



Kryptocurrency

Superbman Faces his Greatest Threat!

Walter Bradington, the wealthy investment banker, places a call to Lois Lake, telling her that his daughter, Christina, has been kidnapped. The kidnappers have demanded \$5,000,000 for her release.



It's common knowledge that Lois Lake knows Superbman personally, and so Walter asks Lois to contact the Man of Titanium and ask him to rescue their little girl.



The Bradingtons are not planning to call the police. For one thing, the kidnappers threatened to kill the 12-year-old girl if they do.

Also, the Megalopolis Police Department is now much smaller than it used to be

. . . Since the citizens have demanded that the police be defunded.

It's no surprise that the people of Megalopolis depend on Superbman now more than ever before.



Using his super hearing and x-ray vision, it doesn't take long for the Man of Titanium to locate Christina.

Superbman is just about to break through a wall to rescue the girl, when he discovers that he cannot.

He uses the door instead. As he enters, Superbman immediately becomes much weaker.

This can only be one thing - kryptonite!

How could the kidnapers get their hands on the only thing in the universe that can hurt Superbman?!



Kryptonite...blinding me! Who is that?!



The kidnapers have 'kryptocurrency' in their pockets. Coins, minted out of kryptonite, received in payment from previous kidnappings and other criminal activities.

The kryptocurrency that the kidnapers have on them temporarily blinds Superbman and keeps him from getting close!

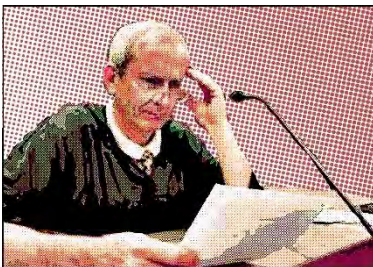
The kidnapers have also demanded the ransom be paid in kryptocurrency, knowing full well that it will render Superbman powerless!

It seems the Bradington family has lost their only hope of a rescue. They have no choice now but to pay the ransom and hope that the kidnapers keep their word.



Kidnapping is often not very dangerous for the perpetrators. The victim is unarmed and unaware, and often a child. Until now, the most dangerous part for the kidnapper was collecting the ransom. By accepting only kryptocurrency, kidnapers can now collect ransoms with almost no chance of getting caught.

Kryptonite-based currency is a *game changer* for kidnapers.



Kryptocurrency is completely legal. No one had ever thought to make it illegal because until recently, kryptonite did not even exist on earth.

Once it made its debut, kryptocurrency became very popular and the people of Megalopolis started using it before lawmakers even figured out what it was.

One might ask how kryptonite even exists here on earth. Doesn't it come from planet Krypton?

It turns out that an anonymous genius with questionable scruples realized that many people in the world wanted to buy and sell contraband, contract illegal services, and do pretty much whatever they want, without the risk of running into Superman.

To that end, this anonymous person found a way to synthesize kryptonite in the laboratory.



Next, they minted coins from the kryptonite, creating the aptly named *kryptocurrency*, a new type of money. This new money worked just like existing money, but it did something more. **It took power away from Superman and gave it to criminals.** Superman cannot fight crime in the presence of kryptonite, and now criminals have the ability to commit a wide variety of crimes with impunity. Criminals are finally free from Superman.

As with stocks, futures, and precious metals, the value of kryptocurrency fluctuates, and that makes it useful as an investment. Megalopolis already had a multitude of investment opportunities, many of which are arguably more sound than kryptocurrency. Because it is money, it may be used like any other money, but Megalopolis already had a multitude of payment methods.

Kryptocurrency differentiates itself from these other financial tools because it protects those who commit crime. If kryptocurrency were to disappear, the only people who would miss it would be those who fear Superman. Other than keeping Superman at bay, kryptocurrency offers absolutely nothing new or unique.



Illegal weapons, suppressors, poisons, and drugs, are now being freely bought and sold online, thanks to a combination of IP address concealing technology and untraceable money.

Several contract killings have even been funded using kryptocurrency. Kryptocurrency ownership does not make someone a criminal, but merely gives them the power to safely commit a variety of crimes, should they decide to.

In an unrelated story, a crime wave has overcome Megalopolis. Ransom related crimes such as cyber-attacks and kidnappings have increased tremendously. Recently, citizens were unable to buy gasoline for several days because a pipeline was shut down. Criminals were able to hold the computer system hostage until a ransom was paid in - you guessed it - cryptocurrency.

This type of attack has become commonplace. The computers of many Megalopolis businesses and individuals have been disabled, and many ransoms paid to criminals. There have even been kidnappings of people and pets, with demands of payment in cryptocurrency.



By eliminating the intervention of Superman, Megalopolis has become a safe haven for outlaws. Unless something is done, the future of Megalopolis looks bleak.



The production of kryptonite also puts planet Earth at risk because cryptocurrency is continuously being manufactured, consuming an estimated 150 terawatt-hours of electricity annually, most of which still comes from fossil fuels.

If cryptocurrency production was a nation, then it would be the 27th largest consumer of electricity, consuming more power than any single one of about 191 nations. This at a time when virtually every scientist in the world is concerned about carbon dioxide production and its relation to global warming. Thus, the people of Megalopolis watch as planet Earth heats up, the glaciers melt, and the oceans rise.



This is not the creation of food, clothing, shelter, medicine, or consumer goods. Just more cryptocurrency.

<p>Kryptocurrency Pros:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• useful as currency• useful as a speculative investment	<p>Kryptocurrency Cons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• endangers the public• diminishes productivity• increases greenhouse gases
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I'm sorry to tell you that Christina's parents paid the ransom and pleaded with the kidnappers not to harm their little girl, but they executed her anyway. Too bad that this is not a comic book.

After a period of mourning, the Bradingtons became outspoken activists against cryptocurrency. It's a shame that it took something horrible for them to recognize the danger.



What people say really doesn't matter to Christina or the Bradington family, but one could argue that cryptocurrency should be illegal.

One might also say that because it jeopardizes public safety in general, everyone who ever invested in cryptocurrency is partly responsible for what happened.

You see, in Megalopolis, anyone caught in possession of child pornography gets charged with a crime, even if they have not directly contributed to the exploitation of any minor. It is understood that any use of child pornography contributes to the exploitation *all of the victims in general*. Some say the same principle applies.

Of course, cryptocurrency is legal while child pornography is not. Walter Bradington points out that there was a time when slavery was also legal in Megalopolis.

The people who opposed slavery called themselves *abolitionists*, while slave owners called themselves by a name that has long since been forgotten: **democratic**.

Walter is quick to point out that just because something is legal doesn't make it right.



Fortunately for the people of Megalopolis, there is cash, and also credit and debit cards, PayPal, Zelle, Apple Pay, Google Pay, Stripe, Venmo, Square, Authorize.net, 2Checkout, Braintree, Clover, PayJunction, Elavon, KIS Payments, Adyen, Payline, Worldpay from FIS Global, or Cybersource, plus a multitude of other payment methods.

There are also countless ways to invest money in the hopes of earning a profit.