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# *The Rondout Reader*



**ENTER LOIS LANE**

*The Love of His Life*



*'I am good, but not an angel. I do sin, but I am not the devil. I am just a small girl in a big world trying to find someone to love.'*



*'When I was born, some of our relatives came to our house and told my mother, "Don't worry, next time you will have a son."'*



*'Take those chances and you can achieve greatness, whereas if you go conservative, you'll never know.'*


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METROPOLIS' GREATEST NEWSPAPER

# SUPERMAN!

## ULTIMATE COLLECTOR'S EDITION



**MAN OF STEEL™ PREVENTS RAIL DISASTER!**

*By Lois Lane*

One of the newly designed *LexCorp* subway locomotives lurched wildly out of control yesterday evening on Metropolis' elevated lines after a support beam unexpectedly snapped in a trial run.

Metropolis' own Superman immediately responded to the distress call and avoided near disaster by carrying the six-car train to safety. The subway operator, Kwami Campbell, a fifteen-year veteran, said "I was hunking back on the brakes just as hard as I could, when out of nowhere there was just this big blue . . . *oupt!*"

The Man of Steel slowed the train to a halt just shy of the collapsed rail.

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**INSIDE**

WEATHER  
Morning clouds and fog, clearing in the afternoon.  
Downtown 70/61

**IF IT'S NEWSWORTHY IT'S IN THE PLANET**

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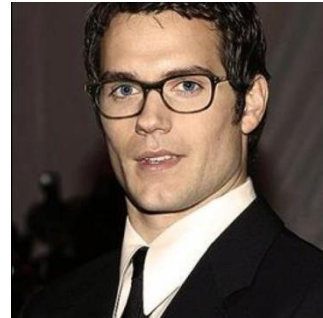
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*'Five thousand applicants. I'll be interviewing forever!'*



*'Jeepers, Chief. Just hire the prettiest one!'*



*'Professional, Jimmy, the most professional!'*

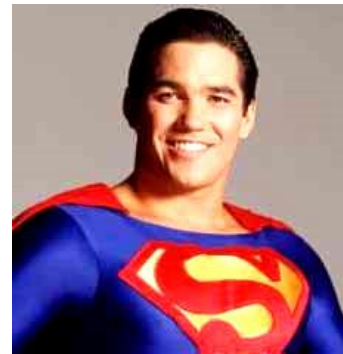


The President was a fan.



*"Contrary to the rumors you have heard, I was not born in a manger. I was actually born on Krypton."*

**Superman** flew to the Oval Office a few days after the new administration had moved in.



*'How can I best help the people?'*

*'Americans must be who we are, Mr. President.'*

*'I love our country. Do you know what I call blacks born here?'*

*'Excuse me!'*

*'The same for browns, reds, whites and yellows...Americans!'*



*'We may have all come on different ships,  
but we're in the same boat now.'*

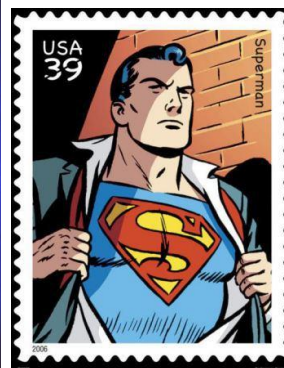


*'I wasn't born on earth, but I was raised in  
the heartland. Being American means  
believing in what we signed up for...'*

*'"All men are created equal", "Separation  
of church and state", Civil Rights, Voting  
Rights, Gay Rights, Women's Rights...  
American rights.'*

*'A "Superman Doctrine"?'*

*'The United States must become a  
united people before America can achieve  
greatness!'*





*'Superman's decade--his best...and ours!'*

*'Not unlike the end of WWII. Millions of soldiers with no enemy to fight. Millions of factory workers with no weapons to build!'*

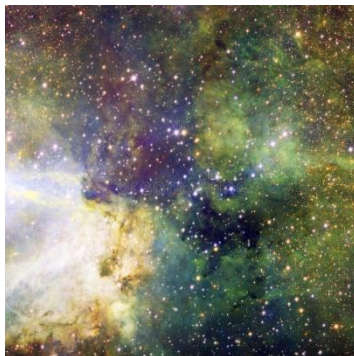
*'Superman has given us an age without fear and American confidence and hard work has given us peace and prosperity as never before.'*

*'What would we do without 'Clark Kent'?''*

*'God help the administration that has to.'*



**Billions of miles away...**





*'Enjoying immortality, Kimba?  
As you bathe in my light, Kandorians will  
live forever. I am not your usurper, but your  
savior, your God till the end of time!'*

*'We are grateful for our lives, but  
loathe our servitude. Kryptonians have  
long believed that our species is the  
veritable apex of evolution!'*

*'Dare you compare to Brainiac! I am  
the most powerful being in the universe  
I deserve a collection of cities to rule!'*

*'You have the last of my people  
in a bottle. Kryptonian science  
is forced to aid you in your quest!'*

### ***Later, beyond the ken of Brainiac...***



*'Don't either of you believe for  
a moment that I would co-operate  
with that giant green 'God'*

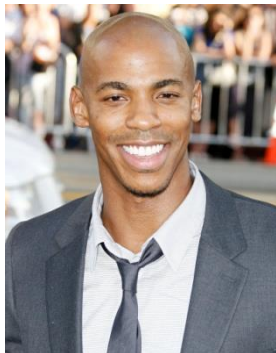
*'Unless I had a plan to usurp him!'*



*'Let's welcome our newest employee  
...Lois Lane.'*



*'It's a dream come true!'*



*'Wow! I am dreaming!'*



*'Wake up, James, Miss Lane is  
determined to make her mark!'*



*'Lois'll cover the city  
from a woman's angle!'*

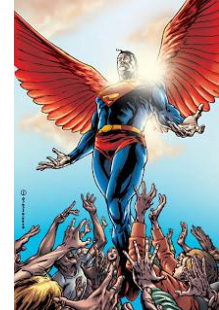


*'An exciting challenge!'*



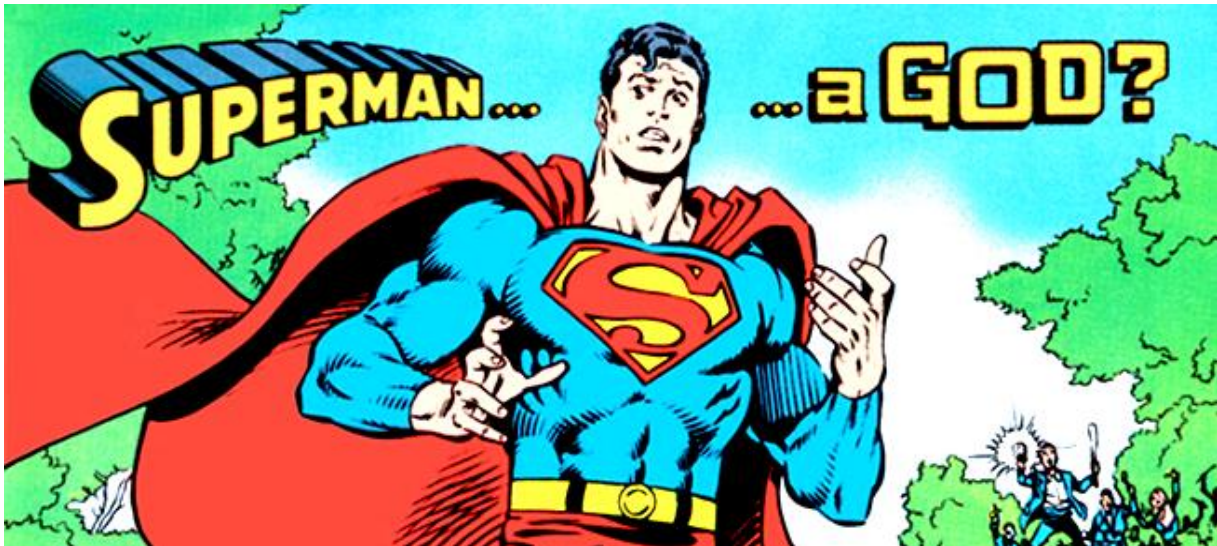
*'Just for starters. I'm going to  
write the big story...**Superman!**'*





**'Superman, Superman, ya gotta luv Superman!**

*'But aren't we getting just a little carried away?*



*"Divine" Superman? Marketing the Man of Steel as "Messiah", "Savior", and "Deliverer"? Give us all a break!*



*"God created the Universe, Man and Woman," the good book tells us, but also, "He who digs a pit shall fall into it".*



## RELIGULOUS

*'Believe in any God you wish, but accept **Superman** as **Superman**!*

*'Wherever in the heavens he's from, spare me the cosmic science.*

*'Gods perform miracles, but none beheld the weapons of war and melted them down like false idols.*



*'**Superman** does not kill, gave us world peace without harming a soul. Walk on water? **Superman** flies. Part the Red Sea? **Superman** can change the course of mighty rivers! Feed the multitudes? **Superman** brought tons of food to the starving!*



**Superman** loves us. From around the globe, he gathered up mountains of radioactive waste and cast them into deep space! Reversed global warming, repaired the ozone layer, saved the rain forests and terra-formed the deserts!

'Believe it or not, I'm finally beginning to trust **Superman**. I don't care where he came from, but where the Man of Steel is going! Will we be going with him?

'And deep, deep down, I'd like to think, that by some fantastic miracle, that given his incredible powers, his omnipotence, his invincibility, that I would have been, that I would become the noble, altruistic superhero he is.



*'But I'd rethink the suit!'*

## SMALLVILLE

A Kent tradition: Sunday dinner together.



*'Meatloaf, my favorite!  
It's wonderful to be Clark Kent  
with you!'*

*'We couldn't be more  
proud of you, son.'*

*'But...'*

*'I've met somebody.'*

*'Now we're talking!'*

*'Oh, Clark!'*

*'Her name's Lois Lane. Smart, determined, with a super spirit!'*

*'We can't wait to meet her.'*

*'Does she know? Have you told her?'*



*'No, no. She knows me only as Clark.'*

*'Good, son. We love Clark, too.'*

*'I hope she wants to raise a family.'*

*"Now, Mom. We'll get to that next time.'*



*'I can't help worrying that they know about Clark.'*

*'They might, but do you believe **Superman** really cares?'*



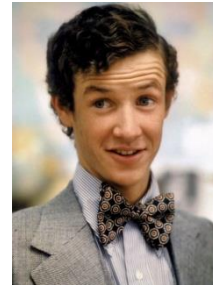
*'Miss Lane, it's time we had a talk.'*

*'We know who Clark Kent is, but while he is here at the Planet, he is to be treated as a regular 'human being.'*



*'Mr. White?'*

*'Of course, Mr. White. I will follow company policy.'*



*'Listen, Lois. This is very important.'*

*'I think Clark likes you! Could be a story.'*



*'I've been in love with a superhero since the first time I saw him.'*

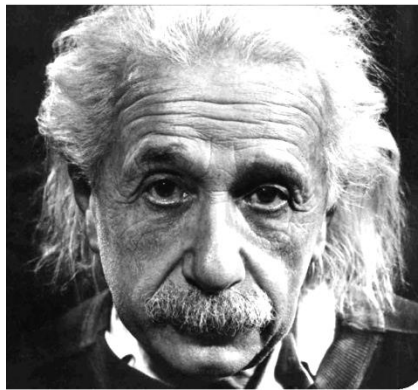


*'Clark Kent is the man I'm going to marry!'*

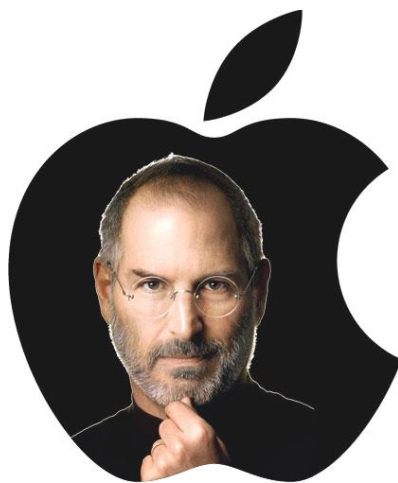




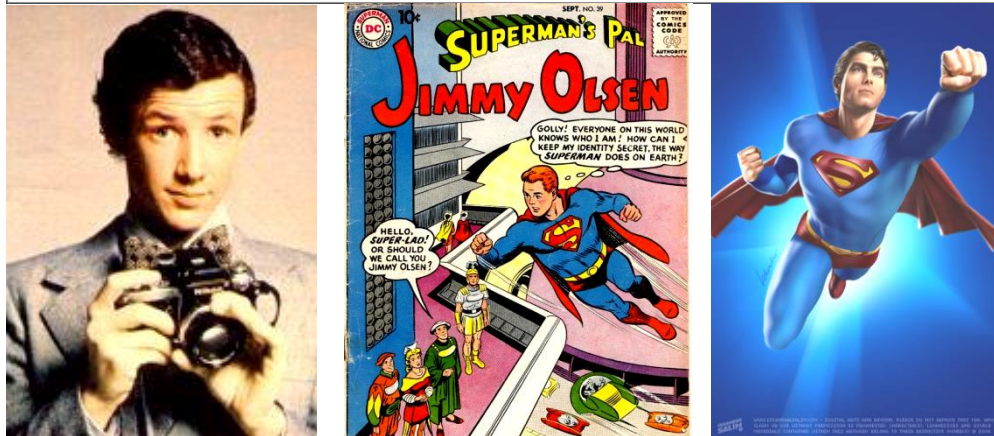
*'I believe in thinking big!'*



*'It has become appallingly obvious that our technology has exceeded our humanity.'*



*'Design is not just what it looks like and feels like.  
Design is how it works.'*



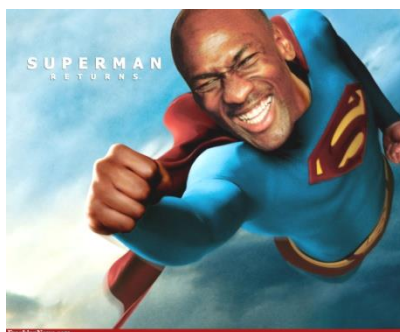
## IF I WERE SUPERMAN...

By James 'Jimmy' Olsen

**Superman's** greatest power, stronger than his strength and faster than his speed is that he makes us *imagine!*

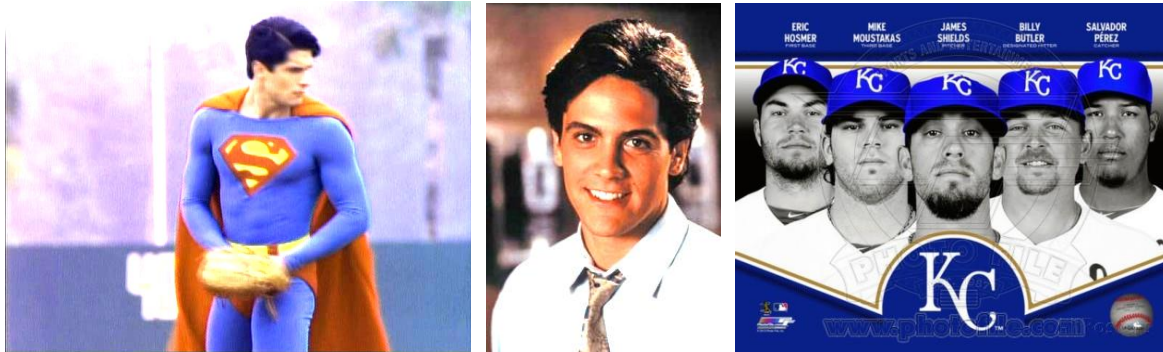
Oh, to be **Superman!**

I'd be on a 24/365 schedule. Playing basketball and soccer, I can score on anyone at any time. *Nobody* scores on **Superman!**





A one-man team, I'd take to the mound. Pitching was *control*. To throw the ball as close to 250 miles an hour. Faster and it could burn up.



I'd be my own catcher, zooming to get behind the batter before the ball did. Nine pitches and it's over. No pitcher who ever lived could get **SUPERMAN** out!

No American football team, college or pro, could gain an inch versus 'The Man of Steel'!

And no one would dare to try and stop me!



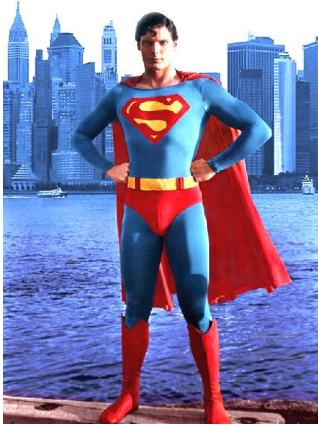
I'd be the 'Champion of the World' in *everything*!



But **SUPERMAN**, he's not here for any of that.

**LIFE**

**PUNCH MAD**



'HUMANITY'S HERO'  
'OUR PLANET'S PROTECTOR'



'I'm king of the world!'



'Is there no one else?'  
(No, Brad. Including you.).

Bet the thought never even crossed his mind.



*'That's true. I ain't promising you nothing extra.  
I'm just giving you life and you're giving me life. And I'm  
saying that men can live together without butchering one another.'*

Which makes you wonder, doesn't it?

Whose **SUPERMAN** would *you* be?

***Lex Luthor had other ideas.***

Born rich and brilliant, child protégé and 'wonderkind', Lex won his Nobel, then started his multi-billion business before he was old enough to vote.



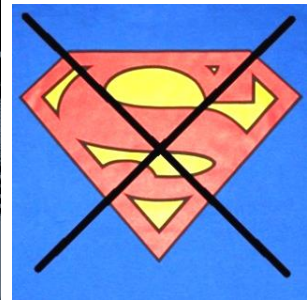
*'I love **Superman** and like all of humanity, I am grateful for his 'super-assistance' in making our world a better place, a safer place.  
'But enough is enough!*



*'**Superman** has given us peace, prosperity, stability, and complacency! 'Overpopulation', 'ignorance', 'hatred' and 'bigotry'? Not to worry **Superman** is going to solve all our problems!'*



*'Explore the cosmos...why bother? **Superman** can fly to every planet, every moon in the solar system, and to the stars beyond. **Superman** can do it all. Let us enable him.'*



*'No, I say, **NO!***

*'Man, and Woman must decide humanity's destiny!*

**Not Superman!'**



**Superman** flew in and knelt on one knee.



*'Your Majesty.'*

**'Superman! It's been far too long!'**

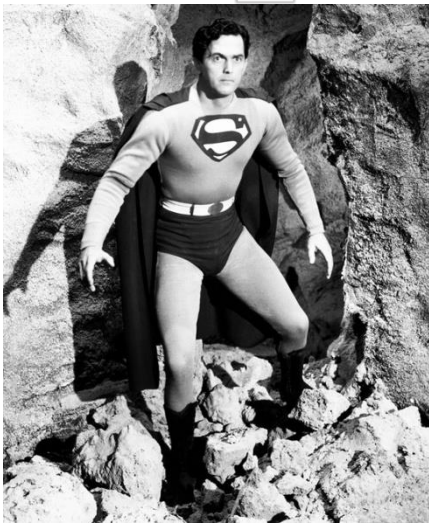
*"Have I done well?"*

*'More in a decade than most in a lifetime. You've made us a better people.'*

*'But...have I tried too hard, made too many changes?'*

**'Superman, thanks to our parents' blood, you and I have been grandly privileged. We've become icons, brand names. I am the face of an empire while all humanity sees themselves in you.'**

**People**



**The Sexiest Man Alive!**

**TIME**



**MAN OF THE DECADE!**



*'I am nearing the end of my reign,  
while you are just beginning.'*

*'Through tragedy and triumph, I  
had to be who I am! My spirit  
never failed me.'*

*'My country and my family will  
do just fine after I'm gone.'*

*'And therein, **Superman**, lies the rub.'*



*'Your Majesty?'*

*'I've tried very hard to be humane.'*



*'You've uplifted our world, but  
have you changed humanity or  
just shown us power we dare not  
oppose?'*

*'And you've succeeded beyond  
measure! But at the end of your  
reign, your power gone, what then?'*



*'My legacy?'*



*'Precisely! I remember 'before'. What kind of people will the world be because of you, after you?'*

*'About time you found a good woman to give you an heir.'*



*'There must always be a Queen of England ...and a **Superman!**'*

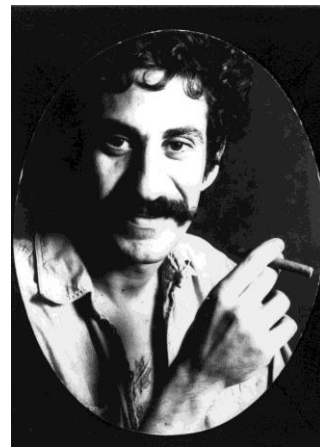




*'Clark, you're the most honored, most trusted writer and newsmen in the country. Your "definitive" works on **Superman** have become must-read classics, but...'*



*'Lois, watch yourself!'*



*'You don't tug on **Superman's** cape!'*



*'Your writing is brilliant, Clark. With a deep poignancy, you've labored mightily to capture the 'Man of Steel', but all I read sounds like Clark Kent.*

*'I want **Superman!**'*



*'Tired of my 'macho' **Superman** rants? And you want the 'woman's angle'?*

*'Don't you mean "How Women see **Superman** "??'*





*'She just might have something, Clark!'*



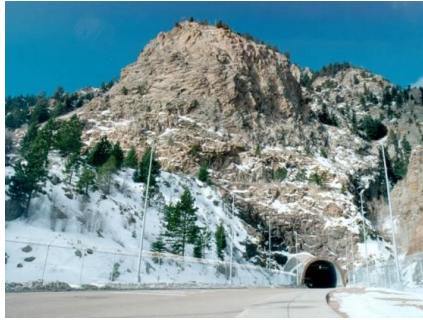
*'Wow! **Superman's** "feminine side"!'*



*'I want an interview with **Superman!**  
One-on-one, Clark. No need for you to be anywhere near us!'*

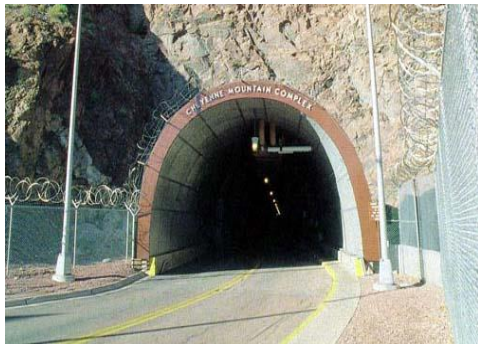


**Lex Luthor had been hard at work...**



For more than sixty years, the North American Air Defense Command had been headquartered inside and under Colorado's Cheyenne Mountain. The coming of **Superboy** made **NORAD** obsolete and unneeded.

Luthor bought the abandoned complex. **Lexcorps** occupied the buildings on the surface, but deep underground, behind the 'blastdoor'...



His advanced robotics team worked 'round the clock. Early efforts were encouraging...



**LexCorps** kept at it. Science and technology mating...



New designs and prototypes.



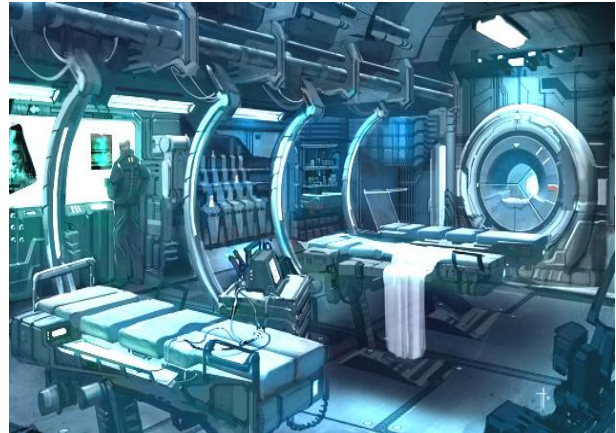
Luthor remained unsatisfied.



*'We are not building a robot or a weapon,  
but a metaphor, a symbol of power all humanity  
can empathize with.'*

*'A living machine that will make the world forget **Superman!**'*

Technology churned on 24/7...



Finally...



*'Genius gone mad!'*



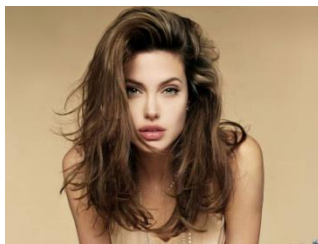
*'Load the cargo. Road trip to meet **Superman!**'*

**Billions of miles away...**



*'Immortality is no cure of impatience!  
Kryptonian technology interfaced with mine  
has expanded and sped up the search,  
but nothing, nothing, NOTHING!'*

*'We're working very hard! At last  
we have found a planet that might  
peak your interest.'*

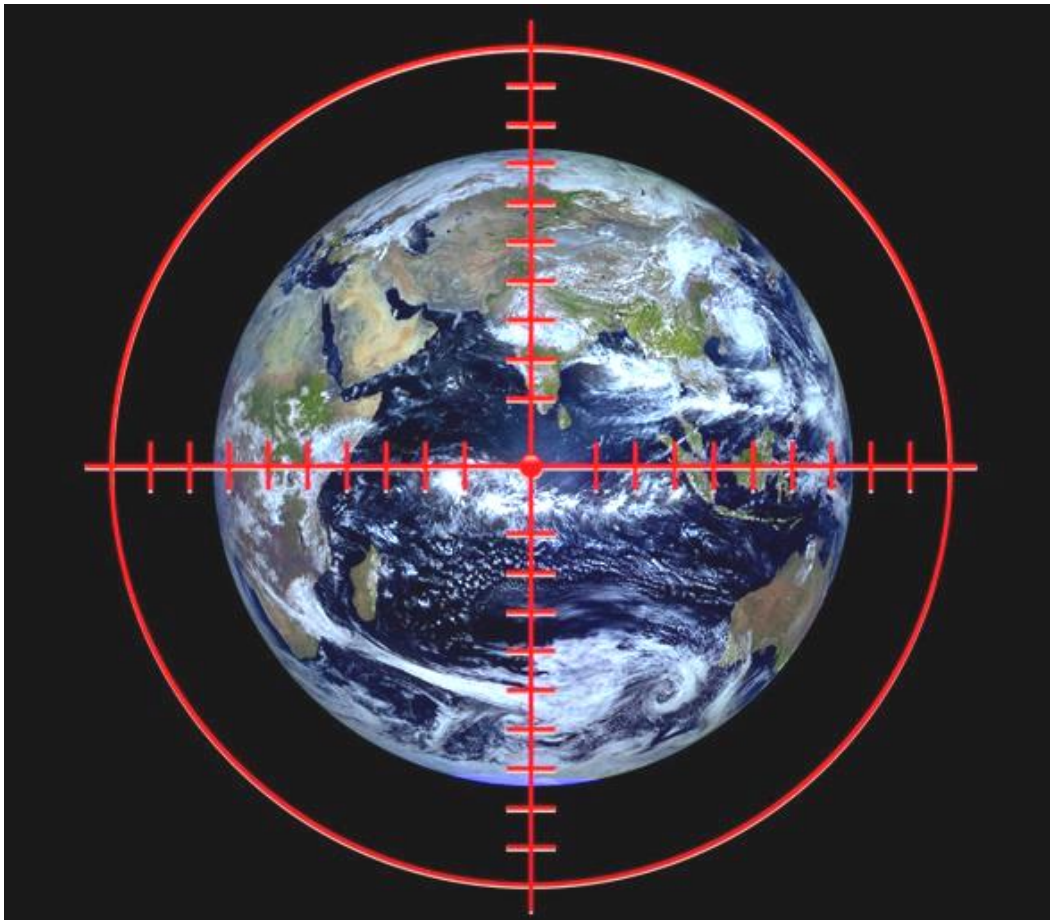


*'Pretty, but primitive!'*

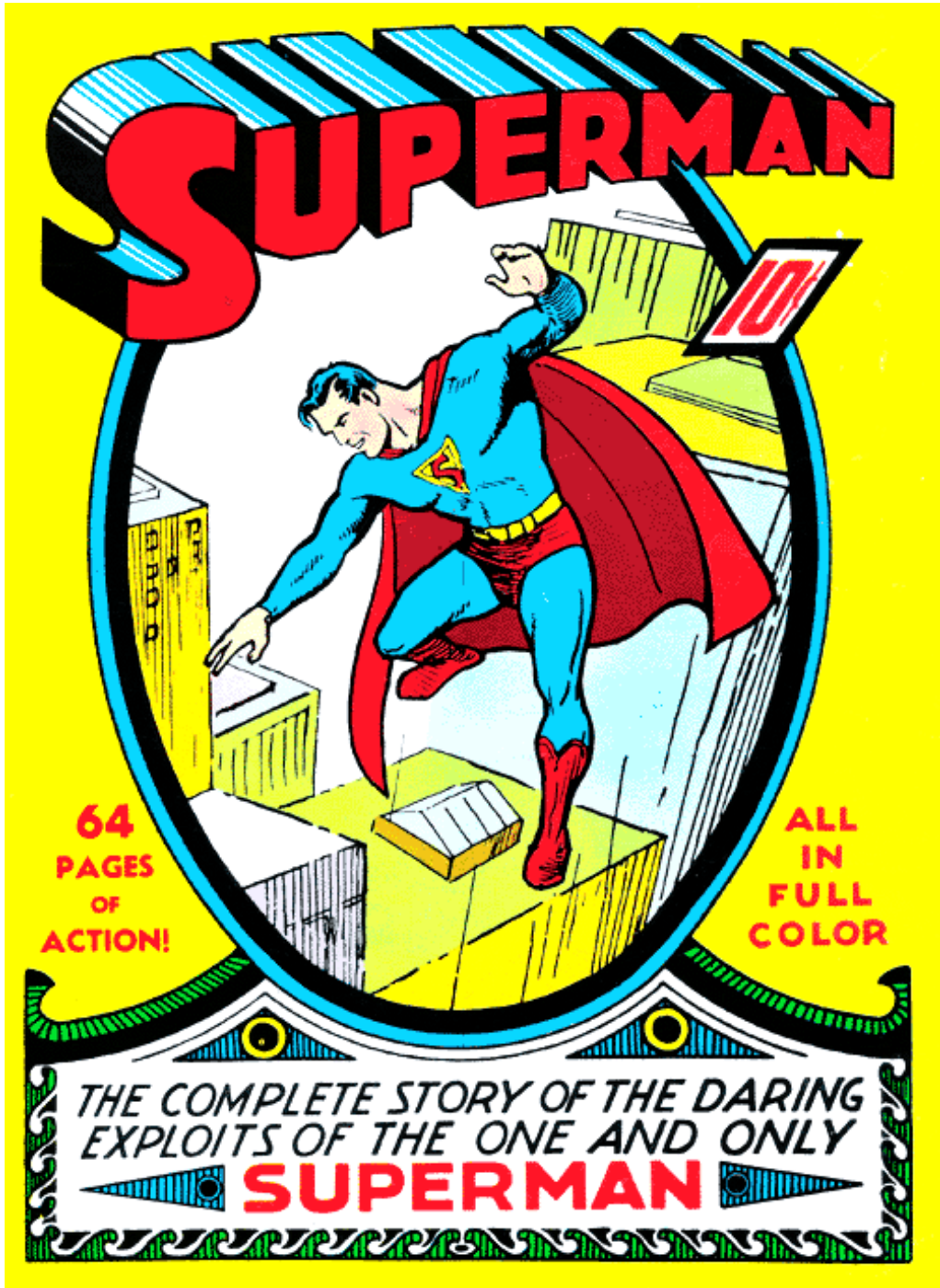
*'More inferiors to our  
Supreme Species!'*



*'We will study the target from high orbit. Then...I will choose its finest city to complete my collection!'*



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*'Lo, I teach you the **Superman**:  
he is that lightning, he is that frenzy!*



*'We will give you a race of **Supermen**!'*



***Superman's** different, original, colorful.  
It's got action! This is what kids want!*



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# SUPER-DAY X!

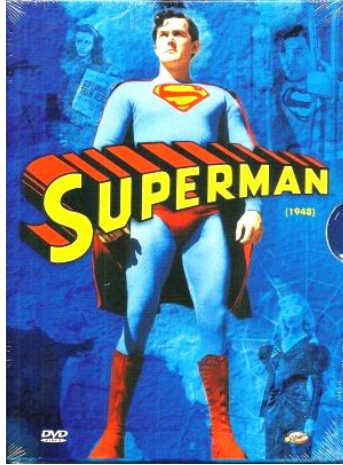
*by Clark Kent*



We live in **Superman's** world. Nearly five million tourists have flocked to '**Superman's** City' for the grand celebration!



Ten years ago today, he appeared. In 2015, he took a new name.



And he chose our city as *his* city!



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After a "century of humiliation", China, through great sacrifice, backbreaking toil and Communist zeal was supposed to have equaled and then surpassed the United States.

It didn't happen and seemingly never would.



Over the course of the next few months, the Premier will have to juggle domestic issues like corruption and growth, and the country's expansive regional ambitions with one foot firmly at home and the other in more global territory.

For a decade, the nation had not spent a yen on tanks and bombers and aircraft carriers. The army had been cut by 90%. Construction and reconstruction had elevated the Chinese living standard to an all-time high and the air cleaner than it's been since the Communists seized power.

"Oh!" he wondered "If only..."



The price of **Superman's** New Order: China would always be in second place.



The weather was super; had he blown away the storm clouds?

Biggest bash since the end of World War II. Frantic crowds lined both sides of Siegel Avenue.



*From the press box...*

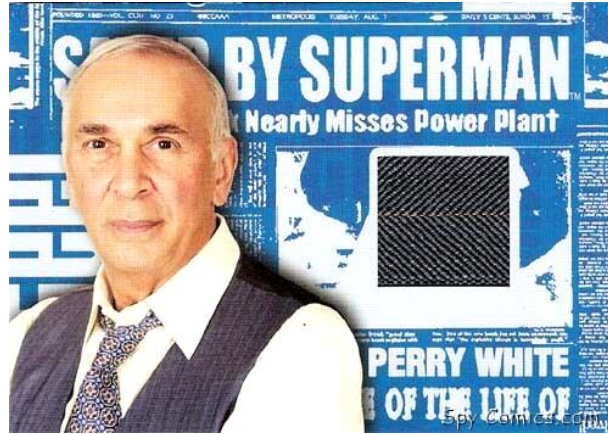


*'Greatest day in the city's history,  
and the Planet's got him!'*

*'And one day, I will too.  
That's my future husband!'*

*'Reality to Lois. He's **Superman!**'*

*'Like I'd settle for anyone less?'*



*'Your 'Clark Kent' needs work.'*



*'My Mom in Jersey is watching!'*

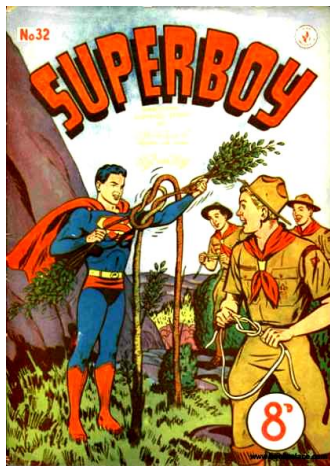


*'But I have to work!'*

***Not everyone was celebrating...***



*'Faster than a speeding bullet! More powerful than a locomotive! Able to leap tall buildings in a single bound! His sudden appearance astounded the world, but after a decade, **Superboy** has grown up and so have we. With his every stupendous deed, it's the same old story. Super-staid, super-stagnant, super-stale.'*



*'The Big Blue Boy Scout' is super-powered, super perfect, and super noble, an ideal no man on earth could possibly live up to. Rather than giving us hope, we've come to see ourselves as hopelessly beneath him.'*

*'Too good for his own good, and so much better than our best, we're addicted to the 'Man of Tomorrow', unable to cope with today's problems without him.'*





*'The press has bugged me all week. "Why won't the President be there?"'*



*'Funny, "mild-mannered" Clark Kent never inquired.'*

*'**Superman** understands. Once the most powerful man in the world occupied this office. Now, sharing the stage, standing next to him, and I'm a petty politician.'*

*'Today is **Super-Day**, his day!'*

*'Can we get some popcorn in here?'*

*Approaching...*





*'Brimming with life forms. A planet of competing cultures!'*



*'Which city will you want?'*



*'The biggest? The oldest?'*



*'The most beautiful, the most spiritual?'*



*'Like your beloved Kandor...A power city!'*

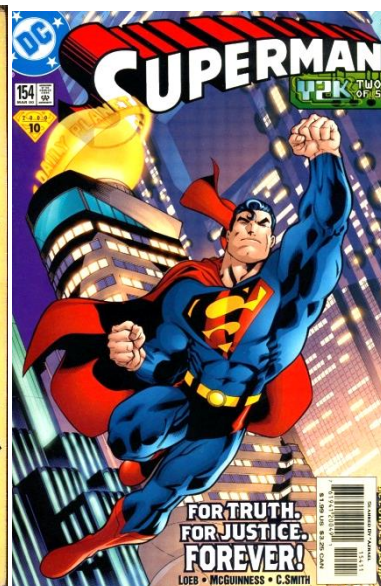
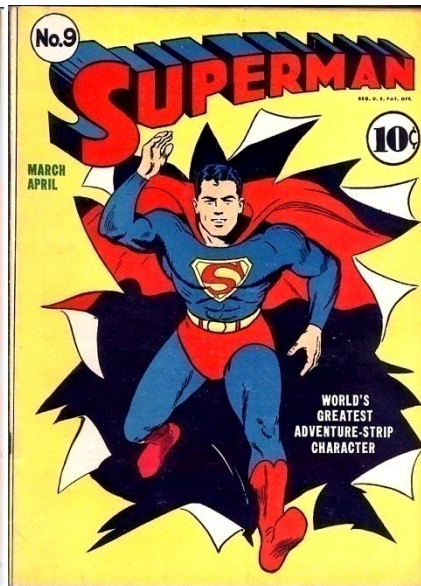
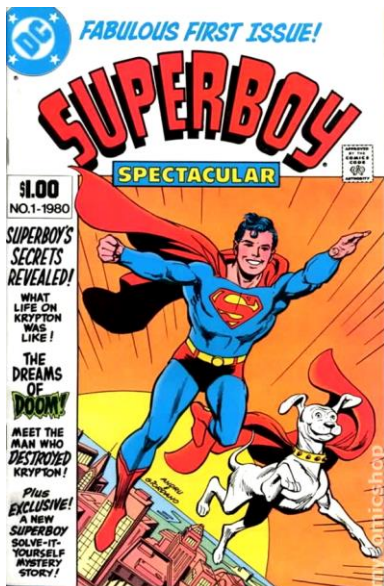




*Thousands of miles away, hundreds of feet underground...*



*'Ladies and gentlemen, and Super-Fans of all ages...it's show time!'*



For the citizens of Metropolis and the world, the wait was over.



*Gracefully he descended...*



*'How convenient. Clark has an "upset stomach."*

*'Gee, Miss Lane. He looks healthy to me.'*

**Superman** did not hover above the crowd to look down on them. Instead, he gently landed on a ground-level platform to meet the people eye to eye.



*"Thank you, people of Metropolis. Good to see so many of you together in peace, but if only one person had come today, I would tell him or her that..."*

The long trailer had been parked at the corner of *Shuster Street* overnight. A later investigation would reveal that its parking permits had been forged.

*Suddenly, its roof panel doors slid open...*



*'The hour has come!'*



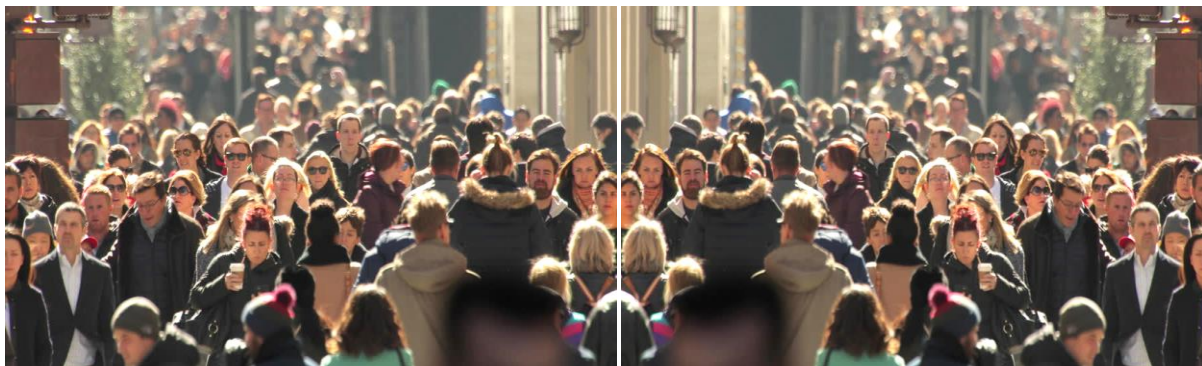
*'Just a minute, ladies and gentlemen, I think something is happening.'*



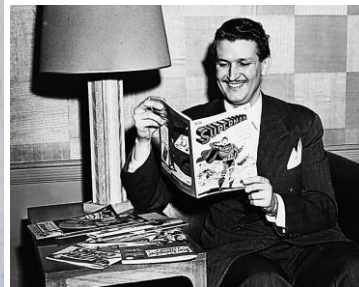
*'Such power exists!'*



*'What more could anyone ask?'*



*'Attention, earth! I am the Male of Polymer, the new hope of humanity!'*



*'This looks like a job for Superman!'*

