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THE CRUSADE



BATMAN

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THE APPARITION OF
SAINT DUMAS--
MY PATRON... AGAIN...

HEAR ME
WELL, DARK
ANGEL, AND HEED
MY WORDS.

AS THE AVENGER
AZRAEL, YOU SERVED
AS ASSASSIN IN MY
NAME, ALTHOUGH NO
ONE BEGGED MY LEAVE,
NO ONE ASKED MY WILL.

NOW I STATE MY WILL:
YOU MUST ATONE FOR
YOUR PAST, LEAVING THE
BASE WAYS OF THE ASSASSIN
BEHIND--TO MARK A NEW
AND MORE NOBLE PATH--
TO EMBARK ON NOTHING
LESS THAN A CRUSADE.



YOU MUST NOW
BECOME A PROTECTOR
AND DEFENDER
OF LIFE.

YOU MUST DO
JUSTICE TO THIS
NEW DARKNESS IN
WHICH YOU HAVE
CLOAKED YOURSELF.

SKEE EEE SKEEE
...WORTHY.

MORE THAN A
DREAM, BUT STILL...
ALL IN MY MIND?
AND IF SO...THE
SYSTEM...OR MY OWN
IMAGINATION?

YOU
MUST
PROVE
YOURSELF...

SKEEE SKEE EEE

EITHER WAY, THE
MESSAGE WAS TRUTH.
IT IS A CRUSADE...

CODE NAME: MEKROS

AND BANE WAS JUST
THE BEGINNING.

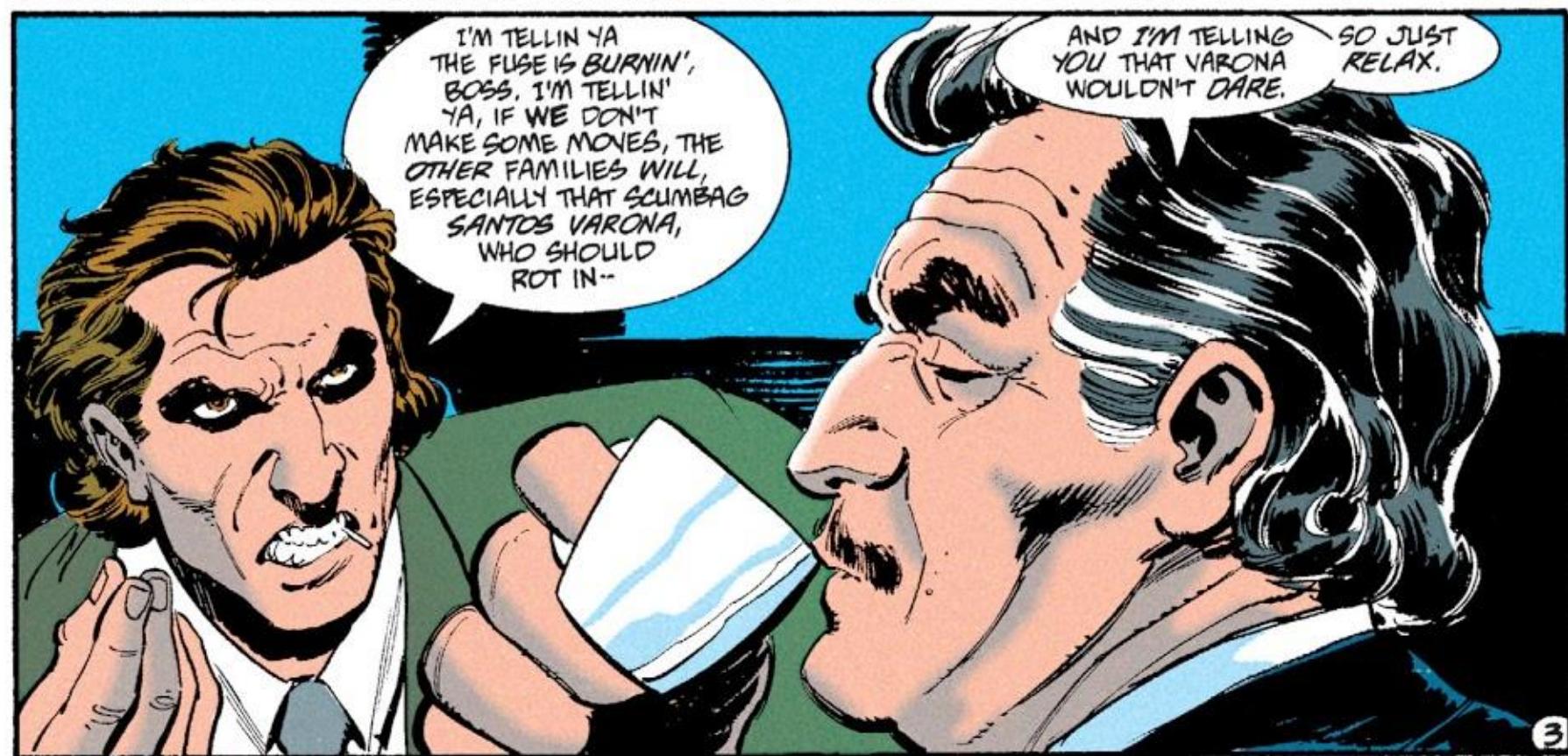
NOW THAT THE DEVIL IS
DOWN, ALL HELL IS
LEADERLESS AND
WAITING TO EXPLODE.

ONLY A FOOL, OR A
VERY DARK ANGEL,
WOULD DESCEND
INTO THE FALLOUT.

I'M READY.

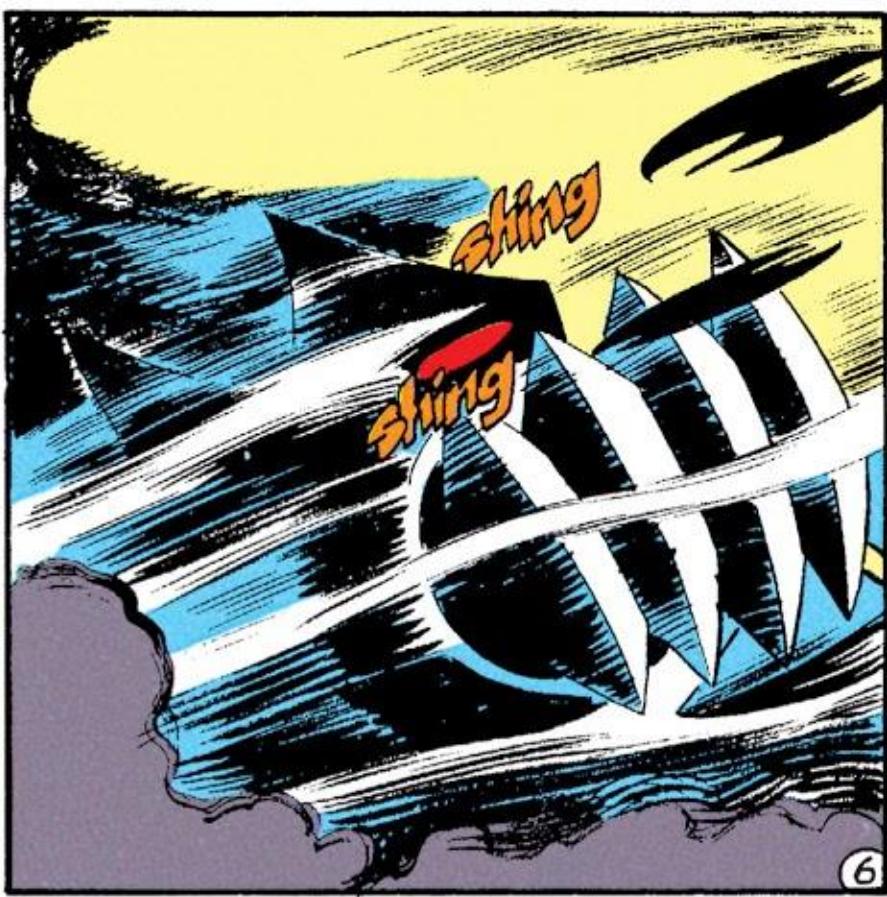
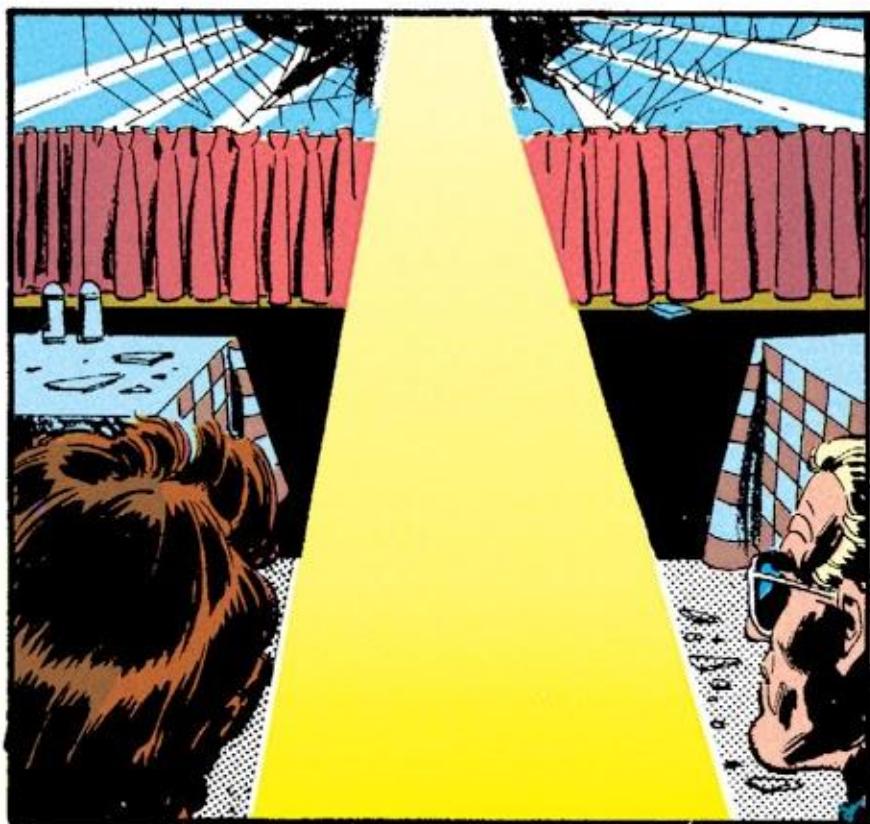
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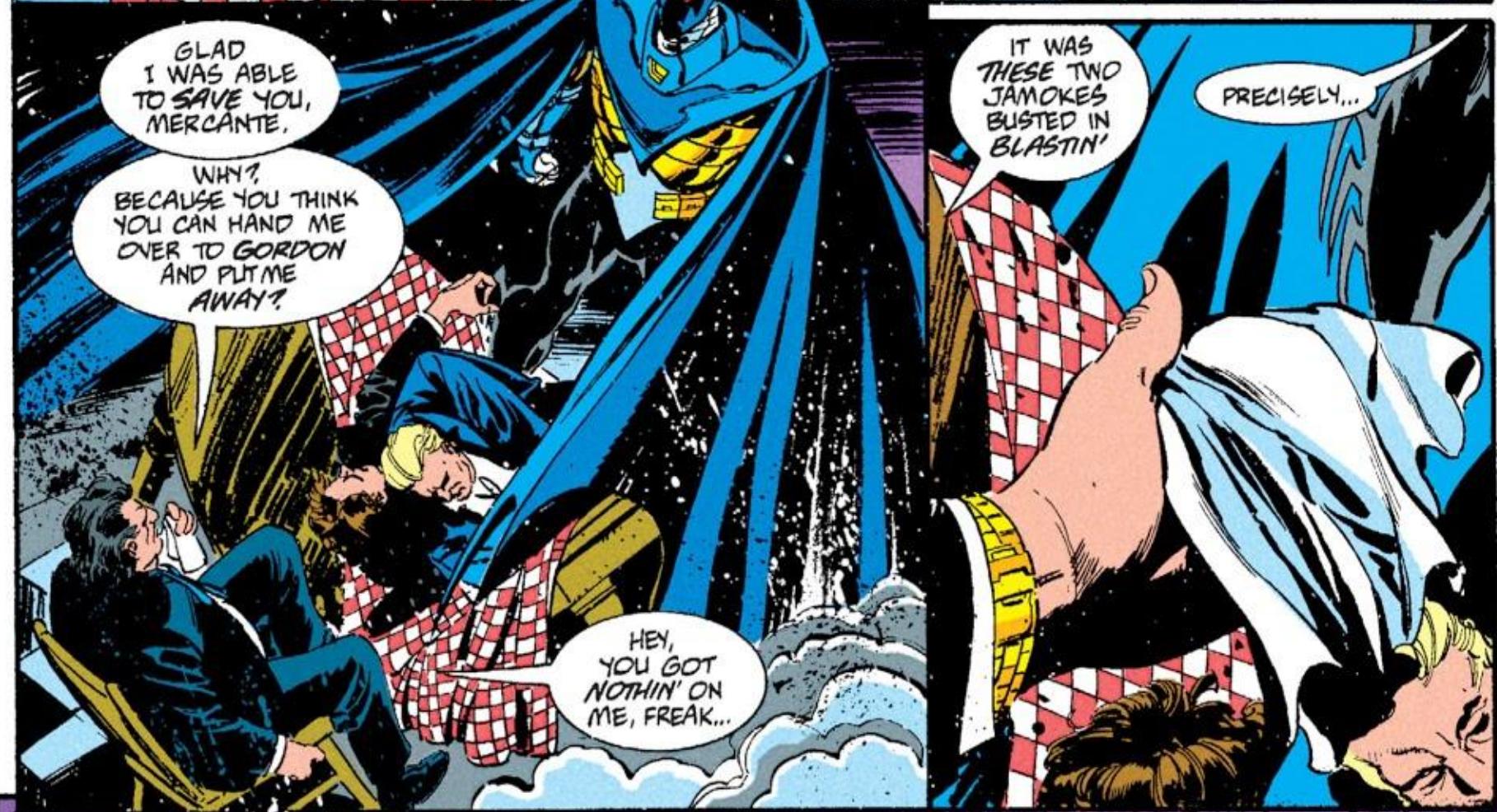


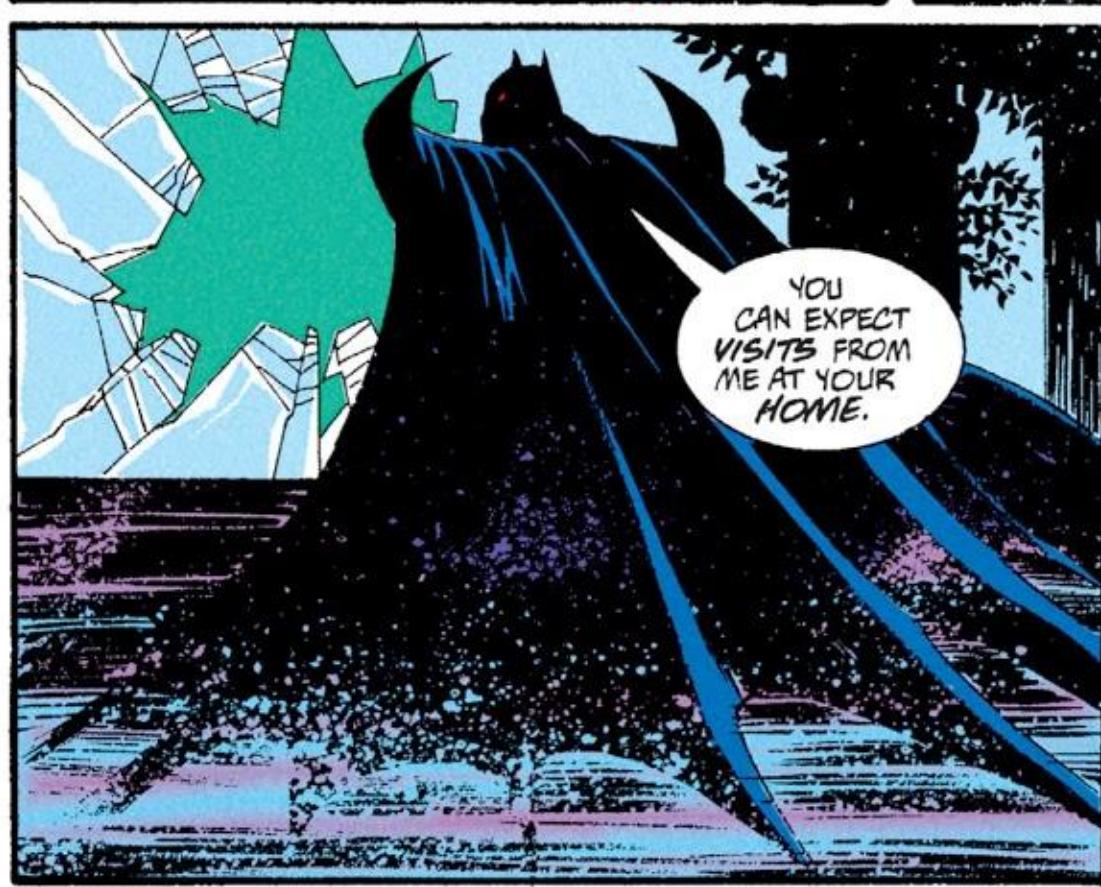
















YOU AND I HAVEN'T BEEN ON THE SAME SCRIPT-PAGE FOR A WHILE NOW... NOT SINCE BANE.

ISN'T THE RESULT WHAT COUNTS IN THE END?

I'M MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE MEANS - AND THOSE HITMEN WERE SLICED UP.

NO DOUBT THE PATTERN MATCHES THOSE NEW BLADES ON YOUR KNUCKLES.

WHAT'S THE POINT, GORDON?

THAT SCENE IN THE CAPRI WASN'T LIKE YOU.

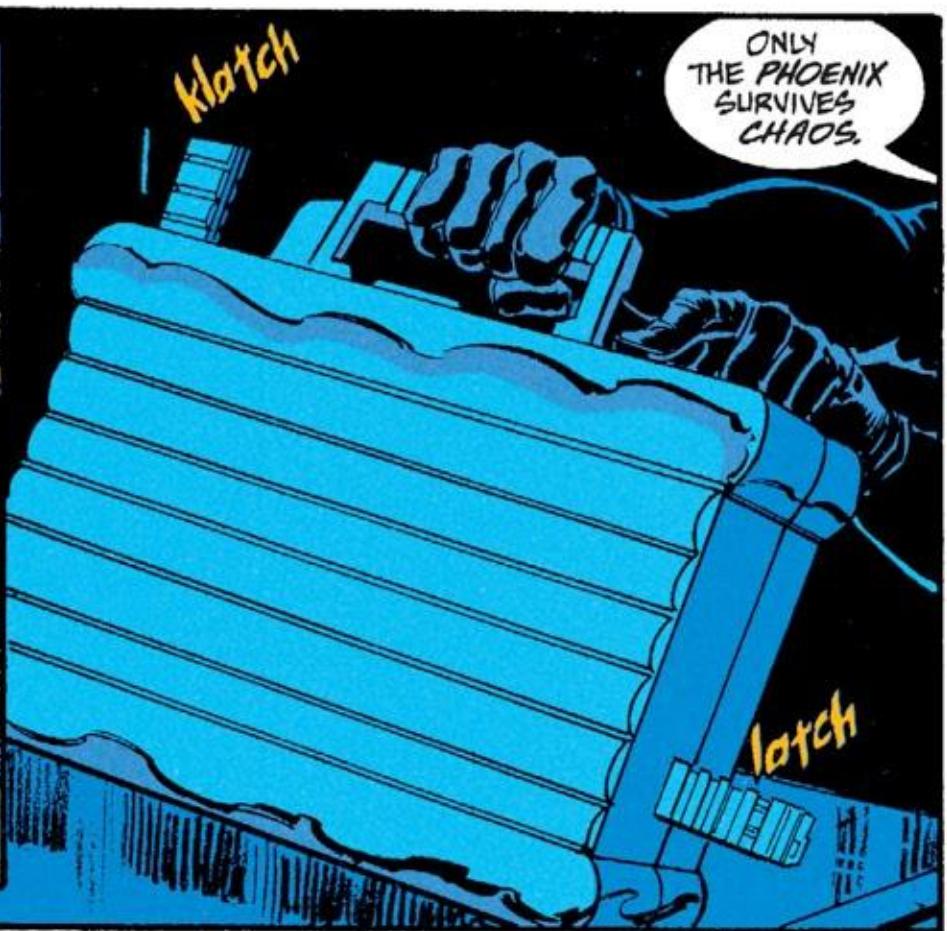
YOU KNOW HOW TO MAKE A CASE - AND HOW TO BLOW ONE.

IF IT'S STILL HIM, HE'S CHANGED.
HE TOOK BANE DOWN, BUT HE DIDN'T SURVIVE THE ENCOUNTER... NOT AS THE SAME MAN.

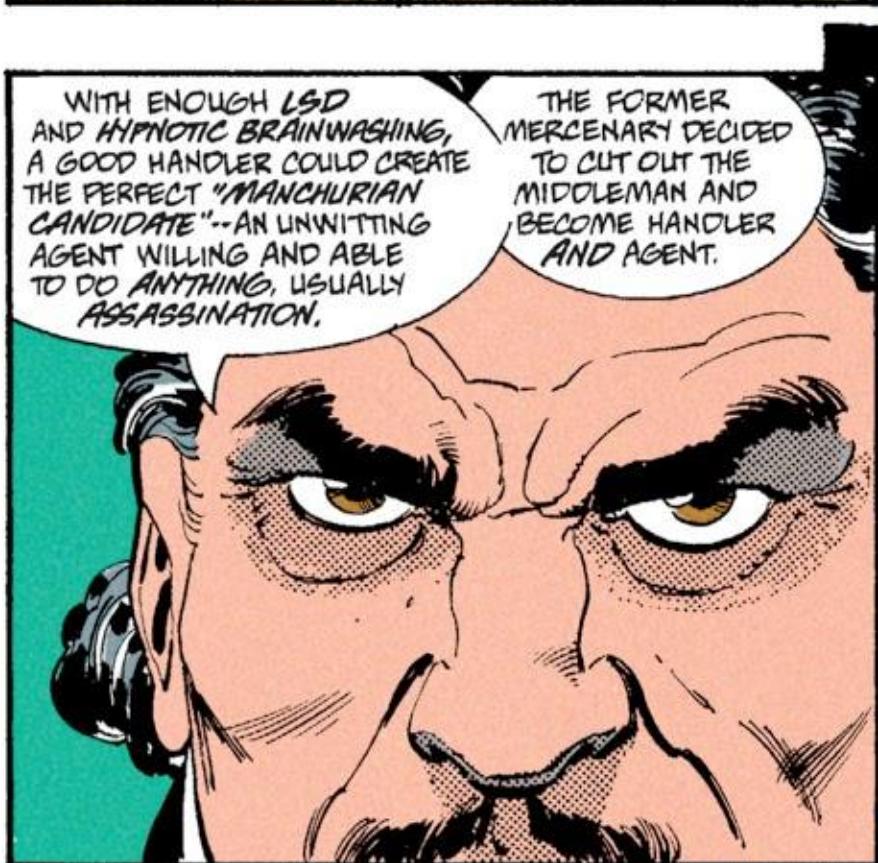
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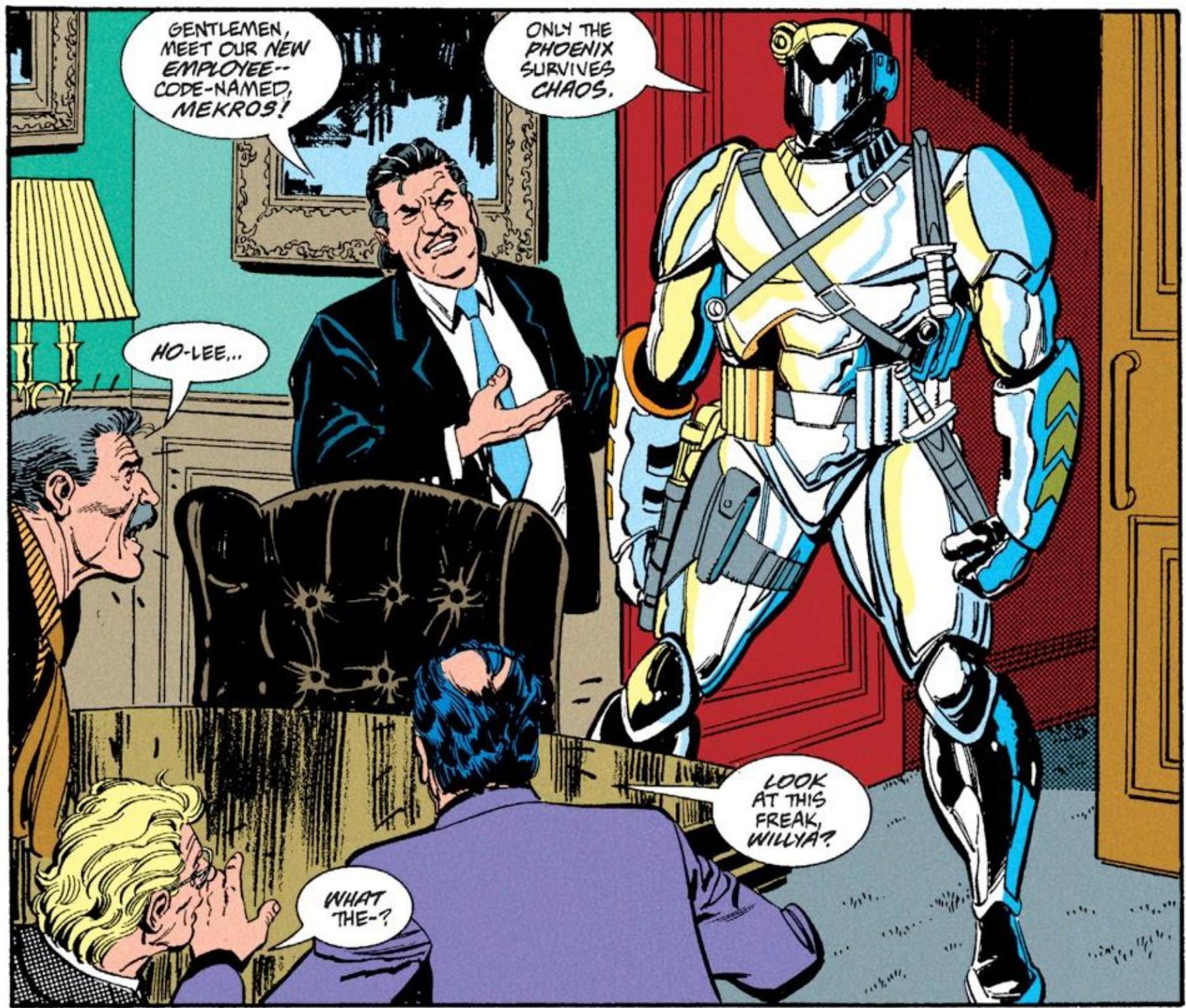
EVERYBODY EXCEPT SANTOS.

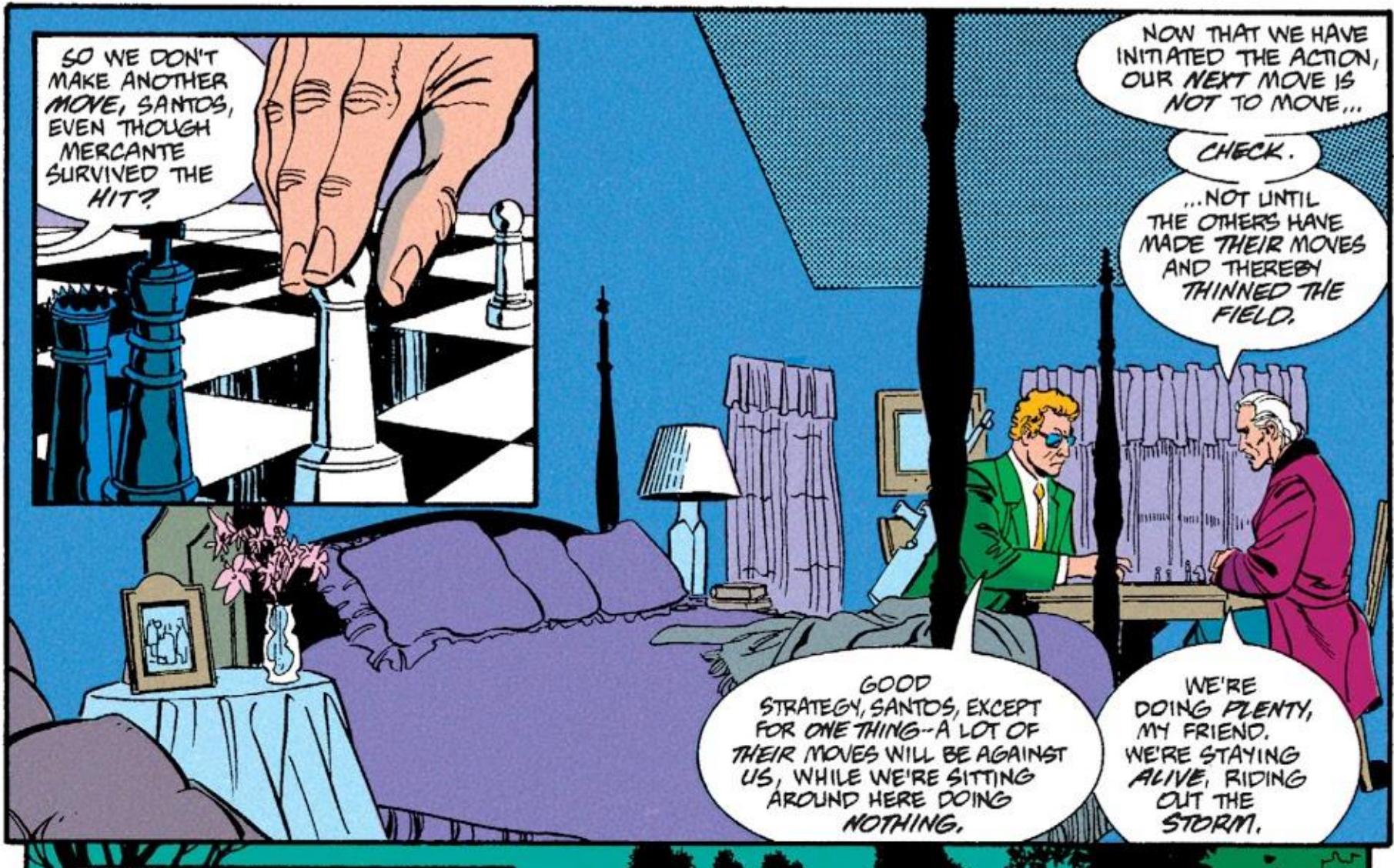
VARONA AIN'T SHOWIN' - SAYS HE'S IN A POSITION OF STRENGTH NOW, GOT NO REASON TO MAKE DEALS.

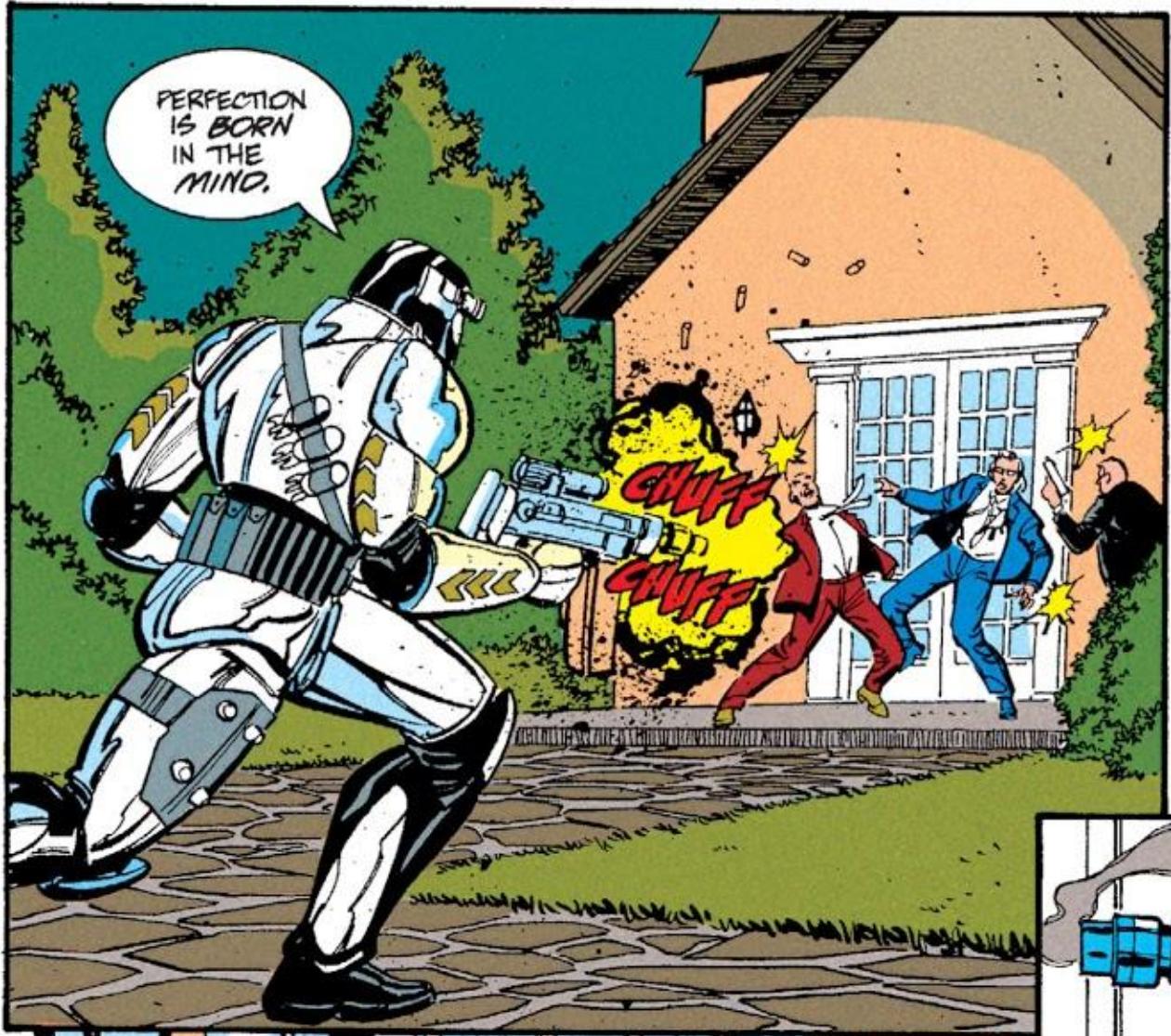


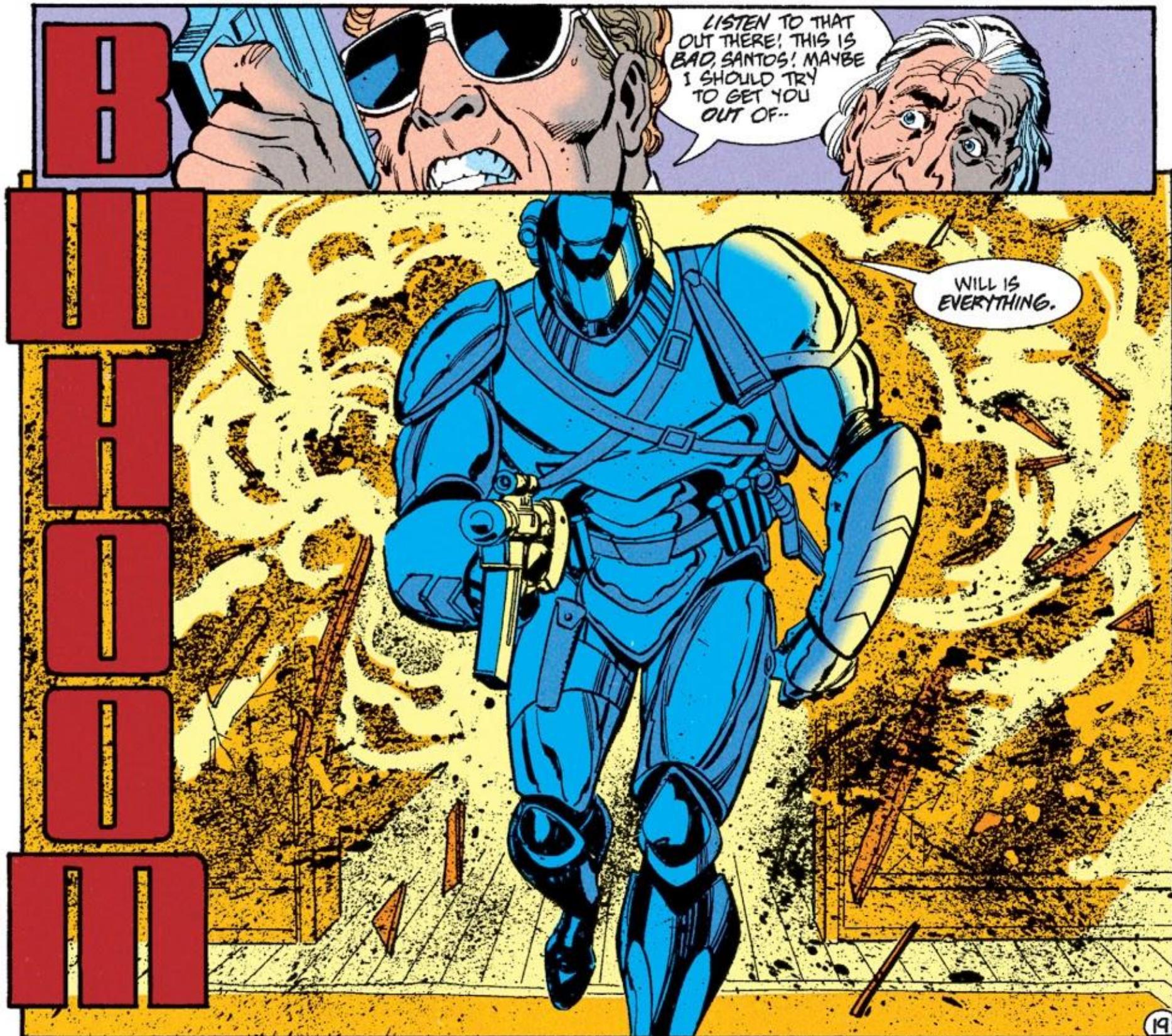


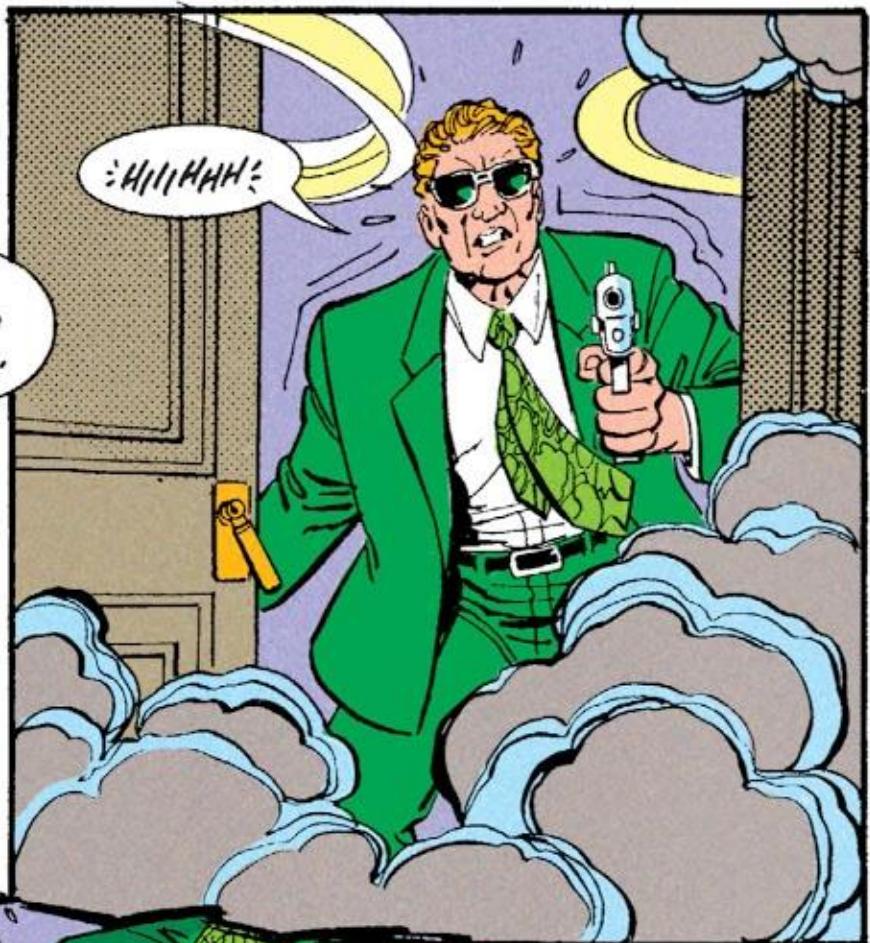












WH-WHO...?
IN THE NAME OF
GOD, WHO ARE--

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OF THE
COMING
OF
DEATH.

ONLY
THE PHOENIX
SURVIVES
CHAOS.

GUH-K!

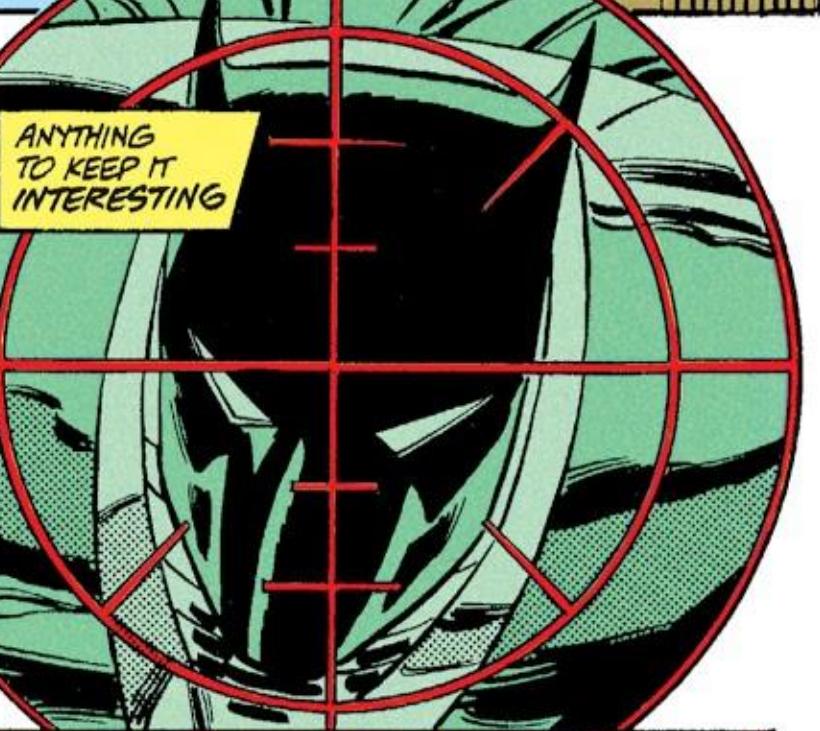
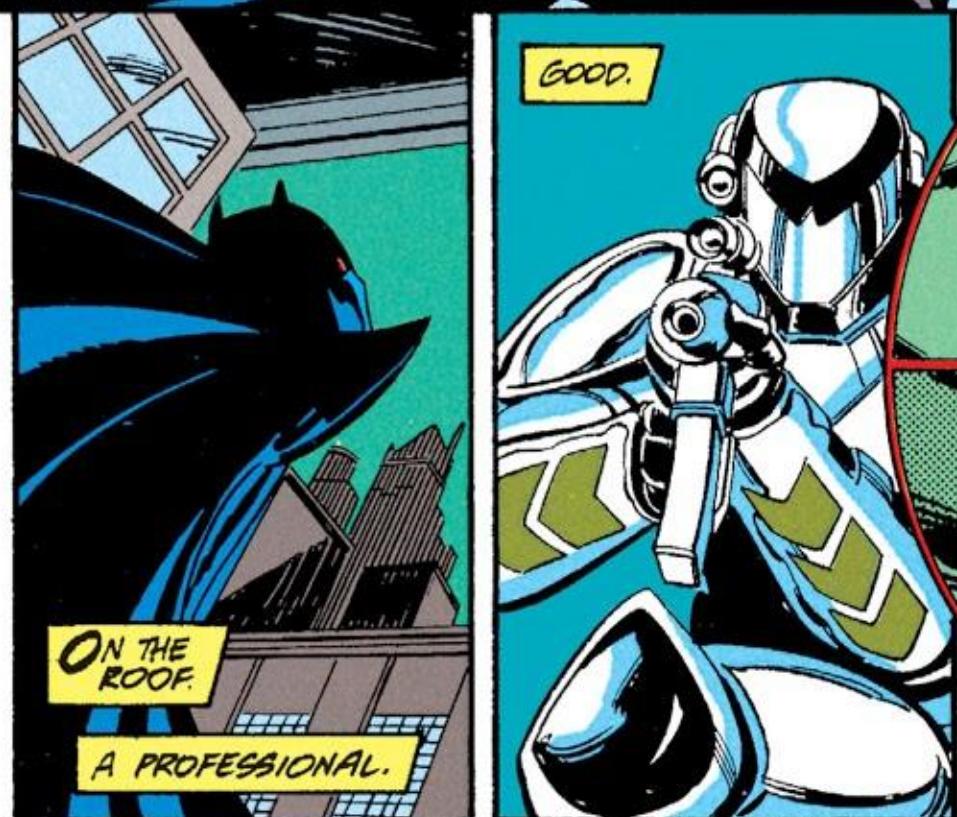
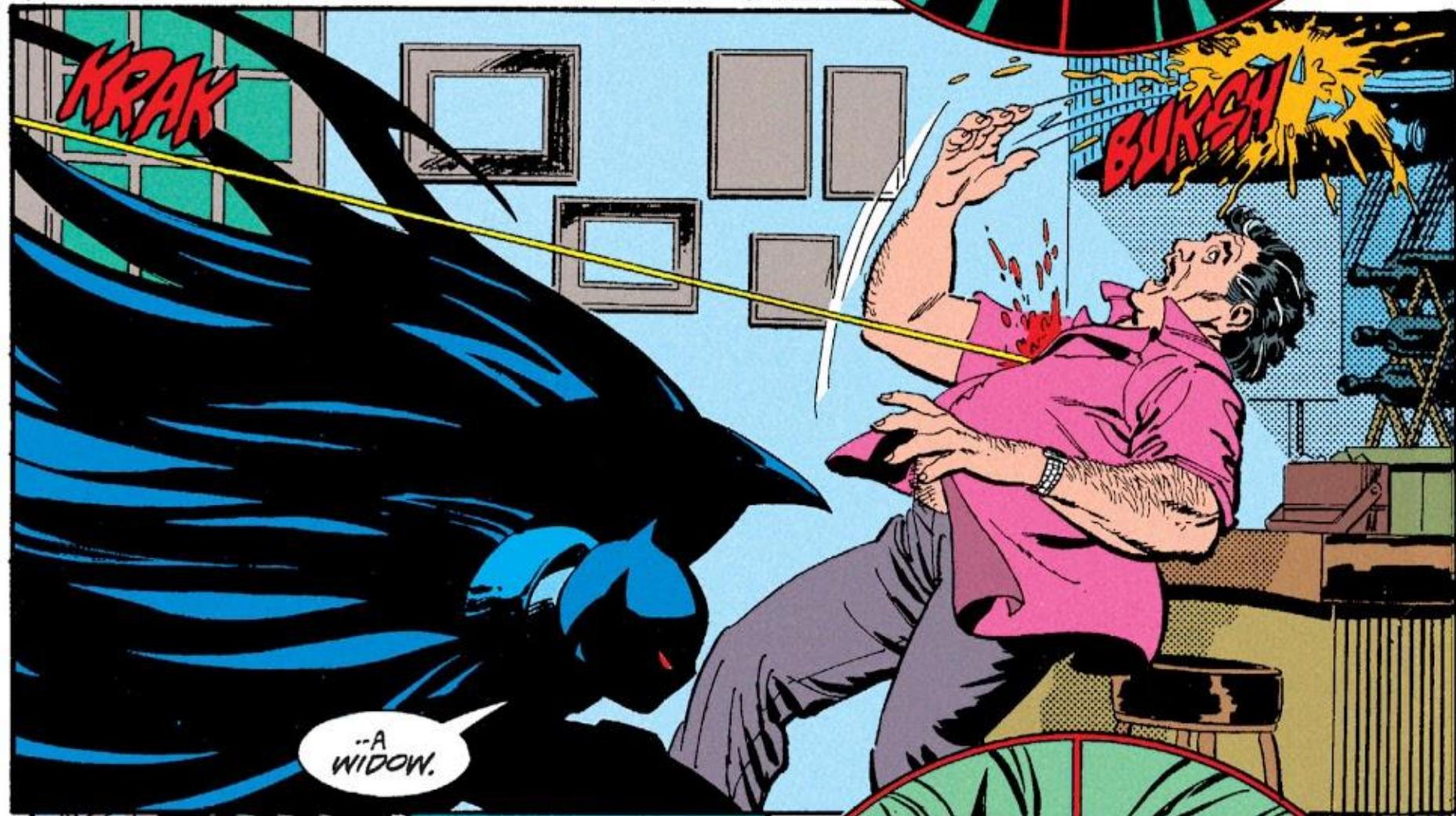
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AFTER TWO NIGHTS,
I STILL CAN'T DECIDE
IF MERCANTE WAS
COWED OR CUNNING.

EVEN ODDS EITHER
WAY, AND ONLY HIS
EYES WILL TELL THE
TRUTH.





Next: **Phoenix in Chaos**