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			Which character (Hattie Stowe, Abe Lincoln, or the Book) might have said:
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Hattie Stowe	Abe Lincoln	The Book	2. I saw that the book hadn't learned its lesson and that it was bound to take off again if she turned her back on it for an instant.
Hattie Stowe	Abe Lincoln	The Book	3. I'm taking off like a rifle shot if she comes near me one more time with that pen!
Hattie Stowe	Abe Lincoln	The Book	4. I understand why Hattie was so particular about getting me to hold still for the changes she knew I needed. People will be reading me for a hundred years – or more!
Hattie Stowe	Abe Lincoln	The Book	5. If I can get people to read this little lady's book, maybe they'll understand why slavery is so bad.
Hattie Stowe	Abe Lincoln	The Book	6. General Scott, I want you to have enough copies printed by the publishing company so that all my soldiers can have a copy. And make sure they charge us a fair price.
Hattie Stowe	Abe Lincoln	The Book	7. I think I understand why it felt it had to run away. It must have felt that I was trying to change it into another being altogether. It just didn't understand how small the changes I needed to make were.
Hattie Stowe	Abe Lincoln	The Book	8. I still want to be me. I don't want anyone changing one period, comma, or quotation mark. And if anyone wants to change my words, that person better have good running shoes and better legs!

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