



1 Escape North!

The night was dark. Cricket song filled the air. A woman hid outside a cabin. She whistled a song called "Go Down, Moses." A line in the song said: "Let my people go."

Inside the cabin, the slaves knew that Harriet Tubman had come to lead her people out of slavery.



One day, Harriet found out that she had been sold. It was time to act!

Weeks before, a Quaker woman had offered to help. Quakers were religious people who believed that owning another human being was wrong. The woman gave Harriet directions to a safe house in Delaware, the next state over.



In Philadelphia, Harriet found a room to rent. She found work as a cook in a hotel. One day she met a man named William Still. He was the secretary of the American Anti-Slavery Society. Harriet went to the society's secret meetings.



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