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Zom 100: Bucket List of the Dead



Summary

Zom 100: Bucket List of the Dead is a 2023 Japanese live-action film directed by Yusuke Ishida, based on the manga by Haro Aso and Kotaro Takata. The story follows Akira Tendo, a 24-year-old office worker at ZLM who lives a repetitive and meaningless routine. But when a zombie apocalypse suddenly hits, instead of fearing it, Akira sees it as an opportunity to live freely. As a result, he decides to compile a list of 100 things he wishes to accomplish before transforming into a zombie. Together with his best friend Kencho and the smart and calm Shizuka, they embark on a fun and dangerous adventure with zombies in order to accomplish their made bucket list.

Quiz Answer

Part 1: Mise-en-scène (5 points)

1. Describe the costumes, props, and setting. What do they tell you about the story or time period?

- The characters of this movie wear a casual costume, they use different props like katana, baseball bat, car etc. to fight and survive from the zombie apocalypse.

2. What is the lighting like? How does it affect the mood?

- The lighting shifts between natural daylight during their adventures and turns dark, shadowy tones when they encounter zombies. By using this kind of lighting they reflect the changing mood in the different scenes in the movie.

3. How are the characters positioned in the frame? What does their body language suggest?

- The characters are positioned in a different spot within the frame to show their bonding and teamwork to survive in this zombie apocalypse. Their body language shows whether they are enjoying the moment or facing danger.

4. Are there any symbols or visual clues present? What might they represent?

- Their bucket list, because it represents their desire to keep their days enjoyable even during a zombie apocalypse

5. What kind of atmosphere or emotion does the scene give off?

- The scene often blends different emotions, such as fun, excitement, and suspense. Even though there is danger from the zombie and also when the characters are completing the item on their bucket list.

Part 2: Cinematography (5 points)

6. What type of shot is used (e.g., close-up, wide shot)? Why do you think that choice was made?

- In this movie they used a wide shot because they want to capture the full scope of their journey by showing both the characters and the zombie.

7. Describe the camera angle. How does it affect the viewer's perspective?

- They used a low and high angle to show the character, It affects the viewer's perspective by using different angles because it gives them different ways to see the characters and zombies.

8. What is emphasized through focus, framing, or composition?

- The focus and framing often emphasize the main characters and their emotions, especially during intense or meaningful moments. Sometimes the background is blurred to highlight the character's expression or action, showing what's most important in the scene.

9. How does the visual style (lighting, color, framing) shape the scene's meaning?

- It helps to show how the movie shifts between different scenes from the character.

10. Is the image symmetrical or balanced in a unique way? What effect does that have?

- Yes, some scenes use this unique symmetrical and balance to create a different visual effect that helps in making the movie.

Part 3: Editing (5 points)

11. Where do you think this moment falls in the story (beginning, middle, end)?

- I think in the middle because at this moment the characters are fully engaged in their bucket list journey and enjoying it during the zombie apocalypse.

12. What kind of pacing (fast, slow, steady) is suggested by the scene?

- Steady, because they want to show the enjoyable and meaningful moments of the characters journey.

13. Could this image be part of a montage, flashback, or dream? Why or why not?

- It could be part of a montage because it likely shows different fun activities quickly as they check off items on the bucket list.

14. What kind of transition might come before or after this image?

- They use a fast cut or a wipe transition to quickly move from one bucket list activity to another, keeping the montage energetic and lively.

15. How might editing shape the emotional flow or rhythm of this scene?

- Editing could create a fun, uplifting rhythm during their accomplishments but switch to a tense or dramatic flow when zombies appear.

Part 4: Sound (Inferred) (5 points)

16. What sounds would you expect to hear in this moment (dialogue, music, effects)?

- I would expect excited dialogue, upbeat music, sound effects like zombie growls, laughter, and maybe the sound of weapons or cars.

17. Would the sound be loud, quiet, or silent? How would that impact the scene?

- Mostly loud with energetic music and effects to match the excitement, but it could suddenly go quiet during a surprise zombie attack to increase suspense.

18. Would music be present? If so, what mood or style would fit?

- Yes, upbeat and energetic music would fit, matching the adventurous and rebellious mood of the characters.

19. Are the sounds likely diegetic (from the scene) or non-diegetic (added over)?

- Both, because they use diegetic sounds like zombie groans and car engines, and non-diegetic music would be added over to boost the emotional feeling of the character.

20. How would sound (or silence) change how we interpret this moment?

- They use a high-pitched sound when characters are excited, and they also use sudden silence to make us feel danger.

Part 5: Narrative & Theme (5 points)

21. What do you think is happening in the story at this moment?

- I think they are actively working their bucket list, enjoying rare moments of fun despite the dangers around them.

22. What do the characters' actions or expressions reveal about their emotions or goals?

- Their smiles, excitement, and teamwork show that their goal is to live fully and create joyful memories before it's too late.

23. What the mes or big ideas are hinted at in this image?

- Themes like living life to the fullest, friendship, freedom, and making the most of the present moment are highlighted.

24. Does the image reflect the film's genre or style? How?

- Yes, it reflects the zombie comedy-adventure style by mixing horror elements with fun and hopeful moments.

25. What do you think will happen right after this moment?

- I think they will encounter an even weirder or stronger zombie that they will have to fight in order to survive, and at the same time, they will add more new goals to their bucket list.