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THE POWER OF SHAZAM!

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THE PLACE: THE
ROCK OF ETERNITY.

COMBINED, THEY
REPRESENT...

IT IS HOME OF THE ANCIENT
WIZARD, WHOSE NAME IS
AN ACRONYM FOR SOLOMON'S
WISDOM, HERCULES'S STRENGTH,
ATLAS'S STAMINA, ZEUS'S
POWER, ACHILLES'S COURAGE,
AND MERCURY'S SPEED.

THE POWER OF SHIAZAM

NO!

WHAT YOU
ASK OF ME— I
CANNOT DO!

BUT WE HAVE
NO ONE ELSE
TO TURN TO!

The BALANCE of POWER

BUT SHA--ER, WIZARD--FREDDY FREEMAN IS OUR FRIEND, AND HE NEEDS HELP!

HE AND HIS GRANDFATHER WERE BADLY HURT BY A CREEP CALLING HIMSELF CAPTAIN NAZI...*

WE JUST THOUGHT THAT WITH YOUR POWER, YOU COULD DO SOMETHING.

DO YOU TWO THINK I AM A BOTTOMLESS WELL THAT YOU MAY ENDLESSLY DIP INTO?

I HAVE TOLD YOU BEFORE-- MY POWER IS FINITE.

HAVE YOU NOT NOTICED YOUR POWERS ARE HALVED WHEN YOU BOTH DRAW ON THEM?

YES, YOU'VE TOLD US, BUT THAT'S NOT OUR WORRY RIGHT NOW!

I WAS FIGHTING CAPTAIN NAZI AT THE TIME, AND I FEEL SOMEHOW RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FREEMANS.

MARY AND I THOUGHT--



* AS SEEN IN ISSUE #6

WELL, YOU ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE!

AND AS FOR YOU, YOUNG LADY-- I AM STILL PUZZLED OVER HOW YOU KNEW TO INVOKE MY POWERS IN THE FIRST PLACE!

B-BUT YOU SENT "TAWKY TAWNY" TO TELL ME HOW, DIDN'T YOU?

YEAH-- OUR "TAWNY" DOLL-- YOU BROUGHT IT TO LIFE, TO TELL ME HOW TO CONTACT MARY.*

I DID NO SUCH THINGS! WHEN DID I EVER USE A MESSENGER TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU?

A TALKING TIGER, INDEED!



* Way back in ISSUE #4

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BUT YOU HAD MY FATHER'S SPIRIT LEAD ME INTO THAT SUBWAY TUNNEL WHEN YOU FIRST GAVE ME MY POWERS! *

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT-- BUT A TALKING TIGER?

THEN WHO--??

* Even further back, in the power of SHAZAM GRAPHIC NOVEL!

I DON'T KNOW, BUT IT DOESN'T MEAN YOU WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO GET THE POWERS TOO, MARY.



YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE THEM AWAY, ARE YOU?

WORRY NOT, BILLY.

AS FOR YOUR FRIENDS-- WELL, I HAVE LIVED LONG AND SEEN MUCH.

YOU MUST HELP THE ONES WHO HAVE NO OTHER HOPE...



OUR FRIEND IS DYING, AND YOU'RE LECTURING??

C'MON, MARY--IT WAS A MISTAKE TO THINK THIS OLD HERMIT HAD ANY COMPASSION FOR ANYONE!

BUT, BILLY--??



WE'LL FIND A WAY ON OUR OWN, TO HELP FREDDY!

I'D NOT EXPECT OTHERWISE, SON.

THE ANSWER IS THERE, BUT YOU MUST SEE IT FOR YOURSELF.



TRUST ME-- YOU CAN'T JUST GO AND DO STUFF LIKE THAT ON A WHIM.

THE MEDICAL FUND MR. MORRIS SET UP THROUGH WHIZ RADIO WILL HELP THE FREEMANS MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE WE COULD DO--

BILLY-- MAYBE WE COULD FLY IN SPECIAL-ISTS?

-- SHORT OF SHARING OUR POWERS WITH THEM!

SPEAKING OF OUR POWERS, WHAT SAY WE TEST THE WIZARD'S THEORY, AND RACE EACH OTHER TO THE HOSPITAL?

YOU SNOOZE, YOU LOSE, BROTHER! TIME TO SAY THE MAGIC WORD...

AND SO... NOT BAD, NO SONIC BOOMS, BUT--HEY!

...SHAZAM!

I LOST TRACK OF THE TIME-- I'LL CATCH UP WITH YOU AFTER MY RADIO SHOW. SAY "HI" TO THEM FOR ME, OKAY?

USING THE RADIO SHOW EXCUSE, EH? YOU'RE JUST SURE THAT I BEAT YOU, FAIR AND SQUARE!

SO GO, ALREADY!

HOW 'BOUT YOU?

SHOOT!

KA BOOOM!

THERE'S YOUR SONIC BOOM, BILLY! THE WIZARD WAS RIGHT AFTER ALL.

WELL...

"... LET'S SEE HOW FREDDY FREEMAN'S DOING."

SO, LIKE, YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO WALK AGAIN, HEY? THAT'S REALLY SAD, YOU KNOW?

I KNOW. YOU DON'T HAVE TO REMIND ME, DOREEN!

DON'T GET ALL HISSY ON US, MAN-- WE'RE ONLY TRYING TO CHEER YOU UP!

C'MON, DOREEN-- WE'LL BE LATE FOR CHEERLEADING PRACTICE.

LATER, FREEMAN!

GEE, IF THAT WERE ME, I'D KILL MYSELF!

YEAH, OR CALL THAT SUICIDE DOCTOR TO HELP ME!

HI.

GOOD BYE.

OH, FREDDY, DON'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO THEM-- THEY DON'T KNOW ANY BETTER...

NAHH, THEY'RE RIGHT!

WHAT GOOD AM I GOING TO BE TO ANYONE AS A CRIPPLE?



DON'T TALK LIKE THAT!

DON'T WORRY-- I'D NEVER DO ANYTHING-- AT LEAST WHILE GRANDPA WAS STILL AROUND.

AND HE WILL BE AROUND-- HE'S TOO MUCH OF A FIGHTER TO GIVE UP! HE'LL COME OUT OF THE COMA SOON, YOU'LL SEE.



YEAH, GRAMPS IS FEISTY, AT THAT!

AND I'VE GOT TO GET BETTER, SO I CAN RUN HIS NEWSSTAND, BEFORE ALL OF HIS CUSTOMERS GET USED TO BUYING ELSEWHERE!



NOW THAT'S THE WAY TO THINK! BILLY AND I WILL PITCH IN TOO.

NOW REST, WHILE I SIT WITH YOUR GRANDPA FOR A WHILE.

YES MA'AM!

AND MARY? YOU OUGHT TO BOTTLE WHATEVER IT IS YOU'VE GOT.



FIVE MINUTES WITH YOU HAS HELPED ME MORE THAN ANYTHING THE NURSES HAVE GIVEN ME SINCE I GOT HERE!



FREDDY'S IN FOR A BIG ADJUSTMENT. EVEN WITH EXTENSIVE THERAPY, HE MAY NEVER WALK AGAIN, ACCORDING TO THE DOCTORS.

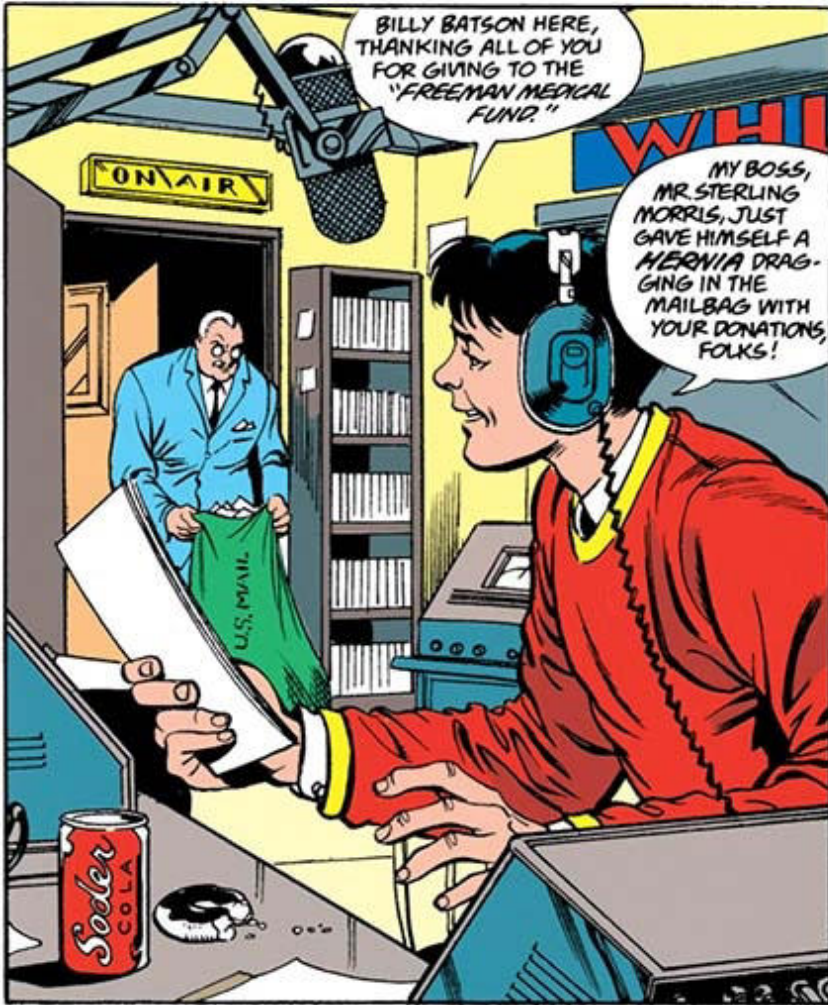
HE SEEMS TO BE HANGING IN THERE, THOUGH I SHUDDER TO THINK WHAT HE'D DO IF HIS GRANDPA DOESN'T RECOVER.



HI. I'M A FRIEND OF--

I RECOGNIZE YOU, YOUNG LADY. YOU'VE BEEN HERE EVERY DAY.

AND I'M SORRY, BUT HIS CONDITION HASN'T CHANGED.



BILLY BATSON HERE, THANKING ALL OF YOU FOR GIVING TO THE "FREEMAN MEDICAL FUND."

MY BOSS, MR. STERLING MORRIS, JUST GAVE HIMSELF A HERNIA DRAGGING IN THE MAILBAG WITH YOUR DONATIONS, FOLKS!



FREDDY FREEMAN AND HIS GRANDFATHER WERE SERIOUSLY HURT AND LEFT FOR DEAD BY A MANIAC CALLING HIMSELF CAPTAIN NAZI.

LET'S ALL PRAY THAT THIS MONSTER IS BEHIND BARS SOON, OKAY?



DONATIONS FOR THE FUND CAN BE SENT CARE OF WHIZ RADIO...

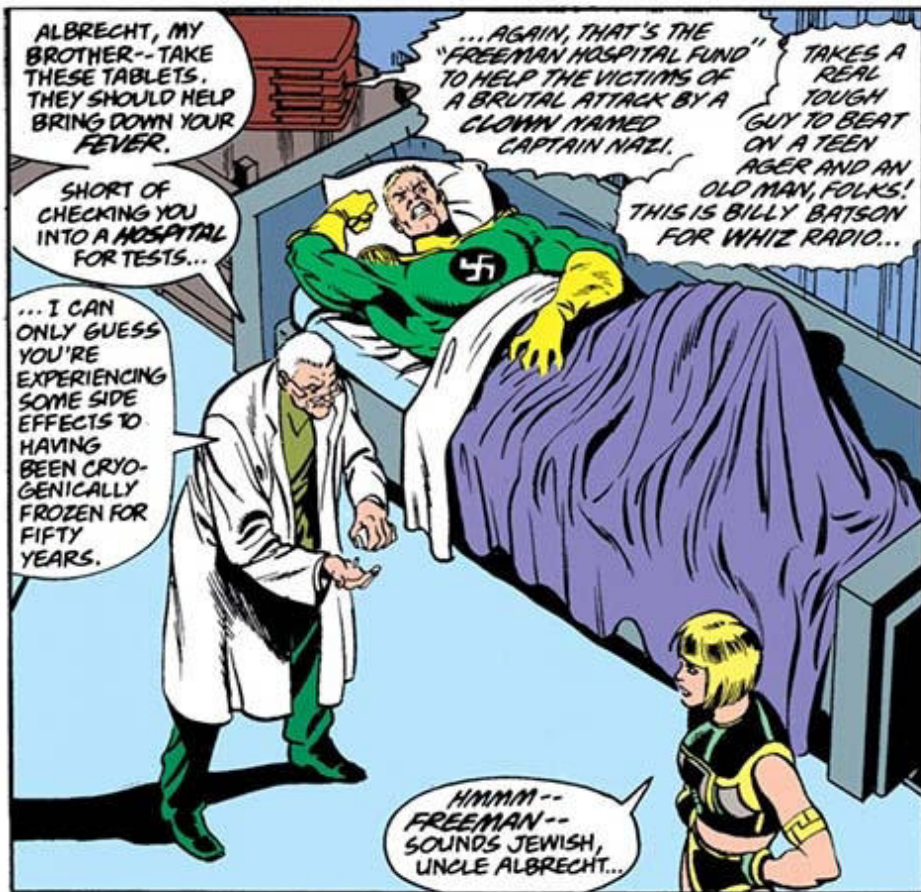
HER "MAJESTY" IS IN YOUR OFFICE.

RADIO FOR TODAY MILLIONS W.H.I.Z.

HUH? OH! SPLENDID, MISS DALSHAW.



HAVE BILLY COME SEE ME AS SOON AS HE'S OFF THE AIR, WILL YOU?



ALBRECHT, MY BROTHER-- TAKE THESE TABLETS. THEY SHOULD HELP BRING DOWN YOUR FEVER.

SHORT OF CHECKING YOU INTO A HOSPITAL FOR TESTS...

... I CAN ONLY GUESS YOU'RE EXPERIENCING SOME SIDE EFFECTS TO HAVING BEEN CRYOGENICALLY FROZEN FOR FIFTY YEARS.

... AGAIN, THAT'S THE "FREEMAN HOSPITAL FUND" TO HELP THE VICTIMS OF A BRUTAL ATTACK BY A CLOWN NAMED CAPTAIN NAZI.

TAKES A REAL TOUGH GUY TO BEAT ON A TEEN AGER AND AN OLD MAN, FOLKS! THIS IS BILLY BATSON FOR WHIZ RADIO...

HMMM-- FREEMAN-- SOUNDS JEWISH, UNCLE ALBRECHT...



ACH! YOU ALL MOCK ME!



THIS CHILD ON THE RADIO MAKES ME OUT TO BE A GOWARD!

CRUNCH!

PITY YOU LET THEM LIVE. BILLY BATSON IS TURNING THEM INTO MARTYRS.

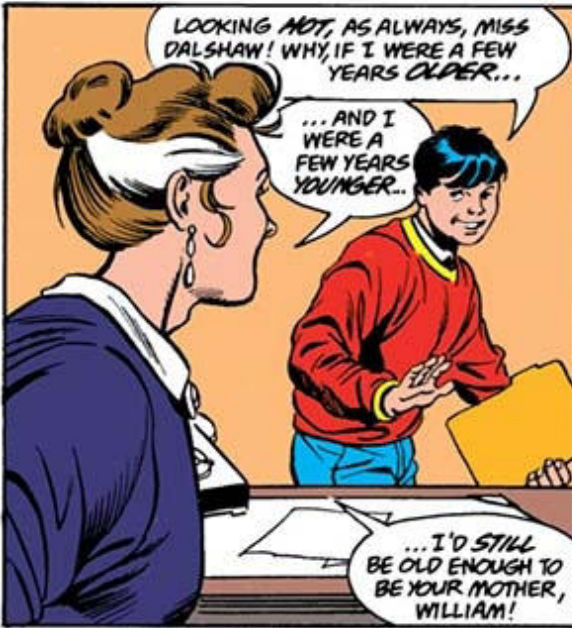


KATRINA-- HAVE A CARE! HE IS ILL, AND STILL YOU TAUNT HIM?

LOOK-- THE LONGER THE FREEMANS LIVE, THE LONGER WE'LL HAVE TO LISTEN TO SYMPATHETIC MORONS TALK ABOUT THEM!



WELL, BROTHER-- PERHAPS I SHOULD VISIT A HOSPITAL AFTER ALL?



LOOKING HOT, AS ALWAYS, MISS DALSHAW! WHY, IF I WERE A FEW YEARS OLDER...

... AND I WERE A FEW YEARS YOUNGER...

... I'D STILL BE OLD ENOUGH TO BE YOUR MOTHER, WILLIAM!



YOU WANTED TO SEE ME, MR. MORRIS?

AH, BILLY! I'VE SOLVED YOUR SCHOOL PROBLEMS.



HOWZAT?

YOU??



"BEAUTIA SIVANA-- PRIVATE TUTOR FOR HIRE."

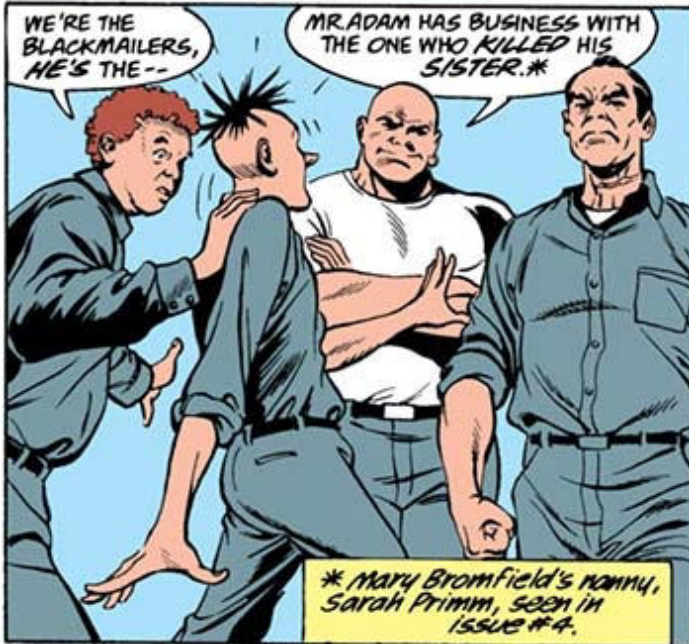
'READY TO "SQUARE SOME ROOTS" AND "SPLIT SOME INFINITIVES" WITH ME, BILLY?

PICK YOUR JAW UP OFF THE FLOOR, BOY. I WAS AN HONOR STUDENT AT YALE. I'M SMART, AS WELL AS BEAUTIFUL!

HOLY MOLEY! SHE'S GOT TO BE DOING THIS TO GET CLOSER TO CAPTAIN MARVEL!

SHE DOESN'T KNOW WE'RE THE SAME GUY-- BUT SHE DOES THINK CAP AND I ARE BEST FRIENDS!

AHH, I SEE THIS IS GOING TO WORK OUT SPLENDIDLY! TIA WILL ALSO BE DOING SOME ON-AIR STORIES FOR US, AS WELL!



* Mary Bromfield's Nanny, Sarah Primm, seen in Issue #4.







I SAID DON'T TOUCH HIM!

A FRAULEIN CAPTAIN MARVEL? HOW PRECIOUS. ARE YOU PLAYING NURSE'S MAID TO THIS BOY AS WELL?

SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

WHY DON'T YOU MAKE THIS EASY ON BOTH OF US AND GIVE YOURSELF UP?

YOU WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO DROP YOUR MANLY POSTURE, "MADAME" MARVEL, WHILE I TAKE MY "BUSINESS" ELSEWHERE!

STUPID, MARY, STUPID! I SHOULD HAVE RUSHED THAT JERK WHILE I HAD THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE!

INSTEAD I TRY TO REASON WITH HIM, AND NOW FREDDY COULD END UP WORSE OFF THAN BEFORE!



THIS IS A HOSPITAL, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD, NOT SOME WRESTLING RING!



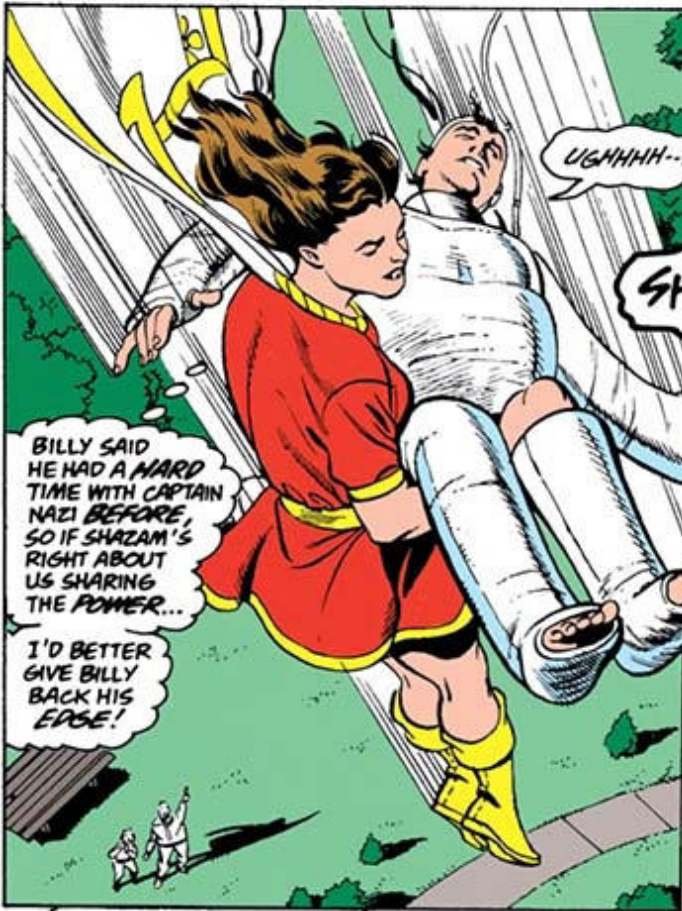
KER-PLUNK!

WHA--? WH-WHAT'S GOING ON?

OH, NO! FREDDY!

HOLY TOLEDO! BRING THAT PATIENT BACK HERE!





BILLY SAID HE HAD A HARD TIME WITH CAPTAIN NAZI BEFORE, SO IF SHAZAM'S RIGHT ABOUT US SHARING THE POWER...

I'D BETTER GIVE BILLY BACK HIS EDGE!



BOOM!

TAKE NAZI OUT FAST, BROTHER, SO WE CAN GET FREDDY BACK TO THE HOSPITAL!



!KOFF! I HAVE FACED THE LIKES OF MINUTE-MAN, SPY SMASHER, AND BULLET-MAN IN THE PAST, MARVEL...

...THEY WERE SOLDIERS, WHO WOULD KILL FOR THEIR CAUSE, BUT YOU-- YOU ARE BUT A GLORIFIED POLICEMAN!

MY POWER-- SURSING--?



THANKS, MARY!

TIMES CHANGE, NAZI-- I'M PROUD TO BE CALLED A POLICEMAN.

WHACK!

!WOOF!:



AAA-CHOO! YOU WON'T KILL FOR YOUR CAUSE-- THAT IS YOUR WEAKNESS!

YOU KNOW, YOU OUGHT TO TAKE CARE OF THAT GOLD OF YOURS!

AND PAL? IF I KILLED SCUM LIKE YOU, I'D BE NO BETTER THAN YOU ARE!

FEEL FREE TO BREAK YOUR NECK ON THOSE TREES, THOUGH!

BOOM

HE FOLDED LIKE AN ACCORDION WITH THAT PUNCH!

DOESN'T TAKE THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON TO SEE THAT HE'S OUT COLD.

HMMH, EASY TAKE-DOWN, BUT I'M NOT ABOUT TO QUESTION A GIFT LIKE THIS!

BILLY! GET OVER HERE QUICKLY!







WIZARD! THANK GOODNESS!

BILLY WILL JOIN US IN A FEW MINUTES! THIS IS--

-- YOUR FRIEND, YES. I SAW WHAT YOU DID, GIRL. VERY CLEVER, INDEED.

I GUESS YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO MAKE OF ME YET, BUT DON'T HOLD THAT AGAINST FREDDY.

BILLY THINKS IT'S WITHIN YOUR POWER TO MAKE OUR FRIEND BETTER, AND WELL-- I AGREE.

YOU HAVE GRASPED WHAT I TOLD YOU BOTH EARLIER?



UHHH, WHERE AM I?

YOU HAVE SHOWN AN INTUITIVE GRASP OF MY POWERS, MARY...

THE HISTORAMA REVEALS THAT CAPTAIN MARVEL WILL BE HERE SHORTLY, BUT LET ME TELL YOU BEFORE HE ARRIVES...



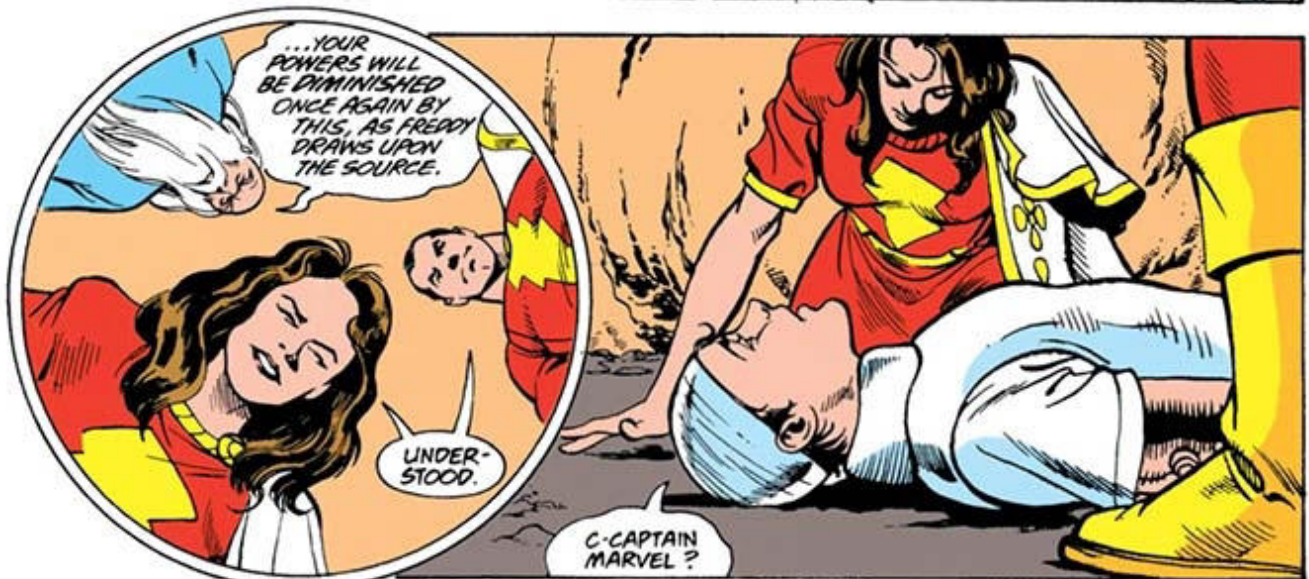
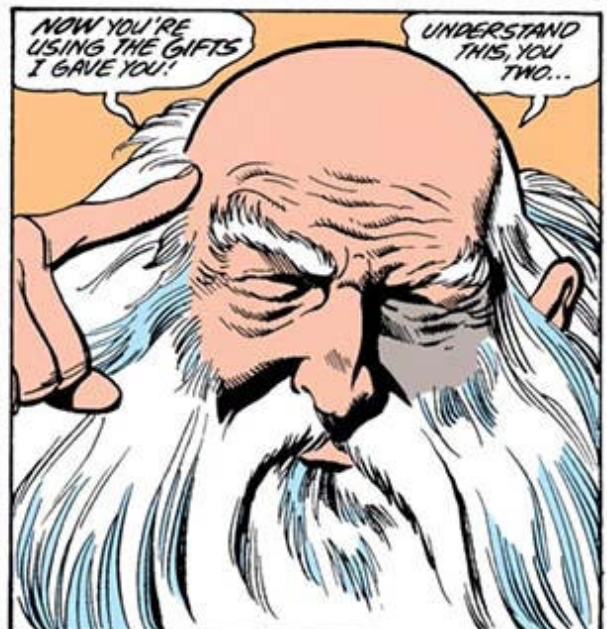
CLAP!



... IN MANY WAYS, USING THEM BETTER THAN YOUR BROTHER HAD, WHEN HE FIRST RECEIVED THEM.

THANK YOU.

BUT--





I'M WELL AGAIN--AND STRONG-- LIKE YOU TWO!

BUT HE DIDN'T CHANGE INTO AN ADULT! WHAT GIVES, WIZARD?

FREDDY'S SUB-CONSCIOUS HAS PROTECTED AN IDEALIZED FORM BASED ON HIS APPEARANCE BEFORE THE ACCIDENT.

THAT IS HIS RIGHT, JUST AS YOU AND MARY CHOSE YOUR GUISES. NOW WILL YOU BE CALLED, FREDDY FREEMAN?



OOH! HOW ABOUT CAPTAIN MARVEL JUNIOR?

I'D BE HONORED, MARY. YOU ARE MARY BROMFIELD, AREN'T YOU?

PHAW JUNIOR?



SO BE IT!

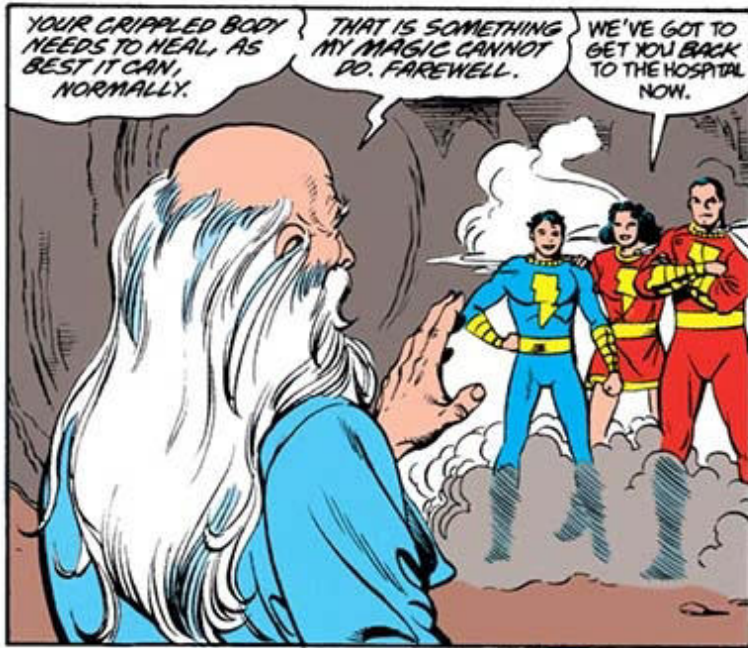
YOU HAVE A DUTY TO FIGHT INJUSTICE, SON, BUT THESE POWERS ARE TO BE USED ONLY WHEN NEEDED.

TO DO OTHERWISE COULD ENDANGER THESE TWO, AS THEY WILL LOSE THE POWERS THAT YOU GAIN BY BECOMING CAPTAIN MARVEL JR.



SO I CAN'T STAY THIS WAY ALL OF THE TIME?

SADLY, NO.



YOUR CRIPPLED BODY NEEDS TO HEAL, AS BEST IT CAN, NORMALLY.

THAT IS SOMETHING MY MAGIC CANNOT DO. FAREWELL.

WE'VE GOT TO GET YOU BACK TO THE HOSPITAL NOW.



HEY, COOL! I'M FLYING! BUT WHERE'D SHAZAM GO?

IT'S KIND OF HARD TO EXPLAIN. THE ROCK OF ETERNITY IS LIKE A STATE OF MIND. YOU GET THERE BY THINKING OF IT!

THERE'S THE HOSPITAL, GUYS.



I GUESS YOUR "MAGIC" WORD IS MY NAME, FREDDY. SAY IT!

THIS IS A LOT TO GIVE UP. I'LL SAY THANKS NOW, IN CASE I'M IN TOO MUCH PAIN TO TALK LATER.

HERE GOES-- CAPTAIN MARVEL!

BOOM!



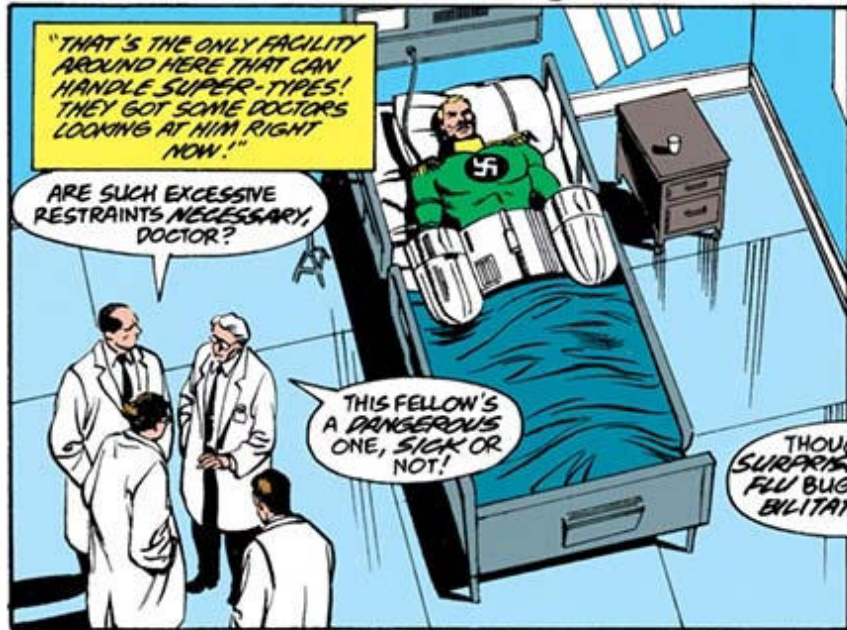
NURSE-- THIS BOY NEEDS HELP NOW!

DOOHHHHH--



OFFICER? CAN YOU FIND OUT THE STATUS ON CAPTAIN NAZI?

THEY ALREADY RADIOED IT IN THAT THEY TOOK HIM TO CROWLEY!



"THAT'S THE ONLY FACILITY AROUND HERE THAT CAN HANDLE SUPER-TYPES! THEY GOT SOME DOCTORS LOOKING AT HIM RIGHT NOW."

ARE SUCH EXCESSIVE RESTRAINTS NECESSARY, DOCTOR?

THIS FELLOW'S A DANGEROUS ONE, SICK OR NOT!



THOUGH I'M SURPRISED A SIMPLE FLU BUG WOULD DEBILITATE HIM SO.

MORE TO COME NEXT ISSUE!