



DON'T DO THIS! YOU DON'T WANT TO KILL ME, BATGIRL!

YOU'RE RIGHT, I DON'T KILL.

THAT'S WHY YOUR LIFE IS IN THEIR HANDS.

BAD IDEA. I'VE BEEN WANTING TO THROW ORACLE OUT A WINDOW SINCE WE FIRST MET HIM.

BATGIRL, I'M ALL FOR DEFENESTRATING GUS, BUT CAN SOMEONE START CLUEING ME IN ON WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?!

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I KNOW YOU TWO HAD DOUBTS LETTING GUS ON THE TEAM...

WHAT GAVE US AWAY? OUR CONCERN OVER HIS SHADY BLACK-MARKET INTEL? HIS CREEPY BARBARA GORDON OBSESSION? HIS BATGIRL SHRINE...?

HIS RECENT MOOD SWINGS...?

ALL THE ABOVE. I'M WELL AWARE GUS HASN'T PASSED THE SNIFF TEST FROM DAY ONE, SO I TOOK IT UPON MYSELF TO DO A LITTLE SOLO MISSION. CALL IT AN INSURANCE POLICY ON OUR NEW ORACLE.

"I PLANTED A LITTLE BACKDOOR GHOST CODE ON HIS SYSTEM THAT ALLOWED ME TO CHECK ANY INCOMING AND OUTGOING MESSAGES.



"I HACKED INTO HIS SECURITY SYSTEM AND DUMPED THE FEED INTO MY COMPUTER."

"YOU'VE HAD EYES ON HIM THIS WHOLE TIME?"



"EYES AND EARS. IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE TEMPORARY, A PROBATIONARY 'BIG BROTHER' PERIOD TO MAKE SURE HE WAS ON THE UP-AND-UP."

"EVERYTHING WAS GOING GREAT, UNTIL I DECRYPTED HIS MYSTERIOUS CHATS."

"IT WAS CLEAR HE WASN'T JUST WORKING WITH SOMEONE, BUT HE WAS WORKING FOR SOMEONE."



WHEN GUS SAID THIS "SOMEONE" WANTED TO MEET US TONIGHT,* I KNEW IT WAS A TRAP. I ASKED GUS TO COME TO THE CLOCKTOWER SO WE COULD FINALLY GET TO THE TRUTH.

*LAST ISSUE! --CHRIS

THAT'S SO WEIRD, MY ARMS ARE SUDDENLY GETTING TIRED. HOW 'BOUT YOU, HUNTRESS?

JUST GIVE ME THE WORD!

NO, NO, NO! PLEASE, PULL ME UP, I CAN EXPLAIN EVERYTHING, I SWEAR!





BRING HIM IN.

WHERE'RE YOU GOING?

TO MAKE POPCORN. THIS OUGHT TO BE GOOD.

THANK YOU! THIS IS ALL JUST A BIG MISUNDERSTANDING.

YOU'RE RIGHT. WE UNDERSTOOD YOU WANTED TO BE PART OF THIS TEAM.

I DO! THAT'S ALL I'VE EVER WANTED.

THEN LYING TO US ISN'T THE BEST WAY TO PROVE IT.

My old stompin' grounds...again.

"EVERYTHING I TOLD YOU IS TRUE...I JUST LEFT OUT A FEW DETAILS.

"I DID TAKE THE ORACLE NAME WHEN NO ONE CAME BACK TO CLAIM IT.

"I DID SELL INTEL TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER.

"I WASN'T PROUD OF IT, BUT I THOUGHT THE MONEY COULD HELP ME AND MY MOM.

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"MAYBE SHE WOULD ONLY HAVE TO WORK ONE JOB INSTEAD OF TWO.

"THEN ONE NIGHT, THE DOOR TO MY ROOM OPENED.

"I WAS ALWAYS WAKING MOM UP WITH THAT STUPID OL' IBM KEYBOARD."

SORRY, MOM. I'LL KEEP IT DOWN--

"BUT IT WASN'T MY MOM.

"YOU KNOW HOW THEY SAY RIGHT BEFORE YOU DIE, YOU SEE YOUR LIFE FLASH BEFORE YOUR EYES?"



"I PICTURED MOM GETTING THE CALL AT WORK TO COME BAIL ME OUT OF JAIL."



"I PICTURED MOM NOT HAVING ENOUGH MONEY TO BAIL ME OUT OF JAIL."



"I PICTURED DOING TIME AND DISCOVERING MY CELL-MATE WAS MY POPS WHO SKIPPED OUT WHEN I WAS A TODDLER."

"I TRIED TO PICTURE HIS FACE, BUT HOW DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE GUY WHO SKIPPED OUT ON YOU BECAUSE HE COULDN'T HANDLE YOUR 'MOODS' LOOKS LIKE?"



"I PICTURED MYSELF DEAD, SHOT BY THE REAL ORACLE, BACK TO RECLAIM HIS NAME."



WHO ARE YOU?!

I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU THE SAME THING, ORACLE!