

SUPERMAN & THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES



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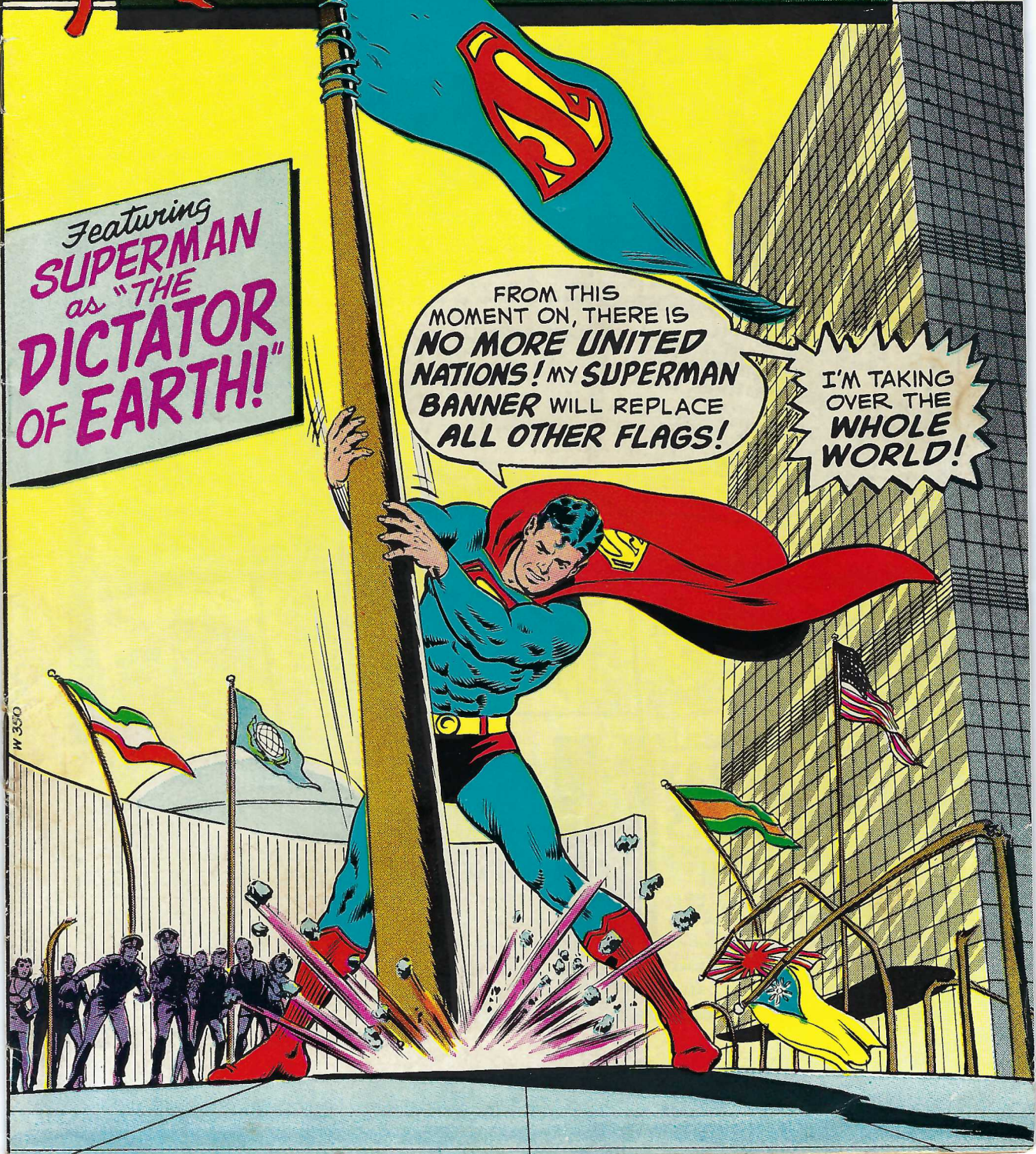
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Featuring
SUPERMAN
as **"THE DICTATOR OF EARTH!"**

FROM THIS MOMENT ON, THERE IS NO MORE UNITED NATIONS! MY SUPERMAN BANNER WILL REPLACE ALL OTHER FLAGS!

I'M TAKING OVER THE WHOLE WORLD!



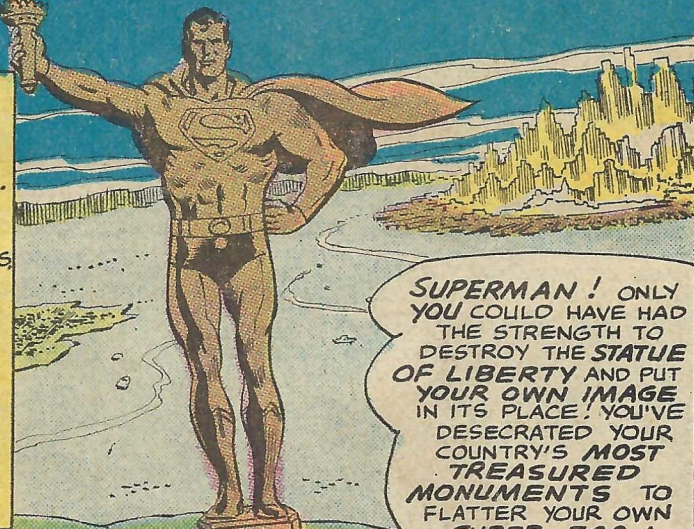
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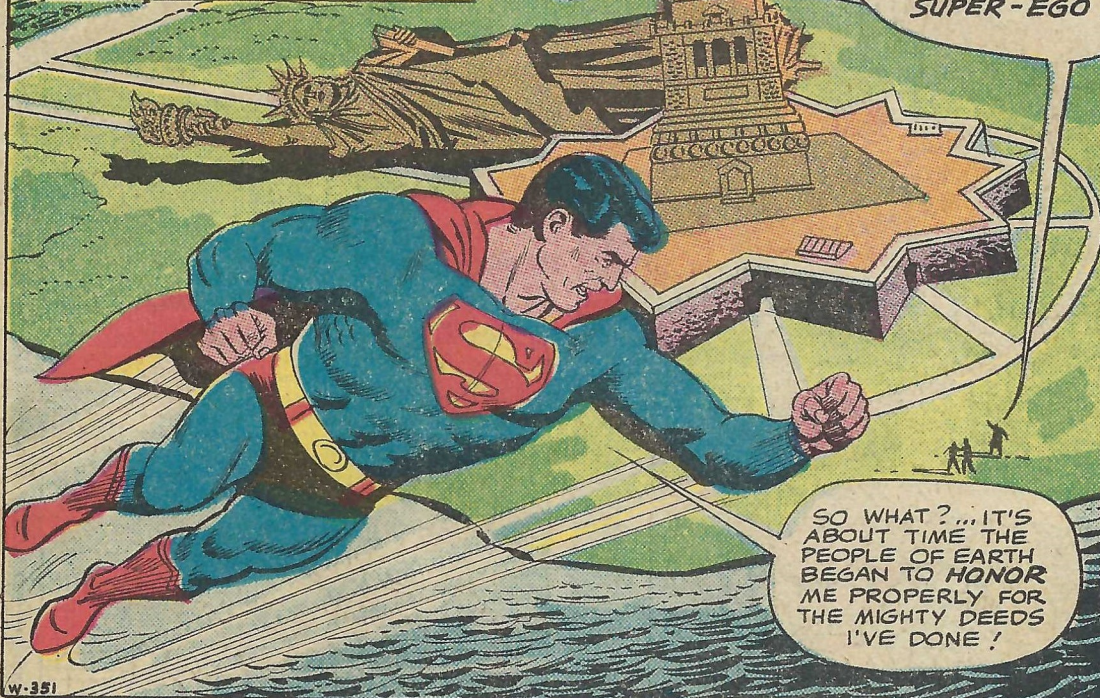
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SUPERMAN IS THE WORLD'S MOST BELOVED HERO, ADMIRER THROUGHOUT THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE EARTH. HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN MODEST AND SELF-SACRIFICING. NOW, SUDDENLY, HE HAS BECOME A RECKLESS GLORY-HUNTER, VANDALIZING AND DESTROYING OUR PLANET'S GREATEST TREASURES. EVEN **SUPERMAN'S** MOST DEVOTED FANS WILL SHUDDER AT THE PROSPECT OF THE **MAN OF STEEL** BECOMING...

"The **DICTATOR** of **EARTH!**"



SUPERMAN! ONLY YOU COULD HAVE HAD THE STRENGTH TO DESTROY THE **STATUE OF LIBERTY** AND PUT **YOUR OWN IMAGE** IN ITS PLACE! YOU'VE DESECRATED YOUR COUNTRY'S MOST **TREASURED MONUMENTS** TO FLATTER YOUR OWN **SUPER-EGO!**



SO WHAT? ... IT'S ABOUT TIME THE PEOPLE OF EARTH BEGAN TO HONOR ME PROPERLY FOR THE MIGHTY DEEDS I'VE DONE!

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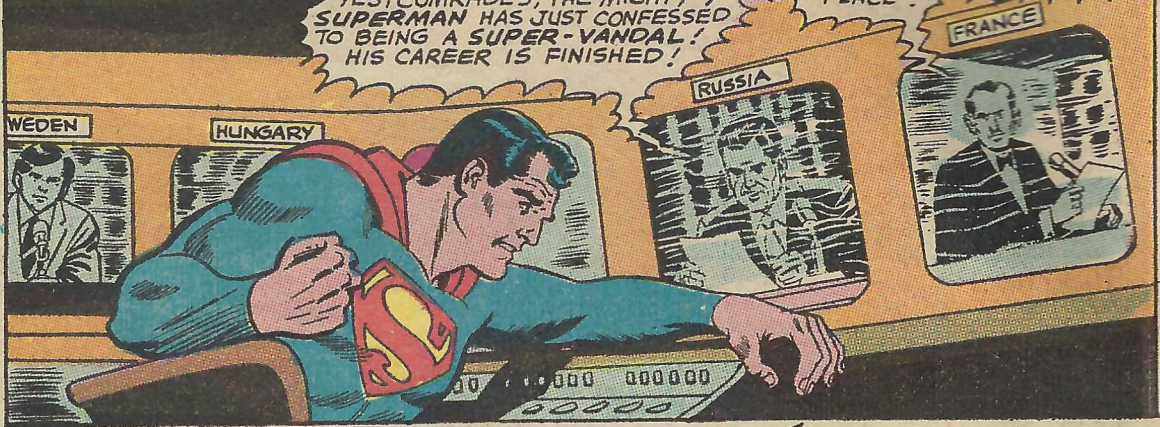
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ONE DAY, AS SUPERMAN MONITORS A WORLD-SHAKING NEWS-CAST IN HIS FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE...

IT IS A CALAMITY! LE SUPER-HOMME ADMITS DESTROYING AMERICAN NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND PUTTING HIS IMAGE IN THEIR PLACE!

YES, COMRADES, THE MIGHTY SUPERMAN HAS JUST CONFESSED TO BEING A SUPER-VANDAL! HIS CAREER IS FINISHED!



AND AT THE DAILY PLANET, WHERE SUPERMAN WORKS IN HIS SECRET IDENTITY AS CLARK KENT...

PERRY!! SOB!! HOW COULD WE PRINT THIS STORY?

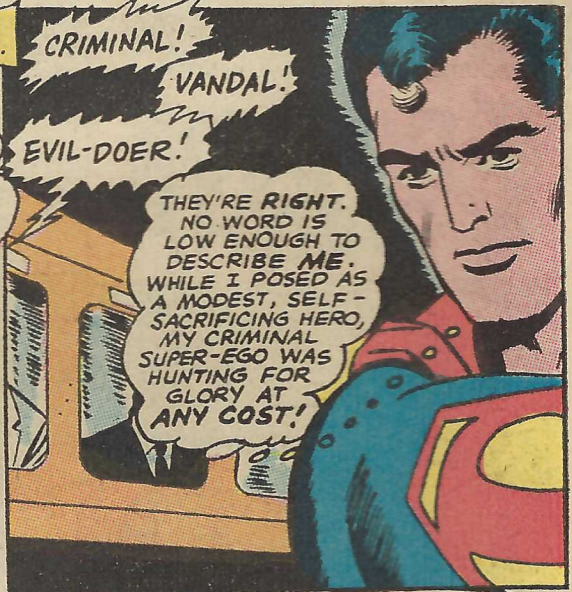
WE HAD TO, LOIS. HERE'S HIS SIGNED CONFESSION! WE MUST PUBLISH THE TRUTH!

CRIMINAL!

VANDAL!

EVIL-DOER!

THEY'RE RIGHT. NO WORD IS LOW ENOUGH TO DESCRIBE ME. WHILE I POSED AS A MODEST, SELF-SACRIFICING HERO, MY CRIMINAL SUPER-EGO WAS HUNTING FOR GLORY AT ANY COST!



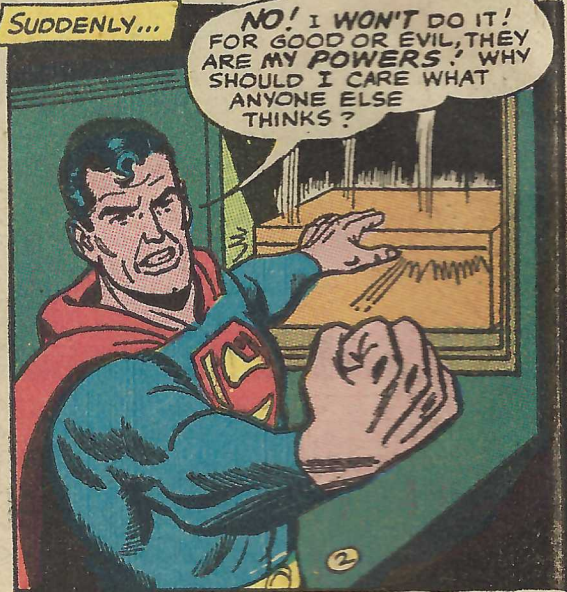
I MUST ATONE FOR MY CRIMES... I ALWAYS SWORE NEVER TO MISUSE MY POWERS! THIS GOLD K WILL HELP ME KEEP MY SACRED OATH!*

DANGER GOLD KRYPTONITE INSIDE! WILL ERASE SUPER-POWERS PERMANENTLY!

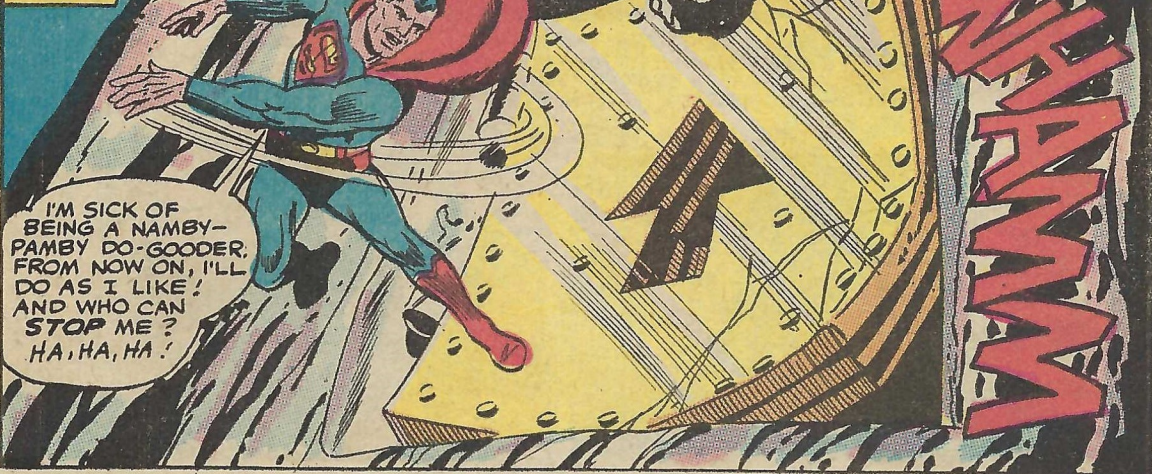
*GOLD KRYPTONITE WIPES OUT THE POWERS OF SUPER-BEINGS OF KRYPTONIAN DESCENT, PERMANENTLY. Ed.

SUDDENLY...

NO! I WON'T DO IT! FOR GOOD OR EVIL, THEY ARE MY POWERS! WHY SHOULD I CARE WHAT ANYONE ELSE THINKS?



SECONDS LATER, AT THE FORTRESS DOOR...



I'M SICK OF BEING A NAMBY-PAMBY DO-GOODER. FROM NOW ON, I'LL DO AS I LIKE! AND WHO CAN STOP ME? HA, HA, HA!

WHAM!

MEANWHILE, WATCHING THE ACTION ACE ON A SECRET MONITOR...



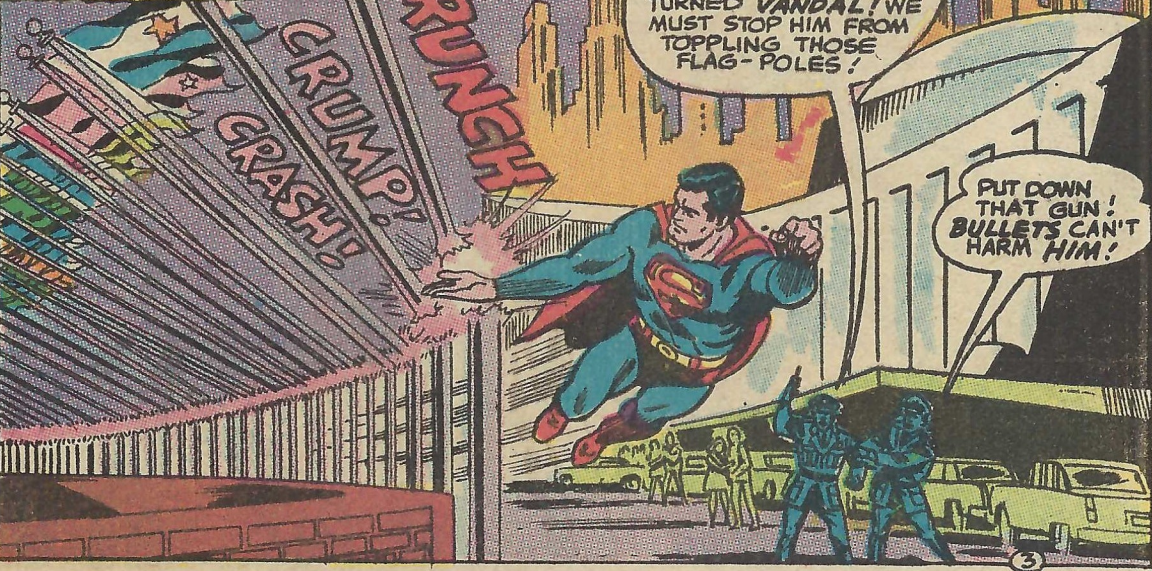
WAIT TILL THE WORLD SEES MY NEXT EVIL SUPER-DEED!



INCREDIBLE, DORX! THE RED KRYPTONITE WE EXPOSED HIM TO HAS EFFECTS WE LIQUIDATORS NEVER DREAMED OF!

WE KNEW ABOUT THE BLACKOUT PHASE... THE CONSCIENCE SYNDROME... BUT WHO KNOWS WHAT OTHER REACTIONS WE'LL SEE? THE SUPERMAN REVENGE SQUAD WILL BE PROUD OF US, KRIT!

MOMENTS LATER, AT UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS...

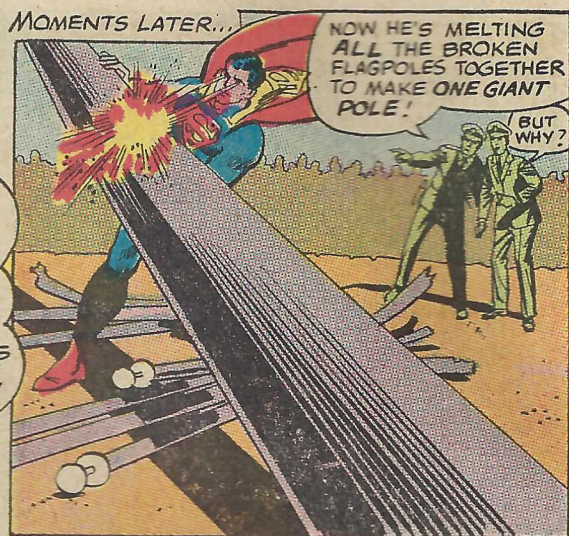
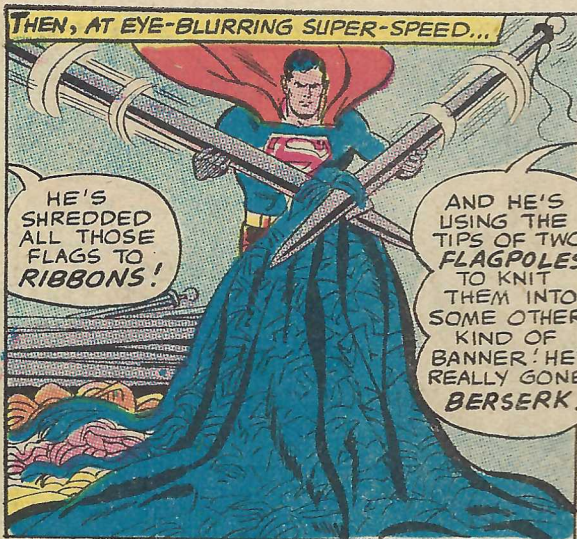


IT'S SUPERMAN! HE'S RUNNING AMUCK... IT'S TRUE-- HE HAS TURNED VANDAL! WE MUST STOP HIM FROM TOPPLING THOSE FLAG-POLES!

PUT DOWN THAT GUN! BULLETS CAN'T HARM HIM!

CRUNCH!

GRUMPI GRASH!



AS U.N. OFFICIALS SURVEY THE SCENE...

MR. SECRETARY GENERAL,
I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL
THAT DAMAGE -- I THINK!

PLEADING YOUR USUAL
BLACKOUT ALIBI, ARE YOU,
SUPERMAN? THIS TIME
YOU MUST ANSWER TO THE
U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL!

ARREST HIM
FOR TRIAL! IF
HE RESISTS,
WE'LL BRAND
HIM A **WORLD
OUTLAW!**

BUT A TRIAL IS WHAT
I WANT! IF I'M
GUILTY OF THESE
EGO-CRIMES, LET
THE **WHOLE WORLD**
KNOW ABOUT IT!

MEANWHILE, AT SUPERMAN'S FORTRESS...

INCREDIBLE!
IN HIS RAGE,
SUPERMAN
EVEN SMASHED
THE DOOR
OF HIS
HEADQUARTERS!

ADD A **BERSERK**
PHASE TO ALL THE
OTHER EFFECTS
CAUSED BY THE
RED K WE'RE
USING ON HIM!

NO **PROTECTIVE ALARM,**
NO **DEFENSE BARRIER!**
WRECKING THAT DOOR
MUST HAVE DEACTIVATED
ALL HIS **SECURITY
DEVICES!**

EARTH'S MOST
PRECIOUS
SECRETS ARE
LOCKED UP IN
THIS **FORTRESS**
AND THEY'RE
ALL OURS!

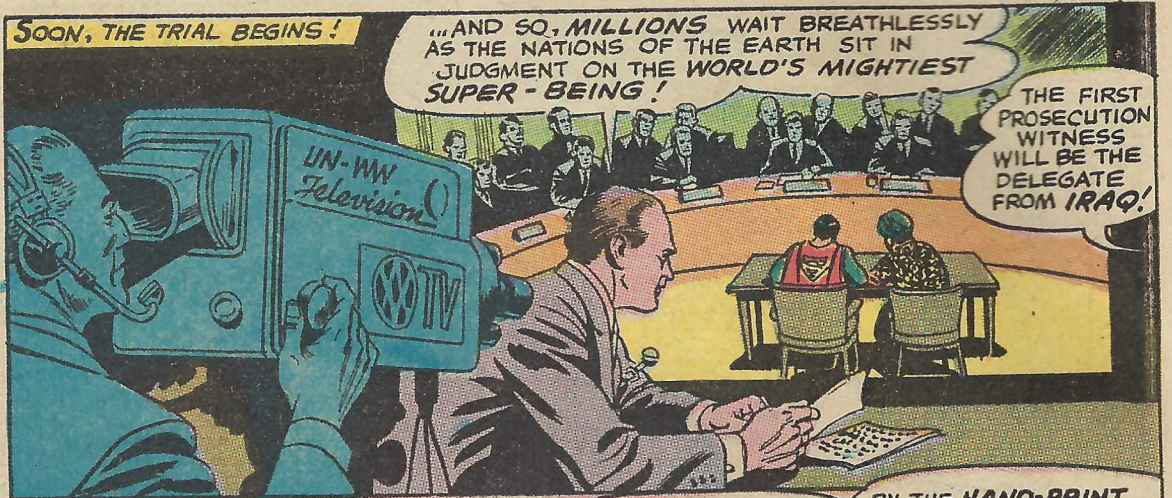
**ELSEWHERE, AS THE U.N. PREPARES
FOR SUPERMAN'S TRIAL --**

SUPERMAN, I AM
PRINCE RAKKAD,
OF **LUGISTAN.** YOU
RESCUED MY PEOPLE
FROM A DISASTROUS
FLOOD! SINCE I HAVE
A LAW DEGREE, I
VOLUNTEERED TO BE
YOUR **DEFENSE
COUNSEL!**

THANKS, BUT
DEFENDING
ME IS
USELESS!
I'M **GUILTY,**
AND I **KNOW**
IT!

BUT THERE WERE NO
WITNESSES TO MOST
OF THE **CRIMES!** AT
WORST, IT MAY BE A CASE
OF **TEMPORARY INSANITY!**
AS THE **WORLD'S
GREATEST HERO,**
YOU OWE IT TO
YOUR FRIENDS TO
GO DOWN **FIGHTING!**

IT'S
HOPELESS!
YOU'LL
SEE!

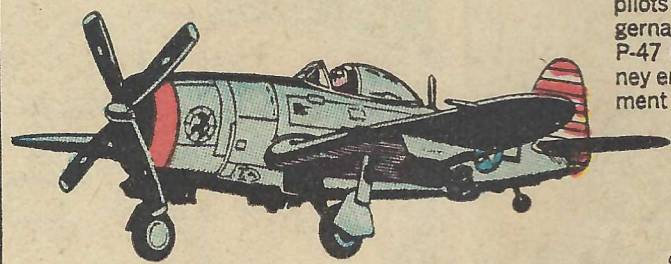


THEN COMES THE DAMAGING TESTIMONY...



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DID I DO IT, OR NOT? THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO SETTLE THIS. I'LL TRY TO MATCH MY HAND WITH THE IMPRINT!

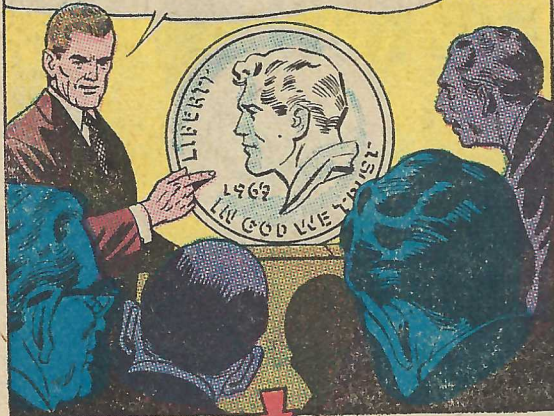
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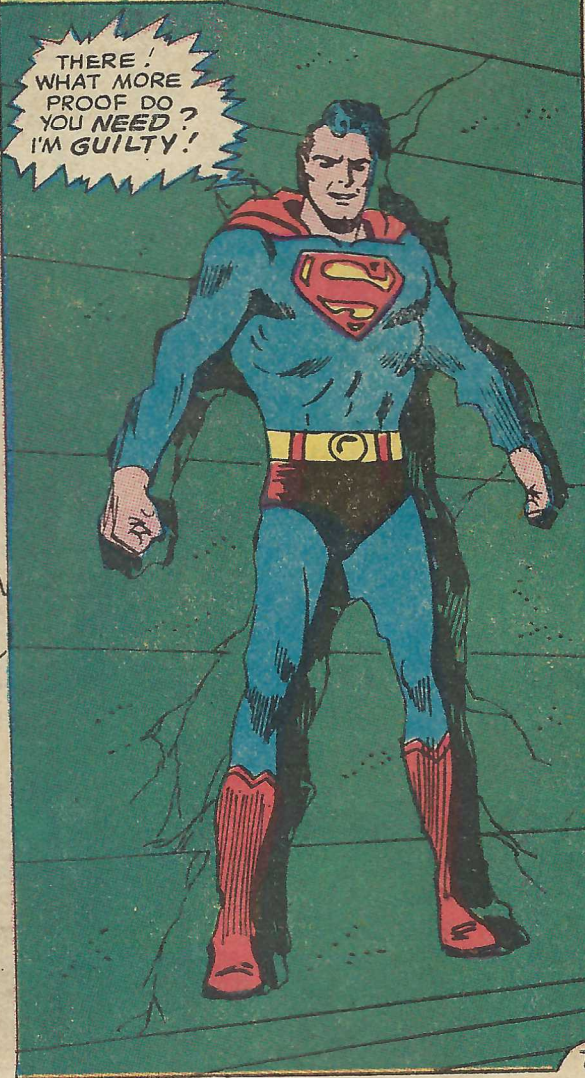
MY HAND FITS EXACTLY!

WHY DID YOU DO IT? DON'T YOU REALIZE YOU'RE TESTIFYING AGAINST YOURSELF?

NEXT, THE UNITED STATES DELEGATE TESTIFIES... GENTLEMEN, I SUBMIT THIS ENLARGED COPY OF A COIN, ONE OF THOUSANDS FOUND IN THE METROPOLIS MINT AFTER A MYSTERIOUS SUPER-BEING SMASHED HIS WAY IN!



UNHESITATINGLY, THE MAN OF MIGHT STEPS FORWARD, AND...



THERE! WHAT MORE PROOF DO YOU NEED? I'M GUILTY!

TALK, ALL TALK. WHERE IS YOUR EVIDENCE? HERE IT COMES, AN EXACT SILHOUETTE OF THE UNKNOWN SUPER-BEING, LEFT IN THE WALL OF THE MINT WHEN HE BATTERED HIS WAY THROUGH! LET SUPERMAN TRY IT FOR SIZE... IF HE DARES!



MEANWHILE, AT SUPERMAN'S FORTRESS...



HA-HA! WE'RE USING SUPERMAN'S OWN NEWS MONITOR TO WATCH HIS TRIAL! THE BRAINWASHED FOOL IS READY TO CONFESS TO ANYTHING!

ACTUALLY, OUR LIQUIDATOR TEAM COMMITTED ALL THOSE EGO-CRIMES, EXCEPT THE ONE AT THE U.N.!

THE SEALED ORDERS WHICH THE SUPERMAN REVENGE SQUAD GAVE US WORKED LIKE A CHARM!

WE FOLLOWED THE PLAN, STEP BY STEP! IT WAS A PERFECT FRAME-UP! REMEMBER, MY DEAR HUSBAND?



AT THAT MOMENT, BACK AT THE U.N. ...



MR. CHAIRMAN! MY TELESCOPIC VISION HAS JUST UNCOVERED SOME VITAL EVIDENCE CONCERNING MY CASE! COULD YOU PLEASE ADJOURN THE COURT TO THE U.N. PLAZA?

WE WANT TO BE FAIR TO YOU, SUPERMAN! THE COURT WILL RECONVENE IN THE PLAZA!

CHAIRMAN

BUT PRESENTLY...



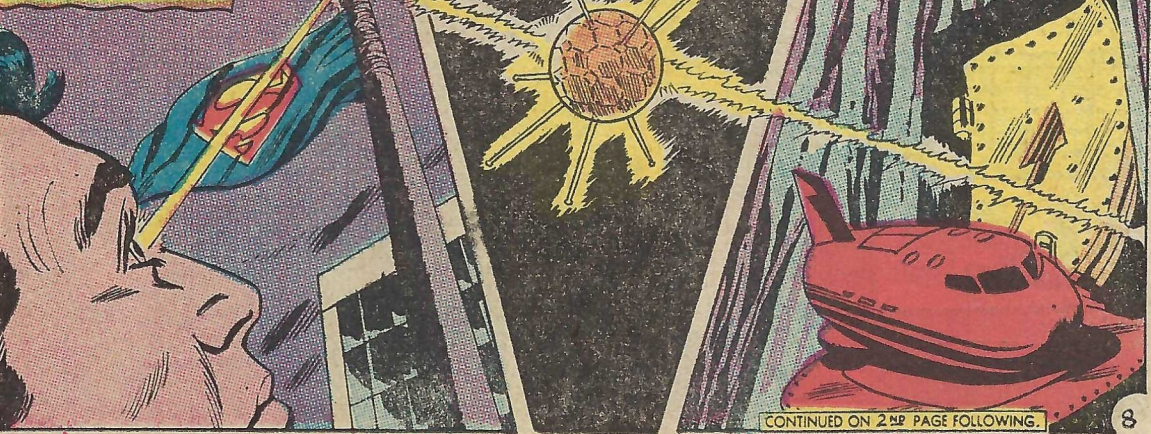
THERE'S NOTHING OUT HERE BUT MORE EVIDENCE OF YOUR VANDALISM!

ONE MOMENT, SIR, WHILE MY X-RAY VISION TRIGGERS A SECRET ELECTRONIC DEVICE!

INSTANTLY, AN ELECTRONIC BEAM IS RELAYED FROM A DEVICE CONCEALED IN THE FLAGPOLE ...

... VIA TELSTAR ...

... INTO THE REMOTE ARCTIC!

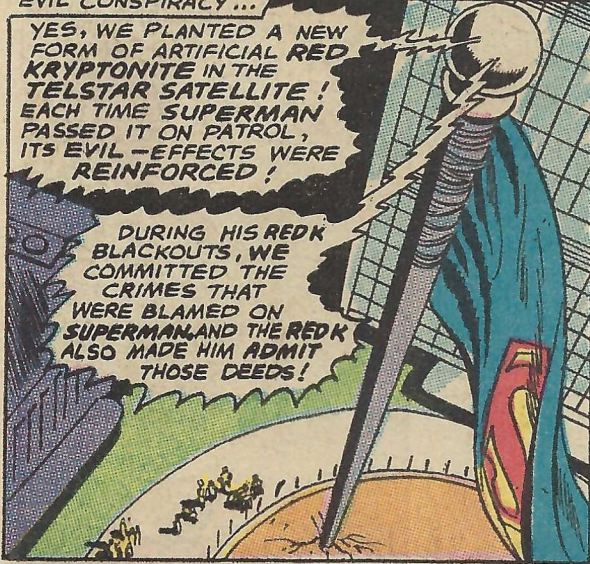


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MINISECONDS LATER, THE U.N. TUNES IN ON AN EVIL CONSPIRACY ...

YES, WE PLANTED A NEW FORM OF ARTIFICIAL RED KRYPTONITE IN THE TELSTAR SATELLITE! EACH TIME SUPERMAN PASSED IT ON PATROL, ITS EVIL-EFFECTS WERE REINFORCED!

DURING HIS RED K BLACKOUTS, WE COMMITTED THE CRIMES THAT WERE BLAMED ON SUPERMAN AND THE RED K ALSO MADE HIM ADMIT THOSE DEEDS!



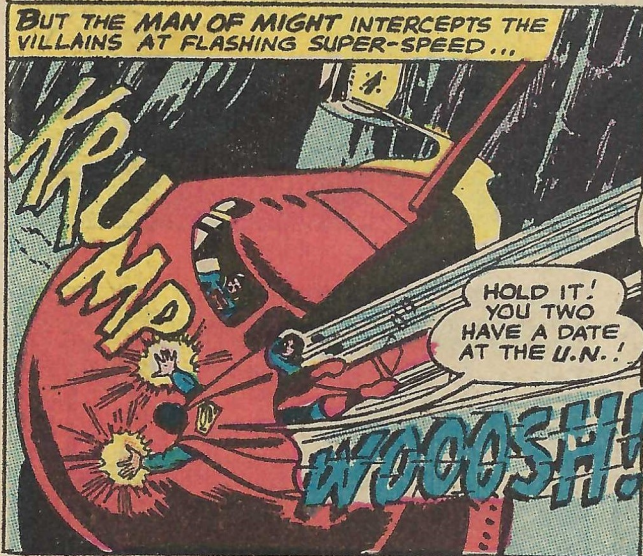
JUST THEN...

MR. CHAIRMAN, YOU'VE HEARD THE CONFESSION -- NOW I'LL BRING YOU THE CULPRITS!

CONFESSION?? CULPRITS?? HE MEANS US! OUR CONVERSATION WAS BUGGED! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!



BUT THE MAN OF MIGHT INTERCEPTS THE VILLAINS AT FLASHING SUPER-SPEED ...



HOLD IT! YOU TWO HAVE A DATE AT THE U.N.!

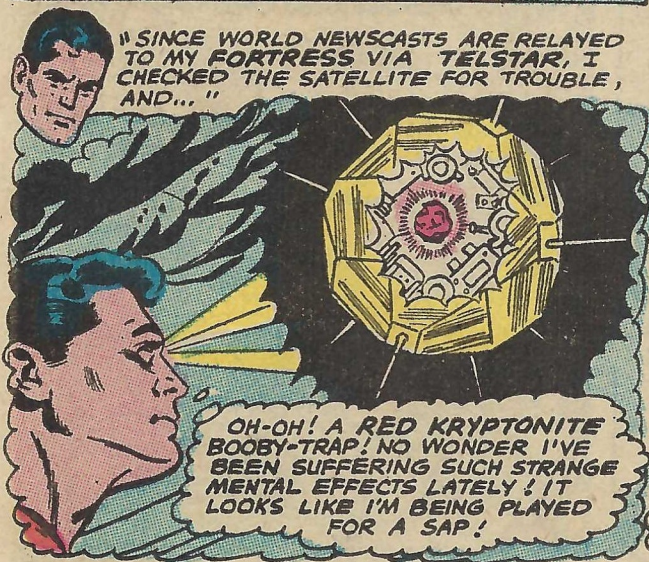
LATER, AT THE U.N., SUPERMAN EXPLAINS--

SO THE LIQUIDATORS PLANNED TO BRAIN WASH YOU INTO DESTROYING YOUR POWERS WITH GOLD KRYPTONITE? WHEN DID YOU FIRST SUSPECT A PLOT?

THIS MORNING, WHEN I SAW THE DISTORTED IMAGES ON MY NEWS MONITOR!



"SINCE WORLD NEWSCASTS ARE RELATED TO MY FORTRESS VIA TELSTAR, I CHECKED THE SATELLITE FOR TROUBLE, AND..."



OH-OH! A RED KRYPTONITE BOOBY-TRAP! NO WONDER I'VE BEEN SUFFERING SUCH STRANGE MENTAL EFFECTS LATELY! IT LOOKS LIKE I'M BEING PLAYED FOR A SAP!

"SUSPECTING I WAS BEING MONITORED, I PLANNED A SUPER-SCHEME OF MY OWN..."



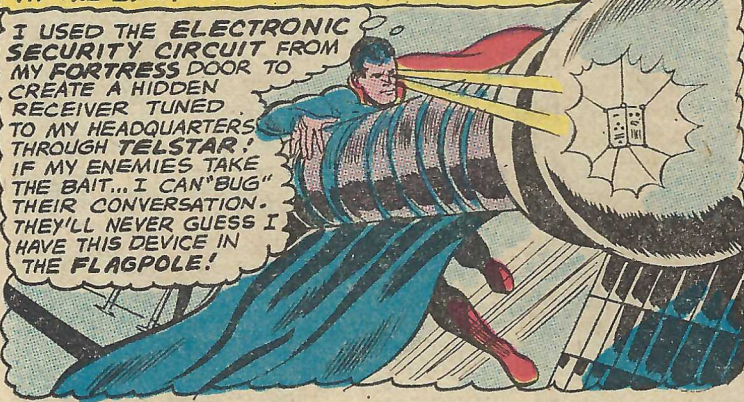
AH! AS I HOPED, AN ELECTRONIC SECURITY DEVICE BROKE OFF THE DOOR! I'LL GRAB IT AT INVISIBLE SUPER-SPEED AND USE IT IN MY PLAN!

"THEN, FLYING TOWARD THE U.N., I USED MY HEAT VISION TO HEAT UP TELSTAR TILL SOME EXCESS LEAD FROM AN ENERGY CELL MELTED; AND..."



RED K RADIATIONS CAN'T PENETRATE LEAD! BUT MY UNKNOWN ENEMIES WILL THINK IT'S STILL AFFECTING ME!... SINCE I'M SUPPOSED TO BE COMMITTING CRIMES WHILE BLACKED OUT, I'LL GO ALONG WITH THE GAG!

"AT THE U.N., I PRETENDED TO RUN AMUCK!"



I USED THE ELECTRONIC SECURITY CIRCUIT FROM MY FORTRESS DOOR TO CREATE A HIDDEN RECEIVER TUNED TO MY HEADQUARTERS THROUGH TELSTAR! IF MY ENEMIES TAKE THE BAIT... I CAN "BUG" THEIR CONVERSATION. THEY'LL NEVER GUESS I HAVE THIS DEVICE IN THE FLAGPOLE!



AS SUPERMAN ENDS HIS STORY...

A BRILLIANT PIECE OF SUPER-DETECTION! BUT AREN'T YOU GOING TO PUNISH THE LIQUIDATORS?

THEY'LL BE PUNISHED ON THEIR HOME WORLD--WHERE THE SUPERMAN REVENGE SQUAD'S PENALTY FOR FAILURE OF A MISSION IS LIFELONG SLAVERY!

THE END

HOW CAN AN ARTIST BECOME THE WORLD'S GREATEST SUPER HEROES?

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