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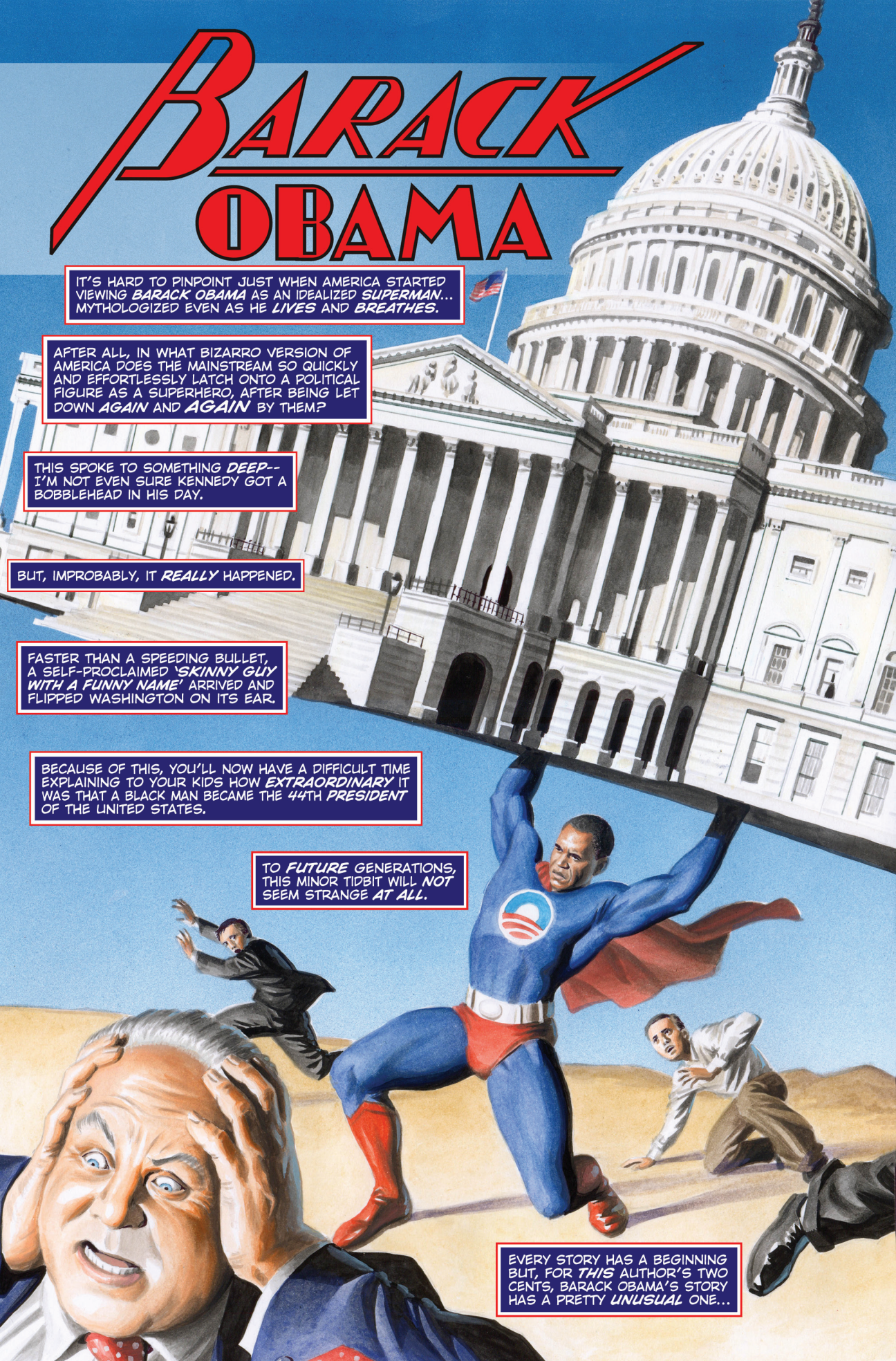
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# BARACK OBAMA



IT'S HARD TO PINPOINT JUST WHEN AMERICA STARTED VIEWING **BARACK OBAMA** AS AN IDEALIZED **SUPERMAN**... MYTHOLOGIZED EVEN AS HE **LIVES** AND **BREATHES**.

AFTER ALL, IN WHAT BIZARRO VERSION OF AMERICA DOES THE MAINSTREAM SO QUICKLY AND EFFORTLESSLY LATCH ONTO A POLITICAL FIGURE AS A SUPERHERO, AFTER BEING LET DOWN **AGAIN** AND **AGAIN** BY THEM?

THIS SPOKE TO SOMETHING **DEEP**-- I'M NOT EVEN SURE KENNEDY GOT A BOBBLEHEAD IN HIS DAY.

BUT, IMPROBABLY, IT **REALLY** HAPPENED.

FASTER THAN A SPEEDING BULLET, A SELF-PROCLAIMED '**SKINNY GUY WITH A FUNNY NAME**' ARRIVED AND FLIPPED WASHINGTON ON ITS EAR.

BECAUSE OF THIS, YOU'LL NOW HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME EXPLAINING TO YOUR KIDS HOW **EXTRAORDINARY** IT WAS THAT A BLACK MAN BECAME THE **44TH PRESIDENT** OF THE UNITED STATES.

TO **FUTURE** GENERATIONS, THIS MINOR TIDBIT WILL **NOT** SEEM STRANGE AT ALL.

EVERY STORY HAS A BEGINNING BUT, FOR **THIS** AUTHOR'S TWO CENTS, BARACK OBAMA'S STORY HAS A PRETTY **UNUSUAL** ONE...