THE UNFAIR TREATMENT OF BLACKS AND WOMEN.

WOW, A SELF-MADE MAN WHO ACCOMPLISHED SO MUCH! I THINK I'LL HIT THE BOOKS, TOO, RIGHT NOW!

WHO IS THAT CUTE LITTLE GIRL?

THAT'S ISABELLA BOMEFREE AND HER PARENTS. THEY LIVED WITH OTHER SLAVES IN THE COLD, WET, ONE-ROOM CELLAR OF THEIR OWNER'S HOME IN HURLEY, NEW YORK.



BY THE TIME BELLE WAS 13, SHE HAD BEEN SOLD THREE TIMES. BY 1826 SHE ESCAPED TO FREEDOM. AROUND 1827 SHE CONVERTED TO CHRISTIANITY.



IN 1829 SHE WENT TO NEW YORK CITY TO WORK AS A DOMESTIC SERVANT. BUT SHE WAS UNHAPPY AND WANTED TO TRAVEL AND PREACH. IN 1843 THE 46-YEAR-OLD ISABELLA ADOPTS THE NAME "SOJOURNER TRUTH" BECAUSE SHE WILL VISIT DIFFERENT PLACES TO PREACH GOD'S TRUTH.



SO THAT'S HOW SHE GOT SUCH AN UNUSUAL NAME!

HER TRAVELS TOOK HER THOUSANDS OF MILES, ACROSS MANY STATES. SHE PREACHED HER RELIGION, SPOKE AGAINST SLAVERY, AND STOOD UP FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS. SHE COULD NOT READ OR WRITE, BUT EACH PLACE SHE WENT COMMUNITY LEADERS LISTENED TO HER SPEAK.

SHE CERTAINLY LIVED UP TO HER NAME! I WISH I COULD HAVE HEARD HER.



SOJOURNER ALSO REALIZED FREEDOM FROM SLAVERY DID NOT GUARANTEE FREEDOM FROM POVERTY, HATRED, AND DISCRIMINATION. SHE DIED IN 1883 AFTER GOING MILES AND MILES TO DEFEND THE RIGHTS OF EVERYONE.

WHO IS THAT PERSON WORKING?

THAT IS **GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER**, A GREAT AFRICAN-AMERICAN SCIENTIST AND EDUCATOR. HE WAS BORN A SLAVE ON MOSES CARVER'S FARM IN MISSOURI IN 1864. WHEN GEORGE'S MOTHER DIED, MOSES CARVER RAISED GEORGE AS HIS OWN ONCE SLAVERY ENDED. AS A CHILD, GEORGE WAS FASCINATED WITH PLANTS.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER FINISHED HIGH SCHOOL IN 1885 IN KANSAS AS A TOP STUDENT, BUT WHEN SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOUND OUT HE WAS BLACK, THEY DIDN'T ALLOW HIM TO ATTEND HIS OWN GRADUATION.

THAT'S NOT FAIR AT ALL!

THAT DID NOT STOP HIM. HE EXPANDED HIS KNOWLEDGE OF PLANTS WITH BACHELORS AND MASTERS DEGREES IN AGRICULTURE. HE LATER WAS NAMED DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AT THE **TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE** IN ALABAMA.

CARVER STAYED AT TUSKEGEE FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE. HE ENCOURAGED FARMERS TO PLANT PEANUTS AND SOYBEANS TO ENRICH THEIR SOIL. HE DEVELOPED MORE THAN 300 USES FOR PEANUTS, SWEET POTATOES, AND SOYBEANS. SOAP, AXLE GREASE, INK, PLASTICS, RUBBER AND MUCH MORE CAN BE MADE FROM THESE PLANTS.

WOW, IT'S LIKE HE WORKS MAGIC!