



"CENTURIES AGO, THE ROCK OF ETERNITY WAS IN VIEW FOR ALL TO APPROACH.



"AND ITS DOORS WERE OPEN TO ALL IN NEED.




"ITS GREAT HALLS WERE OVERSEEN BY THE COUNCIL OF ETERNITY--A GROUP OF SEVEN WIZARDS AND SORCERESSES WHO TOOK A VOW TO PROTECT ALL MAGIC!



"UNTIL THE SEVEN SINS WERE FREED BY THE DARK CHAMPION... AND ALL BUT ONE OF THE COUNCIL WERE SLAUGHTERED.



"THE LAST WIZARD CHOSE TO SEAL OFF THE ROCK OF ETERNITY.



"AND AS THE ROCK BECAME HIDDEN FROM THE WORLD... SO, TOO, DID MAGIC.



"UNTIL A CHAMPION WAS NEEDED AGAIN."

HELLO?



IS ANYBODY HERE?



NO.

NO, THIS WILL NEVER WORK.



"THE WIZARD SAW A *DELINQUENT BOY* BEFORE HIM. A *FOSTER CHILD* BOUNCING FROM HOME TO HOME. A *TROUBLEMAKER*, MANY WOULD SAY.

"UNLESS THEY LOOKED *DEEPER*.

"THE WIZARD PEERED INTO THE BOY'S SOUL AND FOUND A CHILD WHO HAD LOST HIS FAMILY. HIS PARENTS HAD *DISAPPEARED* WHEN HE WAS VERY YOUNG AND HE PUT UP *WALLS* TO PROTECT HIS HEART.

"THE WIZARD LOOKED *PAST* BILLY'S PAIN AND MARVELED AT THE *POTENTIAL* WITHIN HIM THE REST OF THE *WORLD* HAD *IGNORED*. BILLY DEFENDED THE *WEAK* FROM *BULLIES*. HE *HELPED* THOSE IN *NEED* DESPITE HIS OWN *MISFORTUNES*."

"BILLY BATSON PROVED TO BE *WORTHY*.

"SO WITH HIS *FINAL BREATH*, THE WIZARD PASSED ON HIS *POWERS* TO BILLY, DECLARING HIM THE *NEW CHAMPION OF MAGIC*!

"BUT BILLY WAS LEFT WITHOUT A *MENTOR* OR A *TEACHER*.

"HE WAS FORCED TO DISCOVER HIS POWERS WITHOUT ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE *TRUE PURPOSE* OF THE ROCK OF ETERNITY AND ITS *SEVEN THRONES*."

SHAZAM! *And the* SEVEN MAGIC LANDS!

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THIS IS
NO TASK FOR
SOMEONE
LIKE YOU.

"THOUGH AT A TIME OF DESPERATION,
HE WAS ABLE TO UNLOCK THE MOST
POWERFUL SPELL WITHIN HIM...
AND SHARE HIS MAGIC WITH THOSE
HE LOVED AS FAMILY.

"AND THANKFULLY, BILLY HAD OPENED
HIS HEART TO A NEW FAMILY. OF
FOSTER BROTHERS AND SISTERS. IT
SAVED BILLY'S LIFE AND THE WORLD.

"FOR FAMILY IS THE TRUE
POWER OF SHAZAM..."

"AND ITS TRUE
WEAKNESS."

TODAY PHILADELPHIA

THE MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

"WHO, THAT WAS NOT A WITNESS, COULD IMAGINE THAT..."

"...MEN WHO CAME FROM THE DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE CONTINENT, STRONGLY DISPOSED TO DESPISE AND QUARREL WITH EACH OTHER, WOULD INSTANTLY BECOME BUT ONE PATRIOTIC BAND OF BROTHERS."

SO YOU SEE, WITHOUT GENERAL WASHINGTON'S COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP, AMERICA WOULD HAVE REMAINED DIVIDED.

AMERICA! WASHINGTON! BLAH BLAH BLAH!

THIS IS SO BORING.

I THINK IT'S INTERESTING.

WHAT'S INTERESTING ABOUT HISTORY, BILLY?

NOT JUST HISTORY, THIS IS THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. BESIDES, WE'RE GOING TO BE TESTED ON IT TOMORROW.

AMERICA WON, I GET IT! WE BEAT THE GERMANS!

FREDDY FREEMAN?

WHAT DID I SAY ABOUT TALKING WHILE OUR GENEROUS GUIDE WAS GIVING US HIS PRESENTATION?

YOU TALK AGAIN, MR. SMARTY-PANTS, AND YOU'LL SPEND THE REST OF THE DAY ON THE BUS.

TO NOT DO IT?

OH, CAN THIS PLEASE COUNT?

NOBODY MOVE!



SHAZAM!





YOU'RE
GOING TO
HAVE TO
GUESS.

I'VE BEEN
HAVING A BIT OF
TROUBLE SAYING
MY NAME
LATELY.