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GANGWAY FOR
CAPTAIN MARVEL!

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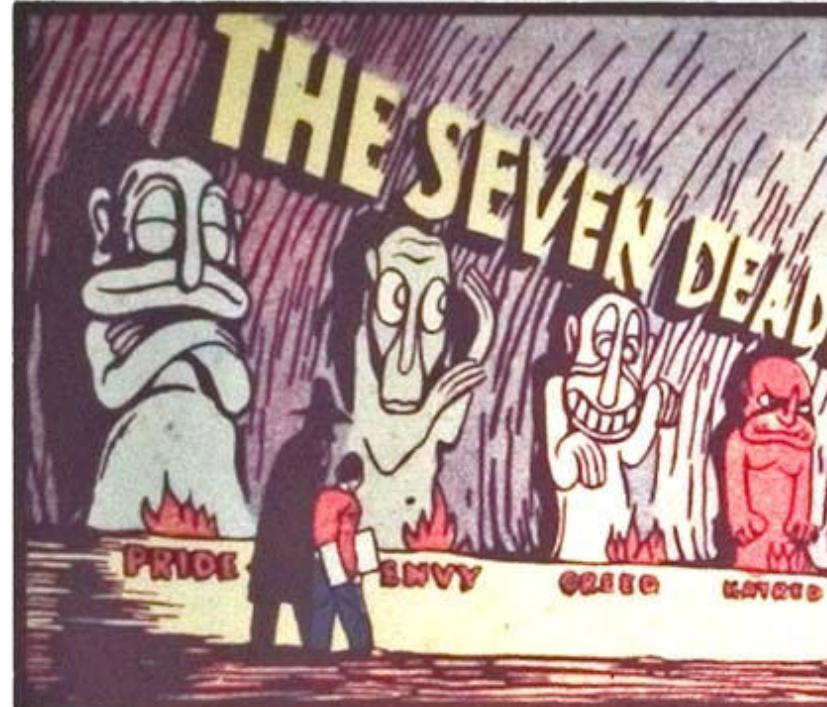
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IBIS THE INVINCIBLE
GOLDEN ARROW
SPY SMASHER
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ALL NEW! ALL DIFFERENT!

**LOOK FOR DETAILS OF OUR BIG
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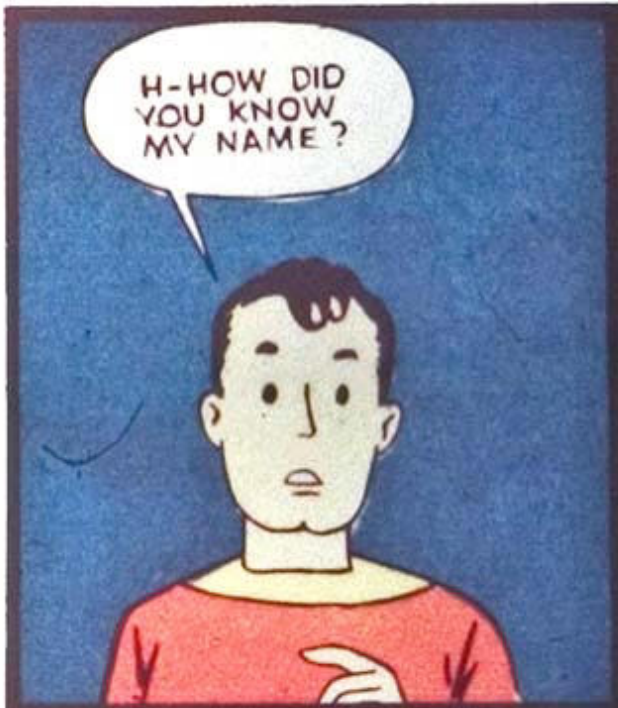




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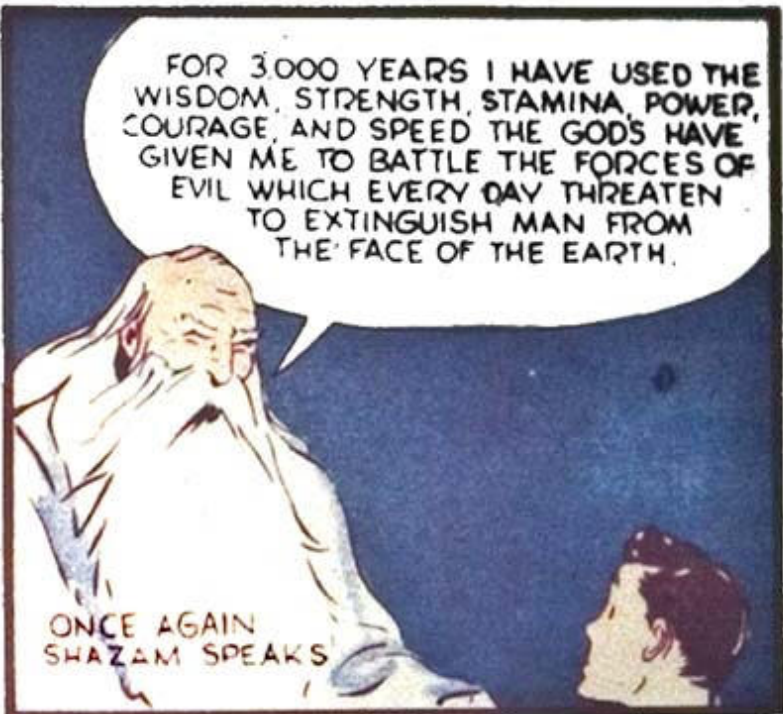


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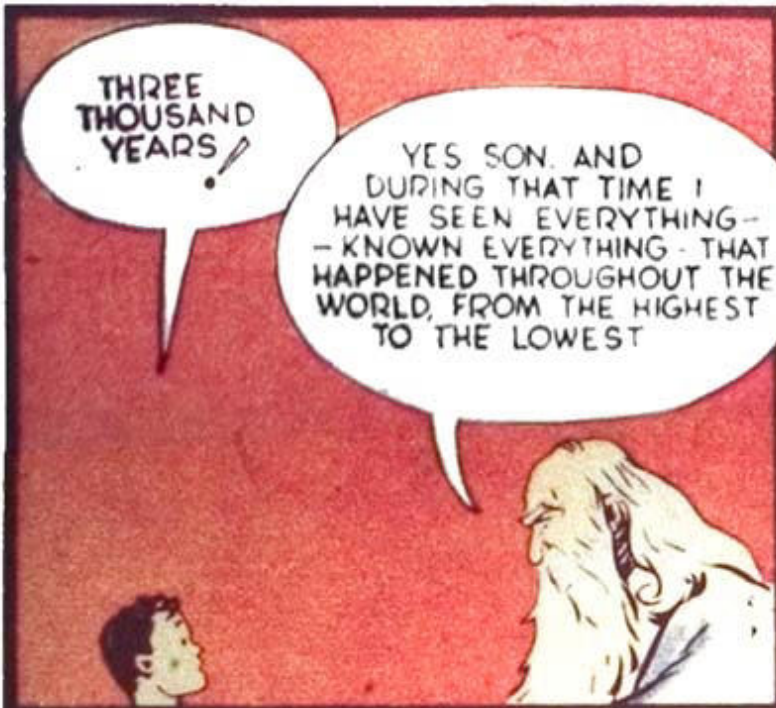


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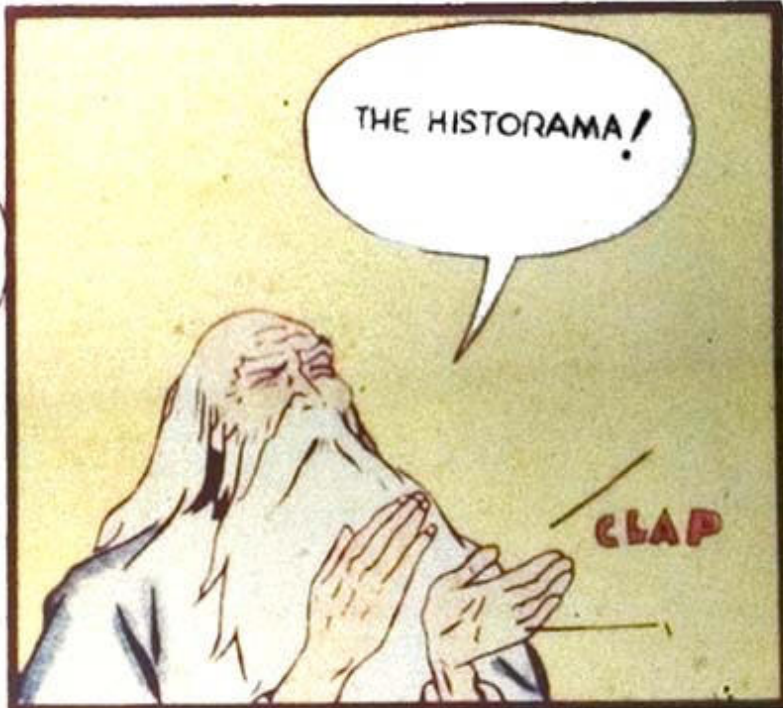
FOR 3,000 YEARS I HAVE USED THE WISDOM, STRENGTH, STAMINA, POWER, COURAGE, AND SPEED THE GODS HAVE GIVEN ME TO BATTLE THE FORCES OF EVIL WHICH EVERY DAY THREATEN TO EXTINGUISH MAN FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

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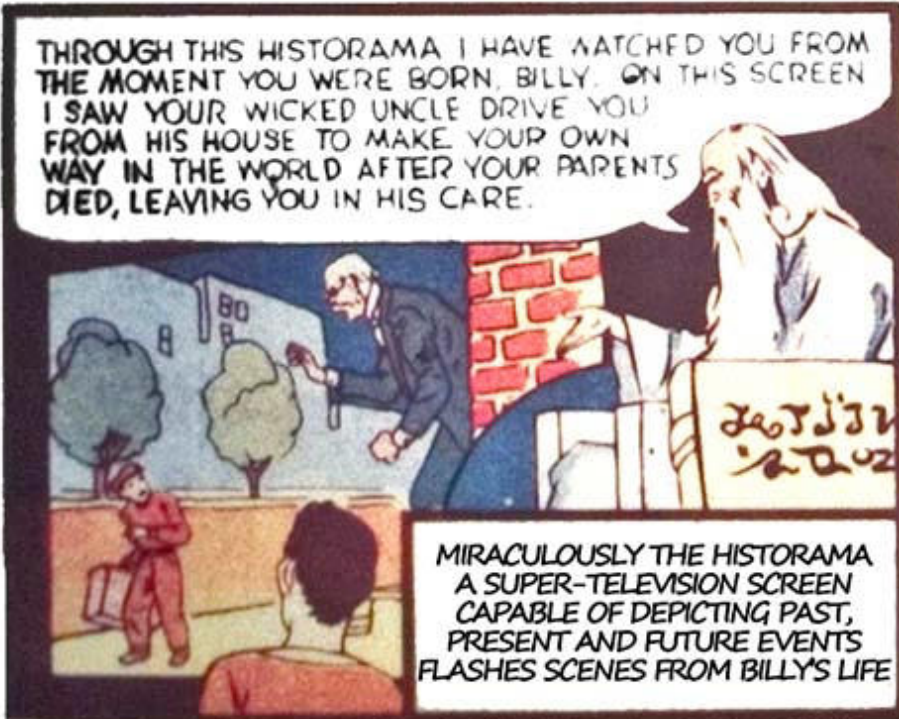
THREE THOUSAND YEARS!

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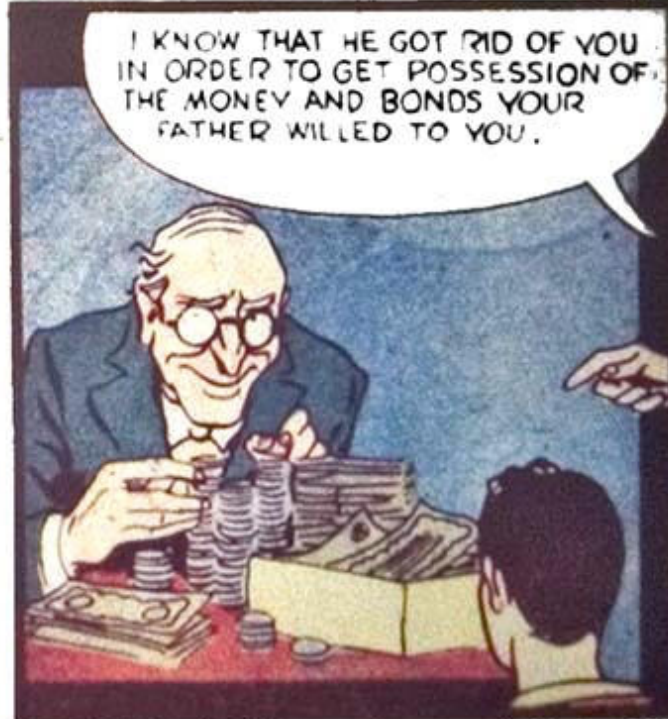
THE HISTORAMA!

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



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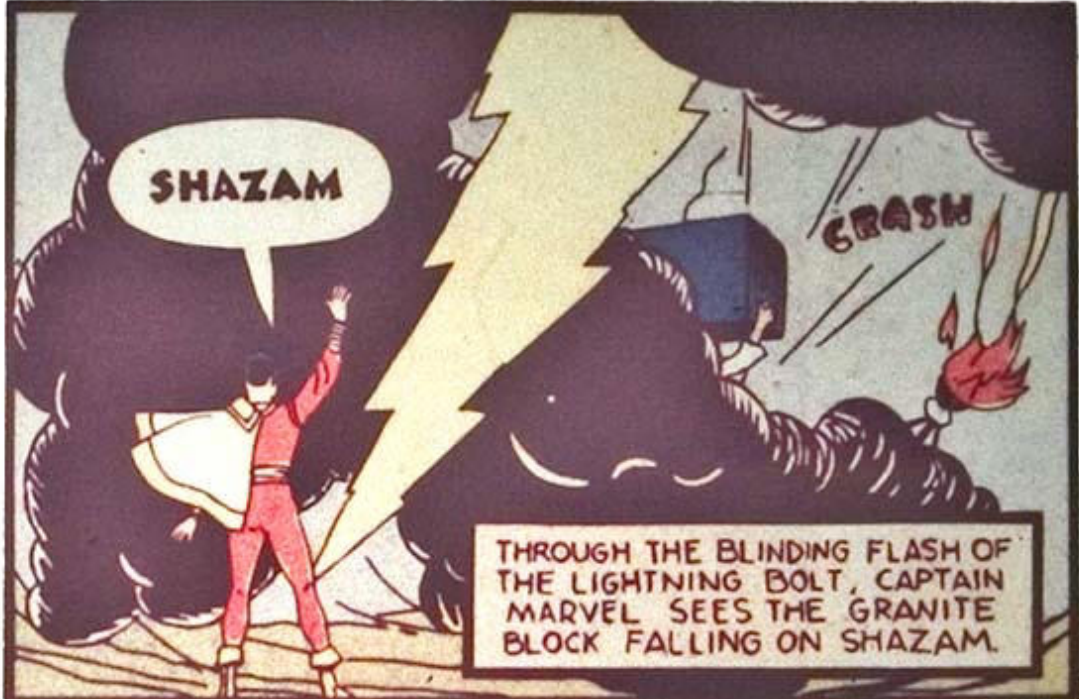
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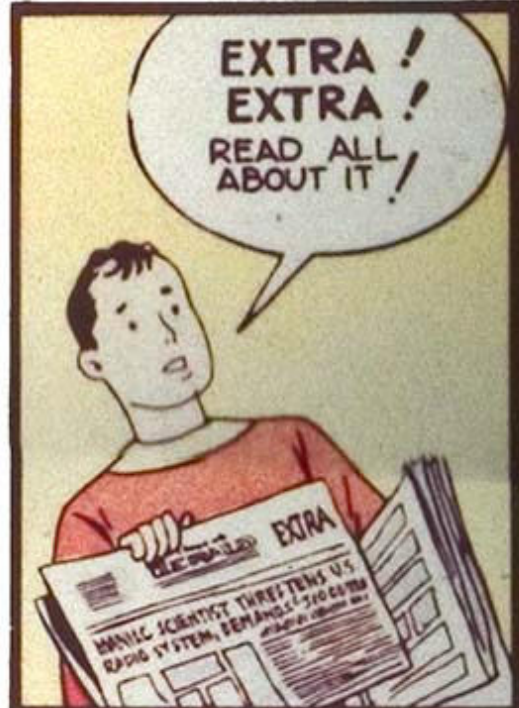
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NEXT MORNING

SENSATIONAL NEWS ALMOST MAKES BILLY FORGET HIS NIGHT'S ADVENTURE -



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READ ALL ABOUT IT!



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

POLICE ARE SEARCHING VAINLY FOR A PHANTOM SCIENTIST WHO THREATEN TO DRIVE EVERY BROADCASTING STATION OFF THE AIR WITH HIS DIABOLICAL RADIO SILENCER UNLESS HE RECEIVES FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS BY MIDNIGHT TONIGHT. STERLING MORRIS, PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN BROADCASTING COMPANY, SAYS HE WILL BE PERMANENTLY DESTROYED IF THE "MAD WIZARD" IS NOT DETECTED BY...

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WANTA READ ABOUT THE BOSS, EH?



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

BILLY OVERHEARS A STRANGE CONVERSATION.

I WONDER WHAT THEY MEANT? GEE! MAYBE "THE BOSS" IS THE PHANTOM SCIENTIST! I'D BETTER FOLLOW THEM.



TRAILING THE TWO MEN, BILLY WATCHES THEM ENTER THE SWANKY SKYTOWER APARTMENTS.



GO ON, KID, BEAT IT! YOU CAN'T SELL NEWSPAPERS IN HERE.

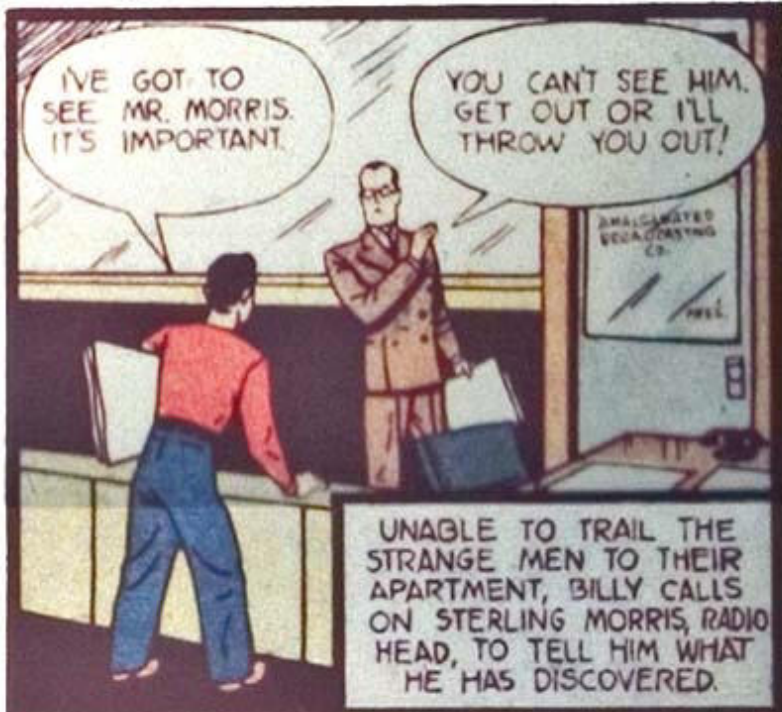


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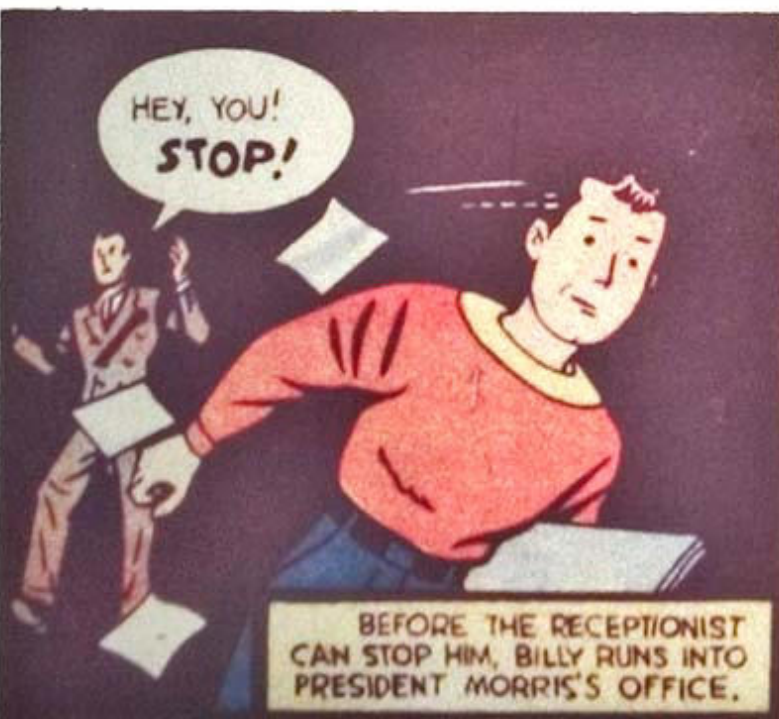
I'VE GOT TO SEE MR. MORRIS. IT'S IMPORTANT.

YOU CAN'T SEE HIM. GET OUT OR I'LL THROW YOU OUT!



UNABLE TO TRAIL THE STRANGE MEN TO THEIR APARTMENT, BILLY CALLS ON STERLING MORRIS, RADIO HEAD, TO TELL HIM WHAT HE HAS DISCOVERED.

HEY, YOU! STOP!



BEFORE THE RECEPTIONIST CAN STOP HIM, BILLY RUNS INTO PRESIDENT MORRIS'S OFFICE.

I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE PHANTOM SCIENTIST, MR. MORRIS.

IT'S ALL RIGHT HAMMOND, LET THE BOY STAY. WELL, SON, WHAT IS IT?

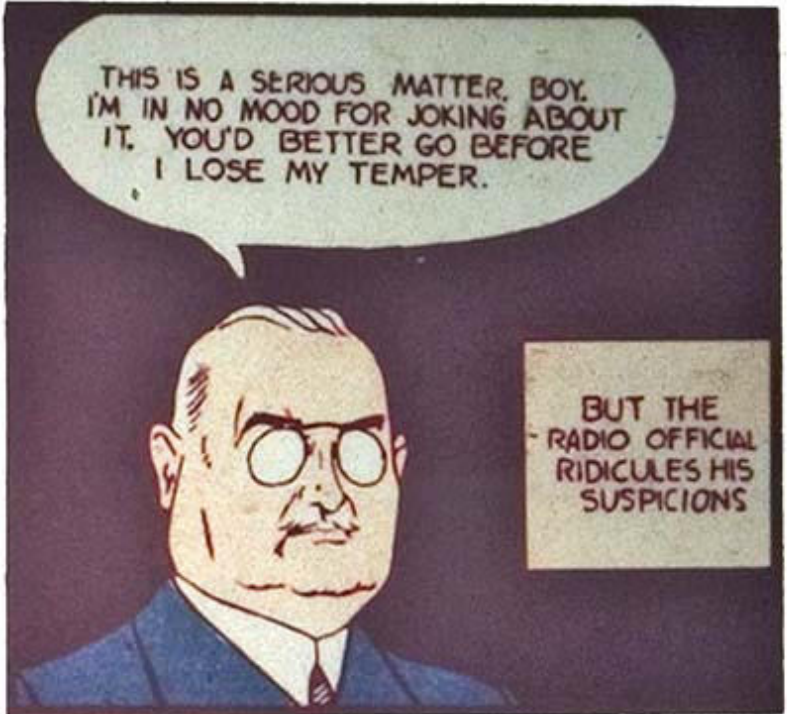




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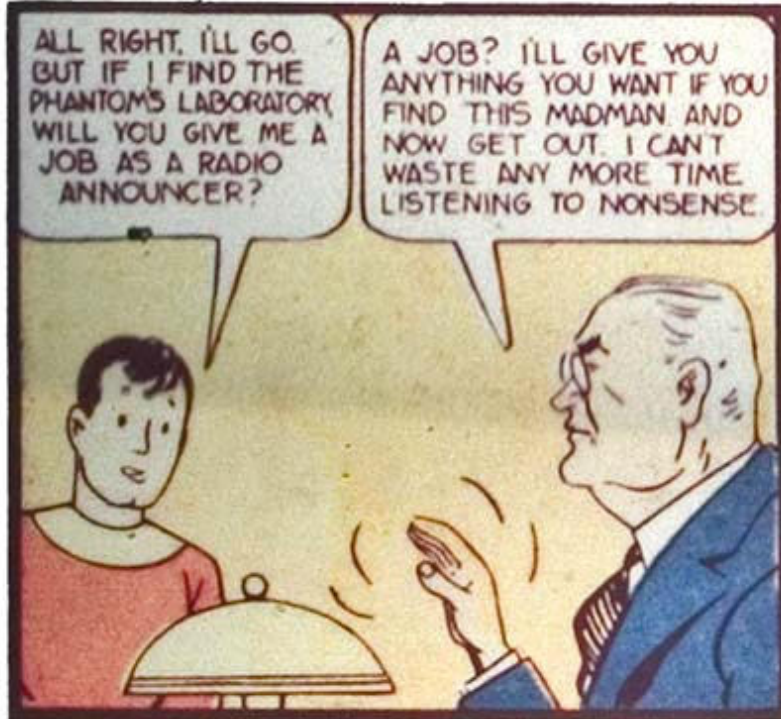
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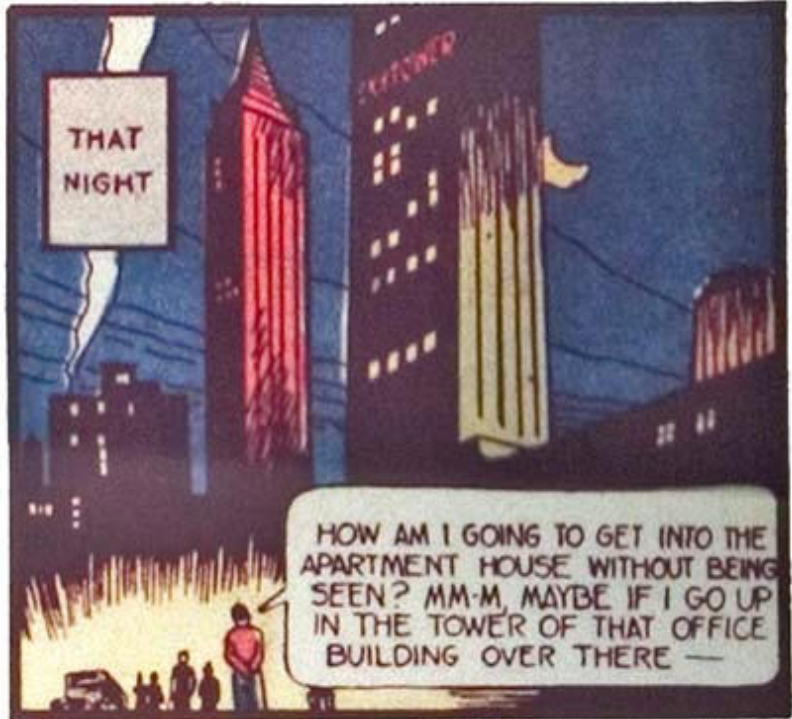
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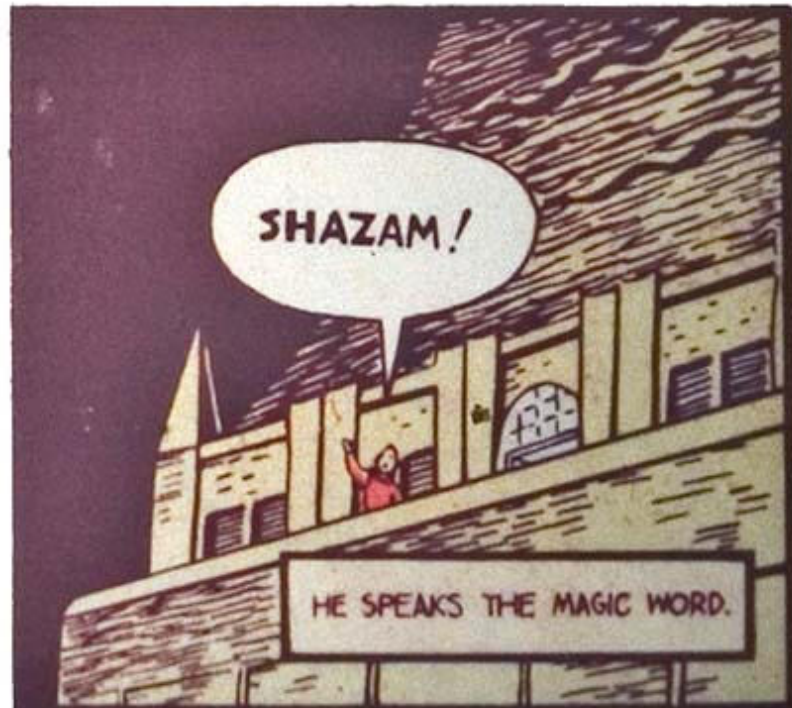
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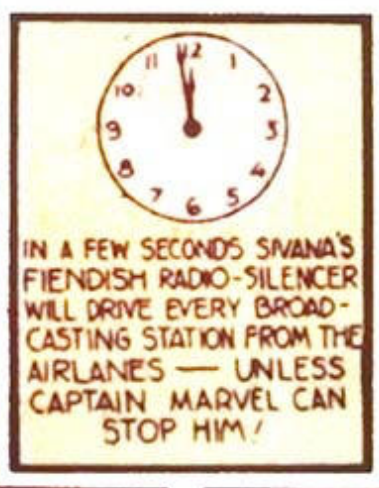
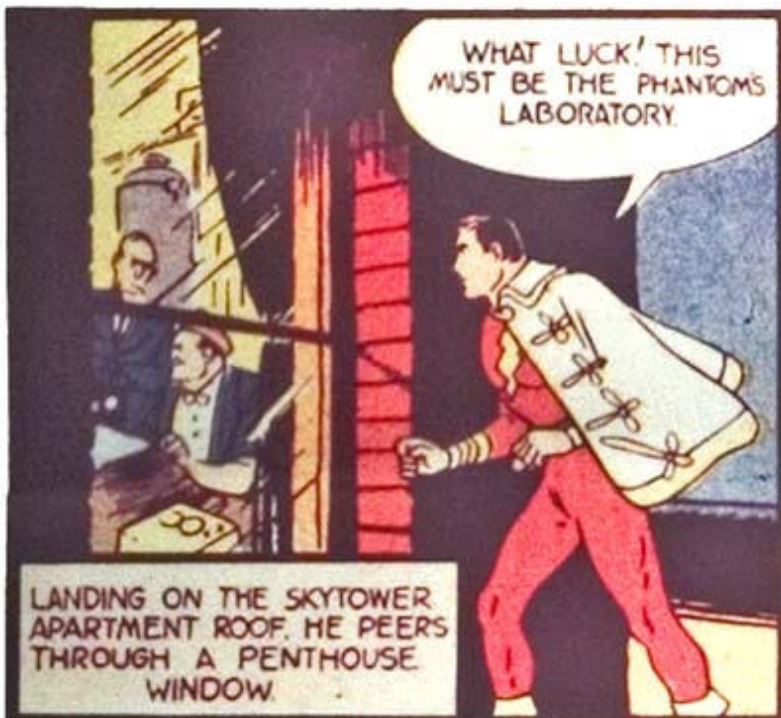
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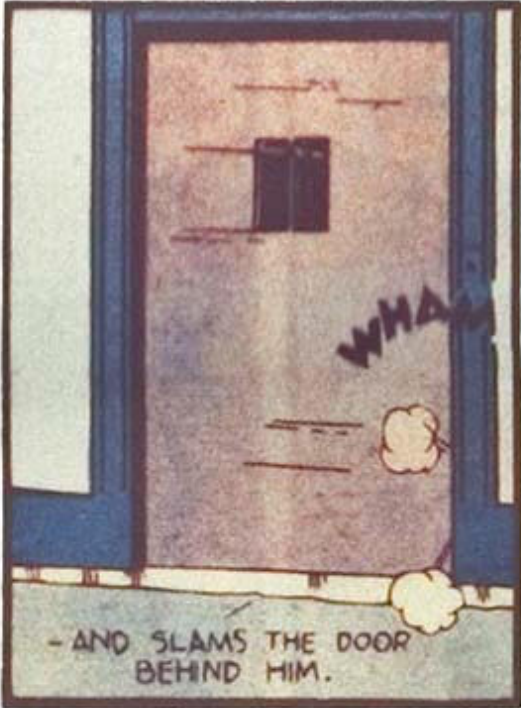




WITH NOT A SECOND TO SPARE, HE SMASHES THE RADIO-SILENCER INTO SMITHORENS.



THE OTHER MAN RACES FOR THE PRIVATE ELEVATOR -



- AND SLAMS THE DOOR BEHIND HIM.



FLEXING HIS POWERFUL MUSCLES MARVEL PULLS THE DOOR OPEN.



- GRIPS THE ELEVATOR CABLE IN STEEL-LIKE HANDS-



- AND HAULS THE CAR BACK TO THE PENTHOUSE.

IN A MOMENT BOTH OF SIVANA'S TERRIFIED ASSISTANTS ARE SECURELY BOUND WITH TUBING RIPPED FROM THE RADIO-SILENCER.



WELL, SIVANA, THAT'S THE END OF YOUR RADIO-SILENCER.

BUT NOT THE END OF ME! WE WILL MEET AGAIN - CAPTAIN MARVEL!



HIS WORK COMPLETED, MARVEL CONFRONTS THE SCHEMING SCIENTIST, WHO HAS WATCHED EVERYTHING THROUGH THE TELEVISION SCREEN.

YES, SIVANA, WE WILL MEET AGAIN. AND WHEN WE DO YOU WILL BE BEHIND PRISON WALLS —



WELL, I GUESS THAT OUGHT TO HOLD OUR FRIEND SIVANA FOR AWHILE. AND NOW —



SHAZAM!

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BOOOOOOM!

LIGHTNING SPLITS
THE AIR.

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

A HALF HOUR LATER
BILLY TELLS MR. MORRIS
EVERYTHING - EXCEPT
ABOUT CAPTAIN
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IT DOESN'T SEEM POSSIBLE
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-AND THAT'S WHAT'S
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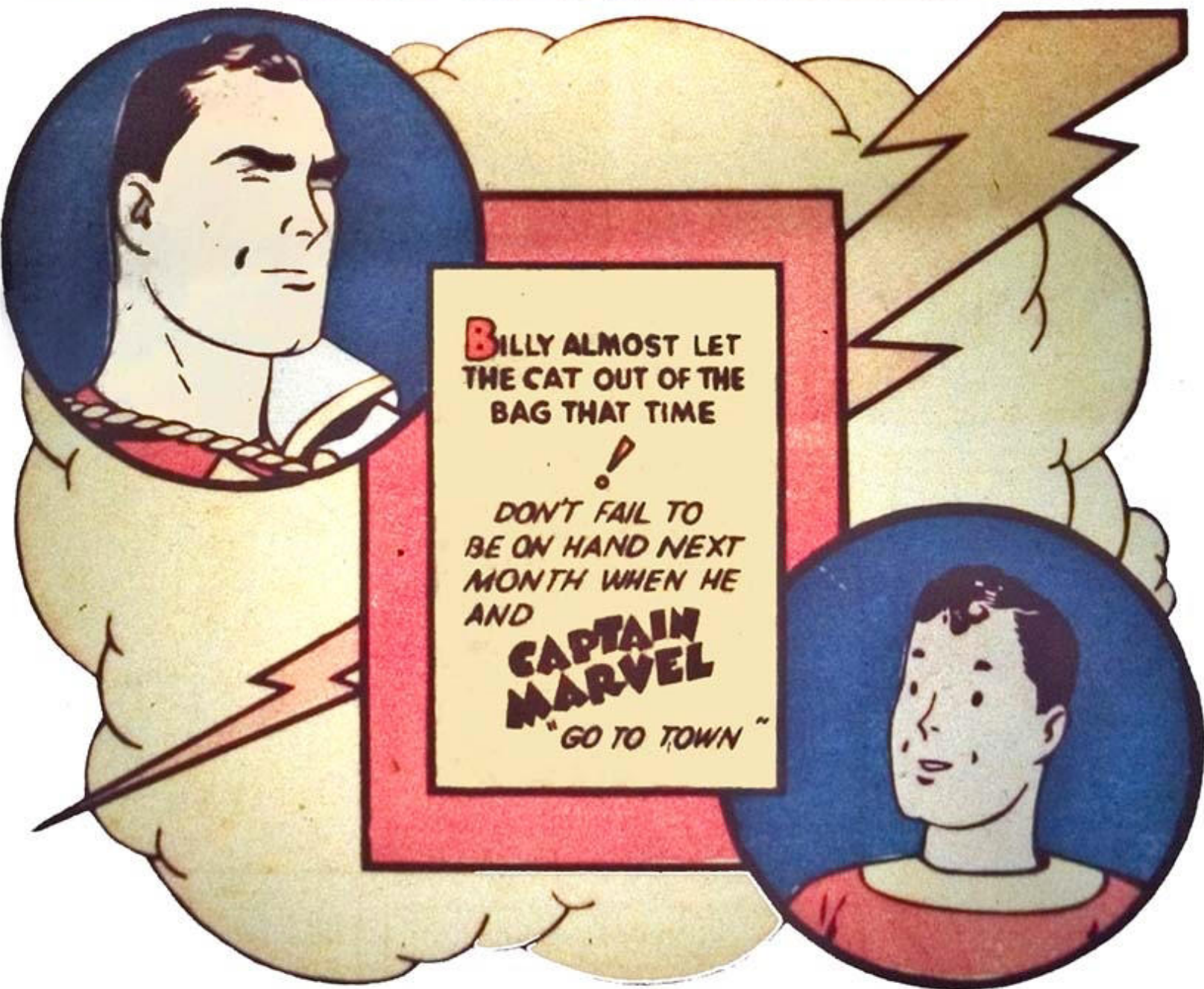
RESUMING HIS NORMAL SHAPE
BILLY TELEPHONES THE
RADIO COMPANY PRESIDENT.

BUT YOU'VE GOT TO PROMISE YOU WON'T
TELL ANYBODY THAT I SMASHED THE RADIO
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SIVANA AND IT WILL BE EASIER IF NO-
BODY 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
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DO I GET IT?

THE JOB IS YOURS!
FROM NOW ON YOU ARE
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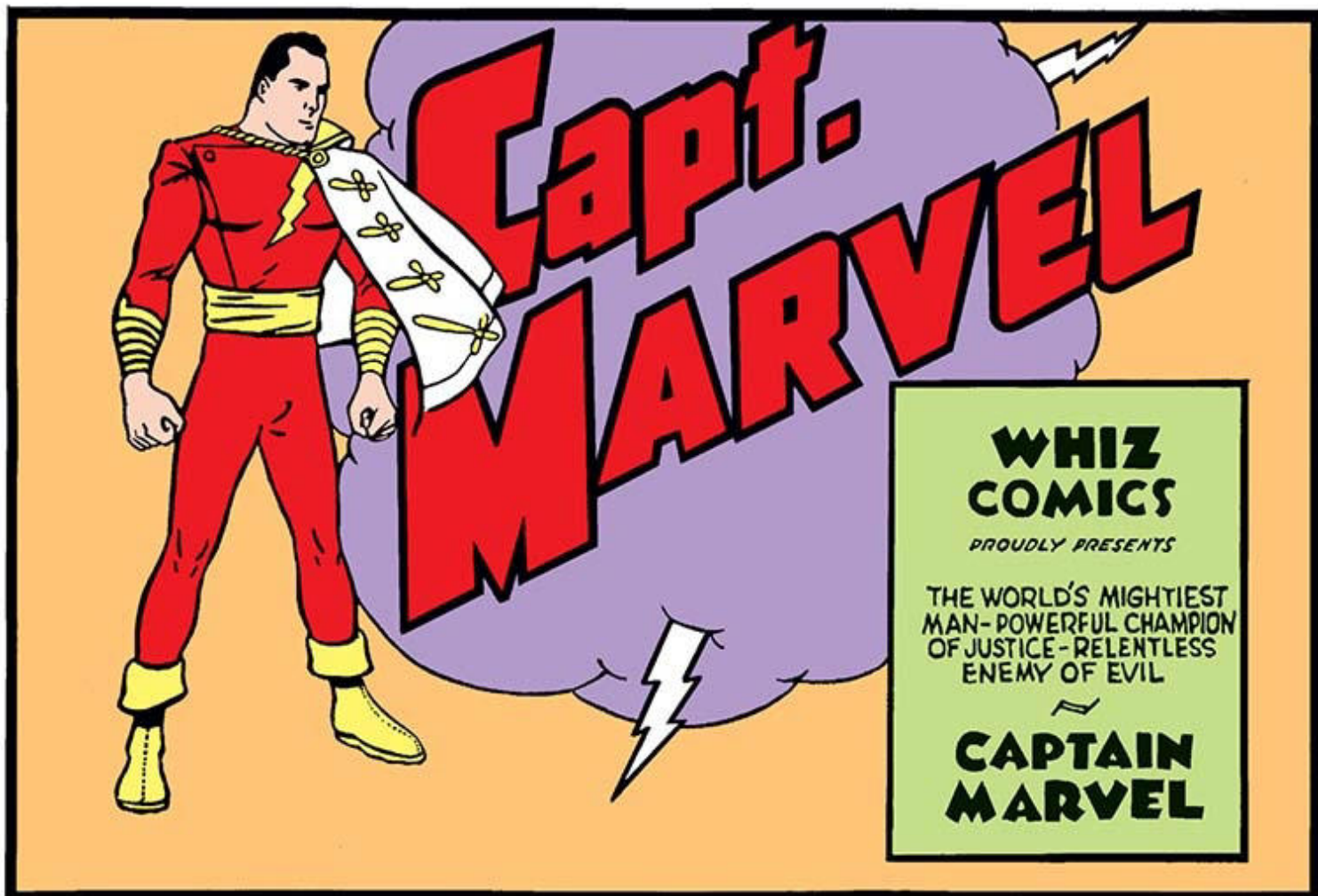
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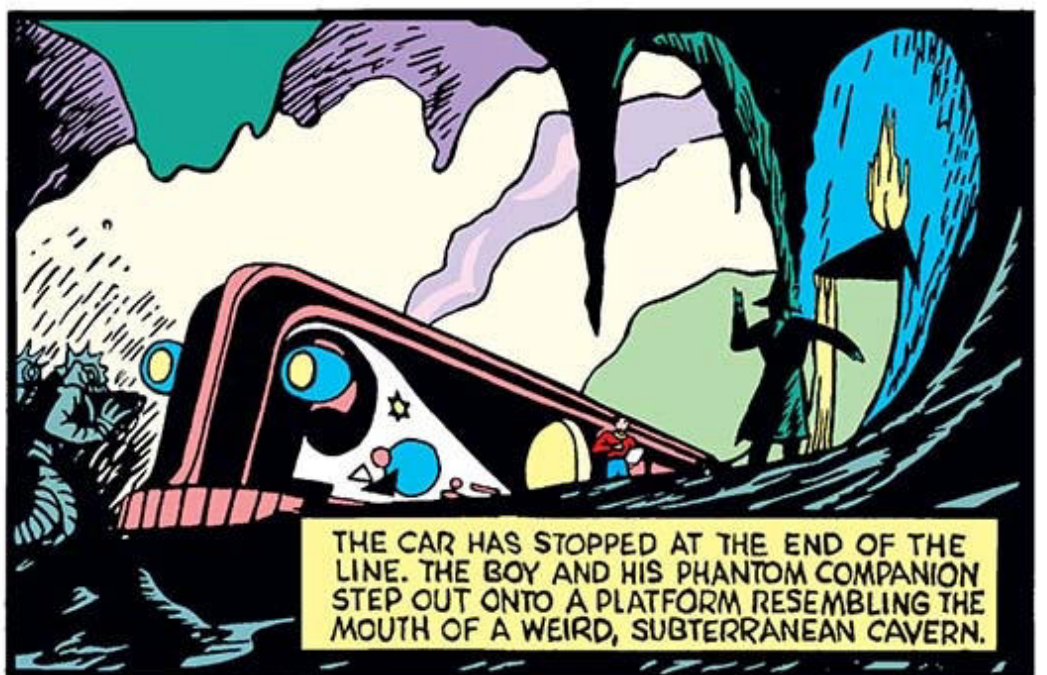
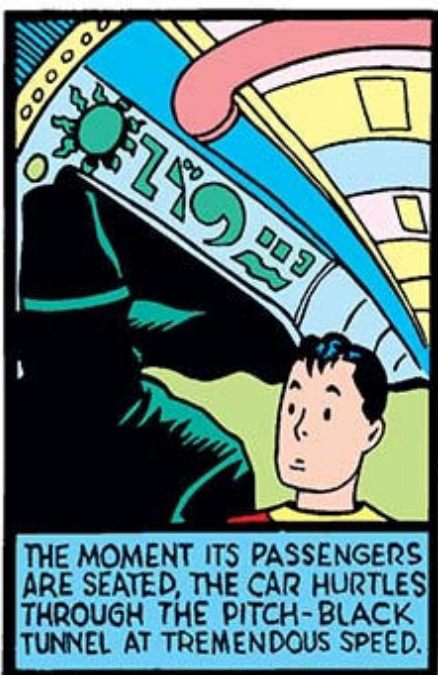
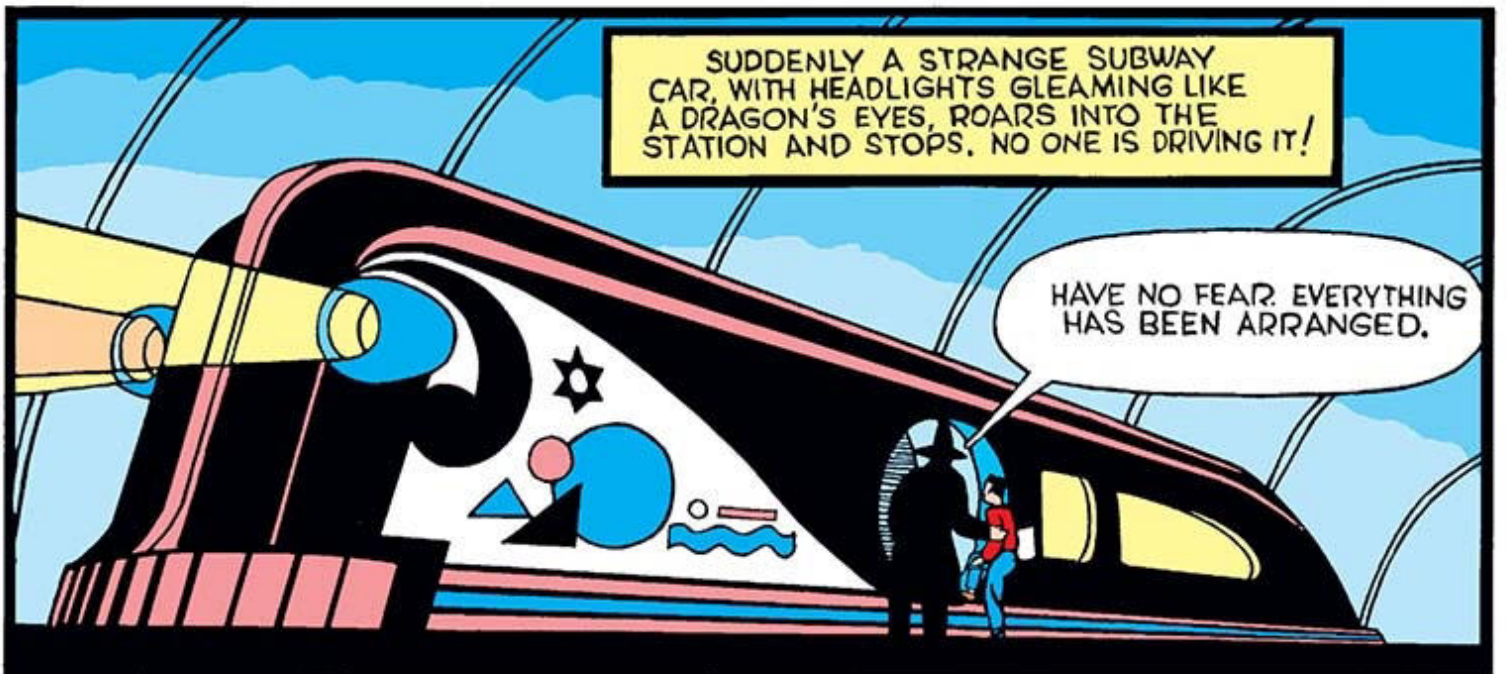
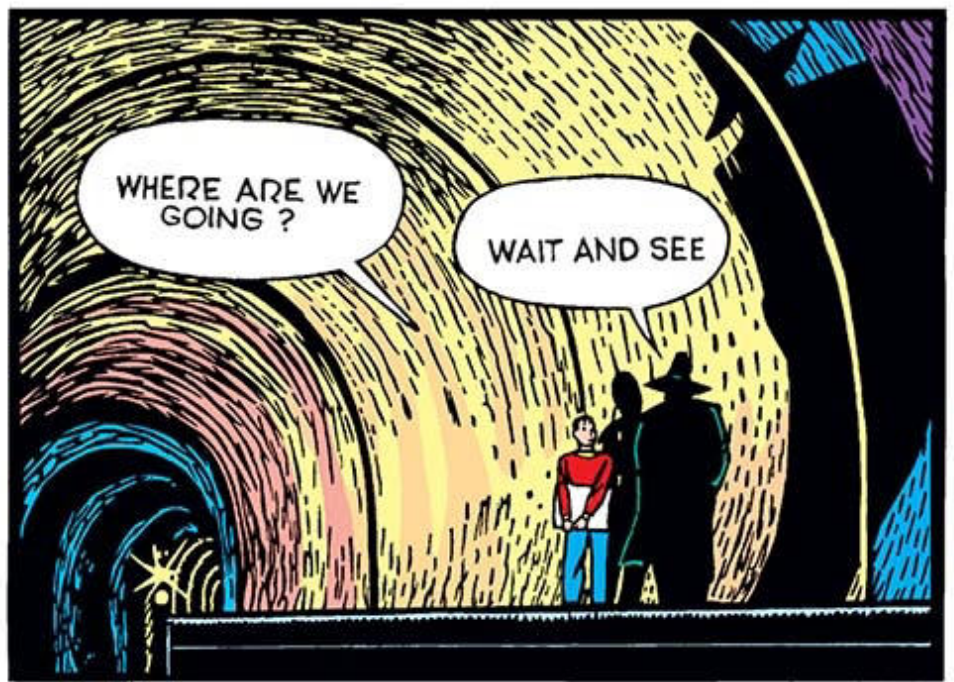
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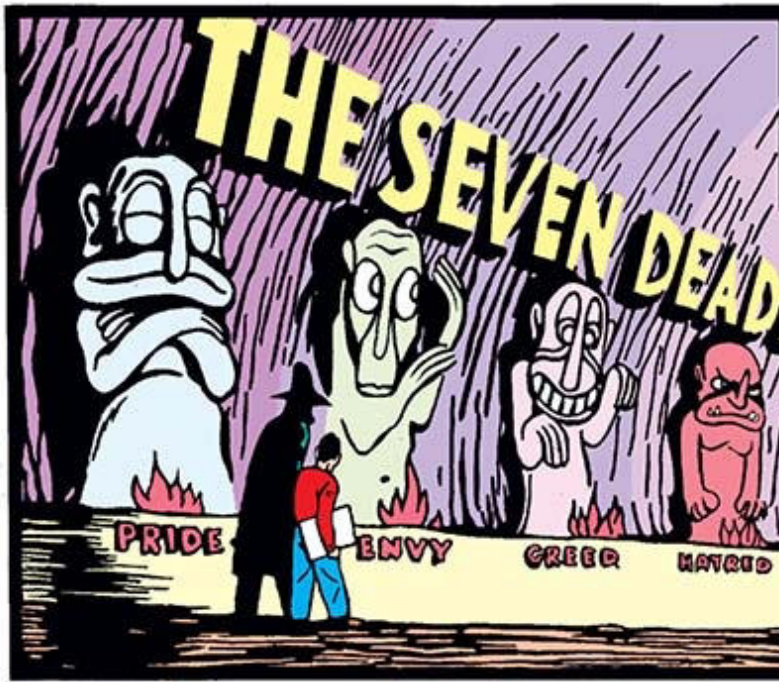
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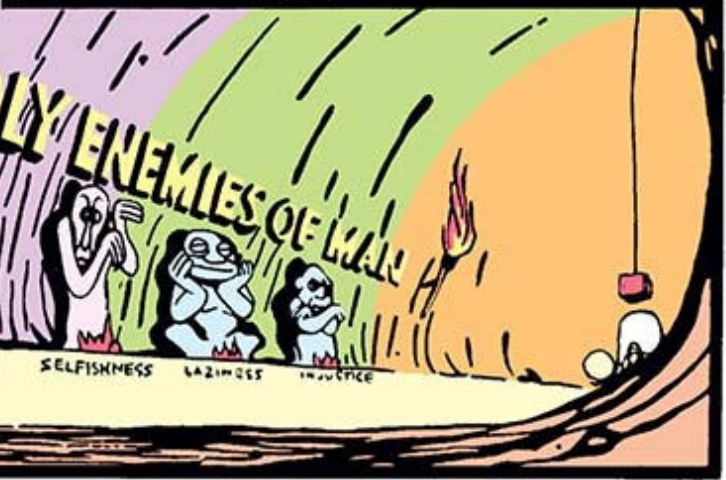




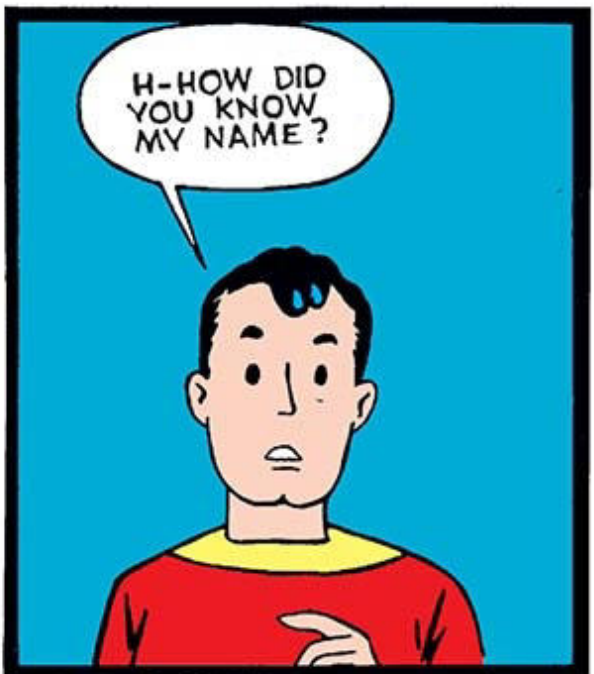




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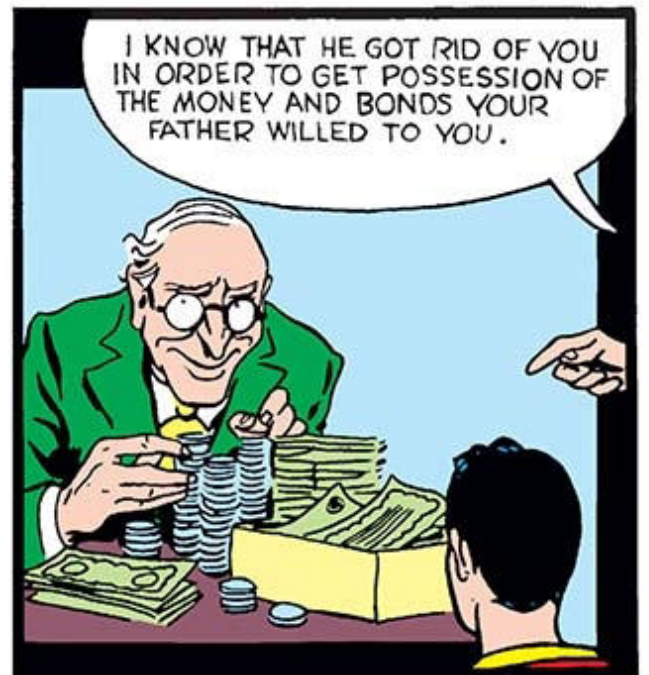
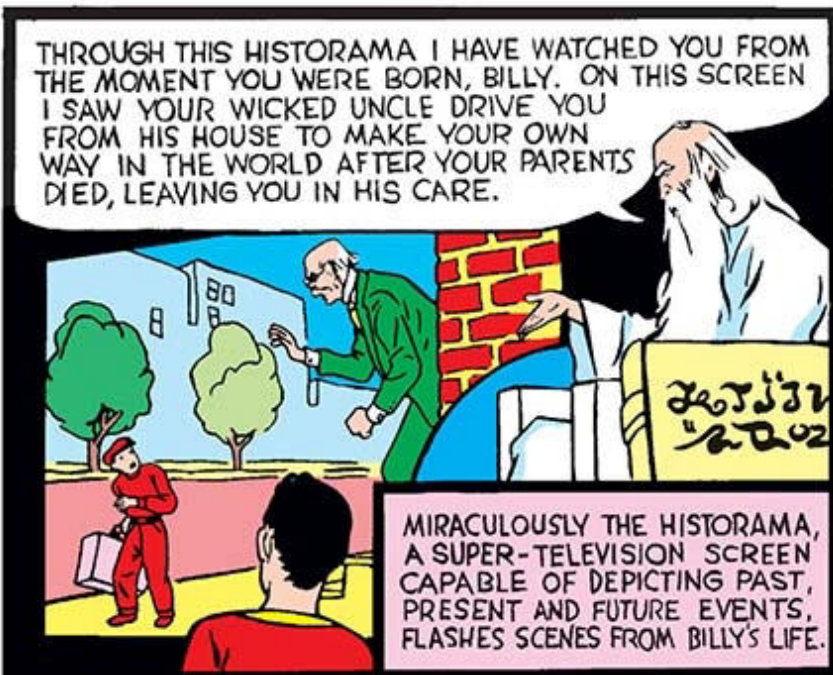
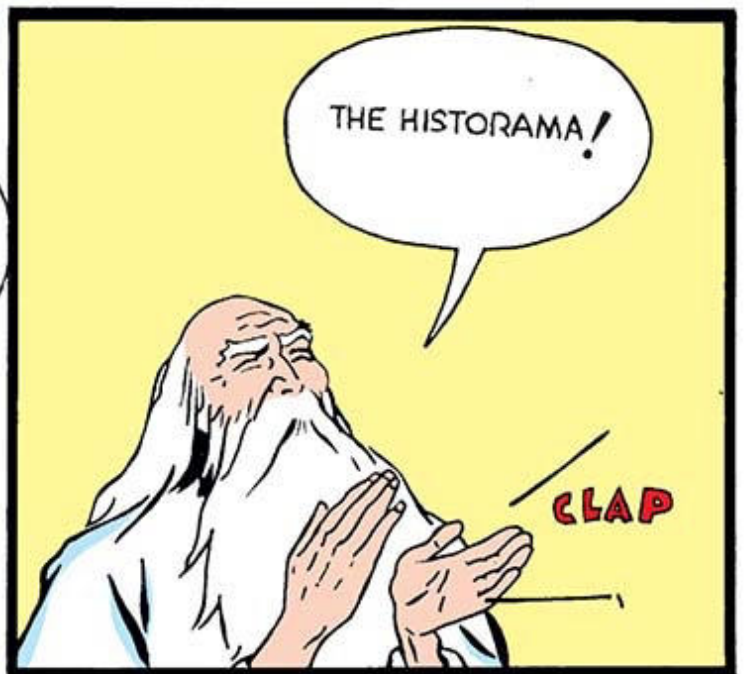
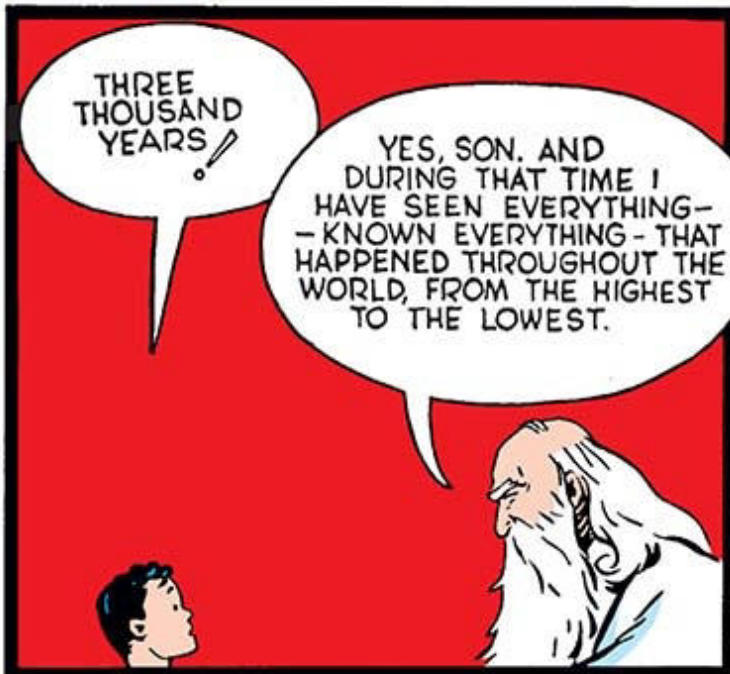
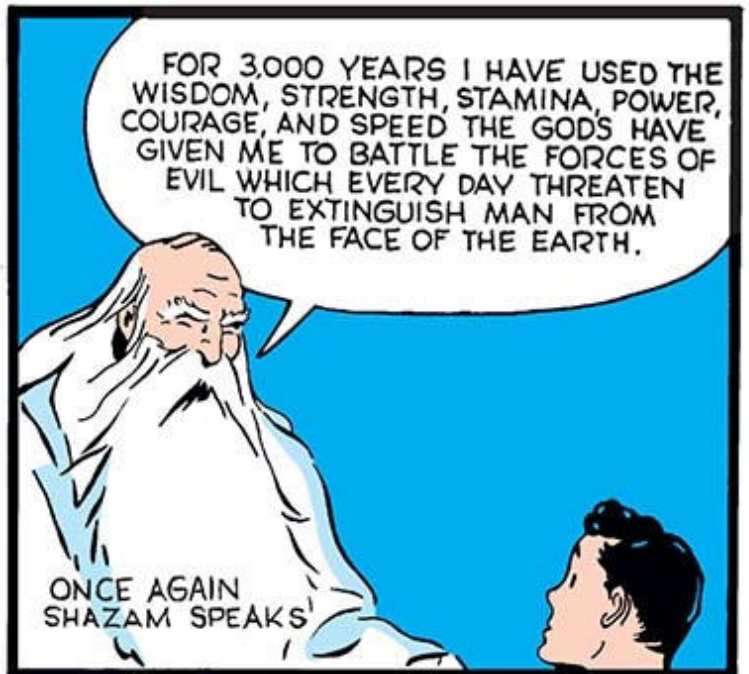


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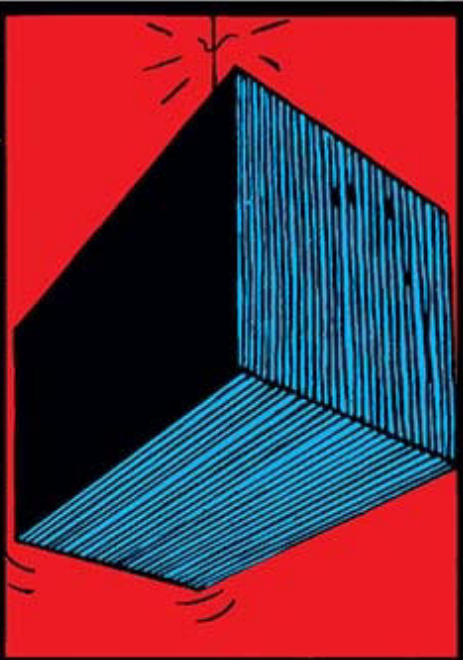




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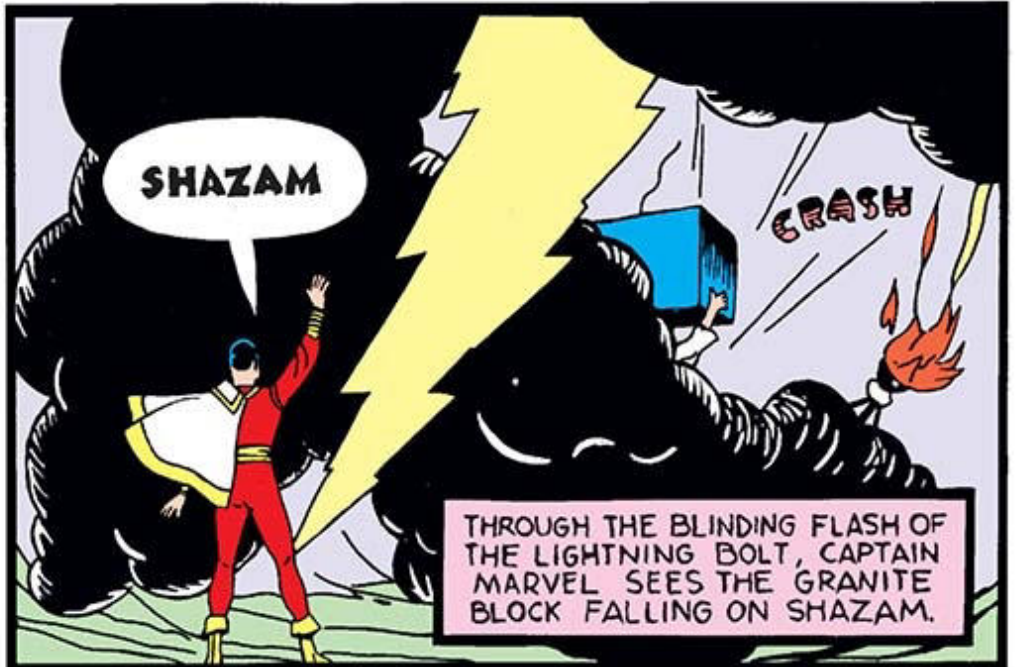
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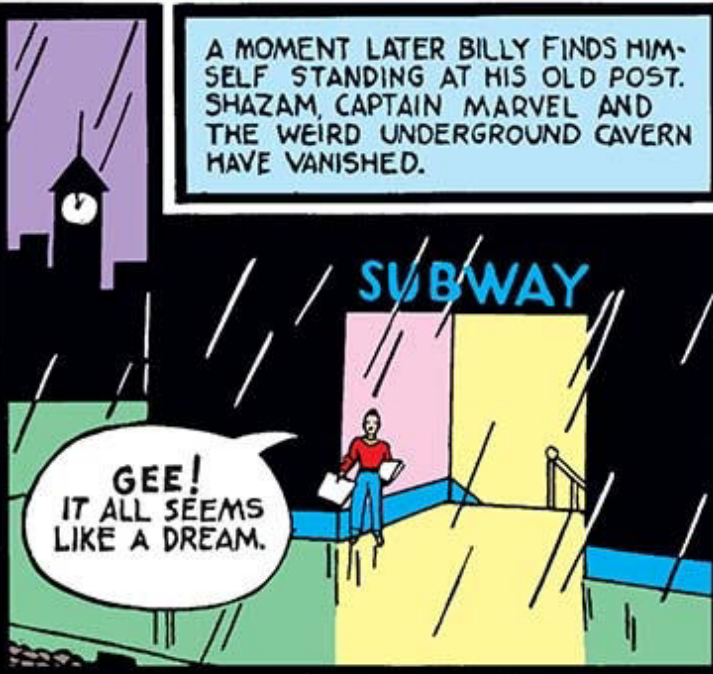


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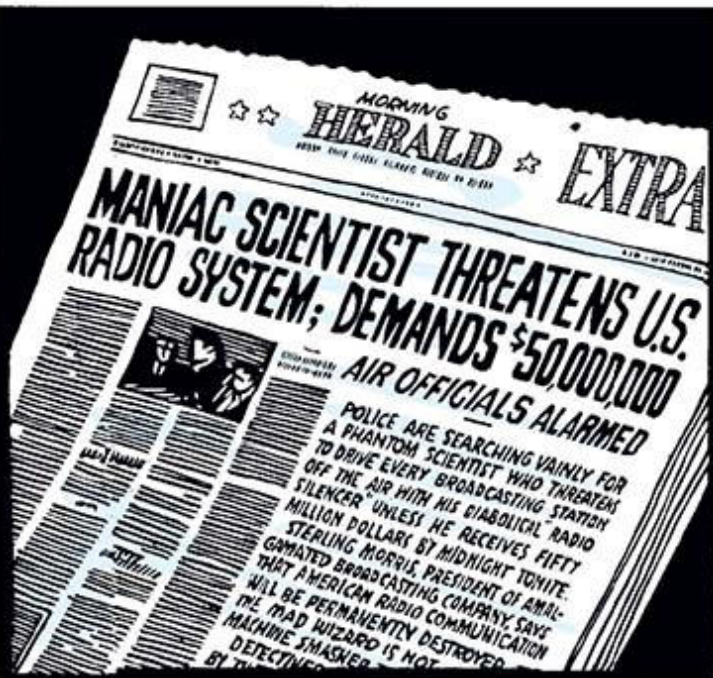
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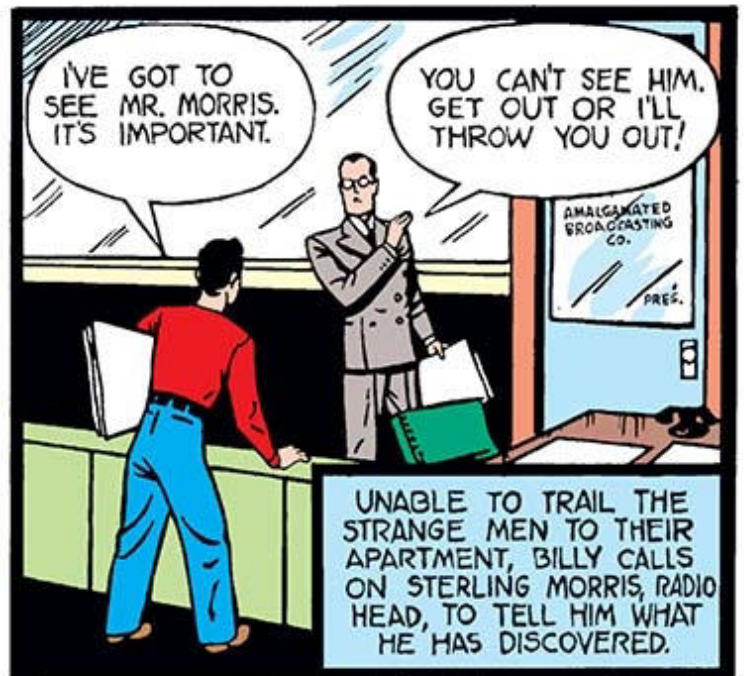
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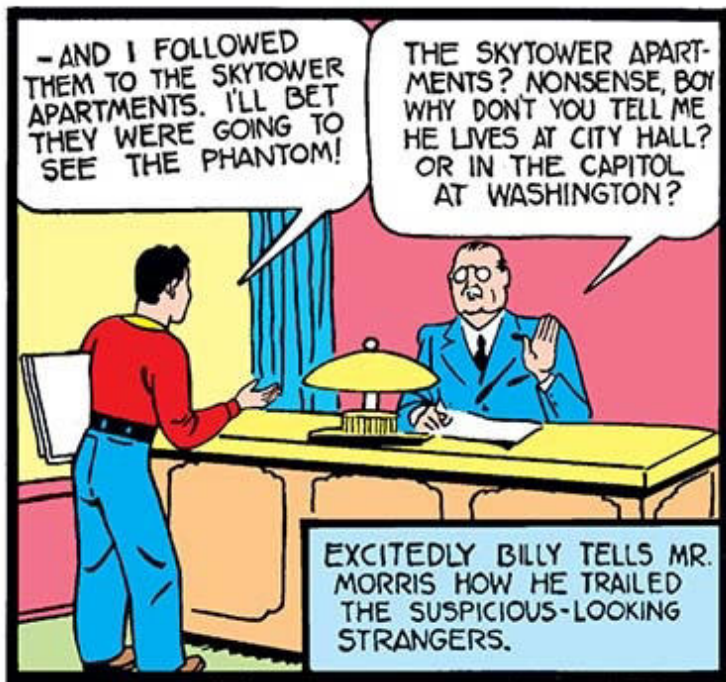
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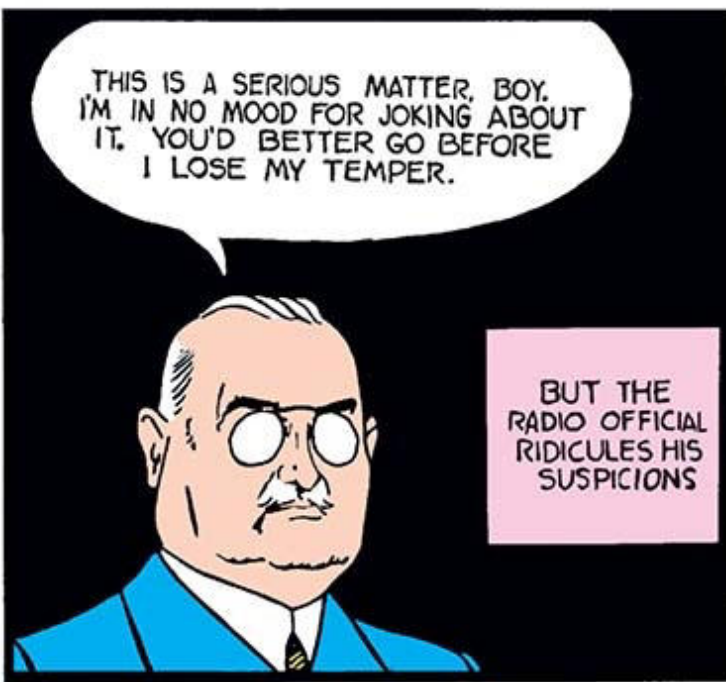




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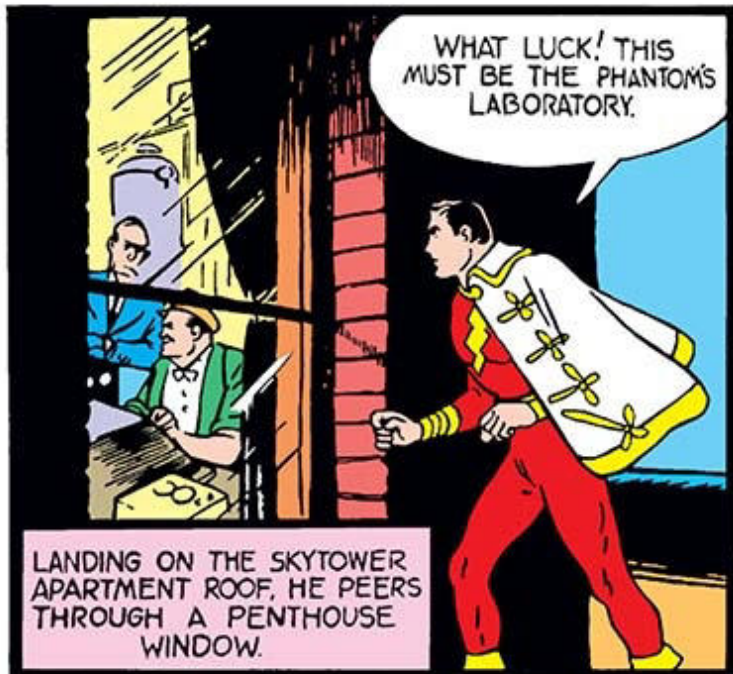
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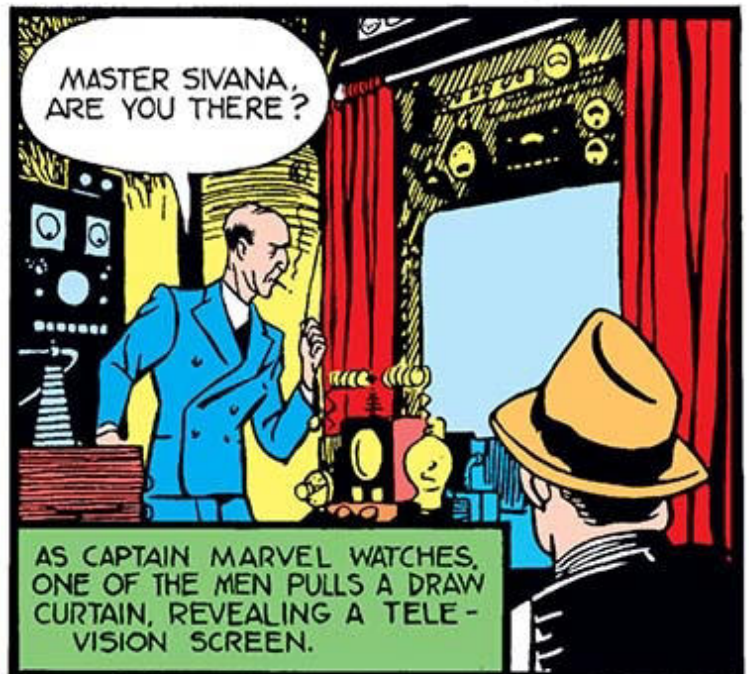


WITH A MIGHTY LEAP, CAPTAIN MARVEL EASILY SPANS THE YAWNING CHASM BETWEEN THE BUILDINGS.



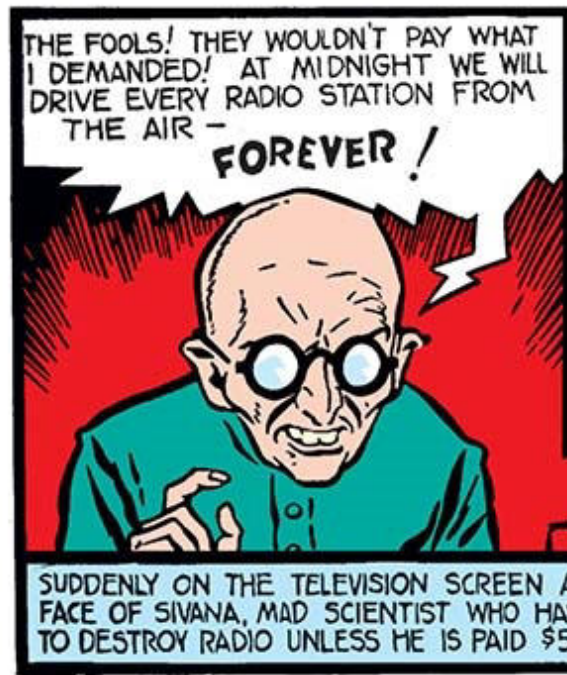
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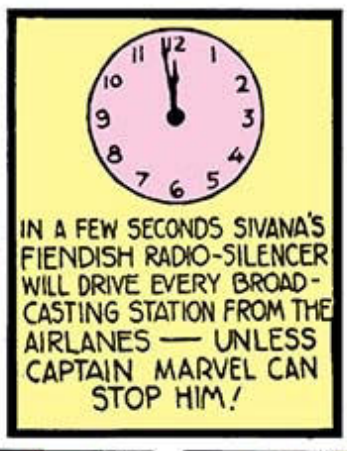
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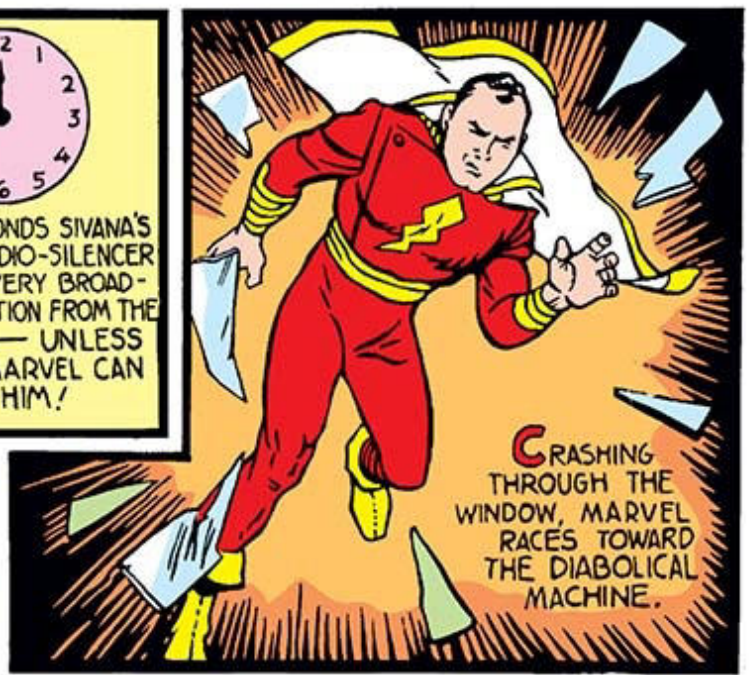


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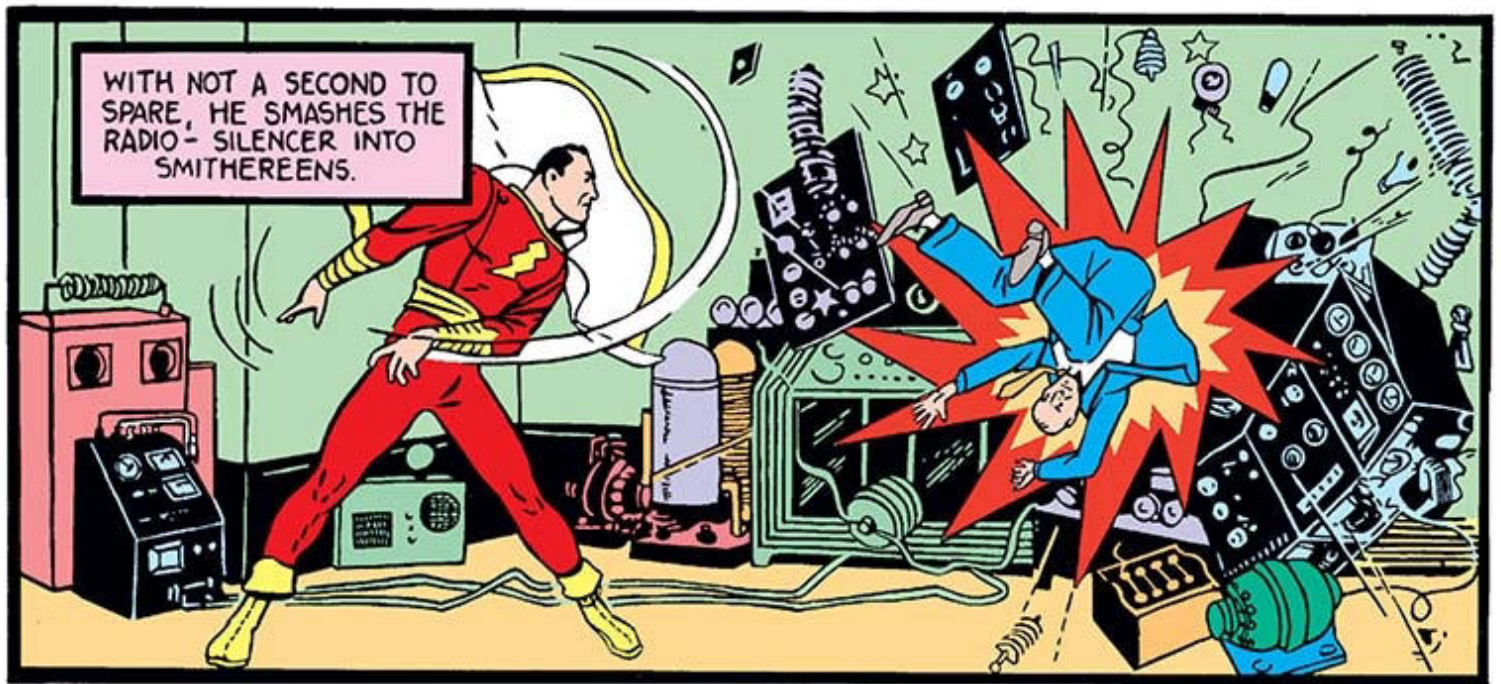
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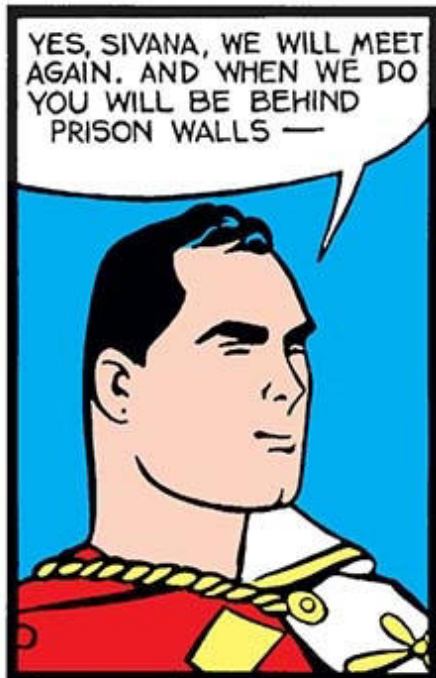
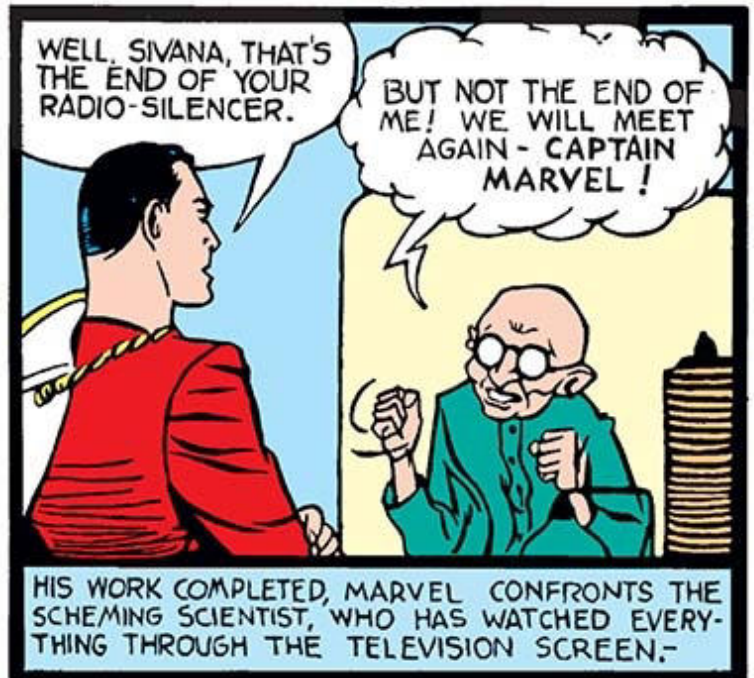
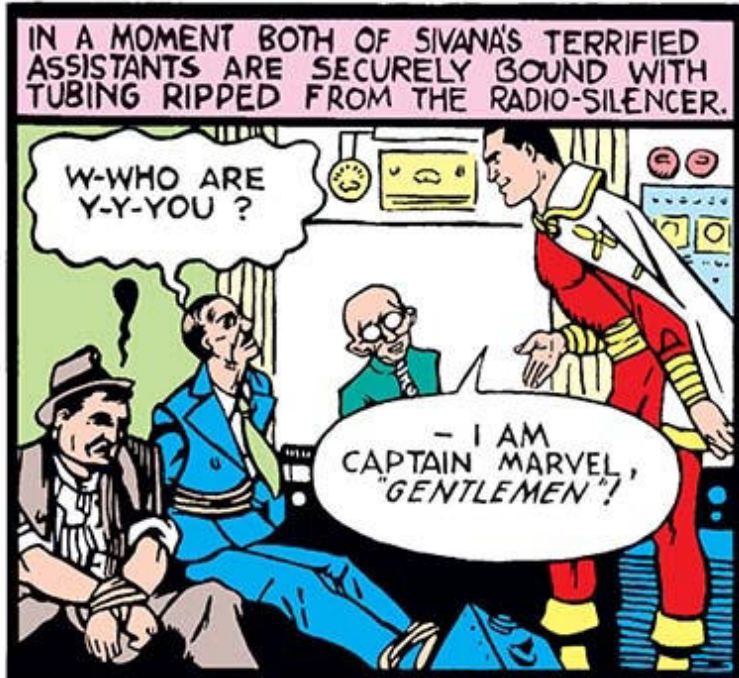


IN A FEW SECONDS SIVANA'S FIENDISH RADIO-SILENCER WILL DRIVE EVERY BROADCASTING STATION FROM THE AIRPLANES - UNLESS CAPTAIN MARVEL CAN STOP HIM!



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 SOME-
THING TO SHOW YOU.

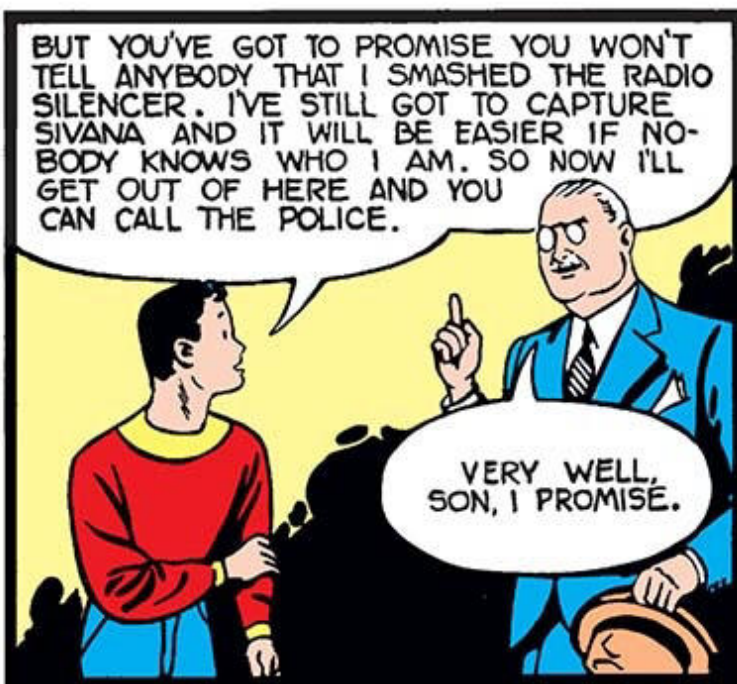


A HALF HOUR LATER
BILLY TELLS MR. MORRIS
EVERYTHING - EXCEPT
ABOUT CAPTAIN
MARVEL.

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

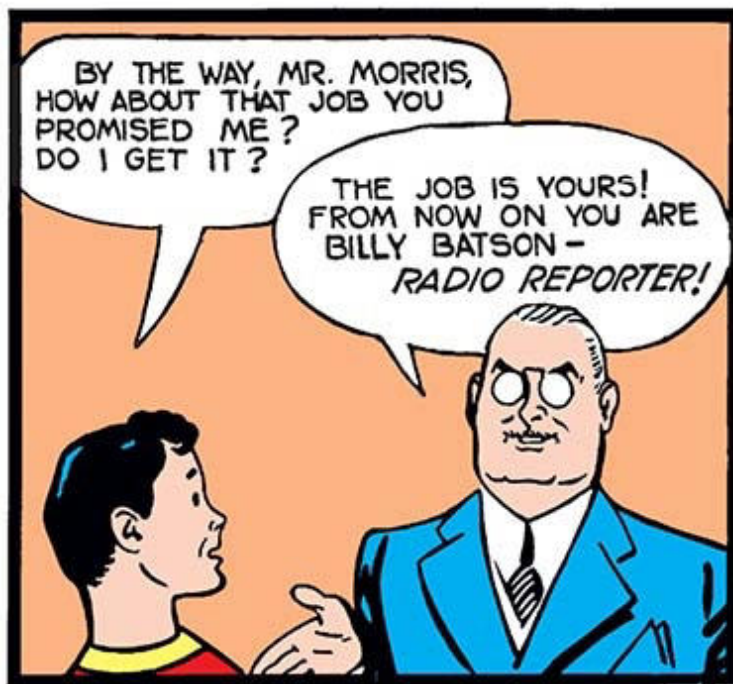
-AND THAT'S WHAT'S
LEFT OF THE RADIO-
SILENCER, SIR.

RESUMING HIS NORMAL SHAPE
BILLY TELEPHONES THE
RADIO COMPANY PRESIDENT.



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 NO-
BODY 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!

