

Must See TV? Not As Much

I am all for the reinterpretation of a popular character over time to make him more appealing to the masses, but I have found one such instance a bit beyond what I consider plausible. I speak of the up-coming 8th season of *Smallville*. It not only seems that most of the traditional [Superman](#) canon is a MAJOR part of the young adult life of Clark Kent, but it seems that most of them know of his "secret." Over the last two seasons, both Lois Lane and Jimmy Olsen were introduced to the series as recurring characters which would be entirely understandable IF it were a series about the ADULT life of Clark after he had assumed the guise of the superhero. Last season, The Man of Steel's arch-enemy Lex Luthor discovered the truth about Clark. There have been some interesting action-packed episodes with guest appearances of future [Justice League](#) members [Green Arrow](#), [The Flash](#), [Aquaman](#), [Martian Manhunter](#), [Cyborg](#), and [Black Canary](#). However, I think the show's creators may have driven the final nail in the coffin. For season eight, the monstrous destructive force known as [Doomsday](#) will be introduced. Instead of the inhuman monster who was responsible for killing the Last Son of Krypton, a troubled young man will eventually transform into the character. The new addition will also be involved in a love triangle with Jimmy and his girl friend. GREAT... more twenty-something angst. I think that it is high time that the BOY of steel grew up. I think it will be interesting how they plan to explain a way in which everyone who knows Clark's secret will forget it (aside from the Kents, [Pete Ross](#), and Lana Lang).