

**DATABANK READOUT - 1**

WHILE DIGGING THE FOUNDATION FOR A NEW SKYSCRAPER IN MIDTOWN GOTHAM CITY-- CONSTRUCTION CREWS UNEARTHED WHAT APPEARS TO BE A TIME CAPSULE!

**DATABANK READOUT - 2**

ANALYSIS OF THE OUTER SHELL DATES IT CIRCA 1624 -- THE YEAR THE ALGONQUIAN INDIANS SOLD THE SITE TO EUROPEAN SETTLERS!

**DATABANK READOUT - 3**

SPECULATION RUNS HIGH THAT THE CAPSULE CONTAINS THE "\$24" IN TRINKETS USED TO PURCHASE GOTHAM, AND TONIGHT -- ON THE EVE OF ITS OPENING -- THIS CENTURIES-OLD TREASURE IS MOST VALUABLE ... AND A PERFECT TARGET FOR...

**THE CALCULATOR**

YOU MAY HAVE GOTTEN THE DROP ON ME, BATMAN--

-- BUT YOU WILL BE TAKING THE LONG FALL!

**"BATTLE OF THE THINKING MACHINES"****GUEST - STARRING:**

ELONGATED MAN, BLACK CANARY, GREEN ARROW, ATOM, HAWKMAN

BOB ROZAKIS  
PROGRAMMER  
MARSHALL ROGERS  
& TERRY AUSTIN  
VISUAL READOUT  
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COMPUTER MAINTENANCE

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**SNAP!**  
HIS COMPUTER-  
SPAWNED  
TOMAHAWK  
SLICED MY  
BATROPE!

I'LL SPLATTER ACROSS THE GROUND...



...UNLESS...



...I CAN PULL OFF THIS  
ACROBATIC MANEUVER...



...AND SLOW MY  
VERTICAL DESCENT...



...WITH HORIZONTAL  
ACTION!



A PERFECT  
TWO-POINT  
LANDING!

--BUT A  
WASTE OF  
TIME!

BRAVO, BATMAN--

OBSERVE--AS I COMPUTE YOUR  
CHANCES OF DEFEATING ME WITH ANY  
OF YOUR ARSENAL OF BAT-WEAPONS!



**ZERO**

OR AS YOU  
MIGHT PUT  
IT... NO  
WAY!

SO WHY  
DON'T YOU  
GET LOST?



NO GO, CALCULATOR! AS SOMEONE PUT IT, THE GAME ISN'T OVER TILL THE LAST OUT!

HERE'S MY FIRST PITCH--

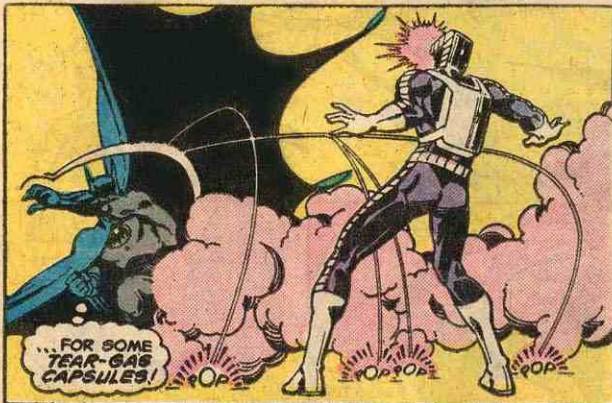
AH...THE BANE OF CRIMINALS--THE BATARANG!

crunch

WORLD'S MOST  
DANGEROUS  
GUY!



I ANTICIPATED THAT--WHICH IS WHY I DUG INTO MY UTILITY BELT...



...FOR SOME TEAR-GAS CAPSULES!

POP

POP

POP



TIK TOK TOK

? COUGH! ?  
NICE TRY  
? COFF ?  
NICE CRY...



...SO I'LL JUST BLOW MY TROUBLES AWAY!

WHAT'S NEXT, BATMAN--?

--AS IF I DIDN'T KNOW!









TAK  
TOK



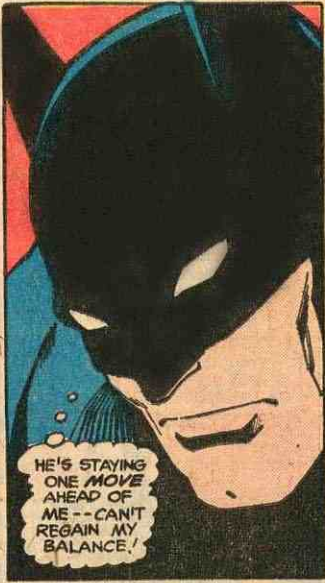
SINCE YOU LIKE TO BOUNCE AROUND SO MUCH, BATMAN, BE MY GUEST--

--ON A COMPUTERIZED TRAMPOLINE!



YOUR FALL TURNED INTO A SPRING, BATS--

--KEEP IT UP!



HE'S STAYING ONE MOVE AHEAD OF ME -- CAN'T REGAIN MY BALANCE!



NOTHING OF MINE WORKS! SO I'LL HAVE TO PUT HIM OUT OF ACTION--



--WITH HIS OWN WEAPON!

UNNHHH!

I'M BEATEN-- GOT TO HIT MY SPECIAL BUTTON... AND TURN DEFEAT INTO VICTORY!



AND SHORTLY...

THANKS A LOT, BATMAN-- AND PUT HIM AWAY FOR A LONG STRETCH!

ALL IN A NIGHT'S WORK!

OKAY-- WE KNOW WE OWE YOU SOME EXPLANATIONS... ESPECIALLY IF YOU'VE BEEN PUZZLED BY THE CALCULATOR'S MOTIVES IN THE PAST FIVE ISSUES OF *DETECTIVE!* REST ASSURED THAT EVERYTHING WILL BECOME CLEAR BEFORE WE END THIS TALE--BUT RIGHT NOW...





LET'S JUMP AHEAD TO THE NEXT MORNING IN BRUCE WAYNE'S PENTHOUSE APARTMENT...

GLAD I HAD TIME FOR BREAKFAST BEFORE THE SPECIAL JUSTICE LEAGUE MEETING I CALLED...

BEG PARDON, MASTER BRUCE-- MORGAN EDGE OF GALAXY CALLING!



BRUCE WAYNE SPEAKING!

WAYNE--EDGE HERE!

LISTEN, OLD BUDDY--I'M TRYING TO WIN A MAJORITY OF THE STOCKHOLDERS...



...TO APPROVE THE SALE OF GALAXY PAPERBACKS AT TOMORROW'S MEETING!

YOUR 6% SHARE OF GBS IS THE PIVOTAL VOTING BLOCK--SO HOW'S ABOUT I HOP OVER TO GOTHAM AND WE DISCUSS IT OVER LUNCH?



CAN'T GIVE YOU AN ANSWER RIGHT NOW, MORGAN--

--I'VE GOT AN IMPORTANT MEETING AND I DON'T KNOW WHEN IT'LL END!



IF YOU WANT, BUZZ ME LATER AND WE'LL SEE WHAT WE CAN WORK OUT!

RIGHTO, WAYNE--PAL!

DRAT THAT PLAYBOY! HIS "IMPORTANT MEETING" IS PROBABLY WITH ONE OF HIS WOMEN!

WRONG, MR. EDGE! BRUCE'S MEETING IS TAKING PLACE 22,300 MILES ABOVE EARTH-- IN THE JLA SATELLITE...



...WHERE THE ONLY GAL IN ATTENDANCE IS THE BLACK CANARY--

YOU MEAN YOU CAUGHT THE CALCULATOR LAST NIGHT AND HE'S ESCAPED AGAIN--SO FAST?!

GOT THE REPORT FROM COMMISSIONER GORDON--

--A WATER-MAIN BURST IN POLICE HEADQUARTERS JUST AS THE CALCULATOR WAS BEING BOOKED--

--AND IN THE ENSUING CONFUSION, HE GOT AWAY!



I'D GIVE HALF MY QUIVER TO KNOW WHAT THAT BOZO IS REALLY UP TO!

HE HIT STAR CITY THREE TIMES AND EACH TIME TANGLED WITH A DIFFERENT ONE OF US! \*

WHAT BUGS ME IS WHY, WHEN I TRIED TO HELP GREEN ARROW, I COULDN'T MAKE A MOVE AGAINST THAT COMPUTER-CROOK!

\* BLACK CANARY, ELONGATED MAN, AND GREEN ARROW IN DETECTIVES 464-466, RESPECTIVELY!  
-- JULIE

AND IN CASE YOU DON'T RECOGNIZE HIM, THIS IS AQUAMAN, TAKING HIS TURN AT SATELLITE DUTY...

THIS JUST IN -- THE CALCULATOR'S BEEN SPOTTED IN CENTRAL CITY... AND THERE'S NO SIGN OF THE FLASH! \*

WELL, WHAT'RE WE WAITIN' FOR--?

\* HE'S BATTLING ABRA KADABRA IN THE FAR FUTURE -- AND ON EARTH-TWO -- AS READERS OF FLASH # 247 KNOW! -- JULIE

LET'S GANG UP ON THAT CLOWN...

...AND PUT HIM AWAY FOR KEEPS!

AND MOMENTS LATER, THANKS TO THE JLA TELEPORTER...

...ON A STREET IN THE HOME TOWN OF THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER...

RIGHT ON TIME... JUST AS I CALCULATED...

GLAP GLAP CLAP CLAP

...THE SO-CALLED WORLD'S GREATEST SUPER-HEROES!

LIVE AND IN COLOR, CALC -- TO TRADE QUIPS...

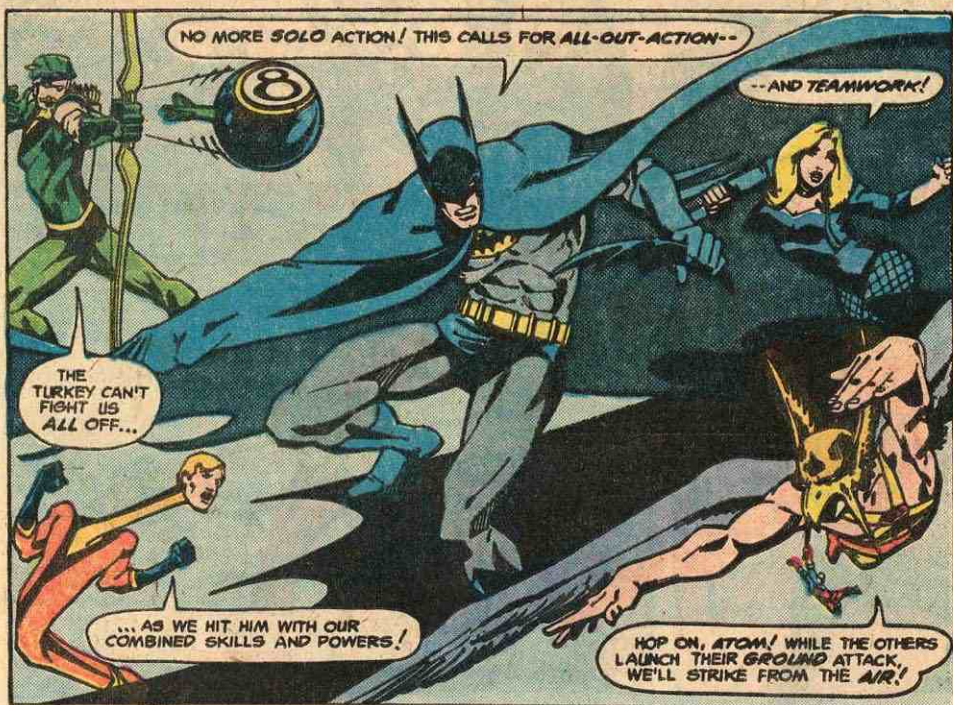
... AND ARROW-TIPS!

GOING RIGHT ON TARGET--

-- HUNH? --

-- MAKING A RIGHT-ANGLE TURN--???







BUT THE GROUND WAR  
TURNS INTO A FIASCO--

HAHAHAH HA



HAHAHAHAHAHAHA

-- AS THE HEROES FALL VICTIMS  
TO THEIR OWN ATTACKS!

WHILE IN THE  
SKY ABOVE...



QUICK,  
HAWKMAN--  
BEFORE THE  
CALCULATOR  
SPOTS US!  
PITCH ME  
AT HIM...

... AND I'LL STRIKE  
HIM OUT OF ACTION!

HAHA HA  
HAHA



TURNING  
ON MY FULL  
180-  
POUND  
WEIGHT--



CLICK  
CLICK  
CLICK  
CLICK

--SO WHEN  
I "ATOM"  
BOMB HIM,  
HE'LL--



--FEEL  
NOTHING?!



I FEEL LIKE I'VE  
HIT A  
STONE WALL!



DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENT,  
HEROES!



NO MATTER  
HOW HARD YOU  
TRY, NONE OF  
YOU CAN EVER  
CAPTURE ME  
AGAIN--



-- NOT ATOM,  
BATMAN,  
BLACK CANARY,  
ELONGATED MAN,  
GREEN ARROW...

...OR HAWKMAN!

GREAT THANASAR!  
I'VE LOST CONTROL  
OF MY FLIGHT-  
POWER!

GOING TO...

**CRASH!**



LOOKS  
LIKE THE  
CALCULATOR'S  
ACQUIRED  
IMMUNITY  
TO OUR  
ATTACKS!

IF SO,  
MAYBE  
RAY  
PALMER  
CAN DO  
WHAT  
THE ATOM  
CAN'T!



IT'S ABOUT  
TIME ONE OF  
YOU HEROES  
THOUGHT OF  
SWITCHING TO  
HIS CIVILIAN  
IDENTITY--

--TO TRY AND  
DO WHAT YOUR  
SUPER-SELF  
COULD NOT!



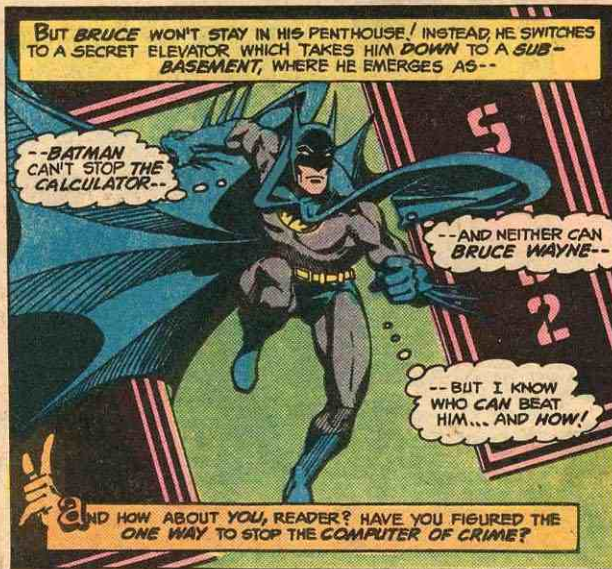


IT IS A PUZZLED AND DISTRAUGHT BRUCE WAYNE WHO RETURNS TO THE WAYNE FOUNDATION BUILDING SOME HOURS PAST LUNCHTIME...

the escape











...CATCHES THE EYE OF THE COMPUTER OF CRIME...

**BILLION DOLLAR TIME CAPSULE 'LAUNCHED' TODAY**

...TO BE...

**'THE CENTRAL CITY BRANCH OF S.T.A.R. LABORATORIES REPORTS THAT ALL SYSTEMS ARE GO FOR THE 'LAUNCH' OF ITS UNIQUE TIME CAPSULE AT 10:45 THIS MORNING!'**



**'BUT INSTEAD OF BEING BURIED, TO BE UNEARTHED CENTURIES FROM NOW--THE S.T.A.R. CAPSULE WILL BE SHOT THROUGH A TIME-WARP WHICH WILL OPEN FOR TEN SECONDS TODAY!'**



**'THE WARP WILL NOT REOPEN TILL 1986!'**

**BILLION-DOLLAR TIME CAPSULE**

**THERE'S NO TIME THE CAPSULE WILL BE MORE VALUABLE THAN RIGHT NOW...**



**'...WHICH MAKES IT A PERFECT TARGET FOR ME--'**

**--AND MAKES ME A PERFECT TARGET FOR THE FLASH!**



**'FREEZE, CALCULATOR! WE'RE TAKING YOU IN!'**



**SURELY YOU JEST, OFFICER! NONE OF YOU BLUECOATS IS A MATCH FOR ME!**

**I ONLY DEAL WITH SUPER-POWERED LAWMEN!**

**SHOOOSH**



**SO YOU FREEZE-- IN THIS BLIZZARD...**

**... CAREFULLY CALCULATED TO COVER MY TRACKS!**

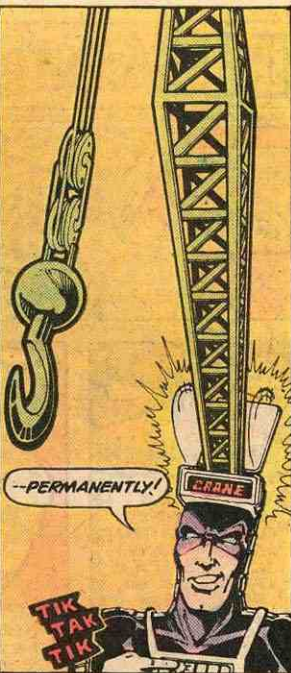


12  
9 3  
6  
TIME: 10:36... PLACE: S.T.A.R. LABORATORIES...

EVERYTHING  
A-OK FOR--  
WHO ARE YOU?

THE NAME  
IS THE  
CALCULATOR...

... AND BY MY  
COMPUTATIONS,  
THIS LAUNCHING  
WILL BE DELAYED--



DON'T BET ON IT,  
CALCULATOR!

BATMAN!--GO  
'WAY! YOU'RE WASTING  
MY TIME--AND YOURS!

HASN'T IT YET  
PENETRATED  
THE HEAD OF  
THE WORLD'S  
GREATEST  
DETECTIVE  
THAT YOU CAN  
NEVER AGAIN  
CAPTURE ME?

I DON'T MIND  
FAILING A  
HUNDRED  
TIMES--  
IF I CAN  
THROW YOU IN  
JAIL ONE  
MORE TIME!

AGAIN WITH  
THAT TIRED OLD  
BATARANG?











SOMETIME LATER, IN BRUCE WAYNE'S PENTHOUSE...



AWRIGHT, BATS--WE KNOW CALC WAS JUST AS IMMUNE TO YOU AS TO THE REST OF US...

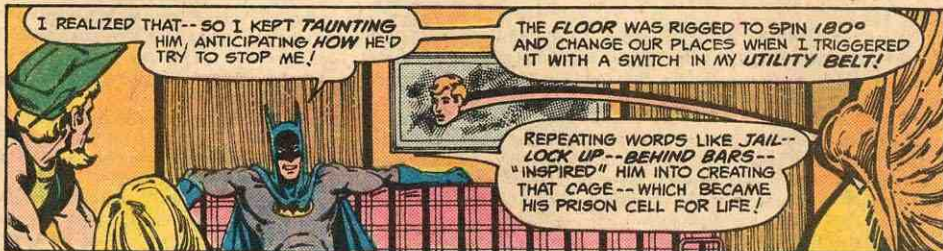
...SO HOW DID YOU MAIL HIM?

I SET HIM UP...

--BY FAKING THAT "TIME CAPSULE" LAUNCH TO LURE HIM INTO MY TRAP!



SO YOU STILL COULDN'T MAKE A MOVE AGAINST HIM!



I REALIZED THAT--SO I KEPT TAUNTING HIM, ANTICIPATING HOW HE'D TRY TO STOP ME!

THE FLOOR WAS RIGGED TO SPIN 180° AND CHANGE OUR PLACES WHEN I TRIGGERED IT WITH A SWITCH IN MY UTILITY BELT!

REPEATING WORDS LIKE JAIL-- LOCK UP--BEHIND BARS-- "INSPIRED" HIM INTO CREATING THAT CAGE--WHICH BECAME HIS PRISON CELL FOR LIFE!



THE ONLY WAY TO DEFEAT THE CALCULATOR WAS TO TURN ONE OF HIS OWN WEAPONS AGAINST HIM!

PHONE, SIR--MR.EDGE!



SORRY I DIDN'T GET BACK TO YOU, MORGAN! ABOUT THAT PROXY YOU WANTED...



THE MEETING ENDED THREE HOURS AGO, WAYNE--

--AND I'M STILL STUCK WITH GALAXY PAPERBACKS -- LOSING MONEY...



...UNLESS... I KNOW! I'LL GET SOME CELEBRITIES TO WRITE THEIR MEMOIRS FOR US--STARTING WITH THE BATMAN!

YOU EXPECT HIM TO WRITE A BOOK FOR YOU?



WONDER WHAT'S STRUCK BATS SO FUNNY?

YOU KNOW, OLIVER, I THINK THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I EVER SAW BATMAN LAUGH!

NEXT ISSUE ON SALE DURING THE LAST WEEK IN FEBRUARY