

# Lobo: Frequently–Asked Fraggin' Questions

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## Who is Lobo?

Lobo is an alien humanoid being from the planet Czarnia. Born in the Earth year 1599, Lobo is 6'4", 250 pounds, with red eyes and black hair (*DCU Heroes Secret Files #1*). Lobo is the last surviving member of his race, because he killed almost every other Czarnian on a whim one day.

Czarnia was a planet of peace and tranquility until Lobo was born. No one knows why he was the way he was, it just happened that way. Upon his birth, he bit off four of the midwife's fingers (*Lobo, Vol. 1, #1*) and immediately started chasing the doctors around with scalpels (*Lobo, Vol. 2, #0*). Lobo ripped out his elementary principal's throat when he was five during a temper tantrum (*Lobo, Vol. 1, #1*).

At age two, Lobo made his first on-air music request to Cosmic Rock Zombie Radio, where he threatened the DJ, Wolfman Wilf, to play *I Killed My Folks (No Accident)* by Oedipus Wrecks 24 hours a day, 365 days a year under penalty of grievous bodily harm. Lobo then broke into a medical clinic and forced the staff (at gunpoint) to implant a radio receiver into the audio lobes of his brain, permanently tuned to Cosmic Rock Zombie Radio. Naturally, he slit the staff's throats and burned the place down when the operation was finished (*Lobo, Vol. 1, #1, Lobo, Vol. 1, #4, and Lobo, Vol. 2, #0*).

In his early teens, Lobo formed a heavy metal band, The Main Man and the Several Scum-Buckets (NOTE: *Lobo, Vol. 1, #4* lists them as The Main Man and Several Scumbags, but we'll have to assume Ms. Tribb's memory is slightly faulty, as the #0 issues are *supposed* to contain the definitive origins of the characters). Their first concert was at the All-Czarnia 9-Octave Chime-Haiku Festival. During the show, the severely high noise killed the other guys in his band, electrocuted the judges, set fire to six rows of Section D of the audience, and killed the man who ran the Herbal Tea Booth. Lobo then got ticked off when he didn't win First Prize (*Lobo, Vol. 1, #4 and Lobo, Vol. 2, #0*).

At age eighteen, he killed every other member of his race, just so he could be unique in the universe (*Lobo, Vol. 1, #1, Lobo, Vol. 2, #0, and DCU Heroes Secret Files #1*).

Later, Lobo worked as a bounty hunter/assassin for a while. On a personal mission to eviscerate Garryn Bek of LEGION, who had accidentally run over one of his pet space dolphins, Lobo met Vrill Dox II. While the two initially got along, both individuals' natures took over, and the two fought to determine if Lobo would stay or not. During this fight, Cosmic Rock Zombie Radio went off-the-air, and Lobo, without his usual musical motivation, lost the fight to Dox and had to join LEGION. When LEGION was taken over by Dox's son Lyrl, Lobo was forced to join Dox's new group, the REBELS. Eventually, Dox got upset at Lobo and kicked him out of REBELS. Lobo has since gone back to bounty hunting.

In *Lobo, Vol. 2, #22*, Lobo sold his "soul" to Neron to get his radio receiver removed, because a stand-in DJ named Tony LePoni decided to play soul music instead of Lobo's song. Lobo proceeded then to shoot Tony and blow up the radio station.

On a personal note, Lobo's favorite color is Sepulcher Black. He is a man of his word, who would rather kill the promisee than renege. He also loathes the following: square jaws, goody-goodies, democracy, flags, the philosophy the Good will always triumph over Evil, short hair, brown shoes, Equality for Women, Equality for Men, basic rights, and most everything else that is commonly considered decent (*Lobo, Vol. 1, #2*).

**Note:** It seems either DC or Keith Giffen couldn't decide on Lobo's original planet, as during his time in Omega Men, he was recognized as, and called himself, a Velorpien (*Omega Men #10*).

## Wait a minute, did you say "killed every other member of his race?"

Yep, Lobo excelled in the ways of science, and during biology class, created an insect that was 117 microns long, airborne, and of a scorpion-like appearance. These little buggers would burrow into a person's skin and cause great black blisters and severe blood poisoning, inducing paralysis but not reducing the pain at all. Victims took about five days to die their agonizing and messy death. The entire time, Lobo, who had made himself immune to these creatures, sat up in his balcony getting drunk and playing thrash metal on his guitar. Around five billion people died over that short period of time, and Lobo just laughed (*Lobo, Vol. 1, #1* and *Lobo, Vol. 2, #0*).

The only other Czarnian to survive this occurrence was a Miss E. Tribb, Lobo's fourth-grade teacher, who was off-planet at the time. Eventually, Lobo did break her neck and kill her, too (*Lobo, Vol. 1, #4*).

## Lobo, huh? Like the wolf?

Um... no. The word "Lobo" comes from a Khundish dialect, and roughly translates to "He who eats your entrails and thoroughly enjoys it."

## What are Lobo's powers?

Lobo is extremely strong and resilient to damage, able to trade punches with Superman. Lobo also heals extremely quickly in addition to his durability.

Lobo possesses a tracking sense that locks onto a person's aura, and he can track them across the universe if necessary.

Lobo apparently has a light enough constitution to get drunk on occasion (okay, a *lot* of occasions). Lobo apparently does need to breathe, as he has been subdued by gas in the past, yet he is somehow able to survive in the vacuum of space unaided. He is also apparently susceptible to typical human male setbacks including balding and weight gain (*Kingdom Come #2* and *Lobo, Vol. 2, #1,000,000*).

Lobo has a very analytical mind that can quickly analyze an opponent and find its primary weakness (*Lobo, Vol. 1, #2*).

The original Lobo had the ability to make clones of himself by spilling a drop of blood. However, Vril Dox II, leader of LEGION at that time, poisoned Lobo to remove this ability (*L.E.G.I.O.N. '89 #7*). However, Lobo had a clone escape, who may have replaced the original Lobo, that still possesses or possessed the ability to replicate (*Lobo, Vol. 2, #9*). L'il Lobo did have the ability to replicate. Slo-Bo does not. If Slo-Bo's assumption about Li'l Lobo's clones is true (*Young Justice #38*), the current Lobo should have the ability to replicate, but this has not yet been shown.

## What the frag is "Feetal's Gizz"?

This seems to be Lobo's most-used exclamation, and may be a shortened form of "Feetal's Gizzard". Webster's Standard Galactic Dictionary mentions an ancient Curse of Feetal, but says no more on the subject (*Lobo, Vol. 1, #2*).

## What was Lobo's first appearance?

Waaay back in *Omega Men #3*, dated June of 1983. Cover price was \$1.00 U.S./\$1.25 Can. The creative team was as follows:

- Roger Slifer: writer
- Keith Giffen: penciller
- Mike DeCarlo: inker
- John Costanza: letterer
- Anthony Tollin: colorist
- Marv Wolfman: editor

## What comics does Lobo appear in?

Lobo had his own monthly series called *Lobo* (Duh!). However, the fraggin' bastich management at DC Comics decided to canel it at issue #64, so now you just have to watch for appearances. Lobo has also had numerous guest appearances, usually easy to spot. Also, here is a list of all the Lobo series, mini-series, and one-shots he appeared in:

Comics:

- L.E.G.I.O.N. '89-'94 #3-34, 36-39, 41-52, 57-58, 61-67, 69-70, Annuals #1-5 [4/89-9/94]
- Lobo, Vol. 1, #1-4 (The Last Czarnian) [11/90-2/91]
- The Lobo Paramilitary Christmas Special #1 [12/91]
- Lobo's Back #1-4 [5/92, 6/92, 10/92, 11/92]
- Lobo: Blazing Chain of Love #1 [9/92]
- Lobo: Infanticide #1-4 [10/92-1/93]
- Lobo: Portrait of a Victim #1 [Spring/93]
- Lobo Convention Special #1 [Summer/93]
- Lobo: UnAmerican Gladiators #1-4 [6/93-9/93]
- Lobo, Vol. 2, #0, 1-64, 1,000,000, Annuals #1-3 [12/93-7/99]
- Lobocop #1 [2/94]
- Lobo: A Contract on Gawd #1-4 [4/94-7/94]
- Lobo: In the Chair #1 [8/94]
- R.E.B.E.L.S. '94-'95 #0-6 [10/94-4/95]
- Lobo & Deadman: The Brave and the Bald #1 [2/95]
- Lobo: Bounty Hunting for Fun and Profit [Late Winter/95]
- Lobo's Big Babe Spring Break Special [Spring/95]
- The Lobo Gallery: Portraits of a Bastich #1 [9/95]
- Lobo: I Quit! [12/95]

Lobo/Judge Dredd: Psycho-Bikers vs. the Mutants from Hell [1/96]  
Lobo Goes to Hollywood #1 [8/96]  
Lobo: Death and Taxes #1-4 [10/96-1/97]  
Lobo/Demon: Hellowe'en #1 [10/96]  
Lobo/Mask #1-2 [2/97-3/97]  
Lobo: Chained #1 [5/97]  
Lobo The Duck #1 (Amalgam title) [6/97]  
Lobo: Fragtastic Voyage #1 [12/97]  
Superman/Lobo Special #1 [1/98]  
Batman/Lobo Elseworlds [4/00]  
Hitman/Lobo: That Stupid Bastich! [9/00]  
DC First: Superman/Lobo #1 [6/02]  
Lobo Unbound #1-6 [6/03-11/03]  
The Authority/Lobo: Jingle Hell #1 [2/04]  
The Authority/Lobo: Spring Break Massacre #1 [8/05]

Trade Paperbacks:

Lobo: The Last Czarnian  
Lobo's Greatest Hits  
Lobo's Back's Back

Lobo Slipcase Package: (Contained the following:)

Lobo: The Last Czarnian  
Lobo's Greatest Hits  
The Wisdom of Lobo

Other Collectibles:

**BOOKS:** *DC Universe: Last Sons* novel by Alan Grant  
**CARDS:** DC Cosmic Cards (1992): #120, Hologram #7; DC Cosmic Teams (1993): #80; DC Master Series (1994): #62, DC Stars #38 (1994), DS5 (2-sided) (1994), Spectra #5, DC vs. Marvel #23,65 (1995), Legends '95 Chrome #5, Skybox #36 (1995), Firepower #10 (1996)  
**T-SHIRTS:** #1) Black with Bisley Lobo on front and #2) Navy with Lobo logo on front chest, and "Bite Me Fanboy" logo in puffy ink on back [Both by Graphitti Designs]  
**TOYS:** Lobo vinyl figure (from WB stores), Lobo plush figure, DC Direct Lobo deluxe figure (with cycle and Dawg), DC Direct Lobo figure (standalone)  
**BUTTONS:** "Bite Me Fanboy" giveaway button with Lobo's Back #1  
**POSTERS:** #1) Simon Bisley, #2) Val Semeiks(?), #3) DeVito  
**STATUE:** Regular statue, Mini-statue  
**OTHER CRAP:** Mousepad (Lobo, Vol. 2, #46 cover), Postcard 8-pack, Temporary Tattoos, Lobo Statue, Lobo Mini-Statue, Lobo Video Game for the SNES (I've been unable to 100% verify its existence, though.)

## Where has Lobo guest-starred?

I try to keep this list as complete as possible, but if you see that I'm missing something, [let me know](#).

**Note:** Some of these were submitted by other people and have not been verified by me, so flip through the comic before you purchase it.

Action Comics #650–651, 695 [02/90–03/90, ??/??]  
Adventures of Superman #463, 464, Annual #2, 4  
Ambush Bug Nothing Special #1  
All Access #1 (cameo)  
Aquaman, Vol. 4, #4 [4/94]  
Armageddon: Inferno #2–4 [5/92–7/92]  
Batman: Black & White #2 [7/96]  
Batman: Mitefall  
Bloodwulf #2 (parody shot)  
Bob, the Galactic Bum #1–4 [2/95–6/95]  
Book of Fate #11 (cameo), #12  
Captain Atom #57  
Comic Book Week #5  
Comic Buyer's Guide #1095  
Comics Interview: Lobo Super Special  
Darker Image #1 (parody shot in Bloodwulf)  
Darkstars #11  
DC vs. Marvel #1, 4 [1996]  
DCU Heroes Secret Files #1 [2/99]  
The Demon #11–15, 19, 21, 31–38 [5/91–9/91, 1/92, 3/92, 1/93–8/93]  
The Dragon #2 [04/96] (parody shot)  
Eclipso: The Darkness Within #2 [10/92]  
Green Lantern #44–45  
Green Lantern Corps Quarterly #8  
Guy Gardner: Reborn #1–3  
Guy Gardner #8 [5/93]  
Guy Gardner: Warrior #29, 34  
Justice League America, Vol. 2, #57–58 [12/91–1/92]  
Justice League Europe #32–34 [12/91–1/92]  
Justice League International #18–21 [12/88–2/89]  
Justice Leagues: Justice League of Aliens #1, JLA #1 [3/01–4/01]  
The Kingdom #2  
The Kingdom: Offspring  
Kingdom Come #1 (caricature only), 2  
Legion of Super-Heroes, Vol. 4, #21–24  
Loco vs. Pulverine (parody) [7/92]  
Marvel vs. DC #2, 3 [1996] (although Lobo says none of this ever happened)  
Mr. Miracle, Vol. 2, #13–14  
Mr Mxyzpltk #1  
Omega Men #3, 5, 9, 10, 19, 20, 37 [6/83, 8/83, 12/83, 1/84, 10/84, 11/84, 4/86]  
The Ray (mini-series) #6 [7/92]  
The Ray (regular series) #8 [1/95]  
Sergio Aragones Destroys DC #1  
Showcase '95 #6, 9 [7/95, 10/95]

Silver Surfer/Superman #1 [01/97]  
Sovereign Seven Annual #1 [1995]  
Starman #42–44 [1/92–3/92]  
Superboy, Vol. 2, #84 [3/01]  
Superman, Vol. 2, #41, 153 [2/00]  
Superman Adventures #29, 41, 56  
Superman and Batman: World's Funniest  
Superman: The Man of Steel #20, 30 [2/94]  
Trinity #1–2  
Underworld Unleashed #2 [12/95]  
Valor #3–4  
War of the Gods #1, 3, 4  
Who's Who #17  
Who's Who in the DC Universe #8  
Wonder Woman, Vol. 2, #60 [11/91]  
Young Justice #20–21, 25–37 [6/00–7/00, 11/00–11/01] (Li'l Lobo)  
Young Justice #38–55, 1,000,000 [12/01–5/03] (Slo-Bo)  
Young Justice: Sins of Youth #2, Sins of Youth TPB (Li'l Lobo)  
Young Justice: Our Worlds At War #1 [8/01] (Li'l Lobo)

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## Wasn't there a Lobo movie?

Yes and no. There was a 13–minute American Film Institute student film based on *Lobo's Paramilitary Christmas Special* made in 2002. It starred [Andrew Bryniarski](#) as Lobo. More details about the movie can be found on the [Internet Movie Database](#).

While it hasn't been officially distributed, you can often find a copy on [eBay](#) and other online auction sites. It may also be available through the various peer–to–peer file–sharing networks, such as Gnutella and eDonkey.

## How can I get Lobo via subscription?

You can't. See, DC Comics, in their infinite wisdom, decided to cancel the series at issue #64. You can send your hate mail to DC Comics at:

DC Comics  
1700 Broadway  
New York, NY 10019  
U.S.A.

or by visiting the [DC Comics](#) web site.

## Who created Lobo?

Credit (or blame, depending on your outlook) is given to *Roger Slifer* for the character concept, and *Keith Giffen* for the character's visuals.

## What's with this clone thing?

*NOTE: This section contains spoilers. You may or may not want to skip it.*

When Vril Dox II killed the drug-lord Kanis-Biz, Biz's followers attacked LEGION headquarters. Dox had Lobo make clones of himself to repel the attackers. Dox then poisoned Lobo so he could not make any more clones. All but one of the clones were killed in the fight. The one that remained smelled a suicide mission and hung back. This clone had not been poisoned and therefore could still make clones. This clone left Cairn and went to the planet Kannit, where he started building a new faction to conquer the universe. At the conclusion of the issue, Lobo and the clone were fighting, and one of them walked out; no one knows which one. Therefore, if the clone Lobo survived, then Lobo still has his ability to replicate, otherwise not (*Lobo, Vol. 2, #9*).

*Speculation #1:* Due to Neron's removal of Lobo's radio transmitter, since non-organic material cannot be cloned, it is generally assumed that it was, in fact, the original Lobo, and not the clone, who survived. Also, later issues showed Lobo getting cut and no clones were created, so we can assume it was the original Lobo that is, in fact, still breathing (*Lobo, Vol. 2, #22*).

*Speculation #2:* After L'il Lobo was blasted to bits by Darkseid's minions, each drop of blood resulted in a brand new L'il Lobo (*Young Justice #36*). This would seem to indicate that maybe the clone survived, but Lobo's replication ability may have just returned when he was de-aged by Klarion during the *Young Justice: Sins of Youth* storyline. Slo-Bo apparently did not have this ability.

## So what's up with Slo-Bo?

*NOTE: This section contains spoilers. You may or may not want to skip it.*

Basically, *Young Justice* writer Peter David has said in the past that the worst character of all time was Lobo. So he brings Lobo into *Young Justice*, just so he can mess with him. Basically, after fifteen or so issues of using Lobo purely as comedy relief, he decides to *really* screw with him:

"When I... L'il Lobo, that is... got blasted t'pieces, every drop of his blood resulted in a new Czarnian. The first thing on their minds was vengeance on the guys what shot 'em up. But I knew that right after they got done with that, they'd turn on each other, and... they were growin'. By the time they wuz all done, only one would be left standin'... and he'd be an *adult Lobo*, like Lobo *used* t'be, in every way. He might not even remember his time as a kid, 'cept as a bad dream. 'Cept, y'see... Everyone o' them new Lobos should'a been identical... but they wasn't. Call it a genetic throwback, recessed gene, billion-ta-one shot, whatever... There was an army of exact Lobo clones... and me. Slower, weaker than the others... spit out from the shallow end of the gene pool. I knew when they finally turned on each other... I'd be



a goner in no time. I shouldn't have cared. I did anyway. Like I said... *I hid.*"

---from *Young Justice #38*

Eventually, this clone degraded, becoming blind and on the brink of death. Before he could die, however, Darkseid teleported him to the headquarters of Young Justice in the 853rd Century, turning him into a (still aware) statue in the process (*Young Justice #1,000,000*).

So basically, what we ended up with was some sort of wimpy version of Lobo who was whinier than Kurt Cobain and only slightly less annoying. However, the only thing good to come out of this is that we now have a "normal" (such as it is) Lobo running around the universe again.

## Can Lobo die?

Number one, he's very tough to kill, but he or his clones have been killed on a few occasions:

- **Clones:** Large explosions in the airborne ships they were piloting. (*L.E.G.I.O.N. '89 #7*)
- **Alternate future Lobo:** Disintegrated by beams from Vril Dox/Lady Quark amalgam. (*L.E.G.I.O.N. '91 Annual #2*)
- **Lobo:** Blown in half by large gun. (*Lobo's Back #1*)
- **Reincarnated-as-a-woman Lobo:** Blown apart by WWII-era artillery. (*Lobo's Back #3*)
- **Reincarnated-as-a-squirrel Lobo:** Squashed when top half of Lobo's original body fell on him. (*Lobo's Back #3*)
- **Clones:** Killed by large salvos of missiles fired by Vril Dox from a LEGION ship. (*Lobo, Vol. 2, #9*)
- **Lobo or Clone:** Killed by the other. (*Lobo, Vol. 2, #9*)
- **Lobo:** Charged with 500,000 volts, inhaling poisonous gas, a spike in the brain, and at least 17 severe blows to the head by a hydraulic hammer. (*Lobo/Deadman: T.B.A.T.B. #1*)
- **Lobo:** Pulled in half by two farm tractors. (*Lobo, Vol. 2, #32*)
- **Lobo:** Blown to pieces by the Bountyhuntin' Robots and then pounded into liquid by the Goldstar Fanclub. (*Lobo, Vol. 2, #53-54*)
- **L'il Lobo:** Blasted to pieces by Darkseid's Parademons and the Black Racer. (*Young Justice #36*)

One can make the assumption that Lobo can never be permanently dead, because he isn't allowed in either heaven or hell (*Lobo's Back #4*).

## Are there other sources of Lobo on the Internet?

Sure, probably lots of 'em, but all the ones I know of can be found on the [Bastich, Inc. Links Page](#) or at the [Lobo WebRing](#)

## So, would I like Lobo?

Dunno, I'll let you read this article by Thomas Alan Holmes and its reply by Marc Singer from [rec.arts.comics.misc](#) and you can decide for yourself (if you haven't already) whether or not this kind of thing appeals to you:

Article 118422 of rec.arts.comics.misc:  
Subject: Re: LOBO  
From: marcs@wam.umd.--- (Marc Singer)  
Date: 11 Jan 1995 23:03:08 GMT

In article <3flila\$bag@martha.utk.edu>, <tholmes@utkvx.utk.---> wrote:

[Are you a potential Lobo fan?]

> I guess you should ask yourself a few basic questions.

- > 1. Did you laugh along with the Joker in the first Burton *Batman* movie?
- > 2. When you watch/read *A Clockwork Orange*, do you see why Alex enjoys himself in the early parts?
- > 3. Do you think the Three Stooges would have been better if they had used live ammo?
- > 4. Do you wish Sam the Butcher had gotten the Brady kids into the meat locker?
- > 5. Would *Heathers* have had a positive influence on you had you seen it in high school?
- > If you can gleefully answer "yes" to four of these questions, then LOBO may be for you.

Or, if you don't have the patience to answer five questions (which may itself be a big clue as to whether you're a Lobo fan), just try this easy, one-question test!

1. Will you find the replacement of normal words with pseudo-obscenities like "frag" and "bastich" funny, not just the first time but the thousandth?

LOBO HUMOR EXAMPLES

Goldfinger -> Fragfinger  
The Piano -> The Frag  
The Godfather -> The Frag  
Days of Our Lives -> Frag frag Frag Frag

If you laughed all four times, YOU'RE a true Lobo fan! This test may also explain the large number of people who enjoy both Lobo and the Flintstones.

Marc  
:-) :-) :-) :-)

Well, that's it. Please send any additions, corrections, comments, cash, and credit card numbers to: [crettig@yahoo.com](mailto:crettig@yahoo.com). Flames should be sent to my complaint account at: [/dev/null](mailto:/dev/null).

"My faith in the natural goodness of the Scheme of Things has been severely shaken, if not totally destroyed. I rejoin the Universal One. Farewell, Paradise! P.S. --- For your own sake, create the concepts of Police, Punishment, and Prison."

---The last words of Egon N'g, Lobo's elementary principal, who wrote the above statement in his own blood (*Lobo, Vol. 1, #1*)