**The Deeper Meaning to Minor Actions**

“Social change can happen with the small actions of dedicated individuals.” This means so much when talking about the actual meaning of the story, it brings out a deeper definition and meaning which really makes you think. There is much more to the story then just the boys carrying the water bucket and the girls not being able to. There is a whole social meaning to this and what society was like long ago. Things might seem so nice and easy today, but there is a history to that, there was an action that happened to make society this way. Like it is mentioned and talked about throughout the story it really doesn’t take someone extremely powerful or strong to make a big social change in society, this could be just about anyone. Ms. Ralston was not someone very important but just by her very meaningful actions she made some big changes. For example, when the softball is hit into the ox pasture it said, “for a fleeting moment we had a glimpse of what life might be like in River Hibbert and then Miss Ralston hit the ball.” This shows the fact that the small actions of someone with not a whole lot of power can change the perspective of many. Therefore, this story when thought about has more or less the same meaning as the words that Gandalf spoke. Ms. Ralston is just an ordinary person, but her actions made such a big change just like Gandalf said it is the constant small positive actions that make the difference rather then the actions made by those with lots of power. As long as someone has good intentions and they are dedicated then they have a very good chance of making a meaningful change, that is all it takes. This story in a way is like the story of Rosa Parks, just an ordinary woman trying to make a change and stand up for herself. She was definitely not a person of any real power, her actions had a great impact on society. Back in her time those who were of the African American race had to enter through the back door on the bus and sit at the back of the bus, only those who were white got to sit in the front of the bus. When one day she was asked to give up her seat for a white person, she refused and later that day got arrested for her courageous act. She was bailed out later, but this is not the point of the story she showed so many other African American citizens a glimpse of hope and change that day. All Rosa did was stand up for herself which had a massive effect on society. All these things have the same meaning when thought of from a certain perspective, small actions can have large effects.