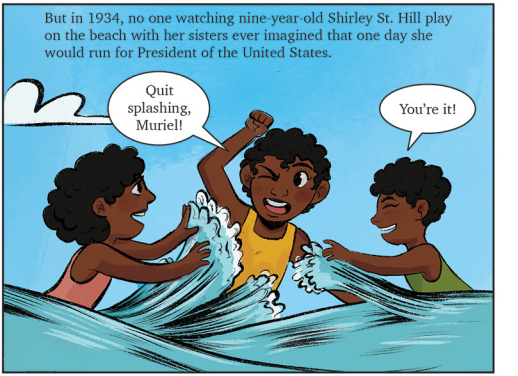

Shirley Chisholm,
the fighting congresswoman from New York, 1972 presidential candidate, and champion of equal rights…


…spent her childhood on a very different island. Living on Grandmother Seale's farm in Barbados was a treat.


But in 1934, no one watching nine-year-old Shirley St. Hill play on the beach with her sisters ever imagined that one day she would run for President of the United States.
Quit splashing, Muriel!
You're it!

Campaigning lets folks know what I'm trying to do. I'll get on the TV debates and reach even more people.

But Shirley had to go to court to win the right to take part in the TV debates.

The televised debates are only for…um…

I need to think of an excuse…

I'm not going to let them leave me out.

If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair.

After fellow candidate George Wallace was shot while campaigning, Shirley visited him in the hospital. Some people were surprised.

Why are you visiting that bigot? He's fighting against everything you stand for!

I want to give him a chance to agree with me! I might change his mind!

How did you get on with George Wallace, Mrs. Chisholm?

Very pleasant visit!

Two years later, when George Wallace supported Shirley to get help for workers' wages, some people said she had made a deal with him. It wasn't true.

You still don't know? I will not be bought or bossed.