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Who Sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott?

ROSA PARKS

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JAIL?!
WHY IN THE
WORLD ARE
YOU—

MAMA. CAN
YOU SEE IF PARKS
WILL COME DOWN
HERE AND GET
ME OUT?



ROSA, DID
THEY BEAT
YOU?

NO.

ROSA.
NO, MAMA,
I WASN'T BEATEN.



HANG ON, ROSA,
PARKS IS RIGHT
HERE.



ROSA?

PARKS, WILL
YOU COME GET
ME OUT OF
JAIL?

JAIL?!
I'LL BE THERE
IN A FEW
MINUTES.



MEANWHILE...

OFFICE OF E.D. NIXON, CHAPTER
LEADER OF THE NAACP

RNNG
RNNG



HELLO?
E.D.?

ARLETTE?
HONEY, I'LL
BE HOME IN
A COUPLE
OF HOURS,
I'M JUST
FINISHING
UP—

ROSA PARKS
IS IN JAIL.



WHAT
FOR?!

I'M
NOT SURE.
HER NEIGHBOR,
BERTHA BUTLER,
CALLED 'CAUSE
SHE KNOWS ROSA
WORKS WITH YOU
AT THE NAACP.
YOU GOTTA DO
SOMETHING.

I'LL CALL
THE POLICE
STATION AND
FIND OUT WHAT'S
GOING ON.



WHAT IS SHE
BEING CHARGED
WITH? DOES SHE
NEED A LAWYER?
HOW MUCH IS
HER BAIL?

I CAN'T
GIVE YOU THAT
INFORMATION,
SIR.

WHY
NOT?!

YOU AREN'T
HER LAWYER OR
HER KIN, AND I'M
NOT IN A POSITION TO
BE GIVING YOU THAT
INFORMATION.



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COME ON,
FRED...

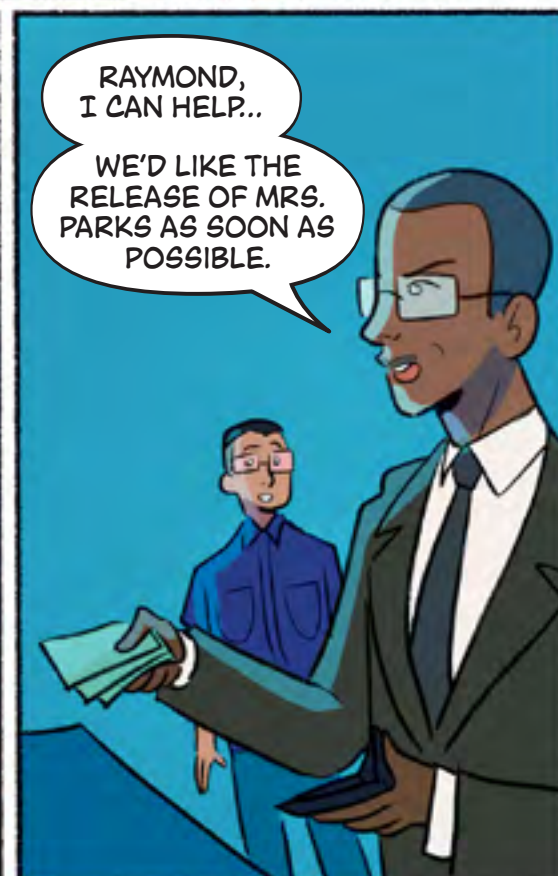
⌘SIGH⌘

NO ANSWER. BEST LAWYER
IN TOWN AND OF COURSE THERE'S
NO ANSWER! IS THERE ANYONE ELSE
THAT I CAN CALL? OH, I KNOW!

CLIFFORD. CAN
YOU AND VIRGINIA
MEET ME AT THE JAIL
IN AN HOUR?

ROSA PARKS
HAS BEEN
ARRESTED...

CLIFFORD DURR
555-0175





HELLO,
EVERYONE.

THIS
IS QUITE THE
WELCOME...



ARE YOU
OKAY?

DID THEY
HURT YOU
AT ALL?

I'M ALL
RIGHT, MRS.
DURR.



COME ON NOW. STOP YOUR
CRYING, MRS. DURR.

EVERYTHING'S
GONNA BE ALL
RIGHT.

LET'S
GET YOU
HOME.



YOUR COURT
DATE IS MONDAY,
DECEMBER 5.

FAILURE
TO SHOW UP
IS MET WITH
AUTOMATIC
JAIL TIME, YOU
UNDERSTAND?

I
UNDERSTAND.
THANK YOU
VERY MUCH.





HI, MAMA.

HELLO, BERTHA. IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE YOU HERE!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, ROSA?

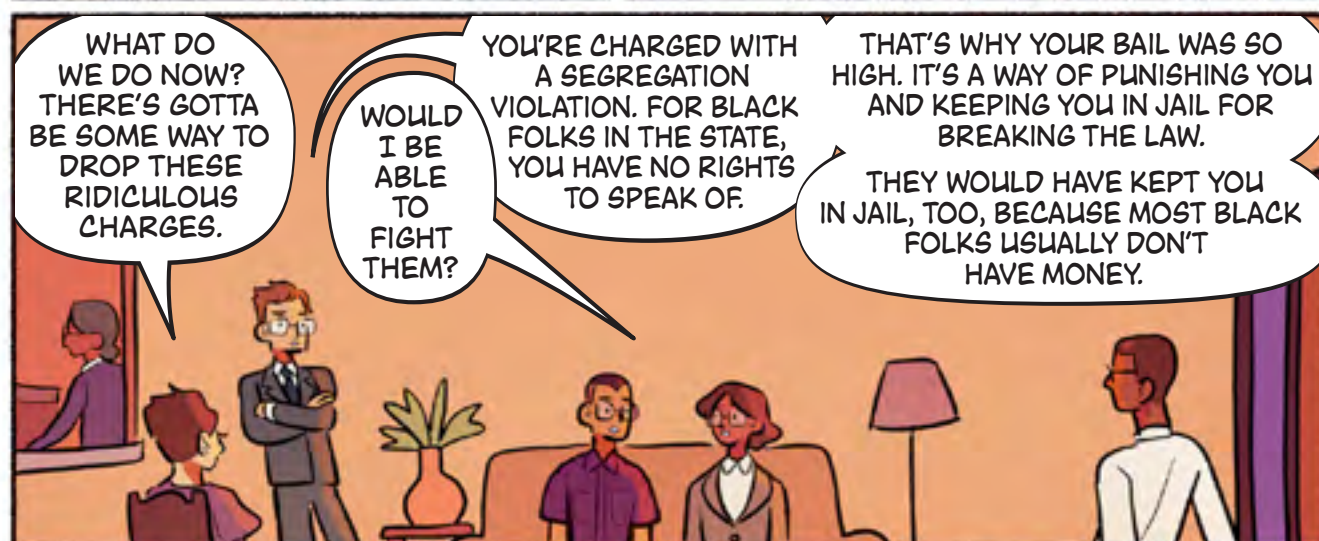
JUST FINE, BERTHA, JUST FINE.



WELCOME HOME, BABY.

ARE YOU TIRED? DO YOU WANT ANYTHING?

I'M A LITTLE HUNGRY...



WHAT DO WE DO NOW? THERE'S GOTTA BE SOME WAY TO DROP THESE RIDICULOUS CHARGES.

WOULD I BE ABLE TO FIGHT THEM?

YOU'RE CHARGED WITH A SEGREGATION VIOLATION. FOR BLACK FOLKS IN THE STATE, YOU HAVE NO RIGHTS TO SPEAK OF.

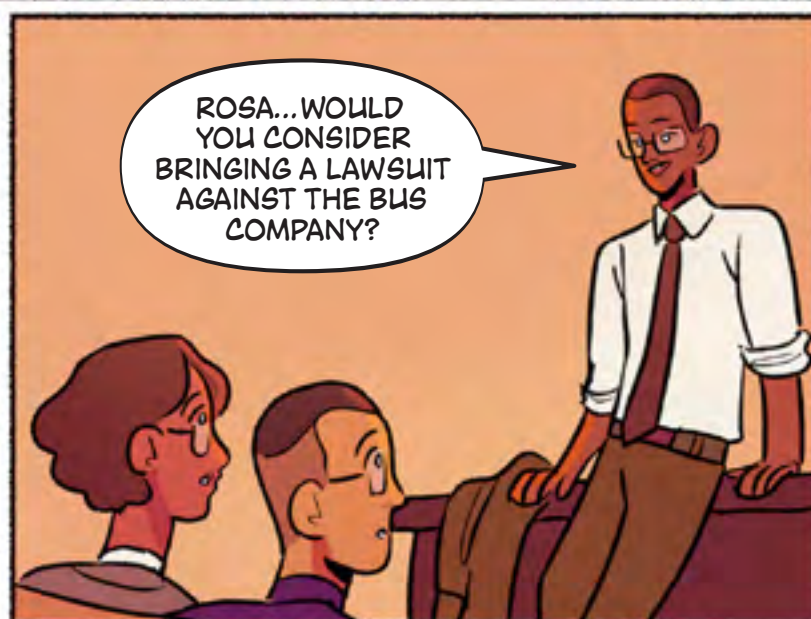
THAT'S WHY YOUR BAIL WAS SO HIGH. IT'S A WAY OF PUNISHING YOU AND KEEPING YOU IN JAIL FOR BREAKING THE LAW.

THEY WOULD HAVE KEPT YOU IN JAIL, TOO, BECAUSE MOST BLACK FOLKS USUALLY DON'T HAVE MONEY.



E.D.? WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I MIGHT HAVE A SOLUTION.



ROSA... WOULD YOU CONSIDER BRINGING A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE BUS COMPANY?



THE NAACP HAS BEEN LOOKING FOR A CASE THAT COULD POTENTIALLY END SEGREGATION, AND IF YOU AGREE, YOUR CASE COULD BE IT.

PEOPLE SUE BUSINESSES WHEN THEY FEEL LIKE SOMETHING UNJUST HAS HAPPENED TO THEM. ROSA, WHAT WAS DONE TO YOU WAS UNJUST.

IF YOU FILE THIS LAWSUIT, IT COULD FORCE POLITICIANS AND JUDGES TO LOOK AT THE BUS LAWS AND SAY *THEY* ARE UNJUST. WE COULD FIGHT THIS.



THIS IS UNLIKE CLAUDETTE COLVIN'S CASE. YOU'RE NOT PREGNANT AND WON'T DRAW ANY UNWANTED ATTENTION...

BUT JUST LIKE CLAUDETTE COLVIN, YOU'RE INTELLIGENT AND HARDWORKING. YOU HAVE NO POLICE RECORD... WELL, UNTIL NOW.

BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY—

WHITE PEOPLE CAN'T POINT TO ME AND SAY THAT THERE WAS ANYTHING I DID TO DESERVE THIS, BUT BE BORN BLACK...



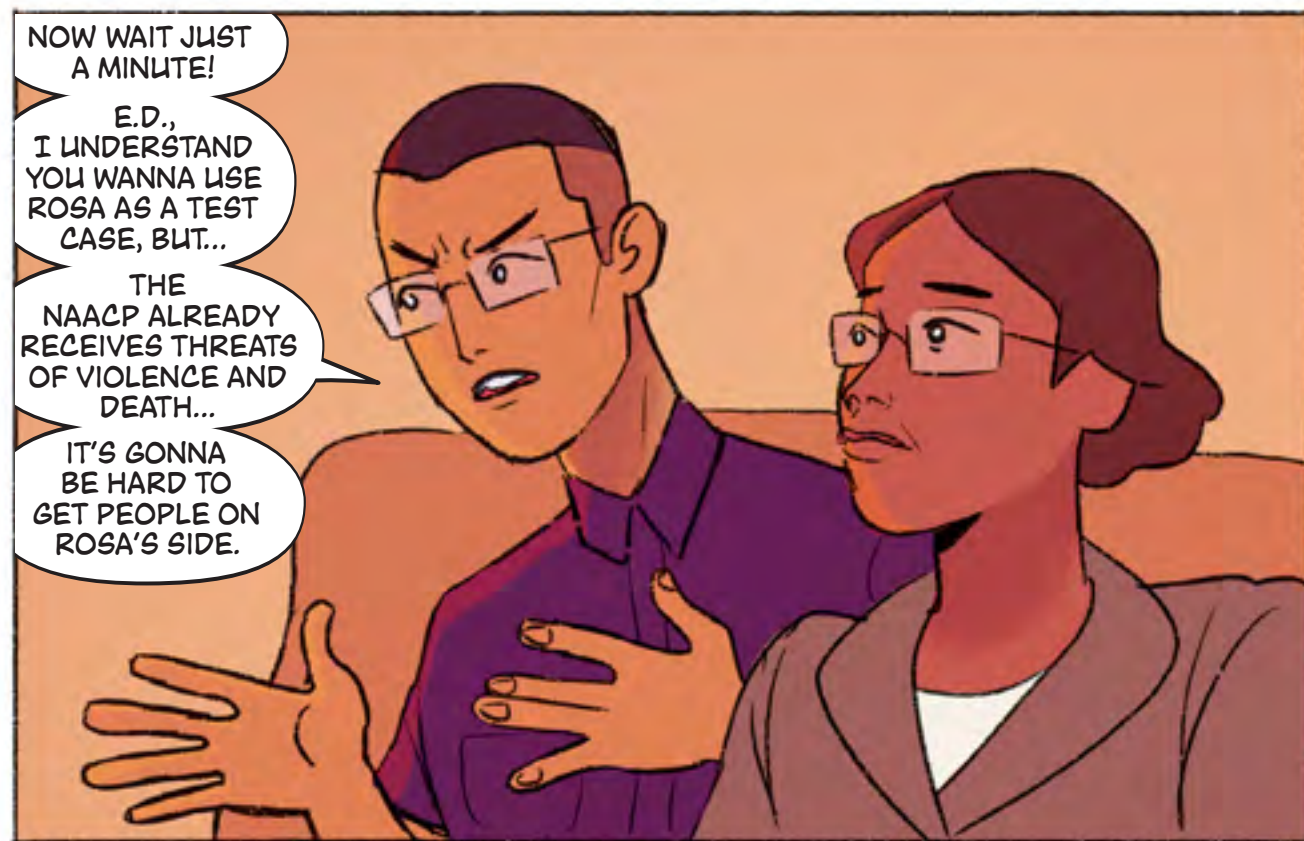
EXACTLY! I WON'T LIE TO YOU, ROSA. THIS IS GOING TO BE A LONG FIGHT.

THERE WILL BE SOME THINGS THAT WILL BE HARD ON YOU, YOUR FAMILY, YOUR FRIENDS... AND US.

RACISM WON'T END OVERNIGHT. PEOPLE WILL TRY TO STOP US BY TRYING TO THREATEN AND INTIMIDATE US.

BUT THIS IS THE SPARK WE NEED TO HELP END SEGREGATION.

YOU ARE THE SPARK WE NEED.



NOW WAIT JUST A MINUTE!

E.D., I UNDERSTAND YOU WANNA USE ROSA AS A TEST CASE, BUT...

THE NAACP ALREADY RECEIVES THREATS OF VIOLENCE AND DEATH...

IT'S GONNA BE HARD TO GET PEOPLE ON ROSA'S SIDE.



TONS OF PEOPLE ACROSS MONTGOMERY, AND EVEN THE WORLD, WILL SYMPATHIZE WITH HER STORY!

SHE JUST CAME FROM JAIL, E.D. *JAIL*. WHAT ABOUT HER RIGHTS? WHAT ABOUT HER SAFETY?

WHAT ABOUT THE BLACK PEOPLE OF MONTGOMERY? WHAT ABOUT THEIR RIGHTS?



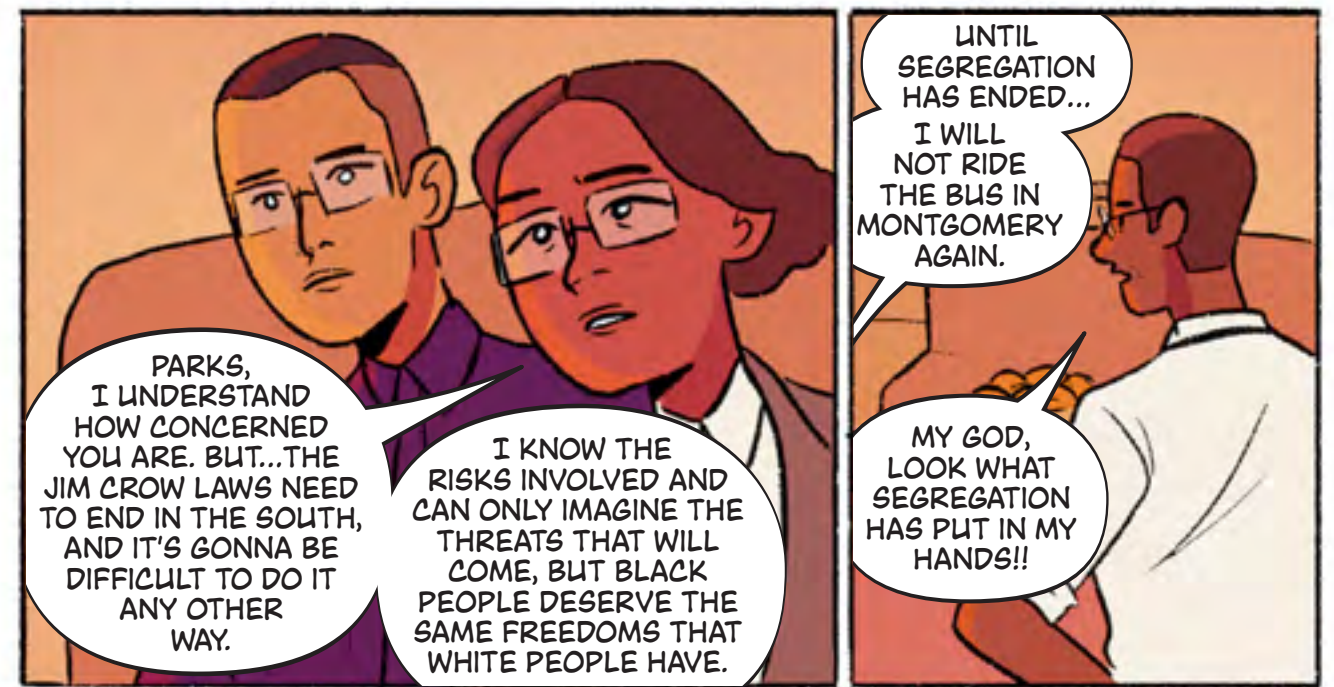
I WON'T LET—

SHE SHOULD—

EXCUSE ME.

I'VE MADE A DECISION.

I'LL DO IT.



PARKS, I UNDERSTAND HOW CONCERNED YOU ARE. BUT...THE JIM CROW LAWS NEED TO END IN THE SOUTH, AND IT'S GONNA BE DIFFICULT TO DO IT ANY OTHER WAY.

I KNOW THE RISKS INVOLVED AND CAN ONLY IMAGINE THE THREATS THAT WILL COME, BUT BLACK PEOPLE DESERVE THE SAME FREEDOMS THAT WHITE PEOPLE HAVE.

UNTIL SEGREGATION HAS ENDED... I WILL NOT RIDE THE BUS IN MONTGOMERY AGAIN.

MY GOD, LOOK WHAT SEGREGATION HAS PUT IN MY HANDS!!



BEFORE YOU START CELEBRATING, *HOW* ARE WE GOING TO BRING ABOUT THE CHANGE WE NEED AND HELP ROSA?



WHAT WOULD STARTING A BOYCOTT DO?

THINK ABOUT IT LIKE THIS...

BY STARTING A BOYCOTT.

A PROTEST IN ORDER TO SHOW THE BUS COMPANIES THAT NOT ONLY ARE WE FIGHTING THIS LEGALLY, BUT ALSO THAT THE BLACK PEOPLE OF MONTGOMERY WILL STAND WITH ROSA IN FIGHTING FOR OUR CIVIL RIGHTS.

