**The Endgame**

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**Scene 1:**

**Characters: Krishna, Rob, Yokesh**

**\*Fade in\***

**Setting: A rainy morning in a graveyard**

***\*solemn BGM with a hint of suspense for our opening shot\****

Wide angle shot of a group of three men all dressed in black outfits. We see their backs in the opening shot and slowly the camera moves towards them. Each one carries an umbrella and have a solemn expression on their faces. They are staring at three graves in front of them.

**\*Show Film Title “The Endgame” in cryptic font\***

The camera angle now changes to a front view of the three men. We slowly pan to Krishna and see his expression. He is sad but it is evident that he has moved on from the tragedy that had taken place. The camera now moves a bit to the left and see Yokesh having an expression of guilt. Finally, the camera pans in on Rob. He is visibly the most sorrowful of the three and it is very evident that he feels guilty and responsible for what has occurred.

We hear a girl’s voice as the camera focuses on Rob.” Don’t Forget me” The guy is visibly broken and crumples on his feet and falls to his knees. The other two guys help him back up on his feet as the scene slowly fades to black.

**\*play rewind music while we see a playback of scenes 2 to 6 in reverse order at a high speed\***

**Notes:**

* This scene takes place 5 years after the events of the previous scenes. As a result of this, the boys must look slightly older as they are 23 years old compared to them being 19 in the previous scenes
* This scene has no spoken dialogues. The essence of this scene is the background music and the sub acting of the three boys.
* Preferable to shoot the scene at early morning time like 5 or 6 am. Hopefully we get a bit of fog or mist.

**Scene 2:**

**Characters: Rob, Jayashree**

***\*Light fades in\****

*Scene begins with Rob sitting in a dark room puffing a cigar*

*He loses control over his senses and gets distortions where walls breath and objects move*

***\*Light fades out \****

**\*On the next day in college – Jayashree intro\***

*Rob would be sitting in the lawn puffing a cigar*

*Jayashree with a worried heart approaches Rob asking him to quit smoking*

Jayashree – “Rob!! Pleases listen to me once.”

Rob – “Stop Jayashree!! I know what you are up to.”

Jayashree – “But I’m worried of your health. Please quit smoking”

Rob – “Urgh!!Here you go with the endless nagging yet again!!”

Jayashree – “But…”

Rob – “We’ve discussed about this earlier and I thought we. Smoking gives me a release from this stressful college life and I’ll look cool among my peers!! Don’t be so outdated Jayashree. Try to be as cool as me”

***\*Jayashree runs away from the spot eyes filled with tears\****

*\*On same day night – Jayashree decides to become as cool as Rob and starts smoking\**

***\*The Next Day\****

Jayashree – “Fine Rob!! Let me join the cool club too. I don’t want to be left behind”

Rob – “Now that’s my gal” (\*smiling\*)

*\*Hand overs a cigar and teaches her how to smoke \**

*\*On the next few days Jayashree gets completely addicted to smoking. She experiences wheezing problems and sore throat\**

*Her chest started to pain and she was subjected to heavy weight loss*

*One day she collapses to ground suffering from breathlessness*

*Rob carries her to the hospital*

**Scene 3**

**Characters**: Rob, Doctor.

**\*Fade in\***

**\*We follow Rob into the hospital to find him sitting alone outside the emergency ward\***

**Rob: \*breathing heavily\***

**\*Fluttering noises of doors opening, doctor approaches Rob\***

**Rob: “**Doctor, how is she doing?”

**Doctor: “**Nothing can be said as of now; the blood tests were just finished up. We’ll get back to you once we get the results.” **(1)**

**\*Doctor walks off, followed by a nurse\***

**Rob: \*sinks back into his lonely, depressing chair\***

**\*20-30 mins later\* (Fast motion of Rob being angry and frustrated, a clock can be placed overhead to show time passing \*? \*)**

**\*Doctor rushes towards Rob\***

**Doctor: “**Blood test results have revealed liver function abnormalities and going by her addiction to smoking, could be something serious like Cancer. An Ultrasound and a biopsy after that is necessary to confirm the diagnosis. We’ll get back to you soon and don’t forget to pay the bill in the main counter.” **(2)**

**Note: (1) and (2) can be combined and edited if it feels long and boring.**

**\*Doctor heads off into the emergency ward this time and Rob, depressed and visibly sad, proceeds to go to the main counter and pay the bill and comes back to retreat into his seat of shame\***

**\*After 1-2 hours\* (Same Fast motion scenes)**

**\*Doctor walks slowly towards Rob and Rob starts tearing up seeing the Doctor’s expression\***

**Doctor: “**The tests have been conclusive and your friend has been diagnosed with liver cancer.….” **\*trails off\***

**\*Rob breaks down\***

**Doctor: “**But there is a way to remove the tumor. A very expensive surgery, will cost approximately 1 lakh, which is not a sure-shot. But that’s the only way considering her present condition. It’s your call now.”

**\*Rob feels sick and starts losing it\***

**Rob: “**Just start with the surgery Doctor. I’ll pay for it, no matter what the cost.”

**\*Doctor nods and goes back into the emergency ward while Rob is left alone to ponder\***

**Rob (to himself): “**How am I going to do this?”

**\*Fade out into a dark background which says (some) days later\***

**\*Show Rob wearing shady costume, all sad and depressing, dealing drugs in college. \***

**\*Insert some mind voice dialogue for Rob which asserts that he’s dealing drugs to save his girlfriend’s life (I can’t figure out any) \***

**Note:**

* **Music at \***

**END OF SCENE 3**

**SCENE -4:**

**CHARACTERS:**

1. Drug dealer-ROB
2. Rich Boy-YOKESH
3. Girl-Amritha

***\*A college ground is shown. A guy arrives in a motorbike. That guy turns out to be the drug dealer. \****

*\*He waits for someone. After a few minutes, a car speeds into the ground and take a round before halting. Two teens of one boy and one girl from a wealthy background get down from the car. \**

\* YOKESH (the guy who was driving the car) walks towards the Drug Dealer. All the while Rob watches the whole scene without any expression on his face. When YOKESH reaches him, Rob takes a black suitcase. \*

Rob: “Here goes your Candy Cane” (local slang – cocaine).

Rob hands over the suitcase to YOKESH.YOKESH opens the suitcase and takes a packet which contains Cocaine.

He takes a pinch of it and inhales it. YOKESH gives an appreciative look to Rob.

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YOKESH: Can never say never to this!!!! Great stuff for trip!!

Rob: **“**You can turn back on a person, but you can never turn your back on a drug, especially when it's waving a razor-sharp hunting knife in your eye” (Hunter S. Thompson) ///    It's only in drugs or death we'll see anything new, and death is just too controlling.

)

YOKESH looks at him confused.

YOKESH takes a bundle of notes and gives it to Rob. Rob checks the amount and YOKESH checks the number of drug packets.

They shake their hands and YOKESH walks towards his car.

\*\*\*The following happens sideways when Rob and YOKESH are involved in conversation:

*[Meanwhile Amritha calls someone continuously but the other person doesn’t seem to pick up the call. Amritha gets frustrated and starts smoking. She tries one more time but now also it goes unanswered. She gets irritated and bangs her hand on the bonnet of the car and gets lost in her thoughts.] \*\*\**

By this time YOKESH reaches near the car and frowns seeing Amritha who was tensed. The following conversation takes place between them:

*YOKESH: “Hey buddy what’s wrong?!!”*

*Amritha: “No, nothing!! Let’s move, come on!!”*

*YOKESH: “Ok. If you say so!!”*

Amritha gets inside the car. YOKESH gives a last look towards Rob and start driving the car out of campus.

\*Rob watches the car disappearing from his view and thinks about his own college life (flashback plays in his mind). He feels sad and guilty about how others are self-destructing their lives and how is playing an important role in that act. But then he gets reminded about his girlfriend and consoles himself it’s a matter of few months after which his girlfriend will get cured and he will leave this dark business. \* (Possible mind voice quote)

**\*\*\*Rob’s mind voice:**

*“I was the one that dropped the ball” - (actual statement by a drug dealer). (It refers both to his girlfriend’s situation and the teens drug addiction here)*

*“It’s only a matter of few days, after she (his girlfriend) gets treated I will leave this dark business. Maybe if situation permits, I will help these kids to get back their normal lives.” \*\*\**

*\*He comes out of his thoughts and leaves the campus to go to hospital. \**

**SCENE 5**

**Characters involved:** Yokesh, Amritha, Krishna, Pratiksha

**Scene setting**: Car travelling in a highway

(Amritha in a very frustrated mood gets inside the car and sits in the front seat with Yokesh)

(She locks the car door with a full force)

Yokesh: “What happened Amritha ??you look very irritated!!!”

Amritha: “Nothing bro, it’s just that sometimes I feel our parents don’t even care for us.”

Yokesh: “Yeah, I know, we are not going home for vacations. Mom and dad are going to London for some International Conference.”

Amritha: “Always they are busy with work. Work! Work! Work!”

Yokesh:” You are right, they have no time for us.”

Amritha:” I have called mom ten times since the morning and she hasn’t bothered to pick up. I am just tired of this life.”

Yokesh: “You know what, my project has been rejected. My one year of hard work has gone waste. Sometimes, I get too much depressed due to these semester pressures and projects and I feel like going home for a break. But now it looks like there is no home.”

**\*Consumes drugs\***

Amritha: “I am so sorry to hear that, let’s try again next year. For now, relax. Let’s not spoil our weekend thinking of all this”

Yokesh: “Yeah, this Pondicherry trip is the only good thing happening this month, I guess.”

***\*Yokesh starts driving****\**

***\*Amritha reads a message from her phone\****

Amritha: “its Mom’s message. She is busy in some meeting it seems. She told she will call later. Work is more important than us. Please give me the candy canes you got.”

***\*Grabs the candy cane packet from Yokesh in anger\****

***\*Both of them consume drugs\****

Yokesh: “Want some beer?”

*\*sips from the beer bottle\**

Amritha: “Bro, stop drinking, you are driving!!!”

Yokesh: “Ahhh, come on, the road is empty, Just chill”

(Both of them consume alcohol)

Both: “CHEERS”

***\*Yokesh who is so drunk, falls drowsy on the steering\****

***\*Krishna and Pratiksha approach in the opposite direction\****

(Both Yokesh and Amritha fail to notice them)

***\*\*\* CRASH \*\*\****

**Scene 6:**

**Characters: Krishna, Pratiksha, rob, Aadarsh (Doctor, Police)**

***\*scene begins with Pratiksha phone ringing\****

*Before she could attend the call, she meets with an accident. Her phone slips over her hand and the call gets attended. A voice over the phone is heard – hello...do u hear me?!*

***\*a close up is shown to her mobile wallpaper featuring the event they took part a few days back \****

**\*\*\*Flashback\*\*\***

On Feb 4 world cancer day Pratiksha and Krishna organizes a massive cancer awareness program causing an awareness among the people about the cancer and the medications that could be taken for cancer

Krishna: \*on mike\* “The main objective of our campaign is to unite the world population for the cause of cancer. We try to bring awareness about the struggles of cancer and those who fight against it. “

Pratiksha: \*on mike\* “We aim to save millions from the cancer deaths by raising awareness on it and also to provide free medications to those suffering from cancer.”

*\*massive crowd gathers for the program shouting WE CAN I CAN!! \**

*\*on the next day the news about their cancer awareness program aired in news channels\**

They receive a call from chief minister’s office \*phone rings\*

Pratiksha: “Hello ?! may I know who is on the line ?!”

Over the phone: “Hello ?! we are calling from chief minister’s office. Your sincere efforts for a noble cause are highly appreciated and we would like to donate a handsome amount of money for the development of your committee to higher level.”

*\*both delighted on hearing the news prepares themselves for receiving the donation from the office\**

*\*In hospital\* - rob pays the medication fee and gets to know Jayashree needs blood of AB- group.*

Aadarsh: Jayashree is in a very critical position !! she needs ab- group blood immediately for the surgery to take place.

Rob: “Oh Doctor!! Piz save Jayashree !!” \*cries\*

Aadarsh: “Check with the blood bank if any donor is available and arrange for blood immediately.”

Rob: “Sure doc!! Sure “

*\*runs to the blood bank - Finds out the only donor available at present. A message is sent to the donor from the blood bank to come immediately to the hospital. Rob gets Pratiksha’s phone number from the donor’s list where her picture was stuck in the corner of the page\**

\*Krishna and Pratiksha on their way to the office in bike\* - Krishna wearing a helmet.

Krishna: “Hey !! are you going to wear the helmet?!”

Pratiksha: “Nah. I don’t think so. it’s too heavy for me! I’m fine without it! “

*\*Pratiksha receives a message from the blood bank \**

Pratiksha: “Pull over Krishna!! I’ve received a message from blood bank “

Krishna: “What?! What happened ?! does anyone is in need of blood?”

Pratiksha: “Yes !! it’s an emergency case. Let us go to the hospital first. We’ll collect the donation later. “

Krishna: “Ok!! Let’s go.”

Both speeds up in ECR

Rob dials Pratiksha to know where she was

Pratiksha before attending the call gets crashed by a car

***\*crash scene with 4 ppl lying all over\* - all 4 are taken to hospital\****

Rob on the other hand keeps dialling Pratiksha !! but gets disappointed on no response

*\*He raises his head slowly and looks at the television at the corner of the room. A flash news appears broadcasting the crash with pictures of 2 ppl injured in the accident and 2 gals who are dead featuring Pratiksha who was the donor and Yokesh to whom he sold the drugs. \**

*\*Aadarsh (police) Gives interview about the accident and describes how it took place \**

\*Rob gets devastated on knowing he killed 3 lives falls down on his knees mourning\*

**SCENE:7**

**Characters:** Rob, Yokesh, Krishna

*Setting: A rainy morning in the graveyard*

\*The scene starts by fading into the rainy graveyard again. \*

Rob hears Jayashree’s voice saying her last words “DONT FORGET ME”. Rob falls to the ground on his knees and starts weeping. After some pause, he says “I WONT”.

\*Yokesh and Krishna lift Rob up. Krishna tells moving quotes to the both of them such as (“There as things in life we don’t want to happen, but have to accept; things we don’t want to know but have to learn and people we can’t live without, but have to let go”.) \*

*\*The 3 of the places their final tributes to their loved one look at the graves with utter silence for a while\**

Rob and Yokesh are ready to leave the graveyard and start moving. Krishna tells them he will be back in a minute and waits there.

***\*The camera is focused on Krishna’s hand when as he slowly opens his hands. Pratiksha’s ring is shown as Krishna looks at it with extreme pain and sorrow. Krishna tells a final goodbye and places the ring on the grave. \****

\*Emotional Music Plays in the background\*

He then walks towards Rob and Yokesh and joins them. The scene ends by slowly shifting the camera focus from the 3 guys to the ring.

*\*\*\*The title of the film THE ENDGAME is shown followed by the credits. \*\*\**

**\*\*\*THE END\*\*\***