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1. What is the purpose of breaking down a script?

A script needs to be broken down before production to figure out budgeting, and so specific departments can prepare for the parts that belong to them.

2. At what stage in the production process is a script broken down?

Pre-production.

3. Write a 500-1,000 word synopsis of your finished script.

In order for Mason Boyd, a determined student needing to pay tuition after losing his financial ability is willing to turn to the selling weed. Sometimes getting into a bad game is easier than getting out.

Mason is an outstanding student willing to do anything to pay for school. He is accompanied by his pothead roommate Jack, who introduces Mason to a distributor, Adrian. Mason's father, Pete, has anorexia, while his mother, Linda, is overwhelmed with taking care of her family. Mason falls romantic for Sophia, a fellow student; she is related to Zach, a pharmacist and drug dealer. Under a close eye by the law, Officer Rodwell keeps tabs on drug activity.

From Reno, Nevada to Tucson, Arizona, a high school honor student willing to expand his education doesn't obtain the funds or scholarships to afford it. Hoping to receive a scholarship, Mason finds another way to bring in money: He turns to selling weed. That's the only way he will be able to pay his college tuition and get an education.

Although the means are bad his ultimate goal is good. Until he finds himself in the line of sight of the law, his family and the drug dealers. Mason quickly realizes that becoming the honor student in high school isn't the hardest thing he has had to do. It's a full time job veering his way through these obstacles and saving his goal of college. There will be no future for Mason if he spends the next 20 years in jail. When a fatal overdose from prescription pills occurs, Mason doesn't only lose his distributor, but he looks guilty, and must prove his innocence by finding the real dealer responsible. The only way out now is to end what he started. He must get out of what has become his income.

Mason is taken in for interrogation by Officer Rodwell, a former student at his school, who wants to keep their record clean. Rodwell offers Mason a deal that he has to find out who is selling prescription pills and bring them to justice. How Mason suspects Zach is the culprit is through his online profile, showing he is a pharmacist, but contains suspicious posts. When Mason brings it up to Sophia about it she tips off the police that Mason is guilty, protecting her brothers' innocence. Jack is the one who goes to her house to meet with Zach and finds the damning evidence, calling 911 but gets beaten to shit by Zach. Jack yells the address to the operator while this happens. Mason, arrested in a squad car with Officer Rodwell, pursues Jacks 911 call. When they arrive at the scene Rodwell arrests Zach trying to flee.

After the dramatic arrest, Mason is still taken in for questioning. Jack is hospitalized, Mason is released. He returns home for a visit knowing he's a different person than 6 months ago. With his father losing his job Mason applies for the pell grant. Upon returning to school he sits in class paranoid Zach would be watching him. After the mess and aftermath unfolds and comes to a close, Mason applies for a job, stating he has sales experience.