

Scene: Confrontation (Drama)

Context: In the final scene of this episode, Clementine, a teenager and the game's protagonist, confronts Marlon, the leader of a community of teenagers. Marlon murdered a girl named Brody and traded two others, Sophie and Minerva, to raiders. The net closes around Marlon as Clementine exposes his sins. This writing sample treats the scene as linear, bypassing dialogue and combat. A full version of the scene as it appears in-game is available on my website.

The kids are gathered around Marlon and Clementine. Marlon has his pistol trained on Clementine while the others look on in horror and confusion. Marlon senses the crowd turning against him and looks around, appealing to his friends.

MARLON

You don't get it.

MARLON

You- you don't understand at all, do you? I'm trying to protect you!

He begins to pace and gestures wildly with his gun. The kids flinch back, throwing up their hands in futile defense.

MARLON

All of you! Every fuckin' one of you!

Clementine steps forward, drawing his attention.

CLEMENTINE

He's lying to you. He can't -- or won't -- protect you. Look at what happened to Brody. To Sophie, Minerva.

Marlon clasps the gun with both hands and points it at Clementine as the situation spirals out of his control.

CLEMENTINE

You suck at protection!

MARLON

Shut your fucking mouth!

MARLON

I made the right call. I saved the lives of everyone in this fucking school! If they came back... I'd do it again!

The others leap on this— Marlon has finally confirmed the case Clementine has been building against him.

RUBY

Excuse me?

AASIM

I didn't realize we were so fucking expendable!

Tenn, younger brother to Sophie and Minerva,
steps forward.

TENN

You told me they died!

MARLON

I had to save the rest of you, okay?

TENN

You gave my sisters away!

His voice breaks as he struggles not to cry.

TENN

Why would you do something like that?

CLEMENTINE

Easy. Because he's a coward.

Marlon looks at Clementine, then back at Tenn.
He finally begins to believe Clementine. He
lowers the gun, almost subconsciously, as he
tries to explain to Tenn—

MARLON

I wanted to get them. Stage some kind of rescue. Honest, Tenn. I just couldn't. I was... I
was too afraid.

TENN

And you killed Brody because she knew?

Marlon nods weakly. His voice is choked with
unshed tears.

MARLON

I didn't mean to. I didn't want this. I wanted to save all of you. Sophie, Minerva.

CLEMENTINE

You're pathetic.

Marlon clutches his pistol... then lets it fall to
the ground. He draws in a deep breath and
slowly releases it.

MARLON

I know. Always was.

Louis, his best friend, steps forward.

LOUIS

That isn't true.

MARLON

No, Louis, it is. You were just the only one who couldn't see it.

Marlon turns to the crowd— his friends, the people he betrayed. He sees that he's lost them, and his heart breaks.

MARLON

I know I betrayed you. All of you.

MARLON

Just let me leave. You'll never have to see me again.

Clementine scowls.

CLEMENTINE

Fine—

BANG! Blood spurts from Marlon's head, and he collapses forward onto Clementine. She barely manages to catch him in her arms and lower him to the ground. She turns in horror to see AJ, holding the gun Marlon dropped. The other kids gather around their friend's corpse and slowly look at the little boy.

AJ

What?

He looks to Clementine, genuinely confused. He followed the advice she gave him at the beginning of this episode—

AJ

I aimed for the head.

END OF EPISODE