



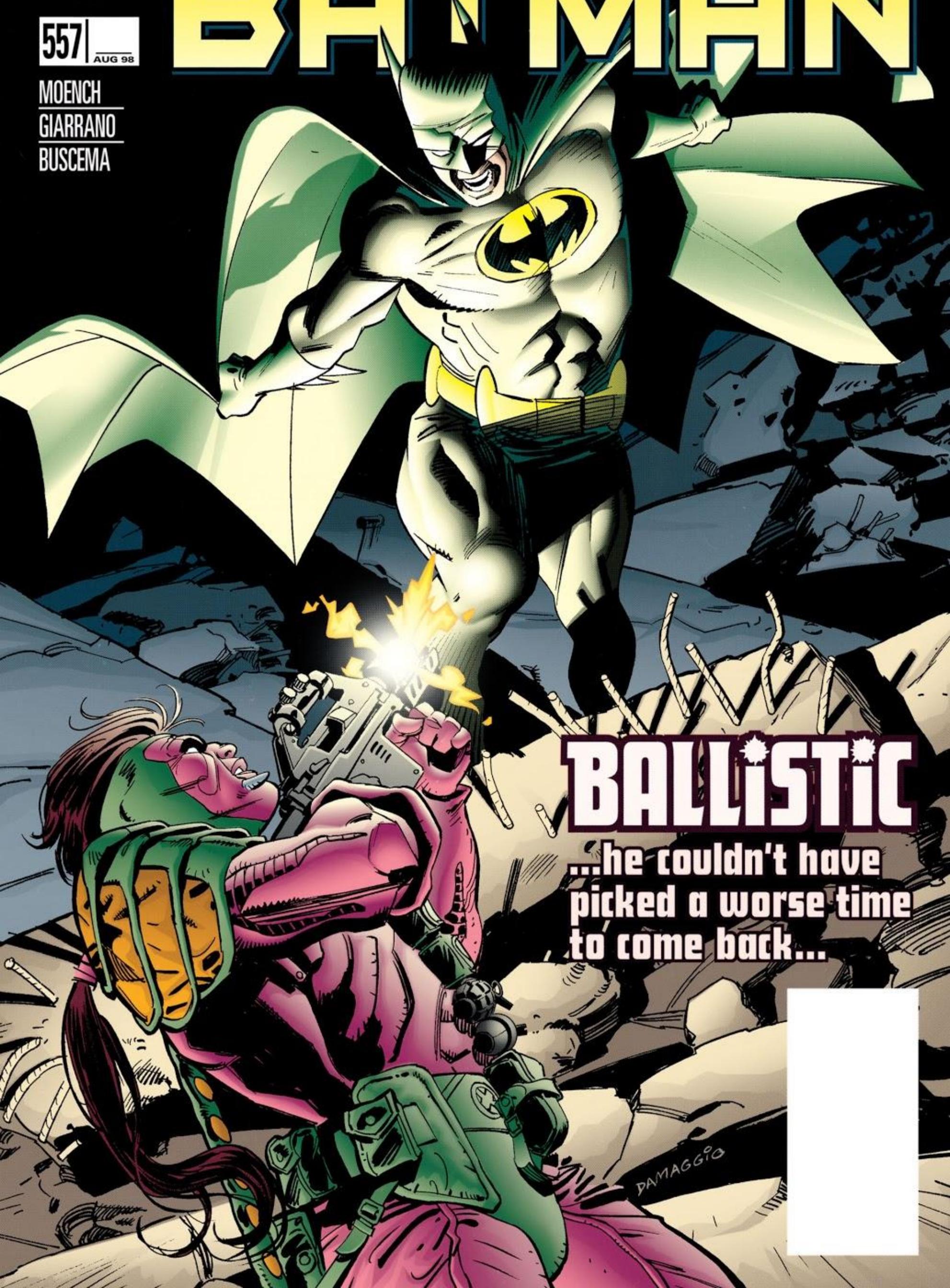
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BATMAN®

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BALLISTIC

...he couldn't have
picked a worse time
to come back...

DAMAGGIO

BALLISTIC'S EVIDENCE

MIDNIGHT;
A WARE-
HOUSE IN
OAKLAND,
CALIFORNIA...

I'M BALLISTIC.

ARMED...AND
DANGEROUS.

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WHOA.





WHAT "THING"
ARE WE TALKING
ABOUT?

LET'S SAY... CERTAIN
EVIDENCE... PERHAPS
REQUIRED BY A CERTAIN
AGENCY... WHICH WE
MIGHT REPRESENT.

THE EVIDENCE
IS IN A VALISE
IDENTICAL TO THAT
ONE-- EXCEPT IT'S
NOT OPEN.

IT'S LOCKED, AND IT'S
INSIDE A LOCKED SAFE, AND
THE LOCKED SAFE IS NOW
"LOCKED" INSIDE A GOTHAM
BUILDING THAT FELL DOWN
AND WENT BOOM.

YOU'RE FEDS?
D.E.A., F.B.I., N.S.A.,
A.T.B., C.I.A....

THE ADDRESS IS
INSIDE THAT OPEN
VALISE, UNDER THE
MONEY-- FIFTY K
IN ASSORTED
BILLS.

WE NEED THE EVIDENCE
IN THE LOCKED VALISE AND
WE NEED IT NOW.

WE CAN'T
WAIT FOR GOTHAM
TO REBUILD
ITSELF.

THEY MIGHT
NOT GET AROUND
TO OUR PILE OF
RUBBLE FOR
MONTHS.

SO YOU WANT ME TO
PENETRATE THE RUBBLE AND
GET YOUR "EVIDENCE" OUT
OF THE SAFE?

YOU BRING THE LOCKED
VALISE HERE AND WE'LL HAVE
A THIRD VALISE WAITING -- JUST
LIKE THAT ONE, FILLED WITH THE
OTHER HALF OF YOUR FEE.



I DON'T
LIKE THIS FREAK'S
ATTITUDE.

I'M
AFRAID I MUST
CONCUR.

IN FACT, MR. "BALLISTIC",
YOUR ATTITUDE IS A DEAL-
BREAKER.

THE
OFFER IS
WITH-
DRAWN.

NO HARD
FEELINGS,
BUT--

CHOMP

I SAID...

...I'M
TAKING YOUR
CASE.







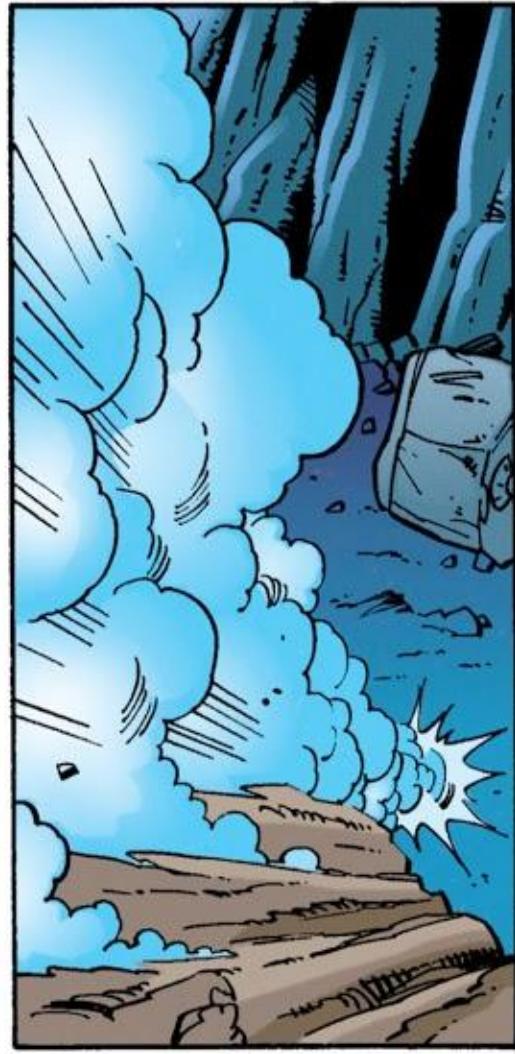
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AUTOMATIC WEAPONS.



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RESPONSE WILL BE A LONG TIME COMING.









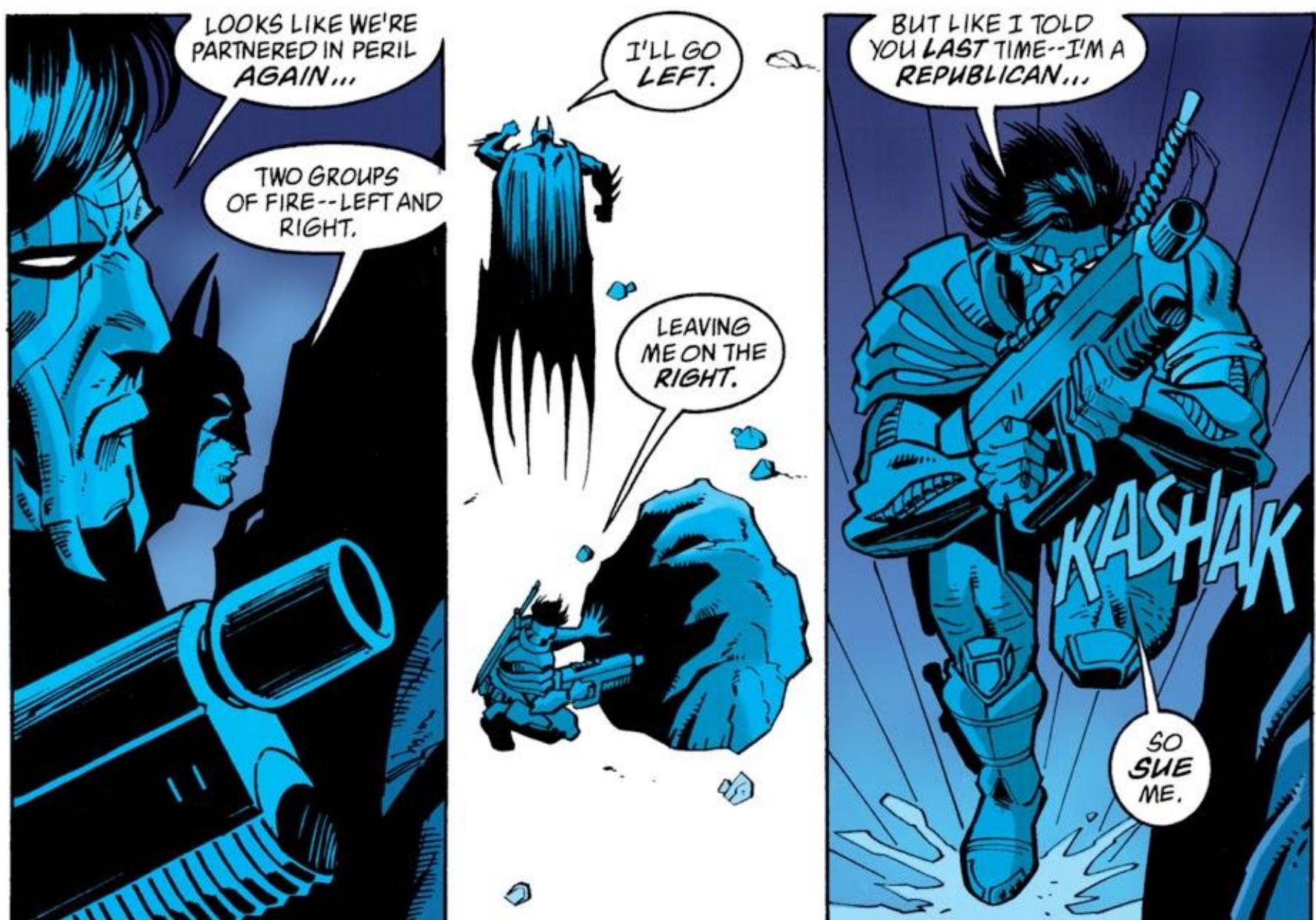
SUPPOSEDLY FOR DEA OR FBI OR PICK
YOUR OWN LETTERS--BUT EVERY STEP THROUGH
THESE RUINS PLANTS MORE DOUBT.

RECOGNIZE
ANY OF THOSE
GUNSEL'S?

TWO OF THEM HAVE
DONE TIME--BELONGED
TO THE BRESSI MOB.

FIGURED ▽ OF COURSE, THEY COULD BE
SOMETHING GUARDING THE MACGUFFIN --
LIKE THAT. TRYING TO PREVENT ME FROM
RECOVERING IT FOR MY
CLIENTS ...











AFTER ALL THE DEATH AND HORROR CAUSED BY THE QUAKE, THE GUNMEN KEEP COMING--FIGHTING IN THE RUINS AS IF THERE WERE STILL SOMETHING TO GAIN.

IT'S MADNESS--BUT BALLISTIC DOESN'T SEEM TO MIND, MAYBE BECAUSE HE DIDN'T GO THROUGH THE QUAKE...OR MAYBE BECAUSE HE AND MADNESS CAME TO TERMS LONG AGO.

WHATEVER THE REASON, HE'S UNDER CONTROL--FEARLESS, BUT DEALING NO DEATH.

DESPITE ALL HIS GUNS, HE'S STILL A COP, NOT A KILLER.



