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GANGWAY FOR  
CAPTAIN MARVEL!



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**INTRODUCES...**

**CAPTAIN MARVEL  
IBIS THE INVINCIBLE  
GOLDEN ARROW  
SPY SMASHER  
SCOOP SMITH  
LANCE O'CASEY  
DAN DARE**

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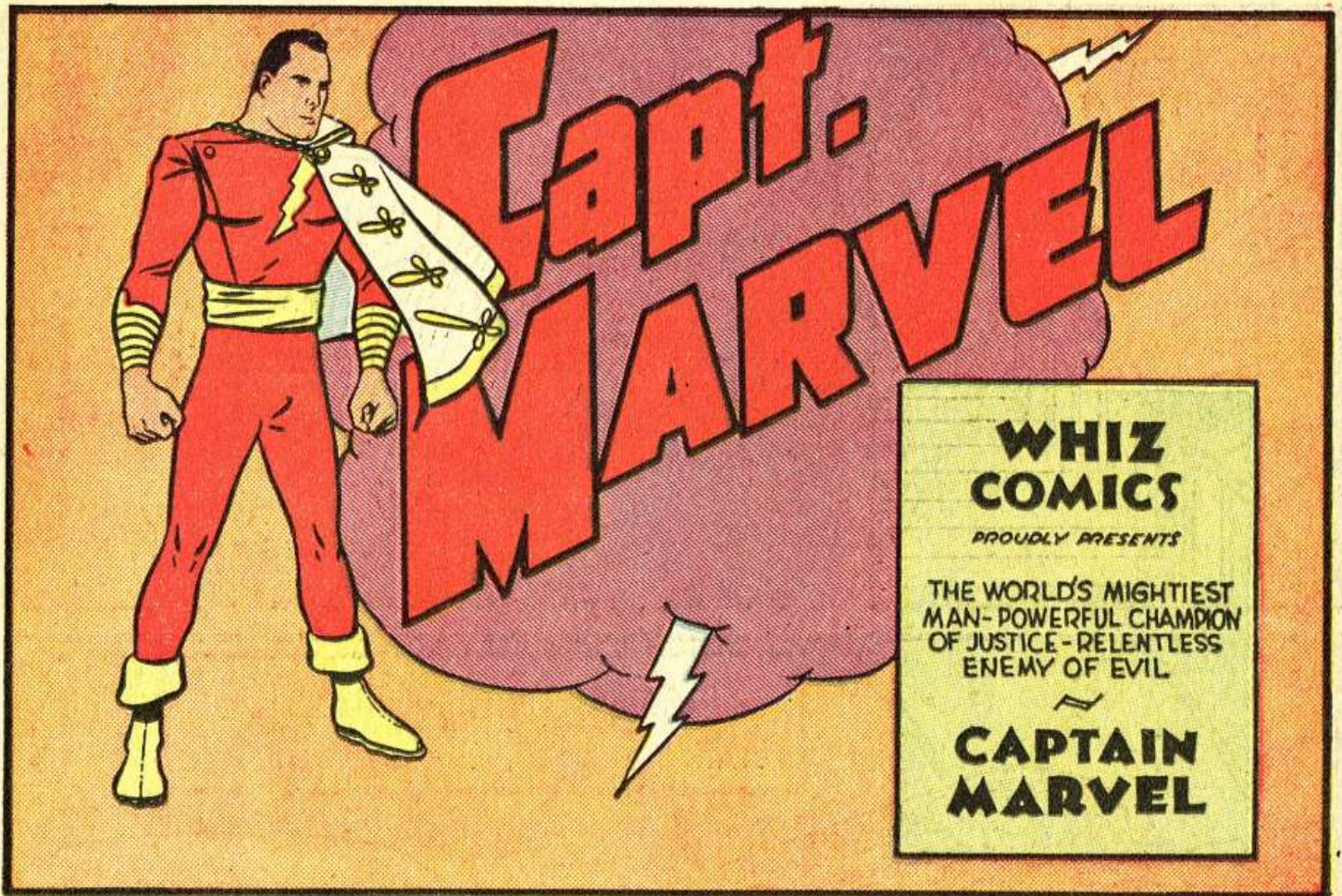
**ALL NEW! ALL DIFFERENT!**

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**LOOK FOR DETAILS OF OUR BIG  
LUCKY SEVEN \$25<sup>00</sup> CASH CONTEST  
ON THE LAST PAGE OF THIS ISSUE**

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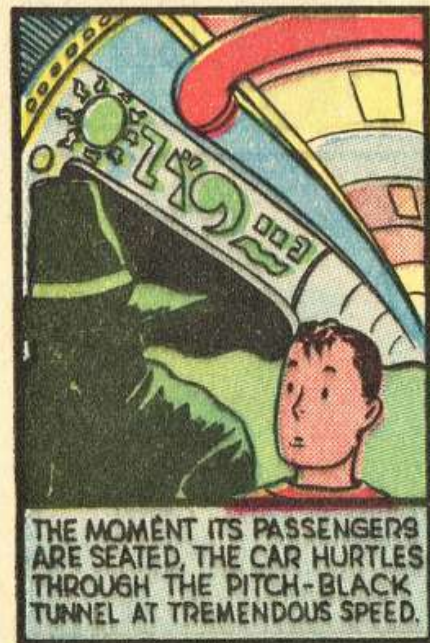
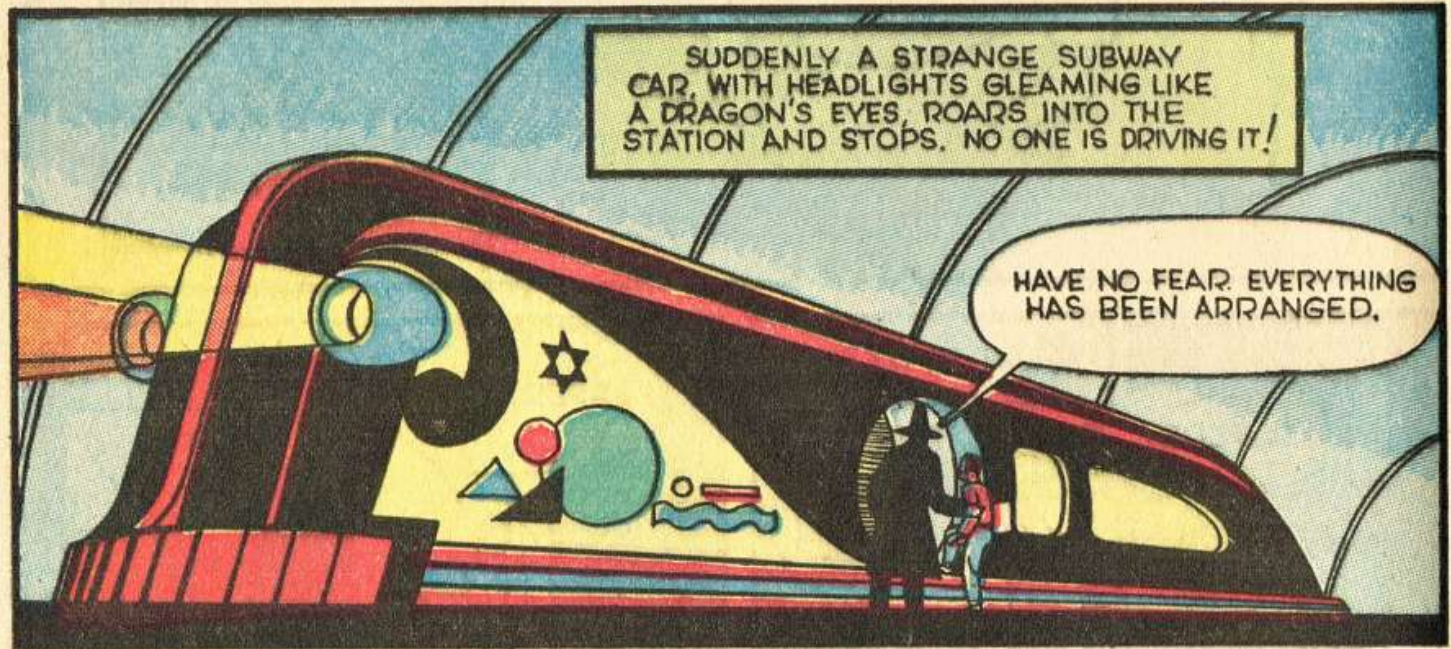




**WHIZ  
COMICS**  
*PROUDLY PRESENTS*  
THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST  
MAN-POWERFUL CHAMPION  
OF JUSTICE - RELENTLESS  
ENEMY OF EVIL  
**CAPTAIN  
MARVEL**







THE MOMENT ITS PASSENGERS ARE SEATED, THE CAR HURTTLES THROUGH THE PITCH-BLACK TUNNEL AT TREMENDOUS SPEED.

THE CAR HAS STOPPED AT THE END OF THE LINE. THE BOY AND HIS PHANTOM COMPANION STEPPED OUT ONTO A PLATFORM RESEMBLING THE MOUTH OF A WEIRD, SUBTERRANEAN CAVERN.





MUSTERING HIS COURAGE THE BOY ENTERS AN ANCIENT UNDERGROUND HALL, CARVED OUT OF SOLID ROCK GROTESQUELY LIGHTED BY FLARING TORCHES.



WELCOME, BILLY BATSON

AN OLD, OLD MAN, SITTING ON A MARBLE THRONE AT THE FAR END OF THE CAVERN, SPEAKS AS THEY APPROACH.



H-HOW DID YOU KNOW MY NAME?



I KNOW EVERYTHING. I AM —

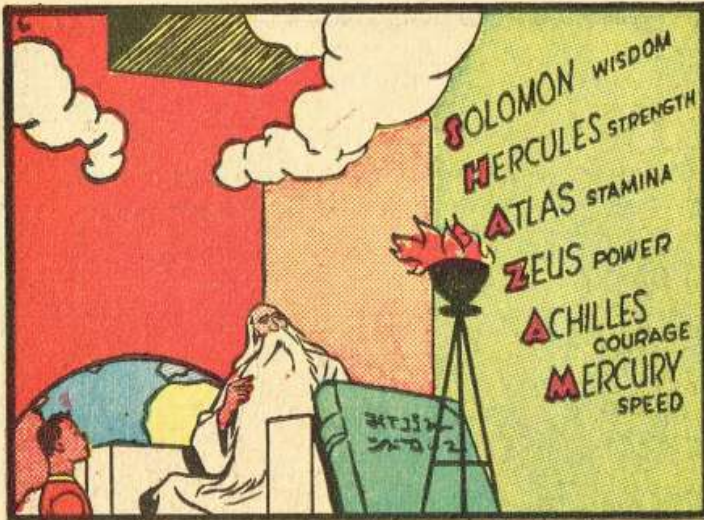


A HUGE BLACK CLOUD—A BLINDING LIGHTNING FLASH—A DEAFENING PEAL OF THUNDER FORM OUT OF NOWHERE AS THE OLD MAN SPEAKS HIS NAME —

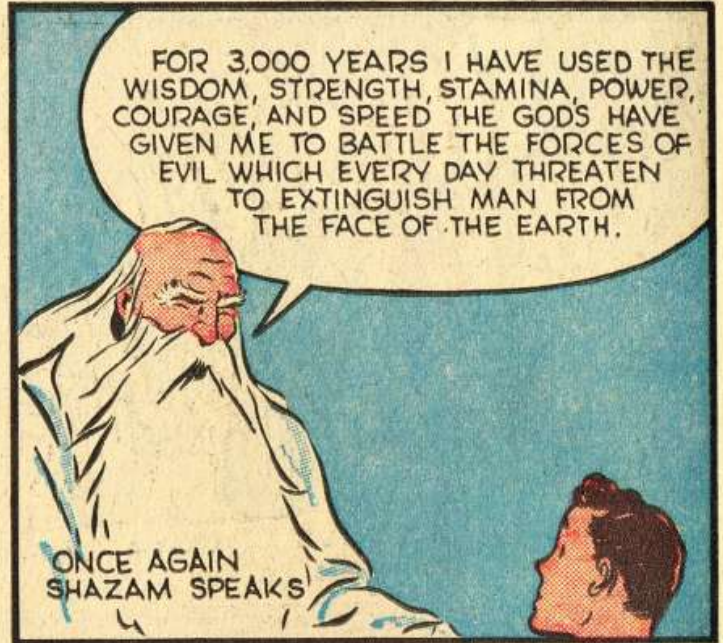
SHAZAM!

CRASH





SIMULTANEOUSLY A CURIOUS INSCRIPTION, EXPLAINING SHAZAM'S NAME, APPEARS MAGICALLY ON THE WALL



FOR 3,000 YEARS I HAVE USED THE WISDOM, STRENGTH, STAMINA, POWER, COURAGE, AND SPEED THE GODS HAVE GIVEN ME TO BATTLE THE FORCES OF EVIL WHICH EVERY DAY THREATEN TO EXTINGUISH MAN FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

ONCE AGAIN SHAZAM SPEAKS!



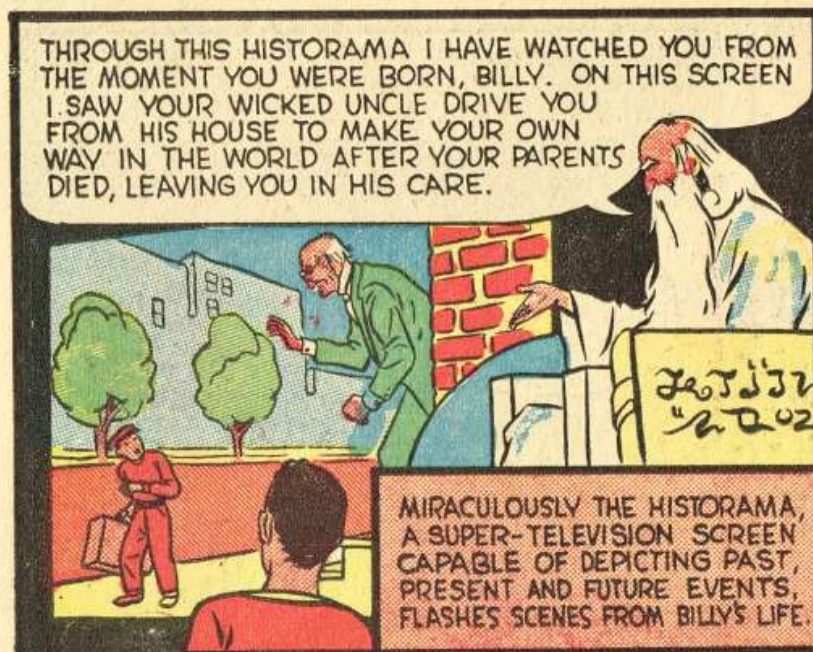
THREE THOUSAND YEARS!

YES, SON. AND DURING THAT TIME I HAVE SEEN EVERYTHING—KNOWN EVERYTHING—THAT HAPPENED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, FROM THE HIGHEST TO THE LOWEST.



THE HISTORAMA!

CLAP



THROUGH THIS HISTORAMA I HAVE WATCHED YOU FROM THE MOMENT YOU WERE BORN, BILLY. ON THIS SCREEN I SAW YOUR WICKED UNCLE DRIVE YOU FROM HIS HOUSE TO MAKE YOUR OWN WAY IN THE WORLD AFTER YOUR PARENTS DIED, LEAVING YOU IN HIS CARE.

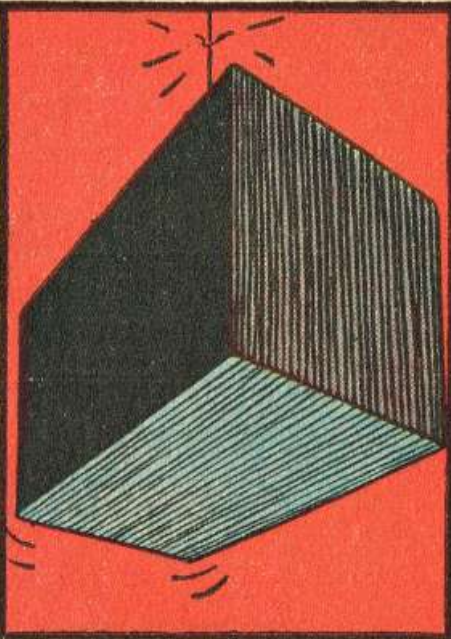
MIRACULOUSLY THE HISTORAMA, A SUPER-TELEVISION SCREEN CAPABLE OF DEPICTING PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE EVENTS, FLASHES SCENES FROM BILLY'S LIFE.



I KNOW THAT HE GOT RID OF YOU IN ORDER TO GET POSSESSION OF THE MONEY AND BONDS YOUR FATHER WILLED TO YOU.



DIRECTLY ABOVE SHAZAM'S HEAD A MASSIVE GRANITE BLOCK, WEIGHING TONS, HANGS FROM A SLENDER, FRAYED THREAD. IF THE THREAD BROKE, THE GRANITE WOULD CRUSH THE OLD MAN TO POWDER, AND THE THREAD IS ALMOST WORN THROUGH!



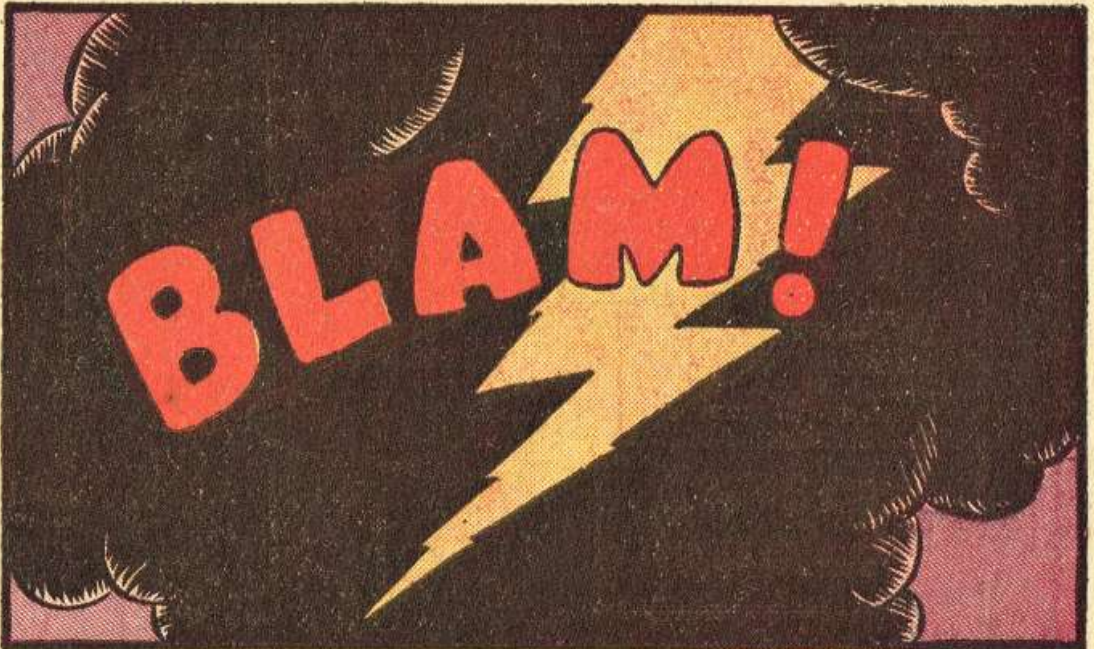
ALL MY LIFE I HAVE FOUGHT INJUSTICE AND CRUELTY. BUT I AM OLD NOW - MY TIME IS ALMOST UP. YOU SHALL BE MY SUCCESSOR MERELY BY SPEAKING MY NAME YOU CAN BECOME THE STRONGEST AND MIGHTIEST MAN IN THE WORLD -  
**CAPTAIN MARVEL!**



**SHAZAM!**



**BLAM!**



CAPTAIN MARVEL, I SALUTE YOU. HENCEFORTH IT SHALL BE YOUR SACRED DUTY TO DEFEND THE POOR AND HELPLESS, RIGHT WRONGS AND CRUSH EVIL EVERYWHERE.

YES, SIRE.



AS BILLY SPEAKS THE MAGIC WORD HE BECOMES CAPTAIN MARVEL!







TO BECOME BILLY BATSON AGAIN, ALSO SPEAK MY NAME, AND NOW I MUST GO. CAPTAIN MARVEL, SPEAK MY NAME!



SHAZAM

CRASH

THROUGH THE BLINDING FLASH OF THE LIGHTNING BOLT, CAPTAIN MARVEL SEES THE GRANITE BLOCK FALLING ON SHAZAM.



A MOMENT LATER BILLY FINDS HIMSELF STANDING AT HIS OLD POST. SHAZAM, CAPTAIN MARVEL AND THE WEIRD UNDERGROUND CAVERN HAVE VANISHED.

GEE!  
IT ALL SEEMS  
LIKE A DREAM.



NEXT  
MORNING

SENSATIONAL  
NEWS ALMOST  
MAKES BILLY FOR-  
GET HIS NIGHT'S  
ADVENTURE -



EXTRA!  
EXTRA!  
READ ALL  
ABOUT IT!

MANIAC SCIENTIST THREATENS U.S.  
RADIO SYSTEM; DEMANDS \$50,000,000



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AIR OFFICIALS ALARMED

POLICE ARE SEARCHING VAINLY FOR  
A PHANTOM SCIENTIST WHO THREATENS  
TO DRIVE EVERY BROADCASTING STATION  
OFF THE AIR WITH HIS DIABOLICAL 'RADIO  
SILENCER' UNLESS HE RECEIVES FIFTY  
MILLION DOLLARS BY MIDNIGHT TONITE.  
GAMATED MORRIS, PRESIDENT OF AMAL-  
THE MAD INCHARD IS NOT A MACHINE  
SMASHER BY THE DETECTIVE



GIMME A PAPER, KID.

WANTA READ  
ABOUT THE BOSS,  
EH?

SHUT UP, YOU FOOL.  
COME ON, LET'S GET GOING.

BILLY OVERHEARS A  
STRANGE CONVERSATION.









- AND I FOLLOWED THEM TO THE SKYTOWER APARTMENTS. I'LL BET THEY WERE GOING TO SEE THE PHANTOM!

THE SKYTOWER APARTMENTS? NONSENSE, BOY WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME HE LIVES AT CITY HALL? OR IN THE CAPITOL AT WASHINGTON?

EXCITEDLY BILLY TELLS MR. MORRIS HOW HE TRAILED THE SUSPICIOUS-LOOKING STRANGERS.



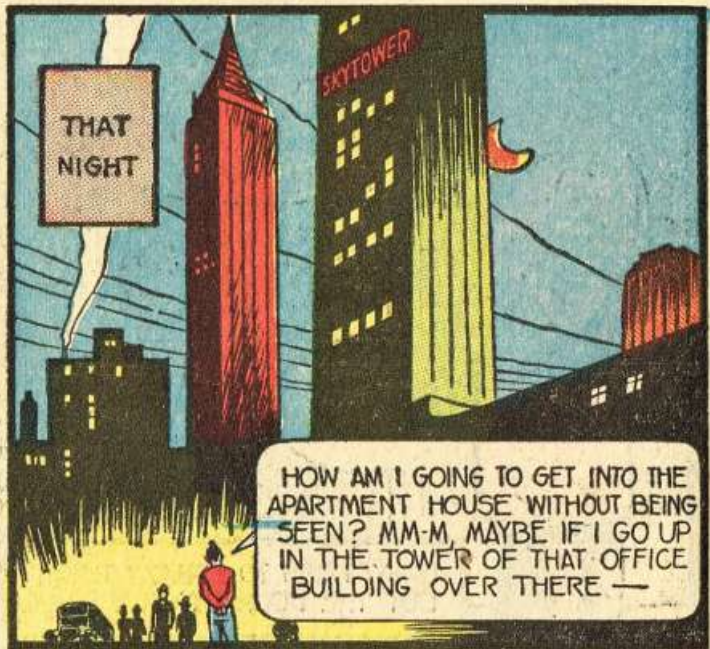
THIS IS A SERIOUS MATTER, BOY. I'M IN NO MOOD FOR JOKING ABOUT IT. YOU'D BETTER GO BEFORE I LOSE MY TEMPER.

BUT THE RADIO OFFICIAL RIDICULES HIS SUSPICIONS



ALL RIGHT, I'LL GO. BUT IF I FIND THE PHANTOM'S LABORATORY, WILL YOU GIVE ME A JOB AS A RADIO ANNOUNCER?

A JOB? I'LL GIVE YOU ANYTHING YOU WANT IF YOU FIND THIS MADMAN. AND NOW GET OUT. I CAN'T WASTE ANY MORE TIME LISTENING TO NONSENSE.



THAT NIGHT

HOW AM I GOING TO GET INTO THE APARTMENT HOUSE WITHOUT BEING SEEN? MM-M, MAYBE IF I GO UP IN THE TOWER OF THAT OFFICE BUILDING OVER THERE —



THE OFFICE BUILDING ELEVATOR QUICKLY TAKES BILLY TO THE OBSERVATION TOWER.

THIS IS A JOB FOR CAPTAIN MARVEL!



SHAZAM!

HE SPEAKS THE MAGIC WORD.





MIRACULOUSLY, BILLY HAS BECOME CAPTAIN MARVEL!

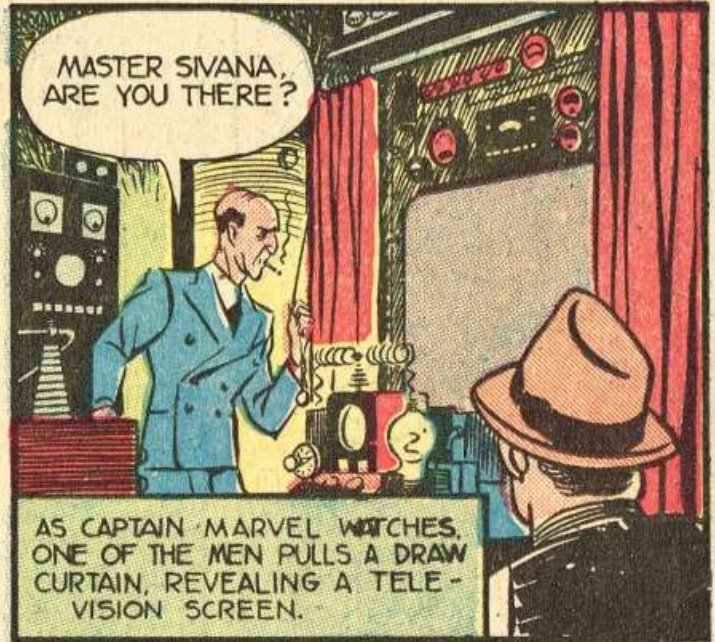


WITH A MIGHTY LEAP, CAPTAIN MARVEL EASILY SPANS THE YAWNING CHASM BETWEEN THE BUILDINGS.



WHAT LUCK! THIS MUST BE THE PHANTOM'S LABORATORY.

LANDING ON THE SKYTOWER APARTMENT ROOF, HE PEERS THROUGH A PENTHOUSE WINDOW.



MASTER SIVANA, ARE YOU THERE?

AS CAPTAIN MARVEL WATCHES, ONE OF THE MEN PULLS A DRAW CURTAIN, REVEALING A TELEVISION SCREEN.



THE FOOLS! THEY WOULDN'T PAY WHAT I DEMANDED! AT MIDNIGHT WE WILL DRIVE EVERY RADIO STATION FROM THE AIR - FOREVER!

SUDDENLY ON THE TELEVISION SCREEN APPEARS THE FACE OF SIVANA, MAD SCIENTIST WHO HAS THREATENED TO DESTROY RADIO UNLESS HE IS PAID \$50,000,000.

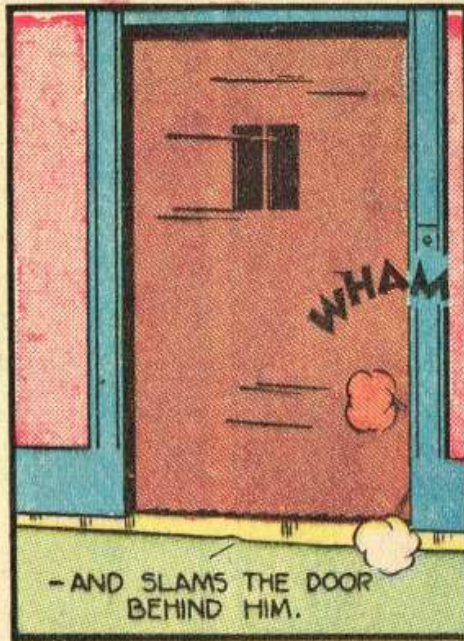
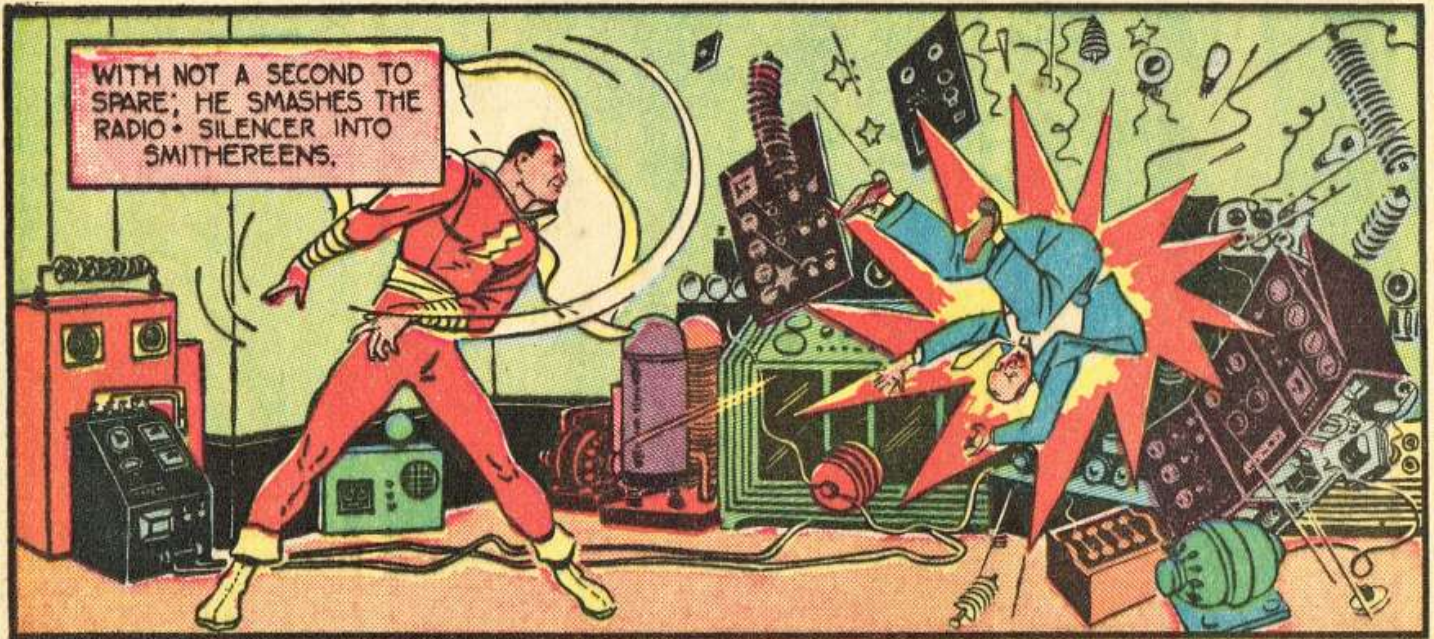


IN A FEW SECONDS SIVANA'S FIENDISH RADIO-SILENCER WILL DRIVE EVERY BROADCASTING STATION FROM THE AIRPLANES - UNLESS CAPTAIN MARVEL CAN STOP HIM!

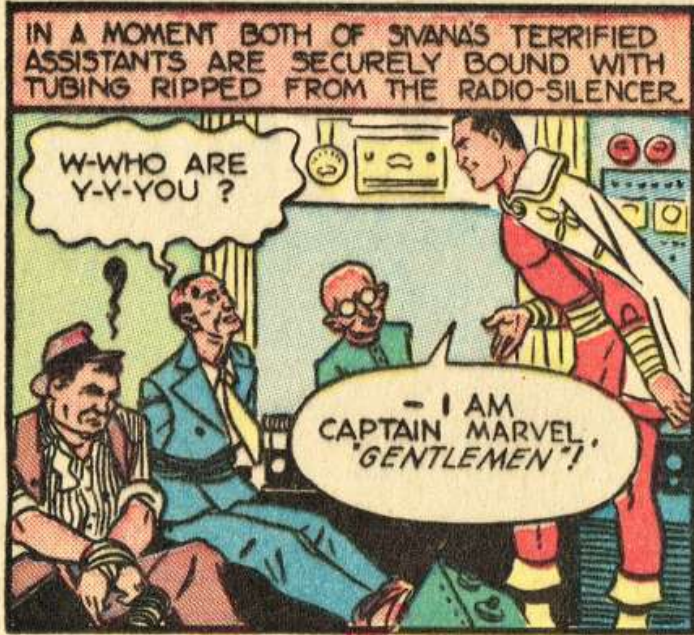


CRASHING THROUGH THE WINDOW, MARVEL RACES TOWARD THE DIABOLICAL MACHINE.













LIGHTNING SPLITS THE AIR.



MR. MORRIS? THIS IS BILLY BATSON. COME RIGHT OVER TO THE SKYTOWER APARTMENT PENTHOUSE. I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU.

RESUMING HIS NORMAL SHAPE BILLY TELEPHONES THE RADIO COMPANY PRESIDENT.



A HALF HOUR LATER BILLY TELLS MR MORRIS EVERYTHING - EXCEPT ABOUT CAPTAIN MARVEL.

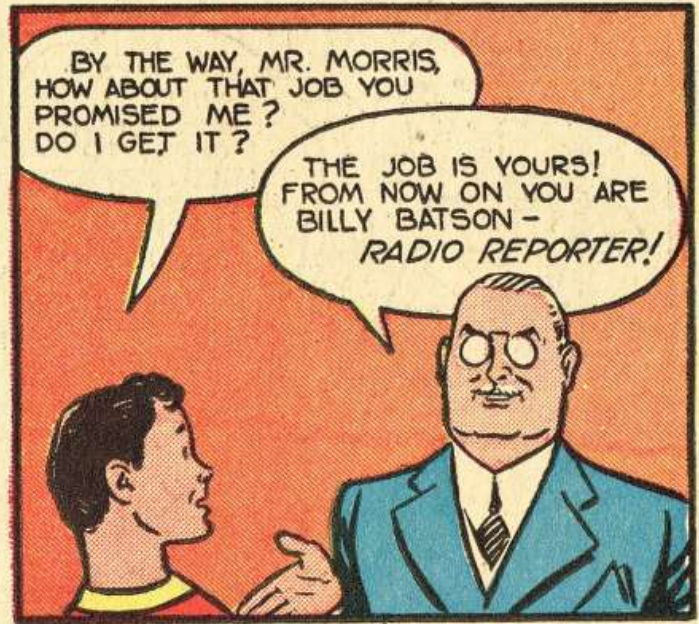
IT DOESN'T SEEM POSSIBLE THAT YOU DID THIS ALL BY YOURSELF.

-AND THAT'S WHAT'S LEFT OF THE RADIO-SILENCER, SIR.



BUT YOU'VE GOT TO PROMISE YOU WON'T TELL ANYBODY THAT I SMASHED THE RADIO SILENCER. I'VE STILL GOT TO CAPTURE SIVANA AND IT WILL BE EASIER IF NOBODY KNOWS WHO I AM. SO NOW I'LL GET OUT OF HERE. AND YOU CAN CALL THE POLICE.

VERY WELL, SON, I PROMISE.



BY THE WAY, MR. MORRIS, HOW ABOUT THAT JOB YOU PROMISED ME? DO I GET IT?

THE JOB IS YOURS! FROM NOW ON YOU ARE BILLY BATSON - RADIO REPORTER!





**BILLY ALMOST LET THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG THAT TIME**

**!**

**DON'T FAIL TO BE ON HAND NEXT MONTH WHEN HE AND**

**CAPTAIN MARVEL**

**"GO TO TOWN"**