

**Supergirl Radio - Episode #91: Supergirl Radio Season 1.5 - Character
Spotlight: Snapper Carr**

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CARLY: A DC TV character will be coming out...

MORGAN: ...Kevin Smith's episode's title is revealed...

REBECCA: ...and we shine a spotlight on Snapper Carr!

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[THEME]

REBECCA: Welcome to Supergirl Radio - your source for all things related to The CW's Supergirl TV series and the character of Kara Zor-El! My name is Rebecca Johnson.

CARLY: I'm Carly Lane.

MORGAN: And I'm Morgan Glennon.

REBECCA: And for this episode, we are going to shine a character spotlight on Snapper Carr!

But first, let's get to...

[“...the news” sound effect]

News (15 minutes):

REBECCA: [According to TVLine.com](#), a “significant” character on either *Supergirl* or *The Flash* will come out. Greg Berlanti was quoted as saying “We had a character who we had discussed as a possibility last year internally, and it didn’t materialize. We didn’t get to the story. We just didn’t have enough real estate to deal with it in the way that we wanted to deal with it. So when we were planning this season, we said to the network and the studio that it was a priority for us, and everyone was cool with it. And obviously, because the character hadn’t been gay, we hadn’t necessarily discussed it with the actor.” That cast member, Berlanti noted, was on board with the change.

- *Rebecca note: Something similar happened with Marissa on All My Children and I thought it turned out well for the character and the show. It’s all in how it’s handled...how it’s written and performed...and it sounds like the Supergirl writers want to do right by whoever this character is and how it is presented on the show.*

CARLY: We already knew that Kevin Smith was going to direct an episode of *Supergirl* Season 2, but now, [according to Kryptonsite.com](#), we know that the episode will be titled “Supergirl Lives”.

- *Rebecca note: This is probably a nod to Kevin Smith’s [“Superman Lives”](#) that he wrote, but never got made.*

MORGAN: In comics news, [Supergirl: REBIRTH #1](#) was released on

August 17 so if you're interested in checking it out, make sure to pick it up from your local comic shop or on digital platforms like Comixology, Amazon, Apple iBooks, Barnes and Noble, and Google Books.

- *Rebecca note: The artist for Supergirl: REBIRTH #1 is Emanuela Lupacchino (pronounced "Lupa-cheeno") who also worked on Adventures of Supergirl #6 and #7!*
 - *She drew Kara's dreams that were due to Psi's powers (including the D.E.O. zombies and Supergirl riding what looked like Battle Cat from Masters of the Universe).*
- *Rebecca note #2: This first issue features National City, the D.E.O., Cameron Chase, Jeremiah and Eliza Danvers, Kryptonese needing to be translated.*
 - *No Hank Henshaw or Alex Danvers...yet?*

REBECCA: And for our last bit of news, [according to the official LEGO Dimensions Twitter account](#), LEGO Dimensions Starter Packs for the Sony PlayStation 4 (or the PS4 if you wanna say it that way) will include an exclusive, bonus DC Comics Supergirl LEGO minifigure for a limited time, starting in September 2016. If you already have the Starter Pack, don't worry. The LEGO Dimension folks say that Supergirl will be available as a "Hire-a-Hero option."

Character Discussion (40 minutes):

Snapper Carr

REBECCA: Snapper Carr will be making an appearance in the second season of *Supergirl* so in this episode of Supergirl Radio, we are going to go through his character's history to learn more about him!

Comics

CARLY: Lucas “Snapper” Carr was created by Gardner Fox and Mike Sekowsky. According to [The Justice League Companion by Michael Eury](#) ([pronounced “Yur-ee”](#)), DC Editor Julius “Julie” Schwartz attributes the creation of a “hip” junior member of the Justice League to DC executive Whitney Ellsworth. Schwartz was **“told to pattern the JLA’s mascot after Edd Byrnes’ finger-snapping character named Kookie from the TV show, [77 Sunset Strip](#)”**. According to Julie Schwartz, it was Whitney Ellsworth who said the new character’s name was to be Snapper Carr.

- *Rebecca note: Kookie was a VERY popular character on 77 Sunset Strip. He would get [15,000 pieces of mail WEEKLY](#).*

There's a strong chance that the cover to the December 1930 issue of *Wonder Stories* impressed sci-fi reader Julius Schwartz, as a glance at this similar scene from the third JLA story he edited, in *B&B* #30 (below), will attest.

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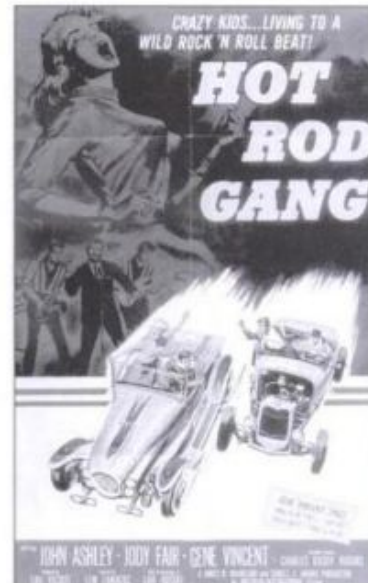
★ **Snapper Carr?? Why not Robin the Boy Wonder as the JLA's junior member?**

Robin was out of the question, as his senior partner Batman's participation in the League's earliest adventures was limited for fear of overexposure. Also, had Robin been admitted, this would have skewed the JLA's storylines toward Batman, making a membership balance awkward (the same argument can be made about Superman's pal Jimmy Olsen, or even Supergirl, who was introduced before the JLA but whose existence had yet to be revealed to the public in story continuity).

A better question is, *Why a junior JLA member at all?* Snapper Carr was neither editor Schwartz's nor writer Fox's idea; instead, Snapper's inclusion was mandated by DC

Snapper Carr wasn't alone: Marvel's teen sidekick-in-residence Rick Jones—along with his Teen Brigade buddies—made the scene with Earth's Mightiest Heroes in *The Avengers* #1 (Sept. 1963).

executive Whitney Ellsworth. "He wanted to have a 'hip' character in [*Justice League*]," Julie revealed in a July 23, 2003, interview in *Alter Ego* Vol. 3 #38 (July 2004). Throughout the 1950s, the explosion of the first true youth culture—a generation of rock 'n' roll-frenzied, Elvis Presley- and James Dean-obsessed teens—permeated the American psyche, inspiring Ellsworth to milk this trend in *JLA*. Schwartz was told to pattern the JLA's mascot after Edd Byrnes' finger-snapping character from TV's *77 Sunset Strip*: "And Whit Ellsworth said, 'His name is Snapper Carr.'"



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Movies like *Hot Rod Gang* (1958) catered to the American culture's craving for teen-oriented entertainment, much to the dismay of parents. Snapper Carr jettied to JLA meetings in his own hot rod—customized to fly by the JLA!

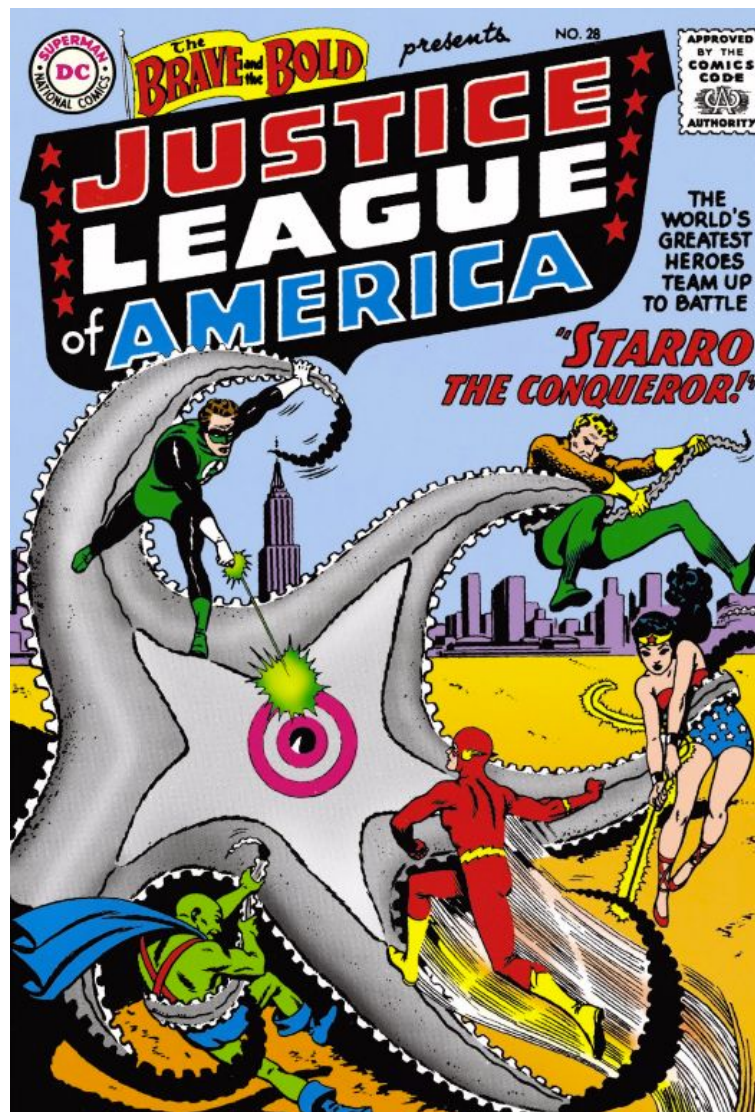
MORGAN: The character was originally simply known as Snapper because he would snap his fingers when he got excited or was trying to make a point. It wasn't until the late 1970s that writer Jack C. Harris revealed that "Lucas" was Snapper's first name. Star Wars fans might like to know that the "Lucas" part of his name is an [homage to Star Wars creator, George Lucas](#).

- *Rebecca note: Since I don't have access to the issues, my research is relegated to The Internet and while [one source says](#) the name reveal was in *The Superman Family* #188 from 1978, [another one says](#) it was in *Superman Family* #195 from 1979. Either way, it was post-Star Wars so this makes sense.*

REBECCA: Snapper Carr's first appeared in [The Brave and the Bold #28](#) (which was released in December 1959, but has the cover date of February-March 1960). Even though we're talking about The Brave and the

Bold #28 because of Snapper Carr's first appearance, it's probably more well-known as including the first appearance of the Justice League of America!

In this issue, we learn that Snapper lives in [Happy Harbor, Rhode Island](#) (which is a fictional town in DC Comics), that he becomes an honorary member of the Justice League of America, and that he is given a belt buckle signal device that he can use when he wants to contact the JLA.

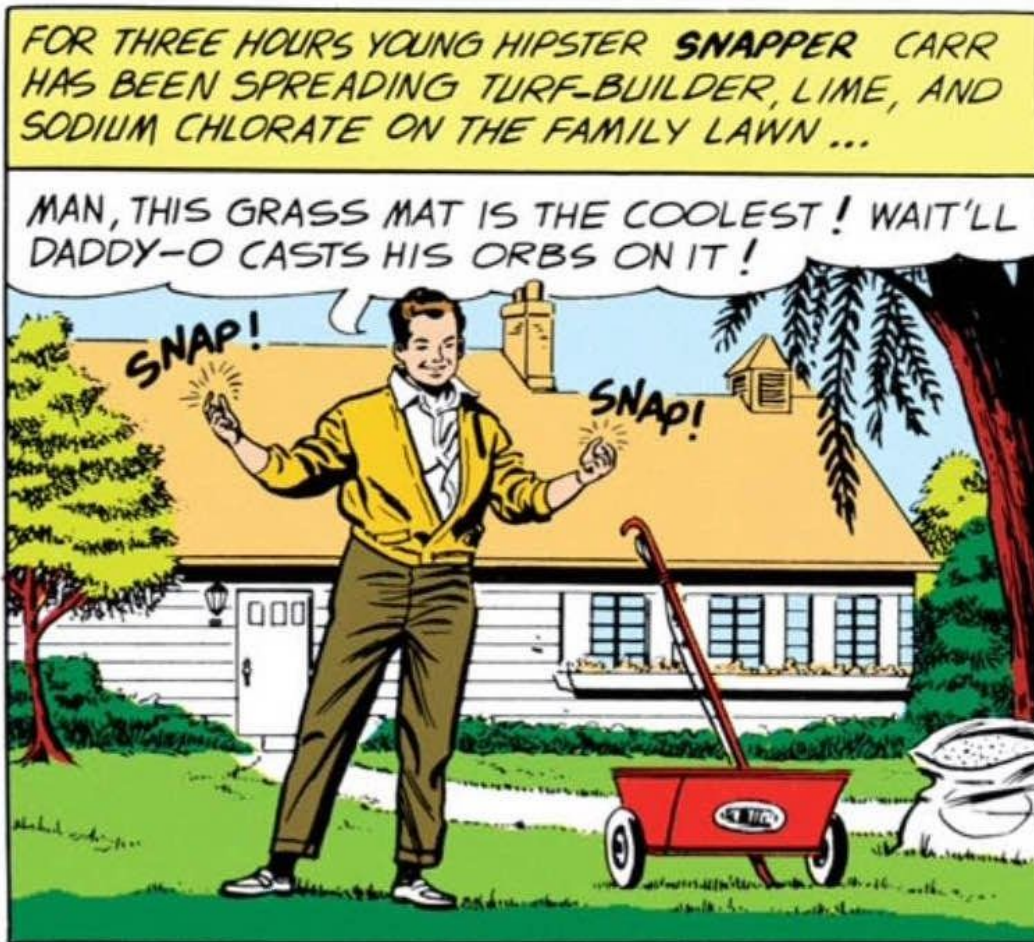


- *Rebecca note #1: Starro is in this issue! This is the second episode in a row we can mention Starro on Supergirl Radio!*

- *Rebecca note #2: In [Hourman #1](#), [Snapper has a pet cat named Starro](#).*

REBECCA cont'd: As an honorary member of the League, Snapper would serve on monitor duty, handled the JLA's fan mail, and was also depicted as a mechanic as well as a journalist, reporting on the League's activities. To make it convenient for him, the JLA even customized Snapper's hot rod so he could fly to meetings!

- *Rebecca note: 77 Sunset Strip's Kookie also had mechanic experience and drove a hot rod.*





I'LL SIGNAL THE REST OF THE **JUSTICE LEAGUE** TO MEET ME THERE! **SNAPPER**-- YOU'RE COMING WITH ME... YOU MAY BE THE KEY TO OUR SUCCESS OR FAILURE!

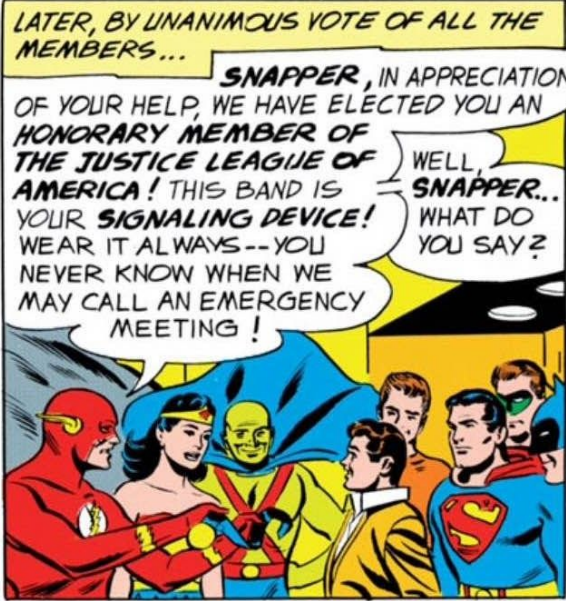
YOU HEAR THESE FINGERS SNAPPING, **FLASH?**

THAT'S MY WAY OF SHOWING I **LIKE** SOMETHING! THAT'S WHY THE CATS AROUND HERE CALL ME **SNAPPER!**

SNAP!

SNAP!

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LATER, BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF ALL THE MEMBERS...

SNAPPER, IN APPRECIATION OF YOUR HELP, WE HAVE ELECTED YOU AN **HONORARY MEMBER OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA!** THIS BAND IS YOUR **SIGNALING DEVICE!** WEAR IT ALWAYS-- YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN WE MAY CALL AN EMERGENCY MEETING!

WELL, **SNAPPER...** WHAT DO YOU SAY?



MY FINGERS ARE SAYING IT FOR ME, **FLASH!**

SNAP!

SNAP!

WHAT STRANGE AND EVIL FORCES WILL THE ALL-STARS BE CALLED UPON TO BATTLE NEXT? DON'T MISS THE NEXT ISSUE OF...

The JUSTICE LEAGUE of AMERICA!

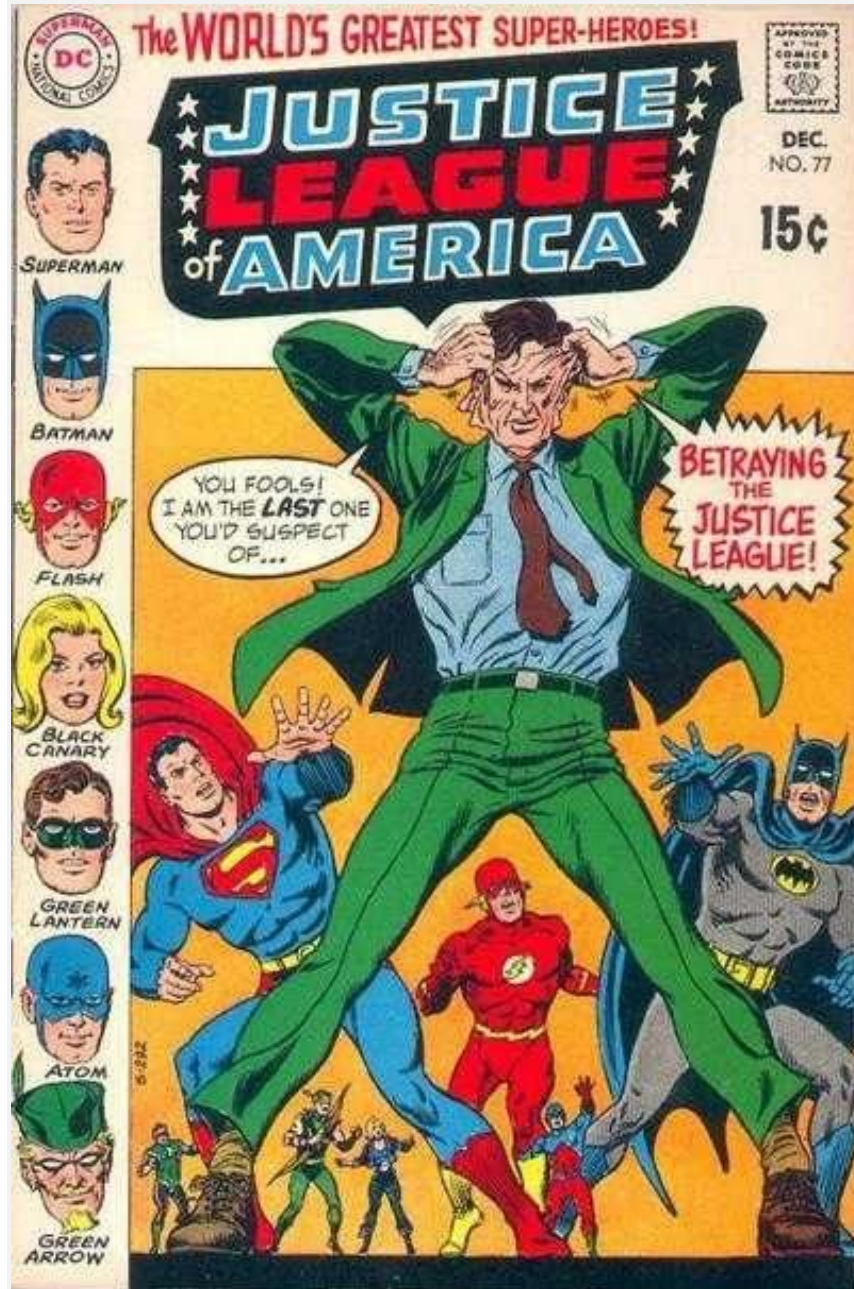
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CARLY: As far as family goes, Snapper has a little brother named Jimmy, a sister named Janet, and an uncle named Simon (who acted as a representative for Oliver Queen because Oliver was secretly funding the Justice League). *In Hourman #1*, Snapper says he has a brother nicknamed "Spitter" Carr who is appropriately nicknamed for his habit of spitting. Though, it's not clear if Spitter and Jimmy are the same person.

MORGAN: As far as romantic entanglements go, Snapper had a girlfriend named [Midge](#), has been involved with Wonder Woman villain, [Cheetah](#), and married and later divorced a woman named [Bethany Lee](#) (who is the daughter of the [Happy Harbor chief of police](#)).

REBECCA: Due to his unpopularity, Denny O'Neil wrote Snapper out of the Justice League of America in a story called "[Snapper Carr--Super Traitor!](#)" from Justice League of America #77 (December 1, 1969). In this issue, Snapper (along with a man, no lie...named John Dough who is referred to as "the most average man in America" and who turns out to be THE JOKER) uses his emergency signal to draw out Batman and the Atom and into a trap so they can hold an anti-superhero rally. Green Arrow eventually captures Snapper and Snapper confesses that he did what he did because he felt like the Justice League of America was overshadowing him as a person and he resigns from the Justice League of America.

- *Rebecca note: Snapper's part in this sounds really silly, but the actual issue dealing with the need for superheroes and the first time for Black Canary to be a member of the Justice League makes it sound worth reading.*



CARLY: In 1977, Snapper Carr falls on hard times. He's unable to get into college or get a job due to his betrayal of the Justice League. Because of this, Snapper turned to a life of crime when a bad guy known as The Key offered to help him out. And that's why Snapper Carr became the supervillain character called [the Star-Tsar](#).



MORGAN: Instead of taking Snapper to jail after that whole Star-Tsar situation, Superman helps Snapper find work at S.T.A.R. Labs in [The Superman Family](#) comic book, which ran from 1978 to 1982.

REBECCA: Snapper appeared in the story "[Kandor vs. Supergirl](#)" as a witness at the trial of Supergirl (in which a character named Shyla accuses Supergirl of illegal seizure and false imprisonment in the Phantom Zone as well as breaking Lex Luthor out of jail and helping him commit armored car robbery). Snapper helped defend her by gathering letters of recommendation from Justice League members and was hired as an assistant by Supergirl's foster father, [Fred Danvers](#).

CARLY: In a three-issue limited series titled *Invasion!*, Snapper is put through metahuman experiments and develops the ability to teleport any time he snaps his fingers. In this series, Snapper is a member of a superhero team called The Blasters.

- *Rebecca note:* [When Snapper loses this teleportation and snapping abilities after his hands are cut off in battle, Vril Dox gives Snapper new hands.](#)



MORGAN: Snapper has also been associated with Checkmate, which is a government organization that acts through covert operations and uses special agents who are named after chess pieces. Snapper was one of Checkmate's Pawns.

- *Rebecca note:* [Maxwell Lord was the leader of Checkmate and was known as the Black King.](#)

Television

REBECCA: On Television, Snapper Carr has enjoyed screentime in animation! He is a recurring character on *Justice League* and *Justice League Unlimited*. [This version of Snapper](#) is a TV news reporter (whose main purpose is to give exposition) and he is voiced by [Jason Marsden](#).



CARLY: On [Young Justice](#), a character named [Lucas Carr](#) is a recurring character and is voiced by [Greg Weisman](#) (pronounced “Wice-man”). Lucas is a high school teacher at [Happy Harbor High School](#) who chaperones the Halloween dance and helps the Justice League.



- *Rebecca note #1: Snapper is often associated with Happy Harbor.*
- *Rebecca note #2: Snapper is also featured in the Young Justice comics.*

MORGAN: And here's what we know so far about Snapper Carr (who will be played by [Ian Gomez](#)) in Supergirl Season 2. His first [character description from TVLine.com](#) described Snapper as a “**veteran journalist appointed by Cat to remake the news division by going old school**”. And in his second character description (from [EW.com](#)), Snapper is described as “**a headstrong, sharp-witted newsman, hired by Cat Grant to be the editor-in-chief of CatCo Magazine. Snapper’s commitment to hard-hitting journalism pushes CatCo reporters to dig deeper in the pursuit of excellence. He’s a man who tells people what he thinks of them, and his no-holds barred approach pushes Kara in unexpected ways.**”

- *Rebecca note #1: Ian Gomez will be the first actor to portray Snapper*

Carr in LIVE-Action.

- *Rebecca note #2: After learning about Snapper Carr's history, I hope they do more with Snapper than just make him Kara's new boss. There's a lot of history to mine here. Even though I like him being Kara's Lou Grant, but I'd be up for him going down a villain road with Maxwell Lord because he's been both a superhero and a supervillain.*

Wrap-Up (5 minutes):

REBECCA: Well, that's gonna do it for our character spotlight on Snapper Carr!

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CARLY: We are available on iTunes, Stitcher, and Google Play so if you have time, we encourage you to give us a rating and write a review.

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REBECCA: You can follow me on Twitter @derbykid and watch videos I've

shot and edited on my YouTube channel at youtube.com/duckmilkprod.

CARLY: You can find me on/at... [everything you wanna plug]

MORGAN: You can find me on/at... [everything you wanna plug]

REBECCA: Until next time, I'm still Rebecca Johnson.

CARLY: I'm still Carly Lane.

MORGAN: And I'm still Morgan Glennon.

REBECCA: And we should probably end this episode with some snaps for Snapper Carr...