JOKING

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based on characters created by DC Comics
IN DARKNESS:

VOICE
Hee hee ha ha HA HA HA!

FADE IN:

INT. STORAGE ROOM

A bright light from the ceiling lightens up the center of the room.

A MAN sits on a chair, his body trembling... all light on him shivering. A dirty blindfold is placed over his eyes and transparent adhesive tape on his mouth. The hands have been tied behind the chair’s back.

FOOTSTEPS... slowly making their way towards the Man.

VOICE (O.S.)
Now... there’s something I want you to do for me...

An EERIE LAUGH.

VOICE (O.S.)
Oops, I forgot.

A gloved hand rips the adhesive tape from the man’s mouth.

The man breathes fast and quickly bursts out --

MAN
All of Gotham City is looking for you! There is no way..

BAM!! He is punched by the gloved hand.
VOICE (O.S.)
STRIKE 1!

MAN
You maniac!

VOICE (O.S.)
I’ve been called worse. Now please let me finish my wording. I want you to tell me about the bat.

MAN
You’ll pay for this.

Another punch... this time producing blood.

VOICE (O.S.)
STRIKE TWO.

The tone in the voice is now deeper.

VOICE (O.S.)
I’m not known for my patience.. let me finish.

The Man spits out blood.

VOICE (O.S.)
I want you to tell me about the Batman.

MAN
You rot in hell.

Two gloved hands now... one holds the blindfold, while the other cuts it with a knife.

The man’s eyes try to adjust to the bright light...
VOICE (O.S.)
I asked a simple question...
Why so serious?

Now we see the source of the voice... his back to us. A lean and tall body, almost comical wearing a purple suit and hair to the shoulder. He walks towards the man, knife in hand.

MAN
NO! STAY AWAY FROM ME!

LEAN MAN
Strike three, hehe.. you’re out.

He lifts up the knife and laughs as the light flickers out.