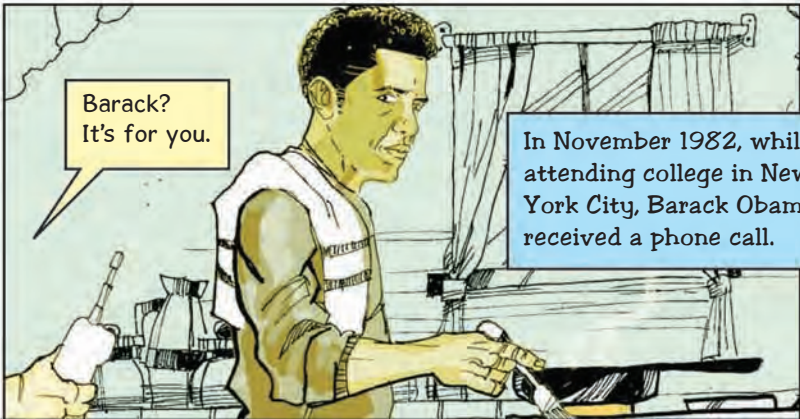


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BARACK OBAMA



Before Barack Obama was president, he lived in many different places and met many different kinds of people. Growing up, Barack had to work hard to understand himself and the world around him.

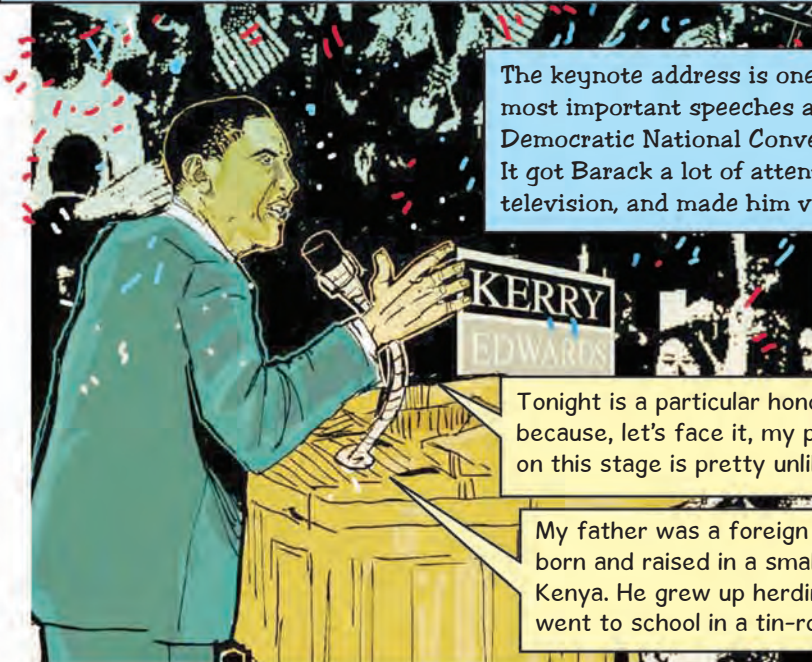


Barack?
It's for you.

In November 1982, while attending college in New York City, Barack Obama received a phone call.

A few months after his twenty-first birthday, the future president found out his father had died in a car accident. He had only met his father once, when he was ten years old.

At the 2004 Democratic National Convention in Boston, Massachusetts, Illinois State Senator Barack Obama gave the keynote address.



The keynote address is one of the most important speeches at the Democratic National Convention. It got Barack a lot of attention on television, and made him very famous.

Tonight is a particular honor for me because, let's face it, my presence on this stage is pretty unlikely.

My father was a foreign student, born and raised in a small village in Kenya. He grew up herding goats, went to school in a tin-roof shack.

Barack told different stories about his father in Honolulu, Hawaii, in December 1971.



My grandfather, see, he's a chief. It's sort of like the king of the tribe. So that makes my father a prince. He'll take over when my grandfather dies.

None of the stories Barack told his classmates were true. Barack's grandfather, Onyangō Obama, was a farmer and a cook.



What about after that? I mean, will you go back and be a prince?

Well, if I want to I could.

But to be fair, when Barack was ten and everyone called him Barry, he didn't know much about his father's family, or even the country that they came from.

Barack's father, Barack Obama Sr., was born in Kenya. He did well in school and was invited to study in the United States.



While he was at the University of Hawaii, he met Barack's mother, Ann.

Ann Dunham met Barack Sr. in a Russian language class. They were married February 2, 1961. In 1961 interracial marriage was rare. Barack Sr.'s father and Ann's parents were not happy with their children.



When Barack was two years old, his father finished studying at the University of Hawaii. Barack Sr. received two offers to continue his studies: one came from the New School in New York City, the other from Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.



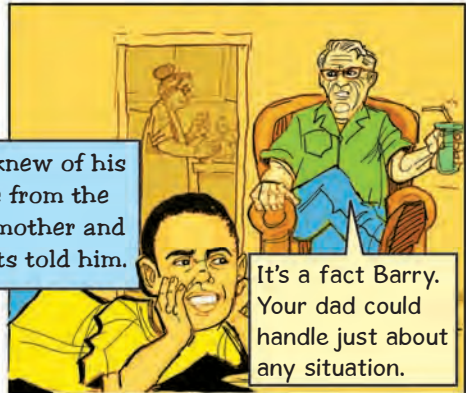
Why do you have to go to Harvard? If you choose New York, you'll have enough money to take us with you!

How can I refuse the best school?

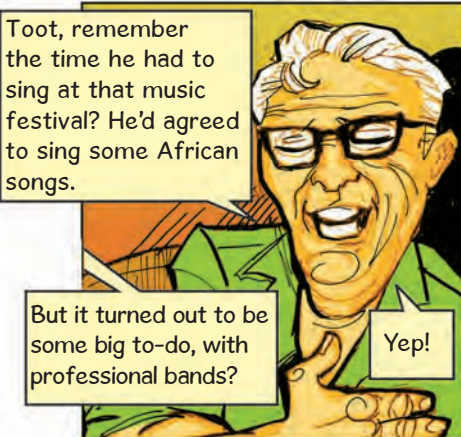


Barack's parents split up soon after his father left for Massachusetts.

All Barack knew of his father came from the stories his mother and grandparents told him.



It's a fact Barry. Your dad could handle just about any situation.



Toot, remember the time he had to sing at that music festival? He'd agreed to sing some African songs.

But it turned out to be some big to-do, with professional bands?

Yep!



But your dad sang by himself in front of this big crowd anyway.

And he wasn't great.

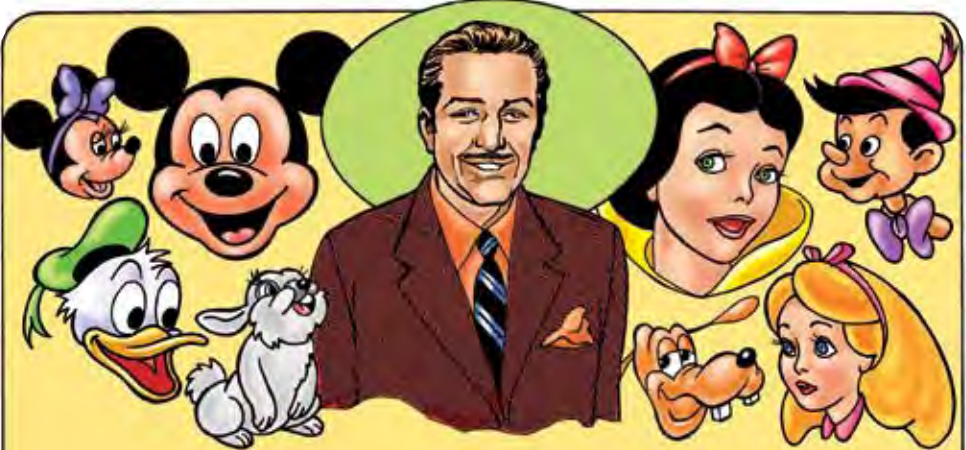
No, but he was so sure of himself that the crowd loved him. There's something you can learn from your dad. Confidence. The secret to success.

Barack called his grandparents Gramps and Toot, which came from tutu, the Hawaiian word for "grandmother."

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Walt Disney





The name Walt Disney is known all over the world. He was the creator of Mickey Mouse and a pioneer* in the making of animated cartoons.



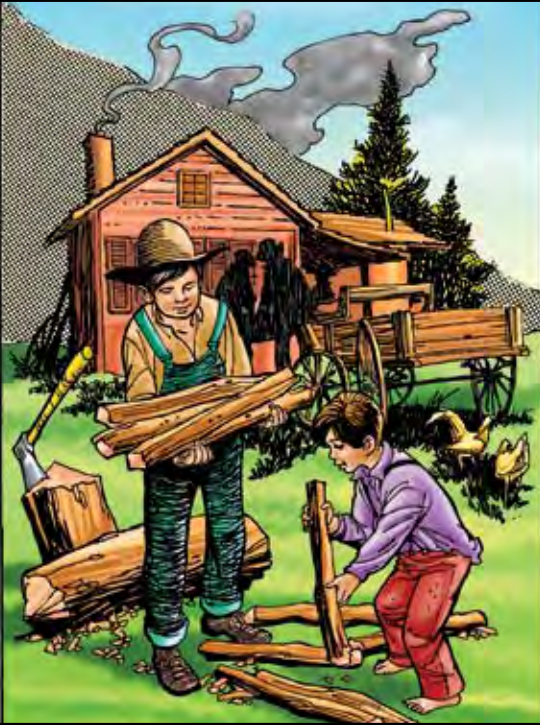
For millions of people who watched his weekly television program, he was an important part of something the family did together. He was a self-made man, and this is the story of how he did it.

He was born in Chicago in 1901, the fourth of five children. His father, Elias Disney, was working as a building contractor at the time.



His mother, Flora, was a school teacher before her marriage, but gave it up to raise her children.

When Walt was four years old, the family moved to a farm near Marceline, Missouri.



The two oldest boys didn't take to this new life. They ran away from home and went back to Chicago.

C'mon, Skinny!



There was a lot of hard work to be done, and Elias made sure that his children did their share.

Walt's best friend was his brother Roy. Roy was eight years older than Walt.

Look, Roy! I made this picture of Skinny!

That's great, kid!



Walt's father tried to make a living selling the apples from his two large orchards. After five years he knew he couldn't do it. He sold the farm and they moved to Kansas City.



In Kansas City, Disney bought a newspaper route of 2,000 people. Roy and Walt had to work for their father without pay. The other paperboys made three dollars a week.

Roy and Walt got up at 3:30 a.m. to deliver the morning paper.



I'll just rest here for a minute and get warm.

In winter, the snow was up to Walt's nose.



When Walt woke up, he finished his deliveries and ran all the way to school.



He longed for the day when he wouldn't have to work for his father anymore.