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The Challenge seemed impossible. The performance was superhuman.

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On the day of his first inauguration, March 4th 1933, Franklin Delano Roosevelt lifted America onto his shoulders, and never set it down again. He carried it through 4 consecutive presidential elections, for over 12 years. He carried it through a Great Depression that laid America low. He carried it in a World War against both Germany and Japan. He carried this crushing burden with such great flair, that most Americans were unaware that an earlier battle with polio left him unable to walk. To call his performance superhuman is not unreasonable.