







ONE EVENING AS LOIS LANE AND CLARK KENT DRIVE HOMEWARD FROM A MOVIE. THEY SIGHT UNUSUAL ACTIVITY ON THE WATERFRONT.







BUT SHORTLY
AFTER...IN A
NEARBY
DESERTED
ALLEY, CLARK
KENT
REMOVES
HIS OUTER
CYILLIAN
GARMENTS,
TRANSFORMING
HIMSELF INTO
THE CHAMPION
OF JUSTICE.

SO LOIS IS TIRED, EH?
TWENTY TO ONE SHE
INT TIRED ENOUGH TO
PREVENT HER FROM MAKING
A BEE LINE BACK TO THAT
WHARF!

































SUMMONED BY THE SENTRY, MAJOR LESTER AND SER-GEANT CASEY COME ON THE RUN.....

THAT YOU THAT IF YOU GIRL INTERFERED, YOU'D HAT IF YOU'D REPORTER! GO TO JAIL-"AND THAT'S JUST WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO!

J-JAIL? IM SURE YOU WON'T DO THAT WHEN I TELL YOU OF SOMETHING IMPORTANT!





AT THAT MOMENT:-!
SUPERMAN'S TELESCOPIC
VISION ENABLES HIM TO SIGHT
A DECKHAND DROP OFF THE
SIDE OF THE FREIGHTER WITH
A FLASHLIGHT.....















NEXT INSTANT, THE MAN OF STEEL LEARNS THE ANSWER AS A DARK LOW SHAPE RAISES ABOVE THE WAVES...!



EMERGING QUICKLY ON DECK A GUN CREW FIRES TOWARD THE FREIGHTER...



ONE OF THE
FUNNELS,
BUT
CAUSING
LITTLE
DAMAGE





AS A
SECOND
SHELL IS
FIRED,
SUPERMAN
STREAKS UP
TOWARD IT,
RECEIVING
IT FULL
UPON HIS
CHEST...









SUPERMAN LEADS FOR THE TURRET COVER, BUT BEFORE HE CAN REACH IT, IT SLAMS SHUT.



NEXT INSTANT, THE SUB BEGINS TO SUBMERGE ...



NEXT INSTANT, A TOR-PEDO IS LAUNCHED -- NOT TOWARD THE FREIGHTER BUT TOWARD THE SHORE.



BEFORE THE MAN OF TO-MORROW CAN REACH SHORE, THE TORPEDO STRIKES ITS DESTINATION.



WHIRLING, SUPERMAN SWIMS AT TERRIFIC SPEED AFTER THE FLEEING SUB, RAPID-LY OVERTAKING IT.

THEY WERE AFRAID THE DECKHAND MIGHT TALK! WELL, LET'S SEE IF I CAN LOOSEN THEIR TONGUES!



SEIZING THE PROPELLER, SUPERMAN RIPS IT CLEAR



HE POUNDS A MORSE CODE MESSAGE ON THE VESSEL'S



THE SUB RISES TO THE SUR-FACE. BUT AS SUPERMAN GRASPS THE TURRET WITH THE INTENTION OF RIPPING IT OPEN -- THE GREAT SUB-MARINE EXPLODES!



SHORTLY AFTER ...

THEY CHOSE TO PER-ISH -- ALONG WITH THEIR SECRET! NOW TO HURRY BACK TO THE WHARF, AS CLARK KENT, AND SECURE LOIS' RELEASE











NEXT MORNING - LOIS AND CLARK ARE GREETED AT THE RESERVE DEPOT BY MAJOR LESTER....



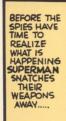
THE MOMENT THE OTHER TWO WALK OFF. CLARK MAKES USE OF HIS X-RAY VISION TO DISCOVER, IN A TUNNEL BELOW....













AS THE MEN ATTACK SUPERMAN WITH SHARP BLADES, THEIR LEADER DASHES AWAY ALONG THE TUNNEL....



















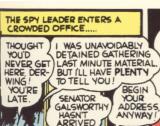












AS YOU ALL KNOW I AM CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE AGAINST MILITARISM SENATOR GALSWORTHY HAS KINDLY PERMITTED US TO USE THIS OFFICE FOR OUR MEETING, RECAUSE HE SYMPATHIZES WITH OUR CAUSE .- OUR STAND: NO REARMAMENT IN THE U.S., AND NO AID TO WARRING DEMOCRACIES

I'VE JUST RECEIVED WORD OUTRAGEOUS! THAT SOME OF THE ARMYS SUPPLIES STORED HERE IN METROP-OLIS ARE ABOUT TO BE EXPLODED-JUST SO THAT THE GRAFTERS CAN SELL WE'LL NEW MATERIALS PROTEST! AT THE TAXPAYERS EXPENSE







BUT AFTER MOST OF THE MEN DEPART, AND ONLY A FEW REMAIN.

WHAT ARE WE

GOING TO GET OUT OF THIS ? THE GULLIBLE GONE HOW ABOUT GETTING YOU'RE NOT DOWN TO **OPPOSING** RE-ARMAMENT BRASS

NOW THAT

TACKS ?

YOU AREN'T COUNTRY | REPRESENT WIDE-EYED PATRIOTS LIKE THE OTHERS. I'LL TAKE YOU INTO LOVE OF IT. WHERE MY CONFIDENCE

AM IN THE EMPLOY OF A WARRING TOTALITARIAN NATION. MY DUTY HERE IN AMERICA IS TO SEE THAT NO AID IS OFFERED TO THE DEMOCRACIES, AND THAT THE U.S. FAILS TO RE-ARM. LATER - WHEN THE

> TAKES OVER AMERICA. YOU AND I WILL PROFIT! ALL BE SPLENDID! BIG-SHOTS WHEN THAT DAY ARRIVES

DO WE CASH IN?

JUST FOR THE

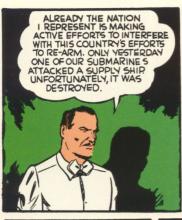


RACING SO SWIFTLY HE CAN-NOT BE SEEN SUPERMAN FLIPS THE CONTROLS OF A DICTOGRAPH MACHINE ON THE DESK ...



AFTER SUPERMAN LEAVES THE ROOM





THE DICTAPHONE RECORD WHIRLS RAPIDLY, TAKING DOWN EVERY INCRIMINATING WORD.....









THE SENATOR'S EYES WIDEN AS HE OVERHEARS THE CONVERSATION WITHIN HIS OFFICE....



SUPERMAN RELEASES HIS CAPTIVE











WADING
INTO THE
TRAITORS,
SUPERMAN
SENDS
THEM
HURTLING
IN ALL
DIRECTIONS...





















ONCE AGAIN
WEARING
HIS OUTER
GARMENTS,
CLARK KENT
BARELY HAS
TIME TO
SMOOTH THE
SURFACE
OF THE
GROUND
WHEN
THE TWO
RETURN.....









SUPERMEN OF AMERICA

REETINGS again, Members! Here we are again with another complete issue of SUPERMAN. It's very gratifying to have so many hundreds of thousands of readers interested in the exploits of SUPERMAN, and I want you to know that SUPERMAN has as great an interest in all his friends as they have in him.

Sometimes, just sitting down and relaxing for a change, I try to picture what all you readers may be doing in your own particular sections of this great and varied country of ours. Right now all the northern states-and Canada, too, of course—are in the grip of winter. There is snow on the ground in most places, and many of you are enjoying healthful outdoor sport on sleds and skis, whizzing downgrade with the cold wind and tiny particles of snow stinging your faces with that pleasurable pain which is part of the fun.

Others of you in the northlands will be skating, on ice, skimming swiftly along on silver blades; your noses, toes and fingers burning with cold—and yet you'll hate to stop skating long enough to go indoors to thaw out. But boyoboy,

doesn't a steaming cup of hot chocolate seem like heaven when you do go in!

And when the weather outdoors is too bad for sports, there's basketball to be played in gyms, as well as indoor track events and general gymnastic exercises and competitions. On top of all that, don't you think there's something pretty cozy about a warm living-room in the evening, with perhaps a log fire blazing away on the hearth, and a good book or a bit of schoolwork to occupy the old brain?

Those of you who live in the South will find life somewhat different than it is in the snow-bound North. In fact, maybe you feel pretty badly about never having any snow. Still, you have compensations, you know. There are more months per year for base-ball and football than your more arctic friends can enjoy (and fewer ashes to be shoveled out of furnace pits, too!)

My imagination carries me now to the really deep South where all my friends are enjoying comparatively summery weather. Many of you, no doubt, have never seen snow, never packed a snowball, never skated on runners instead of on wheels. Still, you have something that those up North don't have—and that's year-round swimming, whether in ocean or lake or pond. And that's pretty nice isn't it? To my mind it's worth giving up pretty nearly all the other things. And of course there isn't much curtailment of any of your regular outdoor activities on account of Old Man Winter.

The point of all this is that wherever you may live, there are many good things to be said for your section of the country. And the best thing that can be said for all sections is that it's wonderful to live in a country where we can enjoy ourselves—and where the country is as much for us as we are for the country!

Under the circumstances, I think the least any of us can do is to try his best to be a good citizen—and that means at work and at play and at home and in the community at large. And in my mind's eye I can see each and everyone of you—Members and friends of the SUPERMEN OF AMERICA—doing just that!

Sincerely,

CLARK KENT

No. 12

SUPERMAN'S SECRET MESSAGE!

(Code Neptune No. 7)
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BILL LET'S GET A WILLS RE-STRINGING VISE AND RE-STRING YOUR OWN RACKET! PAY ME BACK OUT OF WHAT YOU EARN RE-STRINGING RACKETS FOR FRIENDS

ILL HAVE TIO PROFIT WHEN I FINISH STRINGING THESE RACKETS BACK YOUR

OWN PACKET. THEY COST LESS. LAST LONGER

WORTH OF WILLS'

STRINGS I GET A TRADE CHECK PORTH 10 SAVE

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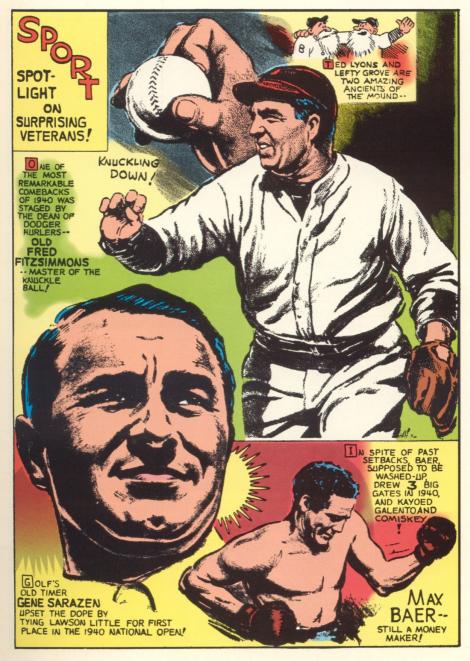
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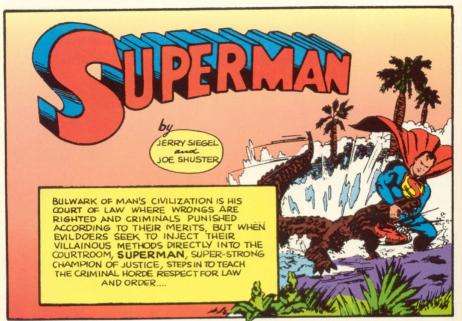












LOIS LANE AND CLARK KENT, REPORTERS ON THE CRUSADING DAILY PLANET, METROPOLIS LEADING NEWSPAPER, HURRY TOWARD CRIMINAL COURT....

HURRY CLARK! THE IF YOU HADN'T
TRIAL IS ABOUT TO STOPPED TO POWDER
BEGIN! AND YOU
KNOW HOW MUCH
OF A STICKLER FOR
PUNCTUALITY
JUDGE CRANE IS!

LONG AGO!



CLARK NOTES THAT
THE DEFENDANT,
JOE GATSON,
FACING THE
POSSIBILITY OF
GOING TO JAIL
FOR A MINOR
RACKETEERING
CHARGE, DOESNIT
APPEAR PARTICULARILY WORRIED...



THE JUDGE FINALLY ENTERS THE COURTROOM --TWENTY MINUTES LATE....

















LOCATING SECLUDED SPOT CLARK REMOVES HIS OUTER GARMENTS TRANSFORMING HIMSELF INTO THE DYNAMIC SUPERMAN!



STEPPING THRU THE WIN-DOW, SUPERMAN SWARMS UP THE SIDE OF THE COURTHOUSE LIKE A STARTLED ANTHROPOID



...UNTIL HE IS SUSPENDED OUTSIDE THE JUDGE'S



I CAN'T FACE THIS



JUDGE CRANES FINGER TIGHTENS ON THE GUN'S TRIGGER PREPARATORY TO LAUNCHING A BULLET

INTO HIS BRAIN



SEFORE THE FATAL EXPLOSION CAN OCCUR SUPERMAN SPRINGS IN THRU THE WINDOW WITH DART-LIKE SPEED, AND GRASPS THE BULLET CYLINDER BEFORE IT CAN COMPLETE ITS ROTATION ..





I'VE BEEN SUFFERING A LIVING DEATH THESE LAST FEW DAYS WHAT A CHOICE! EITHER TO BETRAY MY OFFICE OR FORSAKE SYLVIA. IT'S TOO MUCH FOR ME -- AND SO- I CHOSE THE EASY WAY OUT!













AS SUPERMAN SPRINGS AWAY, A CROWD SPILLS INTO THE ROOM, LED BY THE BAILIFF...





SHORTLY
AFTER ... AN AN
CLAMBERS
UP THE
SIDE
OF THE
TELEPHONE
BUILDING ...



THE ENGINEER WHIRLS AS HE HEARS THE WINDOW-LOCK SNAP BEHIND HIM...



NOW, WILL
NOTHING
OF THE-YE GODS! LONG DISTANCE
(CALL TO JUDGE
SUPERMAN!) CRANE CAME
FROM?



BUT WHEN THE ENGINEER CONTACTS THE OPERATOR IN SAN COLUMBO....







LATER WHEN THE MAN OF STEEL RETURNS TO THE DAILY PLANET IN HIS IDENTITY AS CLARK KENT.

I'M CERTAIN THERE'S I'LL GIVE YOU SOMETHING STRANGE CREDIT FOR ONE AFOOT SYLVIA CRANE THING, LOIS-AN ACTIVE WAS TO BE THE GUEST-OF-HONOR AT IM AGINATION! A LUNCHEON TODAY BUT THAT'S ALL AND SHE DIDN'T YOU'RE DOING EVEN SHOW UP! -IMAGINING THINGS!



GLANCING THRU A WINDOW, RETIRING TO A STORE-CLARK NOTES A LINEMAN ATTACHING HIS HANDSET TO TO HIS SUPERMAN A TELEPHONE CIRCUIT ON A GARMENTS. TELEPHONE POLE

("-SAY! I WONDER IF THAT'S HOW THOSE MYSTERIOUS CALLS GOT ONTO A TELEPHONE CIRCUIT! -1)

ROOM CLARK CHANGES



A GREAT LEAP LAUNCHES THE MAN OF TOMORROW HIGH THRU THE AIR OVER BUILDINGS HOUSES FIELDS. RIVERS

MY TELESCOPIC X-RAY VISION ENABLES ME TO SEE THE LONG DISTANCE CABLE BENEATH THE GROUND, BUT IT SEEMS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE THAT SOMEONE COULD CUT THRU THE LEAD SHEATH AND PICK OUT THE PROPER WIRES TO BREAK IN ON THE DIFFERENT LONG DISTANCE CIRCUITS!

LATER -- AS SUPERMAN SOARS OVER A SWAMP



LOCKED! BUT THAT'S NO OBSTACLE ...

BUT BEFORE SUPERMAN CAN MAKE A THOROUGH



FROM CONCEALMENT IN THE HIGH GRASS. THE MAN OF STEEL WATCHES TWO MEN APPROACH ONE OF THEM CLIMBS TO THE PLATFORM.

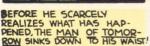
















AS THE ALLIGATOR LEAPS UPON HIM, THE TWO GRIP IN STRUGGLE, ALL THE MORE DEADLY BECAUSE OF THE TREACHEROUS QUICKSAND'S MENACE...



QUICK FLIP OF HIS WRISTS, AND THE HUGE CREATURE GOES SAILING ALOFT.



TERRIFIC EFFORT ...THEN... SUPERMAN LEAPS FREE OF THE QUICKSAND'S GRIP'



IT TAKES BUT MOMENTS FOR SUPERMAN TO OVERTAKE THE MEN. HE KEEPS THEM IN SIGHT BY LEAPING NIMBLY FROM TREE TO TREE....



THEY ENTER THE SHACK, HE APPROACHES THE WINDOW....



















SEE IF YOU'RE AS THICK-SKULLED BACK, OR ...! I PLANT THIS AS I THINK YOU ARE!

KEEP

AND NOW--LET'S

I MEAN IT! BACK! KEEP KEEP BACK OR IT! IN YOUR RIBS!

AS THE KIDNAPPER **DLUNGES** THE KNIFE. AGAINST THE MAN OF STEEL'S SIDE, IT BREAKS WITH A SHARP TINKLE ...





SEIZING
THE TWO
SUPERMAN
BINDS THEM
TOGETHEM
BACK-TO-BACK,
WITH A
CLOTHES
RACK....





DON'T! WON'T BE HARMED.

DOWN! MON'T BE HARMED.

("I'LL GIVE LOIS

CREDIT FOR ONE

THING. THESE

DOWN! BREATHTAKING

LEAPS NEVER DROVE

HER TO HYSTERICS!"



































MINUTES LATER-SUPERMAN SWINGS IN THRU THE WINDOW...



CAUTIOUSLY
OPENING
THE
CLOSET
DOOR,
GATSON
STEPS OUT
AND RAMS
HIS GUN
INTO
SUPERMAN'S
BACK...



SMIRKING THE BAILIFF OBEYS HIS EVIL EMPLOYER...



BUT ACTING SWIFTLY, SUPERMAN HAD REACHED BACK, AND SWUNG GATSON OVER HIS HEAD....



SO THAT THE GANGSTER RECEIVES THE BULLET MEANT FOR SYLVIA CRANE...



THE BAILIFF IS STRUCK UNCONSCIOUS BY GATSON'S HURTLING BODY...







LATER--CLARK ENTERS WITH THE POLICE...







ALMOST FLIES ITSELF

The huge ship shown here is typical of those now carrying passengers on the nation's principal airways. Equipped with a device called the Gyro Compass, it almost flies itself. Its two engines are so powerful that the ship can cruise at a speed of 190 miles per hour using only 62% of its power. To generate this power, or energy, the 2 engines burn about a gallon of motor fuel every 2 miles.



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USES DIRECTLY FOR

ENERGY

POVER TO GO PLACES!



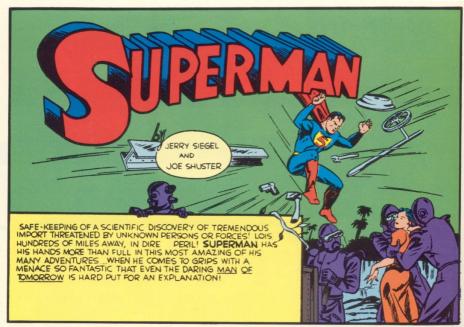
The same thing that makes the airplane "go" also makes your body "go." Neither will work without ENERGY. The airplane gets its energy by burning motor fuel. Your body obtains its energy by burning food.

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IN FAR OFF ROVERTOWN IN THE LAMSON LABORATORIES

SCORE OF SCIENTISTS WORK BUSILY AT THEIR VARIOUS TASKS....



NEXT
INSTANT....
AN
UNDETECTED
KILLER
SHOOTS
DOWN ONE
OF THE
WORKERS



AND

TAHT

EVENING

A PORTION

OF THE

PLANT

BLOWS

UP!





AND
MANY
MANY
HUNDREDS
OF
MILES
DISTANT....
ON
ON
EBORDER
OF
THE
SWASEY
SWAMP...













INVESTIGATE
THE POWERFUL
DISCHARGE
ELECTRICAL
DISCHARGE
EMANATING
OUT AN
SIGNMENT
OR ME,
TOO!

EMANATING
FROM SWASEY
SWAMP

ASSIGNMENT!

LEAVE IT

TO CLARK TO GET THE

MORE

YOU'RE TO

("-ROVERTOWN.... SWASEY SWAMP! HM-MM! THEY RE HUNDREDS OF MILES APART! LOIS HAS A GENIUS FOR POKING HER NOSE INTO TROUBLE! THIS MAY BE ONE TIME I MIGHT NOT BE ON HAND TO HELP HER!-")



LATER -CLARK
SEES
LOIS
OFF
AT
THE
RAILROAD
STATION....



FOR ONCE IVE GOT CLARK OUT OF MY HAIR WHEN I'M ON THE TRACK OFA YARN! THIS MAY BE MY BIG OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THAT GENT JUST WHAT I CAN DO WHEN I'M ON MY OWN I



CLARK BOARDS A BUS FOR ROVERTOWN.



LATER ...
LOIS
LEAVES
THE
TRAIN
AT
HER
DESTINATION.





SHE STARTS VIOLENTLY AT AN UNEXPECTED TOUCH UPON HER SHOULDER

WERE YOU CALLIN ME ARE YOU?

JUST THE MAY BE YOU STATION CAN TELL ME AGENT MA'AM JUST WHAT IS ALI THAT'S ALL THIS TALK ABOU DIDN'T AN ELECTRICAL MEAN TO DISTURBANCE FRIGHTEN EMERGING FROM YOU AN UNINHABITED PORTION OF THE SWAMP?





TERRORIZED,
LOIS RACES
ALONG
METEOR
ISLAND
HEARING
THE
SOUND OF
PURSUIT
CLOSE
BEHIND....



AS SHE
ATTEMPTS
TO ROUND A
HUGE ROCK,
A WEIRD
FIGURE
STEPS
FORTH
AND
BLOCKS
HER
PATH



WHIRLING, SHE ATTEMPTS TO RUN IN ANOTHER DIRECTION, BUT FINDS....



SWIFTLY, THE MONSTER-MEN CLOSE IN ON THE FEAR-STRICKEN GIRL ...!



THEN CALMLY REGARD HER FALLEN FIGURE AS SHE FAINTS!







MEANWHILE --CLARK HAS ALREADY ARRIVED IN ROVERTOWN...



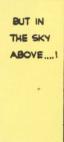














DOWN
PLUMMETS
THE PLANE
TOWARD
THE SMALL
FIGURE
GUNG
SPITTING
LEADEN
FLAME...









THERE HE CROUCHES AS THE PLANE SWEEPS PAST!!



CONTINUING
THE ROLE
OF FEAR,
KENT RACES
THE
REMAINING
DISTANCE
TO THE
LABORATORY
BUILDING....







NEXT INSTANT, CLARK IS LOOKING INTO THE MUZZLE OF AN AUTOMATIC!





AND

JUST

EXACTLY







ITS POTENTIALITIES





FANATICS

INTERNATIONAL

SPIES, OLD ENEMIES



IT'S A NEW



AS A SUDDEN SHADOW

DARKENS THE WINDOWS

OUT OF SIGHT OF THE OTHERS. CLARK REMOVES HIS OUTER GARMENTS, TRANSFORMING HIMSELF INTO SUPERMAN, MAN OF STEEL....







MEN WEARING METALLIC GARMENTS AND SCREENING GOGGLES, EMERGE....















THE BANDITS
RUSH THE MAN OF TOMORROW
ONLY TO DISCOVER THEY HAVE TANGLED WITH A ONE-MAN ARMY....



BUT FLEEING TO THE PLANE, ONE OF THE INVADERS FLINGS A SWITCH....



NSTANTLY, EVERY METAL
OBJECT IN THE ROOM STREAKS
TOWARD SUPERMAN.....



AS HE BATTLES THE DELUGE OF METAL, **SUPERMAN** GUESSES THE ANSWER.....

ITS DONE BY DIRECTIONAL MAGNETIC ATTRACTION, THREE DIMENSIONAL, WORKED BY A DEVICE IN THE PLANE WHICH ALLOWS THE OPERATOR TO ESTABLISH A MAGNETIC FIELD ANYWHERE IN SPACE!



SEIZING A HUGE METAL BENCH, SUPERMAN HURLS IT THRU THE LARGE WINDOWS AT THE PLANE, DESTROYING THE VESSEL. INSTANTLY THE RAIN OF METAL OBJECTS ENDS....



AS THE MAN OF STEEL SPRINGS TOWARD THEM, THE TERRIFIED INVADERS LEAP TO DESTRUCTION.....!



SUDDENLY, KRAWL LEAPS FORWARD....SEEKS TO SHOVE SUPERMAN THRU THE WINDOW... FOLLOW AS I THOUGHT!



AS KRAWL PLUMMETS DOWNWARD HE THRUSTS A VIAL INTO HIS MOUTH....













THE ENEMY PUTS UP FEEBLE OPPOSITION BUT IS NO MATCH FOR THE STEELY, FLAILING FISTS OF THE MAN OF TOMORROW...



























SUPERMAN KEEPS GOOD COMPANY!







THE BLACK PIRATE









A BOMBING FLIGHT by Frank Cooper

E WERE sitting at dinner in London when the stranger came in. He looked old and worn; and very tired. My companion glanced across the room at him, and frowned.

"Strange. I seem to know that man," he said, "but I can't place him!"

"Not at all strange," I replied. "You know him. So do I. His name is Raoul Deschamps."

"Deschamps? But—but he was a flyer! I flew with him in the last war. So did you! He died in Flanders!"

I bit the end of my cigar and smiled at him, saying, "Let me tell you a little story...

Bombs thundered across the battlefield. In the dugout of the 5th Air Corps, three men were seated: Deschamps, a Frenchman; Rogers, an English Captain; and Smith, an American.

"I do not want to go!" shouted the Frenchman, pounding the little table. "To go alone over their lines to drop a bombload. It is suicide!"

"It's orders!" snapped Smith. There was a commotion at the door. A young woman brushed her way past the guard and ran to the Frenchman, who clasped her in his arms.

"Raoul! Raoul! I have heard. You're going to die! They're sending you aloft! To bomb the enemy lines! alone!"

They were both excited. Smith could see Raoul turn pale. Smith had seen other men pale like that in the face of danger. Deschamps was no coward: he had demonstrated his bravery many, many times. Smith and Rogers had flown beside him often, and knew his daredevil courage. Yet, there is a difference between fighting with a squadron and going alone into enemy territory to drop bombs and be shot down for it before you can escape!

Rogers squinted at the woman and turned to Smith.

That thing pinned to the sash around her waist." he said. "It

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looks like a little doll!"

"Smith grunted and turned away. "It is a doll! A luck charm of hers. She always carries it. She says it brings her luck."

Rogers nodded soberly. "Some women are superstitious. They are also proud. She will make Raoul fly that bomber!"

It was the zero hour. Rogers and Smith stood in the doorway and watched Deschamps walk steadily across the flying field toward the bomber, whose motor was droning steadily in the early morning light. He climbed into the cockpit and settled himself. A moment later, the ailerons straightened and the big plane roared down the field and climbed steadily toward the east.

"There he goes," whispered Smith.

"He'll never come back alive." said Captain Rogers, shaking his head.

They found Deschamps' bomber a heap of tangled wreckage when the enemy patrols went out to see if their anti-aircraft barrage had been successful. In traditional style, they flew over the Allied trenches and dropped his helmet, and goggles and identification tag.

Smith was standing alone the afternoon the enemy plane flew low and dropped the bundle. He ran to it and picked it up. "They got him," he whispered, and opened the package.

"But," protested my companion, "that proves Deschamps died in Flanders!"

"You haven't given me time to finish my story. In that bundle were Deschamps' properties and -a little doll!"

"You mean-the woman took his place and flew his plane?"

"Exactly! He lost his nerve. He refused to go up! As Captain Rogers said, some women are superstitious, but they are very proud! That woman chose to die rather than see her lover disgraced!"

We watched the old, old shell of a proud flyer go out the restaurant door.

My companion shook his head and whispered, "Can you imagine how many times he's wished HE had been in that plane?"



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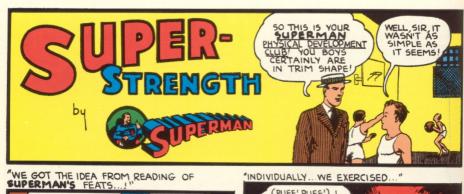


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AS LOIS
LANE AND
CLARK KENT
STROLL
NEAR THE
METROPOJIS
TOWER,
SHRIEKS
ABOUT THEM
CAUSE THE
TWO TO
LOOK
UPWARD....





BUT THEN
CLARK'S
TELESCOPIC
VISION
REVEALS
TO HIM
THAT THE
MAN IS
ALREADY
DEAD
FROM A
CRUSHING
BLOW
OVER THE
HEAD....



SWIFTLY, KENT SWEEPS LOIS OUT OF DANGER THEY AVERT THEIR EYES SO AS NOT TO WITNESS THE SICKENING IMPACT.....













WHEN, DISCOURAGED, HE LEAVES THE HOME OF THE TWENTIETH NAME ON THE LIST, GEORGE STEELE, HE NOTES.







SUDDENLY, THE TRAILING CAR SWOOPS IN AND FORCES THE REPORTER'S AUTO OFF THE STREET SO THAT IT CRASHES INTO A TELEPHONE-POLE.....



YA SAP! WE'RE PAID SOWAWKIN'! TO SNATCH HE'S STILL ALIVE THIS GUY--SCIOUS! KILL HIM! ("-I'LL PLAY POSSUM AND LEARN JUST WHAT THEIR GAME 15!-")

QUIT



OFF SPEEDS THE AUTO WITH THE APPARENTLY UNCONSCIOUS CLARK KENT A NOT-SO-HELPLESS CAPTIVE!







THE DAILY PLANET REPORTER IS TIED TO A CHAIR AND ROUGHLY QUESTIONED

TALK, BLAST YA! WHY WERE YOU QUESTIONIN ALL THEM PEOPLE ?

DON'T HIT ME ANY MORE! I'LL TELL YOU!

THE



I HAPPEN TO KNOW --I'M CERTAIN -THAT CARLING WAS MURDERED HE HIT THE SIDEWALK!

FELLA THAT'S THE WORST THING YOU COULDA SAID FER YOU!



RAISING THE TELEPHONE RECEIVER, ONE OF THE THUGS DIALS A NUMBER



OBVIOUS REPORTER THING, YOU KNOWS FOOL! CARLING WAS MURDERED HIM! WHAT DO YA WANT US TO DO?

THAT







DISTRACTED BY THE COMMOTION CLARK RAISES THE CAR'S DRIVER SPEEDS THRU A STOP SIGNAL DESPITE A POLICEMANS WARNING WHISTLE





























DESPERATELY, LOIS SWERVES THE CAR SHARPLY TO AVOID HITTING CLARK'S BODY.....



SKIDS TO A
HALT-IN
THE VERY
PATH OF
THE POLICE
CARFORCING IT
TO COME
TO AN
ABRUPT
STOP!







FT/

YOU'RE SORE!
WELL, WHAT ABOUT
ME? IF YOU TWO
HADN'T INTERFERED,
ID PROBABLY HAVE
SECURED ENOUGH
EVIDENCE ON THOSE
FELLOWS TO SEND
THEM TO THE
CHAIR!



THE CHAIR!

LET ME GET IN
A WORD HERE! - MY
OUICK ACTION SAVES
CLARK'S LIFE! BUT DOES
HE THANK ME? DOES HE
APPRECIATE WHAT I'VE
DONE FOR HIM? NO!
INSTEAD, HE BAWLS ME
OUT! VERY WELL! YOU'RE
LUCKY--BOTH OF YOU-THAT I'M A LADY!
OTHERWISE...!





















AS JACKSON FONDLY REGARDS THE CHECK, SUDDENLY HE IS STARTLED TO SIGHT A SHADOW ON THE FLOOR BEHIND HIM.....



SNATCHING A REVOLVER FROM A DESK-DRAWER HE FIRES!



SLOWLY, LABORIOUSLY, SUPERMAN CLIMBS UP TOWARD THE ROOF AS THO WOUNDED.....



JACKSON EMERGES ONTO THE BUILDING'S ROOF JUST AS **SUPERMAN** PAINFULLY PULLS HIMSELF UPOVER THE LEDGE......



BUT DESPITE THE MAN OF TOMORROW'S PLEAS, JACKSON BLASTS AWAY.....





BUT AS HE STRIKES THE PAVEMENT BELOW SUMERSAULTS UPWARD --AND AWAY!



SHAKEN BY WHAT HE HAS WITNESSED, JACKSON RETURNS TO HIS OFFICE....













WHAT

UNOBSERVED. LOIS SLIPS A LEDGER AND SMALL BLACK BOOK JACKSON'S HER HANDBAG

AND WE'VE



THE TWO HOODLUMS WHO HAD KIDNAPPED CLARK THE STORE



MAYBE SHE'D ("-ONE OF THOSE MEN. WELL BE BETTER LOOKIN LOOK HIM IN A POLICE LINEUP IF THEY WHO'S HERE! WITHOUT THOSE GLASSES! REMOVE THE GLASSES HE'S LIABLE TO RECOGNIZE ME !-



















AS THE CRIMINALS OPEN FIRE. SUPERMAN ADVANCES INTO THE HAIL OF BULLETS--UNHARMED!



SNATCHING AWAY THE WEAPONS, SUPERMAN HURLS THEM CLEAR THRM CLEAR THRU THE WALL.....



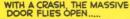


AS THE CORROSIVE BULLET STRIKES **SUPERMAN**'S CHEST, IT REBOUNDS...AND PENE-TRATES THE THICK STEEL DOOR OF THE SAFE!



LEAPING IN -- SUPERMAN GRASPS THE SAFE'S FRONT, AND STRAINS.....







WITH INCREDIBLE SPEED, SUPERMAN OVERTAKES THE FLEEING CRIMINALS AND HEAVES THEM BACK INTO THE SAFE'S INTERIOR.....



THE MAN OF STEEL JAMS THE SAFE DOOR BACK INTO PLACE.

THAT WILL
MAKE THEM
STAY PUT
UNTIL THE
POLICE
ARRIVE!
THEY'LL GET SOME
IDEA OF HOW I
FELT IN THERE.
ONLY YOU, OF
COURSE, ARE LEAVING SPACE FOR AIR
TO REACH THEM!

















LOIS.
SERGEANT
CASEY AND
SEVERAL
SQUAD-CARS
INSTANTLY
SET OUT IN
A DASH TO
THE LAW
OFFICE OF
NELSON
AND
LASSITER.....



LAW-OFFICE AS THE MEN HOLD A CONFERENCE UNAWARE OF THE MAN OF STEEL'S SCRUTINY, NELSON NOTES.....

WITHIN THE



UNNOTICED
BY NELSON,
JACKSON
DROPS
SOME
PILLS
INTO
HIS
MEDICINE.....



AS NELSON RAISES THE GLASS TO HIS LIPS....



AS LOIS AND SERGEANT CASEY ENTER THE OFFICE AT THAT MOMENT.....

SUPERMAN!
-WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE?

JACKSON PLANNED TO POISON NELSON. YOU'LL FIND MORE PILLS IN HIS POCKET!

AND NELSONYOU'RE UNDER
ARREST FOR THE
MURDER OF
CARLING!
INSIST HE BE
PROSECUTED!

TRYING TO SNEAK OUT AND LEAVE ME IN THE LURCH, HUH? ---WELL, THEN LISTEN TO THIS! - LASSITER HIRED ONE OF MY MEN TO BASH, AND SHOVE CARLING THRU THE WINDOW WHEN NELSON WAS OUT OF THE ROOM. HE HAD NELSON BUY THAT

WORTHLESS DIAMOND FOR E HIM. AND NOW, HE WANTED ME TO POISON NELSON SO THAT IT WOULD LOOK LIKE SUICIDE-THEN HE WAS GOING TO PIN ALL THE BLAME ON NELSON



ABRUPTLY WHIPPING OUT A GUN, LASSITER FIRES AT JACKSON

SOUEALING.-! GOT THE BULLET!
CASEY-+GET
NELSON!

LASSITER BEGINS A
GETAWAY DASH....



STREAKING DOWN BEFORE THE AUTO, SUPERMAN FLIPS IT BACK SO THAT IT ALIGHTS UPON IT'S ROOF......



LATER...

CLARK, I'M STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW YOU COULD HAVE RUSHED THAT MURDER-RING STORY INTO PRINT BEFORE I DID!

MAYBE I HAYE
MORE ABILITY THAN
YOU GIVE ME CREDIT
FOR. ("- SO FAR SHE
HASN'T GUESSED
AT MY REAL IDEN- TITY AS SUPERMAN.
BUT THIS CAN'T GO
ON FOREVER, SOME
DAY I'LL MAKE A
SLIP, AND THEN....")



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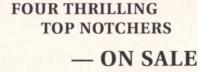
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