

Batman Forever

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INT. CHASE'S OFFICE--DAY

as Bruce, fearing Chase under attack, crashes through the door, always saving the world. Quickly valor slips into embarrassment as he scans the room.

CHASE, startled yet the consummate cool cookie stops her daily workout, sizing up her unexpected intruder. A tilt of the head and scrunched face sends an inquisitive signal.

Quite embarrassed, Bruce's impish grin subjugates a usually self confident man to school boy status. Partially from current circumstances, mostly the stunning presence of Chase.

BRUCE

I, I guess I am early. I have an appointment. I'm Bruce Wayne.

Chase wiping the sheen from her self confident brow.

CHASE

Good! Then you can afford to buy me a new door.

Wishing he were elsewhere, Bruce eyeballs the door.

BRUCE

I, ah sorry. I . . .

Attempts to rectify his error, replacing the door upright.

BRUCE

You sounded like you, ahh, were

Chase remains unconvinced of his valor.

BRUCE (VO)
...in, ahh, in ahh ...

Bruce moves in closer to Chase.

BRUCE
... you know, trouble.

Chase moves in closer to Bruce, confidently.

CHASE
I prefer healthy expressions of
violence ...

She offers her hand to Bruce, finally smiling.

CHASE (CONTD)
... as opposed to breaking and
entering.

They shake hands; Bruce feeling more comfortable.

CHASE
How can I help you Mr. Wayne?

Chase, although "shining" from her workout, hair mused up and clothing selected for activity, reflects self confidence and beauty. Bruce is taken back, obviously in awe as he stares as though she is a fine painting.

Chase, uncomfortable, sends him questioning body language.

He catches himself and pulls several items from his pocket.

BRUCE
Oh, ah, ah someone's been sending me
love letters to my office ...
Chase and Bruce walk over to desk to lay the items out.

BRUCE
... and last night at my home.

BRUCE
Commissioner Gordon thought you
might give me your expert opinion.

Chase muses one of the items.

INSERT a handmade card like paper with a riddle on it.

Chase holds up the card, as Bruce looks on.

CHASE
Clock.

BRUCE
Clock.

INSERT another handmade card. It also has cut out paper
artwork and a riddle.

CHASE
Tear one off and scratch my head.
Once was read ...

Bruce stares at Chase as she analyzes the card.

CHASE
... is black instead.

BRUCE
Match.

Chase figures out card's meaning. She looks up at Bruce,
catching him staring at her.

CHASE
My opinion. The writer is
a total wacko.

BRUCE
Wacko? Is that a technical term?

CHASE

Patient may suffer from acute
obsessional syndrome with
potential homicidal styles.
That work better for you?

BRUCE

So, what you are saying, this
guy's a total wacko, right?

They smile at each other. The air of tension lifting.

CHASE

He is obsessed with you. His only
escape, may be to purge the fixation.

BRUCE

To kill me?

Moving closer.

CHASE

I think you understand his
obsession better than you let
on.

Bruce feeling a bit nervous, changes the subject. He looks
at a framed Rorschach on the wall

BRUCE

You have a thing for bats?

INSERT Rorschach on wall.

CHASE(OS)

That's a Rorschach Mr. Wayne.

Chase approaches Bruce.

CHASE

An ink blot. People see what
they want.

Bruce is surprised, somewhat concerned she picks up on what he has seen.

CHASE

I think the question would be,
do you have a thing for bats?

Bruce, again pushed into a corner, focuses his attention on something else, a doll.

INSERT doll

BRUCE

Still playing with dolls doctor?

CHASE (VO)

She's a Malaysian dream warden.

Chase moves over to Bruce, taking the doll from him.

CHASE

Some cultures believe she protects
you from bad dreams.

Chase hands the doll to Bruce.

CHASE (VO)

Its silly to you I am sure.

CHASE

You seem so sad.
Do you need one?

Bruce knows she is zeroing in on his feelings, somewhat uncomfortable.

BRUCE

Me? No! Why would I?

CHASE

Your not exactly what you seem
are you Bruce Wayne?

CHASE

What is it you really came her
for?

Bruce starts toward the door.

BRUCE

Yikes! Times up.

CHASE

That's usually my line.

BRUCE

Listen, I'd love to stay here
chatting, but ...

CHASE

Oh, would you, I am not so sure.

Bruce, feeling more self assured.

BRUCE

I really got to get you out of those
clothes.

Chase surprised.

CHASE

Excuse me?

BRUCE

And into a black dress.

BRUCE

Tell me doctor, do you like the circus