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I thought the Carolina Panthers were a team of destiny.

I was wrong.

I thought the Panthers would utterly annihilate the team unfortunate enough to be offered up to them in Super Bowl 50.

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I thought Panthers' quarterback Cam Newton wasn't the arrogant douche his detractors made him out to be.

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Don't get me wrong. Newton isn't the humble type. A man who wears a t-shirt with his initials on it and calls himself "Superman" is anything but humble. But as the newly-minted Most Valuable Player of the NFL, he is the face of his both team and the league.

So, what to make of Superman slouched in a chair, eyes glaring from under a hoodie, as he was peppered with questions about the 24-10 shocking loss to the Denver Broncos, and who switched him out with Jimmy Olsen? Newton congratulated Broncos QB Peyton Manning after the game - in stark contrast to Manning storming off the field after his Indianapolis Colts fell to the New Orleans Saints in Super Bowl XLIV without so much as offering winning QB Drew Brees a handshake, which had those objecting to the criticism of Newton screaming "racist double-standard" - only to squander that goodwill with his Little Lord Fauntleroy routine. He pouted that the Broncos defense, which sacked him a whopping 6 times and stripped him of the ball twice (the first time for a safety), wasn't anything the Panthers' Brain-Dead Trust hadn't seen on film. He mumbled that the Panthers were outplayed (except for DE Kony Ealy, who had 3 sacks, an interception, and forced a turnover). Whining that he didn't know what else the media wanted from him, Superman stormed out.

Most of the media is now trying to convince Joe Fan that he didn't see what he just saw (*The Daily Beast*: "Peyton Manning Is a Far Bigger Prick Than Cam Newton"). Superman stormed out not because he's a douche, but because he overheard Broncos CB Chris Harris being interviewed nearby: "That was the game plan. Load the box. Force ya'll to throw the ball. Can you throw the football?". Superman's feelings got hurt? Seriously? As The Girly-Man of Steel cleaned out his locker two days later, he apologized (sort of) and doubled-down at the same time. He's human. He never said he was perfect. But as long as his fans, teammates, and coaches know where he's coming from, the rest of humanity can suck it.

Cameron Jerrell Newton has gone through life telling the rest of humanity to suck it. Even as he found himself at Blinn College (where athletes have to - horror! - care for their gear AND wash their uniforms!) after bolting the University of Florida after he was busted for stealing a laptop and was facing expulsion for cheating, he thought the world revolved around him. His then-head coach assured ESPN that Newton did a lot of growing up while leading Blinn to the 2009 National Junior College Athletic Association title. I'd love to score the crack he's smoking, for as soon as his charge landed at the University of Auburn, which he led to the 2011 Bowl Championship Series title after he won the Heisman Trophy, it was obvious he still hadn't learned the world doesn't revolve around him. Through his father, he let Auburn's arch-rival Ole Miss know that he could be had for the right price -- a clear violation of NCAA rules. While Papa Newton denied any wrongdoing, he fell on the proverbial sword. And, greedy scumbags they are, Auburn and the NCAA "decided" Sgt. Schultz knew nothing - absolutely nothing! - about Papa's shady shenanigans, and reinstated him for the 2010 Southeastern Conference title game. Otherwise known as "business as usual".

Superman started the "racist double-standard" shit two weeks before The Big Game by declaring: "I'm an African-American quarterback that scares people because they haven't seen nothing that they can compare me to". As the Useful Idiots parroted his shit for fear of being called racists, his head coach tried to convince Joe Fan that he didn't hear what he just heard. And, of course, no one had the guts to tell Full-of-Himself (and his sweatshirt) that he's full of shit! Football HAS seen the likes of him before. Steve Young, who could run and gun and played even pre-season games as though his life depended on it. Florida teammate Tim Tebow, first QB in NCAA history to throw for 20 TDs and rush for 20 TDs in a season. An even-better example to throw in Full-of-Himself's fool face: Willie Thriver, the first black QB in the NFL. Thriver - who went 35-3-1 and won two state titles as a dual-threat QB for New Kensington High (PA) - threw for 71 yards and a TD, and rushed for 1 TD in the final game of the season, which clinched the 1952 national title for Michigan State. Too bad Full-of-Himself learned squat from Tebow, namely: courage, humility, and heart.

However, he does know how to quit. Asked why he didn't fall on the ball after he was stripped of it when the Panthers still had a chance to win, Newton said he was afraid of contorting his knee. Besides, he whined, other QBs aren't blasted for not falling on fumbles or making a tackle after an interception. So, why did Ben Roethlisberger make a shoe-string tackle after he was picked off in the 2005 AFC title game? Why did Brees dive for a fumble and tear his shoulder in a meaningless game against the Broncos in 2005? Because that's what a team player does! Superman didn't just refuse to fall on the ball, he JUMPED-AWAY from it as if it had turned to Kryptonite -- and no one should ever let him forget it!

Len Dawson, Bob Griese, Johnny Unitas, Roger Staubach, Fran Tarkenton, John Elway, Dan Marino, Tom Brady, Brett Favre, Jim Kelly, Kurt Warner, Roethlisberger, Russell Wilson have lost a Super Bowl. Not just lost a Super Bowl, some of them got their asses kicked. Yet each

showed up in the media area after the game, were gracious and said the right things. None of them whined, pouted, mumbled, glared from under a hoodie or slouched in a chair. And none of them stormed out. Those defending Scam Newton should be reminded of that.

UPDATE: Newton is released by the Carolina Panthers [March 24, 2020]

UPDATE: Newton signs a one-year deal with the New England Patriots. He is named the starting QB on September 3rd [July 8, 2020]

UPDATE: Newton tests positive for COVID-19 [October 3, 2020]

UPDATE: Newton is released by the Patriots [August 31, 2021]

UPDATE: Newton re-signs with the Panthers [November 11, 2021]

UPDATE: Newton becomes a free agent [March 16, 2022]

UPDATE: Newton posts a video on YouTube stating he is willing to be a backup after failing to sign with an NFL team in 2022 [April 5, 2023]