

Step-by-Step Outline

Scene 1: A well-rested, happy looking student (Roommate A) saunters up the stairs to his dorm. He enters his room to find it destroyed and his roommate (Roommate B) looking savage, who begins to describe the events of the preceding weekend.

Scene 2: Several students are sitting in a study lounge as others are leaving with bags. They cockily proclaim that the lack of food will not hinder a weekend of lawless fun.

Scene 3: Back in the room. The roommate begins to explain what happened to the students

Scene 4: Starving student meditating through hunger. Voice-over explains context.

Scene 5: Morbidly obese student in barely fitting athletic gear eating food. Voice-over explains context.

Scene 6: Students divide into groups and go foraging in Lullwater, (back of restaurants? Frat houses? Unattended fridge food?). Voice-over explains context.

Scene 7: Student groups fighting over food and the campus becomes divided. Voice-over explains context.

Scene 8: Back in room, silence falls as the recently arrived and recently horrified RMA quietly asks how RMB survived. RMB pulls out boxes of take-out, having saved money by not going out because he had an (exam? Midterm?).

Detailed Scene Outline

CAST:

Roommate A (RMA)

Roommate B (RMB)

Meditating Student (MS)

Formerly Fit Student (FFS)

Angry Rabble 1 (AR1)

Angry Rabble 2 (AR2)

Scene 1: Roommate A (RMA) energetically jogs up the stairs of his dorm, backpack over shoulder, eager to swap tales with Roommate B (RMB) who did not leave campus over fall break. Around him, the campus is unexplicably empty, trash is blowing in the wind, an abandoned golf cart stands on the curb, and a backpack is strewn over the sidewalk. RMA is too excited to have returned to notice the oddities. RMA realizes something is wrong when the door to his room is blocked by an unknown object. He manages to push through only to find the mess in disarray. Clothing is everywhere, chairs are blocking doors while mattresses are blocking windows. RMB is sitting on the floor amidst the wreckage clad in shorts, a torn and dirty shirt around his head. He is watching something on the computer and seems unaware that his roommate has returned. RMA, having overcome his shock asks RMB what had happened. RMB, closes his computer, invites RMA to sit next to him on a pile of clothing, and begins to narrate the tale.

Scene 2: RMB voice-over narrates, introducing the scene and context. In it, several friends who are not leaving for fall break are sitting in a study lounge. Around them the campus is shutting down as students are leaving with large bags, custodians are closing their gear, and the DUC staff are cleaning their dishes. Despite all of this, the friends boast how they will be able to find food regardless of whether the DUC is open or not. They all decide to have an unreserved, lawless weekend of fun.

Scene 3: Cut back to the room. RMA continues to question RMB, as this background provided little-to-no explanation for the destruction of the room. RMB continues to explain that after a night of unreserved, lawless fun, many of the students mistakenly spent most or all of their money. As a result, they were forced to find nourishment in increasingly violent methods.

Scene 4: RMB narrates each tale in a voice over. (*NOTA BENE:* Scenes 4-7 should last somewhere between a couple and 20/30 seconds.) RMB tells that MS decided to survive the hunger like he believes his hero Buddha did, by meditating through the hunger and reaching nirvana. CUT TO: MS sitting clad in (monk robes?) meditating in his bed with incense.

Scene 5: Voice-Over: RMB says that FFS decided that his physique was not worth the hunger he gained massive amounts of weight by eating cheap, easy to find junk food. CUT TO: FFS sitting at his desk eating (candy? Chips?). The athletic clothing into which he barely squeezed into is tearing at the seams. SHOW: fabric tearing, as though the clothes could no longer contain the mass of FFS.

Scene 6: Voice-Over: RMB explains that the students realized that they need to form alliances in order to increase their chances. The tribes began peacefully, foraging side by side in Lullwater, dumpsters, and housing fridges. CUT TO: AR1 and AR2 walking into Lullwater. AR1 finds some (grass? Leaves? Pinecone?) And eats it. AR2 finds some food in housing kitchen and ecstatically celebrates.

Scene 7: Voice-Over: RMB explains that as the groups slowly ate away their nutritional resources, they became increasingly violent. CUT TO: AR1 and AR2 fighting over packaged noodles. A half-eaten power bar lying on the sidewalk is pounced on by both groups. Soon, the groups are waging full-scale territorial warfare, as AR1 and AR2 attempt to destroy and steal one another's food stocks using weapons based on the foods they were eating (sporks, Tupperware containers, straws etc.). The battle begins lose steam as both sides begin to compete less aggressively, having little calories to fuel their anger. Soon, the campus is empty, the two groups leaving behind nothing but evidence of the conflict.

Scene 8: RMA is horrified. He questions where the faculty was now that classes have resumed and where the students were. RMB explains that the students had devolved into such a state of savagery that the faculty and staff were unable to help them and were (scared off? Gave up?). The tribes are now residing in separate areas of the campus, leading cautious yet peaceful and private lives, similar to those of the lost tribes of the Amazon. RMA is so appalled to continue to listen to the story but one fact keeps itching at him. His bravery prevails and he asks how RMB managed to survive, immediately regretting the question believing the response to be too gruesome to digest. RMB suddenly gets a serious look on his face, he stands up, approaches RMA, raises his hand, and points to a large tower of take-out boxes stashed in the closet. RMB explains that he was unable to go out as he had an unimaginable amount of midterms to prepare for, and as a result he was able to save his money for food, and the destruction of the rooms is due in part to defense and in part to RMB's laziness to clean the room.