

This Wednesday's issue of Batgirl - which sees the Gotham crime-fighter left a bloody mess at the hands of Knightfall - also acts as a prologue to the 'Death of the Family' crossover arc beginning in Batman #13, which will eventually bring Batgirl and The Joker together for the first time since he shot and paralyzed her in Alan Moore's The Killing Joke. Batgirl Issue 13 Exclusive Preview Writer Gail Simone on what she promises will be a "memorable moment" in the four issue run.. "Her payback is long, long overdue. It was immensely cathartic. It's a brutal story: The Joker is the guy who haunts your nightmares, and he nearly destroyed Barbara once already. The Joker is really the Elvis of comic-book villains. There's no one with his primal star power, there's no one else anywhere who has sent more chills up the spines of readers, because there genuinely is something terrifying about him." For

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