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# SUPERHERO SHOWDOWN

Batman versus Superman, sister versus sister. Kate and Anne Halliwell defend their favorite superhero this week in preparation for the premiere of 'Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice' tomorrow.

OUR FAVORITE ILLEGAL ALIEN

By Kate Halliwell | @Kate\_\_Halliwell

The debate between The Caped Crusader and The Man of Steel may be the only conceivable event in which Superman has always been the perpetual underdog. Just Google "Batman vs. Superman," and countless articles will emerge listing the infinite reasons why Batman is cooler, more relatable and all-around better.

The discussion surrounding America's favorite vigilantes can be framed in a variety of ways. Is it a question of who is more of a hero? Who kicks the most bad-guy butt? Who looks better in their too-tight costume of

choice? Or is it ultimately about which superhero would win in a fight?

Since Zack Snyder's "Batman vs. Superman: Dawn of Justice" ultimately pits the two heroes against each other in what looks to be a pretty ruthless battle, I'm going to begin by focusing on the last question: If it came down to Batman against Superman, who would win?

The answer is, of course, Superman.

Let's begin with a brief tally of Superman's major powers. He can fly, has super-strength,

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HOLY DEBATE, BATMAN!

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The Dark Knight first appeared in comics in the late 1930s and remains one of the best-loved characters in comic, television and cinematic history.

From the emblematic Bat signal to his signature dark costume, there is no question that Batman has transcended comic books and become a cultural icon.

But the mere premise of a night-flying, caped vigilante isn't enough to endure 77 years in print and countless incarnations in the media.

The enduring appeal of The Caped Crusader boils down to a few points: he's effortlessly

revamped his image every decade or so to keep up with changing public interests. His humanity in a world of superpowered heroes lends him vulnerability and a righteous edge some protagonists lack.

We like our heroes to be flawed and compelling, and Batman is perhaps the most complicated of all.

The secret to Batman's longevity is his ability to change with the times. In the 1950s, he fit into the comic noir genre as the World's Greatest Detective, then gained more of a camp

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