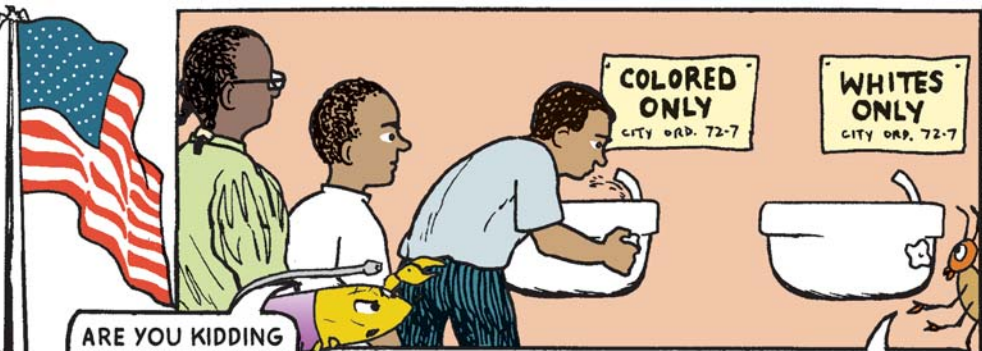




BOY AM I GLAD TO LIVE IN A COUNTRY WHERE WE ARE CREATED EQUAL AND HAVE THE SAME RIGHTS.



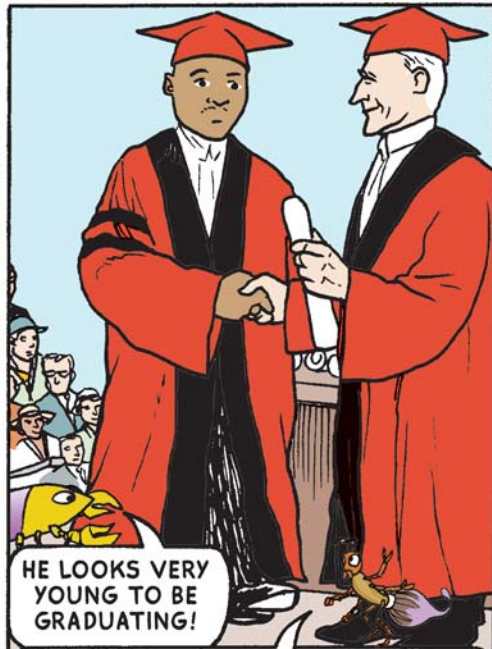
ARE YOU KIDDING ME? THIS IS NOT FAIR! WHY CAN'T EVERYONE SHARE THE SAME FOUNTAIN?

UNFORTUNATELY, **SEGREGATION** - THE SEPARATING OF PEOPLE BASED ON THEIR RACE - WAS COMMON IN THE U.S. UNTIL THE 1960s. PEOPLE WERE DIVIDED AT WATER FOUNTAINS, SCHOOLS, BUSES, RESTAURANTS...

THAT HAS NOT ALWAYS BEEN TRUE IN OUR HISTORY, SCORPY. MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BECAUSE OF THEIR RELIGION OR COLOR OF THEIR SKIN.



WHY DIDN'T SOMEONE SPEAK OUT FOR ALL THOSE PEOPLE BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST?



HE LOOKS VERY YOUNG TO BE GRADUATING!

HE WAS BORN IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, IN 1929 AND WAS AN EXCELLENT STUDENT IN THE SEGREGATED SCHOOLS. HE GRADUATED FROM MOREHOUSE COLLEGE WHEN HE WAS ONLY 19 YEARS OLD. HE LATER EARNED A DOCTORATE FROM BOSTON UNIVERSITY IN 1955.



IN BOSTON HE MET AND MARRIED CORETTA SCOTT. THEY HAD FOUR CHILDREN. IN 1954 DR. KING ACCEPTED HIS FIRST JOB AS MINISTER AT DEXTER AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH IN MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA.

I WISH I HAD HEARD DR. KING PREACH AGAINST DISCRIMINATION!

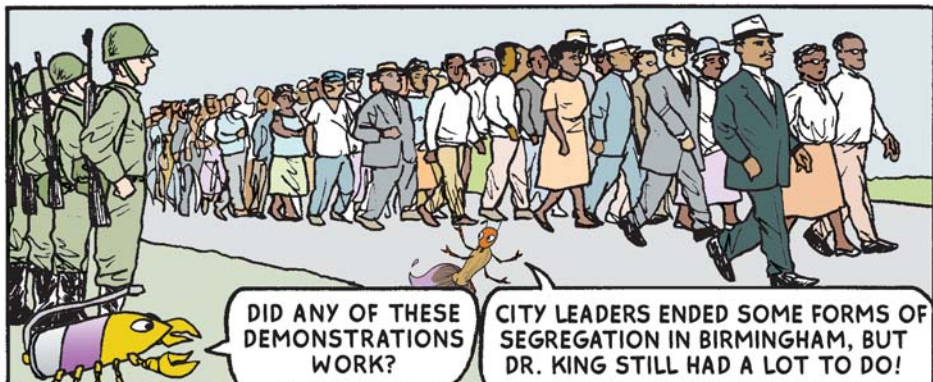
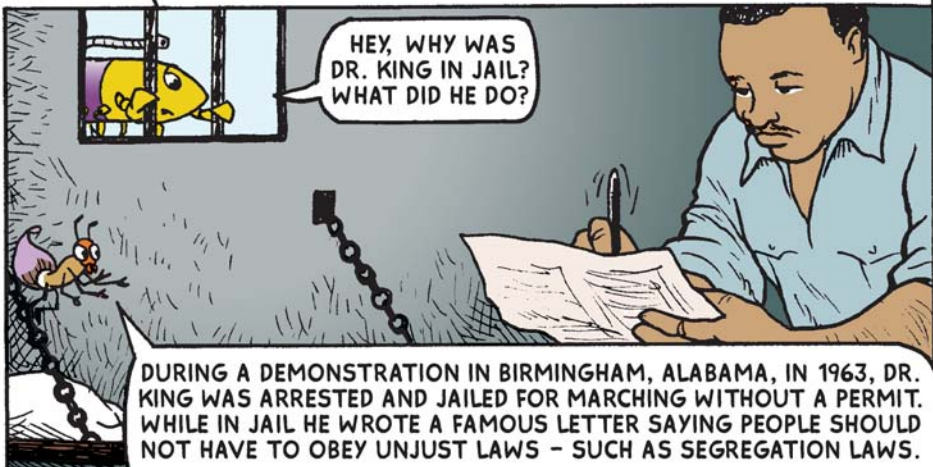
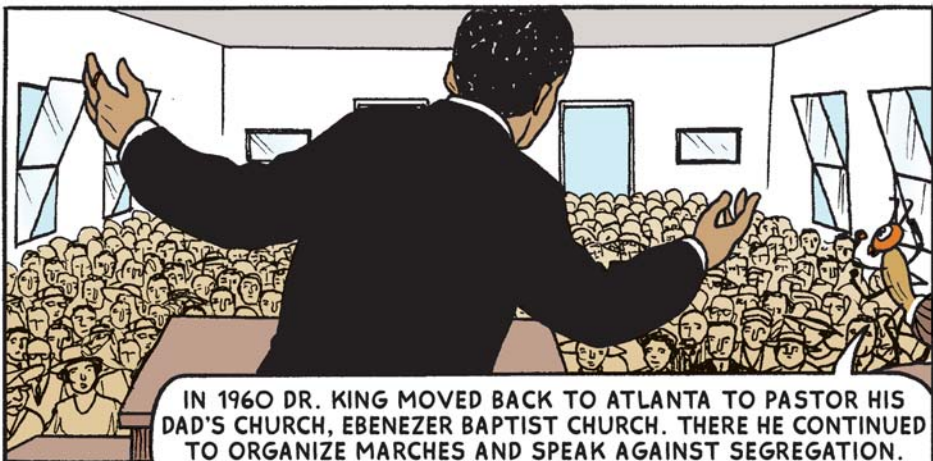
MANY DID - INCLUDING **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.** HE BELIEVED YOU COULD CAUSE SOCIAL CHANGE USING NONVIOLENT METHODS - BOYCOTTS, PROTESTS, MARCHES, SPEECHES...

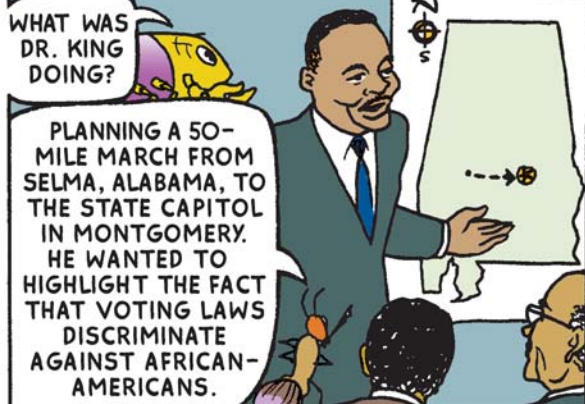
THIS MUST HAVE BEEN AN IMPORTANT MEETING.

DR. KING ORGANIZED THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), A GROUP OF BLACK CHURCHES TRYING TO END SEGREGATION. KING TRAVELED 780,000 MILES, MAKING 208 SPEECHES SPREADING THE WORD.

WHERE DID HE TRAVEL??! THIS DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ALABAMA!

IN 1959 HE WENT TO INDIA TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NON-VIOLENT METHODS **MOHANDAS GANDHI** USED TO CHANGE INDIA.





WHAT WAS DR. KING DOING?

PLANNING A 50-MILE MARCH FROM SELMA, ALABAMA, TO THE STATE CAPITOL IN MONTGOMERY. HE WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT THE FACT THAT VOTING LAWS DISCRIMINATE AGAINST AFRICAN-AMERICANS.



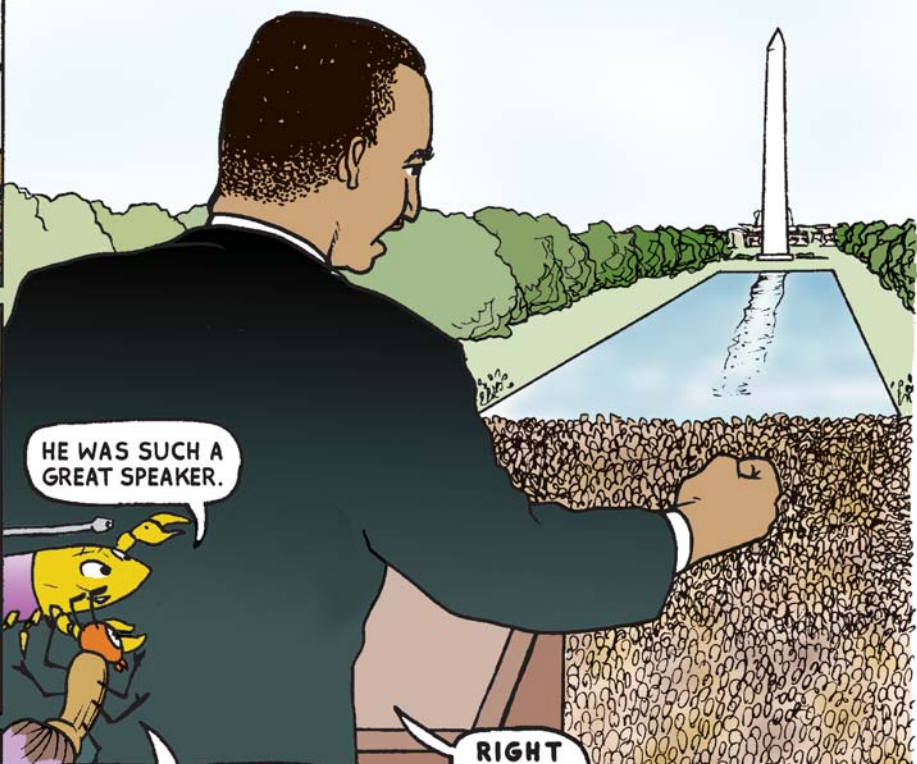
HOW DID IT GO?

POLICE BECAME VIOLENT, HITTING MARCHERS AND USING TEAR GAS TO BREAK UP THE MARCH. AMERICANS SAW THE VIOLENCE ON TV AND GOT ANGRY AT HOW THE MARCHERS WERE TREATED.



WOW - NOW LOOK AT ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE PARADE!

TWO WEEKS LATER MORE THAN 3,000 PEOPLE MARCHED AGAIN, WITH 300 MAKING IT ALL THE WAY TO MONTGOMERY. DR. KING SPOKE TO A CROWD OF 20,000 IN FRONT OF THE CAPITOL.



HE WAS SUCH A GREAT SPEAKER.

RIGHT ON!

YES, SCORPY! HIS "I HAVE A DREAM" SPEECH MADE IN WASHINGTON IN 1963 TO MORE THAN 200,000 CIVIL RIGHTS SUPPORTERS WAS HIS MOST FAMOUS SPEECH. HE SAID, "I HAVE A DREAM THAT MY FOUR LITTLE CHILDREN WILL ONE DAY LIVE IN A NATION WHERE THEY WILL BE JUDGED NOT BY THE COLOR OF THEIR SKIN BUT BY THE CONTENT OF THEIR CHARACTER."

UNFORTUNATELY FOR OUR NATION, ON APRIL 4, 1968, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY A MAN WHO DISAGREED WITH HIS VIEWS ON CIVIL RIGHTS. BUT DR. KING'S LEGACY LIVES ON IN MANY WAYS.



HE GAVE HIS LIFE FOR WHAT HE BELIEVED IN. WHAT A BRAVE MAN!



WE'RE BACK IN ALABAMA?

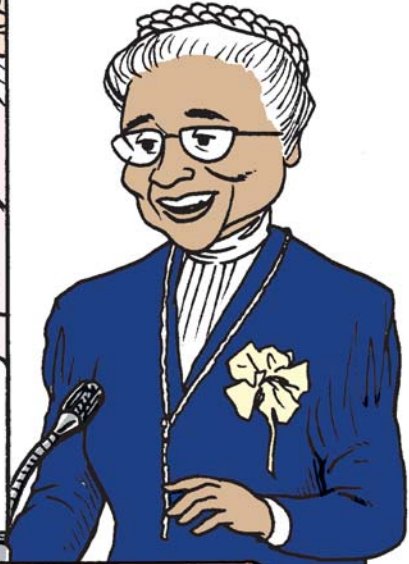
WELCOME TO ALABAMA
HOME OF ROBERTSON

WE'RE HERE TO MEET ROSA PARKS, "MOTHER OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT."

ROSA WAS BORN IN TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA, IN 1913. SHE MARRIED BARBER RAYMOND PARKS AND TOOK UP SEWING TO SUPPORT HER FAMILY. SHE RODE THE MONTGOMERY CITY BUS TO WORK. BUSES WERE SEGREGATED - AFRICAN-AMERICANS HAD TO SIT BEHIND WHITE PEOPLE ON THE BUS.



ON DEC. 1, 1955, WHILE SHE WAS RIDING THE BUS HOME FROM WORK, SHE REFUSED TO MOVE TO THE BACK OF THE BUS TO GIVE UP HER SEAT TO A WHITE MAN. ROSA WAS ARRESTED AND FINED \$10 AND \$4 COURT COSTS.




WOW - YOU MEAN SHE GOT ARRESTED JUST FOR REFUSING TO GIVE UP A SEAT??!


THAT'S RIGHT, SCORPY. REMEMBER THAT SEGREGATION WAS THE LAW IN THE EARLY 1950S. AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN MONTGOMERY PROTESTED HER ARREST BY REFUSING TO RIDE THE BUSES FOR MORE THAN A YEAR. THIS BOYCOTT WAS LED BY DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AND COST THE BUS COMPANY A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY. IN 1956 THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT RULED THAT SEGREGATION ON PUBLIC BUSES WAS UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

ROSA SURE DID A LOT WITH ONE SIMPLE ACT!


EACH PERSON MUST LIVE THEIR LIFE AS A MODEL FOR OTHERS.



WOW, THIS IS SOME LIBRARY!




THIS IS NOT A LIBRARY, SCORPY. WE ARE IN FRONT OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT IN WASHINGTON, D.C. WE ARE HERE TO LEARN ABOUT ANOTHER LEADER IN THE FIGHT FOR CIVIL RIGHTS - **THURGOOD MARSHALL!**



THURGOOD WAS BORN IN 1908 IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. HE WAS NAMED FOR HIS GRANDFATHER, THOROUGHGOOD, BUT BY THE SECOND GRADE HE HAD SHORTENED HIS NAME TO THURGOOD!



Thurgood



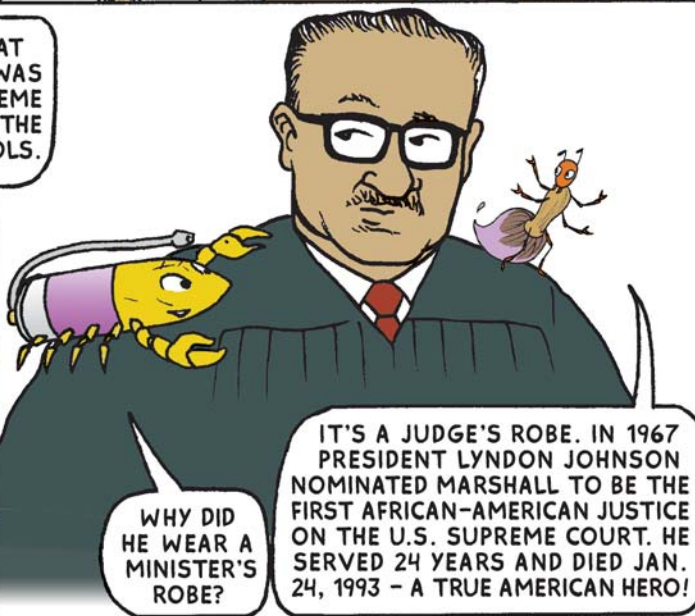
THURGOOD GRADUATED WITH HONORS FROM LINCOLN UNIVERSITY IN 1930 AND LATER FROM HOWARD UNIVERSITY'S LAW SCHOOL. HE OPENED A LAW PRACTICE IN BALTIMORE.

WHERE DID HE GO TO SCHOOL?

AS A LAWYER HE TRIED TO PROVE THAT SEGREGATION LAWS THAT SEPARATED PEOPLE BY RACE WERE ILLEGAL. HIS GREATEST VICTORY WAS "BROWN VS. BOARD OF EDUCATION." HE ARGUED AT THE U.S. SUPREME COURT THAT SEPARATE SCHOOLS COULD NEVER REALLY BE EQUAL. THE COURT AGREED AND MADE IT ILLEGAL TO SEGREGATE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.



WHY DID HE WEAR A MINISTER'S ROBE?



IT'S A JUDGE'S ROBE. IN 1967 PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON NOMINATED MARSHALL TO BE THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN JUSTICE ON THE U.S. SUPREME COURT. HE SERVED 24 YEARS AND DIED JAN. 24, 1993 - A TRUE AMERICAN HERO!