Introductory screen:

A number of months ago. Image of a speaker addressing a crowd of people:

‘Climate catastrophe. Pandemics. Exploitation. Homelessness. Starvation. Capitalism creates its crises. And it is clear that it has no more solutions. At least, not for us!

The rich insulate themselves. They control the government and the media. They buy food and commodities at prices that we can no longer afford. They own our homes and steal our labour. Our crisis is their opportunity. And they line their pockets with our desperation.

We have been abandoned by those in power. They let us starve and evict us from our homes. They will sacrifice anything to protect their profits, as long as it is us who pays the price. But we, *we* are together. And the solution to *our* crisis is communal.

This is *our* city. If they will not house us, then we will *take* the homes that they leave empty! If they will not feed us, we will use *our* city to grow food and *we* will feed *ourselves*! That is the principle upon which we act. The principle of universal solidarity. The demand for happiness and freedom for all, not just the few’.

Image of a newspaper front page:

Headline: ‘Government declares state of emergency as protestors establish “commune” in [city name]’.

Date: February, 26, 20xx.

Image of a barricade with posters and graffiti. (?)

Body: ‘[CITY NAME] – After weeks of unrest that saw far-left extremists clash with police and military personnel, ‘protesters’ last night declared the creation of an ‘independent commune’. Barricades were erected at key roads leading into the city, as groups claiming to represent a majority of its inhabitants took control of key infrastructure. A spokesperson for the group announced that a ‘citizen’s council’ will be placed in charge of managing residents’ needs. According to their statement, ‘vital utilities – including, water, electricity and access to the internet – will be made free, empty buildings will be appropriated to provide housing and a programme of urban agriculture based upon the Cuban *oragopónicos* will be used to grow food in an effort to secure the long-term sustainability of the commune’.

Speaking on behalf of the moderate red-blue coalition government, Interior Minister Simon Beaumont denounced the group’s actions as ‘a terrorist coup that undermines the sanctity of the right to private property upon which any civilised society stands’. He pledged that the government would crush the coup ‘by any means necesssary’. His statement was echoed by the leaders of both major parties, as well as by prominent members of civil society. The government’s response is complicated, however, by the presence of protests in numerous other cities across the country, as well as a promise by

Email/message screen:

Message to all: ‘The community forum is now up and running.