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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

Thousands of DC readers have avidly followed the spectacular duels between SUPERMAN and his greatest foe, the nefarious scientist, BRAINIAC. Their exciting clashes have taken place deep below the ocean and in distant galaxies. But whether the battleground has been Atlantis or Arcturus, each time BRAINIAC has proved himself an opponent worthy of the Man of Steel's mettle!

And now let us go behind the scenes and unveil a remarkable coincidence. The fictional character, "Brainiac," was created for us by Otto Binder, a famous science fiction writer who is currently the editor of "Space World," a magazine for rocket experts. (Otto also created "Bizarro" and wrote the great Superman novel, "Krypton Lives On.")

Shortly after the first "Brainiac" story appeared in ACTION COMICS, in 1956, we learned that a REAL "Brainiac" existed . . . in the form of an ingenious "Brainiac Computer Kit" invented in 1955 by Edmund C. Berkeley. Mr. Berkeley is a distinguished scientist and a world authority on automation, computers and robots.

In deference to his "Brainiac," which pre-dates ours, with this issue of SUPERMAN we are changing the characterization of our "Brainiac" so that the master-villain will henceforth possess a "computer personality." We are confident that our readers will approve of this transformation; it should make "Brainiac" a mightier adversary for the Man of Steel.

Readers will be interested to learn that they can build their own "Brainiac" by purchasing one of Mr. Berkeley's computer kits and assembling the parts. Thousands of youngsters, as well as adults, have bought these kits and, by following the simple directions, have been able to construct home-made computers which can solve interesting problems of all kinds. "Brainiac" kits cost less than \$20.00 and make an ideal educational hobby. For more information, write for free literature to: Berkeley Enterprises, Inc., 815 Washington Street, Newtonville 60, Mass.

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Dear Editor: I think that the story, "The Sweetheart Superman Forgot," in No. 165, was the most heart-warming story since SUPERMAN met Lyla Lerrol on Krypton. The heroine, Sally Selwyn, reminded me of Lyla because she also loved Superman for himself, without his powers. I certainly hope that Clark (Jim) will meet Sally again.

Jeffrey Breeh, Bronx, N.Y.

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Dear Editor: Please make a comeback for Sally. She is so sweet and sincere and has many good qualities which Lois Lane and Lana Lang both

lack. I cast my ballot to make Sally a permanent member of the "Superman family."

Kerry Kammer, Detroit, Mich.

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Dear Editor: You've got another winner in "The Sweetheart Superman Forgot." I note that you used a switch by putting the double-L in the middle of SaLLy's name. This story deserves a sequel, but I hope you won't carry it too far. Lori the mermaid was only good for two stories before she became just another supporting character.

E. Nelson Bridwell, Oklahoma City, Okla.

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Dear Editor: Superman's slipping! On the last page of the story, "The Sweetheart That Superman Forgot," Clark Kent says: "I wonder how it would feel to be really loved for myself?! I guess I'll never know." What about Lyla Lerrol, the glamorous Kryptonian movie star who fell in love with an extra in one of her pictures, Kal-El by name? Tsk! Tsk! However, I forgive all of you, IF you promise to bring Sally Selwyn back again.

Kay Bungard, Memphis, Tenn.

(We guess Lyla Lerrol was the original "sweetheart Superman forgot." Praise for this story of Sally Selwyn's hopeless love for Clark Kent was unanimous. Incidentally, it was written by Jerry Siegel, who also authored the popular Lyla Lerrol novel. Jerry, who seems to be winning all the Oscars in the romance department, promises us an early sequel which will see Clark and Sally reunited.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I liked the story, "Beauty and the Super-Beast," but at the end of the story Superman explains that he was able to look like a lion because Protly II had put his protoplasmic body around his face and simulated the face of a lion. But if Protly II achieved this neat bit of camouflage with Superman's head, how did both of Superman's hands change into lion's paws?

Bestor Cooper, Winchester, Va.

(Protly II's body is similar to an amoeba's. Therefore, he possesses the power to subdivide himself into multiple parts, just as the simplest form of amoeba life can do. In this case, Protly split himself into three parts . . . one for the lion's head, the other two to assume the shape of the lion's paws. Naturally, when this masquerade was over, all of Protly's three parts merged together into their one original form.—Ed.)