Scene Setup & Checklist

For any scenes that need additonal brainstorming or are giving you trouble, here's a large version of the scene setup card along with a checklist to help ensure that all the dots connect.

Scene Title or Number:

Point of view character:

_____

Inciting incident for this specific scene:

_____

Character GOAL:

_____

CONFLICT or obstacles:

_____

Strategies to overcome obstacles:

_____

RESULT that leads to the next scene:

_____

Narrative Drive Checklist
For this scene, have you effectively communicated:

☐ **What the protagonist wants?** *(The goal)* _____

☐ **Why they want it?** *(The motivation)* _____

☐ **What's in their way of getting it?** *(The conflict)* _____

☐ **What happens if they fail?** *(The stakes)* _____

☐ **What goes wrong?** *(The complication)* _____

☐ **How this scene causes the next scene to happen?** _____

☐ **What in this scene matters moving forward?** _____

☐ **What readers will wonder about? (clues / hints)** _____

Congratulations on finishing this section!
Get some feedback on your latest scene through your critique group or RC1's Peer Critique Forum. Revise what's not working. Expand on what you love. Keep using the XYZ method to ensure that each and every scene connects.