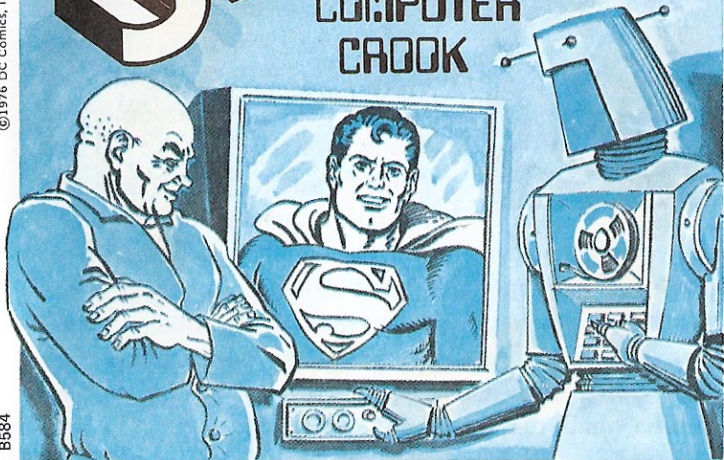
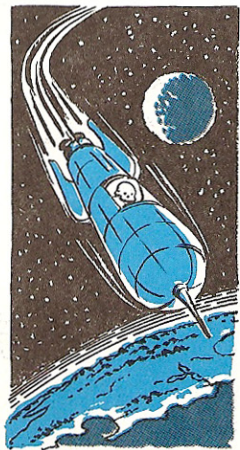


A ■ VIEW-MASTER PICTURE PRESENTATION

# SUPERMAN

MEETS  
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**VIEW-MASTER REEL 1**

**PICTURE 1** In a remote star system on the opposite side of our galaxy, the planet Krypton once revolved around its sun. On it lived a people who enjoyed an advanced civilization.

The leading scientists of Krypton made a frightening discovery: The planet was doomed to explode soon!

One scientist, Jor-El, and his wife Lara decided to do what they could to save their only son, a baby named Kal-El. Jor-El designed and built a spaceship containing a computer programmed to seek out intelligent life anywhere in the galaxy. Sadly, he and Lara placed little Kal-El into it and sent it away. The ship zeroed in on a small, distant planet—Earth.

**PICTURE 2** Now our story shifts to the present. A huge jetliner is approaching the airport of the great city, Metropolis. But a terrible thunderstorm is moving in swiftly. Suddenly, the jetliner plunges into the middle of the storm. Great bolts of lightning streak around it! Thunder crackles and booms so loud that it rocks the plane! If one of those lightning bolts should make a direct hit, the plane with its more than 400 passengers will turn into a fiery torch! But LOOK! Up in the sky! What is the flying object that speeds through the storm?

It's a bird . . .

It's a plane . . .

It's SUPERMAN!

**PICTURE 3** Faster than a speeding bullet, the Man of Steel throws himself into the path of the lightning. His body absorbs the tremendous energy of the electric charge. The jetliner is saved! A few minutes later, it lands at Metropolis.

**PICTURE 4** “Even as a child, I had superhuman strength,” Superman told the pretty girl reporter.

She was Lois Lane of the Metropolis Daily Planet, who had been aboard the jetliner. It was the first time she had met Superman, and she was interviewing the man who had saved her life.

“I was born on the planet Krypton,” he went on. “I came to Earth on a spaceship as a baby, and was raised by my kindly foster parents. I surprised them one day by lifting a heavy table with one hand.”

**PICTURE 5** “When I was in my teens,” Superman continued, “I became known as Superboy. I could do all the things I can do now—outrun a flying bullet; stop a speeding locomotive; leap tall buildings at a single bound. I dedicated my life then to using my great powers to help people. I have decided to come here to Metropolis to live.”

**PICTURE 6** The next day, a mild-mannered young man came to the office of Perry White, the editor of the

Daily Planet.

“My name is Clark Kent, Mr. White, and I want to be a reporter on the Daily Planet.”

“I am sorry, young man,” said Perry, “but we have nothing open for you just now.”

“But I have a letter of recommendation from Superman!” said Clark. He handed it to the editor.

Lois Lane, who was standing beside Perry’s desk, spoke up. “Superman!” she exclaimed. “Oh, Perry, please give Mr. Kent a chance!”

Perry chewed on his cigar. “All right,” he said gruffly. “But you’d better do a good job!”

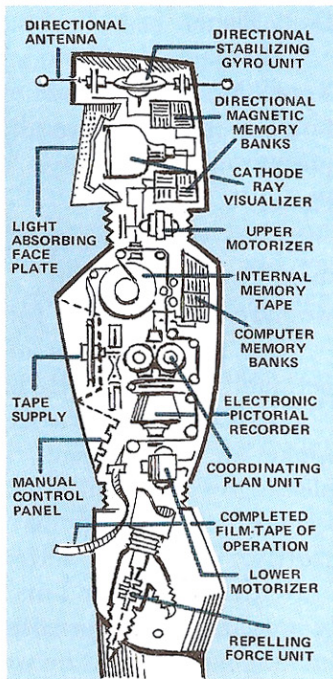
Neither Perry nor Lois knew who Clark Kent really was. He was Superman! Underneath his ordinary-looking business suit he wore his cape and uniform.





**PICTURE 7** Clark's first reporting assignment, along with Lois, was to cover the dedication of the Moon Gem Museum and Maximum Security Depository in Metropolis.

The Moon Gem, discovered on the Moon and brought back by Apollo 22 astronauts, was the most closely-guarded object on Earth. The Depository had been planned to guard the Moon Gem, and yet to let the public see it at all times. Across the open entrance shone a grid of directional bar-



rier light rays. These green rays were harmless as long as the Moon Gem remained on its stainless steel pedestal; but if anyone should remove the Moon Gem from the pedestal, the rays would change instantly to deadly red laser beams; and, since there was no other exit from the Depository, the thief would be trapped inside it.

**VIEW-MASTER REEL 2**

**PICTURE 1** However, there was one man who plotted to steal the Moon Gem. He was Mikro, an undersized, crazed, criminal scientist. In his laboratory that day, he paused to read the Daily Planet story about the dedication of the Depository.

“Wait till I get Computer Crook finished!” he gloated. “Then, not even Superman will stop me!”

**PICTURE 2** Several weeks later, Computer Crook, Mikro's robot, was finished. Mikro had programmed into it a problem: figure out a way to neutralize Superman before attempting to steal the Moon Gem.

Computer Crook was feeding out its answer in a tape that led to a wonderful visualizer screen which diagrammed the entire plan, step by step.

Just then, Mikro's laboratory assistant walked by, carrying a small magnet.

Mikro turned on him furiously. "You fool!" he shouted. "Don't you know that magnetic currents can erase Computer Crook's tapes?"

**PICTURE 3** In the lobby of the Daily Planet building, around the corner from the lobby door of the Third National Bank, the first step of "Operation Neutralize Superman" was being taken.



Lois Lane, who had just answered the lobby telephone, was seized by Mikro, in the uniform of a bank guard. Injecting her with a needle, he rendered her unconscious and stuffed her into one of the bank's money carts. He pushed it into the bank building.

**PICTURE 4** Shortly afterward, Clark Kent, standing at the bank counter to endorse his paycheck, glanced at the vault door. With his X-ray, Superman vision, he saw through the door and discovered Lois imprisoned in the time-locked vault. It would stay locked all weekend! Lois would die there!

"This is a job for Superman!" muttered Clark.



**PICTURE 5** Clark ran swiftly into the lobby. Seeing no one around, he removed his outer garments with super-speed and emerged in his Superman uniform.

In a twinkling, he had changed from a mild-mannered newspaper reporter to the Man of Might!

**PICTURE 6** In seconds he was at the vault door. Seizing it in his mighty hands, he braced a foot beside it and pulled! With a shriek of tortured metal, the fastenings gave way and the door jerked open.

**PICTURE 7** Quickly, Superman was at Lois' side. He unfastened her bonds, revived her to consciousness, and carried her to safety.

Behind him, a bank guard (actually Mikro) wheeled a cart of money to a "safer" place, now that the vault had been forced open. No one, including Superman, knew that the mad scientist was actually stealing the money to help finance his fiendish plans. It was all part of his plan to outwit Superman! Superman had fallen into the trap set by Computer Crook!

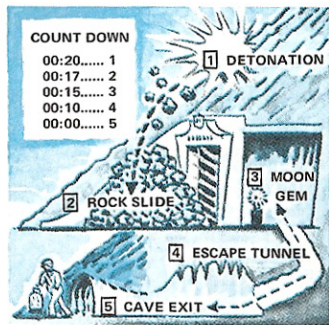
**VIEW-MASTER REEL 3**

**PICTURE 1** When the theft from the bank became known, the Daily Planet headlined the news that, for once, Superman had been outwitted!

Mikro, chuckling in his laboratory, now was ready to put Computer Crook to its real test: figure out a way to steal the Moon Gem! How could Mikro remove the gem from its pedestal—causing the light rays across the entrance to change into deadly laser beams—and then escape safely with his prize?

Computer Crook went to work. Its circuits hummed; its lights flashed on and off. Finally, a tape





began to emerge and was fed into the visualizer. Mikro, as he saw the plan diagrammed on the screen, capered in glee!

**PICTURE 2** As “Operation Moon Gem” got under way, the cliff above the Depository entrance was dynamited, causing a landslide

which blocked the entrance. Mikro seized Lois, who had been lured there by a pretext, and carried her into the Depository, where he bound her hands and feet. Clark Kent and the guards were brushed aside by boulders as they tried to follow.

“This is a job for Superman!” said Clark. Quickly he darted out of sight behind the landslide and became, with a quick change, the Man of Tomorrow!

“Up—up—and AWAY!”

**PICTURE 3** Inside the Depository, Lois watched helplessly as Mikro seized the Moon Gem and lifted it from its stainless steel pedestal. Instantly, the harmless green light rays across the entrance turned a ruby red. They were deadly laser beams now! No human being could touch them without being killed!

“Mikro, you’re a fool!” cried Lois. “You’ll never get out of here alive!” She thought to herself, “And neither will I! If only Superman were here!”

“I assure you, my dear,” croaked Mikro, “that I shall get out of here without any trouble!”

Suddenly the point of a rock drill came poking up through the rocky floor of the Depository. It was followed by Computer Crook, which climbed up the tunnel made by the drill.

“Computer Crook and I think of everything!” bragged Mikro. “That tunnel leads to freedom!”

**PICTURE 4** Superman hurled himself at the solid rock of the landslide and, with his X-ray vision, saw

ahead to the inside of the Depository. The Man of Might bored through the rocks like a human drill!

**PICTURE 5** Chuckling, Mikro carefully lowered the Moon Gem into a specially-designed plastic container which Computer Crook had devised. In it the gem could be carried safely, without damage.

Suddenly Superman plunged through the rocks and landed with a bound inside the Depository!

Computer Crook, which had unbound Lois' feet and was about to take her down the tunnel as a hostage, leveled its left arm at Superman. The arm, like a machinegun, spat a stream of bullets at Superman! They bounced off the Man of Steel harmlessly.

**PICTURE 6** With lightning speed, Superman went into action! He tore the stainless steel pedestal from its mount and, with his super-strength, bent it into the shape of a horseshoe. He yanked the electrical wires from the conduit on the wall and, too quickly for the eye to follow, wound them around the two arms



of the horseshoe. Superman had transformed the stainless steel bar into a super-magnet!

He pointed it at Computer Crook. Instantly the powerful magnetic field erased the robot's tapes, changing Computer Crook into a lifeless hunk of machinery. The inert robot toppled, with a metallic crash, on top of Mikro, who, clutching the container with the precious Moon Gem inside, had just started to climb down the tunnel. Mikro was trapped under half a ton of steel, tapes, and dead transistors!



“SUPERMAN SAVES MOON GEM!” shouted the headlines of the Daily Planet.

In the newsroom of the Planet, Lois was reading with interest and pride the eyewitness story which she had written. It was one of the biggest scoops of the year! Clark Kent looked over her shoulder to read the story too. “Congratulations, Lois!” he said.

“Clark, where were you when all this excitement was going on?” she demanded. “You’re never around when Superman does ANYTHING!”

Clark (Superman) Kent turned away and winked!

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