

SUPERBOY

THE TEEN OF STEEL

FIRST APPEARANCE ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #500 (June 1993)

STATUS Hero REAL NAMES Kon-El; Conner Kent

OCCUPATION Student, adventurer BASE Smallville; San Francisco

HEIGHT 5ft 7in WEIGHT 150 lbs EYES Blue HAIR Black

SPECIAL POWERS/ABILITIES Superboy has "tactile telekinesis" which mimics superstrength and flight and other Kryptonian abilities; can disassemble objects by touching them.

A CLONE OF SUPERMAN created by the Cadmus Project, the world's most advanced genetic research facility, Superboy is a custom-made copy of the Man of Steel. In fact, Superboy was one of many such clones engineered by Cadmus for the purpose of replacing Superman, using DNA samples taken from the Kryptonian champion after his battle with DOOMSDAY. Superboy, however, was the only clone to survive.



CLONED Created with Super DNA, Kon-El was gestated inside a laboratory!



TEST-TUBE HERO Superboy emerges from his cloning tube at Project Cadmus, the spitting image of Superman at 16!

CREATING A SUPER HERO

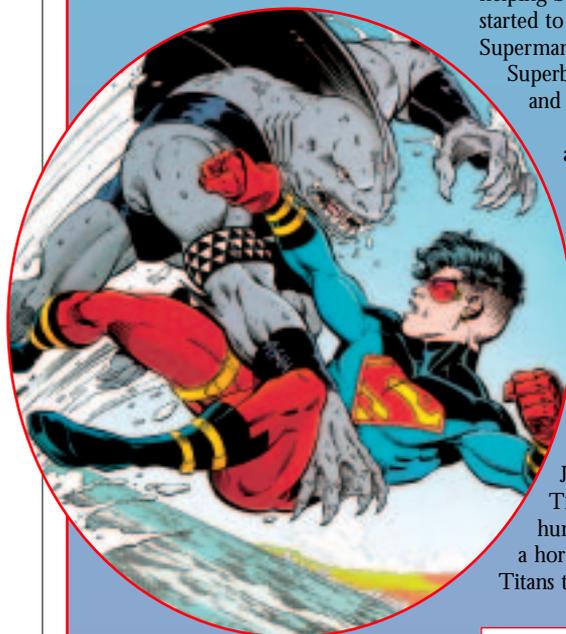
The Cadmus scientists stabilized Superboy's gene code by grafting Superman's alien DNA on to a human DNA strand. The clone was then transformed through a rapid-aging process, becoming a 16-year-old boy in weeks.

The teenage duplicate was rescued from his confines at Cadmus by the NEWSBOY LEGION, who had learned that Superboy's "creator," the unscrupulous Doctor Paul Westfield, had planned to use the young clone's power for his own ends. Altering his costume, the headstrong Superboy then revealed himself to the world. Superboy soon became a close ally of Superman, but moved to Hawaii, hoping the distance from Metropolis might better help him attain an identity separate from his genetic "father." There he began dating Tana Moon, a journalist who moved to Hawaii after helping Superboy make a splash at television station W.G.B.S. as the "Metropolis Kid." After his body started to deteriorate from a clone plague, Superboy's DNA became "frozen" at his 16-year old age. Superman gave the young clone the Kryptonian name "Kon-El". Soon after,

Superboy had a brief affair with KNOCKOUT; Tana Moon broke up with him and moved away.

Superboy returned to Metropolis as Project Cadmus' special agent and also helped found YOUNG JUSTICE. Superboy was then kidnapped by the Agenda, a clandestine organization of cloners, and was replaced for months by an evil duplicate named Match. Superboy eventually escaped the Agenda, but not before, Tana Moon was killed by the Agenda's leader Amanda Spence, Paul Westfield's cyborg daughter.

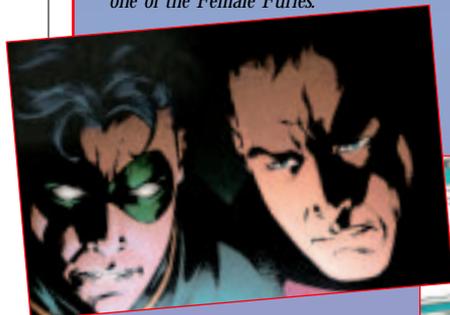
Superboy was then adopted by Superman's parents, Jonathan and Martha Kent (see KENTS, THE), and enrolled in Smallville High School as Conner Kent, Clark Kent's young cousin. After Young Justice's dissolution, Superboy joined the TEEN TITANS. He then learned that his human strand of DNA is Lex Luthor's, a horrifying secret he has only shared with Titans teammate ROBIN. PJ



BOY OF STEEL Superboy lived in Honolulu for some time, finding enemies in the Scavenger, King Shark (above), and Black Zero, and both friend and foe in Knockout, one of the Female Furies.

KEY STORYLINES

- ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #500 (JUNE 1993): Superboy and three others begin the Reign of the Supermen after Doomsday nearly killed the Man of Steel!
- SUPERBOY (3RD SERIES) #74 (MARCH 2000): Tana Moon, Superboy's girlfriend, dies at the hands of the villainous Agenda!
- TEEN TITANS (3RD SERIES) #1 (AUGUST 2003): After joining the latest incarnation of the Teen Titans, Superboy discovers that he shares Lex Luthor's DNA!



SUPER SECRET Robin helped Superboy deduce the secret from the young clone's past—the source of his human DNA—a secret the Boy Wonder is sworn to conceal.

