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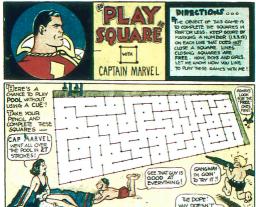


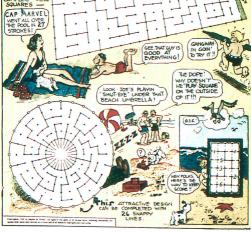






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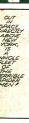






























































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"ВООМ, ВООМ, ВООМ. BOOM-" the nerve racking. never changing, even beat of the native war drums is rolling over the sticky, hot Siamese night. If only that pesky drum beat would change just a little. Its never altering tempo commences to get little Billy Batson. as it does all white men. Billy is waiting for the return of the rest of the expedition party. He is in a far off corner of the huge sacred tomb excavations. The others, lames Malcolm, whose money has made this expedition possible, Dr. Stephen Lang and Prof. Luther Bentley, famous archaeologists, and a number of others, including the secretary, Betty Wallace, have gone on ahead. They are probably even now violating the sacred inner tombs, just to get first hand information about the ancient SCORPION DY-

NASTY. Billy, who has a strong streak of superstition in his make-up, flatly refused to go with them. That nerve jangling native drum beat is the Samese answer to the white man's stubbornness, and his ruthless intrusion into their sacred death chambers.

In the very innermost of the sacred tombs, the explorers find the GOLDEN SCORPION, its little claw-like feelers of pure gold holding five peculiar, unusual lenses.

"Ha, at last!" hoarsely whispers Dr. Lange, tense with excitement. "The GOLDEN SCORPION. The legendary. fabled GOLDEN SCOR-PION." While speaking, he ac-

SCORPION. The Irgendary, fabled GOLDEN SCOR-PION!" While speaking, he accidentally moves the five lenses into their proper focal position. As the last little disk falls into place in its claw-like holder, a terrific, ear rending explosion rocks the earth.

Billy is thrown flaf on his face, even though he is quite a distance from the source of the explosion. He raises himsel his his knees and — there before him stands High Priest of old Siam, his richly embroidered gown of gold surrounded by a complete halo of a greenish, phosphorescent glow. The surtices are the surprospective of the surrounded amazeners.

"I am SHAZAM." spraks

the priest in an unearthly, sepulchral tone, "SHAZAM, the mightiest power on earth. By refusing to join the despolers of the SACRED TOMB, you have proven your worth to me." He circles his long, thin, cadaverous arms above as all arms the sevidence of the besidence of the beart and laying the other on the lad's forehead, he chants in a sing-sound.

"SHAZAM lends unto you, his power. SHAZAM delegates unto you, his strength. Naught upon this earth, nor under it, nor in the air above it, shall prevail against you." Raising his arms in a sweeping benediction, SHAZAM added:



"Call but upon my name, and you will change into CAP-TAIN MARVEL. No power in the universe can then withstand you." SHAZAM is already fading rapidly from view, Faintly, very faintly, the words come to Billy, as from afar off:

"Use this power well, my son. Invoke it but for the destruction of evil. Use it only for good. Only for———— " SHAZAM had vanished.

Later that night, as they all gather around a huge camp fire, James Malcolm, the backer of the expedition, speaks:

of the expedition, speaks: "It is quite evident, gentlemen, that in the GOLDEN SCORPION and its five lenses we have come upon a thing of tremendous power." Remembering the terrific explosion, all agreed. "I suggest," he continued, "That we keep its component parts separated until such time as we may desire to call upon it for aid." The others heartily chime in with this plan. The lenses are accordingly distributed among five of the most important members of the group. The GOLDEN SCOR-PION itself is given to Billy's boss, Howell, the Radio Broadcaster.

ARDLY is all this accomplished, when, with the most blood curdling yells and wild shrieks, the natives are upon them. For the next hour or so pandemonium breaks loose. Above the rattle of the white man's machine gun, and the screams of the wounded and dying natives, rises an ever increasing battle cry of the tribesmen from the hills. The exploring party, defending itself with much more modern weapons than the natives possess, is more than holding its own, against the murderous on-

slaught.
Slowly the white men retreat across the swinging bridge that spans. Death Gorge. They finally gain the opposite shore, and poor such a deadly stream of machine gun fire into the swarming, solid mass of native, that they manage to keep the point the Americans has yell ferred but one castally. Howell, the Radio man, was killed there.

on the other side of the bridge. Suddenly Billy spies a great mass of natives preparing to charge down on their rear from the high hills. He knows full well that their little band cannot withstand a two front attack. Closing his eyes, the boy reverently pronounces the magic name for the first time.

"SHAZAM!" Hardly had the last hum of the name died from his lips, then he stood there, transformed into a man—a vertiable power house of muscle and strength. His ill fitting, baggy, loosely hanging tropical clothes, are changed, in the winkling of an eye, into a

beautiful costume of skin fitting, moulded tightness. CAP-TAIN MARVEL soars off through the sir like an avenging eagle, upon his first crusade. Soon he spreads fear and consternation through the ranks of the attacking hill warriors.

Betty suddenly misses Billy. Her heart skips a beat. Where can the boy be?

"Billy is missing!" she cries out in hysterical fear, "He's probably still on the other side." Before any of the surprised Americans could stop her. Betty was half way across the bridge, wildly calling out Billy's name. At that very moment, the overhead strands that held up the bridge, succumbed to the endless pounding of machine gun fire, and with a grinding, crashing roar the suspended structure collapsed, sending Betty, screaming, down into the foaming, angry gorge, a full thousand feet below.

What happened to the beautiful secretary? Was she dashed to pieces on the hard, jagged rocks below?

You have just read the motion picture serial, starring Tom Tyler as CAPTAIN MARVEL, It is a Republic Picture, in twelve episodes. It is the control of the c

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