



THE JACKSON SIT-IN

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.'S NONVIOLENT PROTESTS AGAINST RACIAL INEQUALITY INSPIRED MANY PEOPLE DURING THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT OF THE 1960S. IN 1963, STUDENTS AND FACULTY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI'S TOUGALOO COLLEGE DECIDED TO FIGHT FOR CIVIL RIGHTS BY STAGING A SIT-IN PROTEST AT THE WHITE'S-ONLY LUNCH COUNTER OF THEIR LOCAL WOOLWORTH STORE. THE REACTION IT CAUSED SHOCKED THE COUNTRY, AND THE JACKSON SIT-IN IS NOW CONSIDERED A MAJOR MOMENT IN THE FIGHT FOR CIVIL RIGHTS.

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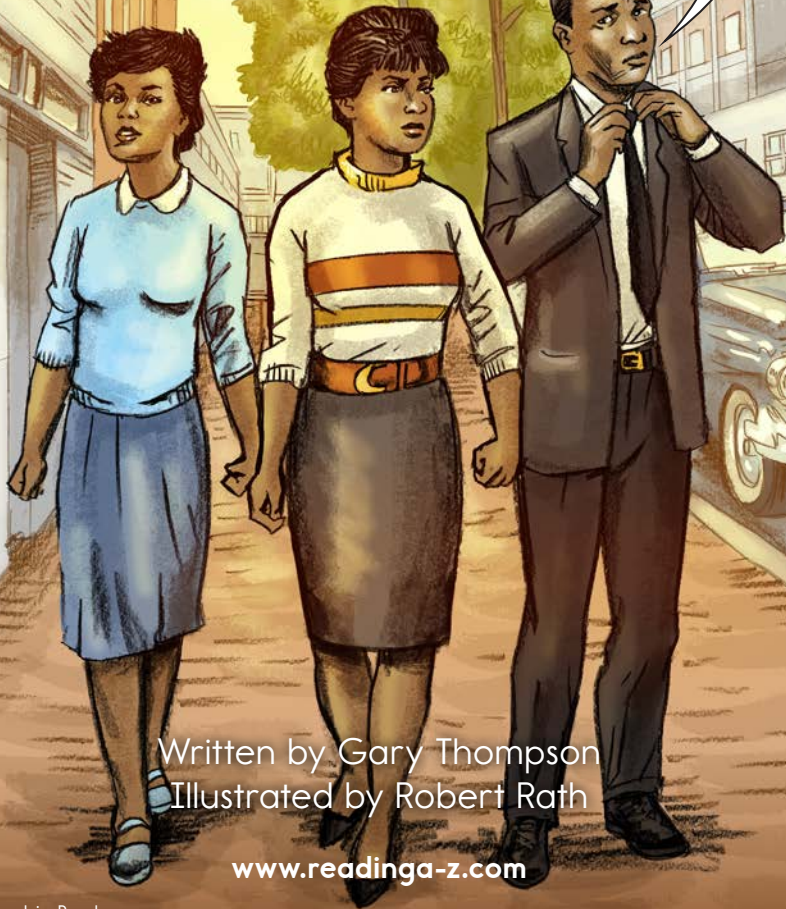
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NO ONE'S GOING TO CARE ABOUT YOUR TIE, MEMPHIS.

HE JUST WANTS TO LOOK GOOD FOR HIS MUGSHOT.

MAY 28, 1963 - JACKSON, MS



DO YOU REALLY THINK WE'LL BE ARRESTED, ANNE?

YOU KNEW WHAT YOU WERE GETTING YOURSELF INTO WHEN YOU VOLUNTEERED.

I GUESS I'M JUST GETTING NERVOUS.

PEARLENA HAS A POINT. ALMOST EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATES IN THESE PROTESTS IS ARRESTED. YOU'D BETTER GO AHEAD AND MAKE YOUR PEACE WITH THAT.

THERE'S NO TIME TO BE NERVOUS.



WE'RE HERE.



11:00 A.M.



OKAY, FIRST
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THEIR RULES.

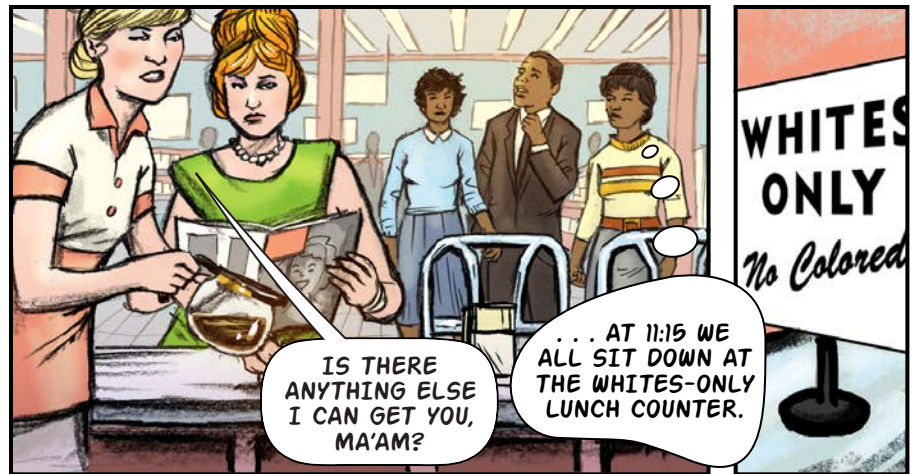


FIND A FEW
SMALL THINGS TO BUY
AND PAY FOR THEM AT
THE SEGREGATED CASH
REGISTERS.



PROVE WE'RE PAYING
CUSTOMERS. THEN, AT 11:15 . . .

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IS THERE
ANYTHING ELSE
I CAN GET YOU,
MA'AM?

. . . AT 11:15 WE
ALL SIT DOWN AT
THE WHITES-ONLY
LUNCH COUNTER.



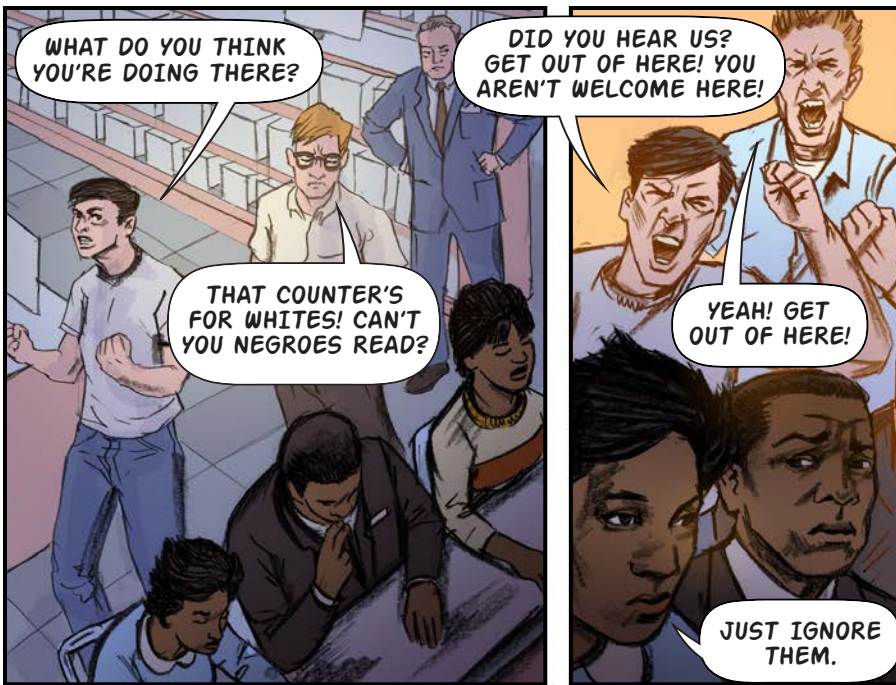
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EVEN HERE IN
MISSISSIPPI! WHAT IS
THIS WORLD COMING TO?

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LET US THROUGH!

MOVE IT!



ARE YOU OKAY?

ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO KEEP GOING?

PROFESSOR SLATER, JOAN... I'LL BE FINE, THANK YOU. WE HAVE TO CONTINUE.

COMMUNISTS! COMMUNISTS! COMMUNISTS!



RACE TRAITORS!



HEY!

AHHH!

GET THEM OFF THOSE STOOLS!

JOAN! ANNE!



YOU TOO, TRAITOR!

KRAK!



JOHN!



ARE YOU OKAY?



YES, I'M OKAY. LET'S GET BACK TO IT.



HOW WOULD YOU LIKE SOME SODA?



WHO DO YOU PEOPLE THINK YOU ARE?

WHY DON'T YOU GET OUT OF HERE? YOU LOOKIN' TO GET BEAT AGAIN?

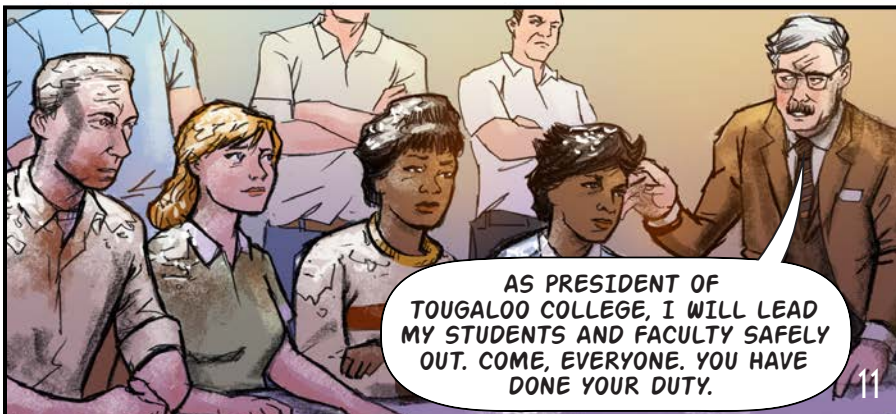


THIS HAS GOTTEN OUT OF HAND. AS THE MANAGER OF THIS STORE, I AM CLOSING IT IMMEDIATELY. EVERYBODY GO HOME.

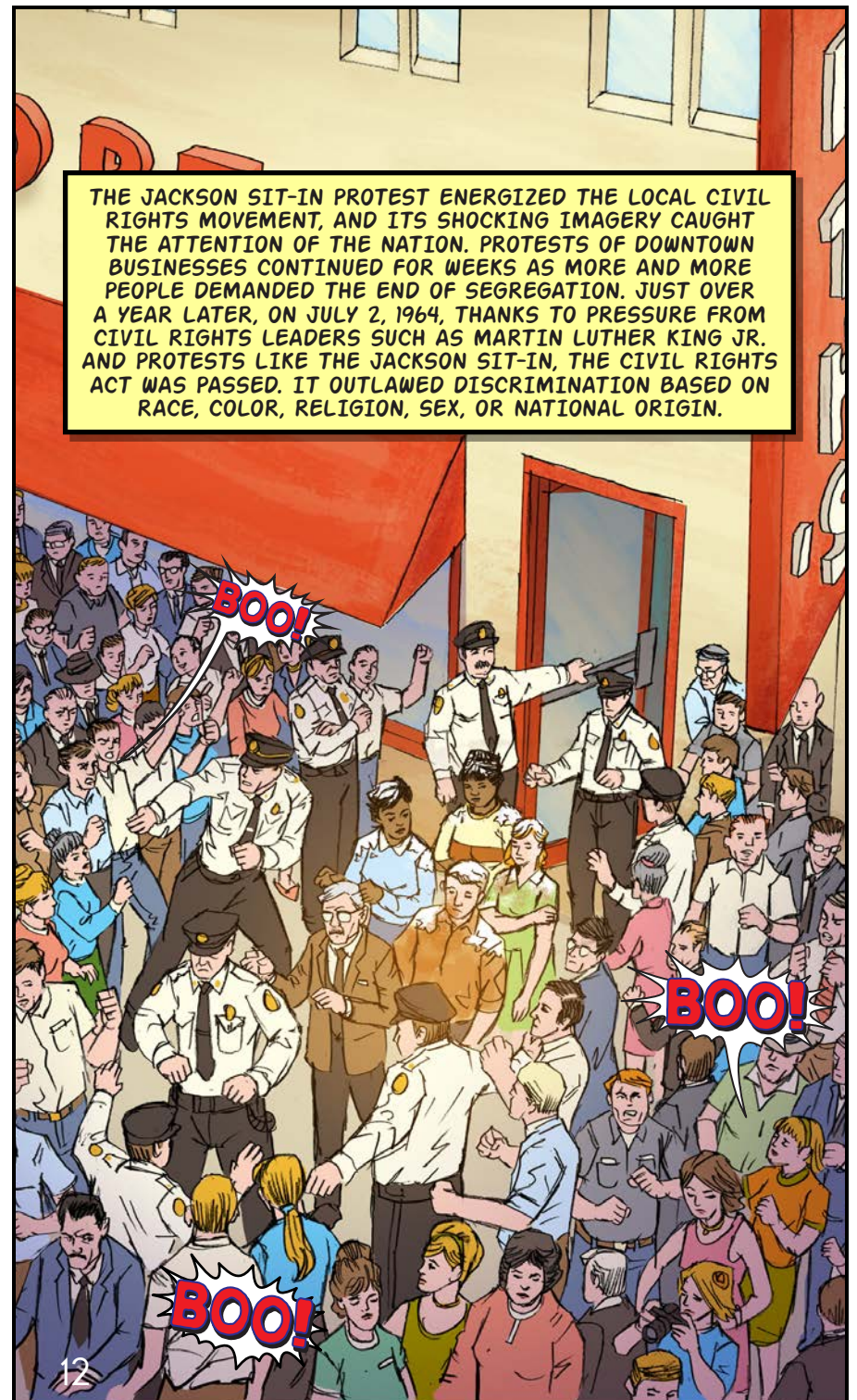


ALRIGHT, CLEAR THE WAY!

PRESIDENT BEITTEL?!



AS PRESIDENT OF TOUGALOO COLLEGE, I WILL LEAD MY STUDENTS AND FACULTY SAFELY OUT. COME, EVERYONE, YOU HAVE DONE YOUR DUTY.



THE JACKSON SIT-IN PROTEST ENERGIZED THE LOCAL CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, AND ITS SHOCKING IMAGERY CAUGHT THE ATTENTION OF THE NATION. PROTESTS OF DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES CONTINUED FOR WEEKS AS MORE AND MORE PEOPLE DEMANDED THE END OF SEGREGATION. JUST OVER A YEAR LATER, ON JULY 2, 1964, THANKS TO PRESSURE FROM CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS SUCH AS MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AND PROTESTS LIKE THE JACKSON SIT-IN, THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT WAS PASSED. IT OUTLAWED DISCRIMINATION BASED ON RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN.

BOO!

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