## Man of Metaphoric Steel by Robert Campbell

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SAM, 30s, a nerd's nerd, explains a few things to TANYA, 30s.

SAM

How could you not like the first Superman movie!? Christopher Reeve was the consummate Clark Kent.

TANYA

It had a stupid ending. I mean come on! Superman turns the world backwards by flying really fast?

SAM

Okay, first of all: Superman did not turn the world backwards. Okay? Do you know what would happen if the world's rotational velocity slowed by even half a second over the course of a year?

TANYA

No, but I bet you're go--

SAM

New York would smash through London, and end up in France. The center of the Pacific Ocean would be above Kansas. And Argentina would become a land bridge between Africa and South America.

(beat)

It was a metaphor, okay? A metaphor. Superman's Kryptonian physiology obviously grants him the ability to adapt Einstein's Theory of Relativity to go back in time.

(beat)

It was a metaphor. That's why the first *Superman* is the best. They didn't spell everything out.

TANYA

Okay, fine. You're right, and I'm wrong. Whatever.

(beat)

Next thing you're going to tell me Keyser Soze wasn't Kevin Spacey.

SAM

How can you think that Verbal Kint was Keyser Soze?!