# **DAD SIDE**

## DIGITAL EPISODE #2.

## SCENE 2B: JABARI'S DREAM

Jabari is inside his live stream, standing beside the colorful bus in his sketch. People are dancing and singing a refrain of "Oh Freedom" as Jabari's Dad narrates:

DAD

Previously on JABARI WeTUBE LIVE! Jabari is amazed and overjoyed to find himself inside the beautiful world he created in his painting. A place that knows no hatred, and all news is the best news you could ever possibly hear news. Then, to his surprise, he recognizes a familiar face in the crowd-

#### JABARI

Obama!

OBAMA

I'm dope. Chill. And I don't take no flak!

JABARI:

How come you look like my dad?

OBAMA

'Cause I got swag, my man. I am indeed your Forever President Barack Hussein Obama...

A small violin is heard.

OBAMA

...The 44th and first African-American president of these <u>here U-nited States</u>!

START

Obama begins to "preach." Yes, he goes there.

OBAMA

I am-! The son of a Black man from Kenya and a white woman from Kansas.

I've gone to some of the best schools in America and lived in one of the world's poorest nations! I am married to a beautiful woman who carries within her the blood of slaves and slaveowners!

I have brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, uncles and cousins, of every race and every hue-

-And for as long as long as I live, I will never forget that in no other country on Earth is my story even possible!

And that's because of the good people in the Civil Rights Movement!

And now...let's "get on down and partay!"

**STOP** 

Music continues. Obama sings, badly.

OBAMA

(He sings, badly, dances) Watch me Hip/watch me Yae Yae

Watch me Hip Hip/

Watch me Yae Yae!

Woooh! Watch me! Watch me! Wooh Watch me! Watch me! Wooh! Watch me! Watch me! Wooh Wooh Wooh!

JABARI

Yo man, this ain't a good look.

OBAMA

Nonsense! All aboard Jabari's Soul-co-motive CIVIL RIGHTS Bus Ride! OH FREEDOM! 1955!

JABARI

Civil Rights?!! Aw, man! Noooooo!

# JABARI / OBAMA SIDE

# DIGITAL EPISODE #4.

# SCENE 6A: YOUNG OBAMA'S ROOM

Jabari is under his bed, whispering to camera.

# **JABARI:**

(whispering) Mr. President? Mr. President?

OBAMA

I hope to be some day. Wait...who is that under my bed? I ain't scared of nobody! Come out and show your face! Put 'em up! Put 'em up!

#### JABARI

Obama!

## OBAMA

That's right, kid! I'm Barack Hussein Obama! The Obamanator! An Obama-menon! Indestructible and incorrigible! And just like Dr. King I'm going to peacefully kick your butt!

JABARI: What would you do if Dr. King wasn't around anymore?

#### OBAMA

Well...I'd be afraid.

## JABARI:

You? Afraid too?

#### OBAMA

Yeah. So. Dr. King's scared. All the time. But he still gets up. Still marches.

JABARI: Look, promise me that whatever happens to Dr. King, you won't ever stop believing you can. That we can-

OBAMA Yes we can. ...Say! I like that! "Yes We Can!"

### **JABARI:**

Promise.

START

OBAMA

Jeez, yeah, I promise. Shoot, if King was gone for real, I'd take his place!

Preaching.

#### OBAMA

I am-!

I said I am-!

Jabari says nothing.

OBAMA

Jump in! Like I'm Dr. King!

JABARI

Okay.

OBAMA

I am the son of a Black man from Kenya and a white woman from Kansas!

#### **JABARI:**

Um hmmmm!

#### OBAMA

"I want to go to some of the best schools in America where we can play all day-

## JABARI

Yessuh-!

OBAMA "I want to get married to a pretty girl named Michelle who will be way smarter than I'll ever be-!

#### JABARI

Mama Obama!

OBAMA "I want for every kid to have all the ice cream they want!

### JABARI

Ice cream, yes!

### OBAMA

And never have to take naps!

### JABARI

No naps! No naps! Wait a minute. I'm too old for naps.

#### OBAMA

And to play basketball in the house everyday all winter!

JABARI

Shooting hoops!

OBAMA

"-And for as long-"

JABARI

Yessuh!

OBAMA

I say as long-

## JABARI

Yessuh! Yessuh!

# OBAMA

As long as I live, I will always believe if we have all the ice cream we want, never have to take naps, and can play basketball in the house all winter long if we want to, we will always have our mind stayed on freedom!

Obama starts to sing. Badly. Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom-/

JABARI: Stayed on freedom! Stayed on FREEEEEEE---?!

A SIREN.

**STOP**