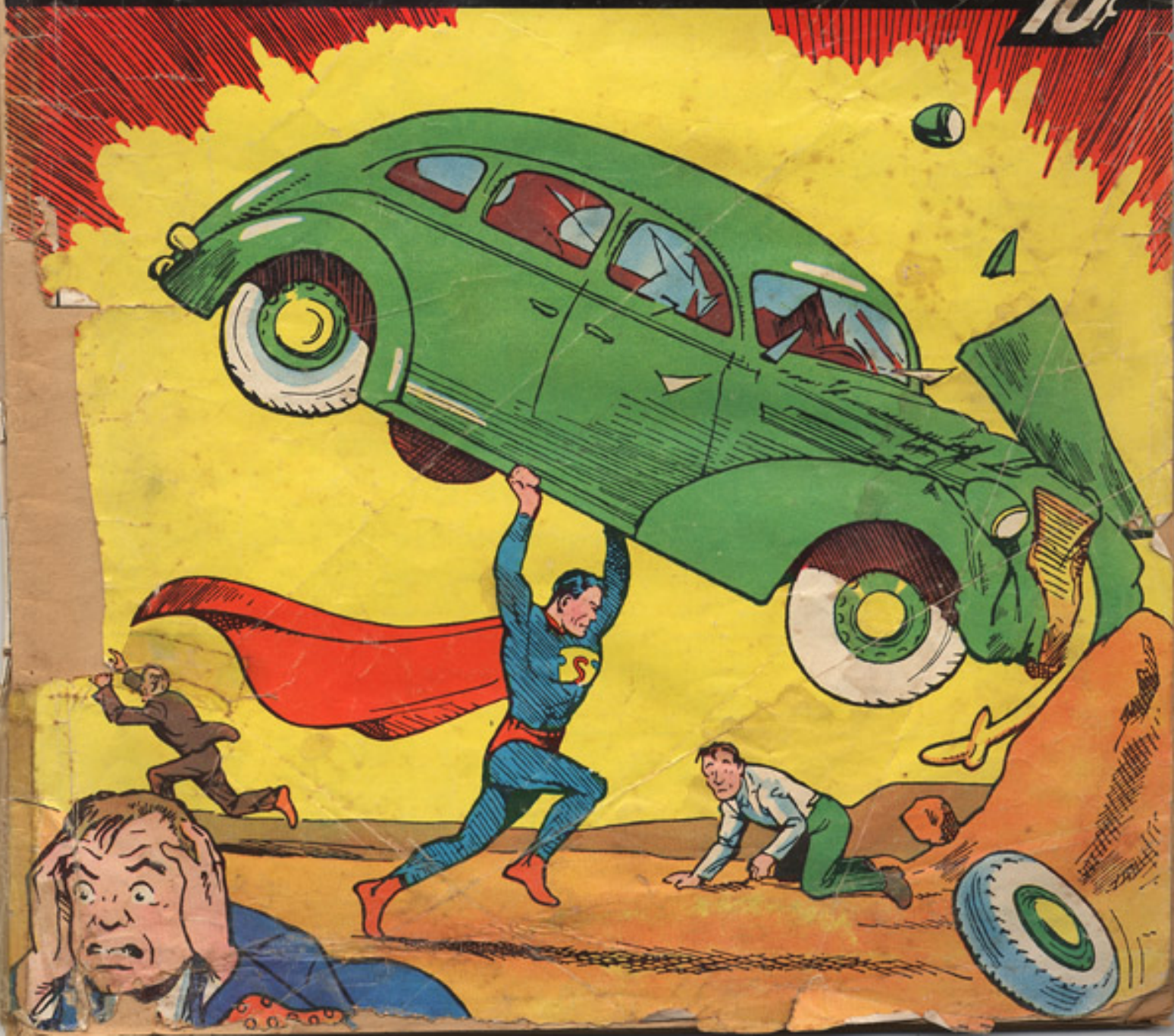


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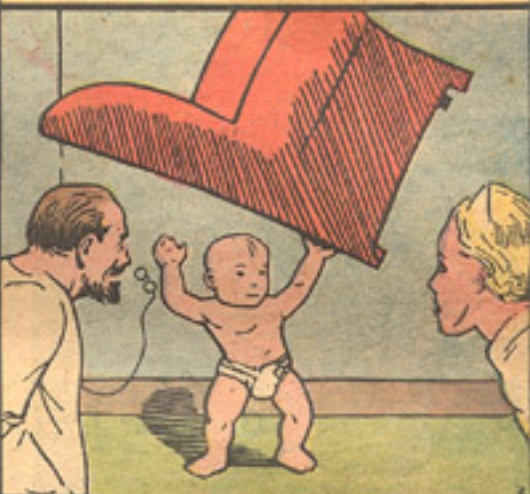
JEROME SIEGEL  
& JOE SHUSTER

AS A DISTANT PLANET  
WAS DESTROYED BY OLD  
AGE, A SCIENTIST PLACED  
HIS INFANT SON WITHIN  
A HASTILY DEvised  
SPACE-SHIP, LAUNCHING  
IT TOWARD EARTH!

WHEN THE  
VEHICLE  
LANDED  
ON EARTH,  
A PASSING  
MOTORIST,  
DISCOVERING  
THE SLEEP-  
ING BABE  
WITHIN,  
TURNED  
THE CHILD  
OVER TO  
AN ORPHAN-  
AGE



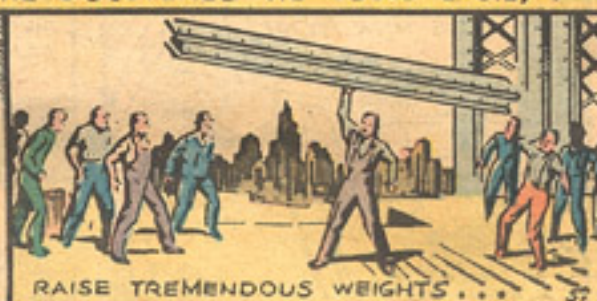
ATTENDANTS, UNAWARE THE CHILD'S  
PHYSICAL STRUCTURE WAS MILLIONS  
OF YEARS ADVANCED OF THEIR  
OWN, WERE ASTOUNDED AT HIS  
FEATS OF STRENGTH



WHEN MATURITY WAS REACHED, HE DISCOVERED HE COULD EASILY:



LEAP 1/8TH OF A  
MILE; HURDLE A  
TWENTY-STORY  
BUILDING...



RAISE TREMENDOUS WEIGHTS...



...AND THAT  
NOTHING  
LESS THAN  
A BURSTING  
SHELL COULD  
PENETRATE  
HIS SKIN!

... RUN FASTER THAN AN EXPRESS TRAIN ...

EARLY,  
CLARK  
DECIDED  
HE MUST  
TURN  
HIS TITANIC  
STRENGTH  
INTO  
CHANNELS  
THAT WOULD  
BENEFIT  
MANKIND  
AND SO  
WAS  
CREATED...



**SUPERMAN!**

CHAMPION OF THE OPPRESSED,  
THE PHYSICAL MARVEL WHO  
HAD SWORN TO DEVOTE HIS  
EXISTENCE TO HELPING THOSE  
IN NEED!

## A SCIENTIFIC EXPLANATION OF CLARK KENT'S AMAZING STRENGTH

KENT HAD  
COME FROM  
A PLANET  
WHOSE IN-  
HABITANTS'  
PHYSICAL  
STRUCTURE  
WAS MILL-  
IONS OF  
YEARS ADV-  
ANCED OF  
OUR OWN.

UPON  
REACHING  
MATURITY,  
THE PEOPLE  
OF HIS  
RACE BE-  
CAME GIFT-  
ED WITH  
TITANIC  
STRENGTH!

--INCREDIBLE? NO! FOR EVEN TODAY ON OUR  
WORLD EXIST CREATURES WITH SUPER-STRENGTH!



THE LOWLY ANT CAN  
SUPPORT WEIGHTS  
HUNDREDS OF TIMES  
ITS OWN.



THE GRASSHOPPER LEAPS  
WHAT TO MAN WOULD  
BE THE SPACE OF SEV-  
ERAL CITY BLOCKS.



A TIRELESS FIGURE RACES THRU THE NIGHT. SECONDS COUNT. . . DELAY MEANS FORFEIT OF AN INNOCENT LIFE.



THE GOVERNOR'S ESTATE FINALLY IS REACHED.



WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY KNOCKING THIS HOUR OF THE NIGHT?

I MUST SEE THE GOVERNOR. IT'S A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH!



SEE HIM IN THE MORNING!

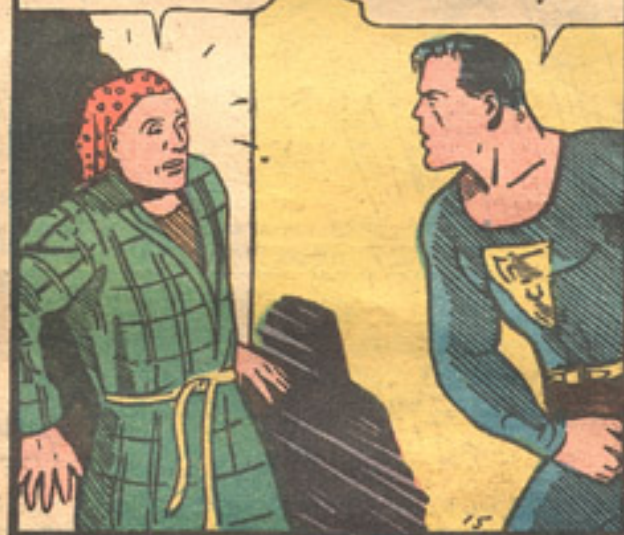


I'LL SEE HIM NOW!



THIS IS ILLEGAL ENTRY! I'LL HAVE YOU ARRESTED!

ANSWER MY QUESTION! ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE ME TO THE GOVERNOR?

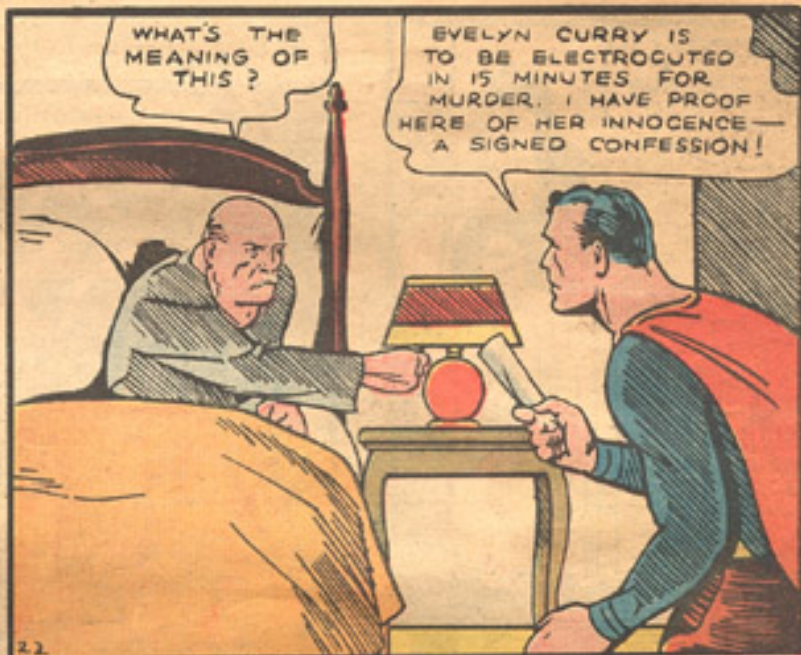


NO! I WON'T!

THEN I'LL TAKE YOU TO HIM!



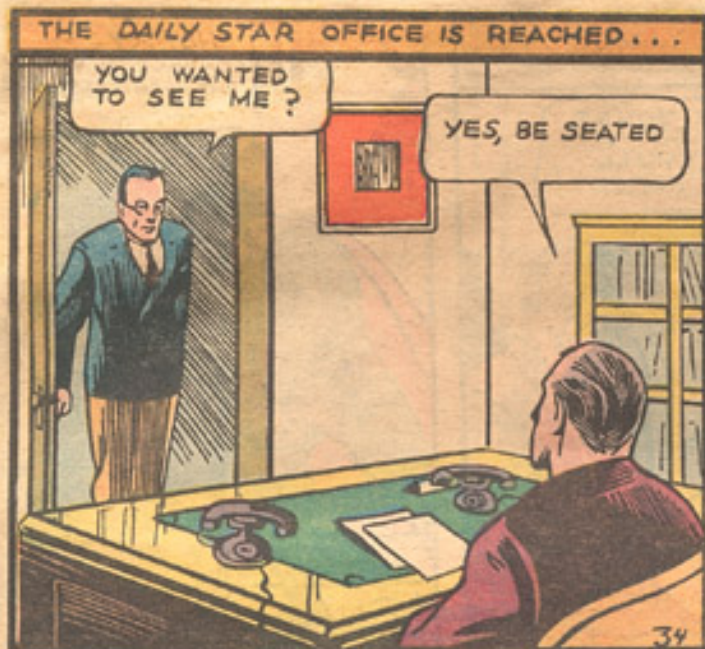












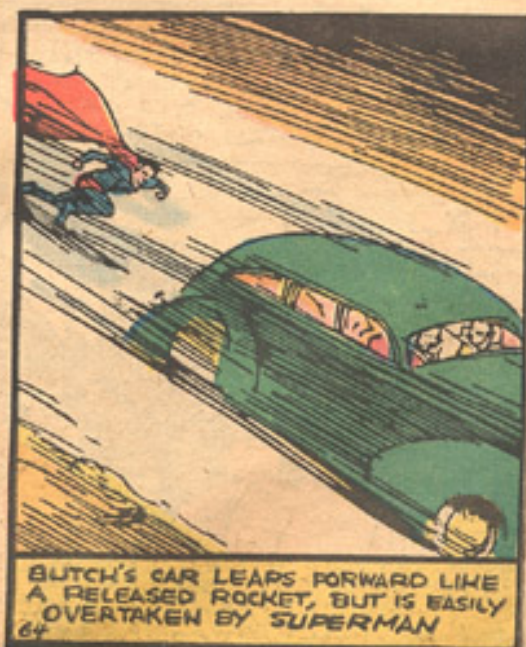
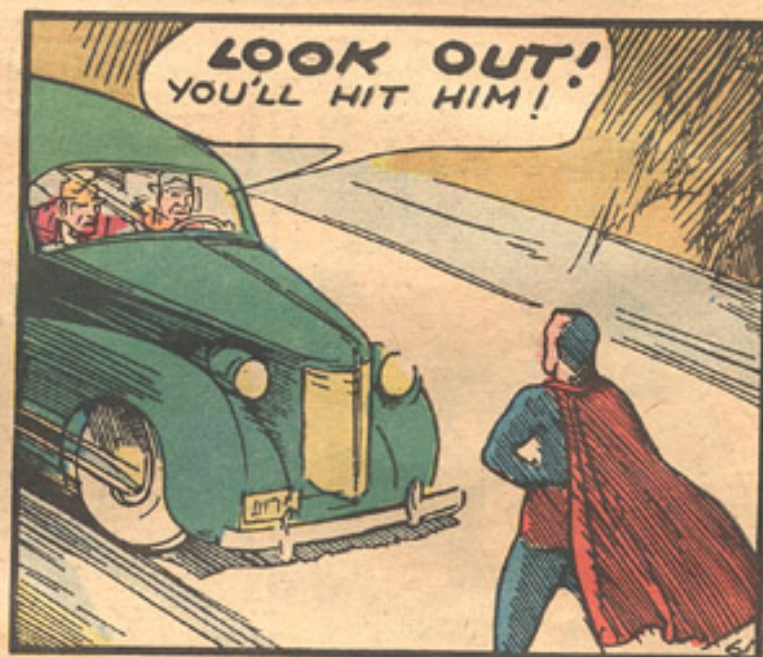
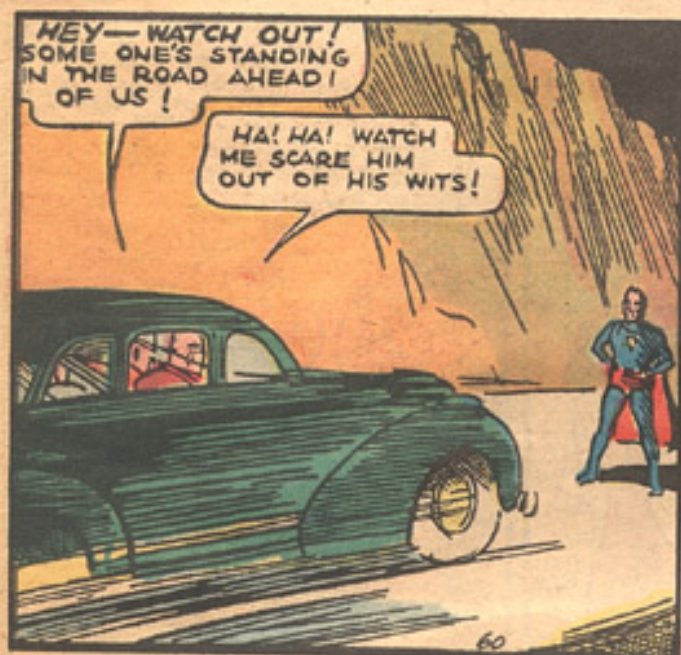




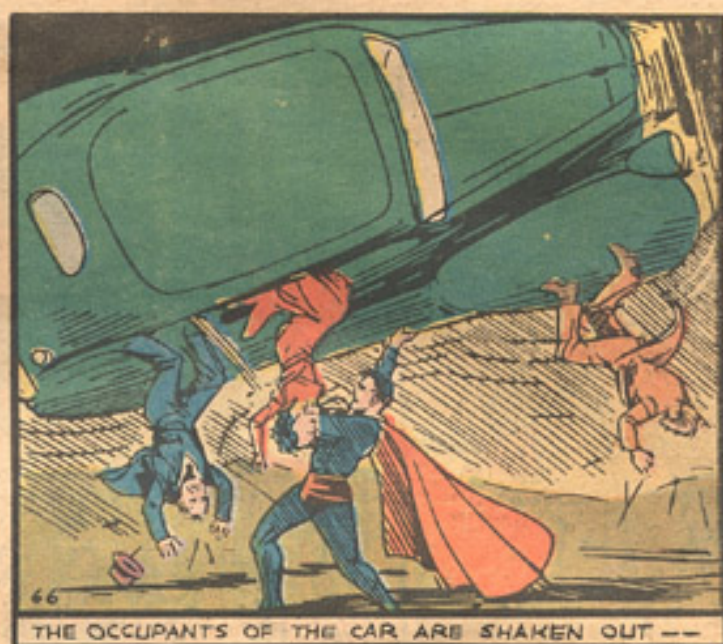
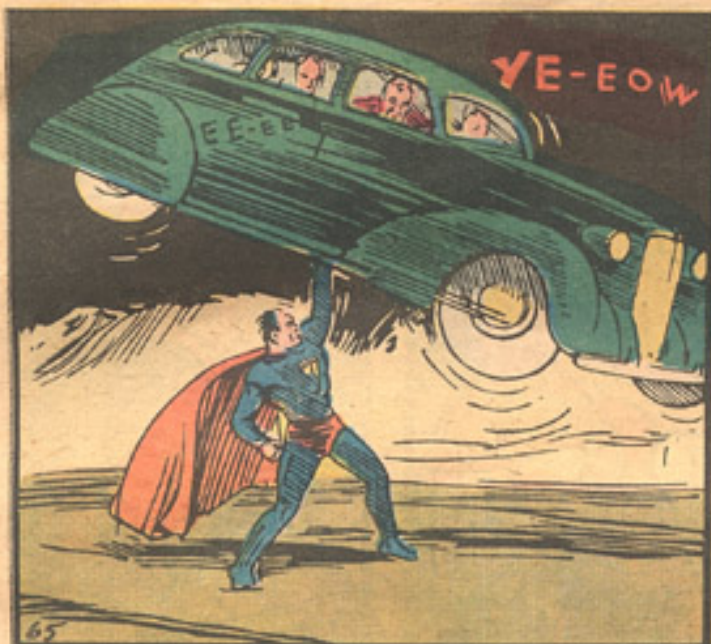




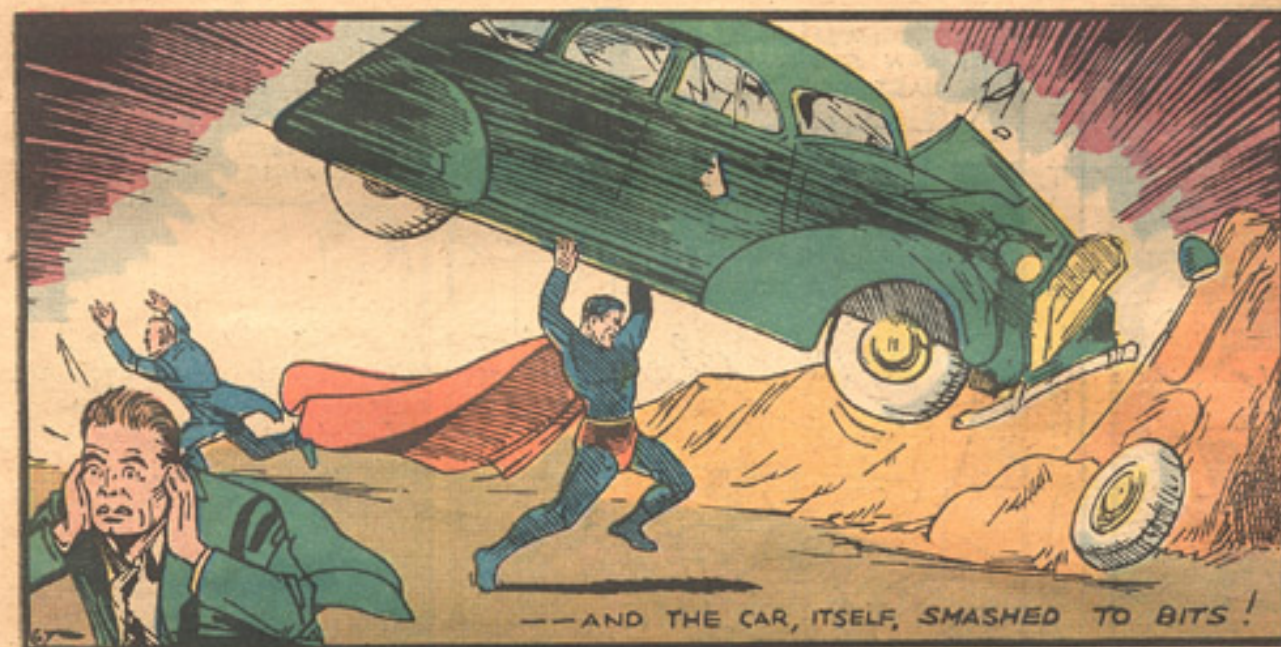








THE OCCUPANTS OF THE CAR ARE SHAKEN OUT —



—AND THE CAR, ITSELF, SMASHED TO BITS!

NEXT,  
SUPERMAN  
OVER-  
TAKES  
BUTCH  
IN ONE  
SPRING...



JUST A MINUTE, BUTCH!

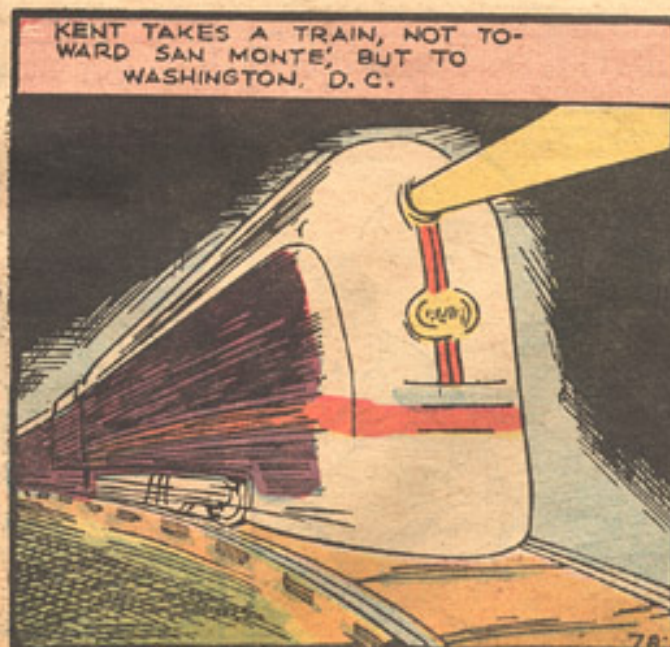


DO YOU MIND?



THIS WILL TAKE  
BUT A FEW  
SECONDS







IN THE CAPITAL CITY, HE ATTENDS A SESSION OF CONGRESS, SITTING IN THE GALLERY

IS THAT SENATOR BARROWS SPEAKING?

YES.

UPON LEAVING THE SENATE CHAMBERS, CLARK SNAPS A PICTURE OF A FURTIVE MAN SPEAKING SWIFTLY TO SENATOR BARROWS

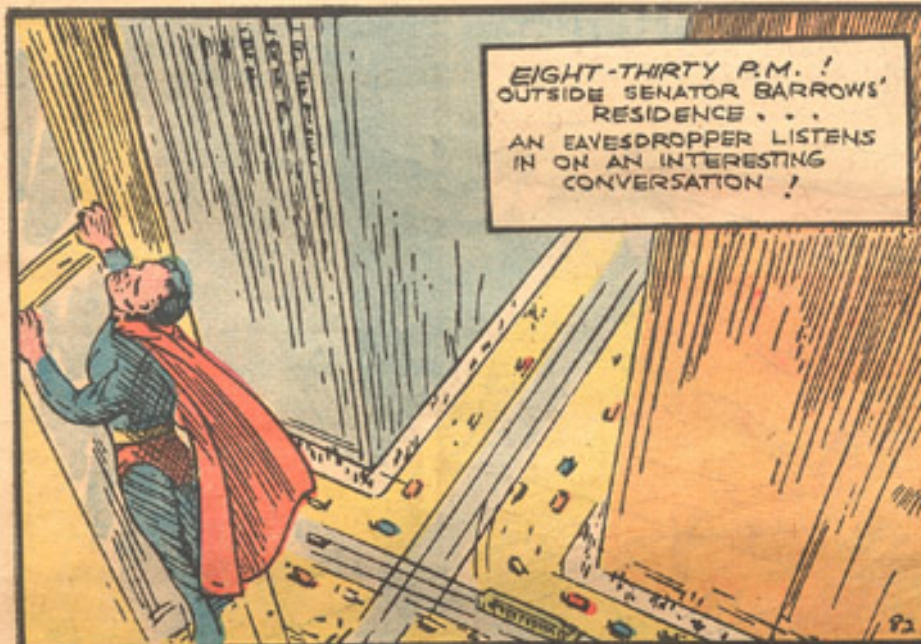
WHEN CAN I SEE YOU?

I TOLD YOU NEVER TO SPEAK TO ME IN PUBLIC!...UH... MY HOME... TONIGHT AT 8:30

AT THE "MORGUE" OF A LOCAL NEWSPAPER...

WHO'S THE CHAP SPEAKING TO SENATOR BARROWS?

WHY, THAT'S ALEX GREER, THE SLICKEST LOBBYIST IN WASHINGTON. NO ONE KNOWS WHAT INTERESTS BACK HIM.



I'VE TOLD YOU TO AVOID ME IN PUBLIC. WHAT WOULD PEOPLE THINK IF THEY KNEW I HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOU?

QUIT SPUTTERING! I HAD TO SEE YOU. TELL ME: DO YOU THINK YOU'LL SUCCEED IN PUSHING THE BILL THRU?

THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT! THE BILL WILL BE PASSED BEFORE ITS FULL IMPLICATIONS ARE REALIZED. BEFORE ANY REMEDIAL STEPS CAN BE TAKEN, OUR COUNTRY WILL BE EMBROILED WITH EUROPE.

FINE! WE'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU FINAN-  
CIALLY FOR THIS!

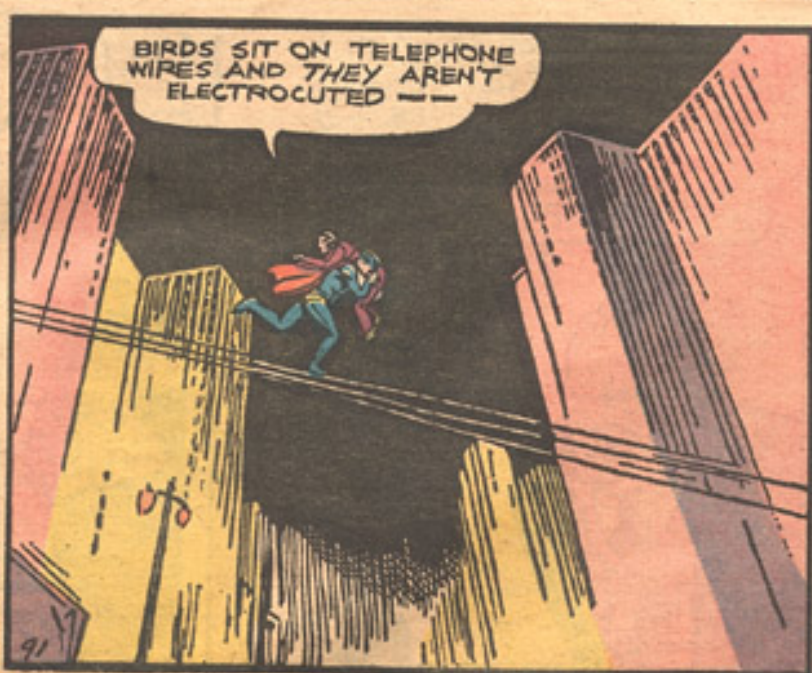
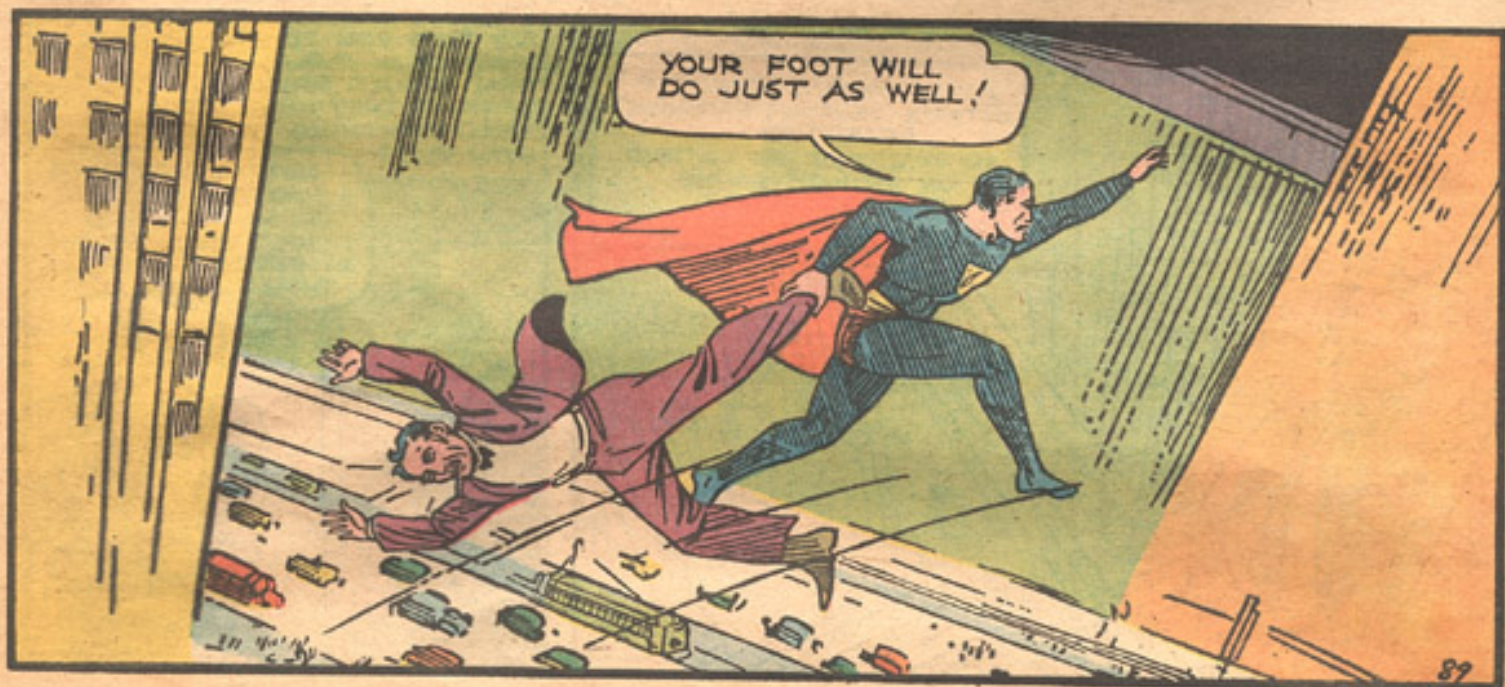
I SUPPOSE YOU'RE GOING TO BE WELL TAKEN CARE OF YOURSELF?

YOU BET HE WILL!





UPON  
LEAVING  
BARROWS,  
GREER  
IS  
CONFRONTED  
BY  
SUPERMAN







AND SO BEGINS THE STARTLING ADVENTURES  
OF THE MOST SENSATIONAL STRIP CHARACTER  
OF ALL TIME: **SUPERMAN!**



A PHYSICAL MARVEL,  
A MENTAL WONDER,  
SUPERMAN IS DESTINED  
TO RESHAPE THE DESTINY  
OF A WORLD!

Only in  
**ACTION COMICS**  
CAN YOU THRILL  
AT THE DARING  
DEEDS OF THIS  
SUPERB CREATION!  
**DON'T MISS  
AN ISSUE!**