

NOTE: This class focuses on format, not content. As such, this scene may not make much sense in terms of content, but this is what this scene would look like if it was perfectly formatted.

1 FADE IN:

2 EXT. PIZZA PARLOR (NEW YORK) - DAY

3 MEAN THUG, 20, street-savvy scavenger, sneaks up to a metal bucket of money on the sidewalk. Behind the bucket, a

HOMELESS GIRL, 16, dirt smudged across her face, wipes crumbs off her ripped sweater.

Mean Thug steals her bucket.

A Street Boy in filthy clothes, pees on the Pizza Parlor's window. He laughs.

4 FANCY GUY, 30, tattooed arms with needle marks, struts up in a classy suit. He strokes his gold tie.

He flops down next to Homeless Girl. She frowns at his green socks.

Fancy Guy snatches the stale sandwich from her hand -- bites it. He tears off a piece. Gives it to Mean Thug.

5 Mean Thug punches Fancy Guy in the mouth. Squashes the sandwich all over his face.

Fancy Guy spits out the sandwich into Homeless Girl's bucket.

Homeless Girl pounds on the Pizza Parlor window.

6 HOMELESS GIRL

7 (shouting)

8 Police! Help! He stole my sandwich
and spit in my bucket! Arrest him!

9 THROUGH THE WINDOW

PIZZA MAN, 30, twirls pizza dough. Hurls dough at the window.

Customers with pizza slices hanging from their mouths gasp.

STREET

10 The Pizza Parlor door opens. Pizza Man hands a pizza slice to Homeless Girl.

PIZZA MAN

You can't live in front of my
store! Go home!

HOMELESS GIRL
It's a free country!

Mean Thug eyes Homeless Girl's bucket.

11 MEMORY FLASH

Mean Thug writes on a long list taped to the refrigerator:
"SKY DIVE ON A MOTORCYCLE AND LAND ON A BRIDGE OVER WATER."

12 Mean Thug turns on a radio. A 1960's iconic ballad plays.

BACK TO STREET

Mean Thug gives the bucket to Homeless Girl.

MEAN THUG
I'm sorry Fancy Guy puked in your
bucket. Do you ride motorcycles?

Homeless Girl hangs the bucket on her arm. Covers it with her
sweater.

EXT. MEAN THUG'S APARTMENT BUILDING - ROOFTOP - NIGHT

13 Mean Thug and Homeless Girl look over the ledge at the
street.

Her face glows in the moonlight.

MEAN THUG
Let's play Amazing Race and see how
fast we can run from the roof to
the street!

14 INT. MEAN THUG'S APARTMENT BUILDING - 5TH FLOOR STAIRWELL

15 Homeless Girl's bucket swings on her arm. Mean Thug pulls her
other hand. They run down four flights of stairs to the

LOBBY

And dash to the

MAIL BOXES

He takes out his mail.

They bolt down the stairs to

MEAN THUG'S BASEMENT APARTMENT

Homeless Girl goes to the

KITCHEN

And gets a beer from the refrigerator. She stumbles into the

BATHROOM

And ogles the spotless sink.

HOMELESS GIRL

Shit!

She runs into the

BEDROOM

Gasps at the queen-size bed with lacy pillows. She trudges to

LIVING ROOM

Tiptoes to shiny end table. Swipes her finger -- clean.

She riffles through the coins in her bucket.

Mean Thug hovers behind her. Wraps his arms around her.

HOMELESS GIRL

Nice digs!

16 She drops her bucket.

EXT. STREET - LATER

17 Mean Thug takes his glittery cellphone from his pocket. Dials the number.

Homeless Girl's cellphone plays an opera aria ringtone. She answers.

HOMELESS GIRL

(into phone)

You're a fake. You're not homeless!

MEAN THUG
(on phone)
I like you, Sweetie!

HOMELESS GIRL
(into phone)
Now you're scarin' me.

She throws her cellphone at Mean Thug -- jumps on a parked motorcycle -- zooms off down the street.

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NARRATOR (V.O.)
And that was the last time he saw
Homeless Girl.

He watches her disappear. Grabs his head. Moans.

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INT. MEAN THUG'S CHILDHOOD HOUSE - DAY (FLASHBACK)

YOUNG MEAN THUG, 5, plays tag with

YOUNG GIRLFRIEND, 6, wearing pinafore over Batman T-shirt.

EXT. PIZZA PARLOR - LATER

Mean Thug paces. Looks down the street.

A Lady surrounded by stuffed bags slumps against the window.

Mean Thug drops coins into the Lady's cup.

MINUTES LATER

Mean Thug hands the Lady a pizza slice.

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FADE OUT.

THE END