

Spoons and Toons: *Supergirl* Season 2 Episode 11: For the Girl How Has Everything?

Directions: Over the last decade, Superhero shows have returned, appearing on CW, ABC, Netflix, and Freeform. Networks have had success introducing new stories while still alluding to iconic stories. In *Supergirl*, the writers pull basic plot beats from the 80s Superman comic “For the Man Who Has Everything” in their “For the Girl Who Has Everything” episode. While watching the show and enjoying your cereal, take notes on the following questions. You will use these notes in our post-screening discussion.

1. How is Supergirl’s dream different from Superman’s dream? What do these differences reveal about society’s changes?
2. What allows Kara to break free from the Black Mercy? How is her escape different from Superman’s release? Again, what does this difference reveal about how society views power and heroism?
3. Using feminist literary criticism, what does “For the Woman Who Has Everything” reveal about gender dynamics in our modern society?