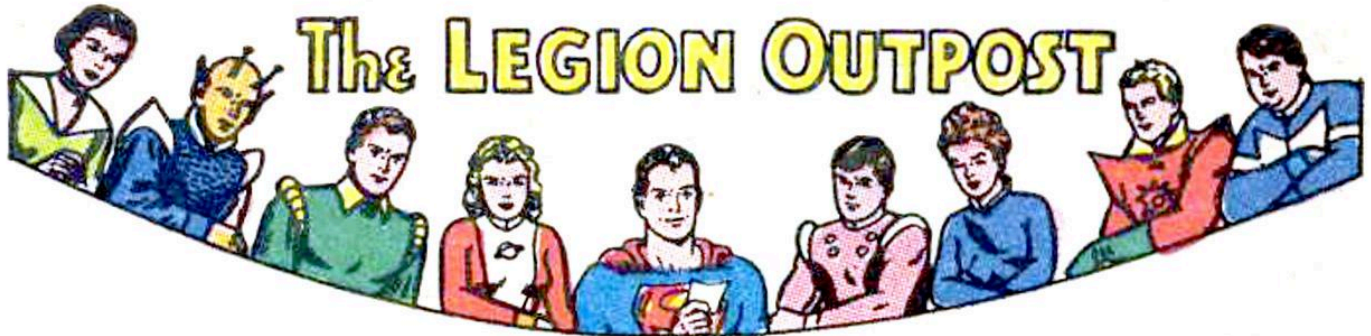


# Legion Letter Columns (part 3): “The Legion Outpost” of *Adventure Comics* (1967–1969)



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## Adventure Comics #363 (December 1967)

Dear Editor: I have a kitten named Streaky who likes to help me read ADVENTURE comics that feature the **Legion of Super-Pets** — especially Streaky the Supercat. He pays no attention to Krypto, Beppo and Comet. If you can feature Streaky with the Super-Pets in an ADVENTURE adventure, my cat would love it. —Charles Dorsey, Jr., Walnut Creek, Calif.

*(You and your cat will be happy to learn that. Streaky and his super-pet pals will be featured in our very next issue. —Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I have read your great ADVENTURE mags for about two years now, but when Karate Kid mentioned the **Espionage Squad**, I was thoroughly confused. What is the Espionage Squad? Who's in it? What is its purpose? Is Chameleon Boy its chief? — Don Finch, Los Angeles. Calif.

*(The Espionage Squad is the spy arm of the Legion, and Chameleon Boy is the leader, because of his ability to imitate anything or anybody. Other permanent members of the squad are Invisible Kid, Shrinking Violet, Phantom Girl, and Duo Damsel. But any other Legionnaire may be recruited for a special job. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I spotted a boo-boo in No. 360. On page 11 and 12 you show Cosmic Boy, Sun Boy, Lightning Lad and Duo Damsel in prison in their action costumes. But they were wearing civilian clothes when they were captured. — Russ Waegelin, Twin Falls, Idaho.

*(All right — we made a goof in that issue. But isn't this costume-ary with us? — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: You made the worst mistake in your history when you made **Rond Vidar** an honorary member of the Legion. He has no super-powers. His helping the Legion the first time was what any red-blooded kid would do. And dumping the antidote in the reservoir and pouring the water on the guards was nothing at all! — Mary Ann Flynn, Pittsfield, Mass.

*(Would you have aided the Legion if it meant defying your own father? Could you have invented the time-cube, which can send persons or objects into the past and bring them back? Besides, an honorary Legionnaire isn't required to have super-powers. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I don't want to seem prejudiced or anything, but **where are the Negroes in the 30th century?** Surely there must be some of the race around. Certainly they are not represented in the Legion, for only two of the members have non-white faces. The rest are Caucasians. Please do something about this. — Charles Davis, Shaker Heights, Ohio

*(Keep watching this mag. We guarantee our new Legionnaire will surprise you. Meanwhile, catch the February-March issue of UNEXPECTED for a new and different Negro hero in the debut of The Secret Six. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I have a club. It is not very big; there are two members besides myself — Element Lad and Cosmic Boy. I, Mon-El, am the leader. But C.B. and E.L. won't obey me. What should I do? — "Mon-El," New York. N.Y.

*(Of course they don't obey you! Any Legion fan knows the current leader is Invisible Kid, not Mon-E! — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: In our own century it is a common practice to have celebrities, such as sports figures and movie stars, endorse products. With this in mind, it is not too difficult to imagine what our 30th-century descendants might see when they switch on their 3-D TV sets: Brainiac 5 making a pitch for Green Stamps; Duo Damsel singing "Double your pleasure," Invisible Kid selling vanishing cream; Light Lass telling how sleeping on a certain mattress is like floating on air; Matter-Eater Lad endorsing Alka-Seltzer; Shrinking Violet urging viewers to get a low-calorie reducing food; Sun Boy saying his bit for a sun-tan lotion; a pitch for a certain basketball by Bouncing Boy; Dream Girl singing a sleeping medicine jingle; Colossal Boy telling folks to tall up with that brand of corn flakes; and the whole Legion reminding football fans to watch the Super Bowl. — Charles Christesson, Jr., Rio Grande City, Tex.

*(How about getting the Substitute Heroes into the act, too? Polar Boy and Chlorophyll Kid could endorse frozen vegetables; Fire Lad, breathing flames, could tell what to do for bad breath; Color Kid could tell about a hair dye; and Stone Boy could advise viewers that a certain insurance company is as strong and reliable as the Rock of Gibraltar. — Ed.)*

## Adventure Comics #364

Dear Editor: In ADVENTURE No. 360, you have Superboy slugging a guard with his fist. I've always thought that if he did this, he would kill his opponent. How about it? — Ron Kleveland, Vancouver, Wash.

*(If he put all his power behind the punch, he sure would. That's why the Boy of Steel always pulls his punches, or simply taps his opponents. But to see what would happen if he did slug someone a little too hard, get the current issue of ACTION, featuring "Superman — Guilty of Homicide!" — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: After reading of your extraordinary "mutant," **Ferro Lad**, I decided I should set you straight on mutants. In order to call anything a mutant, you must have several generations (at least three) with the same mutation, because MUTANTS BREED TRUE. Since Ferro Lad died, it could never be proven that he would breed true, so he must not be called a mutant, but a freak. — Mike Adler, Massapequa Park, N.Y.

*(Obviously you are unaware that the 30th century knowledge of genetics is so great that a true mutant can be discovered by simple medical tests. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: **Karate Kid** is just terrific. I guess I'm prejudiced because I'm learning the art. But I do have two complaints about K Kid: (1) He always seems to use a chop, hitting with the side of the hand. Why don't you show him using a fist or fingers more? (2) You should have him in an official suit (takido) instead of the one he wears now. He ties his belt wrong, too. All in all, he's great, though. — Richard E. Gilbert, Pasadena, Calif.

*(We've tried to get some different action on K Kid's part in past issues, and we'll keep it up. His outfit was specially created, and differs from that of other karate experts because K Kid is the first super-karate champ. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: In the Legion Constitution, it says a new leader must be elected every year. In ADVENTURE No. 323, Saturn Girl was elected. 14 months later, in No. 332, Brainiac 5 was put in command. Again, just 11 months after this, Invisible Kid took over the position of honor. The time is coming when a new leader should be elected. This time, before saying who the new top man (or girl) will be, why not hold an election in which the readers can vote, too? This wouldn't be like the popularity contest you held a couple of years back, for it would be based on ability, not mere popularity. Superboy and Supergirl should be excluded, because they live in the 20th century and couldn't devote their full time to the post. The former leader (including Cosmic Boy, the first leader) should be left out of the running, too. — Tredgar Waller, Rosemount, Minn.

*(How about it, fans? Who would you like to see holding the Legion's reins? Phantom Girl? Ultra Boy? Lightning Lad? Duo Damsel? You tell us and we'll announce the results in this department. Make sure all votes are postmarked before Dec. 26 — the date the next issue of ADVENTURE hits the stands. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: How about an Imaginary Story in which Mon-El and Superman both marry? One has a daughter and the other a son. They marry and have a son with double super-strength — but also with a double weakness — Kryptonite and lead. Since only lead can

shield the deadly Green K rays, and only Kryptonite can protect him from lead, how could he escape a death-trap? — Paul Alley, Kansas City, Kan.

*(That's a death trap idea that would even tax Batman's getaway genius. But we'll bet the super-grandson would find a way out. In fact, we might just use your idea and prove it can be done. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I am an English Rocker — opposite to the Mods. I do a flip for the Legion. But could Brainiac 5 find a way of getting **Validus**, of the Fatal Five, back to Earth, curing his mad fits and getting him into the Legion? (All you bu'ly Colonist DC fans write up to agree on this point, pleez — the Ed's got a soft heart.) Finally, could you explain why Duo Damsel stays in the Legion? Her power's not very good if it only stretches to duplicating herself. Can she do anything else, or have I marked? T'ra, you bu'ly Colonist people. — Nick Sharkey, Leicester, England.

*(It strikes us, Nick, that anybody who can be in two places at the same time has a pretty good thing going. DD doesn't need another power. As for Validus. he'll be back — very soon! — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: My friends and I have formed a Mystic Club, and I tell you that "The Ghost of Ferro Lad" was excellent and true to the supernatural. If anyone knocks it, refer them to "True Tales of the Supernatural," found in any library. As leader of the A.R.M.S. (Arts and Rites of Magic and the Supernatural), I request that you put more ghosts in the stories. Since you have made it clear that Princess Projectra is a medium, I suggest you have tales concerning her power in that line. Do it, or I'll put my personal hex (which has been a success here) on you. — John Flint, Wilderville, Ore.

*(You don't scare us, John. Not with DC's ghostly heroes, the Spectre and Deadman, on our side. But with a full-fledged, 100 per cent, money-back guaranteed medium in the Legion, you can look for an occasional seance. — Ed.)*

## Adventure Comics #366

Dear Editor: In ADVENTURE No. 356, Brainiac 5, said he came from the planet Yod; but in No. 362 ("Meet the Legionnaires"), he is said to be from the planet Colu. Have I caught you? And which planet does he come from? — Mitchell Porten, Philadelphia, Pa.

*(Which planet do you come from, Mitch? Earth, you say? But if you were French, you'd have called it "Terre," and if you came from Holland, you'd say it was "Aarde." So Brainiac 5's home world is Yod or Colu, depending on which language of that planet you're using. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: In No. 360's Legion Outpost, you told Russell Ferryman that you might publish some untold tales of **Ferro Lad** (a good idea, since he only appeared in six issues before his untimely death). Then you added, " — And maybe we'll reveal what his face looked like at the time." I, for one, have always been dying to see Ferro's Lad's face, but suddenly, after seeing that reply, it dawned on me that you have no right to let anyone know. Ferro Lad didn't want people to laugh at him or be repelled by his inhuman features. Honestly, people! That boy saved the galaxy. How dare you even think of revealing his most carefully guarded secret? — D. Kendrick, West Helena, Ark.

*(Well, it would be easy on writer Jim Shooter and artist Cun Swan if they didn't have to dream up an in human face for F Lad. But what do you other readers say? Shall we unmask the Boy of Iron, or leave his features a mystery? — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: Let me congratulate you on the wonderful stories you publish in ADVENTURE COMICS. I'm hopelessly addicted to ADVENTURE, especially when you feature my favorite heroes, Mon-El, Cosmic Boy and Colossal Boy. I really think ADVENTURE is the best selling magazine on the newsstands here in Manila. Please feature **Mon-El** more often. My friend, sisters and I like him very much because he's handsome, powerful and has such a nice haircut. I wish you'd grant this request of us Filipino ADVENTURE fans and avid readers (and I do mean avid!) — Fe A. Panganiban, Manila, Philippines

*(Mon-El was so pleased with your letter he almost felt like mailing himself to you — in a Manila envelope, of course. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: May I refer you to Ken Beeks' letter in the October issue of ADVENTURE? He wanted to know if there would ever be an 80 PAGE GIANT ADVENTURE. Now, my gripe is

that you gave him a totally inane and non-informative answer: "We'll leave the prediction department to Dream Girl. As soon as she zeroes in on the answer, we'll let you know." You shouldn't print a letter unless you can give a good answer. And *will* there be an 80 PAGE GIANT ADVENTURE forthcoming? — Andy Franklin, Larchmont, N.Y.

*(No — but the next 80 PAGE GIANT SUPERBOY will feature all Legion stories, including the origin of the Legion of Super-Pets and the first Adult Legion story, which introduced the Legion of Super-Villains. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: In "Meet the Legionnaires," you only listed Elastic Lad and Pete Ross as Honorary Members. But recently, in "The Legion Chain Gang," Rond Vidar was elected to Honorary Membership. Am I right? — Rob Evans, Nicoma Park, Okla.

*(Yes, but when we wrote that text, he was off on a SECRET mission, so his name was officially unlisted. — Ed.)*

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## Adventure Comics #367

Dear Editor: Since you have invited us readers to vote for the Legion's next leader, here are my thoughts on the subject. It is a common practice among our larger and more successful businesses to promote the young, new members. They contribute fresh ideas which often do the companies more good than the stale ideas of older members. With this in mind, along with my personal liking for the guy, I vote for Karate Kid, who is a fairly new member of the group, for Legion Leader. — Charles Christesson, Jr., Rio Grande City, Tex.

*(Karate Kid is doing well in the voting. At this writing, he's running third — behind Ultra Boy and Mon-El, who are only one vote apart. We hope to have the final tally ready to announce in next issue's letter department. If any of you readers failed to vote for Legion Leader — too bad! The polls are closed. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I vote for Penman Girl (alias Liz Kane) — because she pens those fascinating letters to the Legion Outpost that keep me spellbound throughout. — Sheryl Reich, Brooklyn, N.Y.

*(We'll give Liz your vote for Leader of the Legion of Letter-Writers. And speaking of East Meadow's most outspoken correspondent, here's her latest Legion letter. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: Thought you'd like to know that the Legion's writer, **Jim Shooter**, was written up in the THIS WEEK section of the Sunday Long Island Press. And here's a personal to Maro Delman. Don't take me so seriously. In my earlier letter, I didn't say boys were cold, heartless beasts. After all, some of my best friends are boys. — Liz Kane, East Meadow, N.Y.

*(We saw the THIS WEEK article on "Sharp" Shooter. We won't comment on the rest of your letter, Liz, since it wasn't addressed to us. We'll leave that to Marc. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: In a recent issue of ADVENTURE, Karate Kid says he is using Kendo — Japanese stick fighting. This is wrong. Kendo is Japanese fencing — swordplay. Stick fighting is called Jodo. These two martial arts are known to me as I have studied both in Japan. — J.R. Tartaglia, Brooklyn, N.Y.

*(Thanks. In the future, we'll see that K Kid minds his J's and K's — for Jodo and Kendo. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: While glancing over my priceless ADVENTURES, a thought came to my mind. What will happen to the Legion by issue No. 400? Will it still be there? Will artist Curtis Swan and writer Jim Shooter still be working on it? Will Timber Wolf finally join? Will Element Lad get a girl friend? Will he become Leader? Will Princess Projector or Chameleon Boy (who weren't shown in the recent Adult Legion story) die? Will Cosmic Boy's kid brother join the teenage auxiliary of the Adult Legion? Can you answer these questions? — Jon Sinaberry, Canton, Ohio.

*(Let's see ... No. 400 should be the January, 1971, issue. Where do you think you'll be, Jon? Will our astronauts have set up a station on the moon? Who'll be President? What will the latest fashions be like? Who'll be the pop singing sensation of 1970? When you can answer these questions, we'll be ready to answer yours ... and we figure that will be when ish 400 goes on sale in Nov '70. — Ed.)*



Dear Editor: I am a great fan of the Legion. I reckon I might be the only person in England who gets a D.C. subscription. And I get my D.C.'s five months before other people in this country do. — Edward Gray, Wolstarton, Newcastle, Staffordshire, Eng.

*(We have news for you — you're far from the only D.C. subscriber in England. There are well over two hundred scattered over your tight little isle ... and quite a number in Scotland, too. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I thought ADVENTURE No. 364 was great, especially the cover. One thing, though — I don't see the girl Legionnaires beaten up often enough. The only time I ever saw one get hurt was in No. 359, when Princess Projectra got whammad on the head. I think the girls take advantage of male villains, who are too gentlemanly to hit girls; but the girls aren't hesitant to slug the crooks. So in the future, let the bad guys beat up the girls. — Marsden McGuire, Boston, Mass.

*(You're probably not even satisfied with what happens to Phantom Girl in this ish. But watch how you talk about our gals! They're forming their own Legion in the next issue ... and if you're not careful, their first mission may be to "get" a certain person whose initials are M.MG. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I am writing to thank you for creating Ferro Lad, the Legionnaire who was killed in action. Recently, on chemistry test, I was asked to give the symbol for iron. Of course, I knew straight away because you engraved it on Ferro Lad's uniform — Fe. All I can say is, thanks for the extra ten points. — Joe Ramsey, Cheverly, Md.

*(And some people have the nerve to say comics aren't educational! — Ed.)*

## Adventure Comics #368

Dear Editor: In a recent issue, a reader suggested having an election for a new leader of the Super-Heroes. So I am going to cast my vote for Ultra Boy, even though I'm not old enough to vote. — James Gamer, Jersey City, NJ.

*(You're old enough to vote in this election, Jim — and you were one of 7,810 readers who did just that. We have the final tallies; but before we announce them, let's see who some of the other readers picked, and why. — Ed.)*

"I vote for Mon-El because he is older. He was in the Phantom Zone from the 20th century to the 30th and has 1,000 years of knowledge behind him." — Jeffery Martin, Rock Creek, Ohio ...

"I would like to see Karate Kid as the Legion Leader because he has a unique ability. I SAID ABILITY — not power. K Kid didn't drink a potion or get changed by rays. He had to practice long hours to attain his famed skill." — Robert Gold, Jackson Heights, N.Y. ... "I cast my vote for Element Lad. He could defeat the whole Legion — or almost — with his element-changing power. He could even turn rock to Kryptonite to beat Superboy." — Lonnie Herzog, Bronx, N.Y. ... "I vote for Dream Girl because she is *Dreamy*, *Remarkable*, *Eager*, *Amazing*, *Marvelous*, *Groovy*, *Irresistible*, *Reliable*, *Law-Abiding*. She could also see into the future and see what crimes will be committed and who she should assign to them." — Dan Patnode, Menomonee Falls, Wis. ... "I vote for Lightning Lad because he is the only one of the original three members who has not yet been Leader. Besides, he has the most 'battle scars' of any living Legionnaire." — Unsigned, Freehold, N.J.

(And now-the big announcement! The Legionnaire you readers have elected as the next Leader is . . . **ULTRA BOY!** He racked up 1,262 votes. Coming in a close second was Mon-El, with 1,160 votes — so he'll be the new Deputy Leader. Every Legionnaire got several votes (except Shadow Lass, who hadn't joined yet). Even former Leaders got some — and TimberWolf, who hasn't joined yet, officially, racked up a few. Here's the way the other Super-Heroes did in the final tally: Element Lad — 893; Karate Kid — 879; Lightning Lad — 615; Phantom Girl — 525; Chameleon Boy — 420; Sun Boy — 388; Superboy — 316; Matter-Eater Lad — 300; Supergirl — 267; Duo Damsel — 144; Princess Projectra — 139; Colossal Boy — 111; Brainiac 5 — 96; Star Boy — 84; Bouncing Boy — 73.; Dream Girl — 68; Light Lass, Cosmic Boy and Saturn Girl — 32 each; Timber Wolf — 23; Shrinking Violet and Invisible Kid—who are obviously the hardest to see — 15 each. That's it! Watch for Ultra Boy and Mon-El to take over their new duties in an early issue of ADVENTURE. And now, on to other matters. — Ed.)

Dear Editor: When I got ADVENTURE No. 365, I knew I had seen the guest, **Shadow Lass**, before. After a brief search, I found, in ADVENTURE No. 354, a woman with the same costume and hairdo, but with white skin. She was said to have died saving the Science Asteroid. Will Shadow Lass grow up to be a Caucasian Shadow Woman? Or did you make a mistake on skin coloring? Or am I wrong altogether? Also, is Shadow Kid, who appeared in ADVENTURE Nos. 344 and 345, from the planet Talok VII, as Shadow Lass is? And is he still an active hero there? — Charles Phelps, Williamsport, Pa.

*(Right on several counts. Shadow Lass will grow up to be Shadow Woman. The statue we showed in No. 354 should have had blue skin, not white. And Shadow Kid is a Talokian, who got his power from the same source as Shadow Lass. He's still active, but he's a loner by choice, so it's unlikely he'll ever join the Legion. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I liked ADVENTURE No. 364, with the Legion of Super-Pets, and so did my cat. But my hamster didn't, because there wasn't a hamster in it. So I would like to ask you to do a comic in which a super-hamster joins the Super-Pets. — Manin Johns, Sauquoit, N.Y.

*(Holy S.P.C.A.! If we honored your request, readers with pet canaries, parrots, fish, frogs, guinea pigs, alligators and deodorized skunks would insist we put those varieties in, too. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: How can the Legionnaires stand it? The uniforms they wear cover practically their whole bodies, except for their heads and hands-and some of them even wear gloves. If I wore an outfit like that, I would roast to death. Wouldn't you? Another thing — their boots look like they have only thin strips of cloth for soles. How can they walk without tearing them? — Bobby Hitchman, Saigon, Vietnam

*(You're thinking about 20th-century fabrics, Bobby. The miracle materials of the 2900's are, another story. They have special insulation against both heat and cold. They're very thin and very strong — tougher than leather. Also, they have a lot of stretch. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: In the future, why not introduce new heroes who come from the same planets as other Legionnaires? You already have five from Earth, which creates a credibility gap. Also, you could introduce non-apparent physical differences between outwardly similar races in the Legion. For instance, Star Boy might escape from a blinding light-trap because his Xanthusian eyes have protective inner lids, which shut out harmful glare. The Orandoan Princess Projectra might not be banned by a certain knock-out gas because it is automatically expelled from her lungs as harmful, by reflex action (much as we sneeze). Element Lad might not die if a ray-blast hit the upper left side of his chest, because his Tromite heart is on the right side of his chest. Or Light Lass, if "dead," could be revived within 20 minutes because her Winathian brain can do without oxygen for that long. See what I mean? — Rand Lee, Roxbury, Conn.

*(We do, indeed-and will pass the idea along to Jim "Sharp" Shooter. But as for the Earth heroes in the Legion, that's only natural, since the Legion h.q. is located on this planet. — Ed.)*

## Adventure Comics #369

Dear Editor: I must tell you that your last two issues (365 and 366) were absolutely fabulous! The idea of matching Brainiac 5 with Shadow Lass is a wild one. What color would their children be — red? — Eugene Love, Huntsville, Ala.

*(No — they'd probably be blue-green. On the other hand, if she married Mon-El, their kids might be purple. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I am not surprised by author Jim Shooter's limited knowledge of karate, as shown in his sequences with Karate Kid. My knowledge of it is somewhat limited, too. But karate chops are chiefly used in shows. Hoons, punches and grips are used a thousand times more often than chops in actual fights. Also, if it's throws you want in a fight, use jiu-jitsu. Judo is only a sport. — Clement Robins, Sheffield, Mass.

*(That ain't the way we heard it, Clem. Police have often used judo against criminals; and many women have learned the art to protect themselves from thieves. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I have often wondered about the layout of the Legion Clubhouse. Could you include a cross-section diagram of the Clubhouse in one of the coming issues? — John Boyle, A.P.O., San Francisco, Calif.

*(That's not a bad idea—a double-page spread similar to the one of the Batcave in the July-August GIANT BATMAN! We'll try and work one up for a future issue. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: In issue 363, a reader said that Rond Vldar does not belong in the Legion, even as an honorary member, because he does not have super-powers. I disagree with that assumption. Rond does have one super-power — he is immune to hypnotism — even super-hypnotism. — Mark Ashby, State College, Pa.

*(You're right — even though the power is rather a negative one. But there is one honorary Legionnaire who has no powers — Pete Ross. And you'll see him in action in the next issue — when the fates of the legionnaires ... and Smallville ... depend on him! — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I have a candidate for membership in the Legion of Super-Pets. He is Bezark. an invisible dog I invented some time ago. While he lives in the 20th century, you can't really be

sure because he is invisible. Maybe he is in the 30th century, after all. Of course, he would be easy to draw. — Alan Field. Atherton, Calif.

*(Using invisible Ink, we assume? — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I got a great idea. Why not team up Shadow Lass and Night Girl (of the Legion of Substitute Heroes)? Shady could provide dark shadows so that Night Girl wouldn't have her super-strength stolen by exposure to direct sunlight. — Arnold Carter, Vienna, Va.

*(It's such a natural team-up that a lot of other readers suggested it, too. So we'll undoubtedly do it in a future Issue. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I'm not sure exactly what I'm getting into, but forthcoming is an attempt to give an in-depth evaluation of the Legion of Super-Heroes. At first supporting characters in the Superman family, they caught on like wildfire and, in ADVENTURE No. 300, were made a regular feature. Since then, they have undergone changes in writer, artist, theme and membership, yet they have remained among the most popular hero-groups in comicdom. However, I would like to see you use alliterative epithets when you refer to the various Legionnaires. Bouncing Boy would be the Corpulent Combatant; Chameleon Boy the Durian Disguise-Master; Element Lad the Transmutating Teen; Matter-Eater Lad the Dean of Digestion; Shrinking Violet the Diffident Dwindler; and Ultra Boy the Emir of Energy. — Leonard Rosenberg, Bronx, N.Y.

*(And for your great suggestion, Lenny, we hereby dub you the Titan of Titles. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: In ADVENTURE No. 365, Karate Kid said that diamond was the hardest substance known, while In ACTION No. 359, Supermanium is said to be even harder — so hard a diamond drill can't scratch it. How do you explain this? — Mark Cunningham, Troy, N.Y.

*(K Kid meant that diamond is the hardest NATURAL substance known. Supermanium is an alloy created in a lab. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I am living in the mountains of Turkey, where DC Comics are scarce. They have Superman books in Ankara, but they are reprinted in Turkish. My favorite characters are the Legion of Super-Heroes. I read every one I can get my hands on. — Cellum Johnston, Eskisehir, Turkey

*(Welcome to the ranks of our worldwide audience. — Ed.)*

## Adventure Comics #370

Dear Editor: As of ADVENTURE No. 367, I have 43 issues of that mag. There have been some magnificent stories. Like Nos. 340 and 341 — "Computo the Conqueror": Nos. 352 and 353 — "The Fatal Five"; No. 354 — "The Adult Legion"; No. 357 — "The Ghost of Ferro Lad"; Nos. 359 and 360 — "The End of the Legion": Nos. 365 and 366 — "The Escape of the Fatal Five." But never, never have I read a Legion story like the one presented in No. 367 — "No Escape from the Circle of Death." I will have to say this is my favorite Legion story to date, and with competition like the aforementioned mags to run against, I'd say this is one whale of a tale — and not a continued one at that! The reasons for my praise are: (1) Curt Swan artwork: (2) the people of the 30th century giving the Legion the rewards it so richly deserves; (3) the Legion's new clubhouse; (4) insight into Karate Kid's civilian life; (5) the miracle machine used by Brainiac 5 to defeat the invaders, and the moral that went along with it. — Dave Truesdale, So. St. Paul, Minn.

*(Then to your reasons for enjoying the story, you should add: (6) Jim Shooter's script. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: In ADVENTURE No. 366, you show the Legionnaires being decorated by the president. But if Super-boy's costume is impenetrable, how could the medal be pinned on? It seems to me that a pin wouldn't penetrate it: — Wesley Hunter, McAlester, Okla.

*(It wouldn't. But what makes you think they'll still use old-fashioned pins on medals in the 30th century? They'll use an adhesive that doesn't pierce the fabric. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: In the April issue of ADVENTURE COMICS you provided a way to bring back Ferro Lad. The miracle machine can provide anything the Legionnaires wish for. So, using this, they could restore Ferro Lad to life. I know that in the Adult Legion story, you said he would stay dead, but the Legionnaires can change the future, can't they? — Larry Godsey, Cincinnati, Ohio

*(No, they can't alter destiny. In fact, there are some limitations even for a miracle machine. However, we promise to put Ferro Lad's brother in the next Adult Legion story, as a-fully accredited member. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: Can Chameleon Boy change himself into a phantom or become invisible? — Marshall Wong, Los Angeles, Calif.

*(He can't vanish, but he can become an immaterial phantom — and did just that in ADVENTURE No. 328. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: Whoa! Sure, I like Mr. Spock on Star Trek, but that's no reason to turn **Brainiac 5** into a green Mr. Spock. I'm referring to his use of the expression; "illogical." Somehow. it doesn't fit the Brainy I've grown to know and like so well. Besides, we readers want him to be more human-like than computer-like. He isn't a computer, like the original Brainiac. You know — he's a real, flesh-and-blood person. — Callie Ann Colwell, Yankton, S.D.

*(Okay, Annie! You and the many other readers who told us the same thing have decided the issue. From now on, Brainy will avoid Spock-type dialogue. — Ed)*

Dear Editor: Recently, while examining micro-memory-tapes of 20th century documents. I came across a publication which interested me greatly — ADVENTURE COMICS. The recording was incomplete, however; only issues 360, 361, 366, 368, 369 and 370 had been taped. What was most incredible was that they contained Tales of the Legion of Super-Heroes which followed closely actual cases of the Legion! I decided to write this letter and send it to you via one of our government time-cubes. But I didn't have to write it! I simply copied it from the letter page of ADVENTURE where it had already been printed! I would like to point out two minor inaccuracies in your stories, though. Instead of the United Planets, most worlds belong to the United Federation of Planets. Also, the primary law enforcement agency of the U.F.N. is the Galactic Patrol, not the Science Police (which was phased out in 2958). I know this letter will reach you. I have set the cube to send it to the main New York Post Office on Jan. 20, 1968 (1,000 years ago to the day). The stamp is a copy of a 20th century stamp from the Postal Museum. — Gor Bismari, Director, Historical Information Service, Federal Office Complex 7716, 2696 Stellar Ave., Metropolis, Earth.



*(We think your letter is a hoax. If it's not, the authorities will be after you for stamp counterfeiting. Also, if we got the letter from you ... and you copied it from this issue ... who wrote it? — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I am tired of everyone saying Brainiac 5 is the least helpful member of the Legion. He invented the flight-ring. He invented a formula to take away the shape-changing power of the Proteans in No. 334. He invented a serum to make Mon-El immune to lead poisoning; He neutralized Starfinger's effects on Legionnaires in issue 336. He figured out how to restore himself and his fellow Legion members to their true ages when they were turned into tots in No. 356. Seems to me he's the most valuable of all the Super-Heroes. — Mike Williams, Ridgway, Ill.

*(Thanks for the excellent run-down. One more knock about Brainy in this column and we might have been picketed by the National Association for the Advancement of Green People. — Ed.)*

## Adventure Comics #371

Dear Editor: I have just finished reading "The Mutiny of the Super-Heroines." At first I thought it would be like "The Revolt of the Girl Legionnaires" in ADVENTURE No. 326, but I was wrong. What made it different was giving the heroines extra powers, using more girls, and the major role played by Supergirl in defeating the villain. I did find two mistakes, though. On page 15, Star Boy's insignia is missing, while Ultra Boy's insignia is gone on page 16. — Bruce Riley, Cleveland, Ohio

*(Thanks for pointing this out. We'll assign a Legionnaire investigating team to solve the Mystery of the Missing Insignias at once! — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: Your Legion stories are great! I have only one complaint. **The uniforms of Cosmic Boy and Element are PINK!** Don't you think pink is just a bit too feminine for heroes as great as these two? — Shelley A. Van Geffen, New Orleans, La.

*(No — and we don't think blue is too masculine for Supergirl and Shadow Lass, either. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: In issue 368, page 20, Ultra Boy is holding up a mile high skyscraper while Karate Kid repairs a support. U Boy said he couldn't hold it up much longer. I thought he had super-strength. Was the trouble that his flight ring couldn't stand the weight? — Mark Ribera, Boswell, Okla.

*(No — just that when U Boy uses his super-strength, he's not invulnerable. He can only use one power at a time, remember. Result — here's a super strong hero who tires ... who can even pull a muscle ... or get a charley-horse! — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: Recendy, D Kendrick argued that "Ferro Lad didn't want people to laugh at him or be repelled by his inhuman features ... How dare you think of revealing his most carefully guarded secret?" I would agree with Mr. (or Miss) Kendrick wholeheartedly — *if* Ferro Lad were a real person and not just a figment of Jim Shooter's imagination. Why reveal the late Ferro Lad's face to the readers? Well, why reveal Superman's secret identity? Because we readers have the privilege of sharing all the secrets of the characters we read about. So print your untold tales of F Lad and show his face. We'll never tell. — Charles Christesson, Jr., Rio Grande City, Tex.

*(Since our mail on the subject runs about 5-1 for showing F Lad's face, we'll see if "Sharp" Shooter can dream up such an untold adventure. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I just a-b-s-o-l-u-t-e-l-y flip over that cute Element Lad! What do you have against him? You hardly ever feature him in ADVENTURE. Please, please, please feature him more often. He gives me goose pimples! — Lourdes Fleites, Morristown, NJ

*(That's odd — it's Polar Boy who has that effect on most people. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: In "The Origin of the Legion," which appeared in the SUPERBOY 80 PAGE GIANT, Phantom Girl (Tinya Wazzo) says she's from a fourth-dimensional world, Bgztl. But did you realize that Earth is a fourth-dimensional planet? We have length, width, depth and time. Everything, in apparent motion or not, is moving through a time dimension. So you may confront Miss Wazzo with this bit of evidence. I think perhaps Bgztl is a fifth dimensional world. That one I can't explain. — Marie Annala, Dayton, Ohio

*(Even if you could, that still leaves us with another problem. If Bgztl is in the fifth dimension, where is Mr. Mxyzptlk's land of Zrfff — in the sixth? — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I am 13 years old and an avid reader of DC comics. If I am not mistaken, 1968 marks the tenth anniversary of the first appearance of the Legion of Super-Heroes. Will there be a special issue to mark the event? — Harry Schneider, Cincinnati, Ohio

*(You're right about the anniversary — and it's mighty sharp of you to know what happened when you were only three! Yes, the Legion debuted in a Superboy story in the April 1958 issue of ADVENTURE. And we have celebrated by giving them a new clubhouse in the April, '68 issue — ten years to the month! Also, we dedicated the GIANT SUPERBOY to the Legion. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: While going through some past Issues, I found a letter from Dave Broomhead suggesting **Quantum Lad** for the Legion. He could project a laser beam, turn into a ray of light, pass through transparent objects, and dazzle foes. Then, in issue 354, you show a statue of a future Legionnaire called **Quantum Queen**. Is this Quantum Lad's girl friend? — James Hankard, Medford, Mass.

*(She's more likely to be his twin sister. Or perhaps there were five of them — quantuplets! — Ed.)*

## Adventure Comics #372

Dear Editor: Well, I've finally figured out why Princess Projectra hasn't been shown in any Adult Legion stories so far. Because when they take place, she has grown up to be Queen Projectra and has had to quit the Legion to take over her royal duties. — Michael Caso, Parma, Ohio

*(Pretty sharp, aren't you? Now figure out whether one of the missing fellows married her and became Prince Consort of the planet Orlando. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: Did you happen to recall that **Duo Damsel** can duplicate any object she's carrying? In ADVENTURE No. 326, when she was Triplicate Girl, she wore a ring which, when she triplicated, became three rings. So she could still do it with other objects, even though she can only become two people now. — Gordie Mott, Port Arthur, Ont., Canada

*(Exactly — and, if you'll stop to think about it, this should be obvious — because her clothes duplicate when she does. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I have to compliment you on your latest GIANT SUPERBOY, starring the Legion. It was excellent. While I'm at it, I'd also like to thank you for helping my grade. You see, my Language Arts teacher gave me an assignment from it. — Reginald Greenwood, Seattle, Wash.

*(You're the lucky one, Reggie. When we were kids, the teachers only gave us assignments from ordinary school textbooks ... never from comics. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: As a comparatively new reader of your Legion stories, I have an obvious question. It has been stated that **Superboy** did not know about his cousin, **Supergirl**, until her arrival on Earth when he was Superman. How, then, can she appear with him in No. 368? Why doesn't his super-brain remember her? I know you must have a good answer for this and I'm eager to hear it. — Leslie Ness, New Rochelle, New York

*(We do, indeed, have an answer — so for you and other newcomers, we'll repeat it. Supergirl once hypnotized Superboy and gave him a post-hypnotic suggestion to forget her existence — and everything else about his life as Superman that he may learn in the future — when he returns to his own time. Simple, eh? — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: Star Boy's power is supposed to be the ability "to make things super-heavy by drawing mass from the stars." But mass means bulk, and we don't see anything his power focuses on growing larger. I have another explanation. What he draws from the stars is not mass, but **gravitic power**. Star Boy strengthens Earth's gravitational field (if he's on this planet) to pull harder on the thing he makes heavier. — Rand Lee, Roxbury, Conn.

*(Sorry, we stick by our original explanation. In white dwarf stars, matter is so compressed that a handful would weigh tons. Similarly, the mass Star Boy induces into objects is compressed, along with the normal matter, so that the weight increases, but not the size. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: In "Mordru the Merciless," Mon-El calls Superboy with his flight-ring. This seems strange, because Mon-El doesn't need a flight-ring. — Robert Moynihan, Peabody, Mass.

*(Not to fly — but it sure came in handy for calling Superboy, didn't it? And if Superboy (who also flies on his own) hadn't had a ring, he wouldn't have got the signal. Now do you get why they wear flight-rings? — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I have two questions. (1) Can **Duo Damsel** merge back into one person if she is in two different rooms, or does she have to be close together? (2) Is there anything through which **Phantom Girl** cannot pass? — Carl Alcorn, Butler Ridge, Fla.

*(Duo Damsel has to be beside herself to pull herself together. And, while there are no solid objects our gorgeous ghost can't walk through, certain forms of energy can hold her back. — Ed.)*

## Adventure Comics #373

Dear Editor: No. 310 was a great mag. So was No. 369, which had the first part of the story. I've been reading DC for years but when I read this story, I just had to write you. Strangely, I've never written before. I liked the way you brought armies of the 30th century to Smallville; but I'm sure the people of Smallville didn't like it! There was one thing that puzzled me, though. On page 8, a red sun is shown closer to Earth than our yellow sun. — Michael Nyer, Brooklyn, N.Y.

*(What you thought was our yellow sun was really the moon. The red one was supposed to be the yellow sun — but the color artist was looking at it through rose-colored glasses. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: My sister and I wondered what would happen to the Legionnaires at school. If Matter-Eater Lad got hungry, would he eat his Latin book? If Phantom Girl was embarrassed, would she sink through the floor? — Fiona Watson, Toronto, Ont., Canada

*(Phantom Girl is in school on page 2 of this issue's Legion adventure. But instead of embarrassment, she's called to perform a mission — so instead of sinking through the floor, she rises to the occasion. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: In **TEEN TITANS** No.12, a reader suggested that the TTs try out for the Legion. In No. 14, another fan said they should try to join the Legion of Substitute Heroes. The editor replied "The TT's as substitutes? Never!" I couldn't agree with him more. Wonder Girl might be able to make the Legion, and Kid Flash could probably get into the Subs. But Aqualad and Robin would get thumbs down even from the Subs. The TT's should stay in their own little mag and leave the big jobs to the Legion. — Floyd Anderson, Duluth, Minn.

*(We think you're right about Wonder Girl ... and Robin — but only because he has no super-powers. But we think you've underestimated the other TT's. Don't you think this issue's tale proves one of 'em could make the grade! — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I'm going crazy and it's your fault. I'm sorry; perhaps I should blame Jim Shooter's scripts, along with Curt Swan's brilliant illustrations. ADVENTURE No. 36S featured "The Escape of the Fatal Five!" At the time, I thought it was your best issue. The conclusion next issue proved to be better, though. Issue No. 367 gave the Legion a new clubhouse, a new group of villains, an insight to Karate Kid, and a miracle machine. This zoomed to the top of the list. Until No. 369! Mordru is just the omni-powerful foe the Legion needs. But THE BEST issue is now No. 170, "The Devil's Jury"! Never have I seen such fantastic sorcery mixed in with excellent sub-plots, and a touch of characterization added. The art was earth-shattering, also. Please! Don't do this to me. Every issue keeps topping the last one. — Harvey Sobel, Commack, N.Y.

*(Listen — when we stop topping ourselves, that's when we start worrying! By the way, how do you like our new Legion artist, Winslow Mortimer? He was one of the great Superman and Batman artists of the Golden Age. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I was reading issue 370 when I saw the **White Witch** for the first time. Boy, is she beautiful! I wish you'd let her meet Element Lad and let them fall in love. White Witch is so gorgeous and E Lad is so cute — what a couple they'd make! Will you think about it? — Cathy Melton, San Antonio, Tex.

*(We'll think about it; all right. The only question is, what will the White Witch and Element Lad think about it? — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: In ADVENTURE No. 368, when Duo Damsel had Karate Kid in a headlock, why didn't he use the counter method, Koshi-Kuruna, on her? — George Grant, Lake Forest, Ill.

*(He was just too much of a gentleman to do that to a girl. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: Well, in ADVENTURE No. 169, Duo Damsel thought, about Superboy: "On 30th-century history tapes I've seen who he'll marry when he grows up to be Superman." Now you've as good as told us that Superman will be cured of Virus X in ACTION. Since he isn't

married yet, he has to live and marry, so those history tapes can be made. — Richard Hughes, Waukesha, Wis.

*(And if it hadn't been for that, you'd have thought us capable of killing off the top-selling hero in comics, eh? We may not be Einstein's, but we aren't stupid enough to slaughter the goose that lays the golden eggs. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: There was an easy way to get rid of Mordru. Why didn't the Legion use the Miracle Machine they received in ADVENTURE 357? Brainiac 5 had said: "Only the most cosmos-shaking emergency can get us to crack it out and turn it on again." Don't you think Mordru was a cosmos-shaking emergency? — Kevin Kennedy, Orlando, Fla.

*(He sure was — perhaps too much so! The Legionnaires simply didn't have time to go for the machine with him breathing down their necks. And if they did use it, there's the question of whether Mordru's spells could negate its power. — Ed.)*

## Adventure Comics #374

Dear Editor: ADVENTURE No. 371 should win the comic award for 1968. It will make history because ... Gim Allon was called by his real name; Ultra-Boy took over as leader; we got a look at Legion training; Chemical King and Bouncing Boy took active parts. — Steve Thompson, Covington, Ky.

*(Thanks — glad you liked it. But why not wait till '68 is over before you decide which issue was the greatest? We have some doozies coming up! — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: It's rather interesting that, after Duo Damsel's long infatuation with Superboy, she should end up marrying Bouncing Boy — or Bouncing Man. Charles Taine is, after all, the opposite of Superboy, as far as physique and powers go. She appears to have married Chuck on the rebound. (No pun intended). Why not have a story that shows a rivalry between these two for Duo Damsel, with the Legionnaires taking sides? — Rand Lee, Roxbury, Conn.

*(And would you end the story with D.D. "chucking" Superboy and "bouncing" him out of her life? — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: What's with the Legionnaire Training Classes? What happened to the good old days when anyone with a good enough super-power could join? Remember when every year there was a contest for new members? Remember not long ago when there were tryouts in almost every issue? Now you have people being trained for membership. Soon there will be millions of members. — Ron Chusid, Southfield, Mich.

*(No, there won't. The Legion training is extremely rigorous, and few candidates, even though they have super-powers, can make the grade and graduate with honors — which is necessary of membership. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: In ADVENTURE No. 368, Bobby Hitchman mentioned that the super-heroes' costumes covered almost their whole bodies. I agree. Couldn't the heroines' costumes be a little more, well ... a little less? — A Reader, Belmont, Calif.

*(Who are you thinking of — Saturn Girl? Take a look at Dream Girl, Shadow Lass and Princess Projectra. If their outfits were much smaller we might not get them past the Comics Code. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I want to know why nobody noticed that Bob Cobb was Mon-El, when Mon took that identity in Smallville recently. He didn't do anything to disguise his face, as Clark Kent does. Anybody who knew Bob and saw Mon would know they were the same person. — Jalina Page, Houston, Texas

*(When "Bob" started his brush sales spiel, with his mouth going at top speed, all anybody noticed about this "Cobb" was the corn. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: In issue 371, you showed the physical training candidates for the Legion must undergo. But you only showed boys being trained. Do the girls also go through the same training, but in another wing of the Legion headquarters? — Michael Wood, Newton, Mass.

*(They sure do. In the future, women have equal rights — and equal responsibilities. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I have been reading ADVENTURE for many years and consider it the best comic DC puts out. You had me worried that you were running out of plots until I read the June ADVENTURE. I found Mordru a groovy villain. And when I read the second part, I was even more pleased. — Mary Jane Freese, Los Angeles, Calif.



*(We'll know we're on the right track as long as Miss FREESE doesn't give us the COLD shoulder. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: Ever since the Fatal Five first appeared, I have wondered why Mano never took off his helmet so we could see his face. I finally got up enough energy to sit down and write you a letter asking why. — Paul Gallant, New York, N.Y.

*(His helmet is supplied with air like that of his home world. If he became GALLANT, like you, Paul, and tipped his helmet to a lady, it would be bye-bye to Mano. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I really like Duo Damsel, but she doesn't have enough power. I think something should happen to give her a new power, along with that of becoming two people. Maybe each of her two bodies could get a different power. — Eddy Bain, Phoenix, Ariz.

*(The trouble is, she might wind up having arguments with herself over which power is the better. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: How about teaming up Life Lass (of the Super-Heroes of Lallor) with Stone Boy (of the Substitute Legion)? I know he is still alive in his stone form, but didn't Life Lass once animate a tree, which was alive already? So, I imagine, she could give Stone Boy the power to move when he's stone, and he could use his rocky fists to kayo criminals. — B.V. Davenport, Toledo, Ohio.

*(We might even wind up with a romance, if she could melt his "stony" heart. — Ed.)*

## Adventure Comics #375

Dear Editor: I confess I haven't been keeping up with the SUPERBOY magazine: but in ADVENTURE No. 369, you showed Superboy's parents as completely different people than they used to be. In all the other mags I have, Ma and Pa Kent are old people, but now, all of a sudden, they are young — in their late 30's. Please explain this change to a poorly informed reader, like me. — Ken Hatfield, Bloomington, Minn.

*(This is the most astonishing confession we have ever heard! You HAVEN'T BEEN KEEPING UP WITH SUPERBOY! Well, we're forgiving souls; we're willing to let you off with a reprimand this time — but don't let it happen again! The change you missed occurred in*

*SUPERBOY No. 145. A youth serum from another dimension turned the Kents younger. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I have just finished reading "When Superboy Walked Out on the Legion." It's a great story, but during the contest to pick a ruler for Thrann, liquid man seemed to disappear from the story. I've been wondering what sort of feat he could have possibly done to compete with the others, but I could think of nothing. — Charles Baer, Rancho Cordova, Calif.

*(He had a tough time thinking of one himself. He wanted to make a big splash, but he only came out looking like a drip. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I'm glad to see **Timber Wolf** and **Chemical King** in the Legion. But what is Chemical King's power? Is it changing one chemical to another, or what? — Vance Leasure, Hutchinson, Kan.

*(No — it's Element Lad who changes one chemical element to another. Chemical King has power to speed up, slow down, or otherwise alter chemical reactions. Since all sorts of important things, including our very life processes, are caused by chemical reactions, that's quite a power! — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I have often seen **Brainiac 5** use his belt to create an impenetrable force-field. If it is truly impenetrable, why doesn't he suffocate, since air couldn't reach him? Does the force field have some sort of "pores" to admit air? And if so, why doesn't a villain use gas to defeat Brainy? — William Crum, Weston, Mass.

*(Probably because no one ever thought of it. But now that you've brought it up, don't be surprised if some baddie tries to cook Brainy's goose — with gas. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: In ADVENTURE No. 371, **Colossal Boy** was charged with treason and spying and was expelled from the Legion. But in No. 342, when Star Boy was expelled for breaking the Legion code by killing, all the Legionnaires voted whether to expel him or not. This wasn't done in the case of Colossal Boy. Why? — Mario Farina, Windsor, Ont., Canada.

*(Because Colossal Boy offered no defense. Therefore, there was no alternative to conviction and expulsion. Star Boy, on the other hand, put on a spirited defense at his trial. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I really love your comic, but somehow it doesn't seem quite true to life. I mean, every Legionnaire gets along with every other Legionnaire perfectly. Couldn't there be a few personality clashes? After all, they are only human. — Torrey Adams, New Bedford, Mass.

*(Yes, they are human — more or less, depending on how you define the term. But personality clashes are usually confined to their off-duty hours; they can't afford them on duty. Witness Mon-El and Element Lad in this issue. Generally, a Legionnaire with a hot head gets the cold shoulder from the others. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I have been doing some research on Chameleon Boy, my favorite Legionnaire. I found that he has the powers of Bouncing Boy, Colossal Boy, Ferro Lad, Phantom Girl, Shrinking Violet, Stone Boy and Elastic Lad. That makes him one of the most powerful Legionnaires. By the way, can he split in two like Duo Damsel? — Scott Wilkie, Walnut Creek, Calif.

*(No — Cham can't do the split bit. And, just for the record, he can't become as hard as stone or iron when he emulates the powers of Stone Boy and the late Ferro Lad. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I agree with reader Eugene Love that matching Shadow Lass (Tasmia Malor) with Brainiac 5 would be a wild idea. But, according to my biology teacher, their kids would either be blue or green, not blue-green, as you suggested. Personally, though, I'd prefer to see her marry Mon-El. Tasmia-El — or Tasmia Gand — has a better ring to it than Tasmia Dox. And are you fellows macabre! You've already shown us that the adult Shadow Woman will die in action. So why build up a romance for her? Will she marry Mon-El and her death inspire him to make the universe safe for explorers? Or will she marry Brainiac 5 and help him devote his life to science? Which way goes your little Scheme? — Kitty Malone, St. Louis, Mo.

*(Will she marry Lar Gand or be Mrs. Querl Dox? Read future tales and be prepared for some shocks. When we wax poetic it can be pathetic. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: You once stated that **Lightning Lad** was the unluckiest Legionnaire of all. Oh, really? So what if he died? He was revived! He lost an arm, but he got a new one. What about the original **Proty**, who died to revive L Lad? Or **Ferro Lad**, who died to save the galaxy? Or **TriPLICATE Girl**, who lost one of her three bodies battling Computo and became Duo Damsel? I would rather have L.L.'s misfortunes than any of these. — Nelson Hardy, Carlisle, Mass.

*(And how about Kid Psycho, of the Legion Reserve? We have a doozy of a tale about his misfortunes in the works! — Ed.)*

## Adventure Comics #376

Dear Editor: Concerning issues 371 and 372: GREAT! STUPENDOUS! TERRIFIC! This was the greatest Legion story of all time! Just think of all the history-shaking events in this ish! The use of two Legion trainees in the main plot: the origin of the Legion of Super-Villains; the return of **Nemesis Kid** and some Legion rejects; and getting Timber Wolf and Chemical King into the Legion. — Greg Moe, Gilford, Mont.

*(Thanks. By the way, it was a fan, Nick Pascale, who suggested the use of the rejects as villains. — Ed.)* •

Dear Editor: I liked your story, "School for Super-Villains," because the LSV is my favorite villain group. At last Lone Wolf joined (Yay!) and you brought back Nemesis Kid, my second favorite Legion reject. May I suggest you bring back my favorite from "death," Jungle King. — Neal S. Pozner, Seaford, N.Y.

Dear Editor: ADVENTURE 371 and 372 were simply marvelous! But try and do one thing, please. Make Nemesis Kid good and have him join the Legion. He has too good a power to waste on crime. — Warren Morrison, Commerce, Tex.

Dear Editor: I just finished Issues 371 and 372 and the story was great. Just one thing bugs me. Shrinking Violet got so mad at Colossal Boy — yet he's her boy friend. — Edward Privensal, Jackson Heights N.Y.

*(Better not let Duplicate Boy, of the planet Lallor, hear that! He happens to be Vi's guy — not Colossal Boy! — Ed.)*

Dear Editor, I just had to compliment you on Nos. 71 and 372. I consider myself a good judge of comics. But you don't want flattery; you want reasons for my liking this tale. (1) I enjoy stories with one hero featured; (2) You showed Nemesis Kid, whom I like; (3) You brought back Timber Wolf; (4) You admitted Chemical King. — Larry Snyder, Bronx, N.Y.

Dear Editor, In my opinion, your new member should be called Chemical Prince, not Chemical King. Is he a real king (or a prince)? After all, Princess Projectra is a real princess. — Robert Gleaner, Audubon, N.J,

*(No, Chem is not really royal: and the King just has a better ring to it than "Chemical Prince." — Ed.)*

Dear Editor, I noticed Chemical King has the same name as a hero in the Adult Legion story who was said to have died to prevent World War VII. Or am I wrong? — Chris Weitzel, Brunswick, Md.

*(You are not wrong, but we have no immediate plans to kill off C.K. — and we don't mean Clark Kent! — Ed.)*

THE GOOF-HUNTING GROUND: In ADVENTURE No. 372, you show Colossal Boy flying the Flight-Ring Course without a ring. But he can't fly on his own, like Superboy! — Monica Parnell, Alexandra, La.

In No. 372, Chameleon Boy sees Lightning Lord and says, "Lightning Lord's lost brother, Mekt!" He should've said "Lightning Lad's brother." — Kenneth Makowsky, Brooklyn, N.Y.

When Chemical King, Superboy, Chameleon Boy and Timber Wolf were locked up, why didn't Chemical King speed up the wall's disintegration process? Or why didn't Chameleon Boy become a phantom and walk through the wall? — Drew Crislip, Bridgeport, W.Va.

*(The wall was made of an indestructible material which lasts indefinitely. And it was charged with anti-phantom energy, like that used in Cham's cell in this ish. — Ed.)*

Why do you call the group a Legion? The dictionary defines the word as "any large body of armed men." In the 30th-century Legion, you have teen-age guys-and gals who wouldn't think of using weapons of any kind. — Richard Butler, West Covina, Calif.

*(Wouldn't they? Read on. — Ed.)*

In issue 367, you showed Goliath-sized guns for Colossal Boy and miniature weapons for Shrinking Violet. When will we see them using their weapons? — Franklin Burden III, Lincoln, Nebr.

*(Very soon. by the way, the weapons are designed to capture crooks, not kill them. Okay, Richard Butler? — Ed.)*

Hey! In the lettercol of 372, you say Duo Damsel can duplicate anything she is holding. But in JIMMY OLSEN No. 76, an object she was carrying didn't split up when she did. And in ADVENTURE No. 321, she broke out of a metal shell by splitting, and she didn't reproduce the shell. Don't you mean she can duplicate anything she is WEARING? — John D. Tayler, Kansas City, Mo.

*(We do indeed. We bow to your superior research. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor, Today we took a journey to your dimension and discovered ... THE COMIC ZONE! There we spied the latest ADVENTURE, amid the jungle of lesser brands. Speedily we backtracked to our guide's thatched hut, where we went over our capture like true zoologists. All kidding aside, it was a great story and your new artist, Win Mortimer, is terrific. The minute Don Allen introduced himself and his sister, we, devoted Flash fans that we are, knew they had to be the Scarlet Speedster's descendants. We hate to correct Don and Dawn, but the boots on the Flash statue should have been yellow, not red. — Glen Quasny and Rich Butler, West Covina, Calif.

*(The boots WERE colored wrong! The colorist will get a super-swift kick! — Ed.)*

## Adventure Comics #377

To lead off, let's have the readers' reactions to issue 374. "Looking at the cover of ADVENTURE 374," says Bradley Anderson, of Milwaukee, Wis., "I was overwhelmed by the fact that there was no Superboy. Upon scanning it in more depth, I noticed how slyly you slipped him in with the ADVENTURE logo. Now, I realize he is the main hero in the Legion, and I don't really mind seeing him on every cover. But why not have the current leader's picture placed in this prominent position?" Simple, Brad. A lot more potential readers are familiar with Supie than with Ultra Boy.

"The world has sat through "Mission: Impossible" and a million take-offs," says Harvey Sobel, Commack, N.Y. "'Mission: Ridiculous,' 'Mission: Improbable,' 'Mission: Impractical' and many more. BLACKHAWK used "Mission: Incredible." Now you come up with 'Mission:

Diabolical.' The story was good, but the title laid a bomb." ... "You seem to be making a habit of ending stories with thugs still on the loose," says Leonard Philip Zinna, Brooklyn, N.Y. "If Rogarth, **Black Mace** and Shagrek ever joined forces with the **Fatal Five**, there could be the devil to pay. I think the Legion's next assignment should be to run down these goons and put them out of the way. And the Super-Heroes should forget about fair play when the battle hese characters."

On the subject of No. 373, we've received many letters asking us to bring back Don and Dawn Allen. Paul Palmer, Winchester, Mass., asks, "Couldn't they acquire permanent super-speed as Barry (Flash) Allen or Jay (original Flash) Garrick did? They would make great Legionnaires." ... To which Daniel Wheeler, Bethlehem, Pa., adds, "If Brainiac 5 is so smart, why can't be give Dawn and Don PERMANENT super-speed. At least bring 'em back and make 'em honorary members, like Pete Ross." ... Others are plugging for Kid Flash to join the Legion (or at least to do a guest shot). Bob Sajewski, Erie, Pa., writes, "You're going to receive hundreds upon thousands of letters like mine, telling you to bring Kid Flash into the Legion. And why not? You proved in ADVENTURE 373 he could be one of the most powerful Legionnaires. He can get into the future on Flash's cosmic treadmill." ... There was at least one negative reaction to the story, from Scott Gibson, Sterling, Colo.: "You had a great plot. So why botch it up the way you did? The Tornado Twins could have been almost anything else, but you had to make them descendants of Barry Allen. Yiicchh!"

Keith Friedman, Los Angeles, Calif., wants to know "If, while she's split in two, one of **Duo Damsel's** bodies learns something the other doesn't know, and the other learns something else, when they combine. will D.D. know both things? And when she splits again. will Miss A know what Miss B learned, and vice-versa?" Yes, on both counts Jon Roger McKenzie, Bellflower, Calif., sends a formula for a serum to use on Duo Damsel. He calls it "Double-Plus," and says that, "after 10 minutes of kicking and screaming, she will be able to split into four girls." To prove it works, he adds, "Right now I'm watching TV, playing baseball and reading your magazine, as well as writing this letter." If true, the serum should have a double effect on D.D., since she can already split in two. If she starts splitting in eight, would she be an Octo-Pussycat?

A lot of readers want more info on Phantom Girl. Tommy Law, Shreveport, La., wants to know how she could damage a robot by reaching her immaterial hands into its back, "since her

hands could not touch it." She turned her fingers solid when they got inside. Get the picture? Yvan Bond, Kapuskasing, Ont., Canada, wonders how the Legion Clubhouse could be made "phantom-proof" if nothing gold can stop P.G. If you'll recall, Yvan, we said there were certain types of radiation that would stop her. Such radiation is used to charge the outer Clubhouse walls.

Next, let's get down to goofs. There are always plenty of letters from readers who've spotted boo-boos-or think they have. On No. 373, Jon Farwell, Coral Gables, Fla., notes that "Sun Boy says there are no records of any super-villains with Don and Dawn's power — which is super speed. What about Professor Zoom, the Reverse-Flash? Wasn't he from the 30th century?" Nope he was from the 25th century — 500 years before the time of the Legion! "Shadow Lass cannot be a Legionnaire," says Kris Reeves, New Berlin, Wis., "because the Legion Constitution specifies that 3/4 of the acting membership be present when a member is accepted." True — but hers was only a temporary, emergency appointment by the then acting leader, Superboy. Later, the full membership rewarded her with a permanent membership for her heroism.

Peter C. Hall, Croydon, Surrey; England, refers to an issue of some time back, and complains, "You should unite those Colossal Domes of yours and look up the word Mediaeval. You have it spelled Medieval." Correct, P.C. — that's the accepted American spelling. Pete goes on to say, "You state that the year is 693. The Mediaeval Age didn't start until 1066." Wrong again! The date usually given is 476, the time of the fall of Rome. ... "What's happened to Duo Damsel's sleeves?" asks David Franklin, Indianapolis, Ind. In No. 313 she had violet cuffs; in 317 they were white; and they were orange in 325 and 326. Now she has white gloves." Let's just say she gets tired of wearing exactly the same outfit all the time.

## Adventure Comics #378

"The King of the Legion" has brought terrific response, and plenty of guesses as to who the fake "Bouncing Boy" was. "Who else could the person be but Protty disguised as Bouncing Bay?" asks John Lupp, Hanover, Pa. And Kem Templeton, Indianapolis, Ind., says, "I have it! Chameleon Boy is in a coma, the real Bouncing Boy is at Legion Headquarters, and Protty was transported. Right?" Wrong, as you know by now. Next issue we'll tell you whether anyone



guessed the phoney B.B. was Chameleon Boy. So far, not a single fan has come up with the right answer. ... The other subject that has brought in plenty of mail was the picture of Superboy ripping the "S" off his indestructible costume. Ronald Kane, Long Beach, Calif., notes that "In SUPERBOY No. 91, Krypto couldn't rip his master's cape." A possible answer comes from Harvey Sobel, Commack, N.Y.: "Superboy knew how the Legion would honor the winner of the contest, so he wore a non super costume."

We'd like to quote a little more from Harvey's letter while we're at it: "On the cover of ADVENTURE No. 354 is a statue of Quantum Queen. One of the Wanderers in 375 has that name. I'm glad to see that you are helping the puzzle pieces of the grown-up Legion-to-be, as portrayed in issues No. 354 and 355, to fall into place. first Shadow Lass, then Chemical King, and now quantum Queen — and soon Reflecto will be introduced. It's this cohesive pattern that makes the Legion tales National's finest future stories." ... Linda J. Hall, Salt Lake City, Utah, comments on the same subject, but adds: "One hero you introduced in No. 354 may be overlooked. On page 15, panel 3, at the far left is a memorial to a certain Power Boy. Since Power Boy perished before he reached manhood, it would seem imperative that you introduce him in the teen Legion."

Now to some serious business. Paul Williams, Cataula, Ga., points out that "The current Legion Leader, Ultra Boy, and the Deputy Leader, Mon-El. were elected by the readers. **I believe you should have a similar election every year.** That way, the Leader will be the one the readers want." We agree — so, since it's about that time, we'll give you all one month to send in your votes. All ballots must reach us by February 27, the date when our next issue hits the stands. Remember, Cosmic Boy, Saturn Girl, Brainiac 5, Invisible Kid and Ultra Boy have already held the post. That leaves the following members eligible: Bouncing Boy, Chameleon Boy, Chemical King, Colossal Boy, Dream Girl, Duo Damsel, Element Lad, Karate Kid, Light Lass, Lightning Lad, Matter Eater Lad, Mon-El, Phantom Girl, Princess Projectra, Shadow Lass, Shrinking Violet, Star Boy, Sun Boy, Superboy, Supergirl and Timber Wolf. Vote for your favorite. The winner will be the next leader; the runner-up will be the Deputy.

We have plenty of questions and suggestions, so we'll devote the rest of the column to them. "You should have some of the members quit the Legion," writes a mystery reader who failed to sign his (or her) letter. "And I don't mean just one issue or two. Like when you had Star Boy expelled and brought back after a few months. Every one knows how Karate Kid and Princess

Projectra feel about each other. Maybe they could quit to see more of each other. Then, after a while, something would bring them back." Robert Reiner, El Monte, Calif., wants a story about a second Legion, starring the Legionnaires' children." ... "In the 30th century, you state that the capital of Earth is Metropolis. What happened to Washington, D.C.?" asks John Panzera, Lodi, N.J. Well, Washington is only the U.S. capital in our time. The U.N. meets in a different U.S. city — New York. When the future World Federation was formed, they picked Metropolis, that's all.

Christine Cassello, Chicago, Ill., a 22-year-old working girl, has a startling suggestion: "Get rid of the Legion. Break it up into smaller groups, like the Teen Titans, and give each group a magazine. That way, fans can see their favorites more often." ... "Most of the girl Legionnaires' real names end in 'a'," writes Sharon Karibian, New York, N.Y. "For instance, Nura (Dream Girl), Ayla (Light Lass), Tinya (Phantom Girl), Imra (Saturn Girl), Tasmia (Shadow Lass), Kara (Supergirl) and Princess Projectra. Only Lurnu (Duo Damsel) and Salu (Shrinking Violet) lack the final 'a'." ... Richard Hooten, North Little Rock, Ark., has "a power for Rond Vidar, Universo's son, who is an honorary Legionnaire. Since he inherited his dad's immunity to hypnosis, why shouldn't he have his hypnotic power as well?"

"If Chlorophyll Kid, of the Substitute Heroes, can make plants grow super fast, why don't the bacteria in the air grow when he uses his power?" asks Dan Wood, Dansville, N.Y.

"Remember, bacteria are plants. It happens that C.K. can use his power with pinpoint accuracy, making only those plants grow that he wants to. Of course, if he wished to have some king-size bacteria, he could do it easily. ... Rand Lee, Roxbury, Conn., has some ideas about Shrinking Violet's world, Imsk: "Its sun, Nu Pegasi, is a white dwarf star. It was once double, but back in the 20th century, its mate broke up, sending some dwarf matter to Earth, near Ivy Town, where it was found by Ray Palmer, now known as the Atom. The Imskites have the power to shrink like the Atom, too." ... Vicky Wingate, Orange, Tex., is confused about Chameleon. Boy's pet, Protty. "I remember reading how Protty died to restore Lightning Lad to life. Yet, in No. 375, you show Protty with Chameleon Boy. Did he, too, come back to life?" No the one in 375 was Protty II, who comes from the same world as the original Protty,

"In SUPERBOY No. 120, the Boy of Steel found that he had a descendant in the 35th century. But in ADVENTURE COMICS, when he visits the Legion in the 30th century, he has never found a descendant," says Suheil E. Nusair, Amman, Jordan. "Admit it — that's the most

colossal mistake you ever made:" Why? It's a big universe. Superboy just never ran into his 30th century descendants. ... Commenting on the recently introduced **Legion Academy**, Frank Riley, Sunnyvale, Calif., states: "The intensive training program is only logical for an organization like the Legion. The old two-ininute interview system could let in some bad apples, as it did in the cases of **Nemesis Kid** and **Dynamo Boy**."

Bennett Marks, Levittown, N.Y. sends a letter that would take up several letter columns by itself. One of his many suggestions is for "a Diplomatic Squad, consisting of Saturn Girl, Brainiac 5, Chameleon Boy, Dream Girl and Princess Projectra." We'll consider it, Ben — and your other ideas, even though we haven't the space to print them all. ... Mary Isidorou, Prince Rupert, B.C., Canada, thinks the girl Legionnaires "act too much like boys. They always wear their costumes instead of regular dresses. They never change their hair styles. Just once, I saw Duo Damsel and Shadow Lass out of costume, when they were in disguise; and in one story I read a girlish remark." Hmm ... maybe Jim Shooter should get some tips from a girl on how to handle the heroines in future stories.

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Dear Editor: I would like to make a guess as to who the "Bouncing Boy" who vanished was. When Chameleon Boy saw Proty, he decided to use him as a diversion, by having Proty take his form. The clue to this is that "Bouncing Boy" never called the injured "Chameleon Boy" by name. Thus it is Chameleon Boy who is the real Legion Champion. Am I right? —Patricia Ehlman, Newport, Ky.

*(By now you know that you were, indeed. Yours was the first of several letters which correctly identified the phony B.B. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I have just finished the December issue of ADVENTURE and I feel that I must protest your brutal treatment of Chameleon Boy. Being a girl (we girls get very sentimental about these things, y'know), I was practically thrilled to death when Chameleon Boy found a girl he could really love. And now you've ruined it all. I understand that if Chameleon Boy got married and stayed in Elwinda's dimension, you'd never hear the end of it; but did you have to separate them like that? I certainly hope you will give us emotional readers a break and somehow reunite Cham and Elwinda. —Debra Miyajima, Kailua, Hawaii

*(Give us time and we may work something out. Did you ever stop to think why Cham wasn't in our Adult Legion story a couple of years back? — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I would like to comment on the realism of Bouncing Boy. His power comes from the potion he mistook for a bottle of soda pop. That sounds simple, but here is how it would actually work. Every cell of the body is nourished by the food we eat. After B. B. drank the potion, the DNA in the cells produced a fluid in the body enabling him to swell in his abdomen at will, thus giving him the appearance of a rubber ball with a head, arms and legs; and it gave him the power to bounce. Since the outer nerve cells, which normally register pain, are gone, he can bounce without hurting himself. But you have incorporated one mistake in your stories. You stated that acquired characteristics cannot be inherited. However, if the power one acquires affects the reproductive cells, one's children would have the same power. Unless the power is recessive, so it will not show up in all the children. But B. B. should have some children who bounce after he marries Duo Damsel. —"Jan Arrah," Winthrop, Mass.

*(Not necessarily, since we've established that he'll lose his power before he wedding.-.Ed.)*

Dear Editor: As I was going over some of my newest ADVENTURES, I spotted a mistake in No. 367. On page 11, Karate Kid is shown greeting his "master" — and the Kid has his boots on. According to an old Japanese custom, visitors are supposed to take off their shoes when entering other people's houses. They do the same in their own homes. —Joseph Valles, Yokota AFB, Japan

*(Isn't it possible the custom may change in the next 1,000 years? Or don't you get a BOOT out of that explanation? — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: Looking over back issues, I find you have a sneaky way of naming planets in Spanish. In LOIS LANE No. 87, the sleeping planet was Dormir — Spanish for "to sleep." In ADVENTURE No. 343, the gamblers' planet was Ventura, which in Spanish means fortune or risk. Orando, Princess Projectra's home planet, is either from orar (to pray), or from orondo (puffed up). —Steve Desdier, San Diego, Calif.

*(How about oro, meaning gold, a symbol of royalty? — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: In No. 375, on page 10, the conquerors of Immorto (Superboy) and Dartalg (Bouncing Boy) were to fight Psyche. Instead, Bouncing Boy and Chameleon Boy battled Psyche. —Andrew Jacobson, Bayside; N.Y.

*(Looks like our writer changed heroes in midstream, eh? — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: On page 16 of issue 376, Chameleon Boy says he can't get out of the prison because the walls are super sealed plastic, charged with special energy. But there was a window open. Couldn't he escape that way as an insect or a bird? —Ray Cebalt, Detroit, Mich.

*(What made you think the window was open? Look closely — you'll see the lines indicating a pane of transparent plastic. And if he'd tried to fly through that, he'd have got a different kind of pain! — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: In ADVENTURE. 376, Saturn Girl, Ultra Boy and Element Lad did not have their emblems on their costumes. Is it because they didn't have time to put them back after they tore them off the last issue? If so, why did Superboy, Supergirl and Star Boy still have theirs? —Ken Coignard, Woodbridge, Va.

*(They had extra shirts in the pouches of their capes. S.G., U.B., and E.L. don't wear capes. — Ed.)*

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Dear Editor: I have the power to see into the future. Here are my predictions. (1) Shadow Lass will marry Mon-El before she dies. (2) In your next Adult Legion story, we readers will learn more about Power Boy, who was mentioned briefly as having died in action. (3) Supergirl will be featured more often in the Legion stories. (4) You will soon have an issue featuring the second Legion, formed by the original Legionnaires' children. Am I right? —Clifton Watkins, Lawndale, Calif.

*(We can't confirm any of your prophecies — yet. But you missed the BIG changes that are coming. The next time you see the Legion in action, they'll be in ACTION — ACTION COMICS, that is! They'll be sharing that mag with Superman, while Supergirl moves over here to ADVENTURE, which will henceforth be her own magazine. So be ready when the June issue of ADVENTURE comes out — featuring a fabulous full-length Supergirl novel!*

*And get the June ACTION, in which Timber Wolf and Light Lass star in one of the Legion's strangest tales. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: Why aren't the descendants of Hawkman, Wonder Woman and the Atom in the Legion of Super-Heroes? And why isn't there a Green Lantern in the 30th century? —Robert Reiner, El Monte, Calif.

*(What makes you so sure the descendants of Hawkman, Wonder Woman and Atom would have super powers? Even if they followed in their ancestors' footsteps, though, they probably wouldn't qualify. WW. lost her powers, remember. And Hawkman and Atom depend on gadgets for their powers-strictly against Legion rules. As for G.L., it's been explained in his mag that Hal Jordan is destined to be the last Green Lantern stationed on Earth. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: In issue 372, Chemical King joined the Legion. In ish 375, we saw Quantum queen, who can turn into a beam of light. but back in No. 354, you revealed that Q. Queen will join the Legion and be killed in action; Chem King will also die as an adult. Why not have Quantum Queen join soon, and have the two fall in love? —Sharon Karibian, New York, N.Y.

*(Well, we might get 'em together and see whether there's the proper CHEMISTRY to bring the love-LIGHT into their eyes. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: What kind of holidays do they celebrate in the future? I know from a past issue that they have Parents' Day. But do they have Columbus Day and other holidays we celebrate? How about religious holidays? Are there others than those of the religions we know? —George Walker, Bronx, N.Y.

*(Christianity, Judaism, Islam and most of the other religions of today exist in the 30th century, as well as religions of different worlds. And each one has its own holidays. There are also other days, commemorated on different planets. Most people of Earth descent still celebrate Columbus Day — and also Apollo Day, the anniversary of the first manned moon landing. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: You often show Lightning Lad shooting lightning from his fingers. But in the very first Legion story, he had to clap his hands to make lightning flashes. Also in that story, Cosmic Boy said that a special serum gave him super-magnetic eyes. Today, you say everyone

on the planet Braal has that power, and it radiates from their hands. How do you explain these things? — Bill Bergeron, Kimberly, Wis.

*(The same way we explain the changes in Superman. Originally, he couldn't fly — but he could leap a quarter of a mile. And it was stated that nothing short of an exploding shell could penetrate his skin. Just as Superman has changed and improved over the years, so the Legionnaires have changed. And we think they're much better as they are today. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: In The Legion Outpost in No. 375, you say that **Chameleon Boy** can't do the split bit. But in No. 376, he used part of his body to duplicate Kodar's hammer. How did he do it? —An Scholp, Bergenfield, NJ.

*(With great difficulty. Actually, what we meant was that he couldn't split into two people, like Duo Damsel. It was all he could do to tum a bit of himself into a small, inanimate object. More than that he couldn't do — unless he had a split personality. — Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I think there is a better way to explain why Brainiac 5 does not suffocate while using his force-shield than assuming there are "pores" in it to let the air through. His belt could contain a device that breaks down the carbon dioxide he exhales into carbon and oxygen, thus permitting him to we the same air over and over. This would eliminate the possibility of someone using poison gas on him. —Leonard Philip Zinna, Brooklyn, N.Y.

*(We're sure your idea will make Brainy breathe easier. — Ed.)*

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