

# IT'S CONTAGIOUS - BRAINSTORM

## PITCH:

When forced to quarantine for 14 days, this introverted gal has to (get her life together...?) or she will go insane.

## PLOT BRAINSTORM:

- So basically, this gal has to quarantine for 14 days because she was a close contact
- But for whatever reason (maybe cause of spring break), she won't be seeing her Pam for a month. (at least, I don't think 2 weeks of isolation is enough to make someone insane
  - What if...Someone else in the house got COVID, ooooh

## SCENE BRAINSTORM: (not in particular order)

- Going insane montage (ending credits)
- Convo with Pam; establish:
  - Quarantining for 14 days
  - No friends, except of this one
  - No need to do zoom class
  - Quarantine goes directly into spring break
  - Gal believes she'll be fine
  - Neighbors party a lot
- Loses contact with Pam
  - Why though?
    - Got into an argument?
    - Em... plot idea: promised to go on a road trip or sth, gal ended up not going (cause quarantine got extended?), Pam goes with someone else.
    - Ooooooh... Pam's work shift increases
    - Pam goes on family road trip
- Pam sees window covered with paper, calls gal
- Food being delivered to her door (reinforce the no-social-interaction part)
- Food being delivered to her door pt. 2 (hears the knock, opens the door in hopes of seeing someone)
- Gal sits in front of the insanity wall → phone rings
- Reading the book "No Man Is an Island" by John Donne on laptop
- Hallucinating party in the other house, turns out there is no party
  - Hears muffled sounds, open window, silence
- Calls Pam, Pam doesn't pick up
  - Leaves voicemail / message
- Watching freaky movie → keeps looking at her door
- Mirror shot: gal talks to herself in the mirror... or not talk → starts her first piece of paper

## PLOT OUTLINE:

- Status Quo
  - Gal is a loner with only one friend
  - Um... arguing parents?
- Inciting Incident
  - Gal is a close contact of a COVID patient
  - Needs to quarantine for 14 days
- Rising Action
  - Daily life of being quarantined
  - Someone gets COVID... again.
  - Gal shows subtle signs of going insane
- Climax
  - (Something happens to Gal and Pam)
  - Gal loses all means of social interaction
- Falling Action
  - Gal's insanity becomes prominent
- Resolution
  - Gal goes insane. Insane wall.

## SCENES IN ORDER (MOSTLY):

- Convo with Pam, establish
  - Quarantining for 14 days
  - No friends, except for Pam
  - No need to do zoom class because she just has to finish the homework and take virtual notes
  - Quarantine goes directly into spring break
  - Gal believes she'll be fine
- Life in quarantine... montage... thingy (List things below, not in order)
  - Arguing parents → wearing headphones, listens to instrumental of "Are You Lonesome Tonight" (Day 1)
  - Writes schedule (/to-do list) and sticks it on wall (Day 1)
    - Amount of paper increase as days go by (cause there are more schedules)
  - Working on computer → don't wanna work on computer (Day 1)
    - VO of Pam and Gal cancelling movie and Gal saying that she can't watch scary movies without Pam
  - → Watching netflix or sth
  - Reading
  - Food being delivered to her door (shouts to leave it at the door)
- Convo with Pam

- Plans for spring break (on text)
  - Gal asks what Pam is doing, Pam is packing her clothes because her family is going on a road trip. Gal asks where they're going but Pam does not respond
- Neighbor parties too loud, Gal closes window

#### Montage Day by Day

- Show passing of time through amount of stickies / paper on wall
- Make her less and less excited as the days go by
- ELEMENTS OF "COMPARISON" (in no particular order):
  - Arguing parents
  - Loss of friend
  - Food at her door
  - Partying neighbors
  - Watching movie
  - Scheduling her day+ Counting days
  - Working

#### Day 1)

- Convo with Pam + establish situation starting quarantine for two weeks
- Arguing parents → Headphones ("Are You Lonesome Tonight" Instrumental)
- Scheduling her day with stickies on the wall
- Working on her laptop + chores
- Food at her door (shouts to leave it at door) grabs food enthusiastically

#### Day 2)

- Scheduling her day with more stickies on the wall
- Her and Pam have a movie call
- Neighbor parties too loud, Gal closes window

#### Day 7)

- Count day on paper + Schedule (= "sleep")
- Sits up from her bed but is really tired and doesn't want to move
- Calls Pam but Pam doesn't answer
- Texts Pam and Pam talk about spring break and camping trip, doesn't reply to Gal's question
- Food delivered to her door, not so enthusiastic
- Night time, the neighbors are loud again but she keeps the windows open

#### Day 13)

- Working on laptop

- We can see that there has been a major buildup of papers on the wall
- Writes more notes (Show "Day [scratched out]")
- Parents arguing
- Pam and Gal on the phone and Gal tells Pam that she has to quarantine for spring break.
- Goes to the window and opens it to try and listen to outside noises but she doesn't hear anything and closes it again

Day ?)

- Watches scary movie and gets freaked out so she calls Pam but no one answers
- She shuts off movie and then hallucinating
- She "hears" the party and throws opens the window, but there is no sound
- She hears her parents arguing and she decides to listen (opens her door a little?)

Day ???)

- She gets frustrated when Pam is not picking up after calling a few times
- Falls onto the bed in frustration, idk takes a nap
- Wakes up groggy and hears a knock
- Food is put on the ground and Gal rushes to the door to meet the person but they're gone
- Hearing whispers and tries to find out where the sound is coming from, it's coming from her phone
- Gal throws the phone against the wall with frustration
- She starts writing frantically on papers
  - One of them is no man is an island
- Jump cuts of her writing on papers and putting them up on the wall
- Steps back and we see the wall fully covered

Next Day)

- Pam walks outside of Gal's house and sees the window covered with messages and calls Gal

End Credits)

- Gal is sitting on the chair in front of the wall looking CRAZY and the phone is ringing
- Gal looks to the side... fade to black
- Close shot of phone, hand picks up phone, blackout
- "...Hello?"