Alexander Joseph Luthor (2025)

“Lex Luthor”



“No shit. I'm not dim. I'm aware envy consumes my every waking moment. 13L! I KNOW when they mention Galileo or Einstein, or one of these other twits in the same breath as me, I feel a tide of vomit burn the back of my throat! But at least Galileo did something. He wasn't some dopey Venusian, catapulted onto this planet, just to have the world fawn over him because his strength illuminates how WEAK we all really are! So my envy is a calling! It is the SOLE hope for humanity! Because it is what has driven me to annihilating YOU. 1A! 1A! 1A! 1A! 1A! 1A! 1... A!” - Lex Luthor

This document is on the feats of Lex Luthor from the Superman (2025) film.

Prior to the film:

Luthor created a pocket dimension prison to house people who spoke out against him, metahumans and political dissidents. Furthermore, Luthor analysed and collected data on all of Superman's battles, finding a strand of DNA and using it to create a clone - Ultraman - someone capable of being controlled and fighting on par with Superman. Luthor also conducted an experiment which would lead to the creation of "The Engineer", who would fight using nanotechnology.

Furthermore Luthor had been the one to orchestrate the war between Boravia and Jarhanpur, predicting how Superman would rush to stop the war, this is what leads to the events that allow Luthor to tarnish and destroy Superman's reputation.

Within Luthor's pocket dimension, he keeps a team of trained monkeys that spam propaganda and further tarnish Superman's reputation.

[long term planning, VSI, WMI, PRI, VCI, PSI, leadership, influence building, cunning, planning coverage, anticipation, smearing, prediction, knowledge, creative thinking]

Superman (2025):

Using Ultraman (disguised as "The Hammer of Boravia"), Lex attacked Superman - Ultraman is allegedly attacking due to Superman having interfered with Boravia's conflict with Jarhanpur - Lex, controlled Ultraman from a distance, in his "LuthorCorp" Tower, issuing orders and relentlessly attacking Superman. This is done to wound Superman, forcing him to retreat back to his base and thus allowing Luthor to discover his fortress in Antarctica.

After the battle, Luthor's group travels to Antarctica (to ensure Superman doesn't return in the meanwhile, Luthor has a creature released into Metropolis to buy time), having gained awareness of Superman's fortress, breaking in- he anticipates a DNA lock and uses Ultraman to bypass it, destroying the robots and incapacitating Krypto. Luthor has The Engineer hack into the Fortress' computer and steals the message Superman's parents sent with him, recovering the damaged second half that Clark had never heard himself.

Luthor has the message translated, and spread to the masses, cleverly twisting Superman's actions to fit the second half of the message and portraying the Hero to be a tyrant who was planning to rule over Earth.

Soon enough, Superman angrily confronts Luthor (who has kidnapped Krypto) and thanks to his outburst, Luthor is able to further shame and portray Superman as a violent alien who solely wants domination.

Superman turns himself in (hoping to be taken to where Krypto is), however, LuthorCorp's PlanetWatch is in charge of his incarceration, and Luthor has him imprisoned in his pocket dimension prison, alongside Rex Mason whom he orders to use his power to create Kryptonite to subdue Superman preventing him from escaping by using Rex's son as leverage over the metahuman.

Luthor soon brings a man who Superman had once saved to use as leverage while interrogating Superman, however he kills the man in a game of Russian Roulette without gaining any new information on Superman's motives/parents, threatening to find more people to kill in front of him.

Soon enough, Superman escapes, and enraged, Luthor attacks his girlfriend - Eve - she turns on him and sends evidence of Luthor's wrongdoings to a reporter at the DailyPlanet.

Thanks to the evidence, Luthor's "real" plan is seemingly revealed... he had been selling weapons to Boravia at an incredibly low price in exchange for half of Jarhanpur for him to rule over and crown himself king of. The reporters begin to craft a takedown article to reveal all of Luthor's treason to the public.

To ensure Superman returns, so that Luthor can have him killed, he creates a dimensional rift that will easily devastate the world, only planning to stop it once Superman is dead, as a result Superman is forced to head back to Metropolis.

Ultraman and the Engineer attempt to kill Superman by suffocating him with nanites (at Luthor's command), however, eventually Superman knocks the Engineer unconscious and frees himself, continuing to battle Ultraman. Using cameras, Luthor is able to order Ultraman about, almost killing Superman.

Due to Krypto's interference however, Luthor loses his cameras and thus is no longer able to issue orders to Ultraman, resulting in Superman overpowering and defeating him. Luthor prepares

to escape, however Superman confronts him and soon enough Luthor is arrested, having been exposed of his crimes.

[leadership, self-awareness, influence building, influence, cunning, event manipulation, mass manipulation, emotional manipulation, misdirection, threats, fear inducement, negotiation, smearing, setting traps, determination, perseverance, charisma, planning, long term planning, planning coverage, planning intricacies, emotional understanding, emotional engagement, emotional management, composure, emotional facilitation, emotional realization, emotional awareness, anticipation, prediction, fast thinking, inductive reasoning]

Lex Luthor's strongest categories:

KEY: FSIQ, FSEQ, FSSQ, FSAQ, RSG/THK, Manip/Decep, Strat/Planning, Psychology, Misc.

1 - VSI, WMI, PRI, VCI, PSI, FRI, creative + fast thinking (creation of pocket dimension prison, creation of Ultraman, creation of The Engineer, memorising Superman's battle style and memorising dozens of commands to issue to Ultraman each connecting to a different form of strike, quickly analysing and reacting/issuing orders to Ultraman to counter and out maneuver Superman)

2- Leadership, influence, influence building, charisma, cunning, social skills (CEO of LutherCorp, easily able to get on talk shows, spread messages across social media and directly impact the government, furthermore was able to have his "PlanetWatch" group placed in charge of Superman's incarceration, using his alien heritage as a means to strip Superman of his rights and use his pocket dimension prison)
3- Long term planning, planning coverage, planning, planning intricacies, planning preparation, planning preparation process, holistic thinking (Lex planned his takedown of Superman far in advance, gathering intel on him, using Boravia's conflict with Jarhanpur as a method to create a situation where he could get rid of Superman, thought of ways to kill Superman - e.g. nanites in lungs - had a metahuman - Rex - to make kryptonite and weaken Superman to ensure he wouldn't be able to escape confinement, used leverage over the metahuman to prevent him rebelling)
4- Emotional understanding, emotional engagement, emotional facilitation, emotional realization, emotional awareness (able to create a situation where the once beloved Superman was hated by an overwhelming majority of people, was fully aware that his desire to kill Superman was rooted in envy, utilises the emotions to fuel his plan to destroy Superman, uses his understanding of Superman's desire to protect to place him in a pocket dimension prison, to further his emotional

understanding, Luthor is fully certain that Superman won't harm him, as seen in the scene where Superman confronts Lex about kidnapping Krypto)

5- event, mass, emotional manipulation, threats, coercion, fear inducement, smearing, setting traps, social engineering (used Rex's child to force him to weaken Superman with kryptonite, used Krypto to lure Superman to trap him, used a dimensional rift to lure Superman to try to kill him, used Superman's parent's message to manipulate the world into believing Superman was an evil alien grooming the planet for domination, furthermore, Luthor uses a team of monkeys to create and spread hatred/propaganda about Superman on social media that he keeps within his pocket dimension prison all his work to tarnish Superman is what leads to the government allowing him to take Superman in for questioning using PlanetWatch)

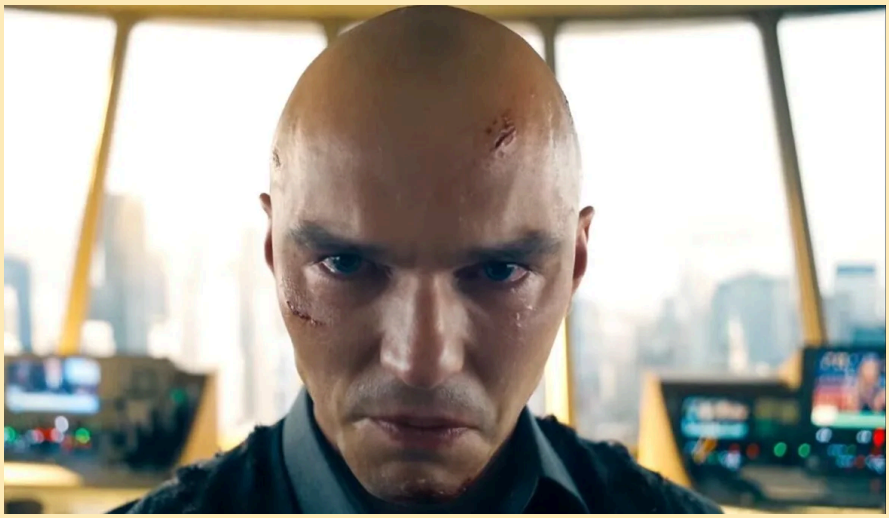
6- determination, perseverance (willing to create a dimensional rift to try to lure Superman and kill him)

7- negotiation (through his Boravia plan)

8- Composure, emotional management (during the scene where Superman initially confronts Luthor, claiming he kidnapped Krypto, Luthor remains perfectly calm and merely replies saying he has no idea what Superman is talking about, this is especially impressive given the sheer power Superman and how Luthor is well aware that he could easily kill him)

9- Anticipation (LuthorCorp's building has a special room with rockets, displaying how Luthor was at the very least prepared in a case where Metropolis was destroyed, furthermore he uses traffic cameras to keep a constant watch over his girlfriend - Eve - to make sure she doesn't rebel - even if she does eventually manage to do so, he also anticipates a potential DNA lock at Superman's fortress, this is why he brings Ultraman along)

10- Prediction + inductive reasoning+ psychological insight (Luthor orchestrated the initial conflict between Boravia and Jarhanpur in, predicting that Superman would rush to stop the war, this is what allows him to begin to enact his plan to ruin Superman)



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