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3. The original names of Superman’s parents were Mary and Joseph.

4. Did you ever notice the similarity between Lex Luthor and Lucifer.
5. Superman cannot be in the presence of Kryptonite, the Holy Nature of God turns away from sin.

II. Reality is Better than Fiction

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