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[**Note to reader:** The goal of this, sadly, unfinished project was to build an environment wherein all of the characters from DC Comics' 60-year history existed, each in their respective areas ("zones"), but were starting to trickle into others zones. E.g.: The Trickster (a classic villain of The Flash) caused trouble in Wonder Woman's zone, The 1950s Lois Lane chatted with the 1990s Lois, etc. My job was to write short, interactive animations (called Danger Events) and funny animated scenes (called Gags) incorporating nearly every character in DC's 60-year history. Samples follow.]

SUPERMAN ZONE

Danger Event:

Superman Vs. Luthor

View: Fortress of Solitude (L4-Main View)

Luthor (in his 1970s-80s battle suit, flies onscreen from left and lands next to the pod ship. He takes out a siphon, one end of which is attached to his armor, and attaches the other end to the pod ship and begins to siphon the pod ship's energy.

Luthor: Magnificent. This raw Kryptonian energy will serve me well.

Superman flies in onscreen/ right and addresses Luthor.

Superman: That ship has sentimental value to me, Luthor. I suggest you back off.

Luthor: Try and stop me, Superman.

Viewer has 3 choices of Superman's powers: Super-Strength, Super-Breath, and Heat Vision.

If the Viewer chooses Super-Strength:

Superman jumps at Luthor--and bounces off Luthor's invisible force-field. Luthor laughs derisively.

Luthor: ' Weren't expecting *that*, were you, Superman?

If Viewser chooses Super-Breath:

Superman tries to blow Luthor away, but Luthor's force-field holds fast (Show air/dust whooshing around the force-field). Luthor laughs derisively.

Luthor: I always had you figured for a blow-hard!

If Viewser chooses Heat Vision:

The siphon tube heats up, sizzles, and explodes, with the resulting backfire disabling Luthor's armor. Superman scoops up Luthor and flies him offscreen.

Luthor: Curse you, Superman!

Superman: You'll have plenty of time to curse me...from jail!

Gag:

Lois Meets Lois

View: Newsroom Doors

Golden Age Lois Lane (in B&W) and current Lois Lane (in color) are at the doors of the Daily Planet, comparing notes.

Old Lois: Now wait just a minute, Lois. He asked you to marry him, you said yes, then you broke it off a year later?

New Lois: I had to, Lois. He just wasn't putting anything into the relationship.

Old Lois: Good Lord, things *have* changed. Dear, If I'd kept working away and waiting for my Clark to settle down, I'd've become an old maid.

New Lois: Or publisher of the Daily Planet.

Old Lois: Hm. I never thought of that...

Old Lois is a link to the Silver Age TV gizmo.

BATMAN ZONE

Danger Event:

Riddler in the Nuclear Reactor

View: Batman Zone, Nuclear Reactor

The Riddler sneaks onscreen with a bundle of dynamite. after a couple of beats, Batman comes out to face the Riddler. The only thing is, it's an older, funnier-looking Batman--the Golden Age Batman. The Riddler sees this and laughs mockingly.

Viewer has 3 choices of "Batman"s: Silver Age Batman, Batman Adventures Batman, and The Dark Knight.

If the Viewer clicks on Silver Age Batman:

The Riddler continues to laugh mockingly.

If the Viewer clicks on Batman Adventures Batman:

The Riddler continues to laugh mockingly.

If the Viewer clicks on The Dark Knight:

The Riddler screams and runs offscreen. As the Riddler runs offscreen, he drops the bomb. When it hits the floor, a little flag with the word "boom!" on it pops up. Batman and the bomb rez out.

Gag:

The Penguin shoots at the Bat-Signal

View: Gotham City Walls (G1 -Main View-)

The Penguin floats down from the top of screen left, taking pot-shots at the Bat-Signal as he does. "Heh! Heh! Down with Batman, I say!" he quacks. Robin swings in from screen right and boots the Penguin offscreen.

WONDER WOMAN ZONE

Danger Event:

Wonder Woman Vs. The Trickster

View: "Ceiling of the Gods" (L1-up view)

The Trickster is painting mustaches on the faces of the Gods. Wonder Woman confronts him.

Trickster: Hm...let's butch Apollo up a bit...and Athena, let's thicken that mustache, shall we?

WW: Trickster! How dare you deface the ceiling of the Gods!

Trickster: And who's man enough to stop me, Wondy? You?

WW has choice of three weapons to use on the Trickster.

If Wonder Woman chooses flight:

WW flies up to him, and is expelled by a cloud of green gas from the flower on Trickster's lapel. Trickster guffaws

Trickster: If you can't take the gas, go back to the kitchen!

If Wonder Woman chooses her lasso:

She ropes one of the Trickster's feet, which comes off with her lasso. It's a fake foot and it explodes in midair.

Trickster: Ahhhhhh....much better. That foot was killing me!

If Wonder Woman chooses her tiara:

She flings it at the Trickster. He side-steps it and it flies past him. Boomerang sfx.

Trickster: Oh, I'm so scared. Flying jewelry! Is that the best you can d--

The tiara doubles back and slugs him in the head. Trickster sinks like a stone into WW's arms. She flies offscreen with him.

GENRE ZONE

Danger Event

Kanjar Ro Takes Over

View: Same view as Activity (Center Core?)

Kanjar Ro (pink-skinned Adam Strange Villain) shows up onscreen and uses his energi-rod to begin blasting at the game gizmo. He takes chunks out of a few non-essential areas. The AI warns the Viewser to choose a hero to stop Kanjar Ro from destroying the "Genre OrderCore."

If the Viewser chooses Captain Comet from the Space Genre:

Captain Comet flies at Kanjar Ro. Kanjar Ro traps CC in a cube of energy like a fly in amber. The cube, with CC intact, falls offscreen.

If the Viewser chooses Enemy Ace from the War Genre:

Enemy Ace's Fokker Triplane flies at Kanjar Ro. Kanjar's Energi-Rod takes out a wing and the Triplane goes down in flames.

If the Viewser chooses Nightwing from the Western Genre:

Nightwing challenges Kanjar Ro to a shootout.

Nightwing: Draw, mister.

Nightwing shoots the rod out of Kanjar's hand and chases him offscreen.

Nightwing: And *stay* out, y'danged alien.

Gag:

Keep swingin'

View: Entry Point View

Four different Adventure characters swing across the screen. Three of them make it across, the fourth doesn't.

Tarzan swings across, giving his famous yell. As he reaches the other side of the screen, he lets go and dives offscreen.

Rima the Jungle girl swings across, perhaps giving a yell also. She too lets go of the rope at the other edge of the screen and dives offscreen.

Kamandi, the Last Boy on Earth, swings across, pistol in hand, yelling for his friend and mentor Dr. Canus. As he reaches the other side of the screen, he too lets go and dives offscreen.

Anthro (the “Gilligan” of the jungle hero set) swings across, hanging on for dear life and screaming in sheer terror. Unlike the other three, he swings all the way off the screen, still hanging onto the vine. Then he swings back, still screaming. He keeps swinging back and forth until he eventually loses momentum and is left hanging from the vine at the middle of the screen. Rez out.

GOLDEN AGE ZONE

Gag:

Icicle vs. The Flash

View: L5/LF View

The Icicle, who is sitting at one of the stools, has a soda glass in one hand. He accosts soda jerk Scribbly behind the counter.

Icicle: Hey! You call this cold? I’ve had hotfoots that were colder!

Scribbly: Mister, I’m sorry. It’s just an egg cream. Any colder and it’ll get freezer burn.

The Icicle draws his freeze gun and sticks it in Scribbly’s face.

Icicle: I’ll give you freezer burn!

A crimson streak (the Golden Age Flash) rushes by the Icicle, spinning him around in his stool. When he’s finished spinning, he’s, facing us, barely sitting on the stool, half-conscious and very, very dizzy. Scribbly looks off to the side of the screen where Flash headed.

Scribbly: Gee! Thanks, Flash!