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LET'S TELL THE REAL STORIES OF HOW CHANGE HAPPENS

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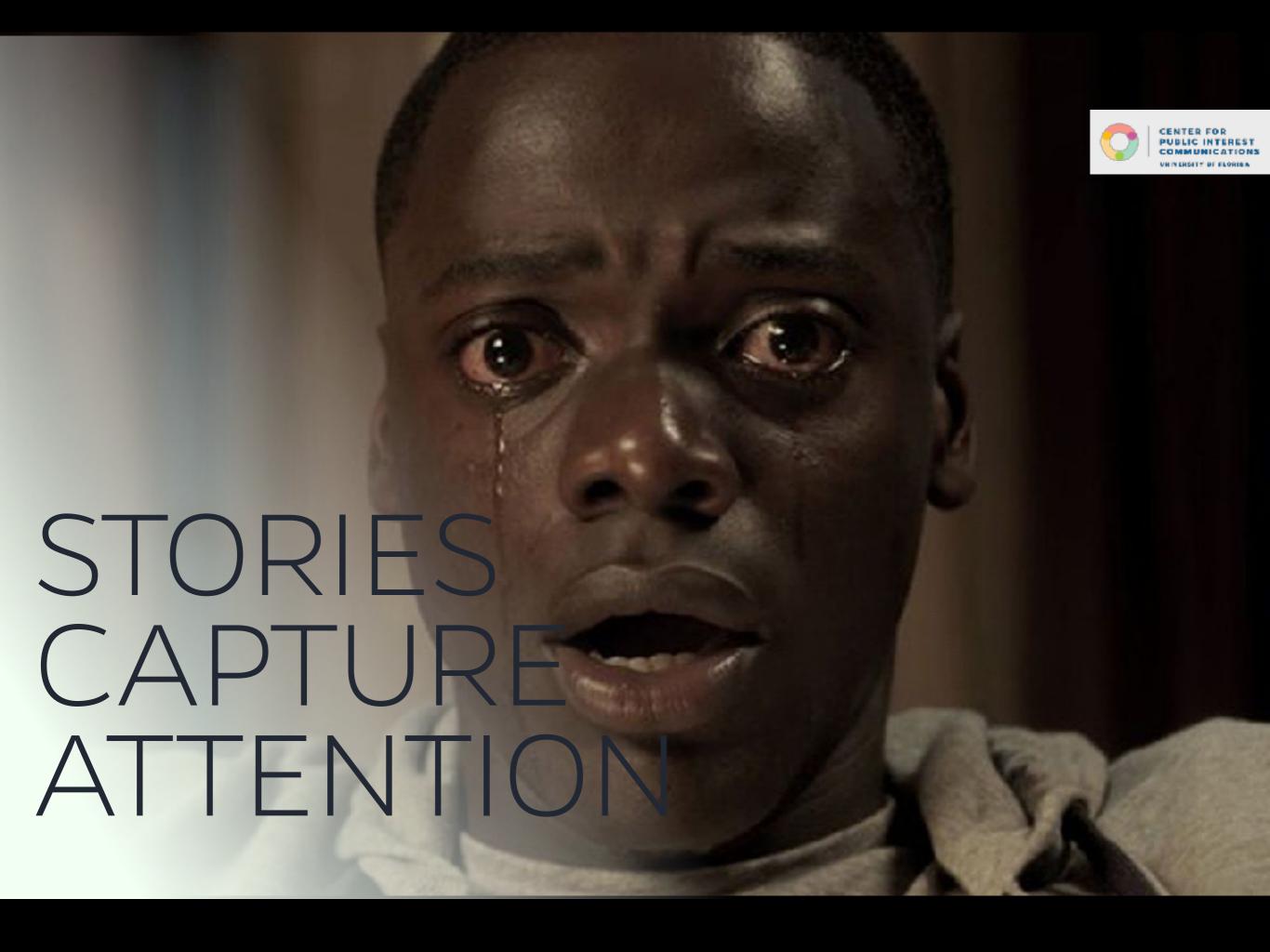
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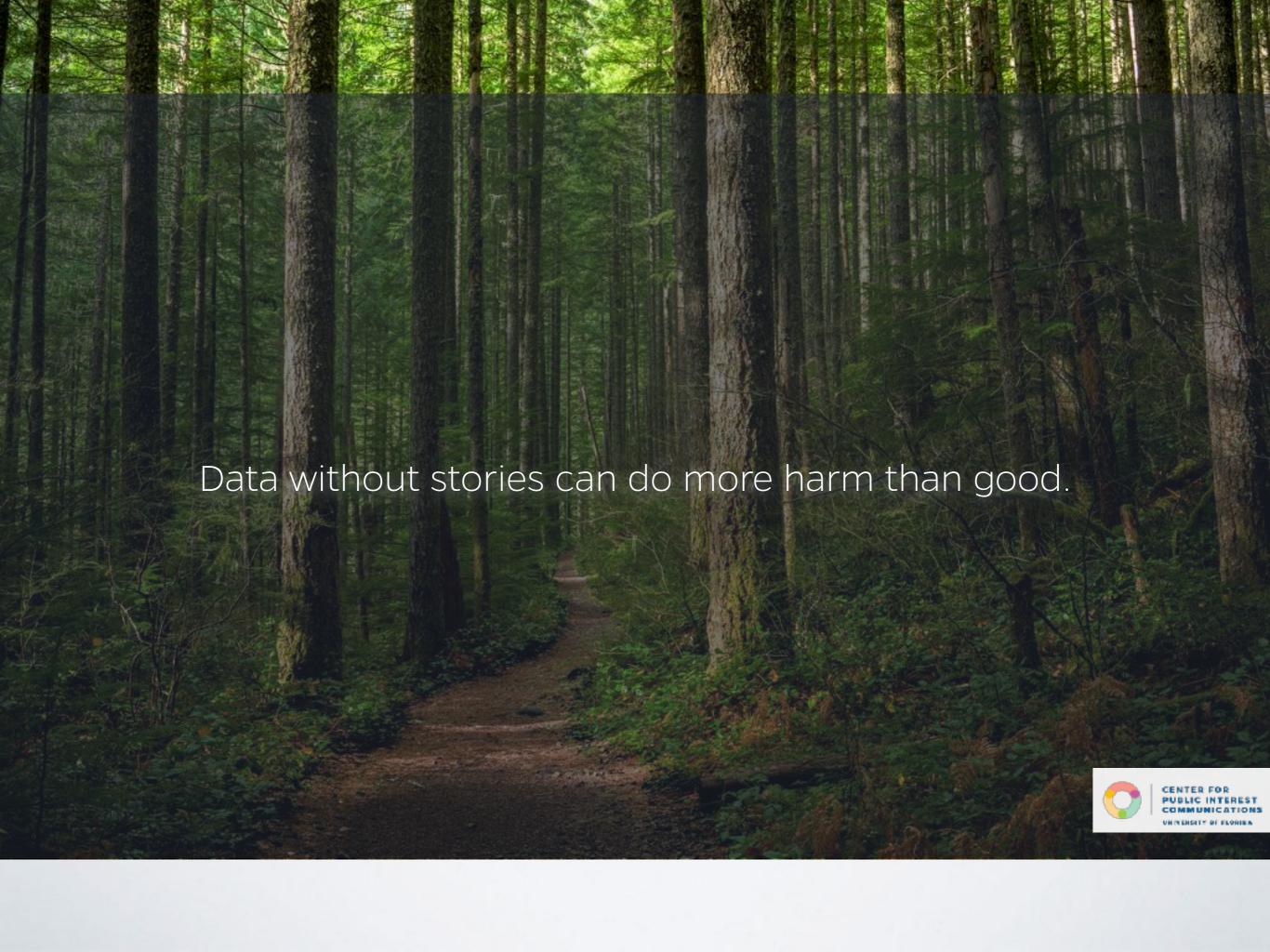




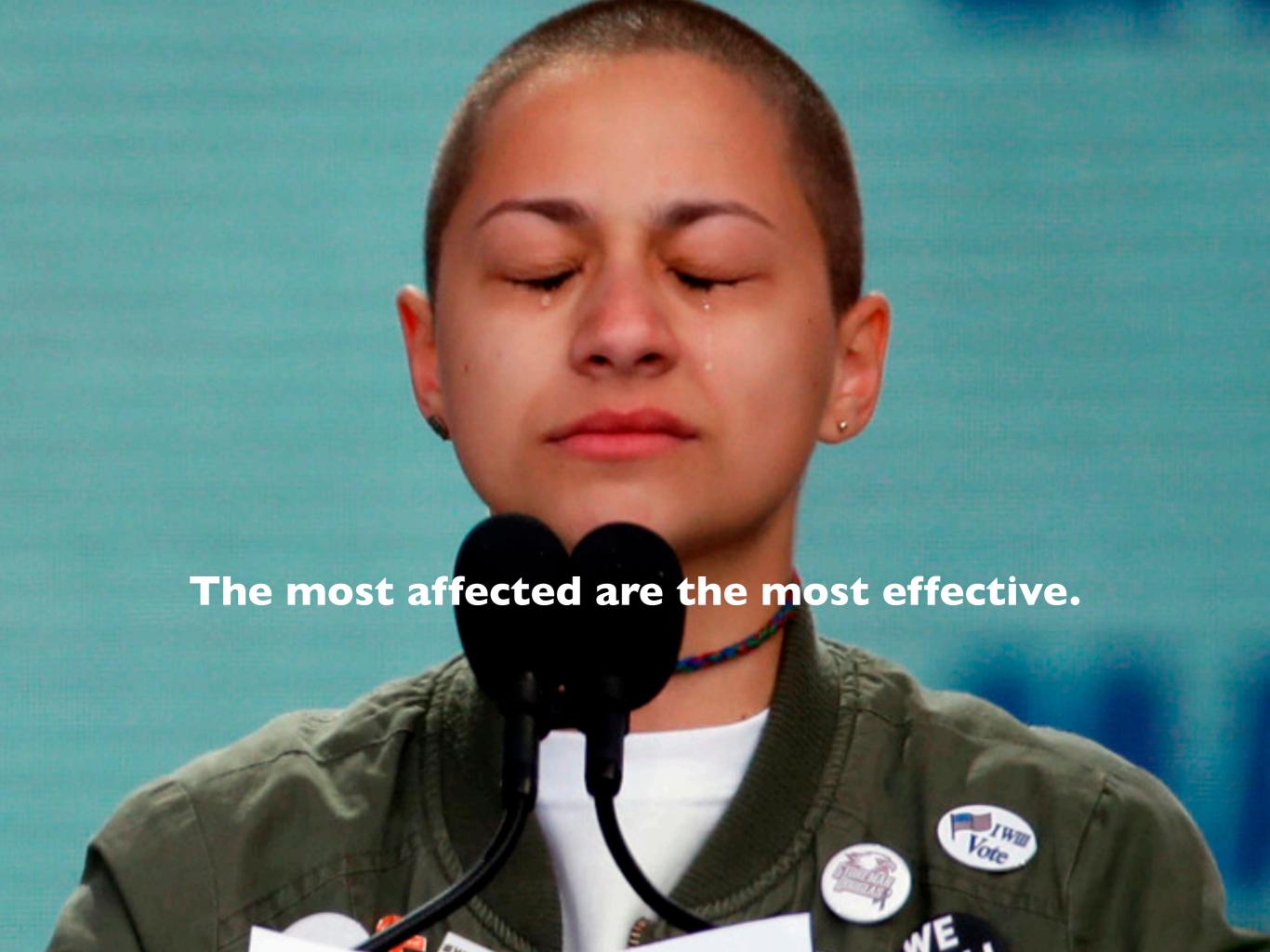


















This is for Monday, December 5, 1955.

Another Negro woman has been arrested and thrown into jail because she refused to get up out of her seat on the bus for a white person to sit down.

It is the second time since the Claudette Colbert case that a Nagro woman has been arrested for the same thing. This has to be stopped.

Negroes have rights, too, for if Negroes did not ride the buses, they could not operate. Three-fourths of the riders are Negroes, yet we are arrested, or have to stand over cupty scats. If we do not do something to stop these arrests, they will continue. The next time it may be you, or your daughter or mother.

This woman's case will come up on Monday. We are, therefore, asking every Negro to stay off the buses Monday in protest of the arrest and trial.

Don't ride the buses to work, to town, to school, or anywhere on Monday.

You can afford to stay out of school for one day, if you have not other way to go except by bus.

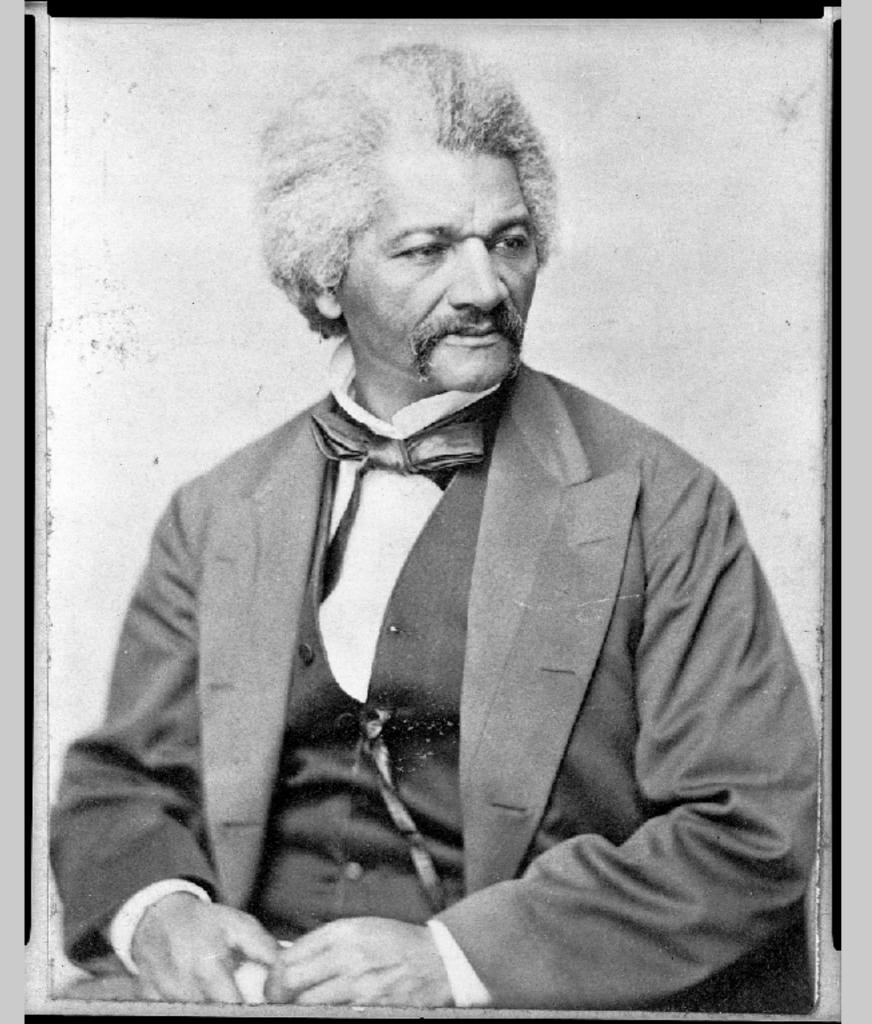
You can also afford to stay out of town for one day. If you work, take a cab, or walk. But please, children and grown-ups, don't ride the bus at all on Monday. Please stay off of all buses Monday.

Copy of a flyer originally distributed in December 1955 by members of the Women's Political Council (WPC) of Montgomery.

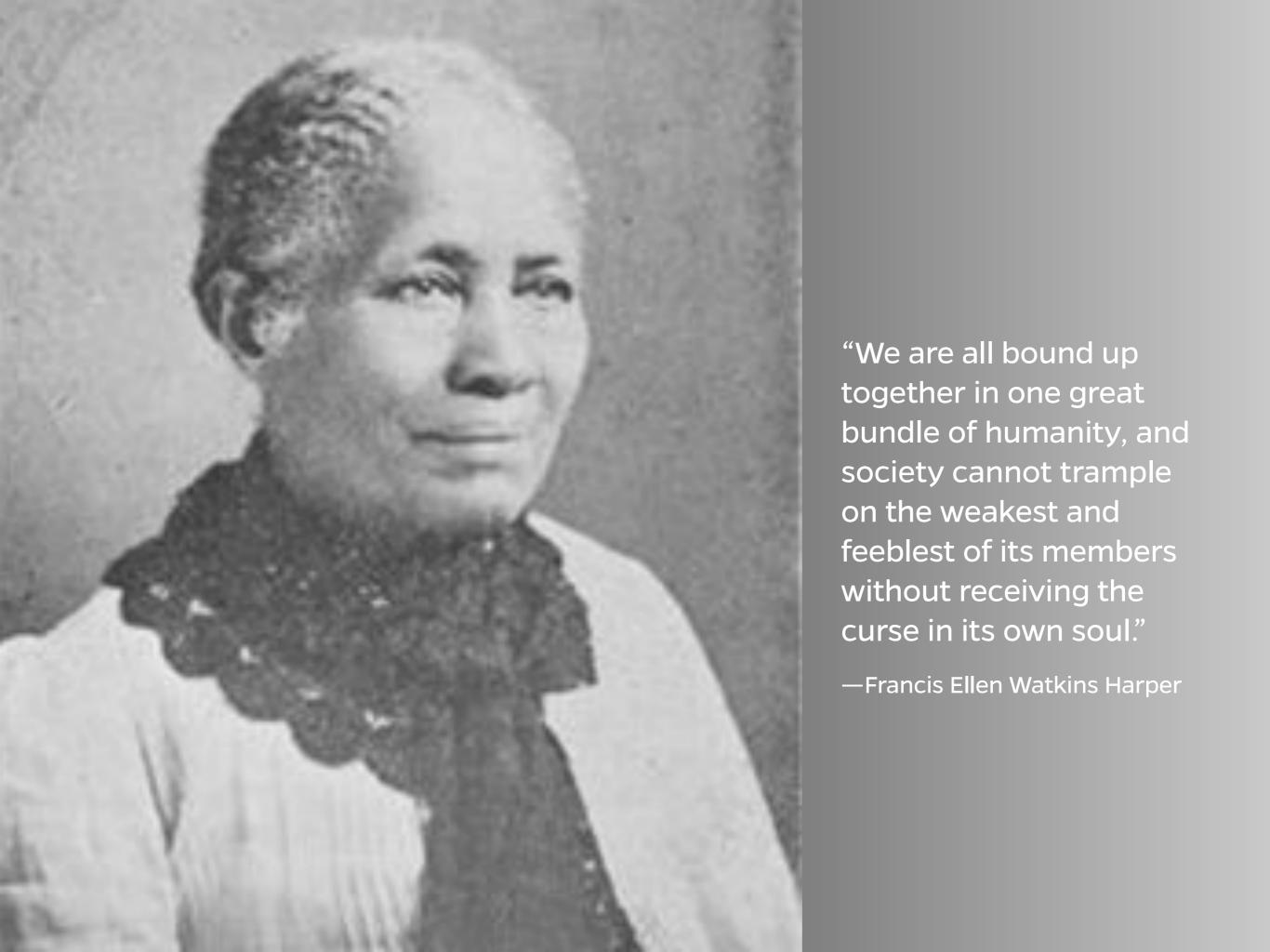
* Claudette Colvin, a fifteen year-old high school student, was arrested March 2, 1955 for refusing to give up her sest on a Montgomery bus. Colvin was incorrectly identified on the original flyer as Claudette Colbert. In October of 1955, Mary Louise Smith, eighteen years old, was also arrested and fined for the same reason. For

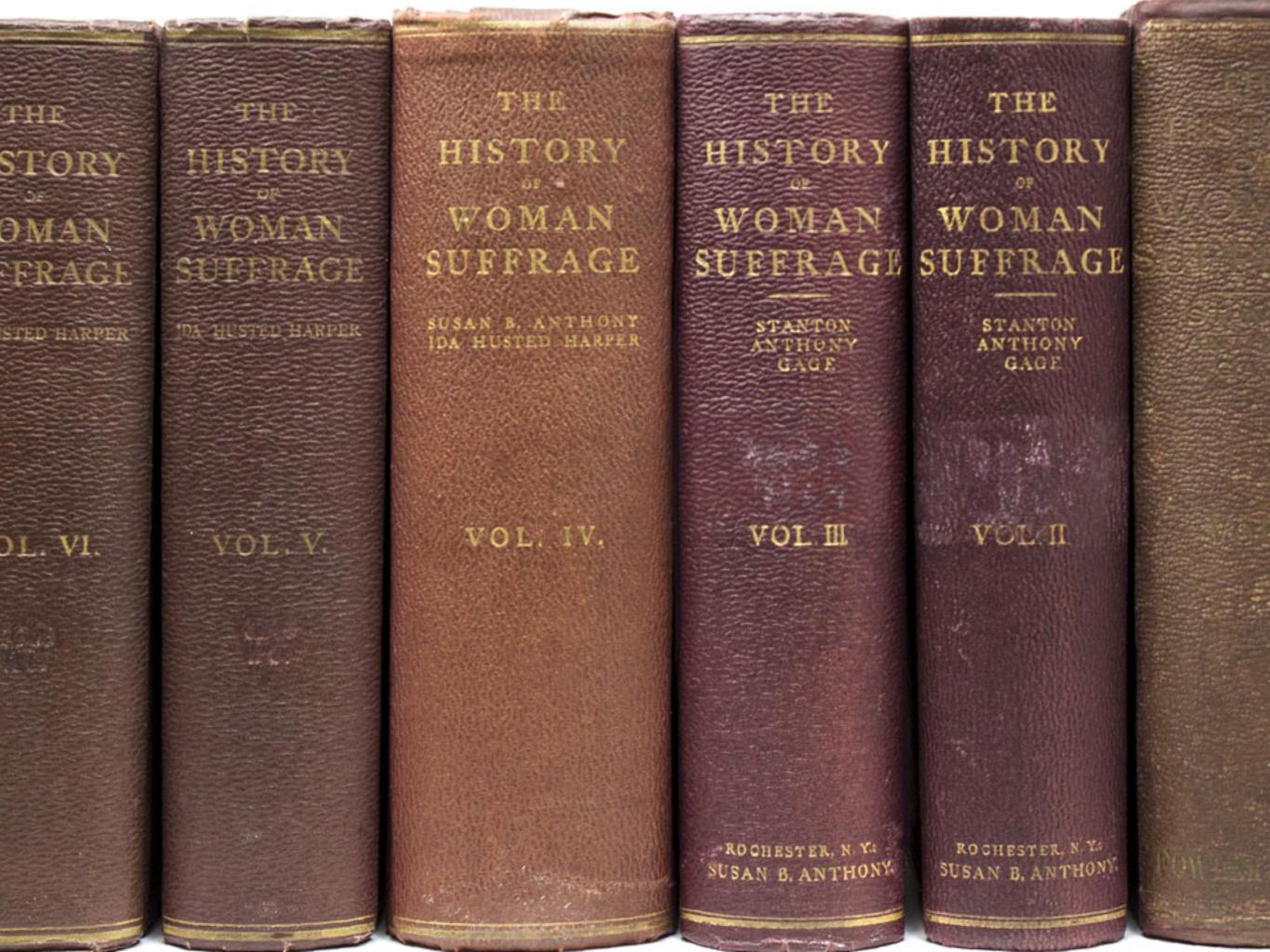




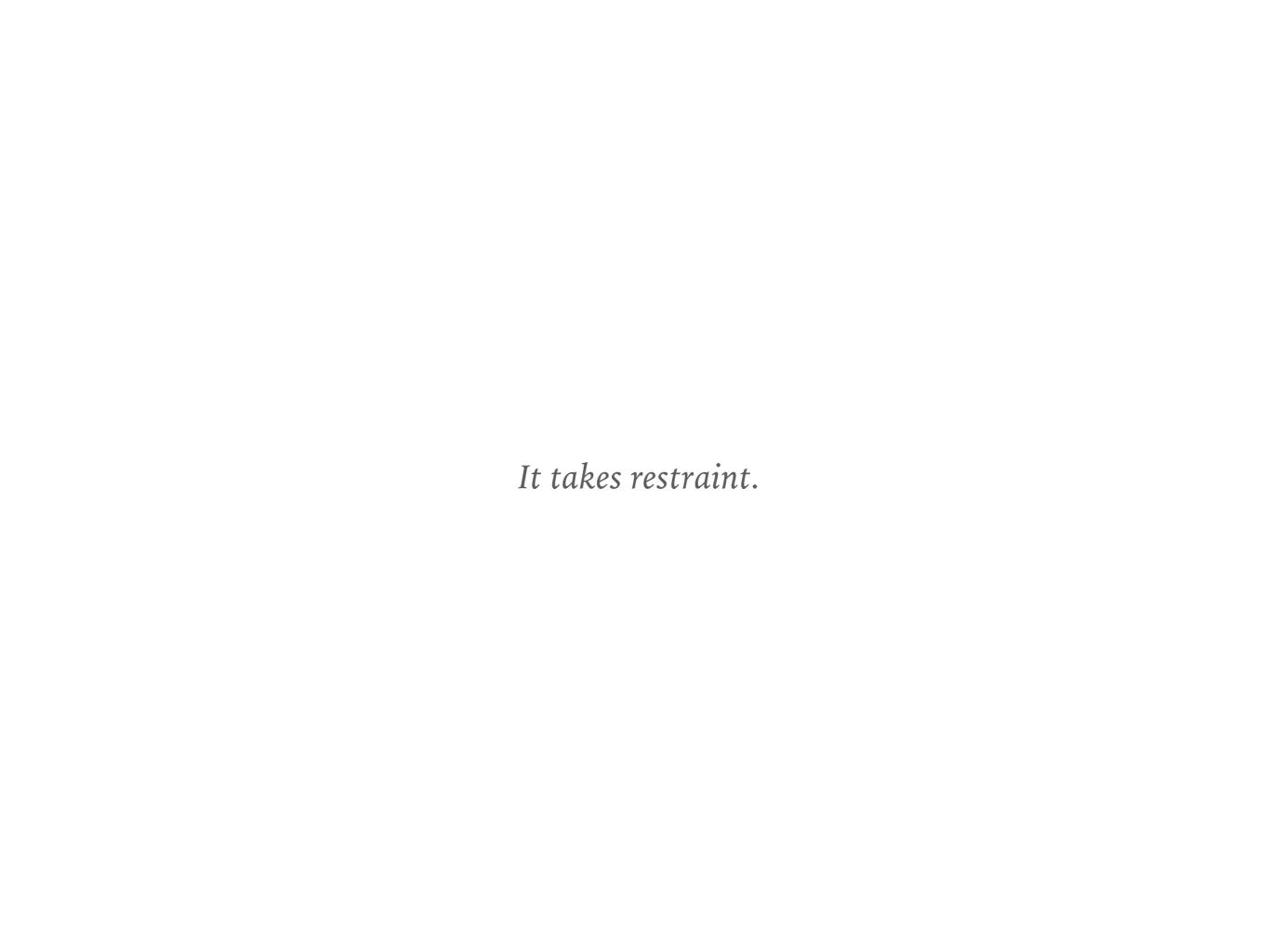


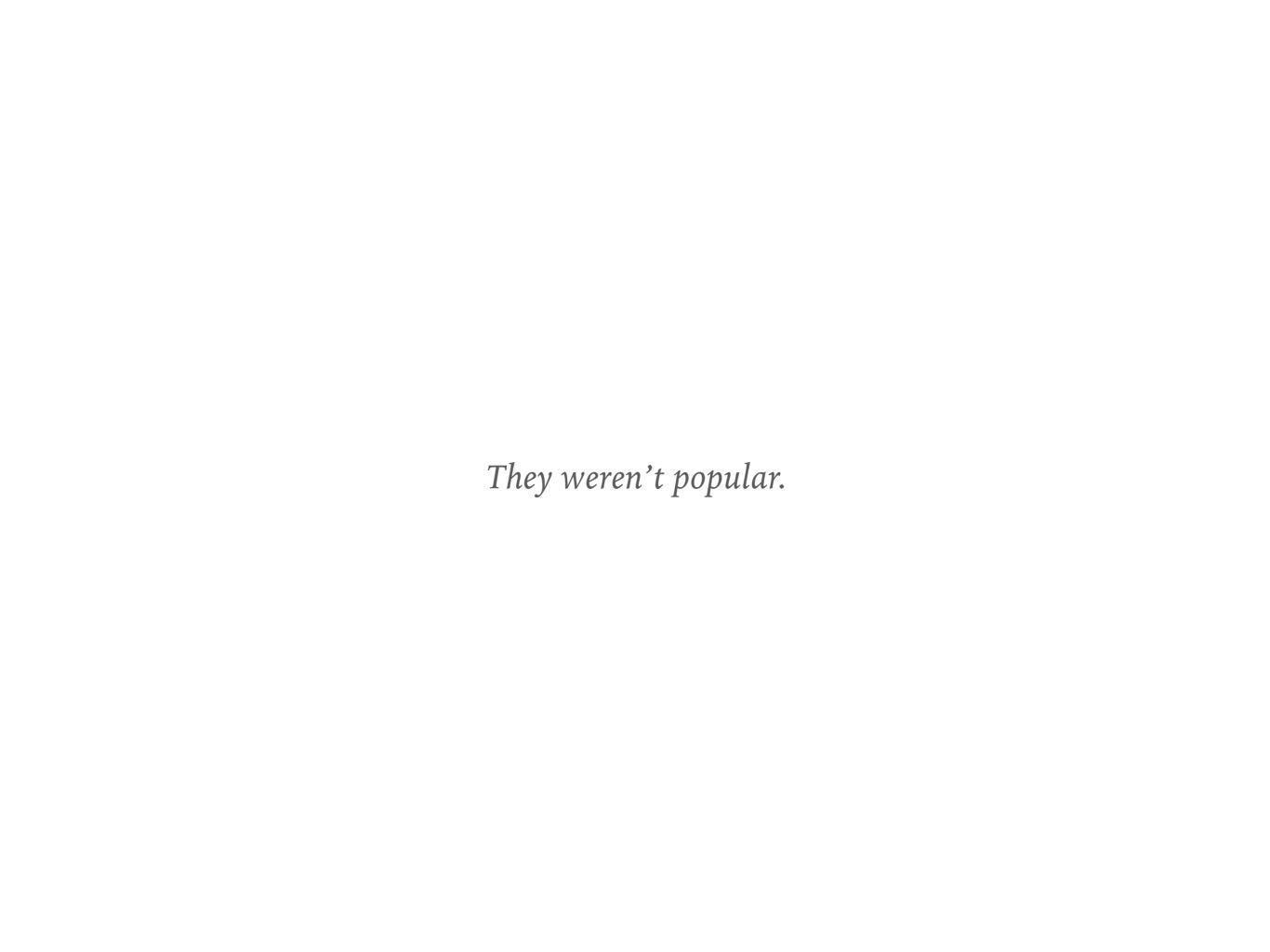
Frederick Douglass





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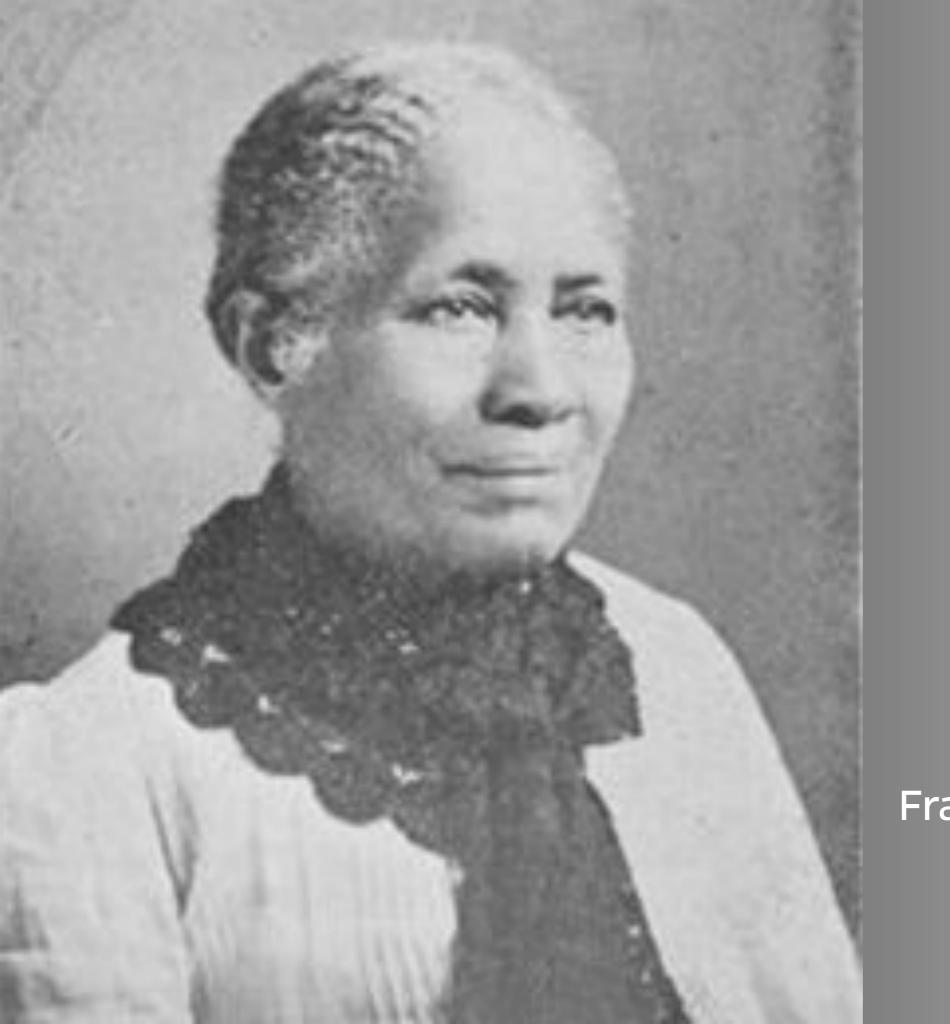




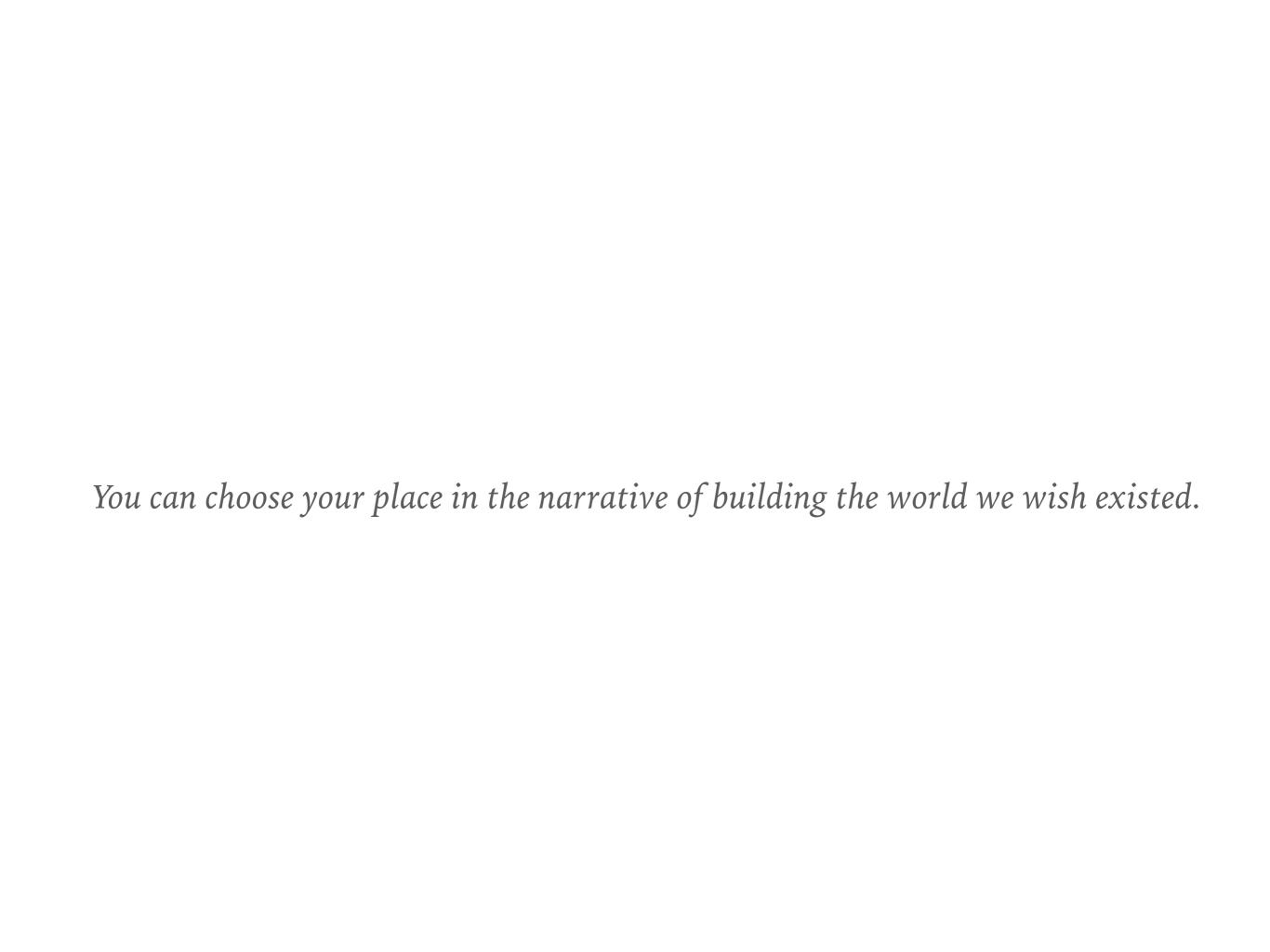
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