

FACES (PREVIEW)

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INT. GOTHAM CITY HALL - NIGHT

Lt. James Gordon is on the stage standing at a large brown stone podium speaking to the citizens of Gotham City. Reporters' cameras flashing.

LT. JAMES

Citizens of Gotham, i am pleased to see such a great turn-out here today.

(pause)

For tonight, we'll be announcing who is our newly elected District Attorney.

The crowd clap. Reporters point their microphones up at Gordon as he continues to talk

INT. GOTHAM CITY HALL/BACKSTAGE - NIGHT

Harvey Dent and Bruce Wayne are talking backstage.

HARVEY

I really appreciate you coming today, Bruce.

BRUCE

I wouldn't want to miss this.

HARVEY

Thank you for supporting me in my campaign also. I know how much money you have invested in today.

BRUCE

There's no need to thank me. You'll do great.

HARVEY

You really think so?

BRUCE

Trust me. I know so.

Harvey Smiles and looks down then behind him. He sees that Lt. James Gordon is about to make the big announcement. Harvey looks back at Bruce.

BRUCE

That's your cue.

HARVEY

Wish me luck

Harvey walks out. Bruce watches from the back.

INT. GOTHAM CITY HALL - NIGHT

LT. JAMES

I am very pleased to announce that
Gotham's new district attorney is...

Harvey walks onto the stage waving and smiling.

LT. JAMES

Harvey Dent!

Everyone claps as Harvey walks up to the podium microphone
and clears his throat. Everyone stops clapping.

HARVEY

Well, what can I say? Thanks for
voting for me.

Few people laughed and then stop. A dark figure moves from
the back. Harvey speaks again.

HARVEY

I'll do my best to clean up this
city. I promise you that Gotham
will be safe again. So all of you
people can sleep well knowing,
that you are in safe hands.

A female reporter in the crowd turns to another.

REPORTER

I guess he's not just a pretty
face.

Harvey hears this and smiles. He turns his head to Bruce.
Bruce gives him the thumbs up. As Harvey turns back Bruce
checks his watch. Then suddenly a familiar voice comes from
the dark figure who is in front of the stage now.

JOKER

Very touching, I do not think Mr
Dent. As long as I am around this
will never
(beat)
ever
(beat)
happen.

The Joker bursts out into a chilling giggle which evolves
into a full hearted murderous laugh.

Harvey stares at him.

HARVEY

And just who are you?

The person then pulls out a bottle of acid. He throws it at Harvey's face. It splashes up the left side of Harvey's face. Harvey screams and shouts in pain as he falls to his knees, He puts his hand to his face and quickly moves it away as it burns it. The person removes cloak and reveals himself to be the Joker. Joker's henchmen come running with guns shooting the ceiling as they go.

Everyone runs out screaming. Only Gordon and Harvey remain. Harvey, completely incapacitated as his lying rolling on the ground moaning in pain.

JOKER

Ah, don't you just love a good old party!

HENCHMAN #1

Yes, boss.

LT. JAMES

I should have known, I would recognise that laugh anywhere.

JOKER

Oh that's sweet, I am glad you remember our former rendezvous Jimmy boy. But I've done what I came here to do; now we play the waiting game.

LT. JAMES

Waiting for what exactly?

JOKER

THE BAT! WHO ELSE?

LT. JAMES

You sick son of a...

The joker hits Gordon in the face with his gun.

JOKER

Watch your mouth Gordon! You might just lose it.

Lt. James Gordon runs at Joker but he is tripped by one of his henchmen. He is then shoved down onto the ground. Lt. James Gordon looks up and sees a pistol being pointed at his head.

JOKER

That was very rude of you. Naughty boys deserve punishment.

Joker hysterically laughs at him. Joker has his finger the trigger.

JOKER
Now say goodnight, lieutenant!

A loud and dark voice echoes from the ceiling.

BATMAN
Goodnight clown.

JOKER
AT LAST. THE CAPED CRUSADER HAS
ARRIVED!

The Joker and his henchmen look around forgetting about Gordon.

The joker runs around in circles doing a stupid impression of the Lion from OZ pretending to be a boxer.

JOKER
Pud-em-up, Pud-em-up!

He stops and shouts

JOKER
YOU JUST DON'T GET IT DO YOU? I
JUST DON'T CARE ANYMORE! HA-HA-HA-
HA-HA-HA!

Gordon trips the Joker as Batman jumps down. He lands on the joker knocking him to the ground as the henchmen approach.

TO BE CONTINUED...

To see what happens next wait until the movie comes out.