

Selina. I am not one to write.

However, I was informed this morning that you are to be moved from Blackgate to Arkham. The authorities at the prison say that you have become problematic. Violent.

BATMAN.

I AM WITH HIM NOW. PSYCHO-PIRATE.

THE ONE YOU...NEED. TO SAVE SOMEONE. WHO NEEDS TO BE SAVED.

IN MY THRONE ROOM. AT THE CENTER OF THE PRISON.

AND SO. I INVITE YOU. COME.

TAKE HIM FROM ME.

Visiting you in Arkham, in your current state, would undoubtedly be unproductive.

We would not talk. We would fight.

And it's not time to fight. It's time to acknowledge what we are.

I AM SUICIDE PART FOUR

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Mother and Father. They would have laughed.

To see me all dressed up.

The Bat-Man.

They would've laughed and laughed.

But once in a while.

If they saw something—something particularly ridiculous—

My father was classically dignified, my mother classically kind. They were not people who laughed often.

The world was a burden to them. A burden they bore with dignity and kindness.

When I remember them, I remember them laughing.



Do you think I don't know?



A grown man. Dressed as an animal. Sitting on a gargoyle. Waiting for crime to come.



It's funny.



No. Way up there. Looking over us. Trying to scare us. That's that kid.



And they should laugh. Good and hard.

Everyone should. It's funny. The whole world should laugh.

And when it comes, he's just going to punch crime in the face.

And what makes it funnier, what would make the whole piece scream, is that it's not really a grown man.

That's just the mask under the mask.

That's that little rich kid whose mommy and daddy got shot. And instead of mourning them properly he got on his knees and made a vow.

And if that grown man just punches crime hard enough, then that'll just make everything all right.

"I swear by the spirits of my parents to avenge their deaths by spending the rest of my life warring on all criminals."

