

## RED WITH EMBARRASSMENT

Superman, alias Clark Kent, decided to re-locate from Metropolis, USA, to find a better life, away from his rivalry with Batman. For many people there were issues which related to flying during the pandemic, but not for Superman. He flew across the Atlantic 'under his own steam'. The only issue had been his luggage, and anyone observing him flying across the ocean in his Superman costume that day, might have observed that his familiar red pants displayed bulges in the most unexpected places.

Landing in Watford, Clark was ready to begin in his new post as sports writer for the Watford Observer. He attended his first game to witness Watford's delirious fans chanting for Harry the Hornet. Clark could not understand the adoration for a flying insect that could not even fly.

But Superman was not jealous of Harry. His envy related to Batman who, like Harry, had no super powers at all and, in the opinion of Superman, displayed an inflated ego and a sidekick who was better suited to an episode of 'Only Fools and Horses'.

Following the match, Clark returned to his office at The Watford Observer, determined to impress his audience with his first 'soccer' article. No sooner had Clark started work, than he saw a shining 'S' which had been projected into the skies.

Superman was needed!

Many, who were not familiar with the niceties of being a super-hero, assume that the greatest difficulties that they face relate to their battles with evil enemies, many coming from other planets.

But this is not the case. The greatest difficulty for super-heroes precedes such battles, involving changing from everyday clothing into a superhero costume, out of sight of others. Clark took himself off to the bathroom, or 'the loo', as he was learning to call it, before struggling to get through the small window, which had not been designed to release such a muscular man from such a potentially odorous environment. Unfortunately, as this was the first time that Superman had performed such an act in that toilet, he managed to snag his red pants on the window latch.

He followed the sign in the sky to land at the crime scene, a high street bank in Watford. Bursting through the doors, Superman heard a familiar voice.

'You've made it Superman. But not before I completed the job!'

Superman was shocked to see his old rival, Batman, who was displaying a very superior smile.

'You thought you could escape me by moving across the pond. Well, I beat you to it. I've moved from Gotham City to Luton. The would-be bank-robbers have been taken care of. And, by the way, I took a shot of you in your ripped red pants, flying in. I shall be sending it to the Watford Observer tomorrow. It should end a few myths about your invincibility!'

At that moment, Clark Kent understood that his plans to become Watford's new super-hero were doomed.

Perhaps he should leave that honour to Anthony Joshua.