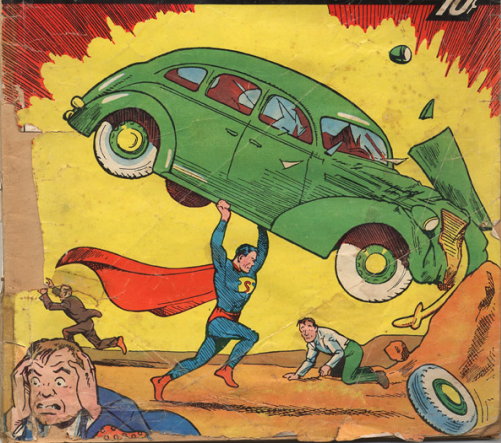


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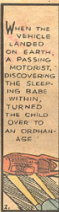
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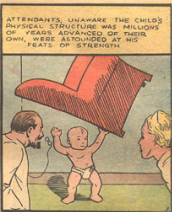




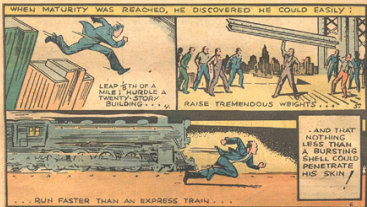
AS A DISTANT PLANET WAS DESTROYED BY OLD AGE, A SCIENTIST PLACED HIS INFANT SON WITHIN A HASTILY DEvised SPACE-SHIP, LAUNCHING IT TOWARD EARTH!



WHEN THE VEHICLE LANDED ON EARTH, A PASSING MOTORIST, DISCOVERING THE SLEEPING 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



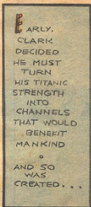
WHEN MATURITY WAS REACHED, HE DISCOVERED HE COULD EASILY:

LEAP 5TH OF A MILE! HURDLE A TWENTY-STORY BUILDING...

RAISE TREMENDOUS WEIGHTS...

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

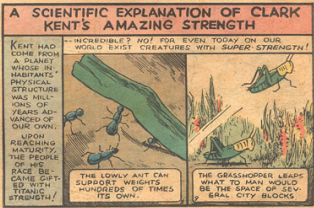
... RUN FASTER THAN AN EXPRESS TRAIN ...



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 INHABITANTS' PHYSICAL STRUCTURE WAS MILLIONS OF YEARS ADVANCED OF OUR OWN.

UPON REACHING MATURITY, THE PEOPLE OF HIS RACE BECAME GIFTED 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 SEVERAL CITY BLOCKS.

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



THE GOVERNOR'S ESTATE FINALLY REACHED.



MAKE YOURSELF COMFORTABLE! I HAVEN'T TIME TO ATTEND TO IT

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!

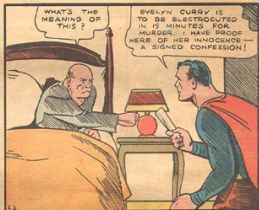
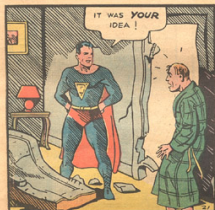


ANSWER MY QUESTION! ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE ME TO THE GOVERNOR?

NO! I WON'T!

THEN I'LL TAKE YOU TO HIM!



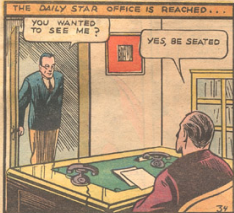




THE DAILY STAR OFFICE IS REACHED...

YOU WANTED TO SEE ME?

YES, BE SEATED



DID YOU EVER HEAR OF SUPERMAN?

WHAT!



REPORTS HAVE BEEN STREAMING IN THAT A FELLOW WITH GIANTIC STRENGTH NAMED SUPERMAN ACTUALLY EXISTS. I'M MAKING IT YOUR STEADY ASSIGNMENT TO COVER THESE REPORTS. THINK YOU CAN HANDLE IT, KENT?

LISTEN, CHIEF, IF I CAN'T FIND OUT ANYTHING ABOUT THIS SUPERMAN NO ONE CAN!



HURRY, KENT-- A PHONED TIP... WIFE-BEATING AT 211 COURT AVE!

I'M ON MY WAY!



AT 211 COURT AVE. --- 39

HOLD IT!

WHAT DO YOU WANT?



DON'T GET TOUGH!

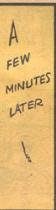
TOUGH IS PUTTING MILDLY THE TREATMENT YOU'RE GOING TO GET!



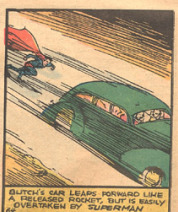
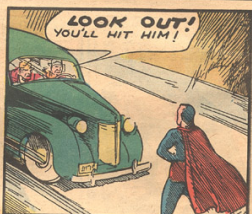
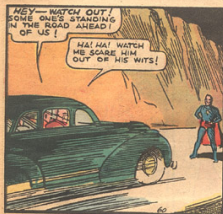
YOU'RE NOT FIGHTING A WOMAN, NOW!

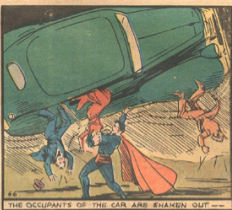
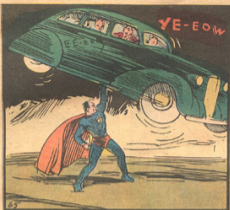




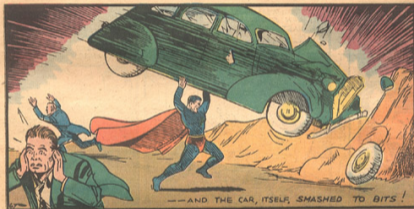








THE OCCUPANTS OF THE CAR ARE SHAKEN OUT --



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--AND THE CAR, ITSELF, SMASHED TO BITS!

JUST A MINUTE, BUTCH!

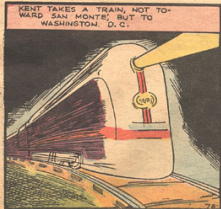


DO YOU MIND?



THIS WILL TAKE  
BUT A FEW  
SECONDS





IN THE CAPITOL 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

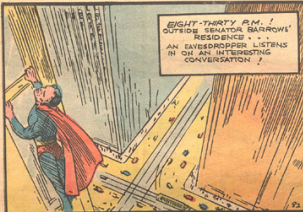
WHEN CAN I SEE YOU?

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

AT THE 'MORQUE' 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 SPLUTTERING! 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 FINANCIALLY FOR THIS!

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

YOU BET HE WILL!

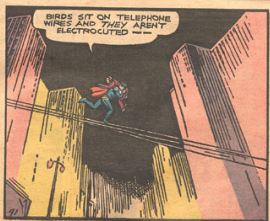
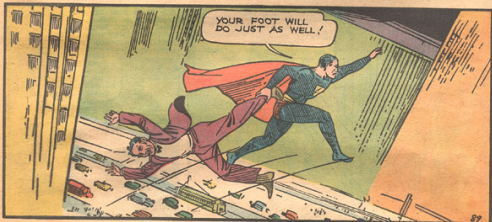
UPON  
LEAVING  
BARROWS,  
GREER  
IS  
CONFRONTED  
BY  
SUPERMAN

WHO IS BEHIND  
YOU IN CORRUP-  
TING SENATOR  
BARROWS?

I DON'T KNOW  
WHAT YOU'RE  
TALKING  
ABOUT!

SO YOU'RE ONE  
OF THESE SILENT  
MEN, EH? WE'LL  
SEE, WHETHER  
YOU'LL TALK!

LET GO  
OF MY  
HAND!

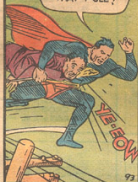


— NOT UNLESS  
THEY TOUCH A  
TELEPHONE-POLE  
AND ARE GROUNDED!



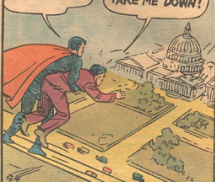
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OOPS! —  
ALMOST TOUCHED  
THAT POLE!



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LOOK! — THE  
CAPITOL! LET'S  
PAY IT A VISIT!

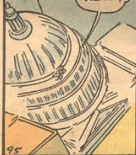


TAKE ME DOWN!  
TAKE ME DOWN!

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WHAT A  
MAGNIFICENT  
VIEW!

HELP!  
HELP!



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I WONDER IF WE  
COULD JUMP ALL  
THE WAY TO THAT  
BUILDING?

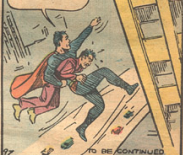
NO! DON'T!



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DESPITE GREER'S FRENZIED PROTESTS,  
SUPERMAN LEAPS OUT INTO  
THE NIGHT!

MISSED —  
DOGGONE IT!



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DEEDS OF THIS  
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