

First a Dreamer, Then a Leader

Sarah was just voted class president for the year. Her victory was so unexpected she felt like an overcooked potato, ready to explode! Sarah walks over to her best friend, Ramona and said "I'm sooo excited!" "Awesome! I knew you'd win!" said Ramona.

Later at recess, Sarah meets Ramona at their favorite shading tree. Sarah didn't look as happy, she looked worried. "What's wrong?" asked Ramona, as Sarah sat down. "It's just that everyone is counting on me to be a responsible leader and tomorrow is my first speech as class President, I'm nervous." Sarah said sadly. "Don't worry" said Ramona "you'll do great!"

That night, Sarah went to bed early but couldn't fall asleep, she felt a lot of pressure. Eventually, she's dreaming that she was trying to escape the plantation with her fellow slaves. Her friend Ramona is there too. Running in the vast, cold, dark woods, Sarah bumps into Harriet Tubman. She knows this because she had learned about her in history class. Sarah asks her to help them escape. Harriet leads them to freedom in the North. When they got there, Sarah asked "How did you do it?" Harriet says ***"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."***

Suddenly, Sarah wakes up, realizing it's a dream. So she tries to go back to sleep, wondering what her dream means. Soon, Sarah falls asleep. She finds herself on a bus, sitting in the overflow section. Right across from Sarah was Rosa Parks! She knew this because she read a book about her once. Then, a white person enters the overflow section. Next, all the black people in the overflow section, including Sarah, move to the back of the bus except for Rosa. She refused to move and was arrested. While they took her off the bus, Sarah asked, "How are you so brave?" ***"You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right."*** Rosa Parks said confidently.

Sarah wakes and gets ready for school. She'd never before felt so brave and important.

It's time for Sarah's speech. The Principal introduces Sarah to the crowd.

"Thank you all for coming. Yesterday, I was nervous but I've learned that you have to be brave and have courage to accomplish your dreams. Last night, I had a special dream. In that dream, I met two brave leaders, Harriet Tubman and Rosa Parks. They both taught me something. Harriet taught me to always be confident in who I am. Rosa reminded me to never be fearful about what I'm doing when it's right. In conclusion, I'm dedicated to be the leader you deserve. Thank you for voting for me and a special thanks to my friend Ramona for always believing in me."

Sarah felt relieved as she walked off stage. Then Ramona taps her shoulder and says "I knew you had it in you."

The End