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INT. PSYCHIATRIC THERAPY WARD

The joker sits in a room alone quietly humming to himself as he draws a picture on the paper in front of him with a crayon. A door swings open but the Joker doesn't look up as the suited man, JEREMIAH ARKHAM, stands before him. A large, red, heart-shaped BOX OF CHOCOLATES is dropped onto the table, interrupting his drawing.

JEREMIAH

What is this?

The Joker slowly glances up at the director, staring at him.

JOKER

It's a gift for Valentine's Day.

He holds up the paper he's been drawing on, revealing the words: ROSES ARE DEAD.

JEREMIAH

That's lovely. I guess a better question would have been... Why was it on my desk?

JOKER

Because I put it there.

JEREMIAH

I'm not interested in playing your games. I haven't opened it, and I've been informed by the Gotham City Police Department that there aren't any traces of explosives, no dangerous chemicals, not even any blood or body parts in it.

JOKER

Why would there be anything like that?

JEREMIAH

I guess I was given the wrong impression when the note that came with it said "Have a Happy St. Valentine's Day Massacre."

JOKER

Are you still sore about Vernon Fields in your office? Because I'm not a one trick pony, Jerry.

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JOKER (CONT'D)

Never tell the same joke twice.
Unless it builds.

Joker holds up a second sign reading: VIOLENCE WILL ENSUE.

Jeremiah Arkham takes a deep breath. The Joker also takes a breath, mocking Arkham.

JEREMIAH

I'm trying to find the appropriate words. You can't keep breaking into my office. We're trying to help you. Our staff is afraid to approach you let alone talk to you. Even the District Attorney's office is apprehensive about assigning anyone to your case.

JOKER

Scared of lil' old me? Guess they shouldn't have questioned my... insanity.

JEREMIAH

You also took the picture of my wife. I would like that back please.

JOKER

The things we do for love. Know what Jerry, I'll tell you where it is. It's-

The door opens again and Dr. Quinzel enters.

DR. QUINZEL

Dr. Arkham with all due respect this is completely unethical. You have no authorization to be questioning my patient.

JEREMIAH

As the director of *Arkham* Asylum, I think it goes without saying that I have complete authorization.

DR. QUINZEL

At 1:30 in the morning?

The Joker raises a new sign, reading: IT'S A NEW HOLIDAY.

JEREMIAH

That's besides the point. I have felt physically threatened by *your* patient and I'm not going to wait for him to break into my office again.

DR. QUINZEL

If you recall, he broke into mine as well.

Lowering his sign, the Joker begins to glance over at the box of chocolates, growing bored of the argument.

JEREMIAH

I can also ask what you are doing here at this time of night.

DR. QUINZEL

Why? So you can avoid answering the question yourself-

The Joker suddenly opens the box of chocolates, causing both doctors to gasp in terror, their discussion coming to a halt. The Joker pops a chocolate into his mouth and starts chewing obnoxiously. He offers the box up to Quinzel.

JOKER

Would you be my Valentine?

There is an awkward pause. The two doctors try to regain composure.

JOKER (CONT'D)

I'm... I'm asking her.

DR. QUINZEL

I...

JEREMIAH

Dr. Quinzel. May I speak to you outside, privately please. Regarding your... patient.

JOKER

I'll wait here and be patient.

The two exit, closing the door behind them. The Joker stuffs more chocolate into his mouth then holds up his hand to reveal a new sign: I'VE GOT A TASK FOR YOU.

He leans in close to the camera, bringing his paper with him. He holds the following up to the camera.

I NEED YOU ALL TO SEND MY FRIEND A VALENTINE.

YOU JUST NEED PAPER, A PEN, AN ENVELOPE AND POSTAGE

HAVE IT READ: HAPPY VALENTINES DAY FROM
YOUTUBE.COM/THEJOKERBLOGS

He puts the paper into an envelope and seals it, then holds it up to show the address. Then sticks a stamp on it.

I HOPE YOU CAN SEND LOTS OF THEM.

BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T...

He holds up a final sign of Arkham's wife's PICTURE with skull and bones drawn around it.

The door swings open again and Arkham enters. The Joker looks up awkwardly. He smiles, forming a heart with his hands as the camera gets unplugged.

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