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In order to protect the identity and ensure the safety of former slaves, and to prevent disruption of current legal proceedings, pseudonyms are used throughout this book, and locations are sometimes obscured.

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“A little more matriarchy is what the world needs,  
and I know it. Period. Paragraph.”

—Dorothy Thompson



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