THE NEW 52!

SUPERMAN

ACTION
COMICS

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AGAINST THE DEMON FROM
DIMENSION 5!
Tectonic plates splintered and heaved.

Global weather systems convulsed.

A new black hole was discovered in the Triangulum constellation.

The sun burned red and the sky was black and the rain was blood where it fell.

That day witnessed—some say—a battle for the soul of the planet Earth.

A war of angels and devils.

Nothing less than a new American mythology.

No one kills Superman but me!
CLEAR?

I KNOW YOU.

LUTHOR?

DIE, LUTHOR!

DIE!
ON A THOUSAND WORLDS!

KRYPTO?

EMPTY?

LUTHOR IS ACCESSING AN IMPROVISED RADIO-TELEPATHY CIRCUIT FROM HIS CELL!

...THEN HE'S ALL YOURS!

SEE WHERE IT GETS YOU.

THAT DAY.
UNT?

MAKE HIM STAY DOWN!

I RECRUITED YOU FOOLS TO BE USEFUL!

FINISH HIM WHILE HE'S WEAK!

UNT?

FINISH HIM!
Wait! What's happening?

His whole body's twisting.

Ah, it's disgusting.

Back! All of you!

My red-k kiss brings on super hallucinations.

Don't get too close, you'll be trapped in his delirium!

You'll feel everything he feels!

So you outwitted Mr. Mxyzptlk the Clown and made everyone laugh?

See my face in everything?
You're the star turn in a filthy flea circus!

I am the master magician!

Gaaaarr!

You think you can trick me into changing my name backwards like you did with Akzept?

I'll show you what you are behind the lie!

I'll make coins of you!

Your "$" a dollar sign!

A stain that can never come out.

The mark of betrayal and exploitation.

Because they call you a hero, but there's blood on your noble crest.

Kneel, worker drone.

Bizz-bizz.

Bizz-buzz.

I'll make coins of you!

You're the star turn in a filthy flea circus!

Little flat man!

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...he's an off-color comedian, he's been in a coma.
He hasn't said a single word in years.
That doesn't explain who these people are or how they got in here.

Meet the uh... The Legion of Super-Heroes.
Our descendants from the 31st century.

Jimmy Olsen, you haven't aged a day.

Our very best friends.
Everything is very good all the time.
Agree?

Oh, absolutely!

What was I thinking?

Superman?

I remember Superman...

You're unconscious in a higher dimension.

This is where your body is pressed against some unimaginable floor.
Superman's going to die unless you help us.

You're all here for the grand finale!

You're all right here!

VINDIKTVX!

I VWNDIKTVX!
...SO WHO'S THIS DUDE? I...I KNOW IT!

WHO'S W/S PUPE? IT'S LOOK AT YOU! YOU'VE BEEN THE OPPOSITE OF A FATHER TO ME!

IT'S YOUR FAULT MY DEAR MOTHER'S BLOOD STAINS THIS FOUL ITEM I'VE TREASURED IN HER MEMORY.

I KNEW THIS OLD FRAUD WAS FAKING A COMA ALL THOSE TIMES I VISITED!

I'M WULL WHAT? I'M FERLIN NXXL4 MUSIC THERAPIST!

AND WHY WOULDN'T IT, YOU DUMM??

WHO BROUGHT YOU INTO THIS WORLD, HUH?

GIMME THAT!

THERE'S SOMETHING VERY STRANGE ABOUT THIS ONE.

MIND TIMES FIVE--VINPCTVX!

HE'S A DAMAGED EDGE OF VINPCTVX!

OH, FERLIN.

OH, BOY.

I TAUGHT YOUR MOTHER HOW TO USE HER BLOOD AS AN ESCAPE POD TO THE 2nd DIMENSION, DON'T YOU GET IT?
I GET THAT YOU'RE INSANE AND A FRAUD!
I GET THAT EVERYTHING I WORKED SO HARD TO ACHIEVE IS JUST SOME JOKE TO YOU!
MY LIFE IS A LIE, IS THAT IT?

IT'S ABOUT THE BIRDS...AND THE BEES, FERLIN...
YOU'RE PART OF THE...SUuH-GREATEST...TROO...
YOUR MOM...SHE HIT IN THE RED AND RED IN SUPERMAN'S...

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I'M SORRY, FERLIN, WE HAVE NO CHOICE.
WHY DID I COME HERE?
WHY TODAY?
WHY AM I ALWAYS UNDER ARREST?

NO NEED.
WE DIDN'T GO TO ALL THIS TROUBLE JUST TO BE LET DOWN BY 21ST CENTURY MEDICINE.

THE RED--
--IN SUPERMAN'S DSP?

I'M SORRY, FERLIN, WE HAVE NO CHOICE.
WHY DID I COME HERE?
WHY TODAY?
WHY AM I ALWAYS UNDER ARREST?

BECAUSE YOU DON'T BELONG.

JIM, ARE YOU GETTING THIS?
We came a long, long way.

Don't think death gets you out of this.

You're a limb of Vynktuv.

You're staying with us.

I'm a noted scholar... With impeccable credentials.

What am I supposed to have done to deserve this?

He has a point...

You can go, Vynktuv. Right after you tell us this one thing.

How do we prevent Superman's death?

That's... That's the trick.

You have to make sure Vynktuv gets the... trickkk...

But say we slam the time bubble into its face at superluminal velocity, we buy Superman the moment he needs...

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FATHER.

HOW COULD YOU?

A TORTURED BRUTE?
A WORKER ANT?

IF YOU SAY SO.

OR—OR AN ARGUMENT?
WHAT HAVE I DONE?

HSSSS
IT'S ALL MIXED UP AND STICKY AND COMPLICATED IN HERE!

BUT THERE'S MORE TO ME THAN THAT!

WUH—WAS THAT A PUNCH?

Hahaha

THIS WRITHING, FOUL massa OF TIME AND MEANING GETTING IN MY WAY!
I'm sort of out of my depth, so I'm glad you came back.

...CAN YOU SEE THIS?

IT'S ALL HAPPENING IN A HIGHER-UP WORLD TOO.

IN ALL THE DIFFERENT WORLDS THERE ARE, ALL AT THE SAME TIME.

WHAT DID YOU GET YOURSELF INTO THIS TIME, KID?

I HAD TO BRING THE WHOLE TEAM TO MAKE SURE YOU WERE OKAY...
I told you about the Wanderers, right?

Neo Sapiens—Superwarriors from half a dozen worlds.

You're welcome to join us anytime.

Pff. It's hardly the Justice League.

So tell me—Who are these losers?
AKKT!

SNORRRRRRRR: I'LL TAKE THESE CHAINS! THEY BROKE THE HOUND'S SPIRIT!

SNOFF!

A KRYPTON GUARD-DOG?

HE'LL SIMPLY GROW A NEW ONE.

WATCH AS I LEACH THE K-RADIATION FROM HIS SYSTEM, QUILLER.

I'LL WASTE NO MORE TIME THAN PHOTINE!

RRORRE!

I DON'T CARE HOW STRONG YOU THINK YOU ARE, DOCTOR XA-DA!

IT'S YOUR WILL AGAINST MINE.

DO YOUR WORST!
OKAY.

We are all one Superman.

What were you told about killing, Elvith? On Assassin's World?

BLADEMASTER GO-JAN-JI taught that it should be accomplished with utmost joy and a cold-blooded dedication to perfection.

Keep her away from me!

Evolve or die.

I can evolve into a future supermind and...and help you!
No! This isn’t fair!

I don’t really think you can just arrest this man without any trial or—

The next thousand years are at stake. We can do whatever it takes.

...so, I haven’t paid out yet on that life forever stuff I promised, so what?

The accounting is complex.

But you and I were making a deal to get rid of Superman, remember?

Still not dead?

Indestructible cape. Saved me—one more time...

—But people are starting to die—and I won’t allow that—

You felt their pain?

Feel it again.

Feel all at once the fear, the loneliness, the confusion of all creation as I bring this dirty little joke of a universe to its tidy, logical end.

You’re too weak to stop me now!

All... all at once.

That’s it, isn’t it?

For you, this is all happening at once.

You only attack once.

But I’ve had a lifetime to learn about you and your weaknesses, Vandal!
This is your first and only attack. But from my perspective, we've fought before and will again.

And every time—you lose.

You lost against my father on Krypton.

You lost on Mars.

You lost against the Legion.

I'll crush you—

Why do you lose every time? It's simple. You have the power of a god, but you don't understand the basic rules of the trick.

For every action—there is an equal and opposite reaction. For every you—

There's someone like me to fight back. And I don't give up. So maybe you shouldn't have connected me and every living mind...
ENOUGH!

The 5-D entity is tangled in matter.

He's stuck—outmaneuvered—
He had no idea it would feel like flypaper.

Keep up the pressure!

...I... can't... make you say your name backwards...

But 5-D words are like thunder.

If everyone speaks—All of us at once—you'll feel it... We only have to do the impossible once.

Sign... sign here, and let's end this gruesome self-deception once and for all.

When Superman comes begging for your help, just say no!

Reject his ridiculous, impossible demands upon you!
All we have to do is say our names backwards to banish the devil. Together.

Are you with me?

Nebor Yeroc
Rodam Alluj
Sanav Evets
Otisopse Rolyat
Hose Vllohs

Ekalb Mada
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For the future! Long live the Legion!
--BACK TO THE 5TH DIMENSION TO LICK HIS WOUNDS. WE--

AR-AR-ARMOR, SELF-DESTRUCT.
ENGAGE DOOMSDAY MODE.

UH-OH. IT'S NOT OVER YET. CLEAR THE AREA!
YOU...YOU WERE RIGHT THERE IN MY HEAD.

I GUESS.

SUPERMAN.
I KNOW YOU DON'T HAVE THE STRENGTH FOR THIS. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE...

WHEN YOU PUT IT LIKE THAT!
STOP IT!
STOP THIS MADNESS!
ALL GONE WRONG!

DOOMSDAY ENGAGED

IN 10.
LORP VYNPKTVX...  
A KILLEP THE ft v KI?G.'  
A HE KILLEP MV FATHER.  
"no, it was MXVZPTLK, ANP NO ONE ELSE CAN SEE IT! HE TRICKED ALL OF US!"

THE WHOLE THING'S A TRICK WHERE HE ALWAYS WINS IN THE END.

I DON'T DESERVE TO BE TREATED LIKE THIS!  
IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE THE OTHER WAY AROUND!

WHAT'D I TELL YA? SUPERMAN ALWAYS WINS.  
RELAX, PRINCESS.  
YOU'RE SAFE WITH ME.

PRINCESS BECOMES QUEEN.
ALL HAPPY TOGETHER IN THE LONG DAY'S BECOMING, AND BECOMING AND EVER AFTER BECOMING.

UNTIL DAY BECOMES THE QUEEN IN LABOR DYING.

THEY ALL LIVE HAPPILY.
HAPPILY AND HAPPILY IN THE EVERAFTER ALL AROUND!

AND IN THESE ELABORATE INVOLUTIONS DO THE ITERATIVE LIFE CYCLES OF 3-DIMENSIONAL ARCHETYPES PROCEED WITHOUT END OR BEGINNING!

BDJA!

YES, THEY DO!
OH!

...DON'T BE AFRAID OF THE RUMBLE, KAL-EL. IT'S ONLY THE WORLD TURNING BENEATH OUR FEET.

JOR-EL...

...WHAT IS IT, MY LOVE?
AM I STILL HALLUCINATING?

THE 5TH DIMENSION OWES YOU A DEBT OF GRATITUDE, SUPERMAN.

MRS. NYXLY—YOU WERE READ.

SO WE WON?

AND I STILL HAVE ONE WISH.

BUT THE RULES SAY IT HAS TO INVOLVE THE COLOR RED.

HE BROKE YOUR LIFE.

YOU'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU LOST, CLARK.

YOU'LL NEVER HAVE WHAT YOU HAD UNLESS—

I'LL STICK WITH WHAT I HAVE RIGHT NOW, MRS. N.

IF THERE'S A WISH TO GO 'ROUND, I MADE A PROMISE TO A KID AND HIS MOM, AND I ALWAYS KEEP A PROMISE.

DOES A RED PLANET COUNT?

...NO ONE HAS SEEN SUPERMAN SINCE HE SAVED ALL OF OUR LIVES YESTERDAY.
DO I BELIEVE HE'LL RETURN?

DO WE BELIEVE?

BEFORE HE DISAPPEARED, SUPERMAN WROTE SOMETHING ON THIS PIECE OF PAPER.

I HAVE IN MY HAND THE UNIFIED FIELD EQUATION.

THIS ONE THING WILL CHANGE THE WORLD.

SO WE'RE STARVING TO COMPLETE OUR TERRAFORMING PROJECT WITH EARTH'S POPULATION APPROACHING 8 BILLION. IT MAKES SENSE TO EXPAND THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

BUT ASK MY SON, NOAH, ABOUT SUPERMAN...

MARS TERRAFORMING TEAM HAD RECENTLY BEEN SAVED BY MAN OF STEEL

...SURE HE'LL COME BACK, EVEN IF IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.

IN FACT, HE'LL DO IT BECAUSE IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.

HE'S SUPERMAN.

NEVERTHELESS, 24 HOURS AFTER HIS DISAPPEARANCE, FEARS ARE GROWING FOR THE MAN OF STEEL.
...SO I HAD A HUGE ADVENTURE.
AND SUPERMAN LIKED MY IDEA.
I THINK WE ALL HAD AN ADVENTURE, SUSIE.
NOW I NEED AN EQUALLY HUGE LATTE AND A LAPTOP.
SUPERMAN TURNS UP, IT'S A VICTORY PARTY.
JUST DON'T FORGET CLARK!

WHEN WE HAD THAT WHOLE MASS MIND THING GOING ON, FOR A SECOND I WAS SURE I HEARD CLARK'S VOICE.

....AH...I WAS CHASING A STORY—I GOT INTO A BRAWL.

...SURE, THAT'S OKAY, I'M FINE.
SERIOUSLY.
YOU SHOULD SEE THE OTHER GUY.
FASTER THAN A SPEEDING BULLET

DOOMED PLANET

LOOK! UP IN THE SKY!

NEVER-ENDING BATTLE

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TRY AGAIN, DOC

HA-LA-KAL-EL!
MORE POWERFUL THAN THE POUNDING SURF.

YOU'VE GOT ME? WHO'S GOT YOU?!

LONG LIVE THE LEGION!

IT TICKLES!

KNEEL--
There are too many innocents in jeopardy right now! It’s up to me.
--FIGHTS A NEVER-ENDING BATTLE--

--FOR TRUTH--

--JUSTICE--

--AND THE AMERICAN WAY--
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CHANNEL 52

BAD VIBES FROM THE
JUSTICE LEAGUE
OF AMERICA

AN ON-THE-SCENE REPORT FROM ATLANTIS AND MORE... BUT FIRST WE GO TO BREAKING NEWS IN GOTHAM CITY!

THERE BETHANY SNOW AND THIS IS CHANNEL 52!

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MR. FREEZE IS CURRENTLY CAMPING THROUGH GOTHAM CITY.

THE SITUATION ESCALATED QUICKLY WHEN A GROUP OF SUPERPOWERED FEMALES INCLUDING BLACK CANARY AND BATEAR ARRIVED ON THE SCENE TO CONFRONT THE ICE-WIELDING VILLAIN.

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A SPOKESPERSON FOR THE GCPD SAID THAT THEY WERE UNAWARE OF ANY DEMANDS BEING MADE BY FREEZE.

A WITNESS TO THE BEGINNINGS OF THE CONFLICT CLAIMS TO HAVE HEARD MR. FREEZE DIRECTING HIS HOSTILITIES TOWARD "THE COURT" AND "COULS" WHICH MAY BE A REFERENCE TO BATMAN AND THE LEGAL SYSTEM.

WE'LL BRING YOU UPDATES AS THEY COME IN, BUT NOW LET'S GO TO CALENDAR MAN WHO HAS BEEN FOLLOWING A STORY WITH THE NEW JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA.

POOR VICTOR WAS NEVER ONE FOR SUBLTLY, WAS HE?

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HMM? OH, YES... REACTION TO PRESIDENT OBAMA'S INTRODUCTION OF THE JLA HAS BEEN OVERWHELMINGLY POSITIVE... WITH ONE EXCEPTION IN PARTICULAR.

AND NOW AMERICA IS ASKING, "WHO IS VIBE?"

CALENDAR MAN... 52 LIFESTYLES
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It's always tough being the new guy, isn't it, Mr. C? In related news, let's go to our field correspondent A. Bug for a report on the underwater city of Atlantis, which was instrumental in the creation of the new JLA.

It looks like Bug is having some technical difficulties—reporting from the depths of the ocean. We'll go back to him when we get it all sorted out. You're watching Channel 52!