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世界上最著名的漫画英雄之一，Superman超人，目前面临职业危机。这不是说他要退休了，而是超人的凡人身份 Clark Kent 准备辞去报社记者的工作，以示他对一些现实问题的抗议。请听 BBC 记者 John McManus 发回的报道：

Any comic book fan can tell you that when Superman came to Earth as a **refugee** from the Planet Krypton, saving lives and **foiling** the plots of evil madmen would be his main day job. But there was also the question of how to keep his **alter ego**, Clark Kent, occupied, and when the character first came out in print, his creators decided that he would be a newspaper journalist. Very handy, if you want to be the first to know about major **catastrophes**.

But now the mild-mannered reporter is going solo. DC Comics, which publishes the Superman stories, says that Clark Kent will walk out of his job at the Daily Planet, protesting that hard news has given way to too many soft 'entertainment' stories. It's a **scenario** that real reporters - and their readers and listeners - might recognise. What kind of stories do the public really want - showbiz gossip, or the latest discussions from the UN? DC Comics has hinted that Clark Kent might even go the way of many journalists and become a blogger, in an effort to get his own, non-super views across to a wider audience. But for fans who think that this is all getting a little bit too much like **grim reality**, don't worry. In a **nod** to the

changing media landscape of the 1970s, Clark temporarily **ditched** his notebook for a camera, becoming a cable TV presenter. But he never forgot his real calling - saving the planet.

Questions

1. Which planet did superman come from?
2. What is Clark Kent's job?
3. What kind of stories does Clark Kent usually do?
4. What could Clark Kent do if he left his current job?

Vocabulary and definitions

refugee	难民
foiling	挫败
alter ego	个性的另一面
catastrophes	大灾难
scenario	情况, 局面
grim reality	严峻的现实
a nod	点头同意或认可
ditched	放弃

Answers to the questions

1. Which planet did superman come from?

Answer: Planet Krypton.

2. What is Clark Kent's job?

Answer: He's a journalist.

3. What kind of stories does Clark Kent usually do?

Answer: As a journalist, Clark reported on hard news stories.

4. What could Clark Kent do if he left his current job?

Answer: He may become a blogger.