

INT. DORM ROOM - LATE AFTERNOON

Close up on text being typed. Student is sitting at his desk looking frustrated. Library books are piled around him. He repeatedly types and then erases. His ROOMMATE turns the key, opens the door, and enters the room. The ROOMMATE slings his backpack on the bed and starts gathering up gym clothes.

ROOMMATE

(stretching)

Welp, I'm done for the day. Want to hit the gym before it fills up?

STUDENT looks up from his computer, wide eyed, and then resumes typing.

ROOMMATE (CONT'D)

(whiny)

Don't tell me, ... you mean you're *still* working on that paper? You've had *two* weeks!

STUDENT

(groans)

ROOMMATE

Page?

STUDENT

(looks up and half smiles)

Two.

ROOMMATE

I warned you... I started on time *last* semester.

(pulls hands to chest)

"A minus" right here. No joke.

STUDENT

Well, I doubt I'd get that from Dr. Martin... even if I got it in on time. She's pretty picky.

ROOMMATE

("too bad")

Dr. Lee was great.

STUDENT

Yeah, but because Lee's an easy grader. It's not that Martin's mean, she's not too bad, but just...

ROOMMATE finishes packing and walks toward the door.

STUDENT (CONT'D)
Hey, wait! You've got to help me
out with this.

ROOMMATE
(finishes grabbing gym
stuff.)
Just give it up.
(raising gym bag in the
air)
Come spot me.

STUDENT
(chuckling)
Huh? Yeah, really. Not helping, you
know.

ROOMMATE
Not my fault you're stuck here.

STUDENT
You think she'd give me an
extension?

ROOMMATE sits down.

ROOMMATE
You could always just do the ol'
copy-and-paste. Or just head over
to custom-ess... I think it's,
well, something-essays.com

STUDENT
Wait, are those sites even real?

ROOMMATE
(laughs)
You know James from my work?

STUDENT
Yeah.

ROOMMATE
(shrugging)
Apparently 49 bucks buys you a B+.
Or there's always my A-.
(a smile forms)
Spot me and I won't charge ya.
That's a 100% discount, man.
"Guaranteed or your money back."

ROOMMATE gets a text message.

ROOMMATE (CONT'D)
 Okay Rick's waiting for us. You
 coming?

OPTIONS APPEAR

Option 1: Student uses roommate's paper from previous semester

CONTINUOUS

STUDENT
 (slightly flustered)
 Well, okay. I'll go with you..., as
 long as you're sure you still got
 that paper.

ROOMMATE
 (rolls eyes)
 Yeah, I'm sure. I'll give it to you
 as soon as we get back. Come on,
 let's go.

STUDENT gets things together, leaves room with ROOMMATE.

FADE TO BLACK.

INT. DORM ROOM - NEXT WEEK - AFTERNOON -

ROOMMATE is in room reading a book when the door opens and
 STUDENT walks and sets his stuff down. STUDENT sits down at
 his desk, opens computer, and checks e-mail.

STUDENT
 (groans in discontent.
 Speaks sarcastically)
 ...Great

ROOMMATE
 (looking up from book,
 only slightly concerned
 and half-interested)
 What's up?

STUDENT

(reluctantly answers)

I got an e-mail from Dr. Martin about the paper from last week.

ROOMMATE

Yeah, and? Does it talk about how great a writer you are? (chuckles)

STUDENT

Well, not really (sighs). It says "I really enjoyed reading your paper, and so did Dr. Lee. See me after class tomorrow."

ROOMMATE

(concerned)

That doesn't sound good. At all.

STUDENT

Tell me about it.

STUDENT sits at desk looking slightly upset and nervous.

FADE OUT.

Option 2: Purchase a paper online

CONTINUOUS

STUDENT

(thinking)

So, where did James get that paper again?

ROOMMATE

I donno. I'll text him.

STUDENT

(slightly skeptical)

And you're sure the site's legit?

ROOMMATE

Obviously... it got him a B+.

STUDENT sits at desk slightly unsure, glances back at his computer screen.

ROOMMATE (CONT'D)
Come on, let's go. Worry about that when we get back.

STUDENT gets things together, leaves room with ROOMMATE.

FADE TO BLACK.

INT. DORM ROOM - NEXT WEEK - AFTERNOON

REPEAT OPTION 1: FROM BEGINNING OF "DORM ROOM - NEXT WEEK" TO END OF ROOMMATE "YEAH, AND?" LINE.

STUDENT
Well, not really (sighs). It says "I enjoyed reading your paper, but probably not as much as what you paid for it. I've seen this one before so it would've been an easy one to grade, if I were going to give it anything other than an F. See me after class tomorrow."

ROOMMATE
(concerned but witty)
That doesn't sound good. Maybe you shoulda spent some more money on it.

STUDENT
(annoyed)
Hey, this isn't funny, alright?

STUDENT sits at desk looking slightly upset and nervous.

FADE OUT.

Option 3: Copy and paste from a website

CONTINUOUS

STUDENT
 (slightly hesitant)
 Well, okay, I'll go. I'll just copy
 something off a website. I'm sure
 no one would know.

ROOMMATE
 Well, do that later. Come on, let's
 go.

STUDENT gets things together, leaves room with ROOMMATE.

FADE TO BLACK.

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REPEAT OPTION 1: FROM BEGINNING OF "DORM ROOM - NEXT WEEK" TO
 END OF ROOMMATE "YEAH, AND?" LINE.

STUDENT
 Well, not really (sighs). She says
 "Your paper was good. But how long
 have you been a news reporter? I
 read this same paper last month,
online. See me after class
 tomorrow."

ROOMMATE
 (concerned)
 That doesn't sound good.

STUDENT
 (annoyed)
 There's no way I'm gonna pass the
 class now...

STUDENT sits at desk looking slightly upset and nervous.

FADE OUT.

Option 4: Ask for an extension

CONTINUOUS

STUDENT

(speaking slowly, as if in
thought)

You know what, just go without me.
I'm gonna ask for an extension. I
can at least get *some* of this done
before you get back.

ROOMMATE

(a little surprised by
STUDENT'S response, and
sarcastic)

Well, all right. Good luck with
that!

ROOMMATE leaves the room. STUDENT turns back to computer,
looking nervous, and begins typing, then backspacing, and
leafing through book.

FADE TO BLACK.

INT. DORM ROOM - LATER

ROOMMATE opens door to find STUDENT still struggling with
typing, little progress had been made. STUDENT acknowledges
ROOMMATE but all attention is on the computer screen.
ROOMMATE sits down in desk chair.

ROOMMATE

(interested)

So, how's it goin'?

STUDENT

(stressed)

Well, it's goin', but not very
well. I haven't really gotten much
done. This is gonna take forever.

ROOMMATE

Hear back from Dr. Martin about
that extension?

STUDENT

(surprised)

Oh, right! I haven't even been
checking!

STUDENT quickly gets on e-mail.

STUDENT (CONT'D)
 Yep, got one back!

STUDENT opens e-mail from professor and reads it.

STUDENT (CONT'D)
 (visibly upset and stressed)
 Great, just great.

ROOMMATE
 (on his own computer, half-
 interested)
 What is it? What's it say?

STUDENT
 I can't have an extension. She said
 since I've had two weeks it
 wouldn't be fair to the rest of the
 class.

ROOMMATE turns around to STUDENT

ROOMMATE
 (acting witty)
 Well... I mean, it *has* been two
 weeks...

STUDENT
 (flustered)
 Yeah, so? That doesn't matter now.
 I've hardly gotten anything done
 and it'll take an all-nighter just
 to get enough pages, let alone a
 paper good enough to pass this
 class.

ROOMMATE
 So, what're you gonna do about it?

OPTIONS APPEAR

Repeat Options 1, 2, and 3 in addition to:

Option 5 (4th one): Write a sub-par paper

CONTINUOUS

STUDENT

I'm just gonna have to work on it.
It's not gonna be perfect, but, at
least I'll have *something* to show,
I guess...

ROOMMATE

You sure? You don't wanna get the
paper from somewhere else? It'll be
a lot easier, and besides, you
could probably use the sleep after
last weekend.

STUDENT

(in thought)
Well...

OPTIONS APPEAR

Repeat Options 1, 2, and 3 in addition to:
Option 5 (4th one): Write a sub-par paper

CONTINUOUS

STUDENT

I'm just gonna do it myself. I
don't want to risk anything. I'll
at least get *some* grade for it.

ROOMMATE

Hey, it's your choice.
(looks at clock)

ROOMMATE (CONT'D)

I'm gonna get some sleep. Keep
workin on that paper, don't worry
about me. Just, don't be too loud,
alright?

STUDENT

(sounds exhausted)
Sure thing.

Show STUDENT later that night, working on paper in dark room
with desk lamp on, with ROOMMATE sleeping.

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STUDENT
(speaking to self)
Hmm, not bad.

ROOMMATE
(curious)
What's not bad?

STUDENT
(speaking up)
My grade. Dr. Martin e-mailed me
about my paper from last week.

ROOMMATE
And?

STUDENT
Well, I got a C. She said it was
good, but it was kinda obvious I
didn't spend enough time working on
it (chuckles). But she said I'll be
able to pass the class with that
grade, as long as I don't do too bad
the rest of the term.

ROOMMATE
See? I told you hard work would pay
off (chuckles).

STUDENT
(sarcastically)
Yeah, sure.

STUDENT sits at desk, clearly happy with the situation. Shuts computer and turns around to watch TV.

FADE OUT.

WRONG CHOICE after asking for an extension

STUDENT is facing computer, then looking at ground, clearly struggling with internal conflict over choice.

STUDENT (CONT'D)
(sighs) I'll just (*action here- USE
YOUR PAPER, BUY A PAPER, COPY STUFF
FROM A WEBSITE*). I just want to get
it over with and get some sleep.

ROOMMATE
It'll work out fine, trust me.
Don't worry about it.

STUDENT turns back to computer, closes some books

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REPEAT RESULTS FROM FIRST THREE OPTIONS