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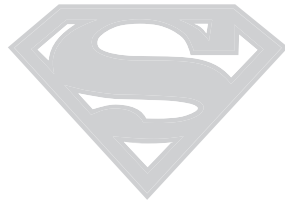
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Foreword

by **Superman**

If you knew me when I was a kid, you would never have called me “super.” I grew up in a little farming town that most people have never heard of. I definitely wasn’t stronger or better at sports than most kids my age. But for as long as I can remember, I always wanted to help people.

Some people I saw, like firefighters or police officers, took a hands-on approach—they stopped crimes and rescued families. Others helped in different ways, reporting on important events or inventing new devices. While I tried to figure out what I wanted to do with my life, my parents always

encouraged me. They never told me that something couldn't be done, and if I failed they urged me to try again. I had no doubt that I would help people—but I was shocked when I learned *how*!

I started to develop superpowers as I grew up. Powers like incredible strength, unbreakable skin, heat beams that shot from my eyes, and even flight! It scared me at first, but then I discovered that I had been born on another planet. My abilities were normal (well, normal for a Kryptonian living on the planet Earth), and they didn't make my adoptive parents love me any less.

I knew then that I couldn't waste these gifts. I started using my powers to help others, and became the world's most famous Super Hero.

But that didn't stop me from improving my other skills as Clark Kent. I studied hard, and I got a job at a newspaper in Metropolis. As a reporter for the *Daily Planet*, I could reveal the truth about what corrupt and powerful people were *really* doing.

I became good friends with my coworkers. People like Jimmy Olsen and Lois Lane showed me that everyone can make a difference for the better.

I am happy that I've been an inspiration to other Super Heroes, and I am proud to join them in the fight against injustice. If danger threatens the innocent, I will be there.