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BOOK & RECORD SET

SUPERMAN

in this **BOOK & RECORD SET**
You **SEE** and **HEAR**
EXCITING SUPER STORIES



THE MXYZPTLK-UP MENACE

ALIEN CREATURES



ON THE WORLD OF ZRFFP IN THE FIFTH DIMENSION IS A CIVILIZATION WITH CERTAIN STRIKING SIMILARITIES TO OUR OWN. FOR EXAMPLE, THEIR LANGUAGE IS VERY CLOSE TO ENGLISH, EXCEPT FOR CERTAIN WORDS THAT HAVE NO VOWEL SOUNDS...

MXYZPTLK- UP MENACE!



IN THIS WORLD LIVES AN IMPISH PRACTICAL-JOKING GENTLEMAN WHOM WE CAN BEGIN TO OVERHEAR AS HE DICTATES HIS RECORDED DIARY. HIS NAME - MR. MXYZPTLK.



...LAST TIME I WENT TO EARTH I MADE EVERYONE IN METROPOLIS SPEAK A DIFFERENT LANGUAGE... THE TIME BEFORE I MADE ALL THE STATUES COME ALIVE AND TAKE OVER THE CITY... THE TIME BEFORE THAT I GAVE EVERYONE IN TOWN MAGICAL POWERS LIKE MINE AND SUPERMAN WENT BONKERS TRYING TO KEEP THE WHOLE COAST FROM BLOWING OFF.



BUT EVERYTIME I SHOWED UP, OLD MUSCLEBRAINS MANAGED TO TRICK ME INTO SAYING MY NAME BACKWARDS AND MAGICALLY SENDING MYSELF HOME TO THE FIFTH DIMENSION. HAH! THOSE EARTH RUBIES CAN BARELY SAY **MXYZPTLK** FORWARD. LET ALONE... HEY! THERE'S AN IDEA!



THOSE LUNKHEADS! WORDS ARE ALL PEPPERED WITH W'WELLS. A'S AND E'S ALL OVER THE PLACE. I'S, O'S, U'S IN NEARLY EVERY WORD THEY'VE GOT. WHAT IF THEY COULDN'T MAKE THOSE SOUNDS ANYMORE, HEY?

WOW!! I'M OFF!



MEANWHILE, SEVERAL DIMENSIONS AWAY IN METROPOLIS' FABULOUS GALAXY COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING...

IT'D JUST LIKE TO SEE WHAT YOU'D DO TO GET OUT OF THIS ONE, CLARK KENT WE WERE BOTH SITTING IN THAT HELICOPTER YESTERDAY WHEN ALL OF A SUDDEN SUPERMAN SWOOPED DOWN FROM THE SKY TO SAVE THE LITTLE GIRL FALLING FROM THE BUILDING. I TURNED TO SEE IF YOU GOT A PICTURE OF IT AND...



... AND LO AND BEHOLD I'M NOT IN MY SEAT, RIGHT, LOIS?

OH, NONSENCE, LOIS, THERE'S A PERFECTLY REASONABLE EXPLANATION.

AND YOU KNOW WHAT I THINK THAT MEANS.

HOW LONG DO YOU NEED TO DREAM IT UP THIS TIME, NO, I'VE GOT YOU DEAD TO RIGHTS AND...EEP! CLARK! OUT THE WINDOW!



... THT PLNS BT T CRSH. WH? CLRK, WHT'S WRNG WTH M?

XCS M, LHS HY... WHY C'NT TLK STRGHT?

I MEANT TO TELL CLARK THAT PLANE'S ABOUT TO CRASH. WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME? WHY DO I SOUND FUNNY?



HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON? I MEANT TO SAY "WHY CAN'T I TALK STRAIGHT..."



FOR AT THE VERY MOMENT AN OUT-OF-CONTROL PLANE THREATENS TO MAKE MIDTOWN METROPOLIS ITS LANDING STRIP, THE PAIR OF REPORTERS FIND THAT THEIR SPEECH HAS BEEN IMPAIRED.



NONE-THE-LESS, CLARK KENT DARTS DOWN THE HALL TO A STOREROOM...

NO TIME TO TRADE QUIPS WITH LOIS ABOUT BEING TONGUE-TIED TOGETHER! THIS IS A JOB...



...FOR SUPERMAN

UP AND AWAY FLIES THE MAN OF STEEL TO CATCH THE TUMBLING PLANE ON HIS HARDER THAN STEEL SHOULDERS WITHOUT A WINCE...

...AND THE CITY WATCHING FROM BELOW BREATHES A MUTE SIGH OF RELIEF AS SLOWLY...GRADUALLY...THE PLANE IS SET ON IT'S OWN COURSE WITHOUT DAMAGE.



THAT PLOT GOT DISORIENTATED WHEN INSTRUCTIONS OVER HIS RADIO CAME IN WITH NO VOWELS. HE LOST CONTROL. WHAT CAN I SAY? WHAT WORDS HAVE NO VOWELS?

THE CITY IS MUTE BECAUSE NO ONE...NO ONE AT ALL CAN UTTER THE SOUND OF A VOWEL.







...AND THE WOULD-BE ROBBER IS
MOMENTARILY RENDERED HARMLESS
TO EVERYONE ELSE AS WELL.



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THR Y R FGRD SMTHNG T.

SUPERMAN SAYS HE FIGURED SOMETHING OUT-RIGHT HERE IN THIS BANK. WILL WONDER'S NEVER CEASE?



THR'S N SNTNC CN SY WHTH VWLS.



I TOLD THE IMP THERE'S ONE SENTENCE I CAN SAY WITHOUT VOWELS, AND HE'S CURIOUS. I'LL WRITE IT DOWN FOR HIM...



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TAPOZ
YEXOME!

THAT'S LOADED WITH VOWELS. SUPER'S GONE CRACKERS AND I'LL PROVE IT BY SHOWING HIM HOW THIS VOWEL-LESS WONDER SOUNDS WHEN I PRONOUNCE IT WITHOUT THE VOWELS!



KL TRZ YXM. HEY!

THAT'S MY NAME SPELLED BACKWARDS. MY MAGIC'S GONE...AND I'M GOING TOO...



