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WH-WHY ... YOU'RE

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IN METROPOLIS CITY HALL, ONE MORNING, A STARTLING SIGHT AROUSES A CLERK IN THE LICENSES OFFICE...

YES, I'VE SERVED MY TERM AND AM GOING TO



YES, HA-HA- I, TOO, AM GOING HONEST! I CAME HERE FROM GOTHAM CITY, MY PARTNER WILL SIGN HIS NAME, TOO ... THE JOKER! TO GET A NEW START!



IT DOESN'T TAKE LONG FOR SENSATIONAL NEWS LIKE THIS TO REACH THE DAILY PLANET.

GREAT CAESAR'S GHOST! OUR CITY HALL REPORTER PHONED THAT LUTHOR AND THE JOKER ARE THERE TOGETHER, RIGHT NOW!

WHEN REPORTERS CLARK KENT AND LOIS LANE REACH THE SCENE ...

WE'VE NOTHING TO HIDE, NOW THAT YOU AND WE'RE GOING STRAIGHT! THIS WOW-THE AFTERNOON, WE'LL DEMONSTRATE THE NEW INVENTION WE'RE GOING HEAR TOKER CLARK? TO MANUFACTURE, OUTSIDE OUR BUSINESS?



THIS I'LL HAVE TO SEE!

BUT AS THE JOKER'S FLASHY CAR, THE JOKERMOBILE, ROLLS AWAY ...

I'M SURE OUR NEW CAREERS WILL INTEREST OUR OLD FRIENDS SUPERMAN AND BATMAN, TOO!

YES -- HA, HA --SURPRISE THEY'RE IN FOR ... HO, HO, HO!



AREN'T YOU ME, CLARKE SORRY, LOIS, I ... ER ... JUST REMEMBERED ANOTHER ASSIGNMENT!









SECRET BAT-CAVE, ONLY TO DISCOVER ..

IT'S SUPERMAN!

HE DRILLED UP

FROM UNDER-

NEATH!

... I'LL PAY HIM A QUICK VISIT, AND LET HIM KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON!

ONLY MOMENTS LATER, IN THE GOTHAM CITY MANSION OF WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, PICK GRAYSON,

BRUCE! SOMETHING'S SOMEONE 1 SHAKING THE WHOLE MAY BE TRY HOUSE -- FROM UNDER-ING TO BREAK NEATH!



THE JOKER AND LUTHOR IN PARTNERSHIP? FAST WAY! THAT'S BAD!

GOTHAM CITY IS QUIET --COME TO



ACK IN METROPOLIE, OUTSIDE THE NEW PARTNER'S FACTORY ... T

SORRY IF I STARTLED

YOU, BUT I DIDN'T

WANT TO CHANCE ANY-

ENTER! I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU ..

ONE SEEING ME



YES ... HA, HA ... THE GREATEST JOKE OF MY ENTIRE JESTING CAREER, THANKS TO YOUR SCIENTIFIC GENIUS, LUTHOR!

NO, NO, MY DEAR FELLOW! IT WAS THROUGH YOUR BRILLIANT SENSE OF HUMOR THAT THIS WHOLE SCHEME WAS CONCOCTED!

GOOD ... I'LL TAKE YOU THERE THE





















GEE -- IT IS ONLY

A MECHANO-

MAN! WE'LL HAVE TO LET

HIM GO!



THAT STUNT WAS STAGED

INTRUSION ! I WAS TEST ..

YET THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING -- FOR AWHILE LATER, AS SUPERMAN TAKES













NOW I'LL HAVE TO DO MY

EXPERIMENT ELSEWHERE
IF YOU'LL ALLOW ME,

LAW-BUT I STILL

THINK THERE'S SOMETHING BIGGER BEHIND
THESE JOKES!















GOOD ... THAT'LL LUTHOR'S INGENIOUS KEEP HER OUT OF INVENTION, AND THE TROUBLE! OF COURSE, JOKER'S WARPED SENSE OF HUMOR, ARE IT WASN'T REALLY HER FAULT ... THE MECHANO-MAKING US ALL LOOK MEN FOOLED US, TOO! A BIT FOOLISH!

THEY MUST BE PULLING THESE TRICKS SO WE WON'T BOTHER THEM ANY MORE ... THEN THEY CAN TRY A

BUT WHAT ARE THEY PLANNING ? IF I COULD SEE INGIDE THEIR FACTORY I MIGHT FIND OUT ... BUT I

QUIET

TOKER ..

WE HAVE A





MAYBE YOU CAN, SUPERMAN ... JUST GOT AN IDEA! THOSE TWO WOULDN'T ALLOW US PAST THE DOOR OF THEIR FACTORY ... BUT WHAT ABOUT WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE? THEY'VE NO REASON TO SUSPECT HIM!



THUS A LITTLE LATER, IN THE FACTORY'S WEIRD OFFICE.

HA. HA... WE'VE MADE SUPERMAN

KNOW THE REAL JOKE ON THEM CALLERS IS YET TO COME ... HA, HA! HA!

AND AS THAT "CALLER" STATES HIS "BUSINESS.

I'M BRUCE WAYNE, A DIRECTOR OF THE WAYNE MINING COMPANY! I READ OF YOUR NEW MECHANO-MEN. AND WOULD LIKE TO HIRE THEM FOR A TOUGH JOB!

WE DON'T PLAN TO RENT THEM OUT UNTIL AFTER TOMORROW'S BIG PUBLIC SHOWING OF THEIR ABILITIES!

ME THE LOCATION! WHEN WE OPEN OUR BUSINESS, TOO BAD ... WHEN A MINING-BARGE SANK OFFSHORE RECENTLY. WE LOST SOME WE'LL HAVE OUR MECHANO MEN VALUABLE INDUSTRIAL DIAMONDS! HUMAN RECOVER THEM FOR DIVERS CAN'T GO YOU!















UT JUST THEN ... EH -- ? ONE OF THE MECHANO-MEN MOVED HIS HEAD. LOOKING AROUND! I GLIMPSED IT AS

BUT I DIDN'T TOUCH THE CONTROLS! HMM. DE AN IMPOSTOR! WE'D BETTER FIND OUT ...



BUT, ONCE ALONE IN THEIR OFFICE ... DON'T

LET ON WE THIS SPECIAL DRILL COULD KNOW IT! I'VE DENT ANY METAL, BUT IT DIDN'T DENT HIM! THAT GOT A SCHEME! MEANS IT'S SUPERMAN.





AND AFTER TESTING THE HUMAN-LIKE MACHINES, ONE BY ONE ... THE OTHER MECHANO-MEN ARE JUST METAL -- AND THIS ONE IS, TOO! OTHERWISE THE MALLET WOULD

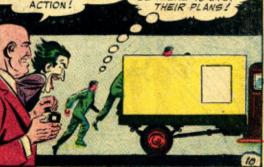
YES, EVEN THIS DRILL DOESN'T MARK HIM! I GUESS I WAS MISTAKEN, AFTER ALL!



TATER ..

NOW'S THE TIME TO TAKE THE MECHANO-MEN AND CARRY OUT OUR PLAN OF

AND BATMAN ROBIN AND I WILL BE THERE TO STOP THEIR PLANS!









WE JUST BOUGHT THAT SAFE FOR OUR OFFICE, AND GOT PERMISSION TO OPEN THE WALL TO GET IT OUT! HERE'S THE PROOF! AND NOW -- HA, HA -- IF YOU'LL LET TWO HONEST BUSINESSMEN ALONE, WE'LL GO BACK AND GET READY FOR OUR

THEY MUST'VE SEEN THROUGH MY DISGUISE, AND SET UP THIS STUNT TO MAKE US LOOK BAD AGAIN! I'M AFRAID OUR PLAN BACKFIRED! AND YOU SAW A NOTHING IN THEIR FACTORY TO INDICATE THEIR REAL PLANS?



WAIT A MINUTE... THE EXTRA
CLOTHES I SAW HANGING.THERE
MAY BE A CLUE TO THEIR PLANS!
IT WOULD TIE IN WITH THIS BIG
MECHANO-MAN SHOW THEY'RE
STAGING!









