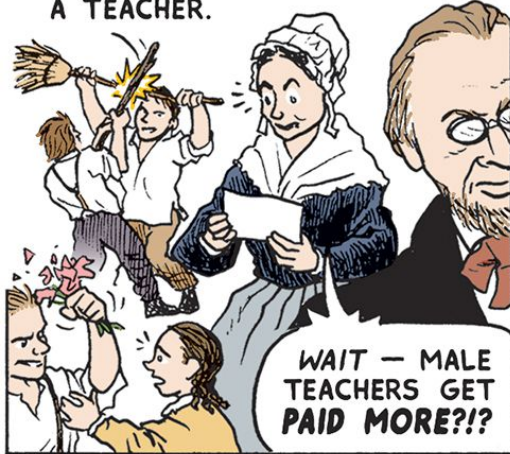


# LUCRETIA MOTT

AN EARLY  
VOICE FOR  
EQUALITY

LUCRETIA COFFIN IS BORN 1793 IN MASSACHUSETTS. SHE STUDIES AT A QUAKER SCHOOL IN NEW YORK, THEN BECOMES A TEACHER.



WAIT — MALE  
TEACHERS GET  
PAID MORE!?!?

IN 1811 SHE MARRIES  
JAMES MOTT. THEY  
MOVE TO PHILADELPHIA,  
AND SHE IS  
MADE A  
QUAKER  
MINISTER  
IN 1821.



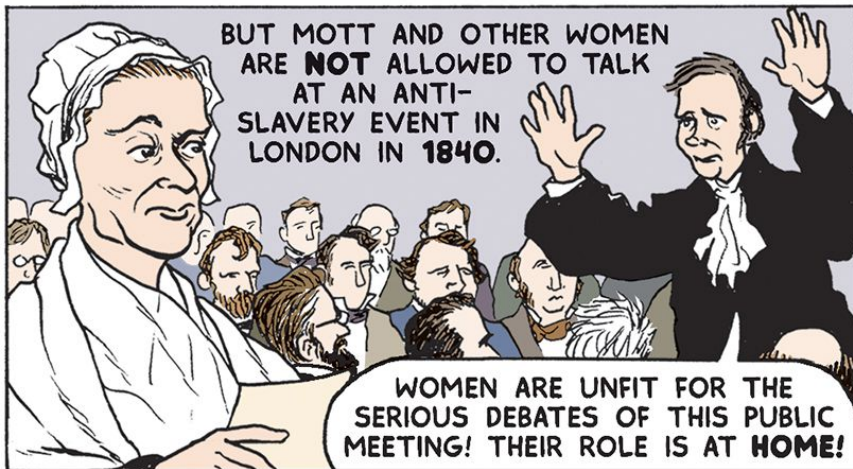
WE CAN EXPRESS OUR MORALITY  
IN THE **FREE PRODUCE** EFFORT:  
**NO** BUYING COTTON OR SUGAR  
MADE BY **ENSLAVED PEOPLE!**

THE MOTT'S HELP START AN  
ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY IN  
**1833**. LUCRETIA IS AN  
OUTSPOKEN LEADER.



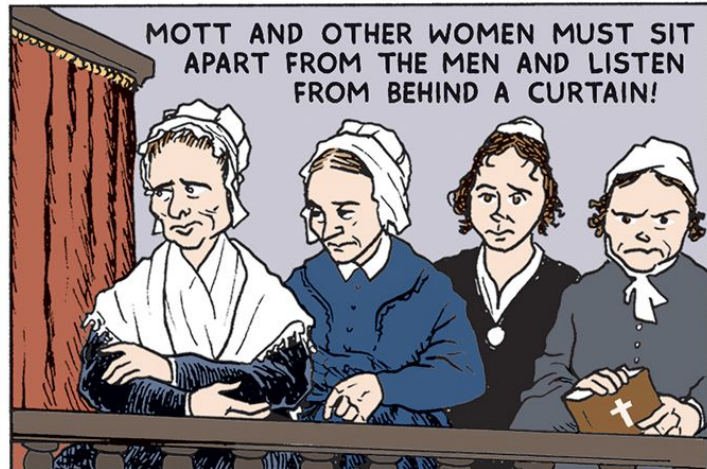
**WELCOME  
TO FREEDOM!**

BUT MOTT AND OTHER WOMEN  
ARE **NOT** ALLOWED TO TALK  
AT AN ANTI-  
SLAVERY EVENT IN  
LONDON IN **1840**.



WOMEN ARE UNFIT FOR THE  
SERIOUS DEBATES OF THIS PUBLIC  
MEETING! THEIR ROLE IS AT HOME!

MOTT AND OTHER WOMEN MUST SIT  
APART FROM THE MEN AND LISTEN  
FROM BEHIND A CURTAIN!



MOTT BECOMES  
FRIENDS WITH  
**ELIZABETH  
CADY STANTON**  
AT THE LONDON  
EVENT.

YOU HAVE THE  
SAME RIGHT TO  
THINK FOR YOURSELF  
THAT LUTHER, CALVIN,  
OR **ANY** MAN HAS —  
THE SAME RIGHT TO  
BE GUIDED BY YOUR  
**OWN** THOUGHTS  
AND BELIEFS!



MOTT HAS TEA WITH  
STANTON IN **JULY 1848**  
AND AGREES TO  
STANTON'S IDEA FOR A  
WOMEN'S RIGHTS  
CONVENTION. THEY WRITE  
A "**DECLARATION OF  
SENTIMENTS**" TO  
DISCUSS AT THE EVENT...

A FEW WEEKS AGO, FIVE  
OF 84 DELEGATES IN THE  
LIBERTY PARTY WANTED **ME**  
TO RUN AS **VICE PRESIDENT**  
ON THEIR TICKET!?! I HAVE  
NO TASTE FOR ELECTIONS,  
BUT I HAVE GREAT FAITH  
IN **ELIZABETH'S** PLANS.





# ELIZABETH CADY STANTON

FRAMER  
OF THE  
MOVEMENT

ELIZABETH CADY IS BORN 1815 IN UPSTATE NEW YORK. SHE GETS AN EDUCATION, BUT BEYOND SCHOOL SHE FINDS VERY FEW CHOICES.

ALL I HEAR IS:  
NO, NO,  
**NO!**

WAIT — WE  
WOMEN GET  
ALMOST **NO**  
PROPERTY  
RIGHTS???

SHE LEARNS MORE BY  
READING HER DAD'S  
LAW BOOKS.

SHE MEETS HENRY  
STANTON AT ANTI-  
SLAVERY MEETINGS.

THEY  
MARRY  
IN 1840.

I'M NOT HERE TO JUST  
MAKE PUDDING AND DO  
FINE STITCHERY, HENRY.

**GOOD**  
???

ON THEIR HONEYMOON, THE STANTONS GO TO THE ANTI-SLAVERY CONFERENCE IN LONDON. ELIZABETH IS SHOCKED WHEN FEMALE DELEGATES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO SPEAK.

THE MEN ARE CRUSHING OUR  
PRIDE! THIS IS **HUMILIATING**.

SHE BECOMES FRIENDS WITH  
**LUCRETIA MOTT** AT  
THE LONDON EVENT.

START BY READING  
WOLLSTONECRAFT  
AND FRAN WRIGHT.

MAN'S INTELLECTUAL SUPERIORITY  
CAN'T BE DECIDED UNTIL WOMEN  
HAVE HAD A FAIR CHANCE FIRST!

LET'S HOLD A CONFERENCE  
IN AMERICA TO CALL FOR  
**WOMEN'S RIGHTS** TO BE  
LEGALLY RECOGNIZED!!

THE STANTONS  
MOVE TO THE  
LITTLE TOWN OF  
**SENECA FALLS**  
IN UPSTATE NEW  
YORK. IT'S WAY  
TOO QUIET  
FOR ELIZABETH,  
NOW A MOTHER.

I AM  
SUFFERING  
FROM  
**MENTAL  
HUNGER**.

**BOYS!  
WASH!!**

WHEN MOTT VISITS  
THE AREA IN **JULY 1848**,  
STANTON PLEADS WITH  
HER AND OTHER WOMEN  
TO HELP HOST A  
PUBLIC MEETING FOR  
PROTEST AND DEBATE.  
THE WOMEN AGREE...

IT IS REMARKABLE THAT  
MEN WHO FEEL SO KEENLY  
THE WRONGS DONE TO  
**SLAVES** ARE SO FOGGED  
TO WRONGS DONE TO  
THEIR OWN **MOTHERS,  
WIVES, AND SISTERS!**

TO  
SENECA  
FALLS



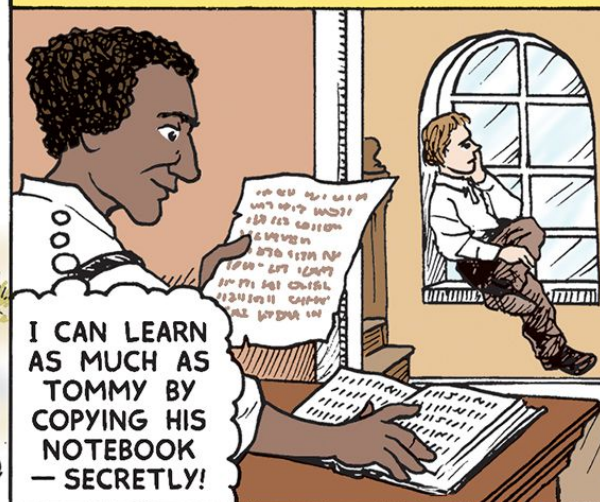
# FREDERICK DOUGLASS

AN EARLY  
ALLY FOR  
JUSTICE

FREDERICK IS BORN ABOUT  
**1818** TO A WOMAN **ENSLAVED** ON  
A PLANTATION ON MARYLAND'S  
EASTERN SHORE.



WHEN HIS MOM DIES, HE IS SENT TO  
BALTIMORE TO BE A HOUSE SERVANT.



IN **1838** HE DRESSES  
AS A FREE SAILOR AND  
ESCAPES TO NEW YORK!

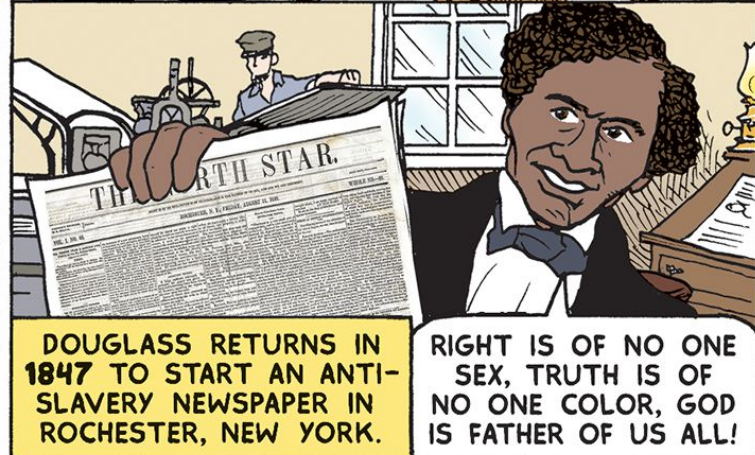
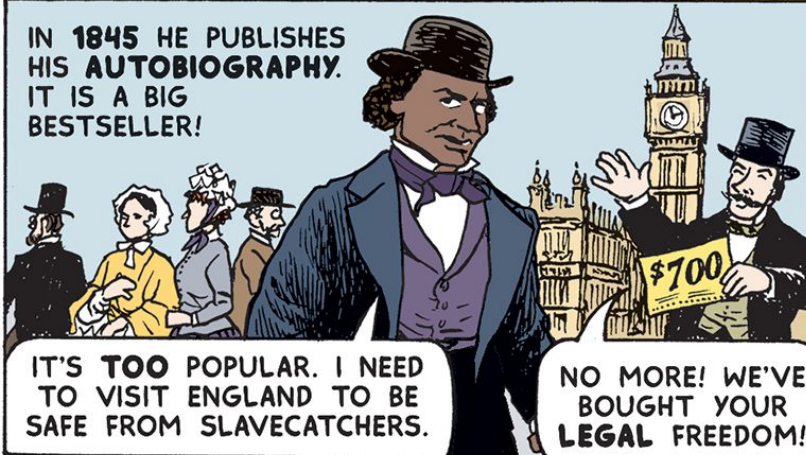


HE MARRIES ANNA MURRAY. THEY  
CHOOSE A NEW LAST NAME: **DOUGLASS**.

FREDERICK BECOMES A FAMOUS  
SPEAKER. IN **1843** HE GOES  
ON A SIX-MONTH  
TOUR TO SPEAK  
AGAINST SLAVERY.



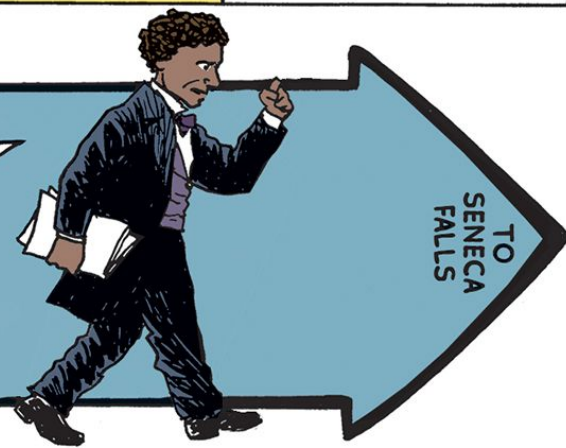
IN **1845** HE PUBLISHES  
HIS **AUTOBIOGRAPHY**.  
IT IS A BIG  
BESTSELLER!



RIGHT IS OF NO ONE  
SEX, TRUTH IS OF  
NO ONE COLOR, GOD  
IS FATHER OF US ALL!

DOUGLASS IS IN THE  
WESTERN NEW YORK  
ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY  
WITH **ELIZABETH  
M'CLINTOCK**. SHE  
INVITES HIM TO A  
WOMEN'S RIGHTS  
CONVENTION SHE IS  
HELPING TO ORGANIZE...

IT IS COMMON SENSE  
THAT THOSE WHO SUFFER  
**INJUSTICE** MUST HAVE  
**THE VOICE** TO FIGHT IT!  
IT IS TIME FOR WOMEN  
TO FIGHT THE DENS OF  
VILLANY THAT THEY  
MUST FACE EVERY DAY.



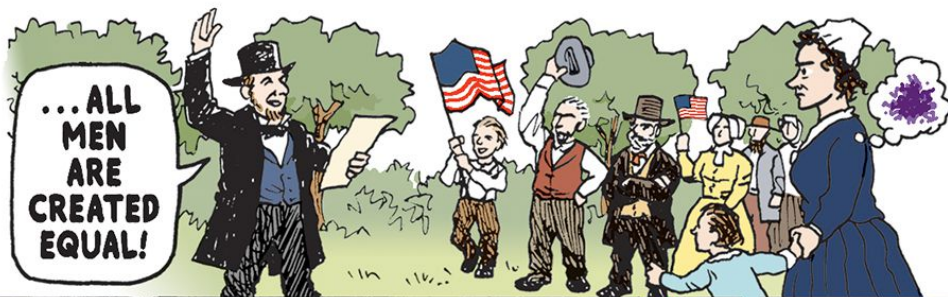


# THE SENECA FALLS CONVENTION

## BIRTH OF A MOVEMENT

JUST LIKE MOST OF THE 72 YEARS BEFORE, IN 1848 PEOPLE CELEBRATE JULY 4 BY READING THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

...ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL!



PEOPLE IN SENECA FALLS, NEW YORK, GATHER IN AN ORCHARD TO HEAR IT — AT A TIME WHEN REVOLUTIONS IN SEVERAL NATIONS ARE COPYING AMERICA'S EXAMPLE.

ON JULY 11 AN AD IN A SENECA COUNTY NEWSPAPER SAYS:

A convention to discuss the social, civil, and religious condition and rights of woman will be held in the Wesleyan Chapel on July 19th and 20th, commencing at 10 a.m.

-- some fierce Quaker reformers

MOST OF THE 300 PEOPLE WHO SHOW UP ARE FROM THE SENECA FALLS AREA.



LUCRETIA MOTT SPEAKS A FEW TIMES THE FIRST DAY. THE DECLARATION OF SENTIMENTS IS READ BY ELIZABETH CADY STANTON.



... AND MEN FORCE US TO SUBMIT TO LAWS THAT WE HAD NO VOICE IN FORMING!!

MOTT WORRIES THAT THE DEMAND FOR VOTING RIGHTS GOES TOO FAR.



LIZZIE, YOU MAY MAKE THE WHOLE EVENT A JOKE!

THAT DEMAND IS SO STRANGE IN 1848 THAT STANTON'S HUSBAND SKIPS TOWN DURING THE EVENT TO AVOID ANY ANGRY OUTCRY!

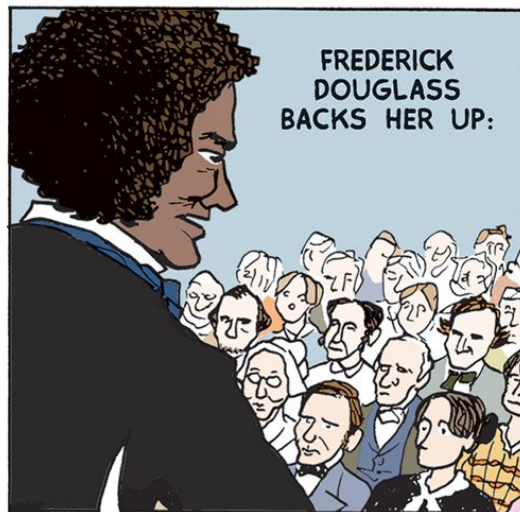


AT DAY TWO OF THE CONFERENCE:



IT IS GROSSLY INSULTING TO HAVE MEN WHO ARE FOOLS OR HORSERACING ROWDIES ABLE TO VOTE WHILE WOMEN ARE THRUST OUT OF ALL THE RIGHTS THAT BELONG TO AN AMERICAN CITIZEN! THE RIGHT TO VOTE MUST BE OURS. USE IT WE WILL!! OUR PENS, OUR TONGUES, AND OUR FORTUNES MUST BE GIVEN TO WIN THIS!

FREDERICK DOUGLASS BACKS HER UP:



ALL THAT MARKS MAN AS SMART IS EQUALLY TRUE OF WOMAN. IF GOVERNMENT IS BEST WITH CONSENT OF THOSE WHO ARE GOVERNED, THEN THERE IS NO REASON TO DENY WOMEN THE VOTE ON OUR GOVERNMENT!

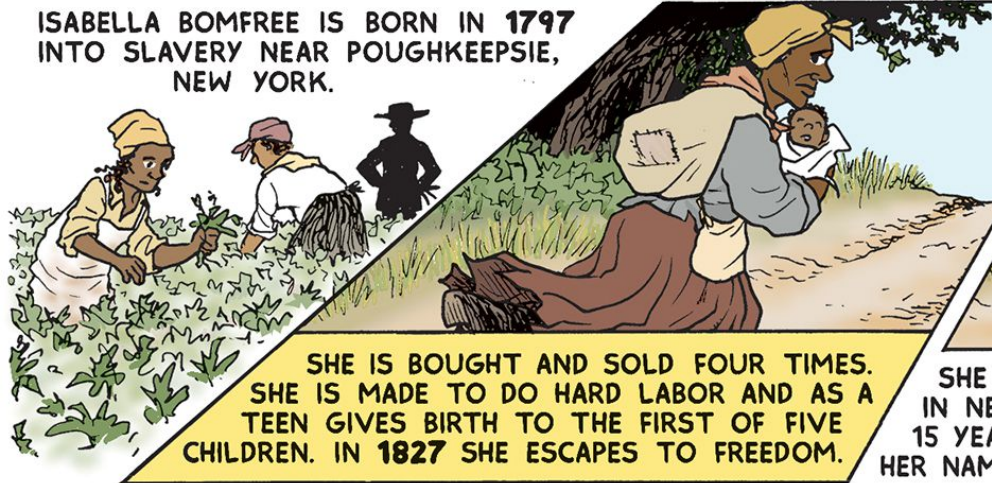
BOTH ARE CONVINCING: 100 OF THE 300 PEOPLE THERE SIGN THE DECLARATION — WHICH INCLUDES THE DEMAND FOR VOTING RIGHTS!



# SOJOURNER TRUTH

TRAVELING  
PREACHER  
FOR EQUALITY

ISABELLA BOMFREE IS BORN IN 1797  
INTO SLAVERY NEAR POUGHKEEPSIE,  
NEW YORK.

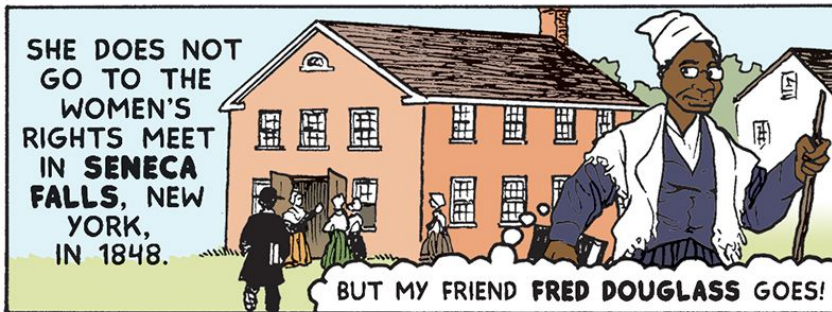


SHE IS BOUGHT AND SOLD FOUR TIMES.  
SHE IS MADE TO DO HARD LABOR AND AS A  
TEEN GIVES BIRTH TO THE FIRST OF FIVE  
CHILDREN. IN 1827 SHE ESCAPES TO FREEDOM.



SHE HELPS THE POOR  
IN NEW YORK CITY FOR  
15 YEARS, THEN CHANGES  
HER NAME FOR A NEW MISSION:

GOD CALLS ME TO  
TRAVEL, SPEAKING  
AS "**SOJOURNER  
TRUTH**"!

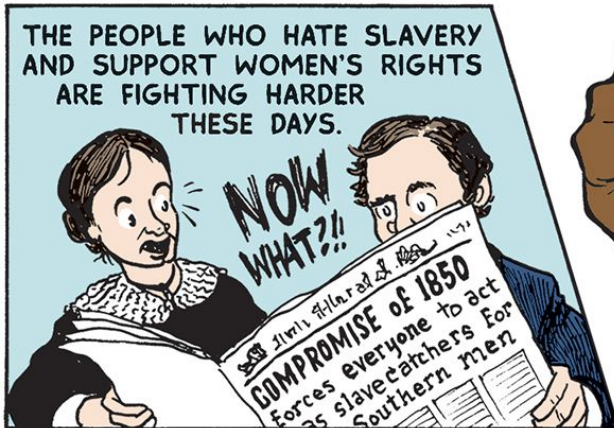


SHE DOES NOT  
GO TO THE  
WOMEN'S  
RIGHTS MEET  
IN **SENECA  
FALLS**, NEW  
YORK,  
IN 1848.

BUT MY FRIEND **FRED DOUGLASS** GOES!



SHE **DOES**  
SPEAK AT A  
WOMEN'S  
RIGHTS  
EVENT IN  
WORCESTER,  
MASSACHUSETTS,  
IN 1850.



THE PEOPLE WHO HATE SLAVERY  
AND SUPPORT WOMEN'S RIGHTS  
ARE FIGHTING HARDER  
THESE DAYS.

**NOW  
WHAT?!!**

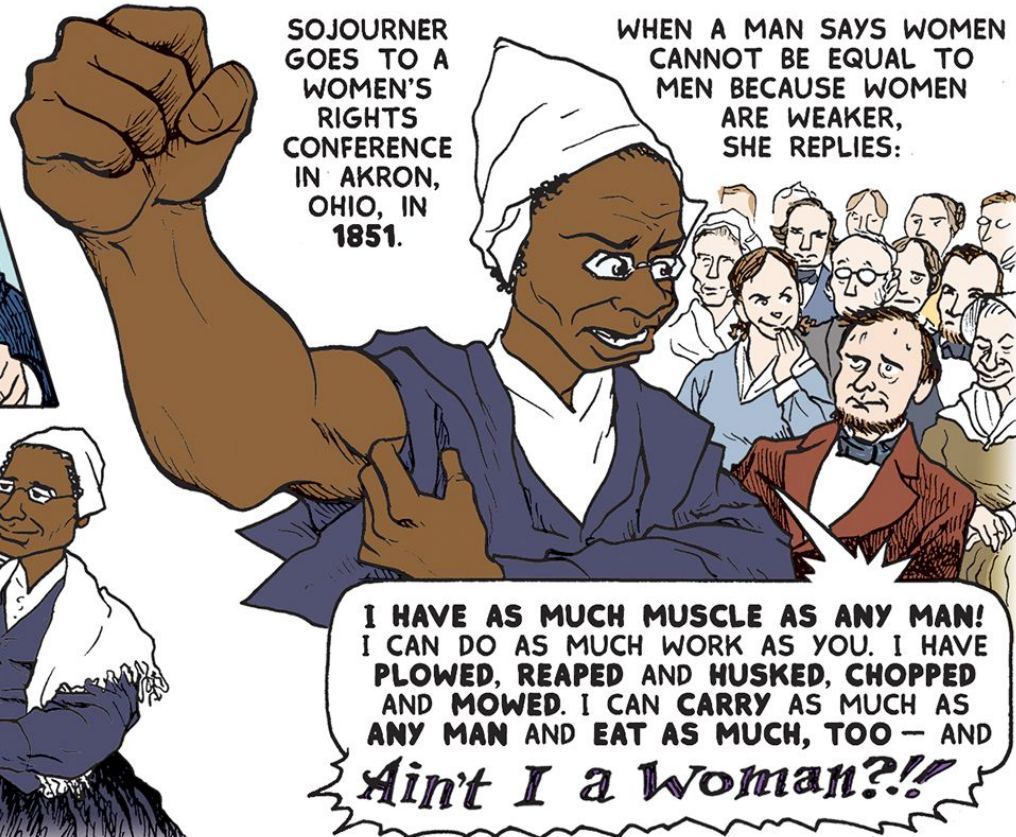
**COMPROMISE OF 1850**  
Forces everyone to act  
as slaveholders for  
Southern men



WOMEN'S  
RIGHTS  
LEADER  
**SUSAN B.  
ANTHONY**  
SAYS OF  
SOJOURNER:

SOJOURNER  
GOES TO A  
WOMEN'S  
RIGHTS  
CONFERENCE  
IN AKRON,  
OHIO, IN  
1851.

WHEN A MAN SAYS WOMEN  
CANNOT BE EQUAL TO  
MEN BECAUSE WOMEN  
ARE WEAKER,  
SHE REPLIES:



I HAVE AS MUCH MUSCLE AS ANY MAN!  
I CAN DO AS MUCH WORK AS YOU. I HAVE  
PLOWED, REAPED AND HUSKED, CHOPPED  
AND MOWED. I CAN CARRY AS MUCH AS  
ANY MAN AND EAT AS MUCH, TOO — AND  
**Ain't I a Woman?!!**

"SHE COMBINED THE TWO MOST HATED ELEMENTS: SHE WAS BLACK AND A WOMAN- AND ALL THE INSULTS THAT  
COULD BE CAST ON COLOR AND SEX WERE HURLED AT HER. BUT SHE STOOD, CALM AND DIGNIFIED, A GRAND,  
WISE WOMAN WHO COULDN'T READ OR WRITE AND YET COULD PENETRATE THE VERY SOUL OF THE UNIVERSE."