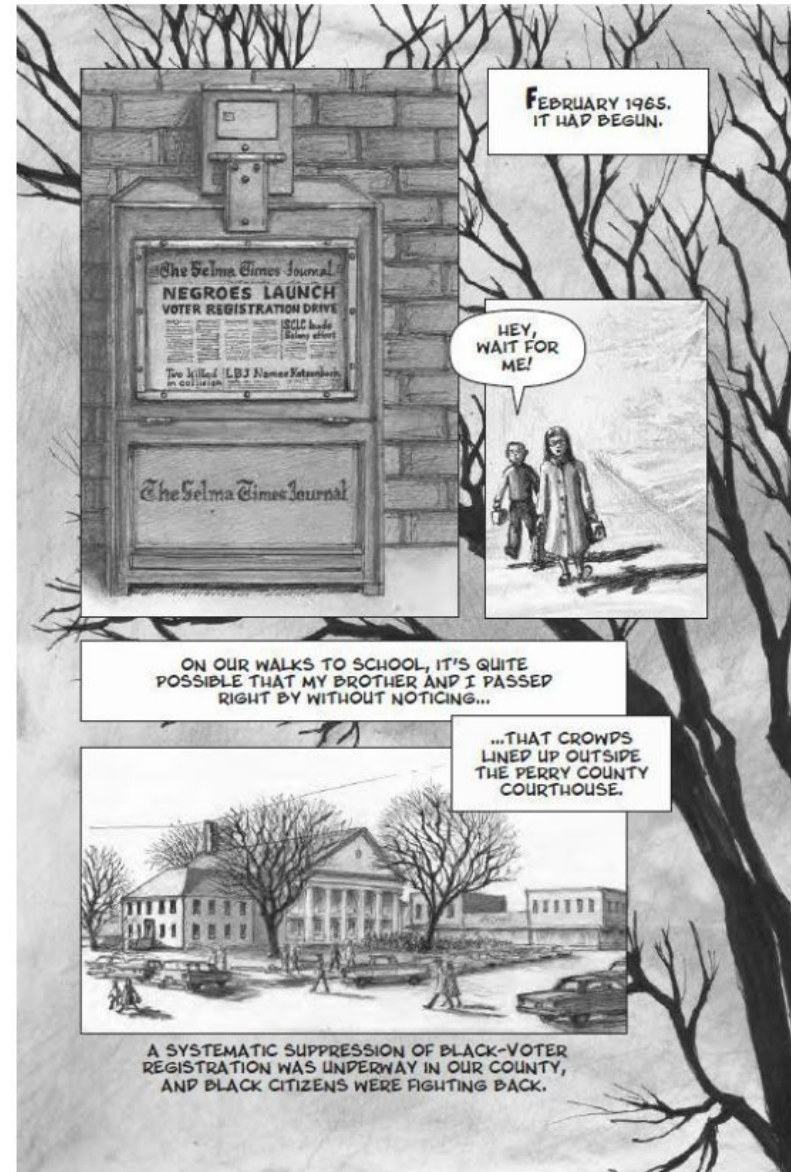
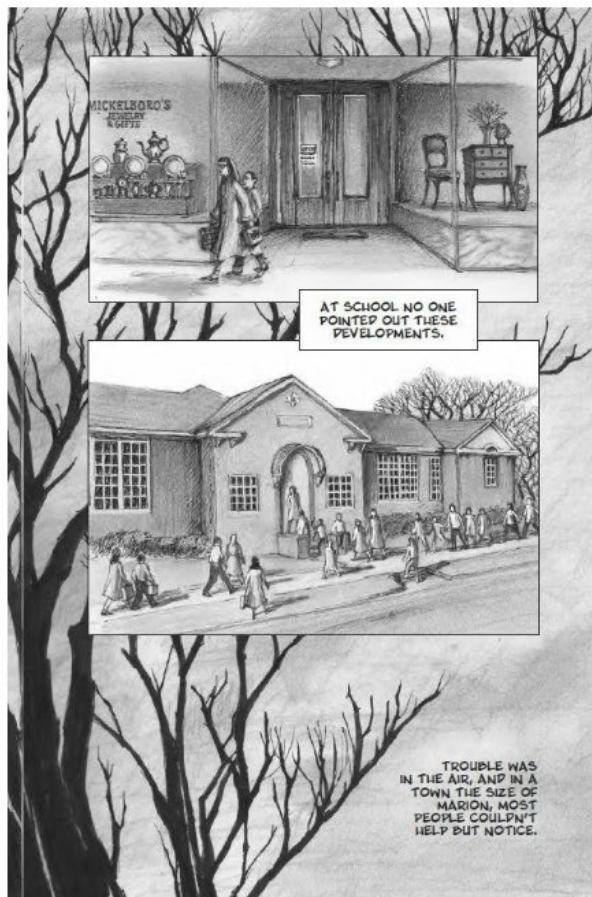
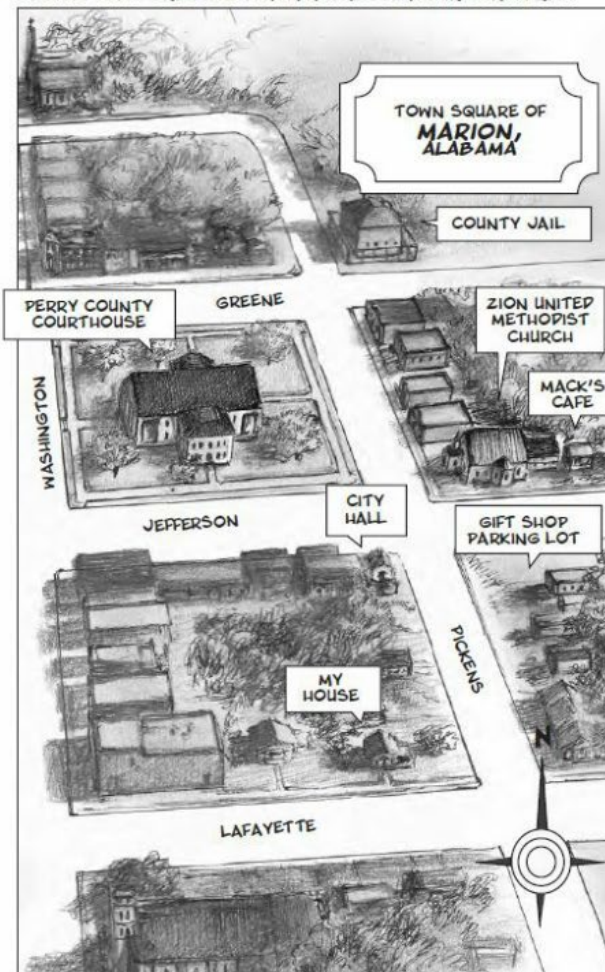


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**GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS**

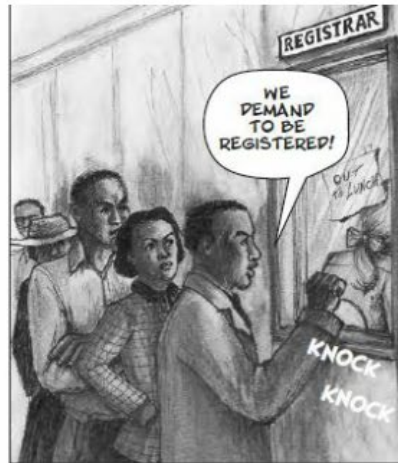




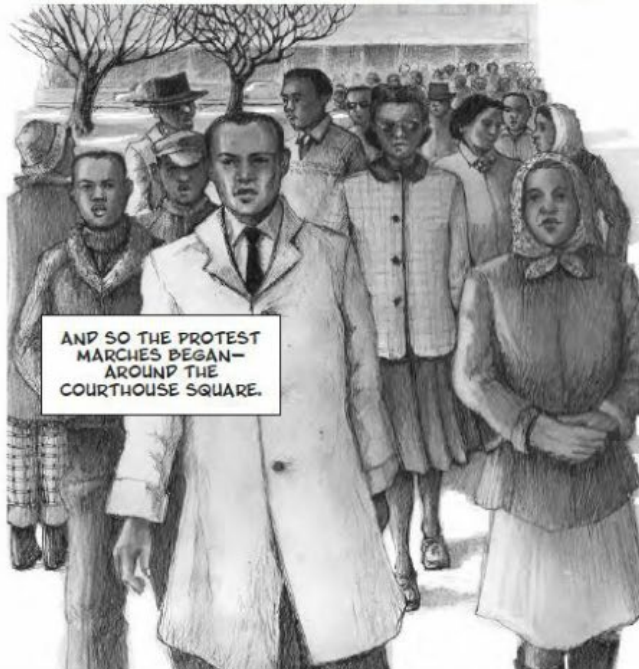
WE LIVED JUST ONE BLOCK FROM WHERE EVERYTHING HAPPENED.



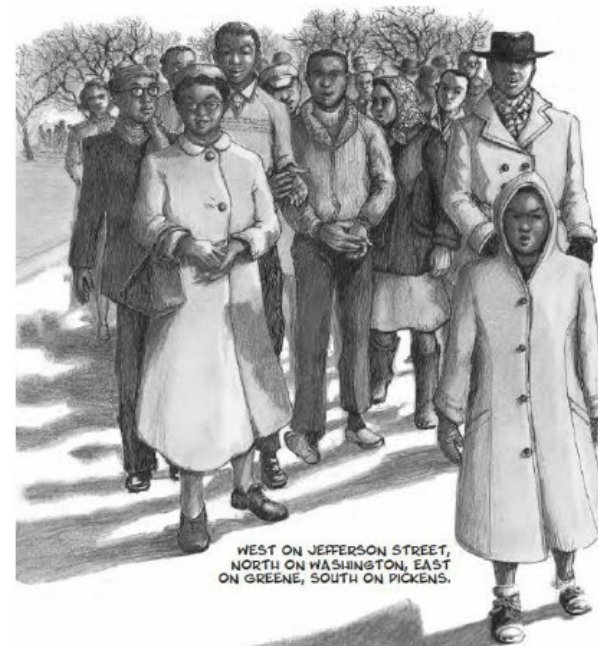
INSIDE  
THE COURTHOUSE,  
A DAILY DRAMA  
UNFOLDED.



BUT THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS WASN'T IN SESSION. NOT TODAY, NOT TOMORROW, NOT ANY TIME THAT BLACK CITIZENS LINED UP TO APPLY.



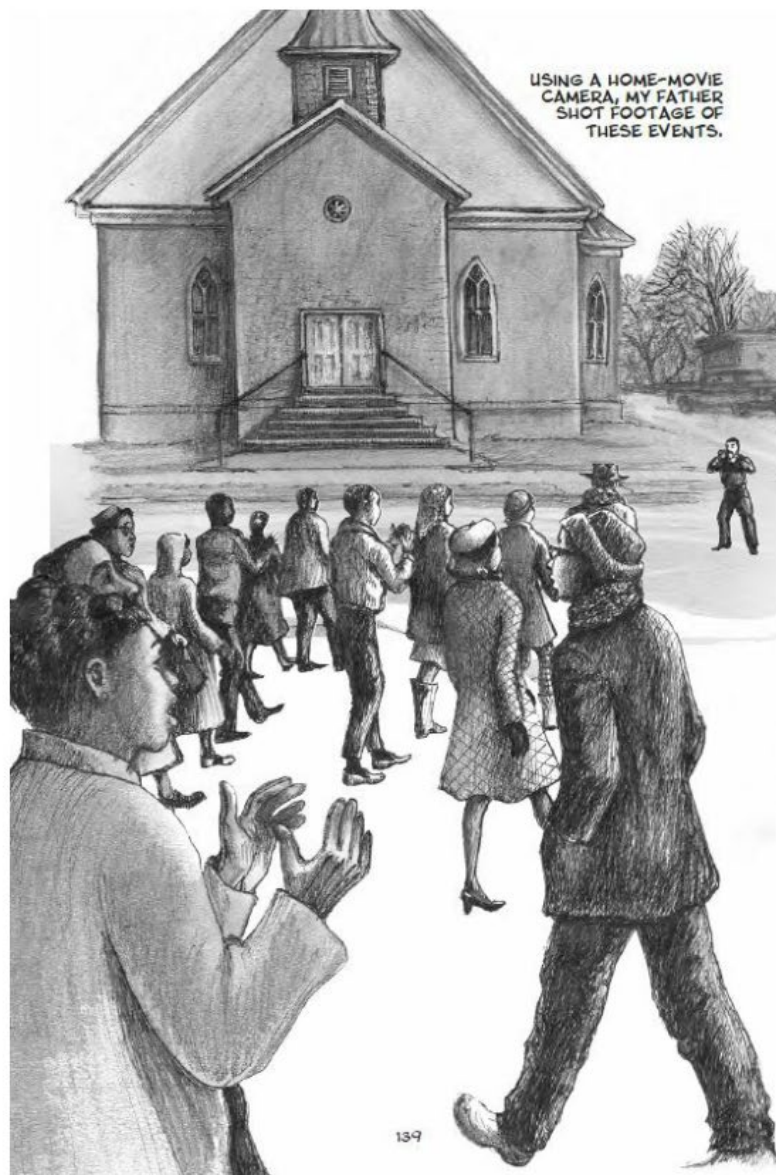
AND SO THE PROTEST  
MARCHES BEGAN—  
AROUND THE  
COURTHOUSE SQUARE.



WEST ON JEFFERSON STREET,  
NORTH ON WASHINGTON, EAST  
ON GREENE, SOUTH ON PICKENS.

THEN THEY RETURNED TO ZION UNITED METHODIST,  
THE LOCAL HUB FOR THE VOTER DRIVE THAT SWEEPED  
MUCH OF CENTRAL ALABAMA DURING THAT SEASON.





USING A HOME-MOVIE  
CAMERA, MY FATHER  
SHOT FOOTAGE OF  
THESE EVENTS.

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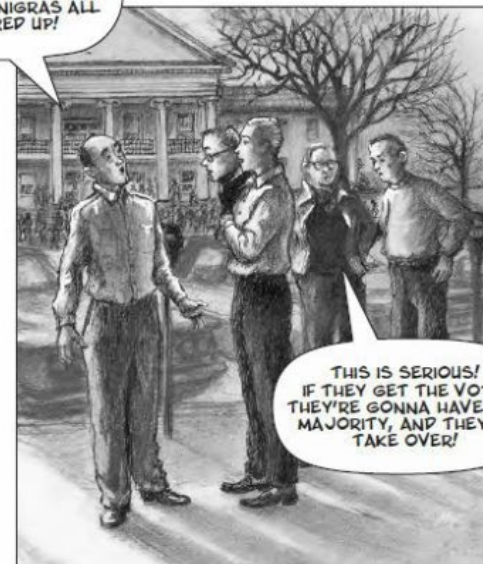
WEEKS PASSED. THE REGISTRARS ALLOWED NO MORE THAN A TRICKLE  
OF BLACK APPLICANTS TO PROCEED. THE MARCHING WENT ON, WITH  
PARTICIPATION SWELLING TO 400 PEOPLE AT TIMES.



IN THE WHITE COMMUNITY, CONCERN GREW.

AMONG THE SPECTRUM OF REACTIONS,  
THERE WERE THOSE THAT REFUSED TO  
BELIEVE LOCAL AFRICAN AMERICANS  
WERE UNHAPPY WITH THEIR LOT.

IT'S  
THOSE OUTSIDE  
AGITATORS! THEY'VE  
GOT THE NIGRAS ALL  
STIRRED UP!



THIS IS SERIOUS!  
IF THEY GET THE VOTE,  
THEY'RE GONNA HAVE THE  
MAJORITY, AND THEY'LL  
TAKE OVER!

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LIKE THE SOUTH IN GENERAL, WHITE MARION HAD SOME RACIAL MODERATES AND GRADUALISTS, BUT ITS MOST OUTSPOKEN CITIZENS HELD A HARD LINE ON SEGREGATION.



THIS MARCHING IS GETTING WAY OUT OF HAND. Y'ALL BETTER REASSERT CONTROL, AND NOW.

HOLD ON, WE'RE WORKING ON IT! THIS IS A DELICATE SITUATION!

LISTEN, YOU DEALT WITH THE SAME KIND OF TROUBLE IN YOUR JURISDICTION. WHAT DO YOU ADVISE WE DO?



# AT THE COURTHOUSE:

TEST 3

1. When the Constitution was approved by the original colonies, how many states had to ratify it?  
ANY APPLICANT THAT GOT PAST THE STALLING TACTICS FACED THE LITERACY TEST.

2. Does enumeration affect the income tax levied on a person?

3. The Constitution provides that the President shall be elected by the electors in each state.

4. Of the various types of federal courts, which has the highest jurisdiction?

5. According to the Constitution, what is the maximum term of office for a President?

6. Cases tried before a court of law are two types, civil and criminal.

7. Check the offenses which are considered crimes under the Constitution:

Murder-----  
Issuing worthless checks-----  
Petty larceny-----  
Manufacturing whisky-----

8. Impeachment of U.S. officials are tried by the Senate.



BETTER HURRY UP. YOU STILL GOTTA PROVE THAT YOU CAN WRITE.

WHITE VOTERS RECEIVED FAR EASIER VERSIONS OF THE TEST—OR NO TEST AT ALL.



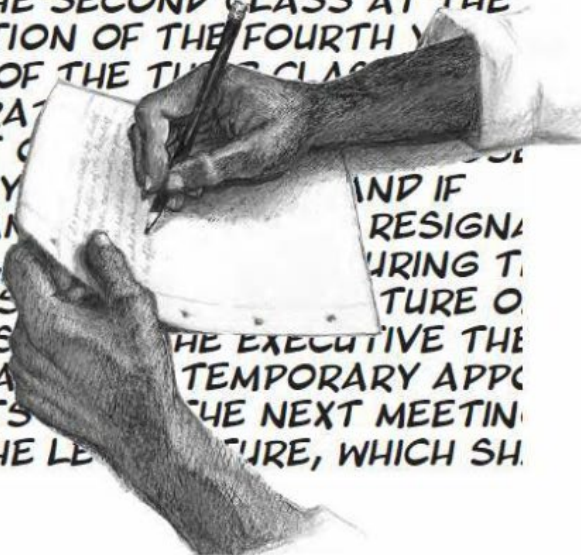
THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES SHALL BE COMPOSED OF TWO SENATORS FROM EACH STATE; AND WHEN THEY FIRST MEET, ONE OF THEM SHALL BE CHOSEN BY THE OTHER SENATORS; AND THE OTHER SHALL BE CHOSEN BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE.

NOW FOR THE SECOND PART. I'M GOING TO READ A PARAGRAPH FROM THE CONSTITUTION AND YOU WRITE IT ALL DOWN, WORD FOR WORD.



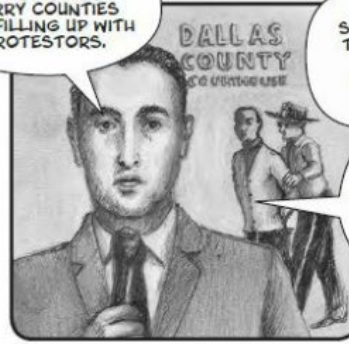
THE FAILURE RATE FOR THESE RIGGED TESTS WAS STAGGERING.

THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES SHALL BE COMPOSED OF TWO SENATORS FROM EACH STATE; AND WHEN THEY FIRST MEET, ONE OF THEM SHALL BE CHOSEN BY THE OTHER SENATORS; AND THE OTHER SHALL BE CHOSEN BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SENATE SHALL BE ASSEMBLED IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE FIRST ELECTION, THEY SHALL BE DIVIDED AS EQUALLY AS POSSIBLE INTO THREE CLASSES. THE SEAT OF THE SENATORS OF THE FIRST CLASS SHALL BE VACATED AT THE EXPIRATION OF THE SECOND YEAR OF THE SECOND CLASS AT THE EXPIRATION OF THE FOURTH YEAR AND OF THE THIRD CLASS AT THE EXPIRATION OF THE SIXTH YEAR. THAT ON EVERY SECOND YEAR EVERY VACANCY IN THE SENATE SHALL BE FILLED BY ELECTION, AND IF ANY SENATOR RESIGNS, HE SHALL BE REPLACED BY ELECTION. AND IF ANY SENATOR BEING Elected SHALL BE DECEASED, HE SHALL BE REPLACED BY ELECTION. ANY SENATOR WHO SHALL BE Elected SHALL BE TEMPORARILY APPOINTED TO HOLD HIS OFFICE UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SENATE, WHICH SHALL BE HELD ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY.



IN NEARBY SELMA, THE VOTER DRIVE RECEIVED NATIONAL MEDIA ATTENTION.

JAIL CELLS IN DALLAS AND PERRY COUNTIES ARE FILLING UP WITH PROTESTORS.

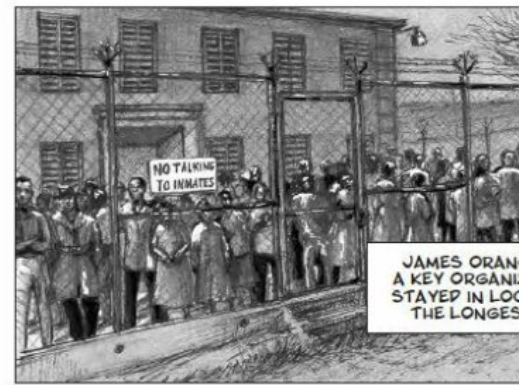


BUT SPOKESMEN FOR THE MOVEMENT INSIST THEY WILL NOT BE DISSUADED.

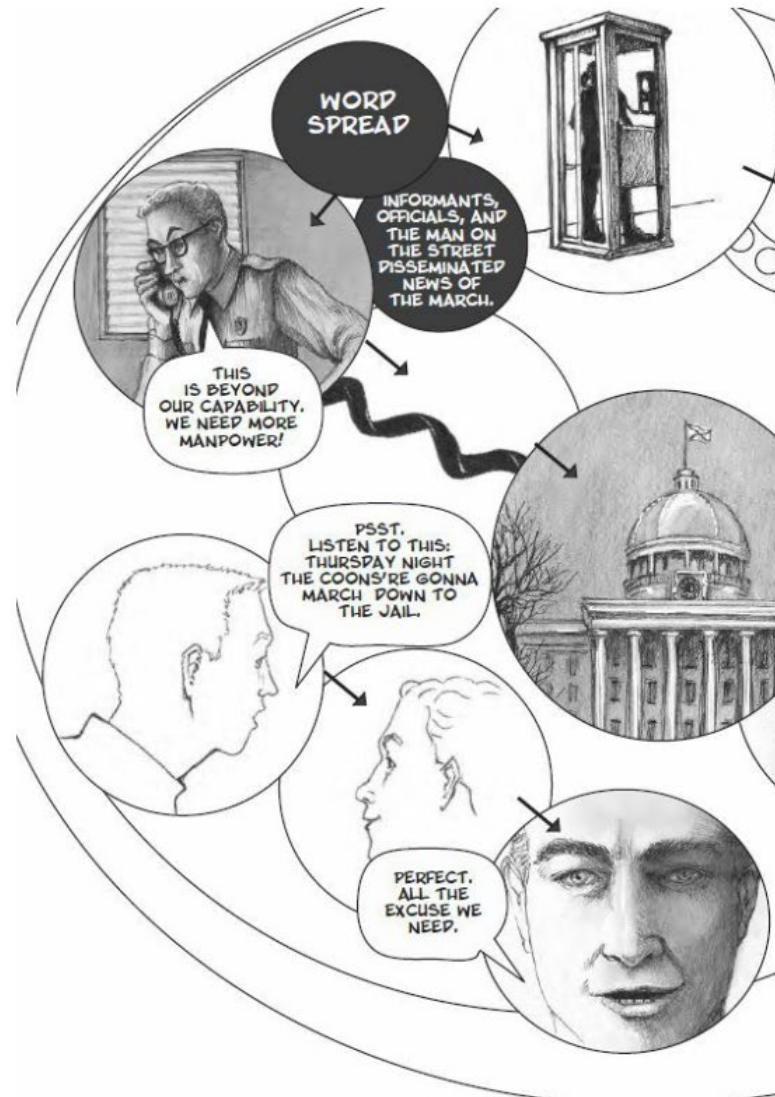
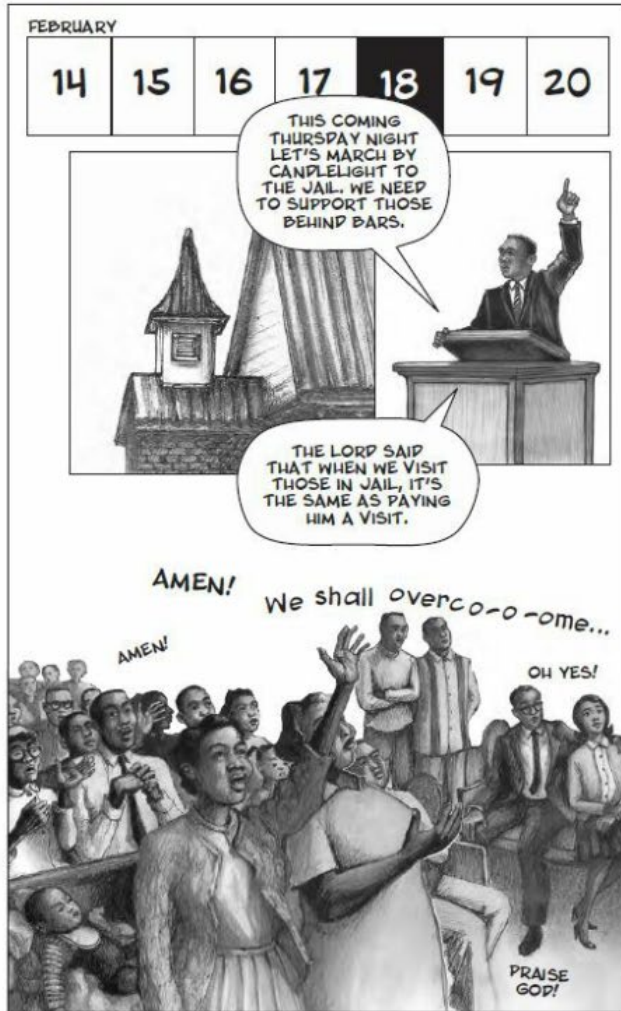
REPORTING FROM THE DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN SELMA, ALABAMA, THIS IS RICHARD VALERIANI FOR NBC NEWS.



AT THE PERRY COUNTY JAIL, THEY SOON RAN OUT OF CELLS.



JAMES ORANGE, A KEY ORGANIZER, STAYED IN LOCKUP THE LONGEST.







PAPPY HAD ALSO GOTTEN NEWS OF THAT NIGHT'S MARCH.



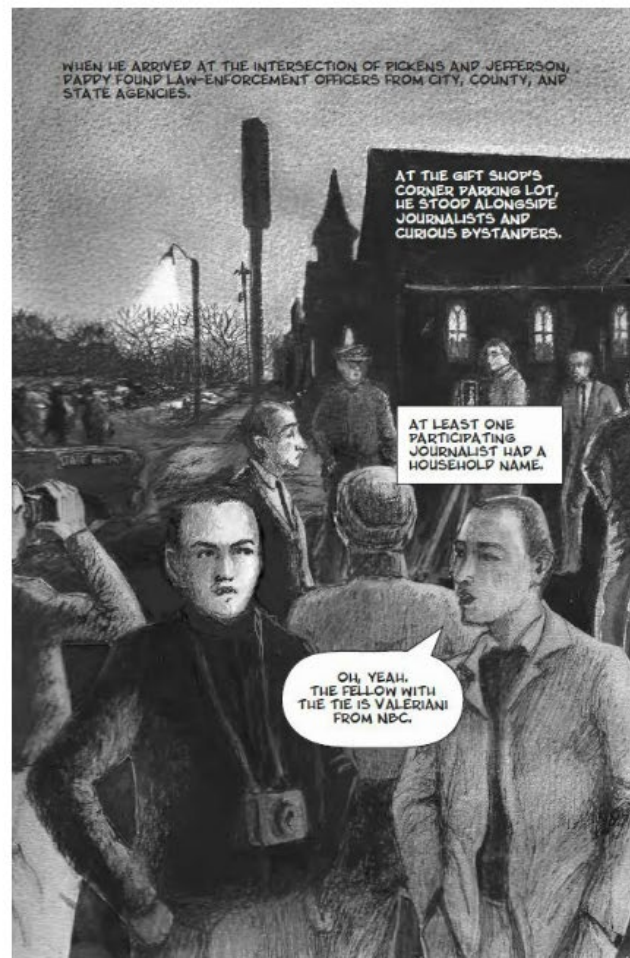
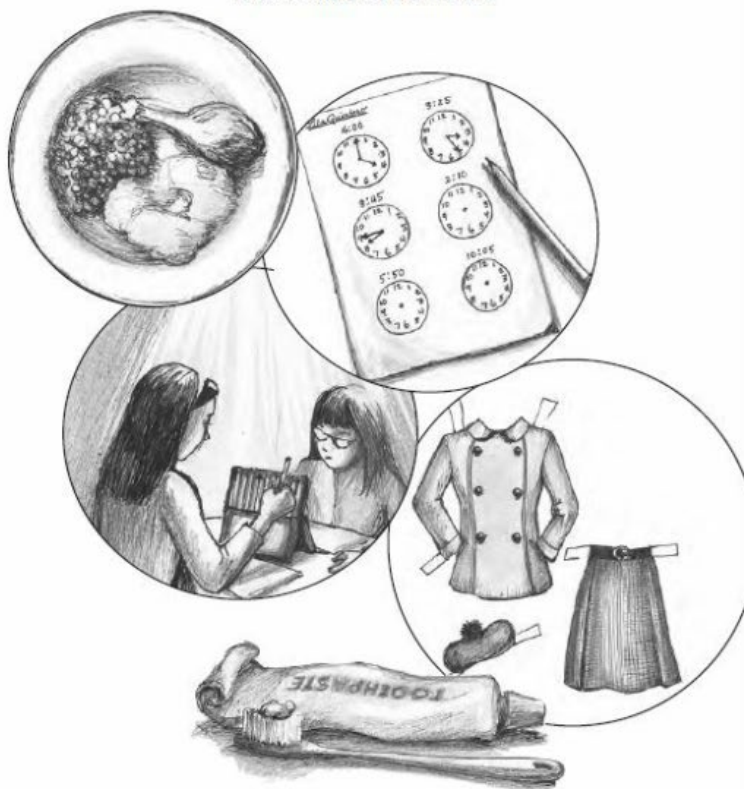
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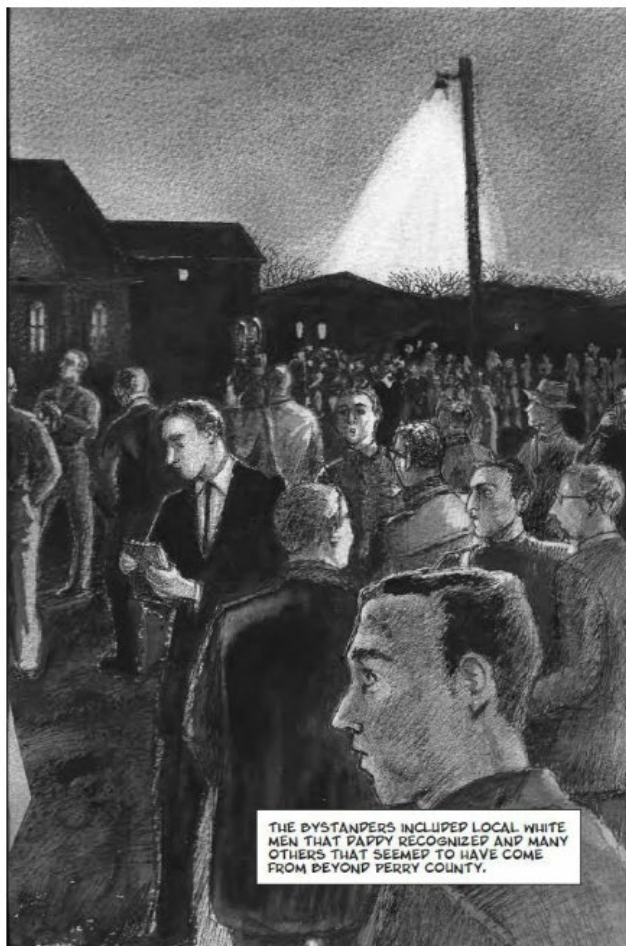




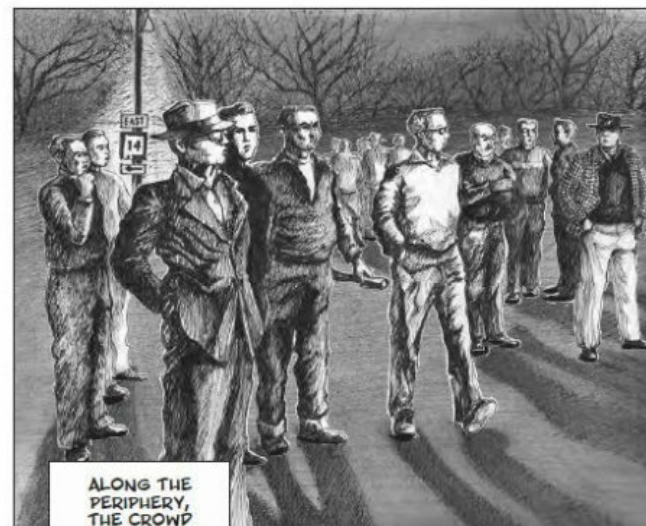


FOR EVERYONE BESIDES PAPPY, IT WAS  
A REGULAR NIGHT AT HOME.





THE BYSTANDERS INCLUDED LOCAL WHITE MEN THAT PAPPY RECOGNIZED AND MANY OTHERS THAT SEEMED TO HAVE COME FROM BEYOND PERRY COUNTY.



ALONG THE PERIPHERY, THE CROWD GREW IN SIZE AND MENACE.



OH, YEAH.



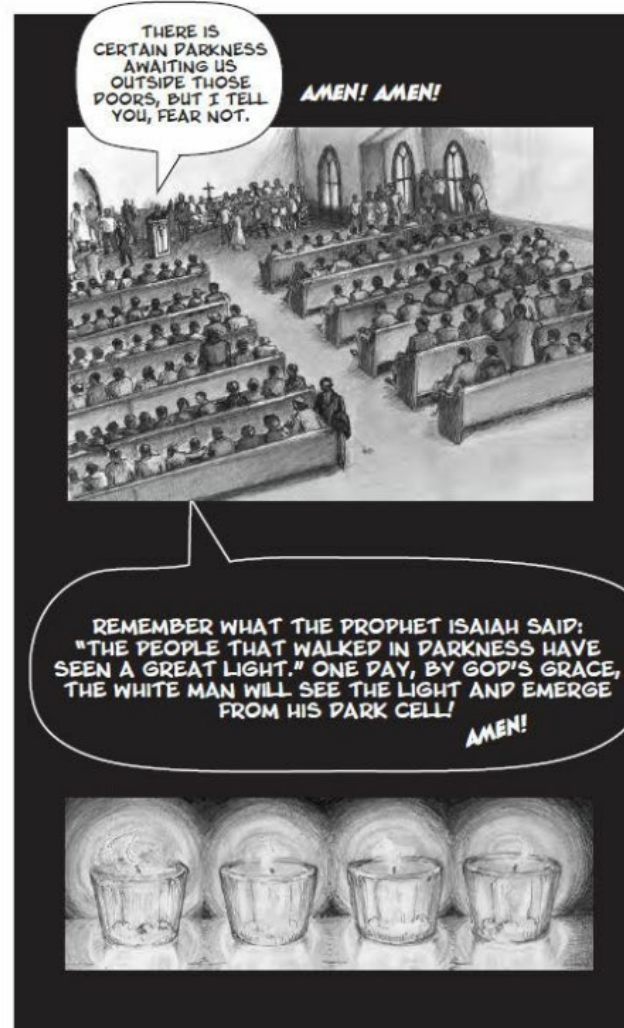
GONNA CRACK ME SOME NIGGER HEADS TONIGHT.



INSIDE THE CHURCH, PROTESTORS PREPARED TO FACE A HOSTILE CROWD. I CAN ONLY IMAGINE THE WORDS THAT STEELED THEM.



**WE HEAR YOU!**



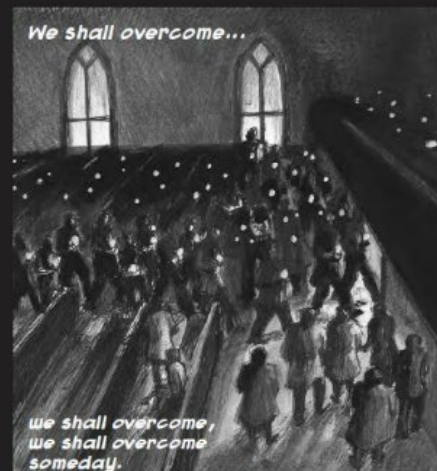
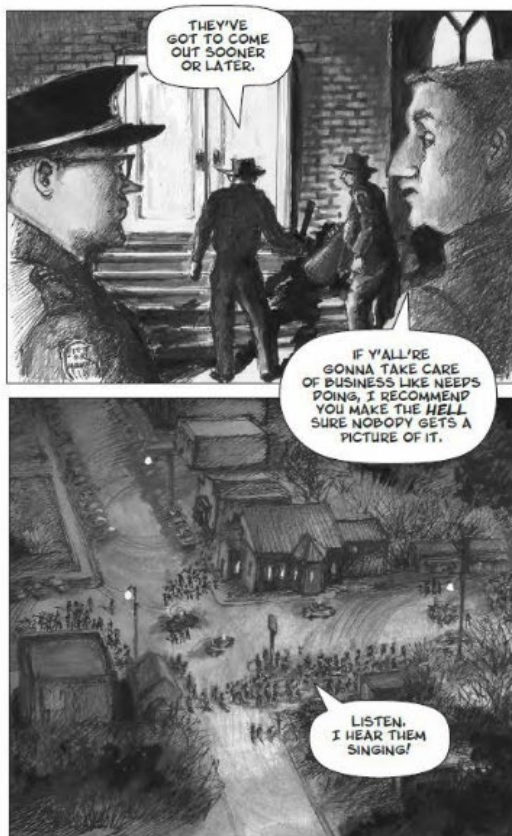
THERE IS CERTAIN DARKNESS AWAITING US OUTSIDE THOSE DOORS, BUT I TELL YOU, FEAR NOT.

**AMEN! AMEN!**

REMEMBER WHAT THE PROPHET ISAIAH SAID: "THE PEOPLE THAT WALKED IN DARKNESS HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT." ONE DAY, BY GOD'S GRACE, THE WHITE MAN WILL SEE THE LIGHT AND EMERGE FROM HIS DARK CELL!

**AMEN!**





*we shall overcome,  
we shall overcome  
someday.  
Oh, deep in my heart,  
I do believe that,  
we shall overcome  
someday.  
We are not afraid...*

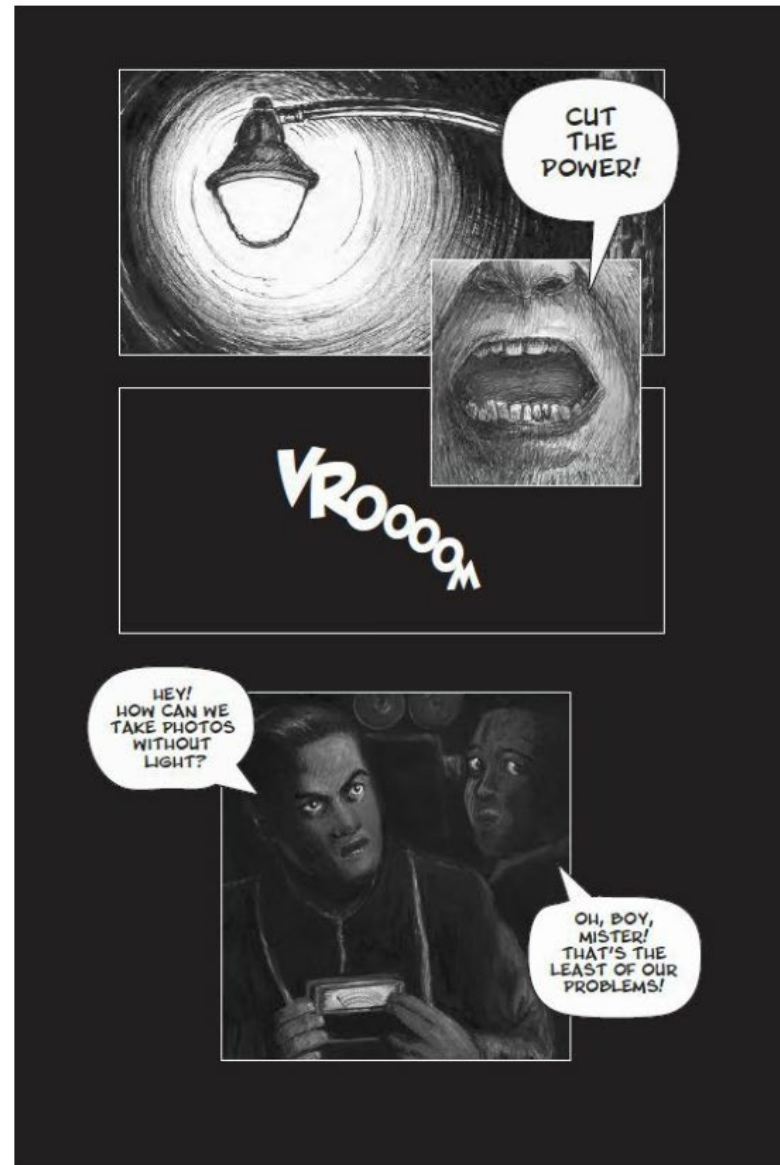






*...we are not afraid,  
we are not afraid today...*







THE POLICE CLOSED IN ON THE PROTESTORS.



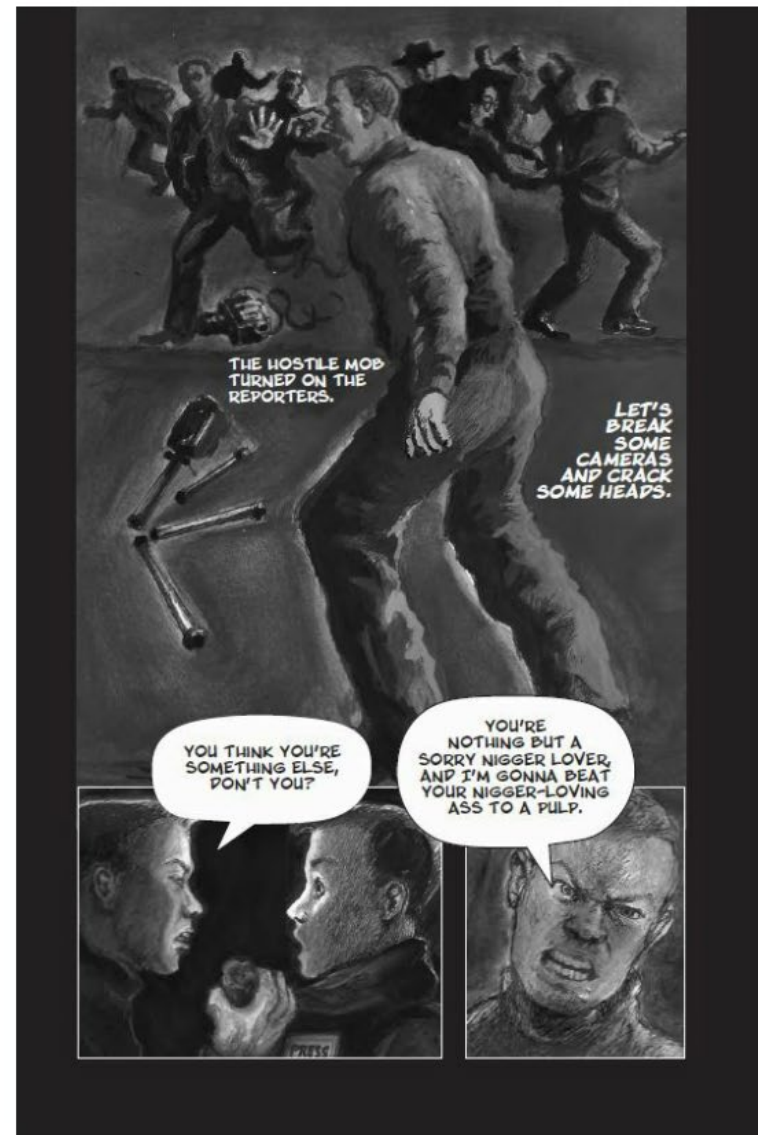
...THEY ALSO LOOKED THE OTHER WAY AS ORDINARY CITIZENS TOOK UP VIOLENCE.



MY FATHER WITNESSED THE MADNESS.



WHACKWHACKWHACK

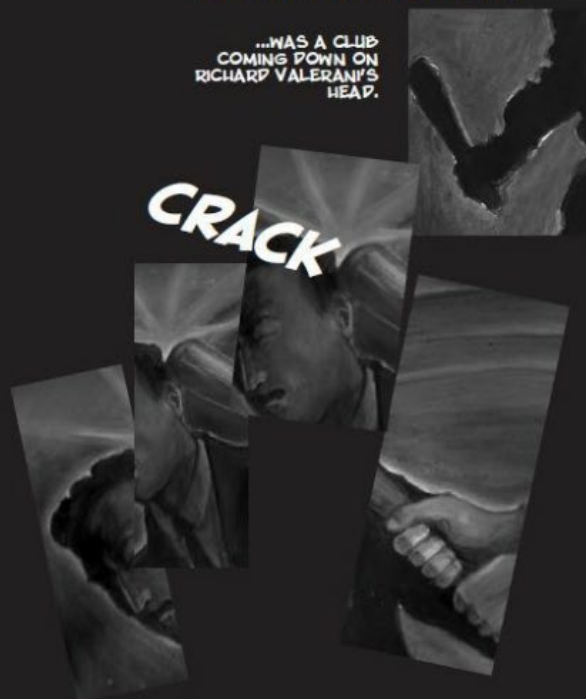


THEY VANPALIZED PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT.



MY FATHER REALIZED THAT HIS EQUIPMENT  
COULD BE NEXT. BEFORE HE TOOK OFF  
RUNNING, THE LAST THING HE SAW...

...WAS A CLUB  
COMING DOWN ON  
RICHARD VALERANI'S  
HEAD.





THE MOB HARDLY PAUSED IN ITS RAMPAGE.

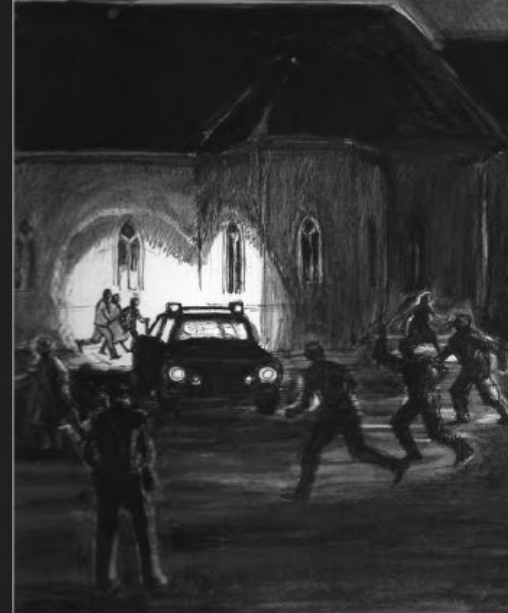


EYEWITNESS  
ACCOUNTS  
ARE CLEAR:  
POLICE OFTEN  
STOOD BY,  
GIVING TACIT  
APPROVAL.

IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS  
CHAOS, A YOUNG MAN  
NAMED JIMMIE LEE JACKSON  
HUSTLED HIS MOTHER AND  
GRANDFATHER TOWARD  
SAFETY.



JUST BEHIND THE CHURCH WAS MACK'S CAFE.  
JIMMIE LEE SHEPHERDED HIS ELPERS IN THAT DIRECTION.



STATE TROOPERS CHASED  
THEM TO THE CAFE'S DOOR.



THE FAMILY MANAGED TO ENTER THE CAPE,  
BUT SO DID ONE TROOPER.

BOOM

A SHOT IN THE PARK.

THE NEXT MORNING:

FOR ME, FEBRUARY 19TH WAS JUST  
ANOTHER SCHOOL DAY.

DO WE  
HAVE TO WALK?  
IT'S FREEZING  
OUT THERE!

MY PARENTS HAD  
OTHER CONCERNS.

IT SAYS  
HE WAS TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL  
IN SELMA FOR TREATMENT OF  
GUNSHOT WOUNDS TO THE  
ABDOMEN.

SO AFTER I  
LEFT, THINGS  
GOT EVEN  
WORSE!



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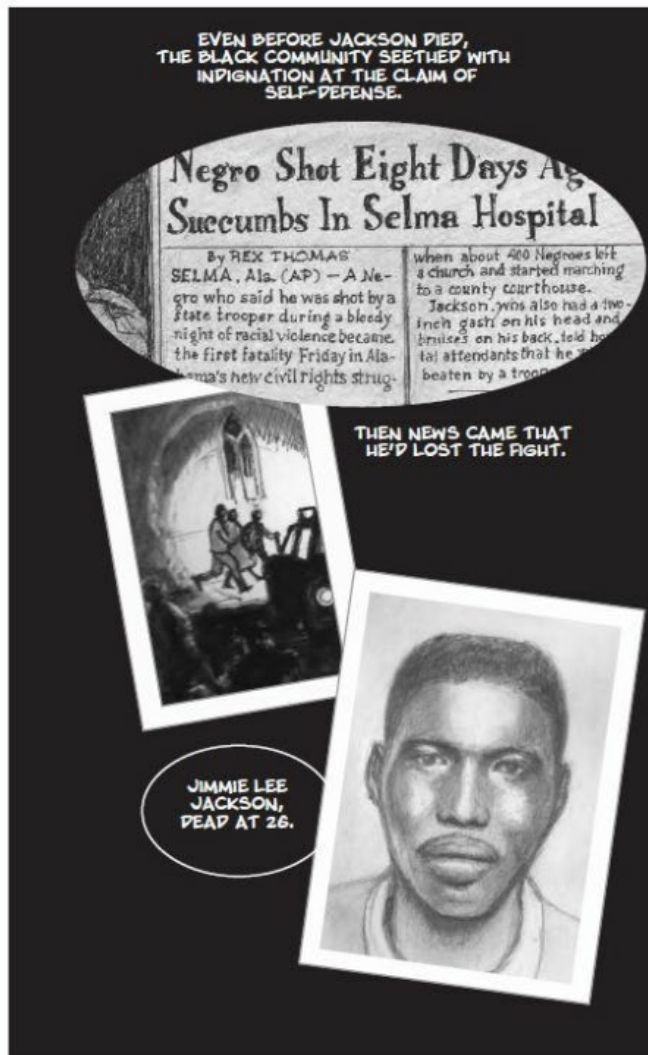
AT SCHOOL, THE INCIDENT RECEIVED LITTLE NOTICE.  
BUT BY NOW, I KNEW WHAT SORT OF REACTION TO EXPECT.



FOR DECADES TO COME, THE STATE TROOPER WOULD INSIST THAT HE FIRED HIS GUN IN SELF-DEFENSE. THAT STORY PREVAILED AS THE OFFICIAL NARRATIVE FOR OVER FORTY YEARS UNTIL 2007, WHEN HE RECEIVED A GRAND-JURY INDICTMENT. HE EVENTUALLY PLED GUILTY TO A CHARGE OF 2ND-DEGREE MANSLAUGHTER.

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AS THINGS STOOD, THE VOTER-REGISTRATION DRIVE HAD YIELDED SO LITTLE PROGRESS.



BUT JIMMIE LEE JACKSON'S DEATH WOULDN'T BE FORGOTTEN.



DID YOU HEAR? THE STATE OFFICIALLY EXONERATED THE TROOPER.

IT'S A WHITENASHING, JUST AS WE ALL EXPECTED.



SOON, LEADERS OF THE MOVEMENT SETTLED ON A PLAN.

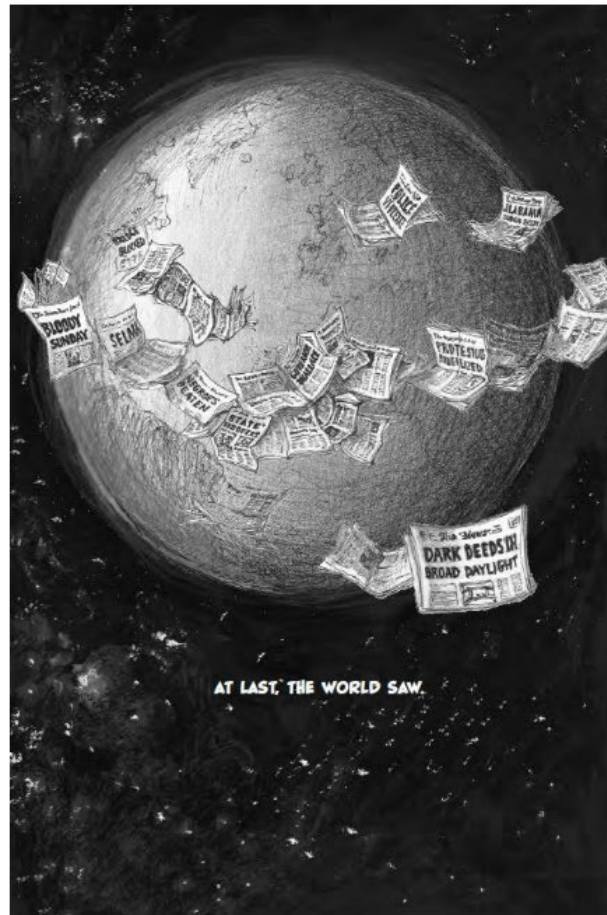
THEY WOULD MARCH FROM SELMA TO MONTGOMERY BY THE HUNDREDS. WASHINGTON COULDN'T IGNORE THAT.

SELMA CHANGED EVERYTHING.

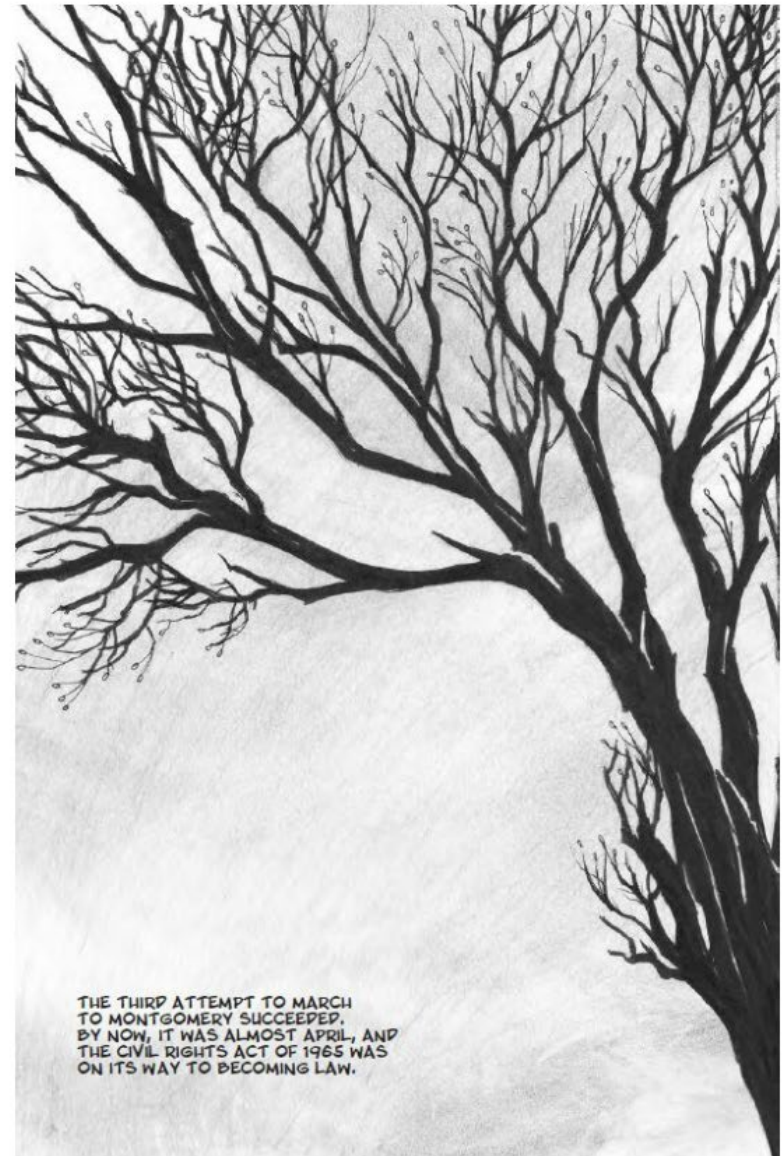


ON MARCH 7, 1965, THE FIRST ATTEMPT TO MARCH TO MONTGOMERY EXPOSED SOUTHERN POLICE BRUTALITY AS NEVER BEFORE.

THE SUN SHONE. CAMERAS ROLLED. ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS BEAT MARCHERS IN PLAIN VIEW.



AT LAST, THE WORLD SAW.



THE THIRD ATTEMPT TO MARCH  
TO MONTGOMERY SUCCEEDED.  
BY NOW, IT WAS ALMOST APRIL, AND  
THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1965 WAS  
ON ITS WAY TO BECOMING LAW.



