# Part I: the Setup

Styling the Title

This is the story of how the Title style was modified to start the text three inches down from the top and to always put a page break before.

Pay close attention to the page break, gentle reader, for it is the subject of our tale.

The Indents and Spacing tab is modified to push the Title styled text down. This works perfectly in ODF, PDF, and EPUB formats.
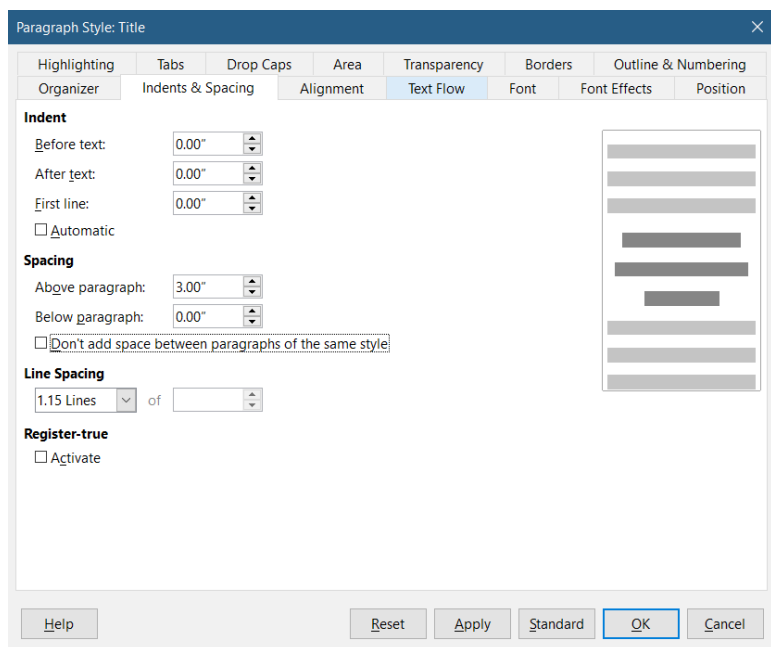
Next, the Text Flow tab is modified to insert a page break before the Title styled text. This page break works in ODF and PDF, but not in EPUB.

Paragraph Style: Title ✕

Highlighting	Tabs	Drop Caps	Area	Transparency	Borders	Outline & Numbering
Organizer	Indents & Spacing	Alignment	Text Flow	Font	Font Effects	Position

Hyphenation

☐ A̲utomatically

☐ Don't hyphenate words in C̲APS

2 ⬍	C̲haracters at line end
2 ⬍	C̲haracters at line begin
0 ⬍	M̲aximum number of consecutive hyphens

Breaks

☑ I̲nsert   T̲ype: | Page ⌄ | Position: | Before ⌄ |

☐ With page style: | ⌄ | ☐ Page n̲umber: | 1 ⬍ |

Options

☐ Do not split paragraph

☑ Keep with next paragraph

☑ O̲rphan control | 2 ⬍ | lines

☑ W̲idow control | 2 ⬍ | lines

| Help | | | Reset | Apply | Standard | OK | Cancel |

Styling Heading 1

Heading 1 is styled to add a page break before. This page break setting works in ODF and PDF, but not in EPUB.

Part II: the Results

EPUB Screenshots (current behavior)

Here's a screenshot of the EPUB output as rendered by Amazon's Kindle Previewer 3 device emulation software for Windows. It shows the current behavior of the Title styled "Part II: The Results" not inserting a break before as it does in ODF and PDF formats.
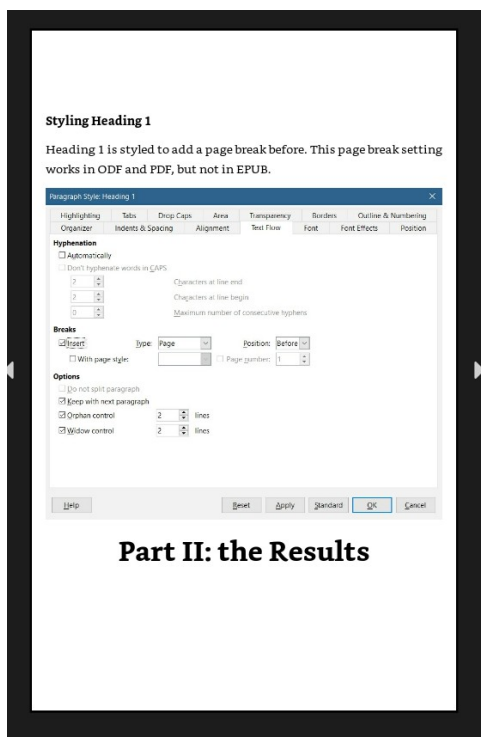
EPUB Stylesheet Changes

Unzipping the EPUB and examining its included stylesheet.css shows that none of the elements is styled with a CSS break parameter.

Manually adding the "break-before: always;" results in behavior that is consistent with the ODF and PDF versions of the document.
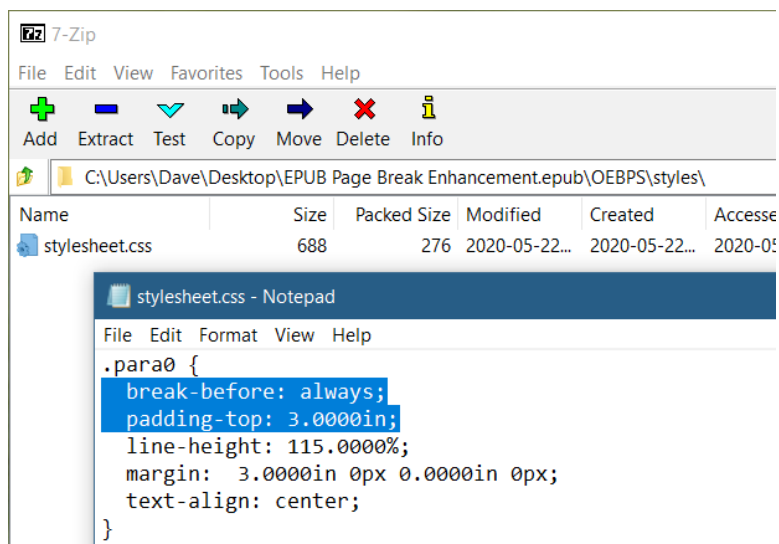
NOTE: I also had to use padding to get the Title styled text to push down to the middle of the page. Having just margin specified resulted in the Title styled text being at the top of the page.

Possible Solution

I believe the solution to improving EPUB output is to add "break-before: always;" to the CSS for any LibreOffice styles that include an "Insert Page Break Before" and "break-after: always;" for any styles with "Insert Page Break After". There may also need to be a change from CSS margin to CSS padding.

Here's what it looks like on the Kindle Previewer after I made the manual change to stylesheet.css: