[guitar track 2]

Vicki: Thanks, Jack. I’m here with Bruce Wayne, CEO of Wayne Enterprises and head of the Wayne Foundation. He’s here in his capacity as the CEO of Wayne Enterprises, along with Lucius Fox, his second-in-command. Good morning Mr. Wayne, Mr. Fox.

Lucius: Good morning.

Bruce: Please, miss Vale, call me Bruce.

Vicki: In that case, call me Vicki. Mr. Fox, may I call you Lucius?

Lucius: Thank you, but I was hoping to keep this professional...

Vicki: Certainly, if that’s what you’d prefer. Mr. Fox, you’ve been Bruce’s second-in-command for... five years now, is that correct? And before that you led the company?

Lucius: Bruce returned from his travels six years ago, and took the reins at the company just under half a year later. I was holding the place in trust for him before that, since his father died.

Bruce: Even now, I couldn’t run the place without Lucius; he’s completely indispensible. Just like I’d imagine you are here, Vicki.

Vicki: [chuckle] You flatter me, Bruce. But Mr. Fox, my question is this: how did you handle leading the company for what, ten years?

Lucius: Fourteen, actually.

Vicki: So how did you handle leading the company for *fourteen years*, and then just... handing it off to Bruce?

[pause]

Lucius: Well, it was never really my company. Bruce’s father, Thomas Wayne, was very specific in his will – if he passed away before Bruce was old enough to take over, then I was to run things until he had graduated college. Bruce graduated from Oxford at 19, and then he wanted to take some time to travel before returning home. I’m sure you can understand that.

Bruce: Really, I entered college a year before most people do, then finished in two years when most people take four. You surely see why I wanted some time off.

Vicki: Oh, certainly. But Bruce, if you graduated at 19 then you took five years away from Gotham. That’s more than twice as long as you spent at college.

Bruce: That’s right.

Vicki: Where did you go for all that time?

Bruce: Well, as you know, I’m a notoriously private person. I’ll only tell those I’m certain I can trust.

Lucius: Perhaps we could get back on subject?

Vicki [over Lucius]: Oh really?

Bruce: I’d have to at least take you to dinner before I could tell you something that private.

Vicki: I guess it’s entirely out of the question, then.

Bruce: Oh, I wouldn’t say *entirely...*

Lucius: Bruce, can we please dispense with the flirting and get back on subject?

Vicki [over Lucius]: Bruce, I’d love to take you up on that offer, but I already have a boyfriend, so I’m afraid that it *is* entirely out of the question.

Bruce: ...oh, I wouldn’t say *entirely.*..

Lucius (sternly, with Vicki): Bruce!

Vicki (laughing, with Lucius: Bruce!

[Bruce laughs]

Bruce: Alright, alright, back on subject then?

Vicki: Ah, yes. That was actually an excellent lead-in to my next question. Mr. Fox, Bruce has a reputation as a monstrous playboy, as we’ve just seen. Is there any truth to these rumors... I guess that’s a pointless question now... and has it caused any problems in the workplace?

Lucius: You might be surprised to find out that it very rarely does. There is more than a little truth behind it, obviously, but Bruce does know how to be professional when necessary, and he *is* quite brilliant - when it suits him, at least.

Vicki: When it suits him?

Lucius: Bruce has trouble paying attention and concentrating.

Bruce: [sigh] That’s another way of saying that meetings bore me.

Lucius: He usually has to get the information directly from me – I’m better at putting it in a way he can absorb. Once he has it, though, Bruce has an amazing business mind. And there are rarely any incidents with employees –

Bruce (interrupting): They’re just not as stunning as you, Vicki.

Lucius: [sigh] Bruce, please at least *try* to stay focused.

Bruce: I’m trying. Trying doesn’t mean succeeding.

Vicki: He’s succeeding alright, but he’s not focusing on the right thing. Maybe I should do up the last button on my shirt.

Lucius: That might help.

[rustle of cloth]

Lucius: As I was saying, most incidents are actually caused by Bruce’s temper –

Vicki: Really? I wouldn’t have guessed that.

Lucius: Oh yes, Bruce can have quite a temper, especially around the anniversary of his parents’ death.

Vicki: Well, that’s understandable. We all get a bit emotional at those times. Well, thank you Bruce, Mr. Fox, but I’m afraid that that’s all the time we have, so we’ll have to say good-bye.

Lucius: Thank *you,* Miss Vale.

Bruce: I hope to see you again sometime soon, Vicki.