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BATMAN vs SUPERMAN

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What doesn't make sense? That I kick your butt every time we play.

SUPERMAN

No. I mean yes. I mean no.

BATMAN

So is that a yes or a no?

SUPERMAN

Its a I don't get it. How could Batman ever beat Superman at anything? He's not even really SUPER at all.

BATMAN

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SUPERMAN

Look BATMAN. I'm just saying that your powers are pretty weak compared to mine.

BATMAN

Weak?

BATMAN points to the video game.

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BATMAN (CONT'D)

You haven't beaten me once today.

SUPERMAN

Right but that's my point. This game is weak. How can you ever beat me for real. I mean, with what? Your retractable Bat hook? Or your fancy Bat mobile? Or wait, maybe with...

BATMAN

So what because you have super strength and ex-ray vision, that all of a sudden makes you a better super hero?

SUPERMAN

Well. Yeah. It does. I mean my name is SUPER MAN after all. BATMAN doesn't even have the word Super in it. So how can you be a Superhero.

BATMAN

Well that depends on how you define super then doesn't it? What if I said it takes a lot more to being a hero than just alien powers. Which by the way, is kind of like cheating, because your not even human.

SUPERMAN

Meaning?

BATMAN

Unfair advantage. Maybe on Krypton I would have powers even greater than yours. And you, would just be a weakling like the humans you pretend to be better than on earth.

SUPERMAN

Pretend. I am not pretending here. I'm Superman.

BATMAN

Yeah. OK, big guy. That's not what the score says.

Superman drops his video game controller.

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SUPERMAN

I don't care about some silly game. In for real world, SUPERMAN, kicks BATMAN'S but every time.

BATMAN

Not so sure about that.

SUPERMAN

Oh yeah watch.

SUPERMAN, rises from his chair, standing in front of BATMAN, with his famous pose. Hands on his hips, chest pushed out as though showing how strong he is.

BATMAN

Am I supposed to be afraid of that? Aren't you forgetting one tiny detail about superman.

BATMAN rises to meet SUPERMAN'S challenge.

SUPERMAN

What's that?

BATMAN

How I was always able to defeat you?

SUPERMAN

Because you cheated.

BATMAN

That's right SUPERMAN. Because I'm not BATMAN at all.

He spins around as if changing his persona. Pulls a green rock from his pocket.

BATMAN (CONT'D)

I'm Lex Luther. And this little green rock isn't just a green rock its...

Superman immediately know's what it is. He begins to get weak in the knees.

SUPERMAN

Its...Its...

LEX/BATMAN

That's right my friend.
Kryptonite.

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SUPERMAN

(weakly)

But...How.

LEX/BATMAN

Never ask a villain how? You of all people should know that by now.

SUPERMAN looks up from his knees. He is showing signs of returning to full strength.

SUPERMAN

And you should also know by now, that I'm not SUPERMAN. I'm really BATMAN in disguise. Kryptonite has no effect on me LEX.

LEX/BATMAN

Ah...That's no fair. You cheated.

SUPERMAN

Nah ah. You did you first.

SUPERMAN quickly grabs the video game controller. Pushes a few buttons in rapid motion finally defeating BATMAN on the screen.

LEX/BATMAN

Hey, No fair.

SUPERMAN

Hah hah... Victory at last!!!

BATMAN

(smiling)

Yeah. But you had to pretend to be BATMAN to win. Told you I was the better SUPER HERO.

SUPERMAN

Best 4 out of 5 Bruce?

BATMAN

Your on Clark.

The boys return to their game.