

ESCAPING THE GRAVE: MOMENT OF TRUTH

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DECADES FROM NOW.

*We thought
Bruce Wayne
was dead.*

*Moments
ago, I learned
otherwise.*

*Bruce
is alive.*

*The question
is--how?*

*He died--or so
we thought--during
the attack of the
cyborgs.*

WE'RE GETTING
OVERRUN HERE,
BRUCE! WE NEED
HELP!

DOING
WHAT WE CAN,
TERRY.

Bruce was coordinating the defense from a Wayne-Powers monitor installation.

COMMUNICATION WITH PARIS IS LOST! ASSUME THE WORST!

ISSUE THE EVACUATION ORDER FOR LONDON NOW!

PULL THE ENTIRE SATELLITE FORCE OVER EUROPE AND CONCENTRATE FIRE ON THE APPROACHING SHIPS.

IT'S THEIR LAST HOPE.

Worthy try, but Brother Eye was the ultimate opponent.

He hacked the satellites' defense mechanisms and turned them against each other.





EVERYONE OUT!!

A few ships got through Gotham's cloaking shield. When they located the bunker...



WE'RE DONE FOR, TERRY.

DON'T SAY THAT! THERE MUST BE--!



SHRINK SKOWN

FROM NOW ON, IT'S UP TO--



WHOOOM

--YOU-- UHN!

BRUCE?
BRUCE?!



That was the last thing I ever heard him say.

By the time I got there, it was nothing but incinerated rubble.

From all indications, there were no survivors.



None.

We assumed the worst.

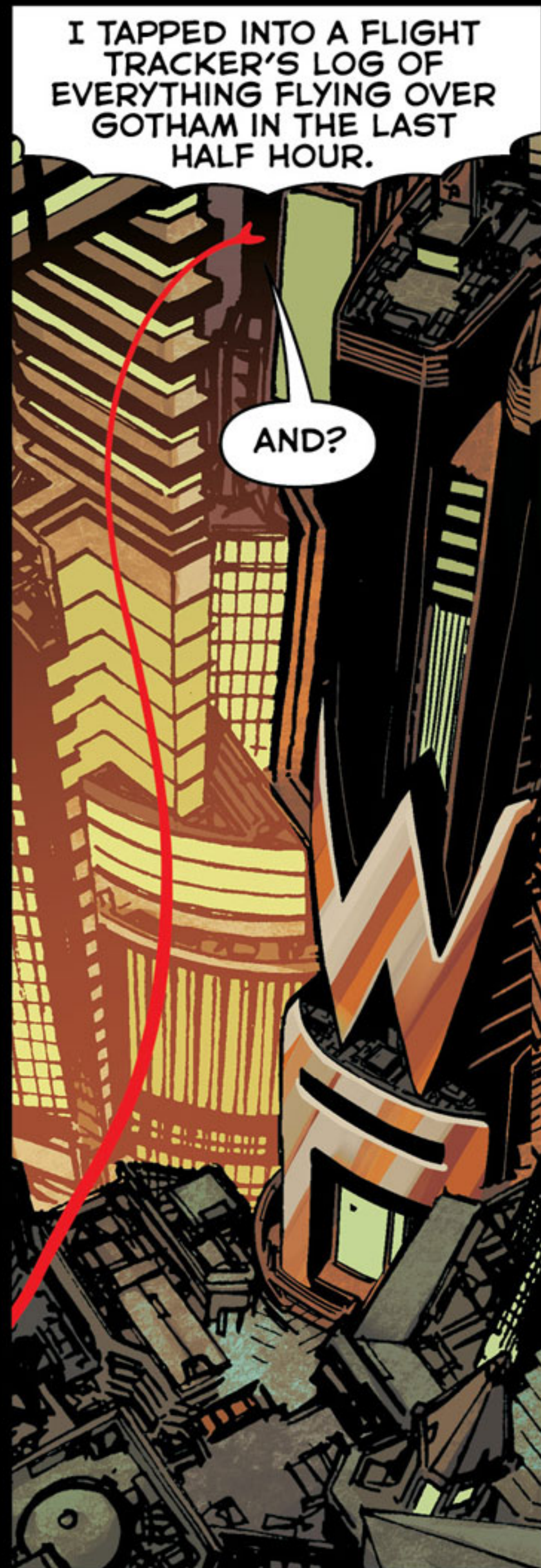
A day or two later, Spellbinder took me off the board.

In the chaos of war, no one had time to make sure the dead were actually dead.



I HAVE THE INFORMATION YOU REQUESTED, TERRY.

LET'S HEAR IT, MAX.



I TAPPED INTO A FLIGHT TRACKER'S LOG OF EVERYTHING FLYING OVER GOTHAM IN THE LAST HALF HOUR.

AND?



A SMALL TRANSPORT LEFT "NO LAUGHING MATTER" SEVENTEEN MINUTES AGO.

WENT STRAIGHT TO THE WAYNE-POWERS BUILDING.

TERMINAL.

FOR SURE!



HAVE TO BELIEVE BRUCE IS WITH HIM.

I'M AT THE BUILDING NOW.

WHY WOULD THEY GO THERE?



MY GUESS--THEY'RE AFTER KEYSTONE.

SOMETHING NO ONE IS EVEN SUPPOSED TO KNOW ABOUT.



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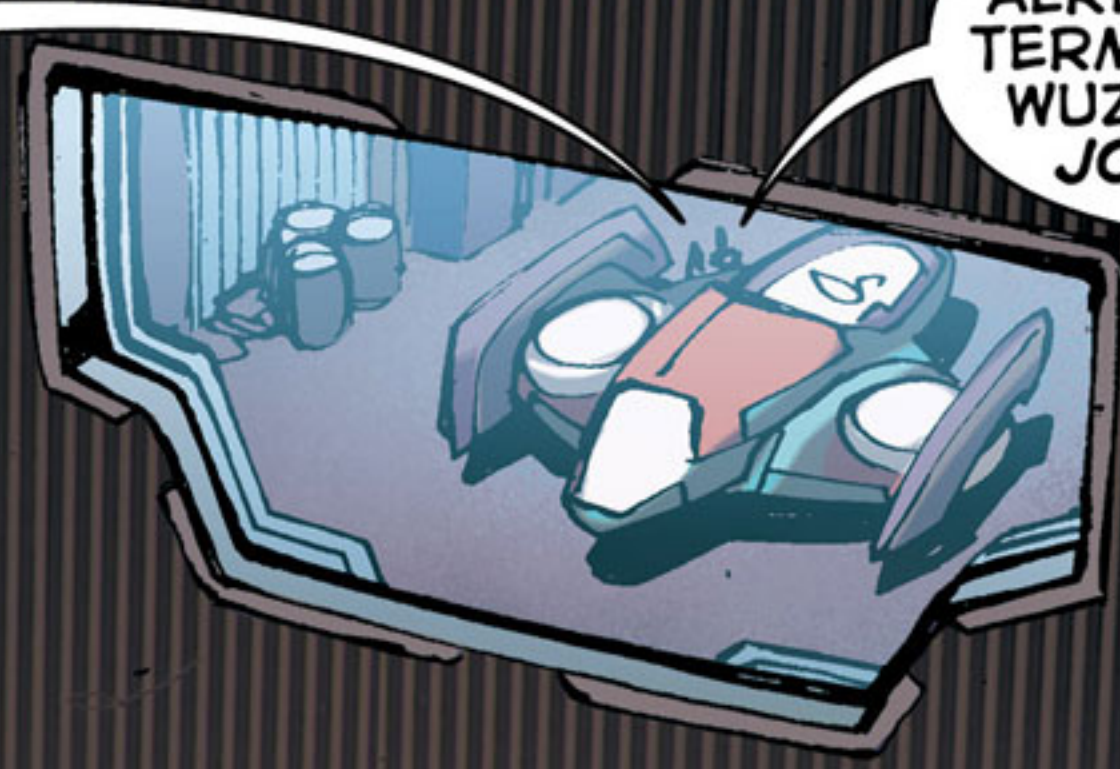
Bruce built Keystone as the world's ultimate intel gathering device.

If Terminal discovered its existence it'd explain why he came here...

...as well as why he'd keep Bruce alive.

I'M ON THE CUSP OF HAVING EVERYTHING.

I THOUGHT YOU ALREADY HAD THAT, TERMINAL, BEIN' YOU WUZ THE BOSS OF JOKERZ TOWN!



NOTHING BUT A PATH TO A MUCH MORE REWARDING GOAL.

MORE THAN BRINGING THE JOKER BACK TO LIFE?



YOU'RE STANDING IN THE WAYNE-POWERS COMPLEX, SIMPLETON.

AMONG ITS MANY PURSUITS, IT SUPPLIES NETWORKING AND DATA SERVICES TO THE ENTIRE WORLD.

THOUGH YOU PROBABLY CAN'T COMPREHEND THE RAMIFICATIONS OF THAT.



MEANS YOU WANT IN ON THAT, RIGHT?

WHAT'S EVEN MORE IMPORTANT IS THAT THERE IS A DEVICE INSIDE COLLECTING EVERY FACET OF ALL THAT.



KEYSTONE.

PROVIDING AN OPEN HIGHWAY TO EVERY COMPUTER ON EARTH.

DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT HAS TO DO WITH THE JOKER, BUT IT SURE SOUNDS IMPRESSIVE.

