

Superman's Downfall

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Imagine that the President of the United States loses his Blackberry? When my father wrote the original Superman on radio back in the 40's, I could imagine the story lines he would have come up with. Superman, disguised as the President of the United States, races into a telephone booth to change outfits. He leaves behind his Blackberry. After all, there is no place to clip it on his tights, he's in a hurry and it would look out of place.

As the President, I'm sorry, Superman . . . leaps tall buildings with a single bound, races faster than a speeding bullet to save Lois Lane and his beloved Metropolis from the evil terrorist Lex Luthor, he suddenly realizes his mistake. Unfortunately, the information on the President's Blackberry has already been compromised by Luthor somehow as he awaits Superman's arrival. Has the "Man of Steel" been brought down by his own technology?

Luthor knows that the keys to World destruction lay within the Blackberry. Could he break the Top Secret enKryption? Kryptonite, which Dad invented, was the only component that would zap Superman's super hero powers. In this case, breaking the encryption would give Luthor, the evil corporate executive, the leverage and power to rule the world. Bring Superman to his knees. Could he find it in time to force Superman to accept his terms on World power.

Lance, Lex's 7 year old son, was intently fumbling with the Blackberry. Superman was racing to his appointed time to face Lex and put an end to this terrible plot. Of course if he did that, there would be no continuing story line. Ah well, Lex's anticipation was beyond his own imagination. What power, what joy to rule the World as he gloated, and then realized he had not yet broken the encryption code to Superman's Blackberry. He looked on his desk and the Blackberry was gone.

Surprised, but casting a devilish grin, Luthor's face panned from the camera down to the floor where his son was playing with Superman's Blackberry. "Ah Ha," his son exclaimed. Looking up at his father in a boyish Luthor grin, he said: "There ain't no stinkin' enKryption on this Blackberry and the password was easy to break." Luthor snatched the Blackberry from his child just as Superman came through the wall. "I've got you now Superman, or is it Mr. President?" said Luthor! Superman stood stunned in the smoke and debris field he had created. "You don't even have enKryption on your Blackberry!" Luthor exclaimed. "Yah know, I could have this information subpoenaed by Congress, or even the courts. Just because it is yours doesn't mean it is not public record. I could have tracked your every move, but I have other things in mind "Man of Steel!"

(Pan in on Superman as he shows an expression of concern . . . eyes wide open.)

Voice over: Will Superman, Mr. President. Get his Blackberry back? Will he stop Lex Luthor from his evil plans to control World power. Will he finally listen to his Chief

Information Security Officer, and use enKryption? And how did Lex Luthor know where to find Superman's Blackberry. Stay tuned to the surprising ending next week when we hear the President say: "I did what with my Blackberry?"

(Cut to commercial.)

In memory of my Dad, George F. Lowther, writer and director of the original Superman radio programs in the 1940's and author of the first Superman Novel: "The Adventures of Superman" written in 1942 and republished 50 years later. Available on Amazon.com Unfortunately, no royalties.