

Journey to Freedom

Un the darkest night, you carefully make your way through the deep forest. Your heart pounds as you hear angry men with dogs in the distance, coming after you. You're hungry and your body aches. Somehow, you must find the strength to keep going.

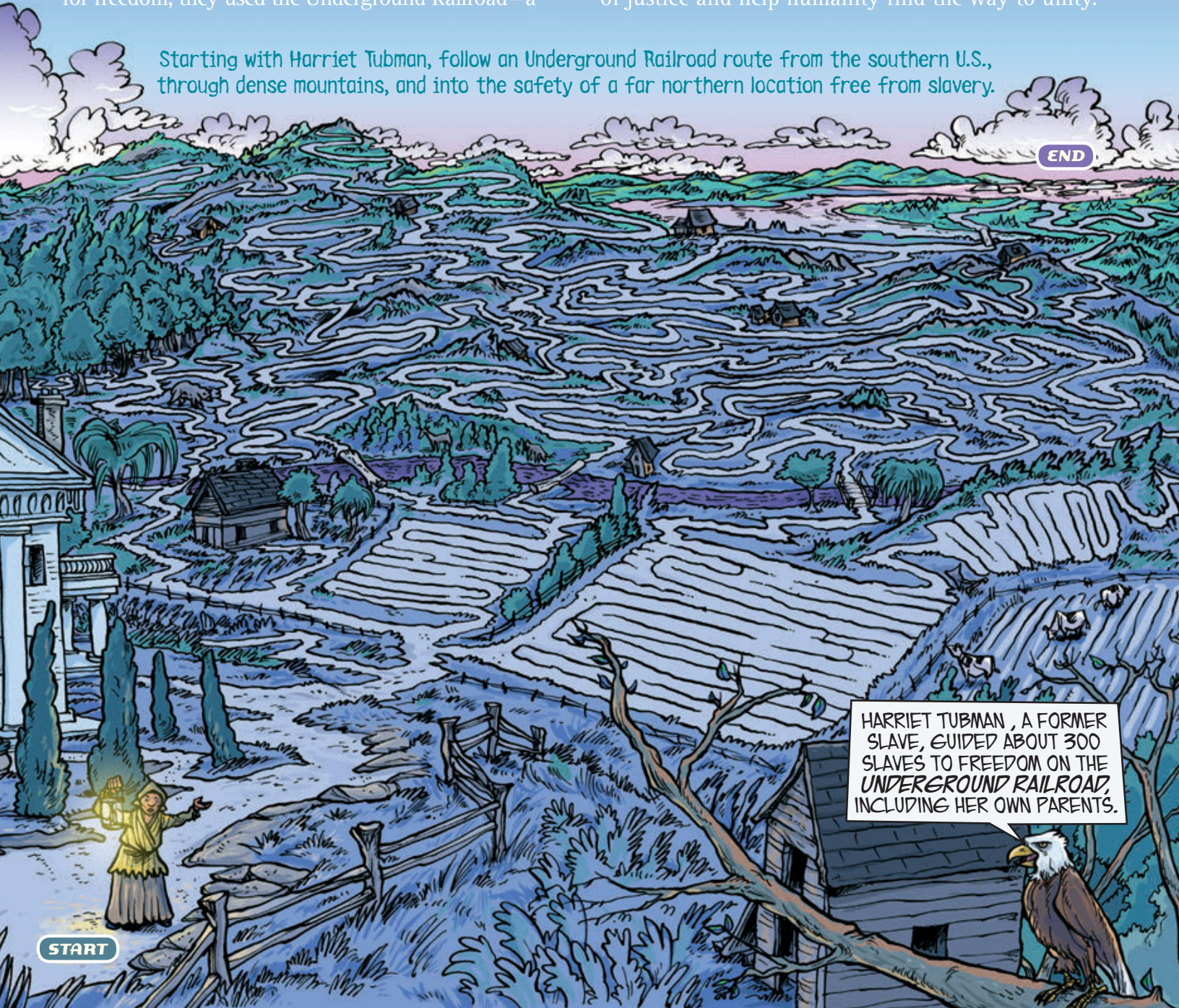
Determined to escape the cruelty of slavery in the southern United States, thousands of courageous people faced dangers like these in the 1800s. In their search for freedom, they used the Underground Railroad—a

network of safe houses or “stations” for hiding. Slaves traveled for weeks or months through cities, forests, and mountains around the U.S. Some even crossed icy Lake Erie to Canada, where slavery ended in the 1830s.

Slavery was outlawed in the U.S. in 1865. But conflict between whites and blacks continues today. The impact of slavery can still be seen in struggles to end racism. In honor of the brave travelers of the Underground Railroad, we can hold out the lantern of justice and help humanity find the way to unity.

Starting with Harriet Tubman, follow an Underground Railroad route from the southern U.S., through dense mountains, and into the safety of a far northern location free from slavery.

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HARRIET TUBMAN, A FORMER SLAVE, GUIDED ABOUT 300 SLAVES TO FREEDOM ON THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD, INCLUDING HER OWN PARENTS.

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