SIX DAYS UNTIL DEADLINE

Me: Ok, everybody. You’ve been working on this final paper for a week now. Remember when it’s due. When is it due?

Class: Tuesday.

Me: Right. So we have six days to tackle any issues before then. Before when, again?

Class (in dulled unison): Tuesday.

Me: That’s right. Remember what I said before. I will absolutely not be accepting any papers after Tuesday. I won’t even be on campus on after Tuesday. Or checking voicemail. Or email. You really need to turn your paper in by Tuesday, because otherwise you’ll get a zero on it. Ok? Guys? Tuesday?

Class: Tuesday. Yes.
FIVE DAYS UNTIL DEADLINE

Me: Guys, I'm a little concerned. You've had this assignment sheet for over a week, but it doesn't seem like many of you have even chosen your topics yet. We really need to get going on this because the final paper is due... (whirls around to face them quickly, finger guns pointed) WHEN???

Class: Tuesday.

Me (relaxing): That's right Tuesday. That's soon. So if you haven't picked your topic yet, it's time to make it happen. Let me know if you need help. Before Tuesday.

FOUR DAYS UNTIL DEADLINE

Me: Ok, you guys. Listen. I'm not sensing that you've done a lot of work on this final paper yet, and we're getting close to the deadline. Which is when again?

Class: Tuesday.

Me: Let me explain exactly what will happen on Tuesday. At noon on Tuesday, I'm going to take all the papers I've been given, and I'm going to put them in my bag and I'm going to take them home. I will not be coming back here for any late papers. I will vanish. Disappear. Did you ever see the movie *The Usual Suspects*?

Class (bored): Yes.

Me: Remember Keyzer Soze?

Class: Yes.

Me: Remember how in the end, Keyser Soze vanishes without a trace as if he never existed?

Class: Yes.

Me: That's going to be me. After Tuesday, I'm going to Keyser Soze myself right outta here with all the papers I've received, into thin air. So if you miss this deadline and try to turn your paper in late, you'll be out of luck because I won't be here to hear any excuses or stories. And then you'll get a zero on the assignment that's worth a big part of your final grade. Does everybody understand what's happening?

Class: Yessssss.


THREE DAYS UNTIL DEADLINE

Me (pacing back and forth at the front of the classroom): Everyone, we have three days. I just want to make sure you're using your time wisely and that you know how much time you have left. Ashley, when is this paper due?

Ashley: Tuesday.

Me: Right. Tyler? When is this paper due?

Tyler: Tuesday.

Me: Hey Donald, you're going to have this paper done by Wednesday, right? Since it's due on Wednesday?

Donald (not amused): It's due Tuesday.

Me: HA! Good job, Donald. That was a test, and you passed. Scott, Marcus, Stephanie, Rena? When is this paper due because I forget????

Scott, Marcus, Stephanie and Rena: Tuesday.

Me: That's correct. Because Tommy, what happens after Tuesday?

Tommy: Keyser Soze.
Me: EXACTLY.

TWO DAYS UNTIL DEADLINE

Me: Tuesday Tuesday Tuesday Tuesday Tuesday Tuesday Tuesday Tuesday Tuesday Tuesday Tuesday Tuesday Tuesday Tuesday Tuesday Tuesday Tuesday.

Class: Stop saying “Tuesday.”

Me: I will stop saying “Tuesday.” After Tuesday.

ONE DAY UNTIL DEADLINE

Me: Ok. This is it. I don’t know how much progress you’ve made on your final paper, but this is college, and you are adults, and it’s up to you how to get this paper done. I don’t quite feel that everybody has been spending much time on this, but as long as you turn something in tomorrow, everything’s fine. Because tomorrow is Tuesday. So just... please. (soft teacher-weeping) Please don’t forget that this paper is due Tuesday. That’s all I ask.

TUESDAY

Me: Please pass your final papers forward.

Student in back (raising hand): Wait -- isn’t the paper due Thursday?

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HAHAHAHA!!! Those kids! To think you gave them all those warnings &...

CRAP! I just remembered have my part on a group paper that's due next Wednesday & I was supposed to start it already. I'll just catch on a few more blogs first...

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Devon Mum May 9, 2014 at 1:59 AM
But Sir! I'll have it done tomorrow! Promise!

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I'm just surprised they've all seen The Usual Suspects

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Antares Cryptos May 11, 2014 at 10:35 AM
I thought you meant next Tuesday. Still working on my paper on the symbolism of Kayser Soze. What class is this?

*adults* Hahahahaha

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Dave May 12, 2014 at 11:54 AM
It was Tommy that said that, wasn't it? That kid...grrr...

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The Unemployed Diva May 15, 2014 at 6:49 AM
A woman I work with always looks to me and says, "When I see someone doing something terribly stupid I don't feel bad for me. I feel bad for you because these are the people who are going to be voting for your leaders and politicians when you're my age." I wonder if I should start rocking gently in a corner now or wait until after I've had my afternoon gin and tonic to dull my senses.

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