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Rosa PARKS

"I knew someone had to take the first step and I made up my mind not to move."

Rosa Louise Parks, a 42-year-old seamstress in a department store in downtown Montgomery, Alabama, boarded her bus home as usual after work on 1 December 1955. As the bus became crowded, white driver J Fred Blake told Parks and other black passengers to vacate their seats. Segregation laws dictated that white passengers had priority. The blacks duly moved. Except for Parks. She sat silently still. "If you don't stand up, I'm going to call the police and have you arrested," Blake shouted at her. "You may do that," Parks calmly replied. Blake left the bus and returned with two policemen. "Why don't you stand up?" one of the officers asked Parks. "Why do you push us around?" Parks answered. "I do not know," said the officer, "but the law is the law and you are under arrest". She was taken off to the city jail.

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"Our mistreatment was just not right, and I was tired of it."

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