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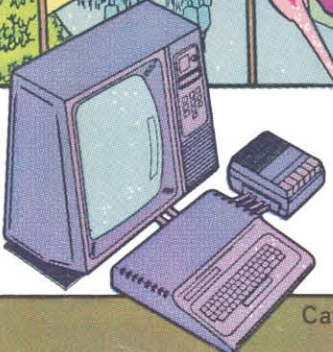
NO ONE  
CAN STOP  
LUTHOR FROM  
WRECKING THE  
METROPOLIS  
WORLD'S  
FAIR!

NO ONE BUT  
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WOMAN--

-- AND THE TRS-80  
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WHIZ KIDS!

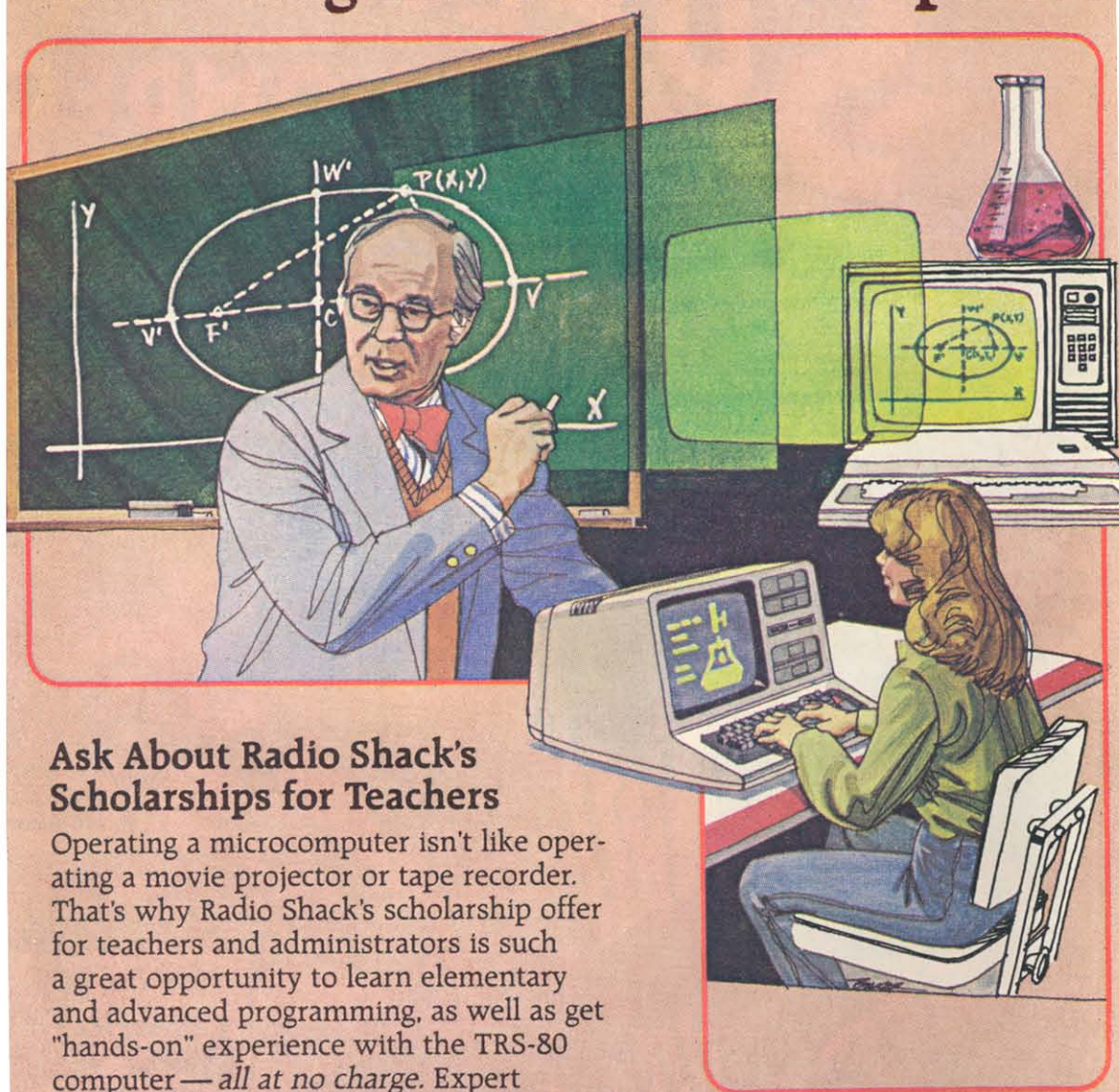
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# SUPERMAN IN "THE COMPUTER MASTERS OF METROPOLIS"

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## WONDER WOMAN™

and

THE TRS-80  
COMPUTER WHIZ KIDS



READY, SHANNA?  
MY TRS-80 COMPUTER  
HAS COME UP WITH THE  
INFORMATION SUPERMAN  
AND WONDER WOMAN NEED  
TO SAVE THE WORLD'S FAIR  
FROM BEING DESTROYED!

READY, ALEC!  
I'M ALL SET TO  
TRANSMIT THE DATA  
TO THE FAIR'S  
COMPUTER  
CENTER!



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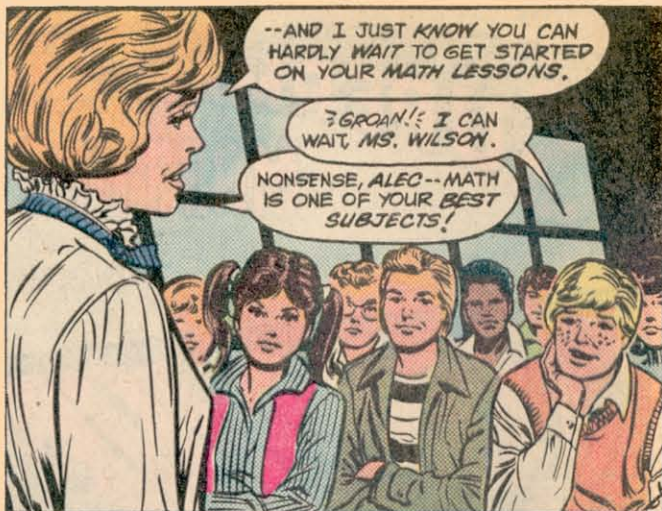


CLASS IS IN SESSION, JUST AS IT IS EVERY MORNING IN THIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF METROPOLIS...



BUT THE PARTICULAR CLASS WE'RE INTERESTED IN ISN'T LIKE EVERY OTHER...

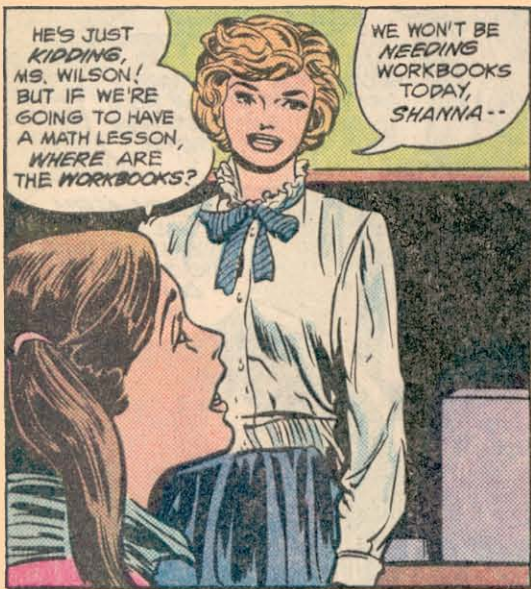
LET'S GET SEATED NOW, CLASS! WE HAVE QUITE A BIT OF WORK TO COVER THIS MORNING--



--AND I JUST KNOW YOU CAN HARDLY WAIT TO GET STARTED ON YOUR MATH LESSONS.

3GROAN!! I CAN WAIT, MS. WILSON.

NONSENSE, ALEC--MATH IS ONE OF YOUR BEST SUBJECTS!



HE'S JUST KIDDING, MS. WILSON! BUT IF WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A MATH LESSON, WHERE ARE THE WORKBOOKS?

WE WON'T BE NEEDING WORKBOOKS TODAY, SHANNA--

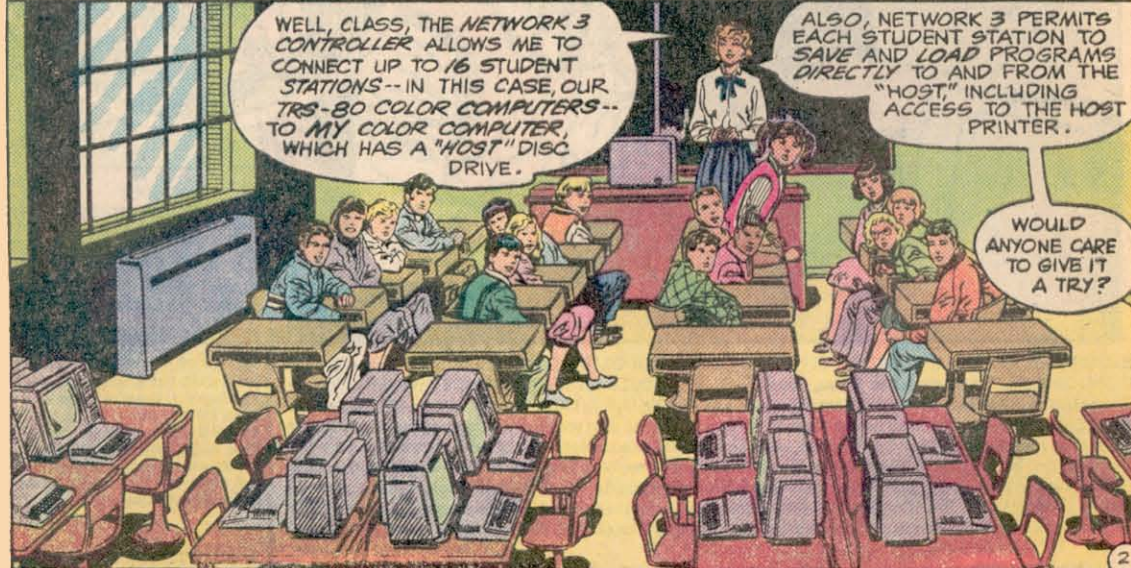


--THANKS TO THIS, OUR BRAND NEW NETWORK 3 CONTROLLER!

EVEN BETTER THAN THAT, ALEC! LET ME EXPLAIN...

OH BOY! SOUNDS LIKE WE'RE GOING TO BE ON NETWORK TV!

WOW!

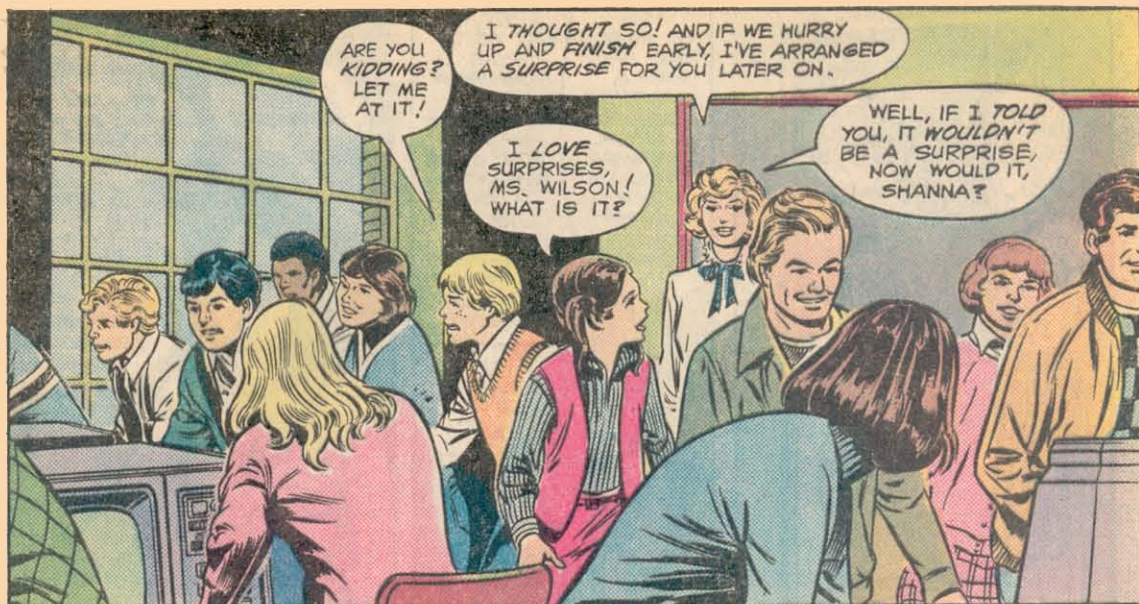


WELL, CLASS, THE NETWORK 3 CONTROLLER ALLOWS ME TO CONNECT UP TO 16 STUDENT STATIONS--IN THIS CASE, OUR TRS-80 COLOR COMPUTERS--TO MY COLOR COMPUTER, WHICH HAS A "HOST" DISC DRIVE.

ALSO, NETWORK 3 PERMITS EACH STUDENT STATION TO SAVE AND LOAD PROGRAMS DIRECTLY TO AND FROM THE "HOST," INCLUDING ACCESS TO THE HOST PRINTER.

WOULD ANYONE CARE TO GIVE IT A TRY?



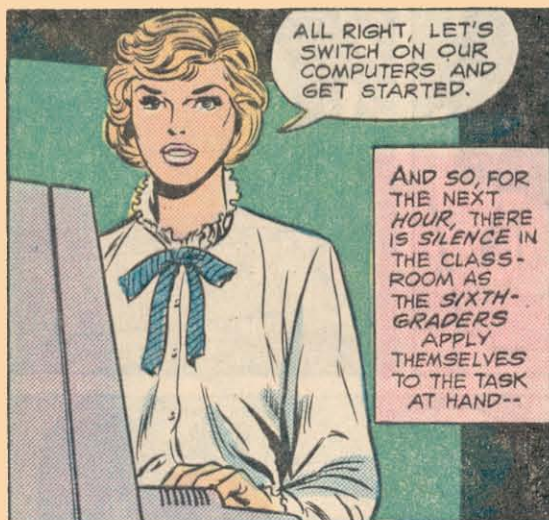


ARE YOU KIDDING? LET ME AT IT!

I THOUGHT SO! AND IF WE HURRY UP AND FINISH EARLY, I'VE ARRANGED A SURPRISE FOR YOU LATER ON.

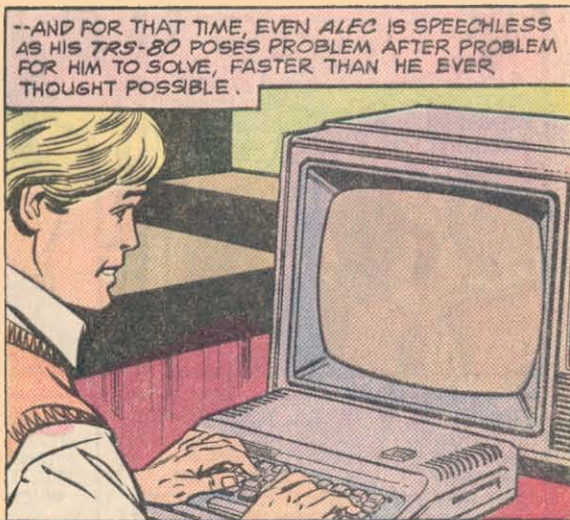
I LOVE SURPRISES, MS. WILSON! WHAT IS IT?

WELL, IF I TOLD YOU, IT WOULDN'T BE A SURPRISE, NOW WOULD IT, SHANNA?



ALL RIGHT, LET'S SWITCH ON OUR COMPUTERS AND GET STARTED.

AND SO, FOR THE NEXT HOUR, THERE IS SILENCE IN THE CLASSROOM AS THE SIXTH-GRADERS APPLY THEMSELVES TO THE TASK AT HAND--



--AND FOR THAT TIME, EVEN ALEC IS SPEECHLESS AS HIS TRS-80 POSES PROBLEM AFTER PROBLEM FOR HIM TO SOLVE, FASTER THAN HE EVER THOUGHT POSSIBLE.



THEN...

EXCELLENT, CLASS. OUR FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH THE NETWORK 3 WAS QUITE A SUCCESS! YOU DID MARVELOUSLY-- BUT THEN, BY NOW, YOU'RE ALL OLD PROS WITH THE TRS-80, AREN'T YOU?

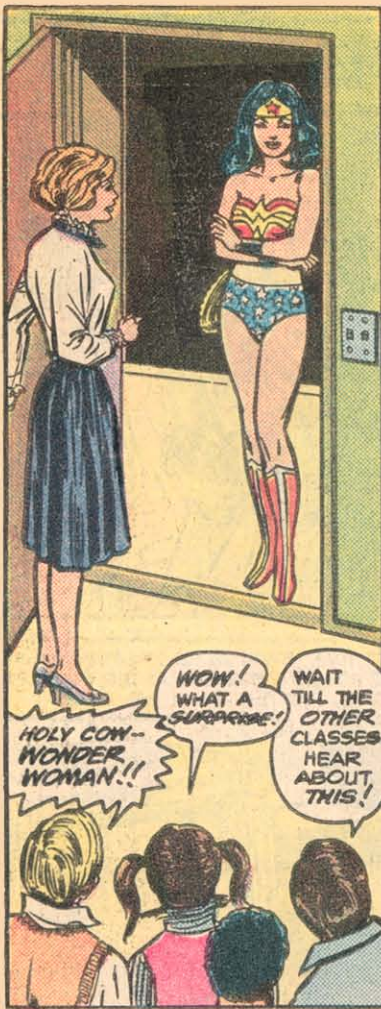


RIGHT! IT SURE BEATS USING A PENCIL AND PAPER, THAT'S FOR SURE.

PLEASE DON'T KEEP US IN SUSPENSE, MS. WILSON! YOU SAID YOU HAD A SURPRISE FOR US IF WE FINISHED ON TIME. WHAT IS IT?

HMMM, YES. WELL, I CERTAINLY DON'T WANT TO DISAPPOINT YOU--





HOLY COW--  
WONDER  
WOMAN!!

WOW!  
WHAT A  
SURPRISE!

WAIT  
TILL THE  
OTHER  
CLASSES  
HEAR  
ABOUT  
THIS!



WHEN  
MS. WILSON  
SAID SHE  
HAD A  
SURPRISE  
FOR US,  
I NEVER  
DREAMED  
YOU  
WOULD  
BE IT,  
WONDER  
WOMAN!

FIRST WE  
GET VISITS  
FROM  
SUPERMAN  
AND  
SUPERGIRL--  
AND NOW  
YOU! WE'RE  
BEGINNING  
TO LOOK  
LIKE A  
REGULAR  
SUPER-HERO  
CONVENTION  
HALL AROUND  
HERE!

AS A  
MATTER  
OF FACT,  
ALEC--



--THERE'S STILL ANOTHER  
SURPRISE!

WHAT--  
ANOTHER  
SURPRISE?

YES, AND I  
MIGHT AS WELL  
EXPLAIN IT  
NOW...

IT'S A FIELD  
TRIP TO THE  
METROPOLIS  
WORLD'S FAIR...  
TO SEE THE  
COMPUTER AND  
ELECTRONICS  
TECHNOLOGY  
EXHIBIT!



THAT'S THE  
GREATEST,  
WONDER  
WOMAN!  
BUT HOW DID  
YOU MANAGE  
TO GET A  
TRIP TO THE  
FAIR FOR US?

WELL... YOU MIGHT  
SAY, I KNOW THE  
RIGHT PEOPLE...  
IN FACT, WE JUST  
MIGHT RUN INTO ONE  
OF THEM AT THE FAIR!



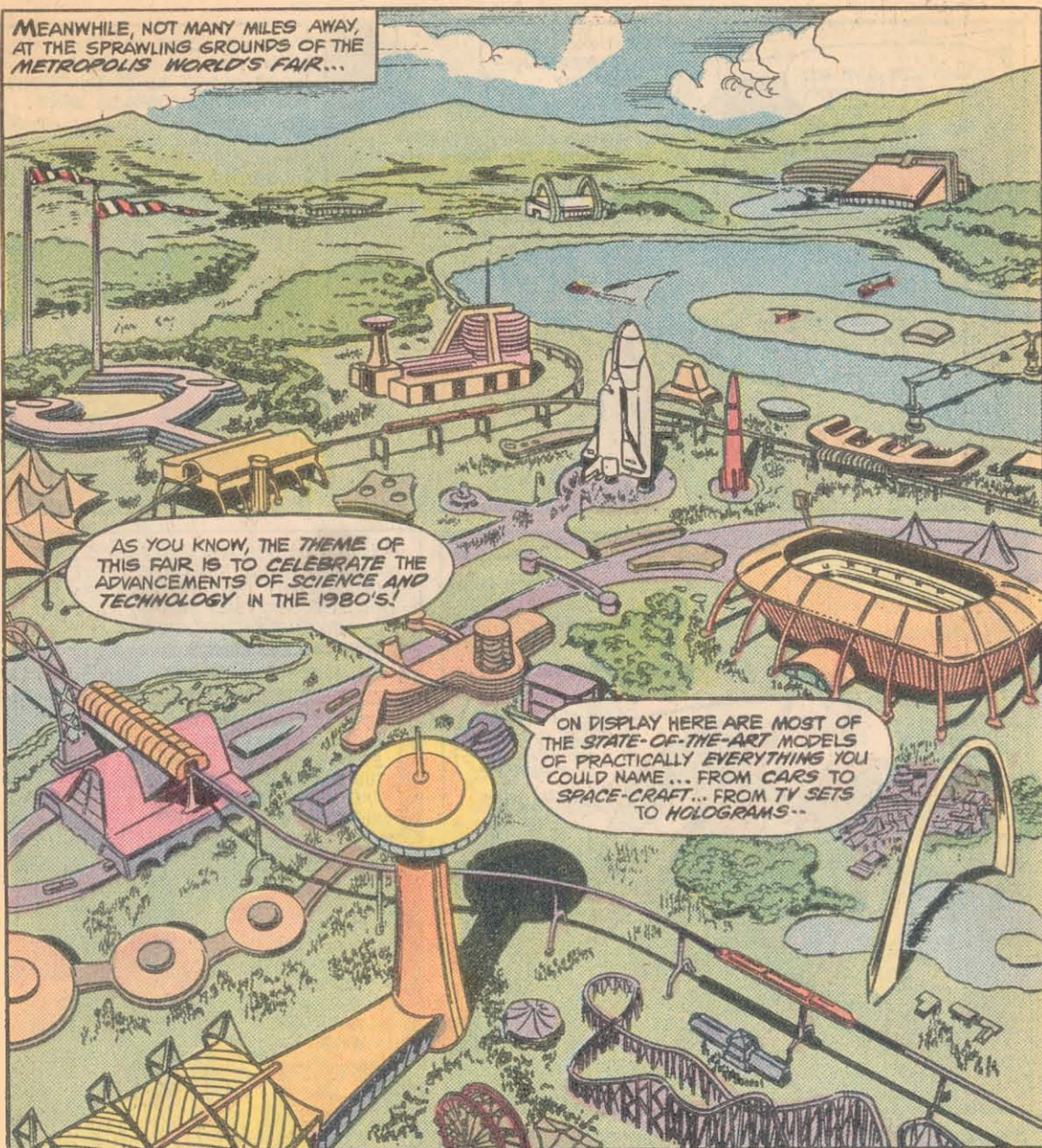
PLEASE,  
WONDER  
WOMAN,  
TELL US  
WHO IT  
IS!

PLEASE!

I'M SURE  
YOU'LL  
RECOGNIZE  
THE PERSON!

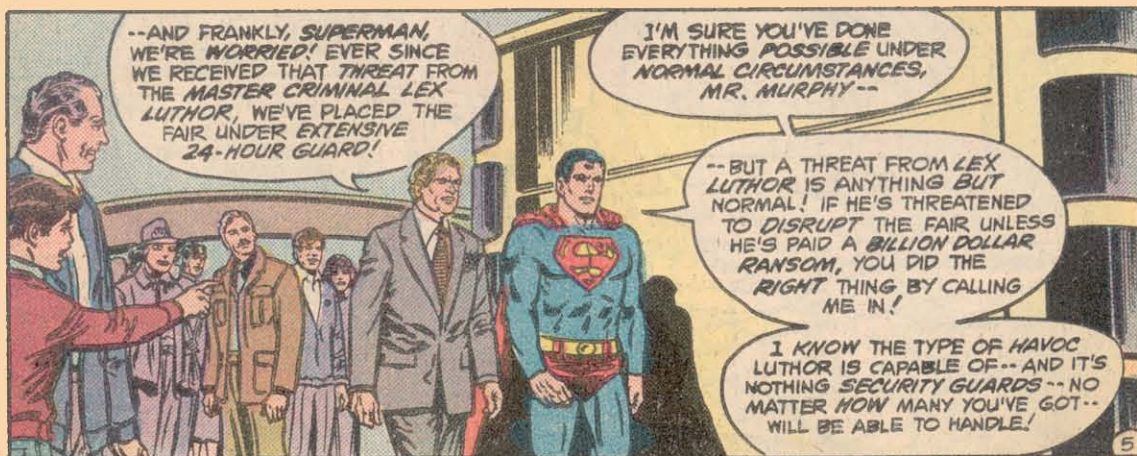


MEANWHILE, NOT MANY MILES AWAY,  
AT THE SPRAWLING GROUNDS OF THE  
METROPOLIS WORLD'S FAIR...



AS YOU KNOW, THE *THEME* OF  
THIS FAIR IS TO CELEBRATE THE  
ADVANCEMENTS OF *SCIENCE* AND  
*TECHNOLOGY* IN THE 1980'S!

ON DISPLAY HERE ARE MOST OF  
THE *STATE-OF-THE-ART* MODELS  
OF PRACTICALLY *EVERYTHING* YOU  
COULD NAME... FROM *CARS* TO  
*SPACE-CRAFT*... FROM *TV SETS*  
TO *HOLOGRAMS*..



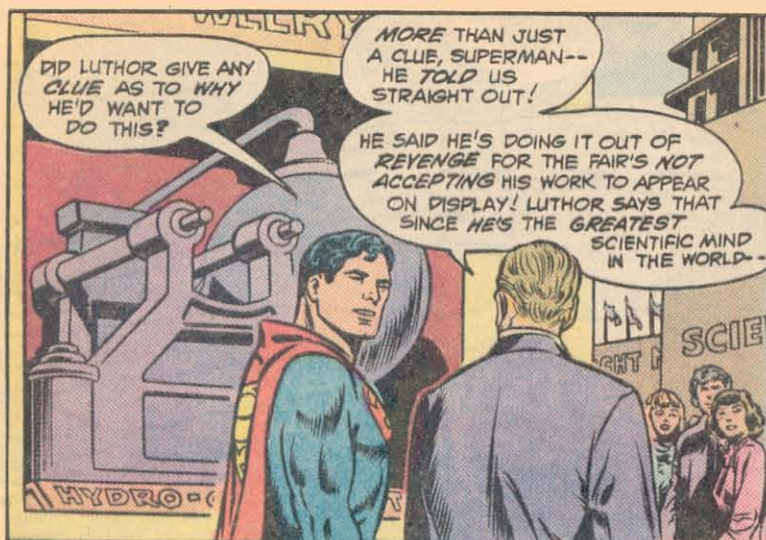
--AND FRANKLY, *SUPERMAN*,  
WE'RE *WORRIED!* EVER SINCE  
WE RECEIVED THAT *THREAT* FROM  
THE *MASTER CRIMINAL* *LEX*  
*LUTHOR*, WE'VE PLACED THE  
FAIR UNDER *EXTENSIVE*  
*24-HOUR GUARD!*

I'M SURE YOU'VE DONE  
EVERYTHING POSSIBLE UNDER  
NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES,  
*MR. MURPHY*--

--BUT A *THREAT* FROM *LEX*  
*LUTHOR* IS ANYTHING *BUT*  
NORMAL! IF HE'S *THREATENED*  
TO *DISRUPT* THE FAIR UNLESS  
HE'S PAID A *BILLION DOLLAR*  
*RANSOM*, YOU DID THE  
*RIGHT* THING BY *CALLING*  
ME IN!

I KNOW THE TYPE OF *HAVOC*  
*LUTHOR* IS CAPABLE OF-- AND IT'S  
NOTHING *SECURITY GUARDS*--NO  
MATTER *HOW MANY* YOU'VE GOT--  
WILL BE ABLE TO *HANDLE!*





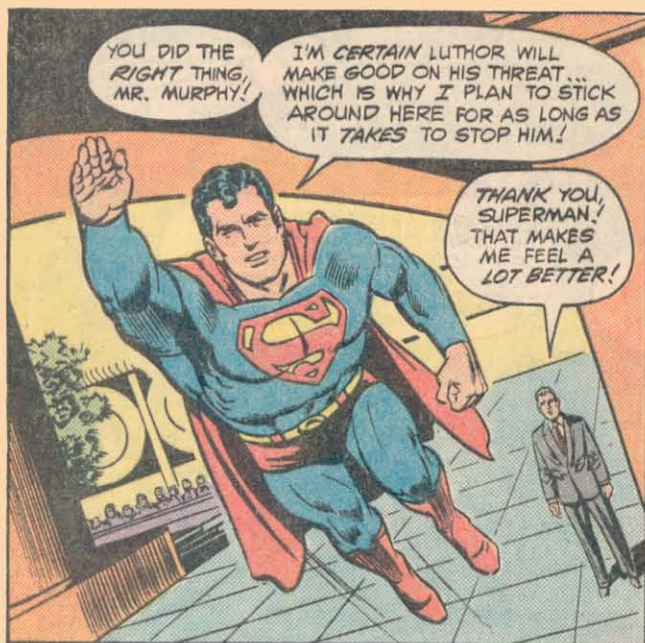
DID LUTHOR GIVE ANY CLUE AS TO WHY HE'D WANT TO DO THIS?

MORE THAN JUST A CLUE, SUPERMAN-- HE TOLD US STRAIGHT OUT!

HE SAID HE'S DOING IT OUT OF REVENGE FOR THE FAIR'S NOT ACCEPTING HIS WORK TO APPEAR ON DISPLAY! LUTHOR SAYS THAT SINCE HE'S THE GREATEST SCIENTIFIC MIND IN THE WORLD--

--IT WOULD BE ONLY FITTING THAT HIS TECHNOLOGICAL CREATIONS BE GIVEN PRIME EXHIBITION SPACE HERE!

NATURALLY, WE REFUSED HIM! THIS FAIR WILL NOT GLORIFY THAT CRIMINAL MANIAC'S EGO!



YOU DID THE RIGHT THING, MR. MURPHY!

I'M CERTAIN LUTHOR WILL MAKE GOOD ON HIS THREAT... WHICH IS WHY I PLAN TO STICK AROUND HERE FOR AS LONG AS IT TAKES TO STOP HIM!

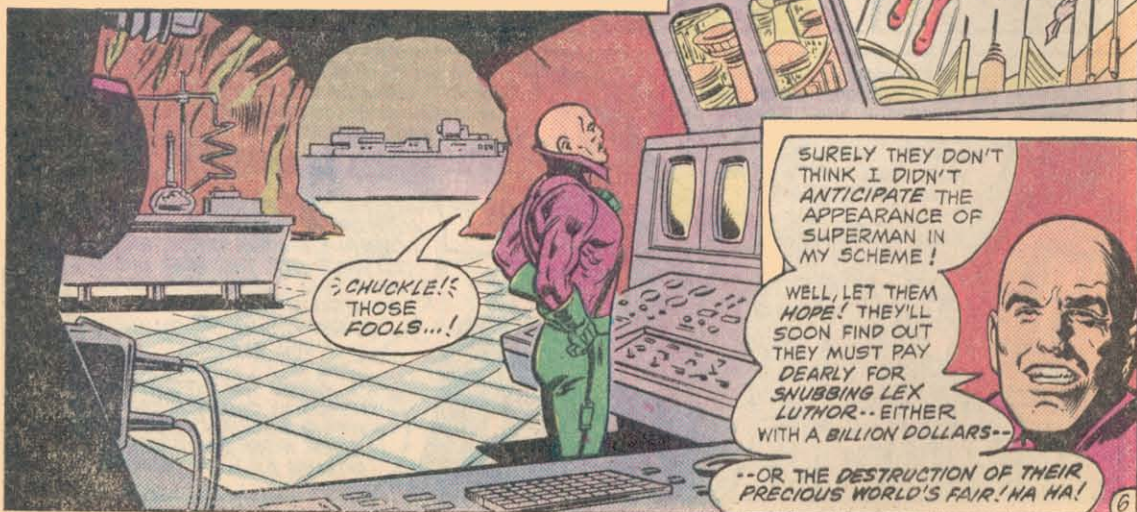
THANK YOU, SUPERMAN! THAT MAKES ME FEEL A LOT BETTER!

AND AS THE RELIEVED WORLD'S FAIR OFFICIAL TURNS TO GO, HE LEAVES WITH THE THOUGHT THAT, WITH SUPERMAN ON THE JOB, MATTERS WILL RETURN TO BUSINESS AS USUAL.

MR. MURPHY IS WRONG!

FOR, AT THAT VERY MOMENT, ONE HUNDRED FEET AWAY, STRAIGHT DOWN BENEATH THE BUSTLING FAIRGROUNDS, THE VERY OBJECT OF HIS CONCERN WATCHES--

--AND HE IS FAR FROM DISMAYED AT THE SUPER-HEROIC TURN OF EVENTS...



CHUCKLE! THOSE FOOLS...!

SURELY THEY DON'T THINK I DIDN'T ANTICIPATE THE APPEARANCE OF SUPERMAN IN MY SCHEME!

WELL, LET THEM HOPE! THEY'LL SOON FIND OUT THEY MUST PAY DEARLY FOR SNUBBING LEX LUTHOR-- EITHER WITH A BILLION DOLLARS--

--OR THE DESTRUCTION OF THEIR PRECIOUS WORLD'S FAIR! HA HA!



MEANWHILE...

AFTER WE GET BACK TO CLASS... WONDER WOMAN IS GOING TO TELL US MORE ABOUT LITTLE COMPUTERS AND WHAT THEY CAN DO.

OH YEAH? AND WHAT MORE CAN MS. EXPERT TELL US?

IT JUST SO HAPPENS THAT IN MY SECRET IDENTITY, MY WORK OFTEN REQUIRES THE USE OF COMPUTERS, ALEC!

AH-AH!

YOU BETTER WATCH IT, WONDER WOMAN-- YOU'VE JUST GIVEN US A CLUE TO YOUR SECRET IDENTITY! IF A SUPER-BADGUY HEARD THAT, I BET HE COULD FIGURE OUT WHO YOU REALLY ARE!

"NOT VERY LIKELY, ALEC... UNLESS HE WERE PLANNING ON CHECKING THROUGH ALL THE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHO COME INTO CONTACT WITH COMPUTERS ON A DAILY BASIS IN THIS COUNTRY!"

"TODAY, COMPUTERS ARE USED EXTENSIVELY IN ALL PHASES OF LIFE-- FROM THE BIGGEST MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS--

--TO THE SMALLEST LOCAL BUSINESSES! A SINGLE COMPUTER CAN DO THE JOB OF BOOKKEEPING, INVENTORY, AND PAYROLL FASTER AND MORE EFFICIENTLY THAN A WHOLE ARMY OF BOOKKEEPERS!"

"AND THAT'S NOT TO MENTION SOME OF THE MORE FANTASTIC APPLICATIONS OF COMPUTERS-- SUCH AS IN THE SPACE-PROGRAM!"

"CONSIDER THE U.S. VIKING PROBES SENT TO MARS... OR THE VOYAGER PROBE THAT RECENTLY SENT BACK PHOTOGRAPHS OF JUPITER AND SATURN..."

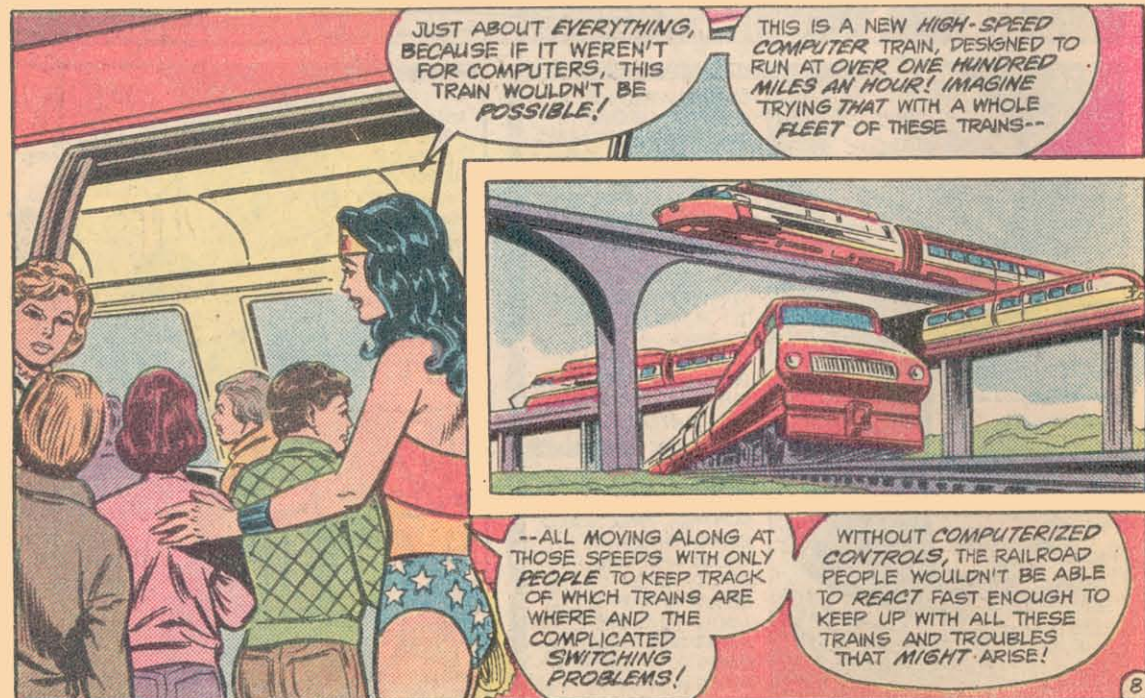
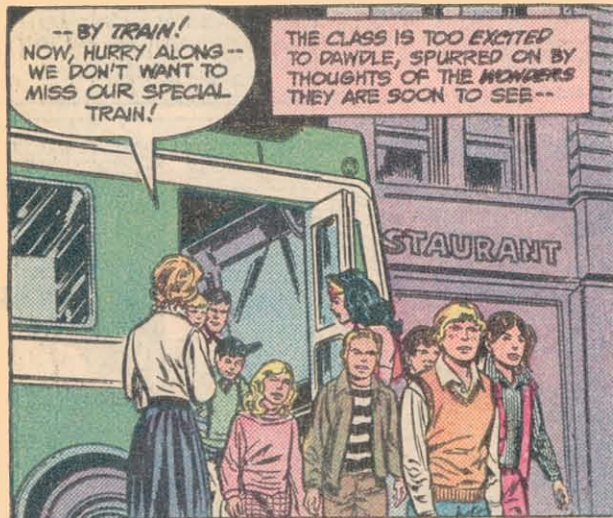
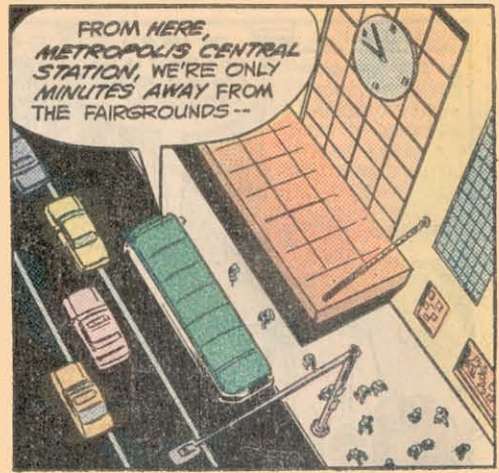
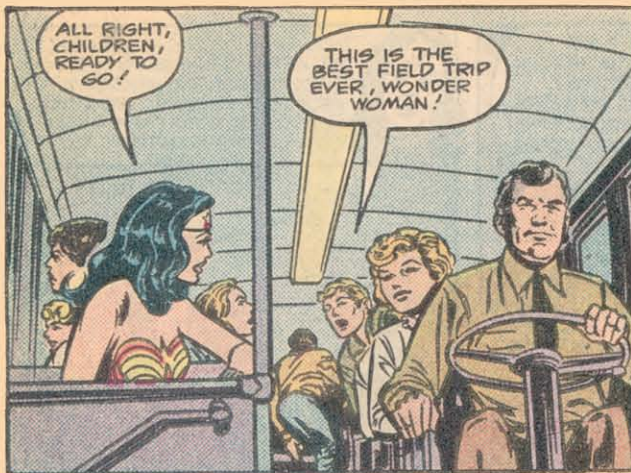
"WITHOUT LIGHTWEIGHT COMPUTERS TO CONTROL PRACTICALLY EVERY PHASE OF THOSE MISSIONS, THE EXPLORATION OF THE OUTER PLANETS WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE DUE TO COMPLEX NAVIGATION NEEDS IN SPACE TRAVEL!"

WHAT ABOUT THE U.S. SPACE SHUTTLE, WONDER WOMAN?

I READ THAT IT'S ONE OF THE MOST COMPLEX, COMPUTER-CONTROLLED SPACECRAFT EVER BUILT!

RIGHT YOU ARE, SHANNA! BUT WE'VE GOT TO GET ON THE BUS THAT'S WAITING OUTSIDE!



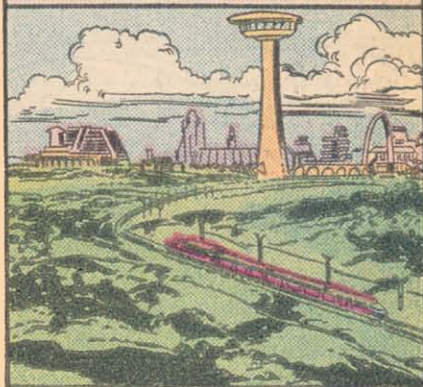




THAT'S WHY EACH TRAIN IS EQUIPPED WITH A *COMPUTER* OF ITS OWN THAT *MONITORS* SENSORS IN THE *TRACKS* AND IS IN *CONSTANT COMMUNICATION* WITH ANOTHER COMPUTER IN THE RAILROAD'S CONTROL CENTER.



AND SO, AT SPEEDS *UNIMAGINABLE* TO THE EARLIER *PIONEERS* OF THE NATION'S RAILROADS, THE SLEEK COMMUTER TRAIN STREAKS THROUGH THE OUTSKIRTS OF METROPOLIS--



--ARRIVING IN MERE *MINUTES* AT THE SITE OF THE WORLD'S FAIR LOCATED *TEN MILES* BEYOND THE CITY...



ALL OFF, CHILDREN-- WE'RE *HERE!*

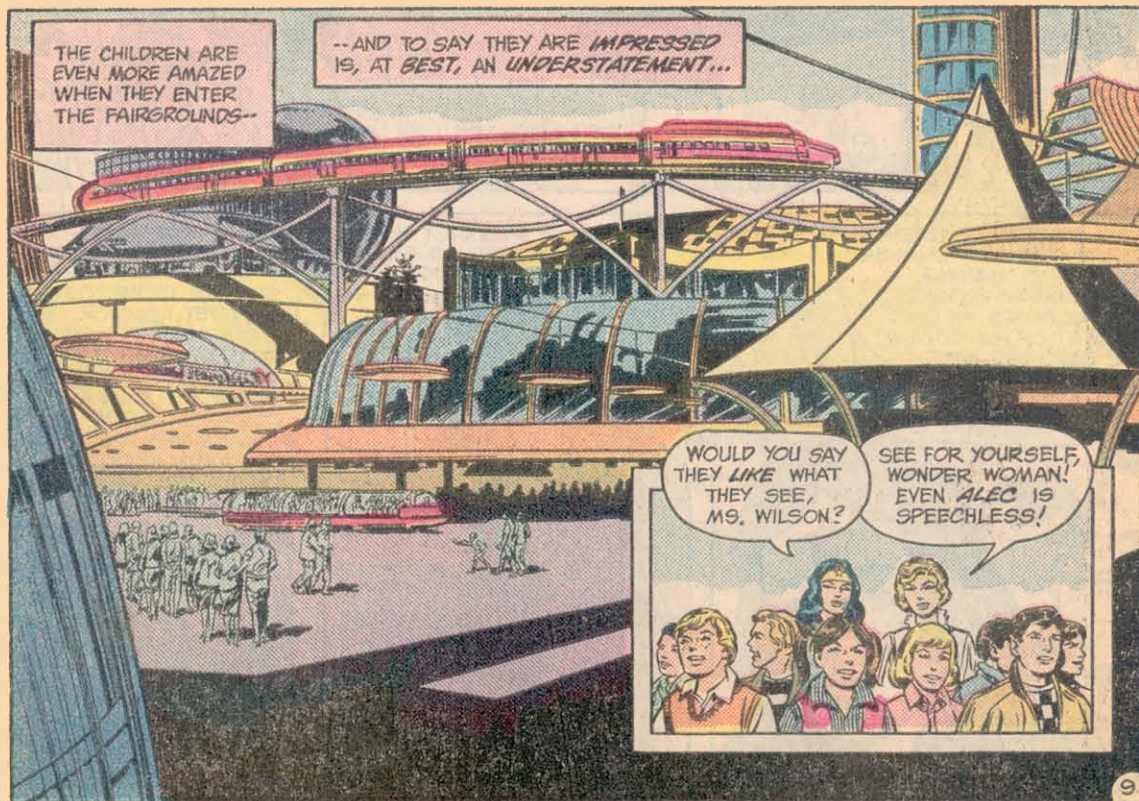
MAN--WHAT A TRAIN STATION!

I CAN IMAGINE WHAT THE REST OF THE FAIR LOOKS LIKE!

CAN YOU, DONALD--?

THE CHILDREN ARE EVEN MORE AMAZED WHEN THEY ENTER THE FAIRGROUNDS--

--AND TO SAY THEY ARE *IMPRESSED* IS, AT *BEST*, AN *UNDERSTATEMENT*...

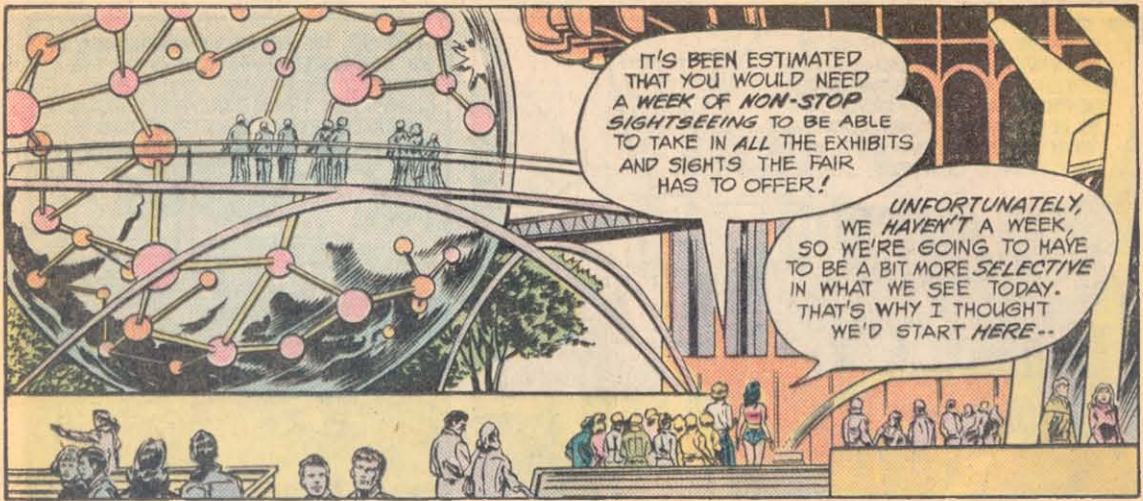


WOULD YOU SAY THEY *LIKE* WHAT THEY SEE, MS. WILSON?

SEE FOR YOURSELF, WONDER WOMAN! EVEN *ALEC* IS SPEECHLESS!







IT'S BEEN ESTIMATED THAT YOU WOULD NEED A WEEK OF NON-STOP SIGHTSEEING TO BE ABLE TO TAKE IN ALL THE EXHIBITS AND SIGHTS THE FAIR HAS TO OFFER!

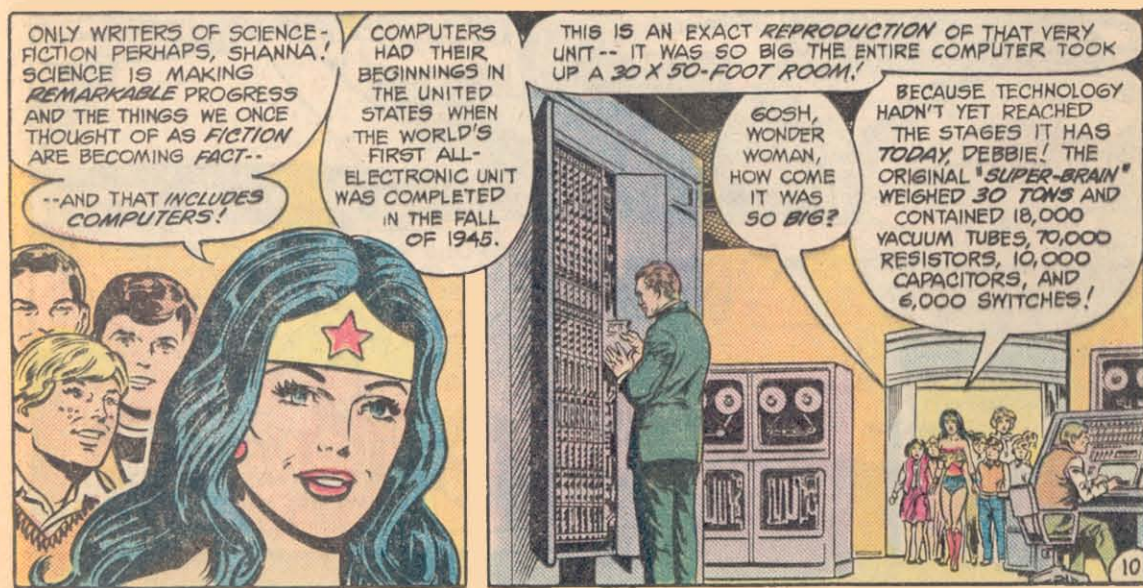
UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVEN'T A WEEK, SO WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO BE A BIT MORE SELECTIVE IN WHAT WE SEE TODAY. THAT'S WHY I THOUGHT WE'D START HERE--



--THE COMPUTER AND ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY EXHIBIT!

ON DISPLAY HERE ARE THE GREATEST SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS MANKIND HAS TO OFFER FROM THE WORLD OVER!

WOW! I-I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS! WHO'D EVER THINK THESE THINGS WERE POSSIBLE?



ONLY WRITERS OF SCIENCE-FICTION PERHAPS, SHANNA! SCIENCE IS MAKING REMARKABLE PROGRESS AND THE THINGS WE ONCE THOUGHT OF AS FICTION ARE BECOMING FACT--

--AND THAT INCLUDES COMPUTERS!

COMPUTERS HAD THEIR BEGINNINGS IN THE UNITED STATES WHEN THE WORLD'S FIRST ALL-ELECTRONIC UNIT WAS COMPLETED IN THE FALL OF 1945.

THIS IS AN EXACT REPRODUCTION OF THAT VERY UNIT-- IT WAS SO BIG THE ENTIRE COMPUTER TOOK UP A 30 X 50-FOOT ROOM!

GOSH, WONDER WOMAN, HOW COME IT WAS SO BIG?

BECAUSE TECHNOLOGY HADN'T YET REACHED THE STAGES IT HAS TODAY, DEBBIE! THE ORIGINAL "SUPER-BRAIN" WEIGHED 30 TONS AND CONTAINED 18,000 VACUUM TUBES, 10,000 RESISTORS, 10,000 CAPACITORS, AND 6,000 SWITCHES!



THE OLD-FASHIONED RADIO TUBE WAS BIG AND BULKY, EXPLAINING THE NEED FOR THE SIZE OF THE FIRST COMPUTERS! BUT IN 1948, A TREMENDOUS DISCOVERY WAS MADE THAT REVOLUTIONIZED THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY--

--THE TRANSISTOR!

"WE OWE THIS DISCOVERY TO THE COMBINED TALENTS OF THREE AMERICAN SCIENTISTS-- WILLIAM SHOCKLEY, WALTER BRATTAIN, AND JOHN BARDEEN.

"THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY ALSO THOUGHT THEIR ACHIEVEMENT WAS SO MONUMENTAL THAT THE THREE MEN WERE JOINTLY AWARDED THAT YEAR'S NOBEL PRIZE IN PHYSICS!"



JOHN BARDEEN



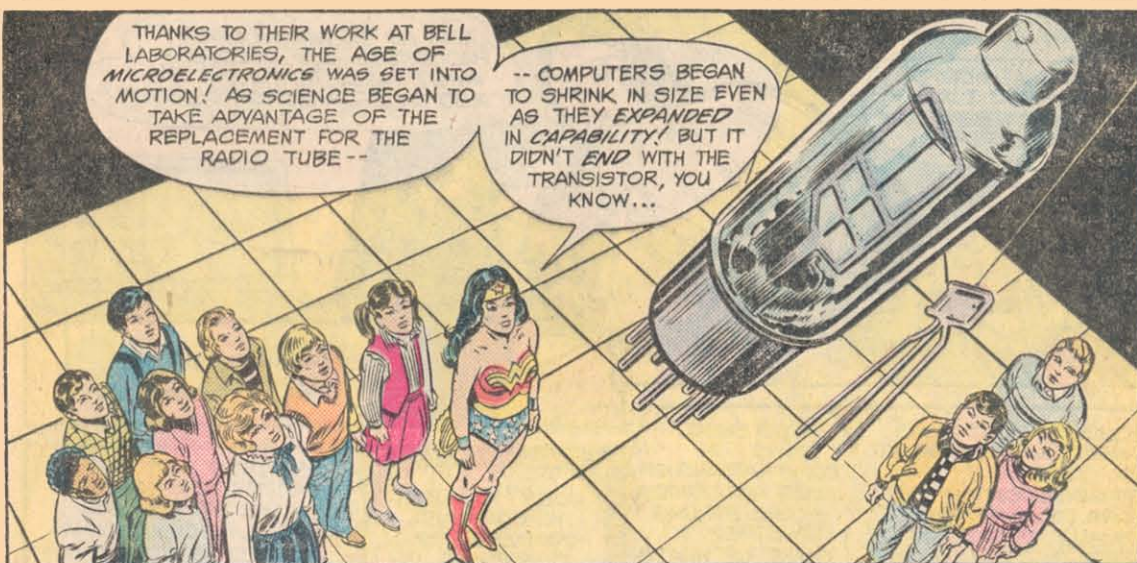
WALTER BRATTAIN



WILLIAM SHOCKLEY

THANKS TO THEIR WORK AT BELL LABORATORIES, THE AGE OF MICROELECTRONICS WAS SET INTO MOTION! AS SCIENCE BEGAN TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE REPLACEMENT FOR THE RADIO TUBE--

-- COMPUTERS BEGAN TO SHRINK IN SIZE EVEN AS THEY EXPANDED IN CAPABILITY! BUT IT DIDN'T END WITH THE TRANSISTOR, YOU KNOW...



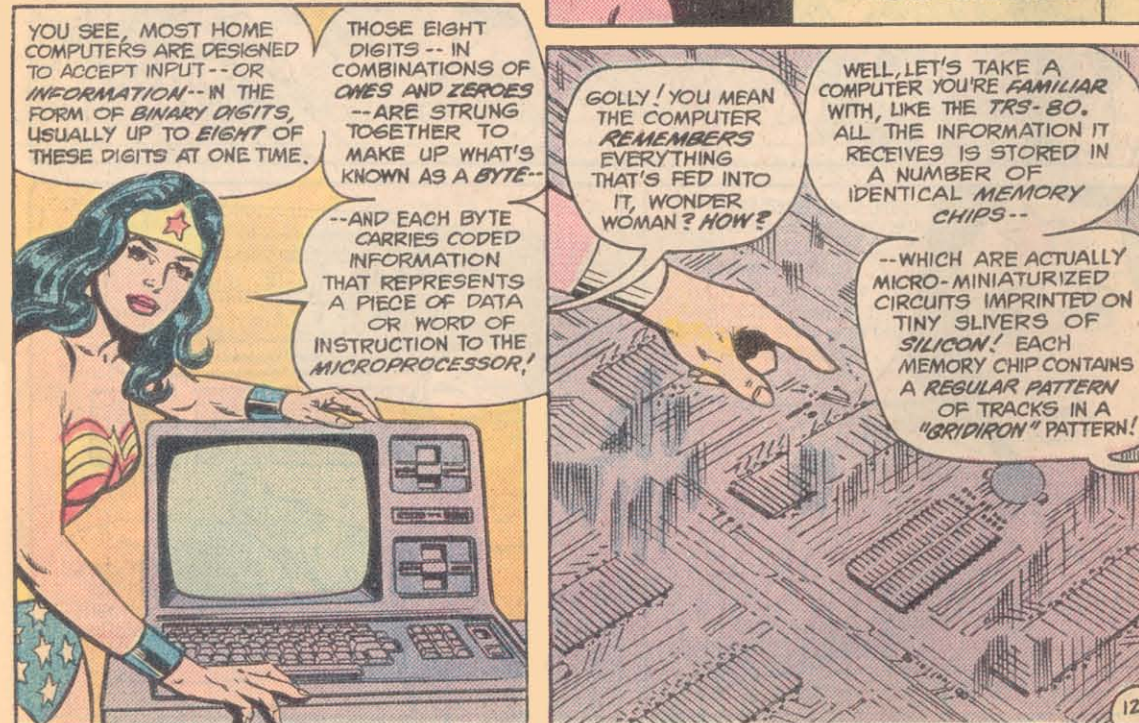
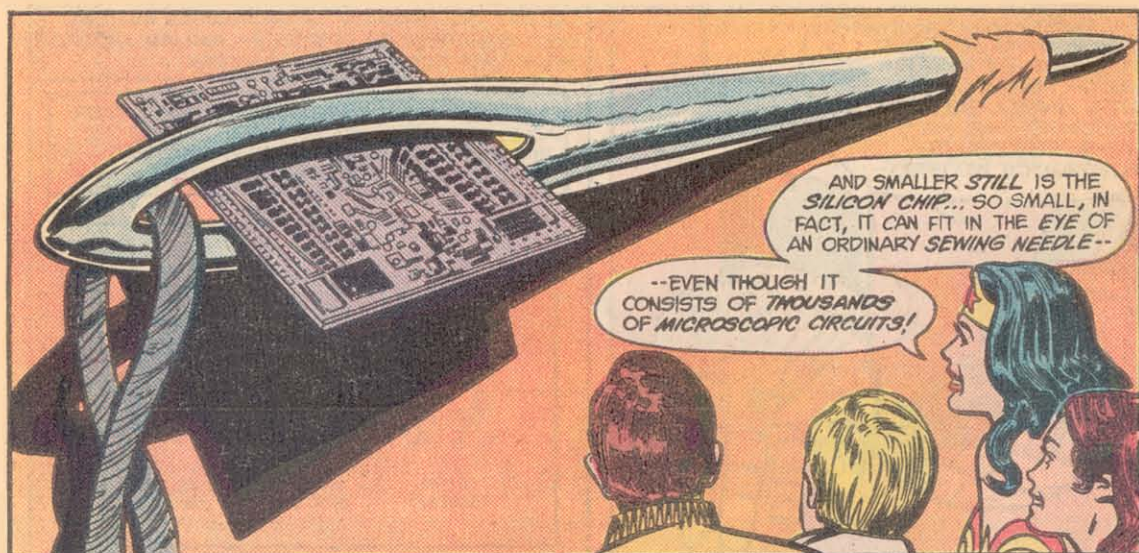
DOES ANYONE KNOW WHAT CAME NEXT?

SURE, WONDER WOMAN, I DO! I REMEMBER THAT FROM OUR EARLIER LESSONS ON COMPUTERS.



AFTER THE TRANSISTOR CAME THE INTEGRATED CIRCUIT... COMBINING MANY TINY CIRCUITS INTO ONE UNIT!







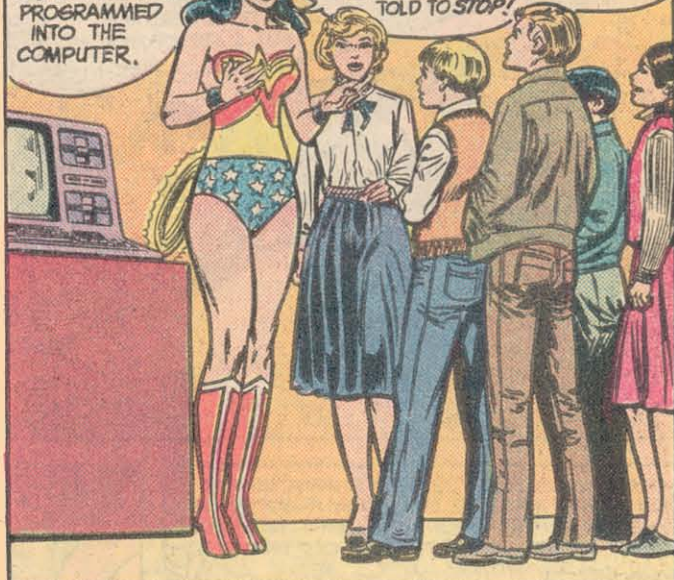
"SINCE EVERY COMPUTER CONTAINS TENS OF THOUSANDS OF THESE TRACKS, IT NEEDS SOME WAY OF KEEPING TRACK OF ALL THE SWITCHING BACK AND FORTH--"



"--JUST LIKE THE HIGH-SPEED TRAIN WE TOOK TO THE FAIR NEEDS A COMPUTER TO CONTROL ITS SWITCHING. COMPUTERS HAVE WHAT CAN BEST BE DESCRIBED AS AN 'ELECTRONIC TRAFFIC COP' TO DO JUST THAT--"

--CALLED A CONTROL UNIT WHICH DECODES THE INSTRUCTIONS PROGRAMMED INTO THE COMPUTER.

ONCE A STEP IN THE PROGRAMMING HAS BEEN COMPLETED, THE CONTROL UNIT CALLS UP THE NEXT STEP AND THE NEXT, UNTIL IT IS TOLD TO STOP!



BUT WHILE THE CONTROL UNIT REGULATES THE FLOW OF THE DATA, IT IS THE MATH/LOGIC UNIT THAT EXECUTES THE CRUCIAL PROGRAMMING INSTRUCTIONS--

--BY PERFORMING THE ACTUAL ARITHMETIC AND DECISION-MAKING OPERATIONS ON DATA!



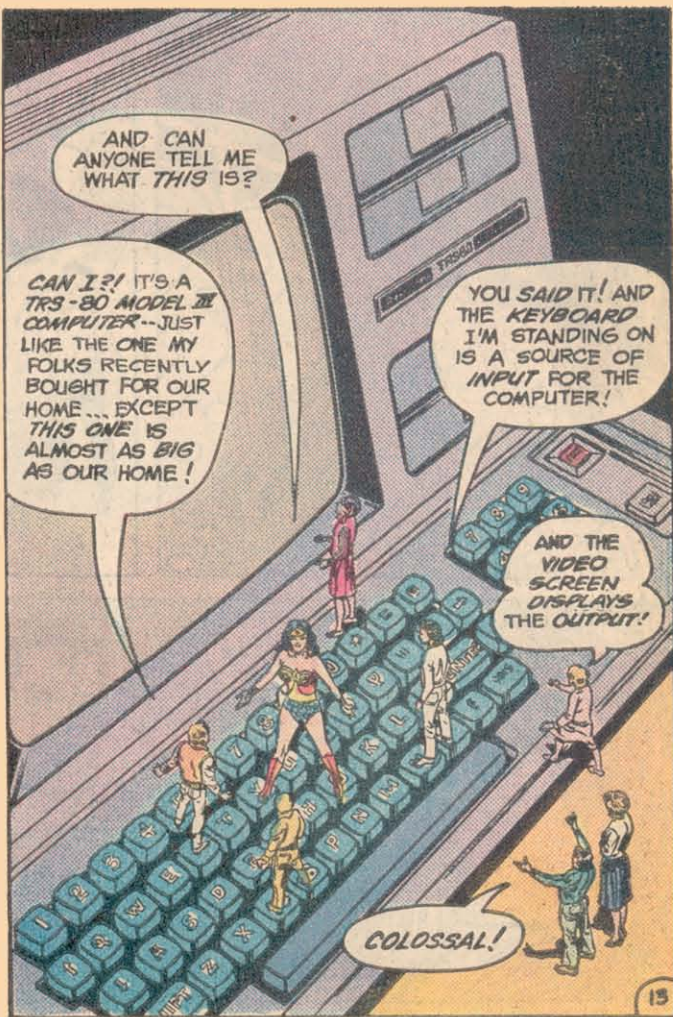
AND CAN ANYONE TELL ME WHAT THIS IS?

CAN I?! IT'S A TRS-80 MODEL III COMPUTER--JUST LIKE THE ONE MY FOLKS RECENTLY BOUGHT FOR OUR HOME... EXCEPT THIS ONE IS ALMOST AS BIG AS OUR HOME!

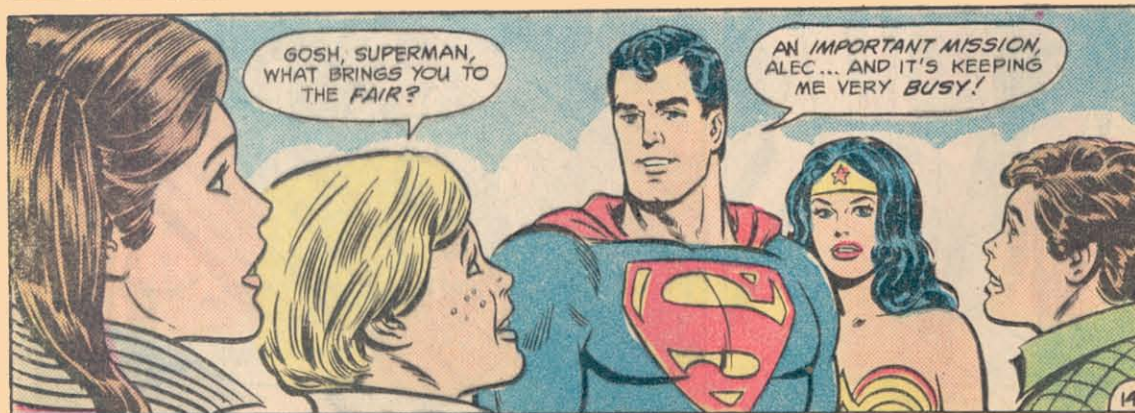
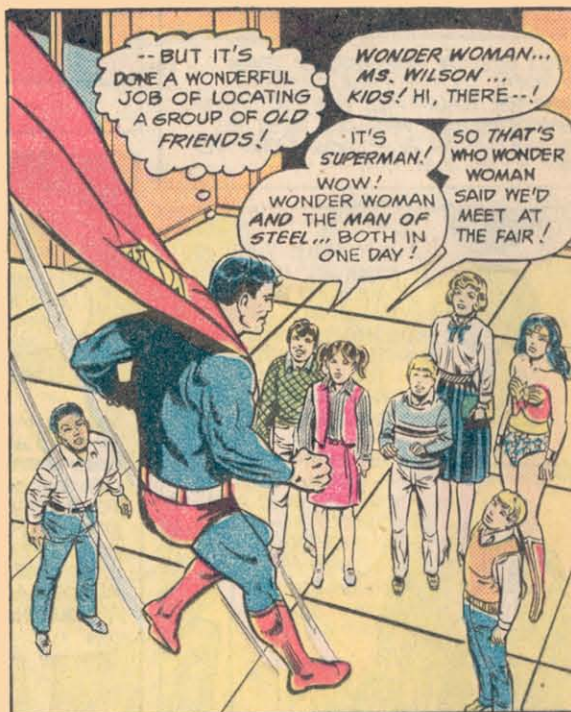
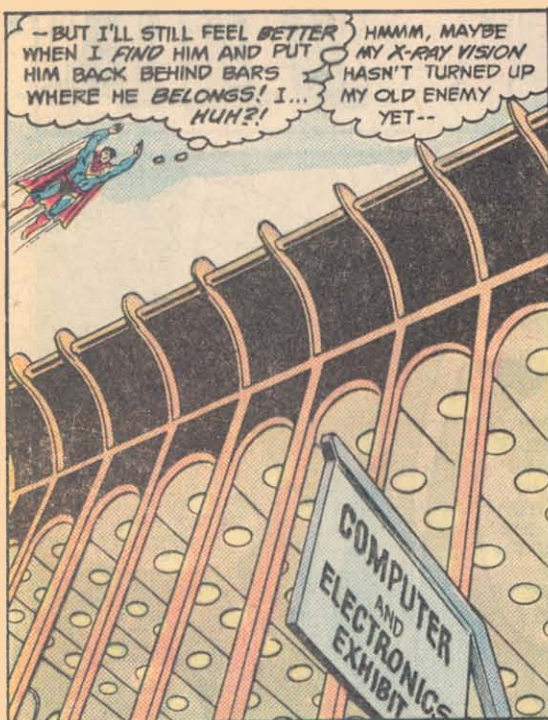
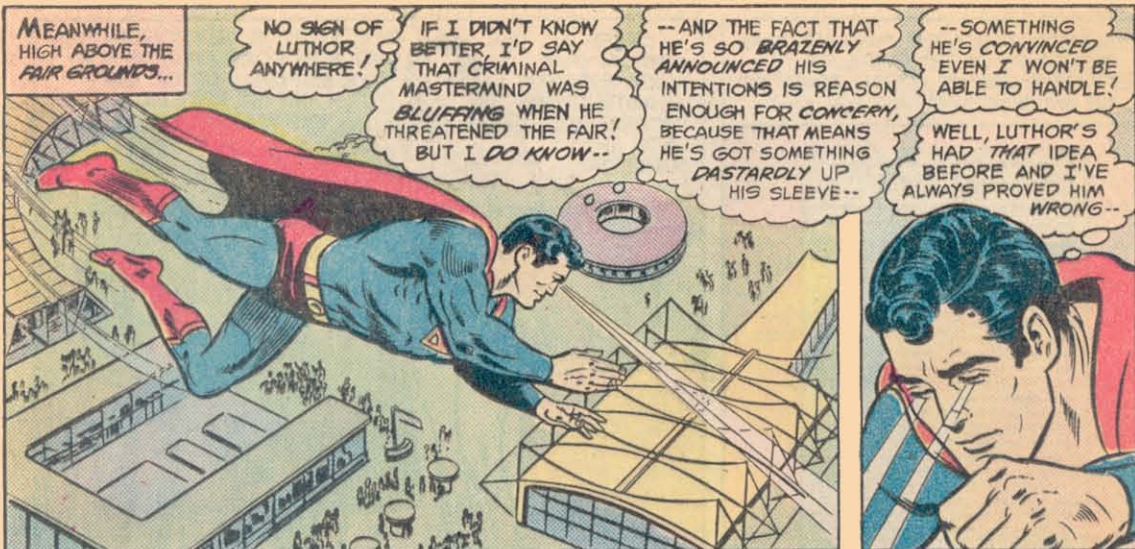
YOU SAID IT! AND THE KEYBOARD I'M STANDING ON IS A SOURCE OF INPUT FOR THE COMPUTER!

AND THE VIDEO SCREEN DISPLAYS THE OUTPUT!

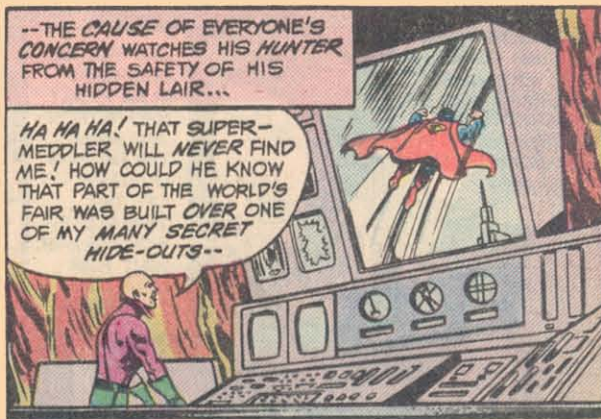
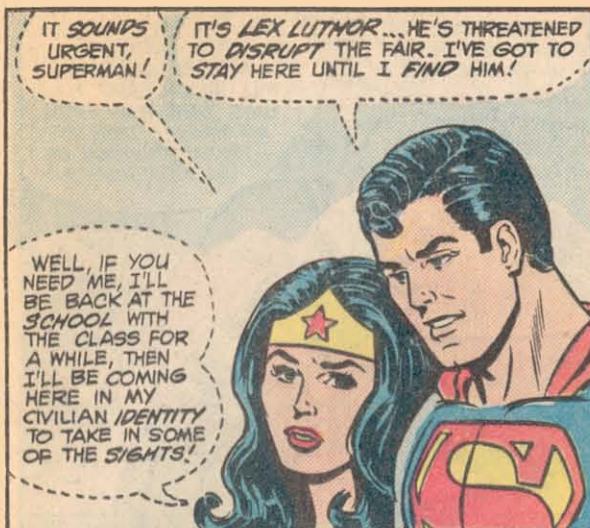
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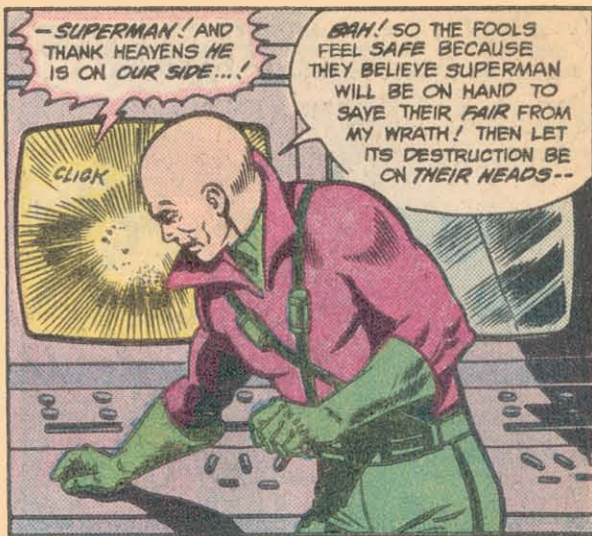
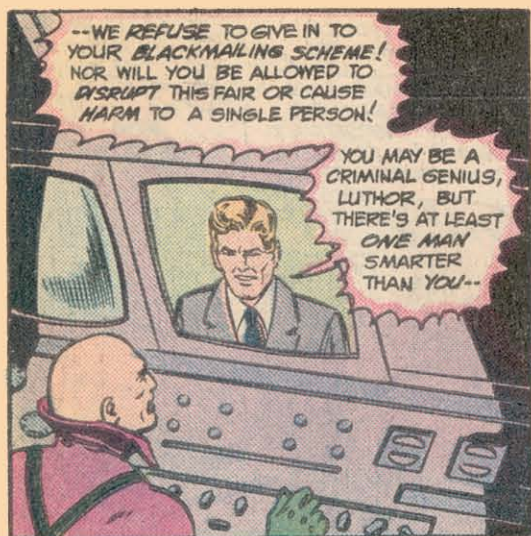






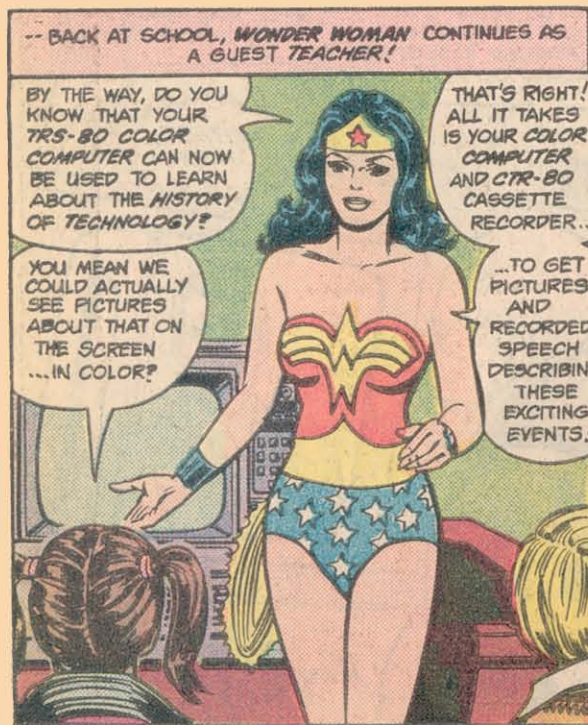
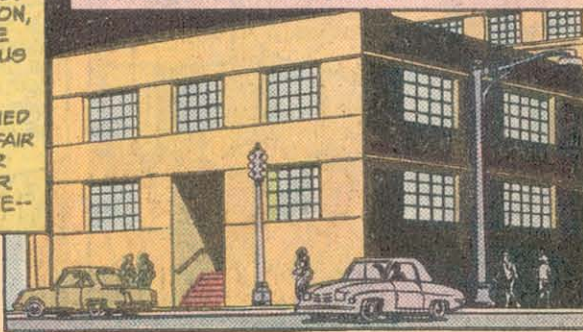




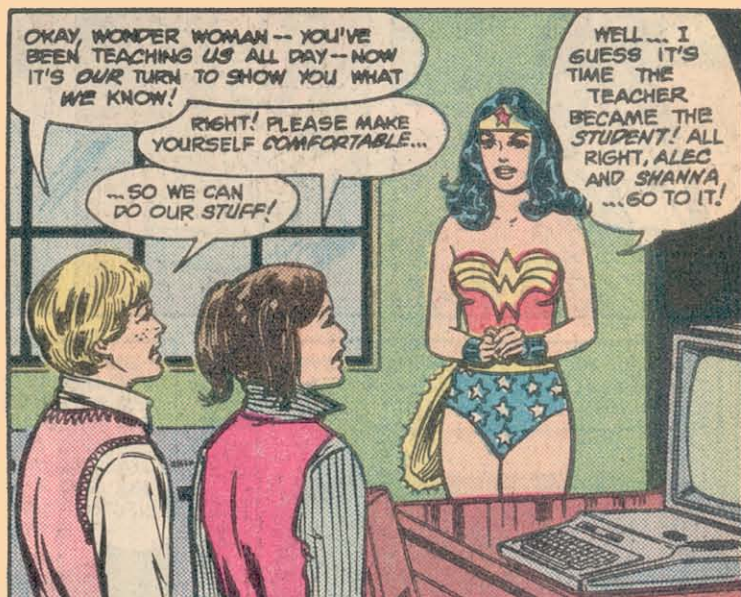
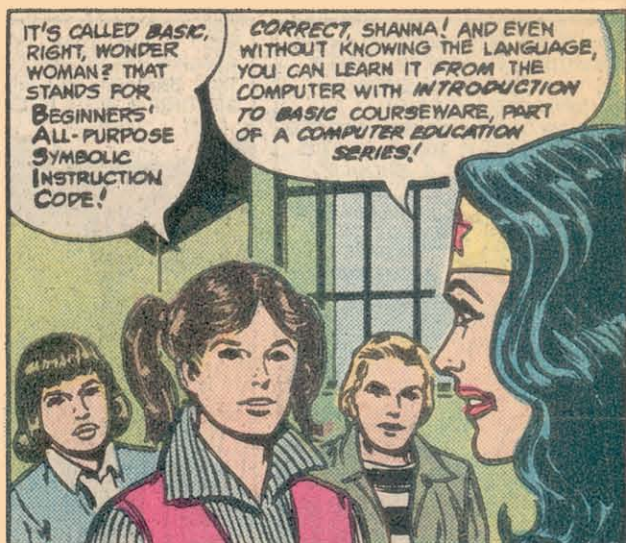


AND SO, AN INSIDIOUS PLAN IS SET INTO MOTION, AND WHILE THE ANXIOUS LEADERS OF THE THREATENED WORLD'S FAIR WAIT FOR DISASTER TO STRIKE--

--LIFE GOES ON QUITE NORMALLY FOR THE REST OF THE CITY, OR FOR ONE PARTICULAR CLASS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS... AT LEAST, AS NORMALLY AS THINGS CAN BE --









NOW THAT I'VE SWITCHED ON THE COMPUTER, THE SCREEN TELLS ME WHAT TO DO BY SHOWING ME "VIDEOTEX VERSION 1.1" AND NOW THAT I'VE PRESSED THE "BREAK" KEY, IT TELLS ME IT'S READY AND THAT I SHOULD "PLACE CALL".

HA HA! BY NOW I'VE GOT THAT NUMBER MEMORIZED--

VIDEOTEX VERSION 1.1.  
PLACE CALL

--SO I JUST DIAL THE NUMBER OF THE INFORMATION SERVICE AND, AFTER GETTING A HIGH-PITCHED TONE--

--I PLACE THE RECEIVER IN THE INTERFACE II MODEM. WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW, ALEC?

JUST WHAT YOU'D EXPECT, SHANNA. I'M TYPING IN OUR I.D. NUMBER AND "PASSWORD"... BUT THE PASSWORD IS A SECRET, SO IT DOESN'T APPEAR ON THE SCREEN!

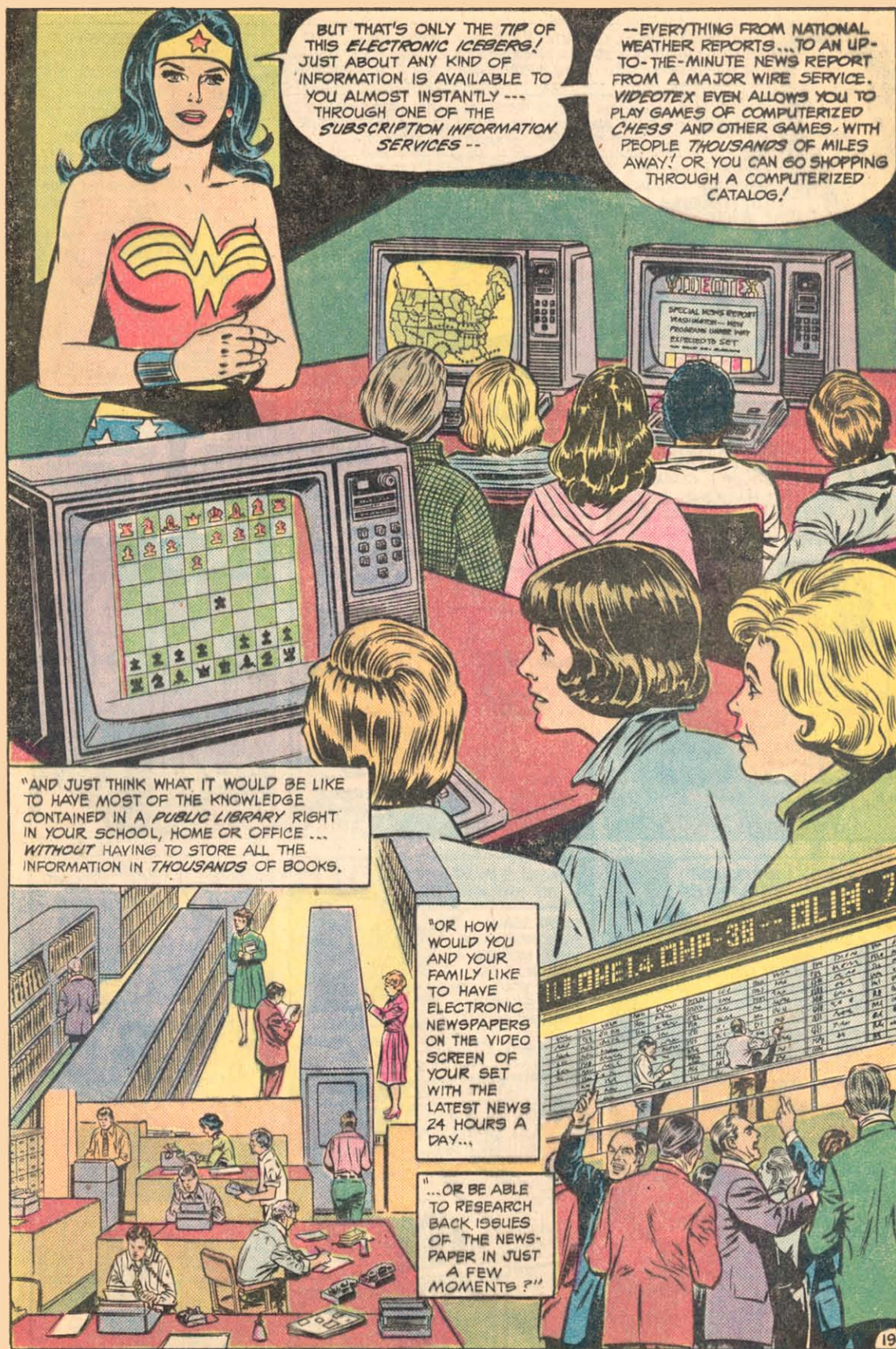
AFTER WE'VE DONE ALL THAT, I TYPE IN THE PLACE OR NUMBER FOR THE INFORMATION I WANT--

VIDEOTEX VERSION 1.1  
PLACE CALL + + C  
ID: 7000, 4444  
PASSWORD:

--AND LIKE MAGIC, IT APPEARS! WHY, WITH A TRS-80 COLOR COMPUTER AND INTERFACE II, WE CAN TURN ANY COLOR OR BLACK-AND-WHITE TV SET INTO A TWO-WAY INFORMATION RETRIEVAL SYSTEM!

AMAZING, ALEC!





BUT THAT'S ONLY THE TIP OF THIS *ELECTRONIC ICEBERG*! JUST ABOUT ANY KIND OF INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TO YOU ALMOST INSTANTLY --- THROUGH ONE OF THE *SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION SERVICES* --

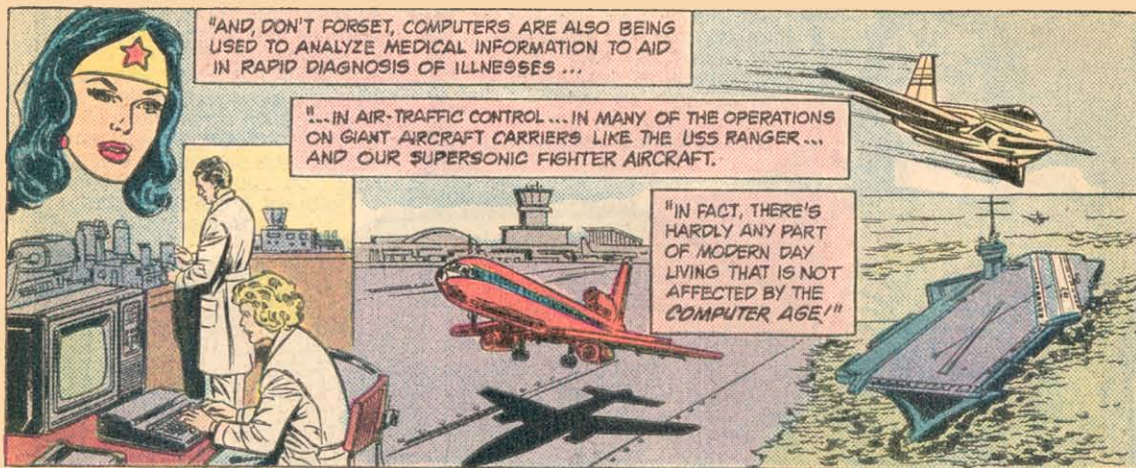
--EVERYTHING FROM NATIONAL WEATHER REPORTS...TO AN UP-TO-THE-MINUTE NEWS REPORT FROM A MAJOR WIRE SERVICE. *VIDEOTEX* EVEN ALLOWS YOU TO PLAY GAMES OF COMPUTERIZED *CHES* AND OTHER GAMES, WITH PEOPLE *THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY*! OR YOU CAN GO SHOPPING THROUGH A COMPUTERIZED CATALOG!

"AND JUST THINK WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE TO HAVE MOST OF THE KNOWLEDGE CONTAINED IN A *PUBLIC LIBRARY* RIGHT IN YOUR SCHOOL, HOME OR OFFICE ... *WITHOUT* HAVING TO STORE ALL THE INFORMATION IN *THOUSANDS* OF BOOKS.

"OR HOW WOULD YOU AND YOUR FAMILY LIKE TO HAVE *ELECTRONIC NEWSPAPERS* ON THE VIDEO SCREEN OF YOUR SET WITH THE LATEST NEWS 24 HOURS A DAY...

"...OR BE ABLE TO RESEARCH BACK ISSUES OF THE NEWS-PAPER IN JUST A FEW MOMENTS?"





"AND, DON'T FORGET, COMPUTERS ARE ALSO BEING USED TO ANALYZE MEDICAL INFORMATION TO AID IN RAPID DIAGNOSIS OF ILLNESSES ...

"...IN AIR-TRAFFIC CONTROL ...IN MANY OF THE OPERATIONS ON GIANT AIRCRAFT CARRIERS LIKE THE USS RANGER ... AND OUR SUPERSONIC FIGHTER AIRCRAFT.

"IN FACT, THERE'S HARDLY ANY PART OF MODERN DAY LIVING THAT IS NOT AFFECTED BY THE COMPUTER AGE!"



SUPPOSENLY...

OH-H... THE BELL!

YOU MEAN CLASS IS OVER ALREADY...? SHUCKS -- IT WAS JUST GETTING INTERESTING!

I'M AFRAID THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY, CLASS!



GOSH, WHO WANTS TO LEAVE NOW?

HA HA! THAT'S A FIRST! IMAGINE A CLASS NOT WANTING TO GO HOME AT THE END OF THE DAY! THANK YOU, WONDER WOMAN... YOU WERE VERY KIND TO GIVE US YOUR TIME LIKE THIS!

IT WAS MY PLEASURE, MS. WILSON.



'BYE, WONDER WOMAN!

THANKS FOR TAKING US TO THE FAIR!

GOOD-BYE FOR NOW! AND REMEMBER TO THINK ABOUT A CAREER IN COMPUTER SCIENCE!



I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO GET HOME AND TRY OUT A FEW OF THE THINGS WE LEARNED TODAY ON MY TRS-80!

ME TOO! HEY... WHY DON'T WE 'MEET' LATER FOR A GAME OF CHESS... WITH OUR COMPUTERS!

GREAT IDEA, SHANNA! I'LL CALL YOU AS SOON AS I CAN GET TO MY KEYBOARD!



WELL, I MUST BE ON MY WAY AS WELL!

WE'VE REALLY ENJOYED YOUR VISIT, WONDER WOMAN. I DO HOPE YOU'LL COME SEE US AGAIN ONE DAY SOON!

I WILL, MS. WILSON. SO--

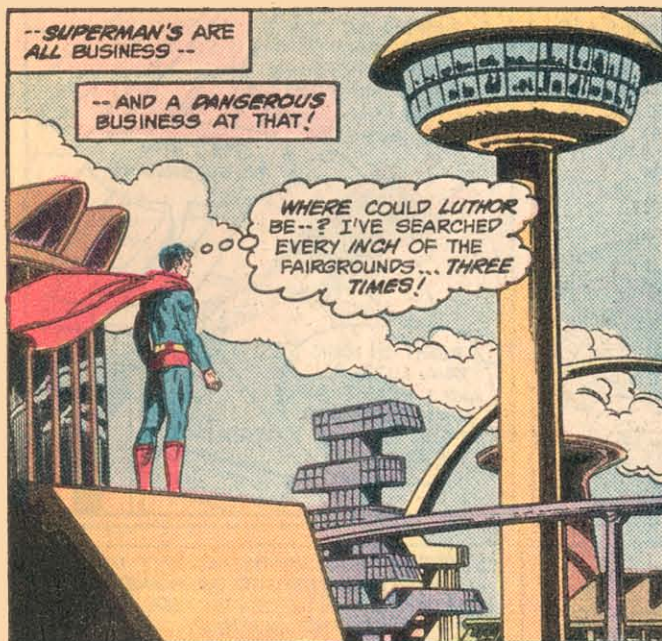


-- GOOD-BYE FOR NOW!

AS FOR ME, IT'S BACK TO THE WORLD'S FAIR... THIS TIME FOR A BIT OF SIGHT-SEEING IN MY CIVILIAN IDENTITY!

AND WHILE WONDER WOMAN'S REASONS FOR ATTENDING THE FAIR ARE PURELY PLEASURABLE --





--SUPERMAN'S ARE ALL BUSINESS--

--AND A DANGEROUS BUSINESS AT THAT!

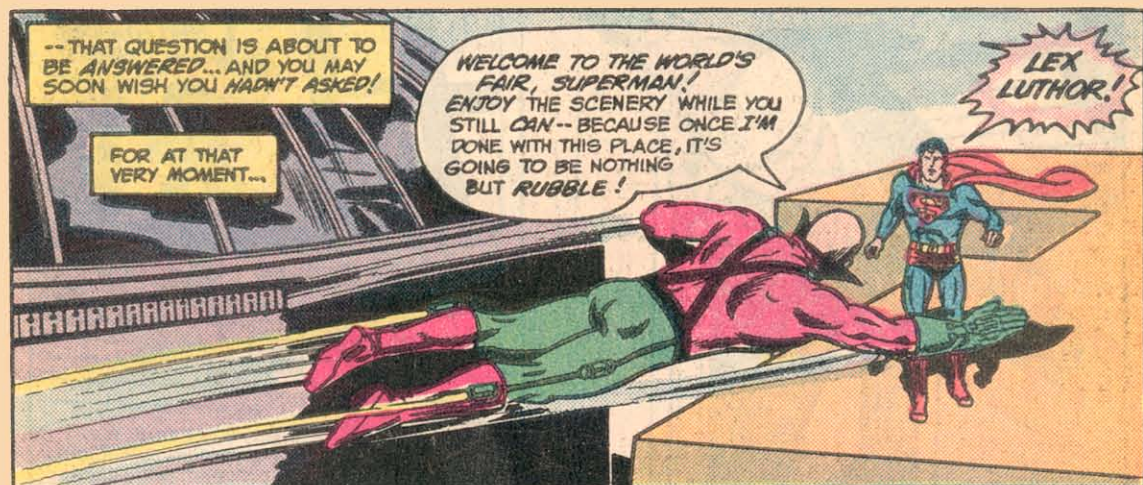
WHERE COULD LUTHOR BE--? I'VE SEARCHED EVERY INCH OF THE FAIRGROUNDS... THREE TIMES!



AND WITH HIS DEADLINE FOR THE FAIR OFFICIALS NOW PASSED, I'M SURE HE'S GOING TO BE TRUE TO HIS WORD AND STRIKE--

-- SOON! IF ONLY I KNEW WHAT DIABOLICAL SCHEME HE HAD UP HIS SLEEVE...!

WHETHER YOU KNOW IT OR NOT, SUPERMAN--

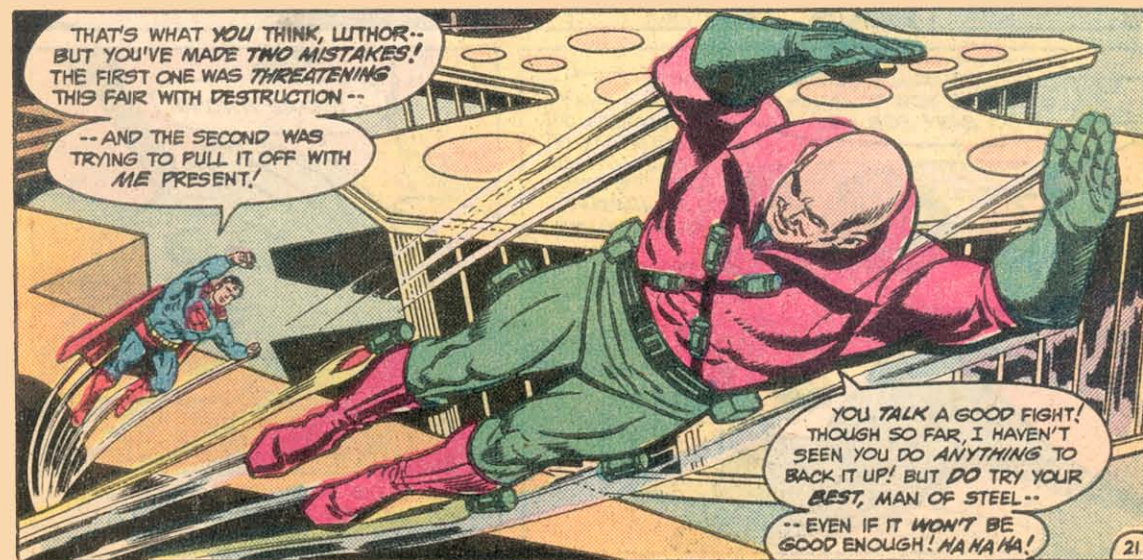


--THAT QUESTION IS ABOUT TO BE ANSWERED...AND YOU MAY SOON WISH YOU HADN'T ASKED!

FOR AT THAT VERY MOMENT...

WELCOME TO THE WORLD'S FAIR, SUPERMAN! ENJOY THE SCENERY WHILE YOU STILL CAN-- BECAUSE ONCE I'M DONE WITH THIS PLACE, IT'S GOING TO BE NOTHING BUT RUBBLE!

LEX LUTHOR!



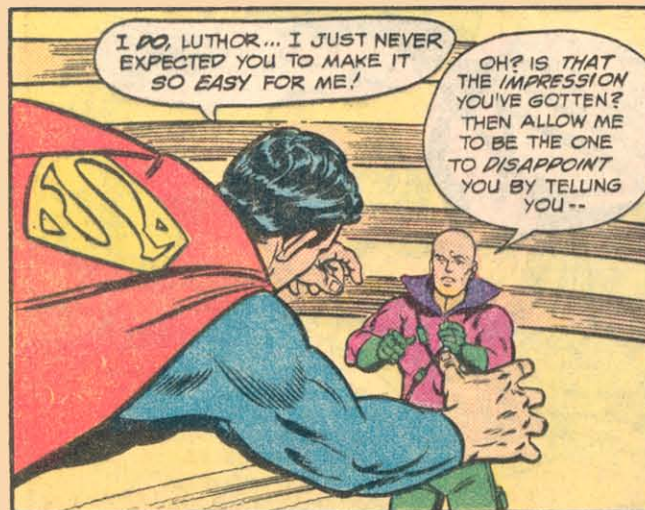
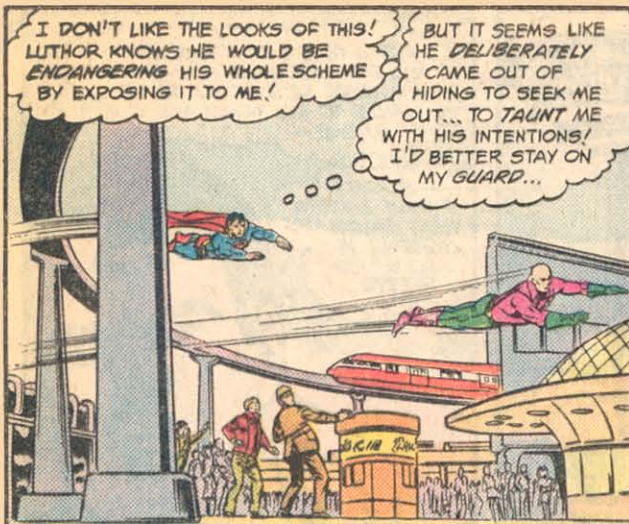
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, LUTHOR-- BUT YOU'VE MADE TWO MISTAKES! THE FIRST ONE WAS THREATENING THIS FAIR WITH DESTRUCTION--

-- AND THE SECOND WAS TRYING TO PULL IT OFF WITH ME PRESENT!

YOU TALK A GOOD FIGHT! THOUGH SO FAR, I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU DO ANYTHING TO BACK IT UP! BUT DO TRY YOUR BEST, MAN OF STEEL--

-- EVEN IF IT WON'T BE GOOD ENOUGH! NANAHA!









-- AND SUDDENLY, THE PLANETARIUM'S AUDITORIUM IS BATHED IN A BLAZE OF SCARLET LIGHT... AND SUPERMAN PLUMMETS TO THE FLOOR --

I'M CERTAIN YOU RECOGNIZE THE SENSATION, SUPERMAN!

RED-SOLAR RADIATION--THE ONLY FORCE CAPABLE OF ROBBING ME OF MY SUPER-POWERS INSTANTLY!

LUTHOR'S SOMEHOW RIGGED THE AUDITORIUM WITH THE RADIATION--

-- STUNNED... AND EVEN MORE AMAZINGLY, POWERLESS!



-- AND IT'S KEEPING ME HELPLESS AS LONG AS I'M EXPOSED TO ITS BEAMS... ALLOWING LUTHOR TO ESCAPE!

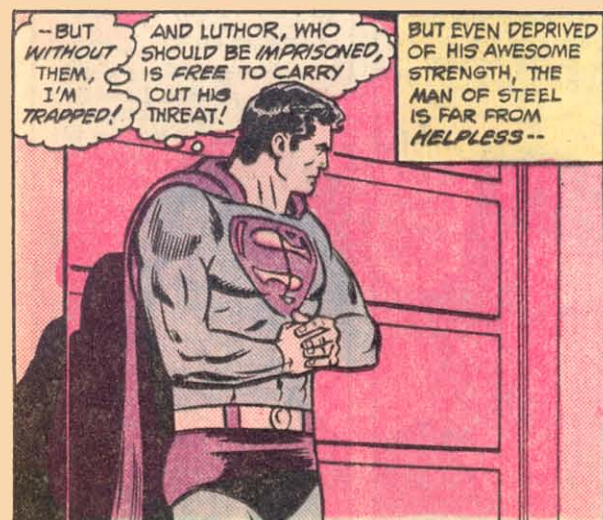
SORRY I CAN'T STAY AND WATCH YOU SQUIRM, BUT IN CASE YOU'VE FORGOTTEN --



-- I'VE A WORLD'S FAIR TO DESTROY! GOOD-BYE FOR NOW, EX-SUPERMAN!

WITH MY SUPER-POWERS, I COULD TEAR THROUGH THAT STEEL DOOR LIKE IT WAS TISSUE PAPER --

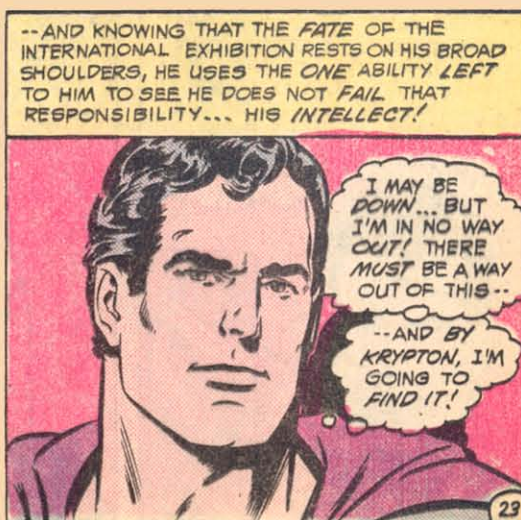
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-- BUT WITHOUT THEM, I'M TRAPPED!

AND LUTHOR, WHO SHOULD BE IMPRISONED, IS FREE TO CARRY OUT HIS THREAT!

BUT EVEN DEPRIVED OF HIS AWESOME STRENGTH, THE MAN OF STEEL IS FAR FROM HELPLESS --

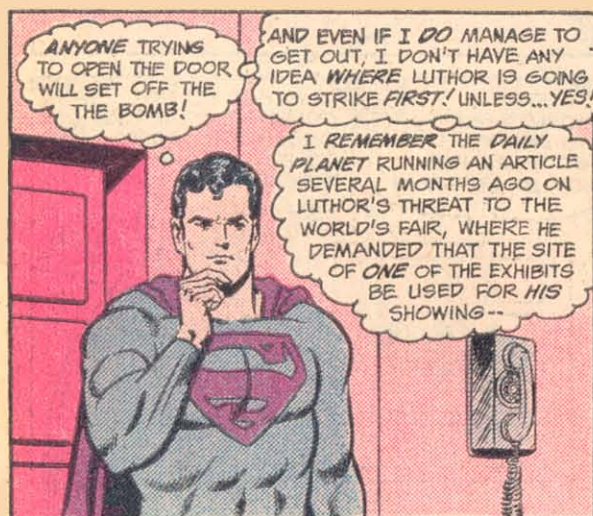
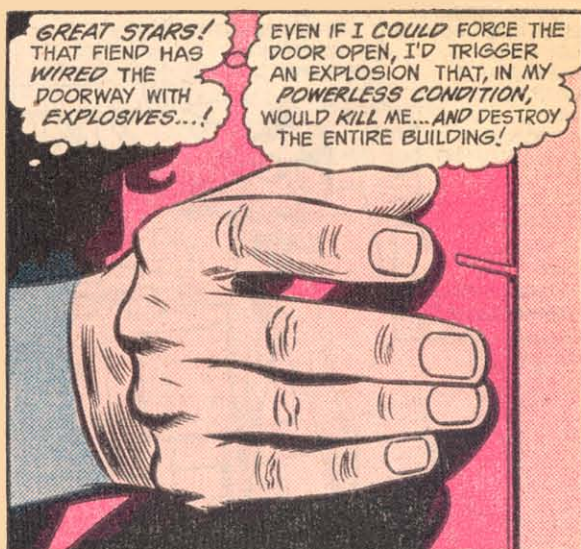
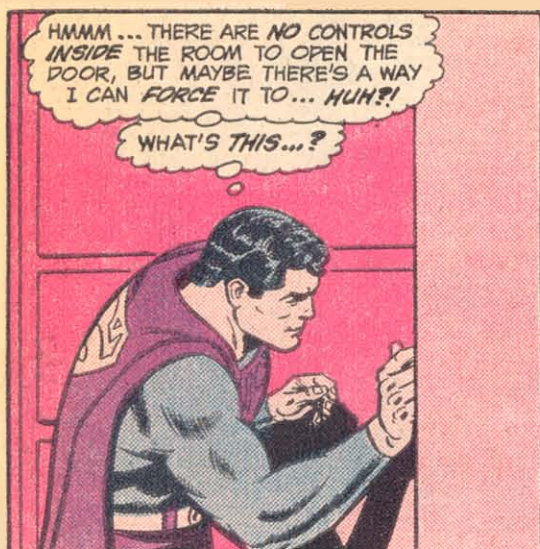


-- AND KNOWING THAT THE FATE OF THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION RESTS ON HIS BROAD SHOULDERS, HE USES THE ONE ABILITY LEFT TO HIM TO SEE HE DOES NOT FAIL THAT RESPONSIBILITY... HIS INTELLECT!

I MAY BE DOWN... BUT I'M IN NO WAY OUT! THERE MUST BE A WAY OUT OF THIS --

-- AND BY KRYPTON, I'M GOING TO FIND IT!







"--ALEC AND HIS TRS-80 COLOR COMPUTER!"

AND, AT THAT VERY  
MOMENT, ACROSS  
TOWN...

WULF! THAT'S THE  
THIRD GAME IN A ROW  
SHANNA'S BEATEN ME IN!  
THAT'S PROBABLY HER  
CALLING NOW TO  
GLOAT...!

BR-  
RING!

BUT WHEN THE COMPUTER WHIZ KID PICKS UP THE PHONE...

SUPERMAN...?!  
WOW!

OF COURSE I WILL, SUPERMAN!  
ANYTHING YOU NEED TO  
KNOW, ME AND MY TRS-80  
WILL GET!

THANK YOU, ALEC!  
AND WHILE YOU ARE DOING  
THAT, CALL SHANNA AND  
HAVE HER PAGE WONDER  
WOMAN FOR ME AT THE  
FAIR--AND DON'T  
FORGET TO TELL HER  
ABOUT THE  
EXPLOSIVE  
DOOR!

AND WITHIN MOMENTS OF SUPERMAN HANGING UP...

GOSH, IT'S A GOOD THING MY  
PARENTS HAVE A SUBSCRIPTION FROM  
AN INFORMATION RETRIEVAL SERVICE!  
WHILE I'M OPERATING THE TRS-80  
COLOR COMPUTER, I'VE GOT  
TO CALL SHANNA AND HAVE  
HER TRY TO LOCATE WONDER  
WOMAN AT THE FAIR!

OKAY...I'VE  
TYPED IN MY  
I.D. NUMBER--

PLACE CALL +C  
ID 7000, 4747  
PASSWORD:

--PLUS, MY  
SECRET CODE!  
NOW I'M ALL  
SET! AAAH...  
SHANNA'S  
ANSWERING  
HER PHONE...

SHANNA...IT'S ALEC!  
SUPERMAN JUST CALLED  
AND HE NEEDS HELP, SO,  
HOLD THE LINE... I'LL HAVE  
THE INFORMATION HE  
WANTS IN A JIFFY... TELL  
WONDER WOMAN, TOO!  
SHE MAY HAVE TO  
RELAY IT TO SUPERMAN  
IN CASE HE CAN'T  
CALL BACK.

THE DAILY PLANET NEWS  
FILE SEARCH  
LEX LUTHOR  
THE WORLD'S FAIR  
STORIES ON FILE:  
1. LUTHOR DEMANDS EXHIBITION  
SPACE AT WORLD'S FAIR  
2. LUTHOR THREATENS FAIR  
WITH DESTRUCTION

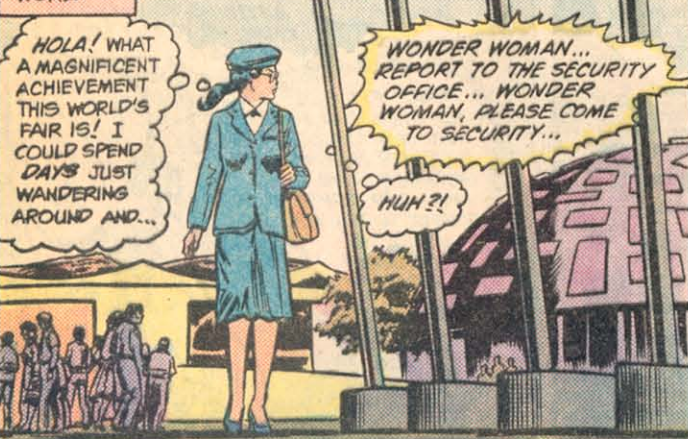
--AND IT FLASHES DETAILED  
INFORMATION...

GOT IT, ALEC! LET  
ME GET OFF THE PHONE  
AND SEE IF I CAN  
CONTACT WONDER  
WOMAN...

...AND HOPE  
WE'RE IN  
TIME!



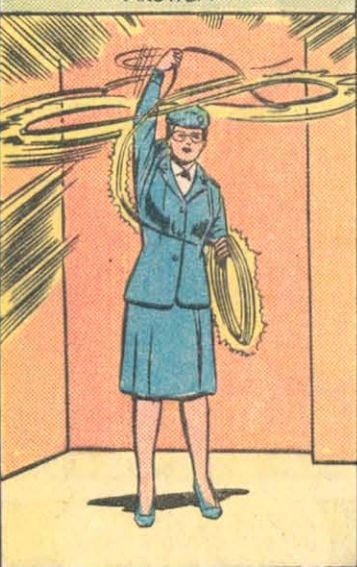
TIME. FOR DIANA PRINCE, THERE IS NOTHING BUT TIME TODAY... TIME TO ENJOY ONE OF THE GREATEST SPECTACULARS IN THE WORLD--



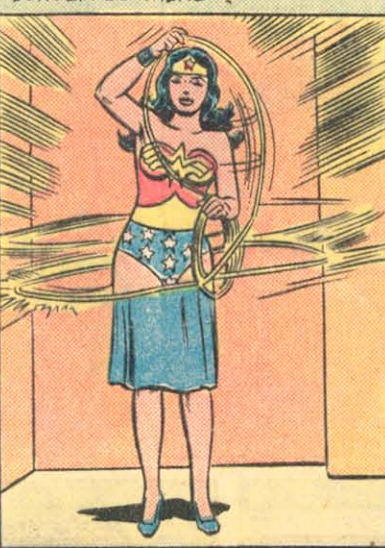
CORRECTION-- I'D LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SPEND DAYS WANDERING AROUND... BUT THAT SOUNDS LIKE AN EMERGENCY!



-- BUT IT IS *NOT* DIANA PRINCE WHO WILL BE RECEIVING THAT ANSWER--



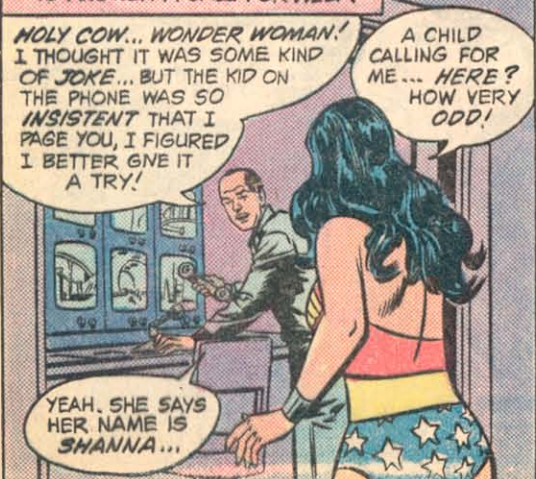
-- FOR ONCE THE GOLDEN LASSO COMPLETES THIS RATHER REMARKABLE TRANSFORMATION, DIANA WILL NO LONGER BE THERE--!



SHE WILL BE INSTEAD THE AMAZING AMAZON... *WONDER WOMAN!* AND SHE IS ONE WOMAN WHO DOES NOT FAIL TO RUSH--



-- TO ANSWER A CALL FOR HELP!



SHANNA! MERCIFUL MINERVA -- THEN IT MUST BE AN EMERGENCY! ONLY SUPERMAN KNEW I WAS GOING TO BE HERE TODAY--!

THANK GOODNESS I GOT YOU, WONDER WOMAN! SUPERMAN NEEDS YOU... HE'S IN TROUBLE...!

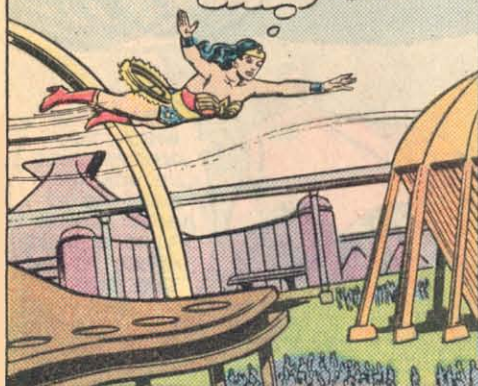


AND SO THE CALL FOR HELP IS RELAYED--

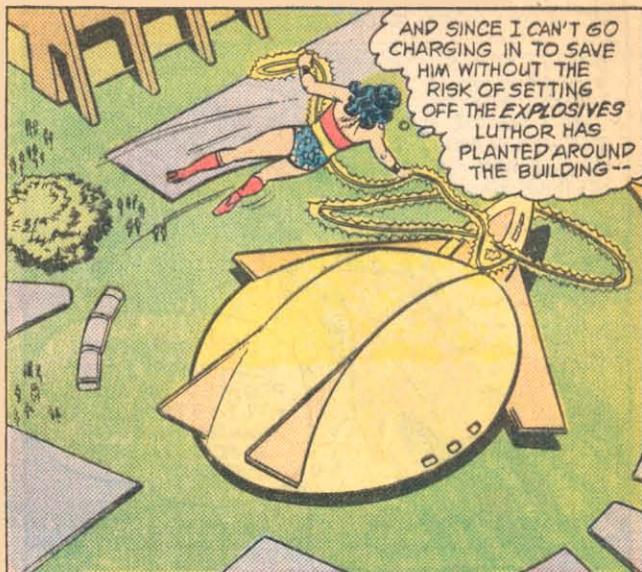


---AND WONDER WOMAN WASTES NOTIME  
IN ACTING UPON IT!

SHANNA TOLD ME THAT **LUTHOR**  
HAS ROBBED SUPERMAN OF HIS  
POWERS AND HAS HIM TRAPPED  
IN THE **PLANETARIUM**  
EXHIBIT!

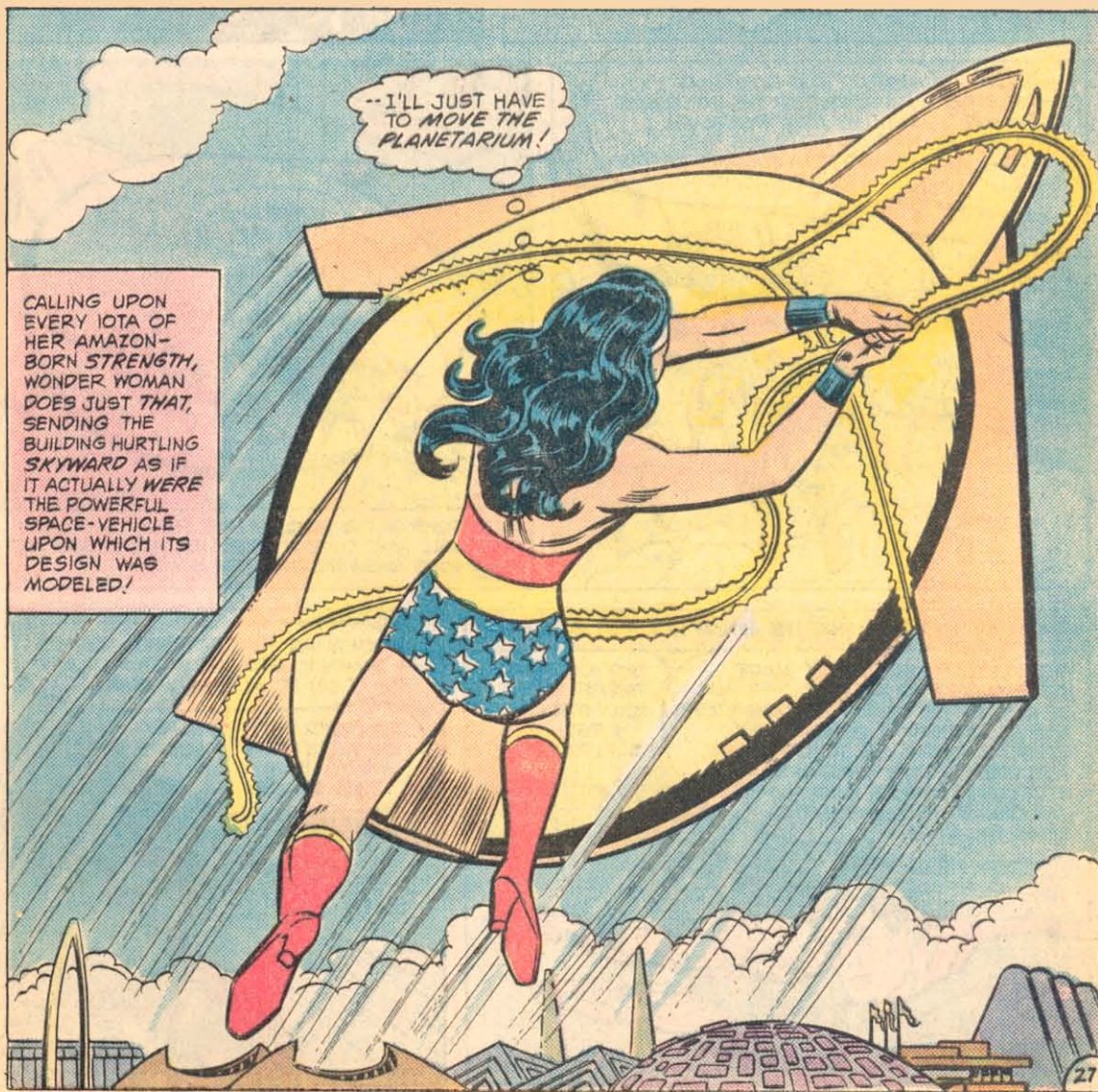


AND SINCE I CAN'T GO  
CHARGING IN TO SAVE  
HIM WITHOUT THE  
RISK OF SETTING  
OFF THE **EXPLOSIVES**  
LUTHOR HAS  
PLANTED AROUND  
THE BUILDING--



--I'LL JUST HAVE  
TO **MOVE THE**  
**PLANETARIUM!**

CALLING UPON  
EVERY IOTA OF  
HER AMAZON-  
BORN **STRENGTH**,  
WONDER WOMAN  
DOES JUST **THAT**,  
SENDING THE  
BUILDING HURLING  
**SKYWARD** AS IF  
IT ACTUALLY WERE  
THE POWERFUL  
SPACE-VEHICLE  
UPON WHICH ITS  
DESIGN WAS  
MODELED!





AND, WITHIN MOMENTS OF THIS SPECTACULAR FEAT...



GREAT WORK, WONDER WOMAN! THANKS! WITH THE RED SOLAR RADIATION OUT OF THE WAY, I'M BACK TO MY FULL STRENGTH!

DON'T THANK ME, SUPERMAN! I JUST PROVIDED THE MUSCLE FOR THIS RESCUE! IT WAS SHANNA AND ALEC WHO ALERTED ME TO IT!

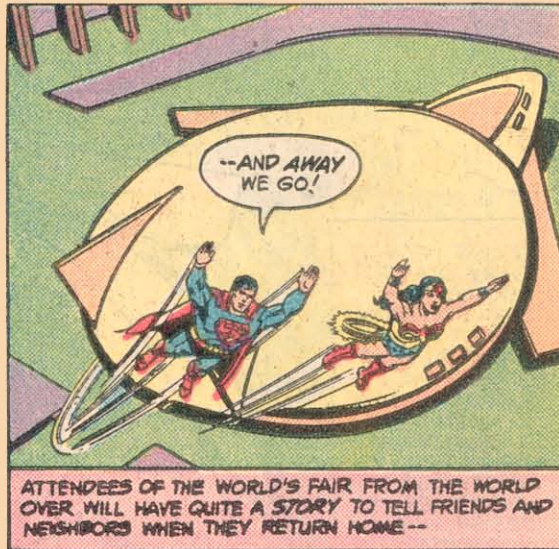


SPEAKING OF WHICH, THEY ALSO PROVIDED ME WITH THE CLUE AS TO WHERE LUTHOR PLANS TO STRIKE FIRST! WE CAN TAKE CARE OF HIM--



--AFTER I HANDLE THE CLEAN-UP AROUND HERE!

GOT IT! AND NOW THAT I'VE DEACTIVATED THE EXPLOSIVES WITH MY HEAT VISION, ALL I HAVE TO DO IS SEE THE PLANETARIUM BUILDING SAFELY TO THE GROUND--



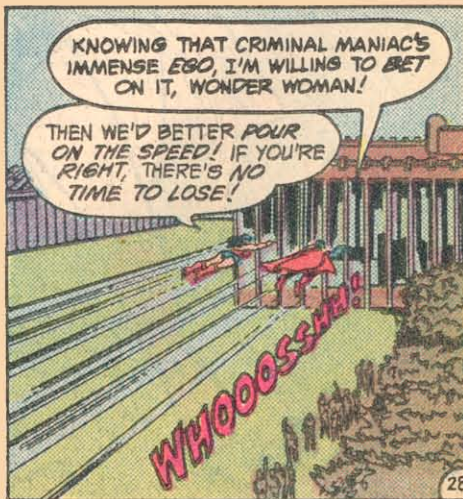
--AND AWAY WE GO!

ATTENDEES OF THE WORLD'S FAIR FROM THE WORLD OVER WILL HAVE QUITE A STORY TO TELL FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WHEN THEY RETURN HOME--

--LITTLE DO THEY KNOW THAT THE ACTION HAS JUST ~~BEGUN~~...

WHEN LUTHOR ORIGINALLY MADE HIS DEMANDS TO THE FAIR OFFICIALS, HE CLAIMED HE WANTED THE COMPUTER AND ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY EXHIBIT TURNED OVER TO HIS EXHIBIT, ACCORDING TO THE NEWSPAPER STORY ALEC WAS ABLE TO FIND WITH THE COMPUTER'S INFORMATION RETRIEVAL SYSTEM!

AND YOU THINK THAT'S WHERE HE'LL STRIKE FIRST, SUPERMAN?

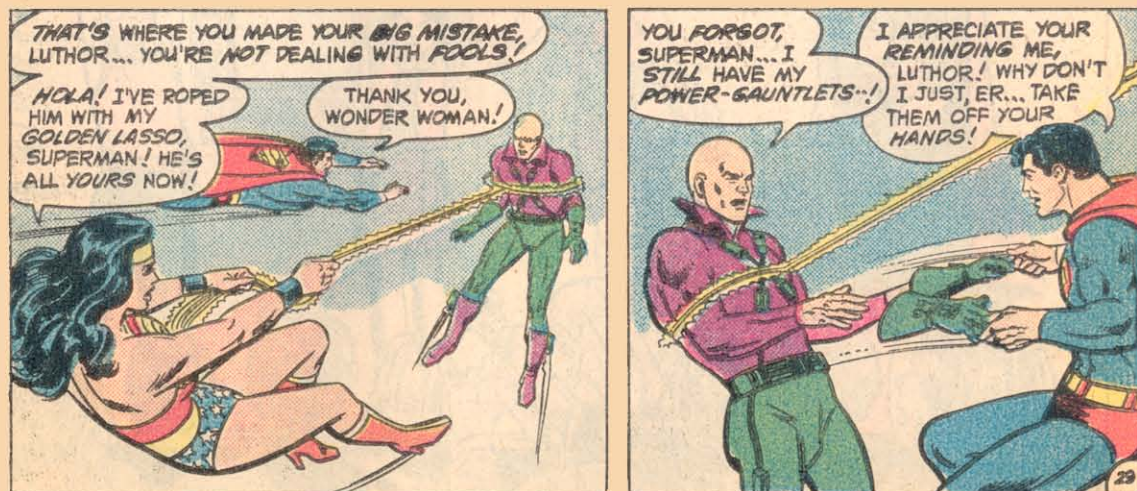
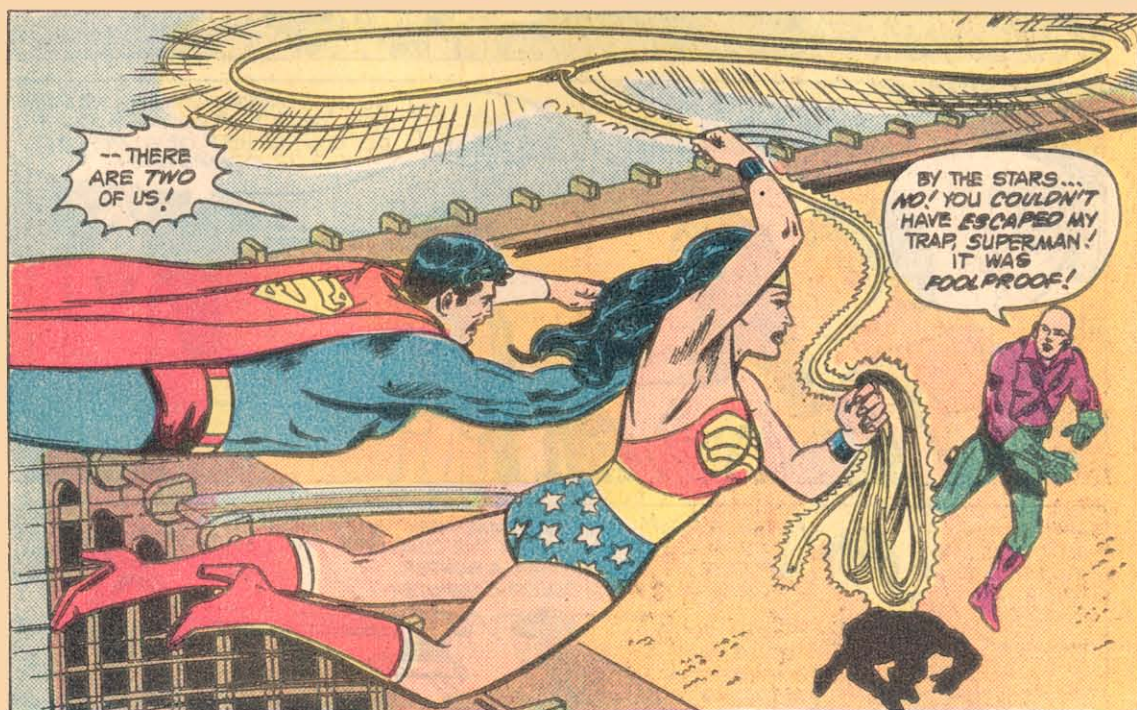
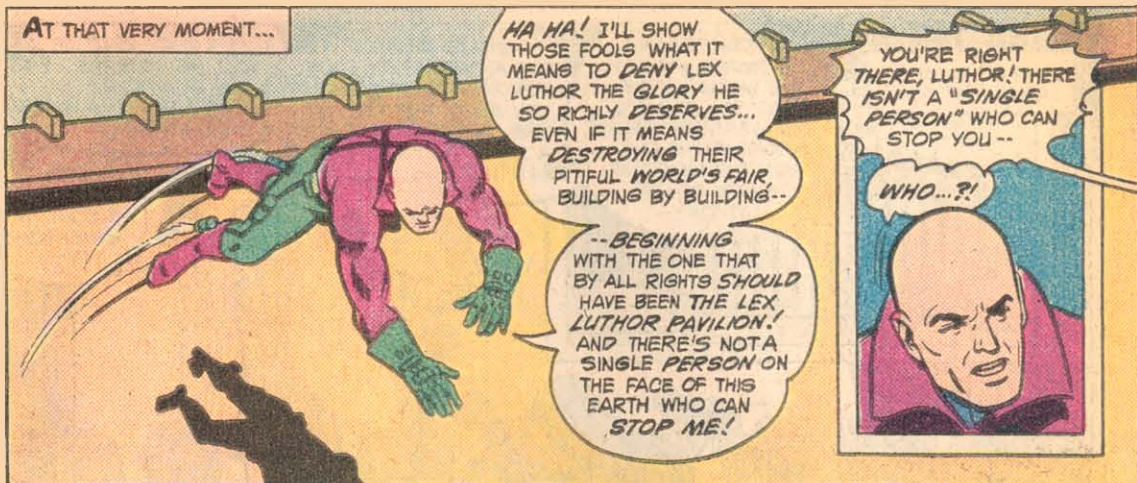


KNOWING THAT CRIMINAL MANIAC'S IMMENSE EGO, I'M WILLING TO BET ON IT, WONDER WOMAN!

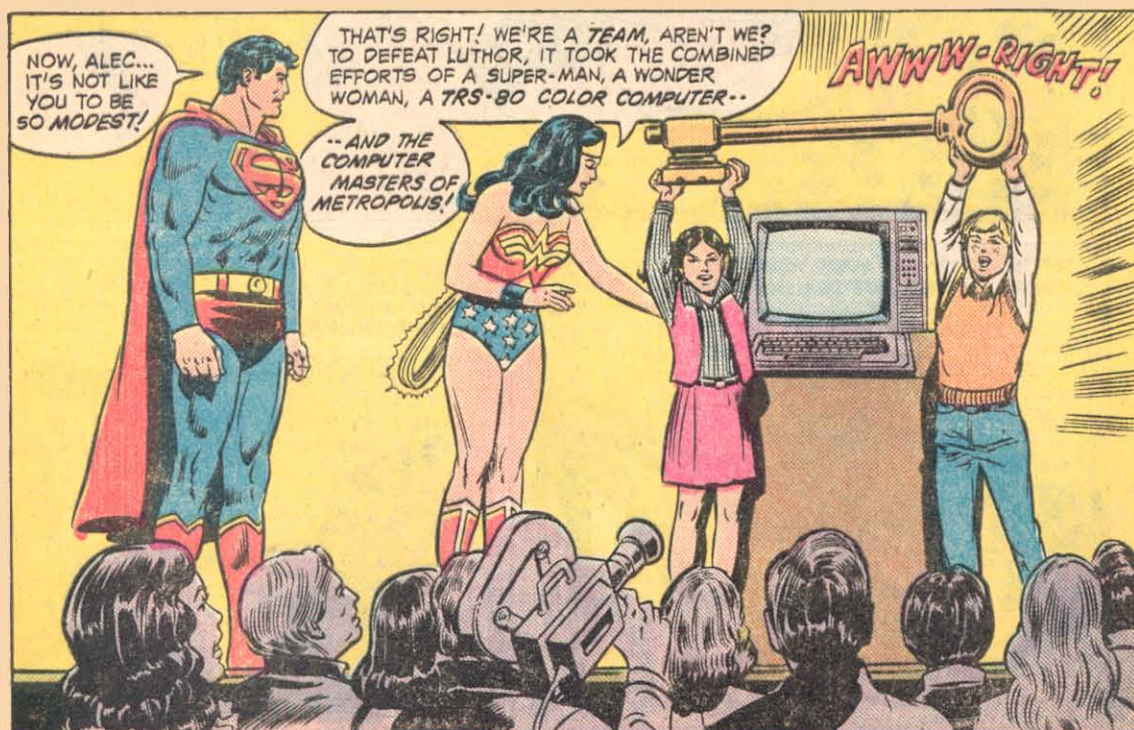
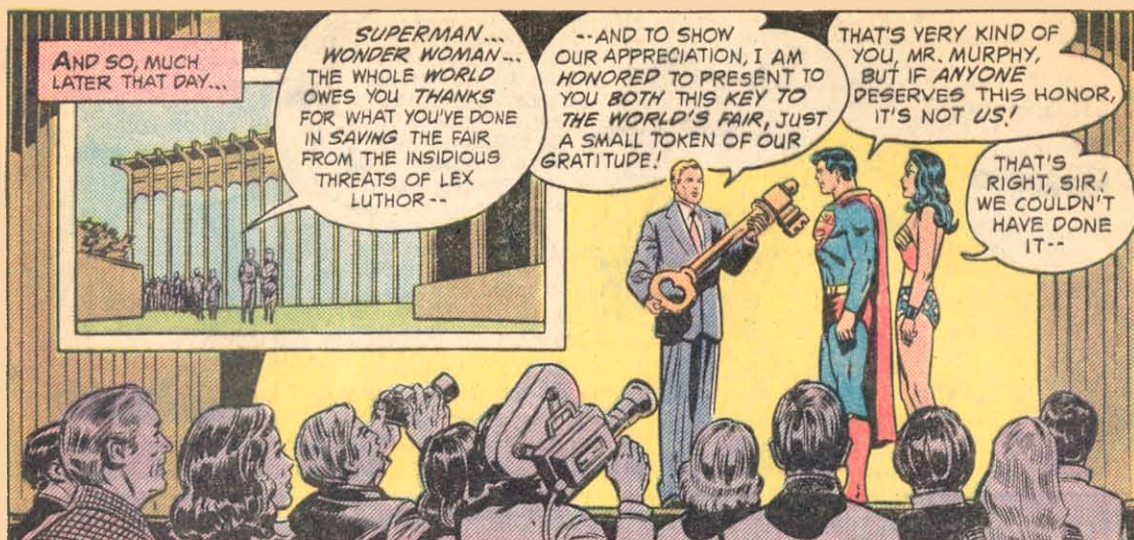
THEN WE'D BETTER POUR ON THE SPEED! IF YOU'RE RIGHT, THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE!

WHOOSH!









THE END



# STUDENT'S GUIDE TO COMPUTER TERMS

## Brief definitions of terms frequently used in describing educational and business computer work.

BASIC .....	Beginners' All-purpose Symbolic Instruction Code, a widely-used programming language.
BINARY .....	A numbering system using only two digits, 0 and 1.
BIT .....	The smallest unit a computer circuit can recognize.
BYTE .....	A combination of 8 consecutive binary digits.
CASSETTE .....	An information storage medium composed of magnetic tape on a spool enclosed in a plastic case.
CONTROL .....	That section of a computer which directs the activity of all other sections.
COURSEWARE .....	Educational Programs (software) for teaching different subjects.
DATA .....	The information a computer can process.
ENTER .....	The last key on a keyboard that must be pressed to enter data into the computer.
FLOPPY DISC .....	Flexible magnetic disc used for storage of information.
INFORMATION RETRIEVAL SYSTEM .....	A system using a TRS-80 Color Computer and Telephone Interface II, or a TRS-80 Videotex terminal with a color or black and white TV set to access all kinds of information through a central information service.
INPUT DEVICES .....	The keyboard, or a cassette tape player, are used to feed data into a computer memory section.
INTERFACE .....	An electronic or electrical link which permits different types of systems to work together.
K .....	The letter symbol for "1000".
LINE NUMBER .....	In an example of BASIC programming it reads like this: 20 PRINT "COMPUTER TEST".
MEMORY .....	The section of a computer used for storage of information (also called data).
OUTPUT DEVICES .....	A cassette tape recorder records, and the video monitor (TV) displays on its screen, or a line printer prints on paper, the output (answers) from the computer.
PRINT, LET, GOTO .....	These terms are examples of BASIC program statements.
PROGRAM .....	The set of instructions a computer follows to process and deliver its answer or information requested by the operator.
RAM .....	Random Access Memory.
ROM .....	Read Only Memory.
RUN .....	The word which must be typed on the keyboard into the computer to start it processing an answer or information requested from its "program".
SOFTWARE .....	Programs with instructions the computer must follow for different kinds of work.



# **QUICK QUIZ 1**

Circle the letter next to the correct answer:

- On the TRS-80, the input devices are the
  - keyboard and video monitor
  - cassette tape player and video monitor
  - keyboard and cassette tape player
  - cassette tape player and the power supply
- That component of a general purpose computer which directs the activity of all other components is called
  - INPUT
  - CONTROL
  - MEMORY
  - OUTPUT
- In order to enter data into the computer using the keyboard, the last key that must be pressed is
  - SPACE BAR
  - ENTER
  - BACKSPACE
  - SHIFT
- In terms of the size of memory in computers, the letter K represents approximately \_\_\_\_\_ bytes.
  - 10
  - 100
  - 1000
  - 10,000
- The output devices for the TRS-80 are the
  - keyboard and video monitor
  - keyboard and cassette tape player
  - cassette tape recorder and the memory
  - cassette tape recorder and video monitor
- B.A.S.I.C. stands for
  - Basic Algorithmic System for Instructional Computing
  - Basic Advanced System for Interactive Computing
  - Beginners' Algebraic Symbolic Interactive Computing
  - Beginners' All-purpose Symbolic Instruction Code
- In order to execute a program stored in the computer's memory, what word must be typed and entered?
  - LOAD
  - SAVE
  - RUN
  - EXECUTE
- ROM stands for
  - Read Only Memory
  - Randomly Operated Memory
  - Regulated Operational Machine
  - Random Octal Machine
- In this line of BASIC programming, what does the "20" stand for?  
20 PRINT "COMPUTER TEST"
  - Statement
  - Text
  - Variable
  - Line Number
- PRINT, LET, GOTO are all examples of BASIC
  - orders
  - statements
  - commands
  - variables

Below 5  
5 or 6  
Fair  
7 or 8  
Good  
9 or 10  
Great

Grade:

10. B  
9. D  
8. A  
7. C  
6. D

5. D  
4. C  
3. B  
2. B  
1. C

Answers:





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