

Spider-Man and His Amazing Friends, Ep 2 – The Fantastic Mister Frump

BryGuy

-Its a Doom episode! Will it be a continuation?

-Equation for you: Capt Kangaroo+Ben

Jarmin=Mr Frump

-3:53 - I love that Dr Doom basically has to draw a pentagram on the ground to complete his work.

Very "scared of devil/80's" vibe

-So the amazing friends just race each other for fun? And stumble onto trouble/crime? That works out nicely

-6:23 - Boy you are right, Jason. Iceman is dumb with a capital "D" He couldnt figure out the difference between an amulet and an omlette?!

-8:15 - I do like that this episode shows that Dr Doom isn't helpless without his amulet. I don't feel that Spidey '81 would have been so kind

-9:25 - Frumps special friend is a cat. That he names..dramatic pause...Mabel! This made me LOL

-10:30-Ya know, not for nothing, but what Mr Frump does with unlimited power/wishes is pretty innocuous. Just let him have a good day!

-11:45 - Oh the double cross from Dr to Mr.

-14:00 - Frump takes away all the powers from the Amazing Friends. Spidey can't shoot webs, firestar can't make fire, but iceman..still made of ice

-16:00 - Getting near the end here, and boy the "moral" of the show is really starting to show.

"Don't be greedy kids, this is what happens.."

-17:45 - Release the Kraken!

-20:00 - Took a lot to get to Mr Frumps "evil turn" and Dr Doom to team up with him

Is the voice actor for this doom and spidey 81 doom the same do you know?

Not much more to say about this one. A pretty solid episode. A bit all over the place, but a lot of fun

3 radioactive spiders for me

Bocko

The first thing that I noticed about this episode was how fast-paced it was. from the moment we first see Dr Doom on screen, you really don't get a chance to catch your breath as a viewer. lots of very short scenes, and loads of action. I can't think of another episode we've watched that was quite like that.

it's pretty interesting that Mr frump is the main character of this episode, and all of the super-powered folks who are involved are really just ancillary to his story. this episode could be summarized as: "a downtrodden, down on his luck nobody discovers an object that gives him great power, and he must cope with the consequences." The villain in this episode is ostensibly Doom, but he is more just a catalyst for what happens to the true protagonist. Doom's plans are immediately foiled, and in the end, we never see him do anything to threaten our heroes or the general public. just a very unique way to tell a Spider-Man story.

To go a step further, I would say that Frump is also the most REALISTIC character that we've yet seen in the animated Spidey-verse. We have met villains with terrible, illogical plans; we've had Spidey fall flat on his face in one encounter with a baddie, only to quickly dispatch them in the next; we met a J Jonah Jameson who senselessly clung to his infatuation with Doctor Doom despite the fact Doom actively threatened New York and the world over and over again. Each time, we tried to dig through the contents of the episode or our knowledge of the character(s) to find some justification. But in Mister Frump, we see a real person, with real problems, who is IMMEDIATELY in way over his head. How does he react? Like any regular person with a sudden, unexplained windfall of good fortune might: he wishes for all the trappings of wealth and power that he can imagine, even though they might seem trite to the audience or the other characters (one could even read Frump as a stand in for the intended audience of this show: he has the simple,

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single-mindedness of a child, and seems to see the world in the stark black-or-white shades of naivete).

Getting no satisfaction from those wishes, he asks for something even more basic and innocent – human contact. And his wish for May Parker comes across as completely innocent and sweet; he has no romantic intentions, there's not even a whiff of sexual desire here, it's just a simple man's wish for companionship from the only person who's ever treated him kindly.

The tragedy of this episode is the way that Frump's good fortune expires as quickly as it came, and as soon as he's stopped wielding his infinite power, the heroes forget that he's even there.

Phew, so: back to Earth for a second here, for a few other random comments.

- The gladiator scene with the cyclops and the alien from Little Shop of Horrors, and Genghis Khan or whomever, all pretty entertaining. In large part because I was left wondering, "Is Doom just trying to imagine the weirdest shit that he can to see if he'll do it??"
- The way that Spidey reacts when Aunt May gets involved in the action. Genuine concern there. Hard to imagine that someone who DOESN'T know that he's Peter Parker wouldn't figure it out.
- The triumphant return of Boris
- If I ever have a henchman, I'm going to insist he change his name to Boris. Even if he's a girl.

The things that I realized about Mr Frump when I was contemplating this ep really make it stand out for me. If what you like best is a complicated and exciting story about the title characters, you're probably really disappointed in this one. But I am giving it 4.5 radioactive spiders.