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SHAZAM - A TROUBLED ORPHAN BOY Who Is Chosen As The - CHAMPION OF ETERNITY -

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Directed by : David F. Sandberg
Produced by : Peter Safran
Story by : Henry Gayden, Darren Lemke
Based on : Characters from DC Comics
Starring : Zachary Levi, Mark Strong, Asher Angel, Jack Dylan Grazer, Djimon Hounsou
Distributed by : Warner Bros. Pictures
Running Time : 132 minutes
Release Dates : March 15, 2019 (Toronto), April 3, 2019 (France), April 5, 2019 (United States)

THE STORY

One year after Steppenwolf's invasion, troubled 14-year-old Orphan Billy Batson (Asher Angel) is set to move in with the Vazquez Family and their other five Foster Kids. One day, Billy gets on a Subway car and finds himself transported to a different Realm where an Ancient Wizard gives him the Power to transform into a Godlike Adult Superhero by uttering the Word "Shazam!" Billy and his new Foster Brother Freddy Freeman (Jack Dylan Grazer) must discover Billy's new Powers and how to use them to prevent the Villain Dr. Thaddeus Sivana (Mark Strong), who has Powers of his own, from committing Nefarious Acts.

OUR REVIEW

A Dual Origin Story for both Shazam and Sivana, the two play as Perfect Parallels. Shazam is a Child in a Man´s Body, Sivana a Man stunted by his Experiences as a Child. Mark Strong plays Sivana Deadly Serious and Straight, which works perfectly against Zachary Levi´s Shazam, who struggles to take Anything Seriously at all. The Movie is Consistently Funny throughout, even in Moments of Peril, but it´s also not afraid to go to the Dark Side, balancing the two Tones expertly.

These Characters, most of whom are ripped from the Pages of DC Films Producer Geoff Johns and Gary Frank´s 2011 Shazam! Series, turn out to be an Unexpected Treat, instantly Charming and almost never Cloying. Billy Batson is played by Zachary Levi, a Rare Case in which a Costume that rounds an Actor´s Shoulders and Arms to almost Cartoonish Contour enhances the Character. This is not an Adult acting in the Role of a Child, but a Kid trapped in an Adult´s Body.

The Film has spent so much Time building out Billy, Freddy, and their Siblings that Sivana´s Character Development is left somewhat out in the Cold... He doesn´t want that Power for anything in particular; he just wants Power.... The Movie, directed by David F. Sandberg (“Annabelle: Creation“) from a Screenplay by Henry Gayden, is built upon a Fairly Standard Chassis. “Shazam!“ is hardly the first Comic-Book Film to adopt a Tone of Breezy Postmodern Irreverence (eg. the “Deadpool“ movies)...

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