ABSTRACT

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The purpose of this thesis is to provide research, supporting paperwork, and production photographs that document the scenic design for the University of Maryland-College Park, Department of Theatre's Gilgamesh. This thesis contains the following: research images collected to develop and visually communicate ideas about color, texture, scale, and mood to the production team; preliminary sketches and photographs of the ¼” scale model, visual tools used to convey the idea of the scenic design; a full set of drafting plates and paint elevations used to communicate the look of each scenic element to the technical director and paint charge; a unit list providing detailed information about each element of the scenic design; a props list detailing each prop used in the production; and props / paint research images, used to visually supports the information in the unit and props list. Archival production photographs are included as documentation of the completed design.
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Chapter 1: The Pre-Production Design Process

1.1: Design Concept Statement

I approached the development of the scenic design for Izumi Ashizawa's *Gilgamesh* with the intention of creating a world that reflected the journey of discovery that links three of the play’s focal characters; Contemporary Soldier, George Smith, and Gilgamesh. These characters represent a fusion of ideas that are simultaneously opposite and alike. This play on the fusion of opposites surfaces repeatedly throughout the show: antiquity and modernity, male and female, real and mythological, etc. My focus was to create a visual world that bridged these ideas. I wanted to use the idea of discovery itself to inform the design of the set and, in particular, how it was used. Thinking about the idea of discovery led me to the visual intrigue of how people and/or objects rise and fall into the space. This opened up a world of possibility to suggest entrances and exits, suspension, and optical illusion. It also meant that I could explore blurring the lines of space and time, suggesting a transformed world in which all three of the focal characters coexist in one world simultaneously.

My approach to the scenic design eventually came to center around the idea that the set I was creating represented a crack in the earth where the worlds of the play’s three focal characters converge. This crack alters space and time, allowing bridges to connect, linking their worlds. Each character passes through this fractured intersection point on their own, often dangerous, journey of discovery. It is, simultaneously, symbolic of the place where life meets death for
human beings. As Gilgamesh learns to accept his fate as a human and overcomes his weakness, he is able to immortalize himself through heroic deeds and culture, rather than immortality itself.

Every element of the scenic design for Gilgamesh contributed to the overall vision of the story being told. The shape and placement of the audience seating became representative of the continuation of the broken tablet, which the story of Gilgamesh was first discovered on. It also recalled the idea of George Smith's own excavation site. The walls surrounding and enveloping the space recalled the fusion of water and sand, as well as life and death throughout the story. Contained within this surround was George Smith's own above space, where he was able to scientifically observe and narrate, as if he were looking down upon his own excavation site. Like the audience seating, the tiered, earthy deck and accompanying hanamichi bridge became evocative of the broken tablet, relating the story of Gilgamesh, as well as cracked earth, dry soil, and the nineteenth century excavation site. The holes and cracked texture present throughout the set, primarily served as entrances and exits for beings coming and going from the mythological world of the play. The most visually dominant piece of the set, the wall sculpture, developed into a representation of the journey and path that Gilgamesh goes on, recalling specifically the Wall of Uruk and the cuneiform reed wedges that form the text on the original broken Gilgamesh tablet. Ultimately, it was my goal that these elements, combined, bridged and supported the story of Gilgamesh's epic journey as he gaining immortality by accepting his own mortality.
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<td><strong>Prologue</strong></td>
<td>A modern US military soldier appears. He is delusional and breathing roughly. Contemporary bombs, missiles, etc. explode around him. He passes out and sinks into the earth. An archaeologist begins to appear.</td>
<td>* Smith under the deck * Sand pouring on Soldier from above</td>
<td>* Sand * Sinking * Charting</td>
<td>* Mound of Sand – characters appear unexpectedly * Baby-Head Masks</td>
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<td><strong>Part I - Scene 1</strong></td>
<td>Severe desert air. A delusional archaeologist hears echoing female voices. An enormous bird lands, leaving footprints in the sand. As the archaeologist begins to dig where the bird was, female arms shoot out from the sand, producing a clay tablet containing cuneiform characters.</td>
<td>* Bird enters from sand * Smith enters from sand *Arms / Tablet appear from sand</td>
<td>* Time * Discovery * Nature * Masculinity vs. Femininity</td>
<td>* Clay Tablet - illuminates * Footprints in the sand * Digging</td>
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<td><strong>Dune of Uruk</strong></td>
<td>George Smith is studying a clay tablet at his desk when it begins to shake, as if in an earthquake. He gasps as he discovers the truth.</td>
<td>* Raise the desk from the sand?</td>
<td>* Discovery</td>
<td>* Desk – sinking under the sand, shakes</td>
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<td><strong>Part I - Scene 2</strong></td>
<td>George Smith announces his theory that the Bible's account of the deluge is a Hebrew adaptation of an age-old Babylonian story. His audience boos and hisses at him. Smith sinks into the sand, entering the world of mythology. As he &quot;disappears&quot; the auditorium transforms into the ancient City of Uruk.</td>
<td>* Victorian &quot;audience&quot; enters the space * Smith sinks under the sand – need a quick path to his above space * Gilgamesh appears from the wedges – a grand entrance</td>
<td>* Mythological Time</td>
<td>* Shower of Falling Sand</td>
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<td><strong>Blasphemy? Lecture Hall</strong></td>
<td>As Smith narrates, the monumental Wall of Uruk appears. King Gilgamesh emerges from the wall's enormous gate. The upper half of a mother's body emerges from the earth. Her disconnected legs emerge. She &quot;gives birth&quot;. A soldier appears as Gilgamesh steals the baby from her. The soldier places a baby mask on the wall. Mothers and soldiers continue to appear. After completing this cycle several times, the soldiers disappear. As Gilgamesh's obsession to control continues, the sacrificial wall is completed and the mothers disappear. The gods hear their lament.</td>
<td>* Mothers appear from the sand * Soldiers all appear from one sand hole * Soldiers climb to attach baby heads to wall * Soldiers roll and disappear into sand * Baby Heads – attach to wall, but must fall off at the end</td>
<td>* Birth * Theft * Sacrifice</td>
<td>* Wall of Uruk w/ Gate – appears suddenly * Puppet Legs * Baby Masks</td>
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| Taming of the Beast | Smith tells of Enkidu’s affinity toward nature and creatures. A voluptuous Priestess of Ishtar is sent to tame Enkidu and show him the way to Gilgamesh. By the end, Enkidu’s arms and legs have been ripped away, being replaced by a humanized Enkidu. | * Voluptuous Woman – two actors stuck together – come from one sand hole  
  * Enkidu puppet is dropped from the grid  | * Rebirth  
  * Nature  |        |
| Pgs. 12          |                                                                                                                           |                                                                                               |                                                                                                     |        |
| Part I - Scene 7  | Gilgamesh tells his mother about a dream that he has had where a star fell down from Heaven that he could not remove and that his people surrounded. Ninsun tells him that the star is a symbol of his equal, who will never forsake him. Enkidu approaches Gilgamesh and they engage in battle. Then, they join in sacred friendship. They make plans to go to the Sacred Forest to battle Humbaba-the-Awful. | * Ninsun – wall above appearance that is different from Anu’s  
  * Enkidu appears from a crack in the wall  | * Ninsun – Wise Goddess Mother of Gilgamesh  |        |
| Fight and Reconciliation |                                                                                                                           |                                                                                               |                                                                                                     |        |
| Pgs. 13 - 14     |                                                                                                                           |                                                                                               |                                                                                                     |        |
| Part I - Scene 8  | Gilgamesh, Enkidu, and their soldiers make the long journey to the Sacred Forest. At the Green Mountain, they behold the entrance to the forest. As Gilgamesh rests, he dreams of a monkey violently attacking, raping, and breaking off the antlers of a deer. The chants of a lamenting mother are heard as Ninsun floats in the air. Gilgamesh uses an axe to begin cutting down the cedar trees. The soldiers join him and feel great pleasure at their actions. The human trees scream and collapse, one by one. Humbaba asks who is cutting down her trees. She is attacked and collapses as her branches are ripped off. Enkidu begins to wail. As Humbaba’s head breaks open, a sad woman appears and curses Enkidu. He begins to suffer. | * Marching is projected onto the wall surfaces  
  * Sacred Trees come from the sand  
  * Deer / Monkey need to come from the wall or sculpture  
  * Deer disappears into the sand  
  * Monkey disappears through the walls / side  
  * Humbaba comes from the sand  
  * Soldiers come from the hanamichi  | * Humbaba – biggest human tree of them all  
  * Axe  |        |
| Annihilation of the Sacred Forest |                                                                                                                           |                                                                                               |                                                                                                     |        |
| Pg. 15 - 17      |                                                                                                                           |                                                                                               |                                                                                                     |        |
| Part I - Scene 9  | The lamenting mother is heard chanting as Enkidu is seen breathing roughly. He struggles and dies. Gilgamesh discovers his death and laments, leaving bloody marks on himself that are reminiscent of cuneiforms. |                                                                                               |                                                                                                     |        |
| Death of Enkidu  |                                                                                                                           |                                                                                               |                                                                                                     |        |
| Pg. 18           |                                                                                                                           |                                                                                               |                                                                                                     |        |
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<td><strong>Part II - Scene 1</strong>&lt;br&gt;The Scorpion-Women at The Twin Peaks&lt;br&gt;Pgs. 19 - 21</td>
<td>Gilgamesh mourns bitterly as he is struck by the sudden realization of mortality. Enkidu’s body sinks into the sand and disappears as maggots move around. Gilgamesh begins a journey to find Utanapishtim, the only man gods made immortal. He approaches the Twin Peaks that penetrates the sky, earth, and underworld. He encounters the two female scorpions that are guarding the tunnel entrance at the bottom of the peaks. Though no one has ever passed the Twin Peaks, one of the Scorpion Sisters takes pity on him and lets him pass into the tunnel that leads to the Underworld; the pathway of the Sun.</td>
<td>* Scorpion Women come from the sand at the Twin Peaks&lt;br&gt;Scorpion Babes roll off the Hanamichi and around the space</td>
<td>* Twin Peaks – slowly rise from sand</td>
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<td><strong>Part II - Scene 2</strong>&lt;br&gt;The Tunnel of the Endless Darkness&lt;br&gt;Pgs. 22 - 23</td>
<td>Gilgamesh disappears into the tunnel. His tunnel running is depicted through shadow puppetry. After running for twelve hours, he finally emerges from the arms of Scorpion Sister Two as the Sun enters between the arms of Scorpion Sister One. Gilgamesh emerges from the Tunnel of Darkness to find the Garden of the Gods.</td>
<td>* Sun Puppet comes from / disappears through the sand</td>
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<td><strong>Part II - Scene 3</strong>&lt;br&gt;The Tavern Woman&lt;br&gt;Pgs. 24 - 25</td>
<td>The Tavern Woman stands with a frame in the “Mesopotamian Woman by the Window” pose, holding a beer pitcher. She drops it and climbs the roof as Gilgamesh approaches. He tells her his entire story. She tells him that he will never find the immortality that he seeks. He pleads with her until she points him in the direction of Utanapishtim.</td>
<td>* Tavern Woman – audience sees her climb to the wall above</td>
<td>* Window Frame&lt;br&gt;Beer Pitcher&lt;br&gt;Roof</td>
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<td><strong>Part II - Scene 4</strong>&lt;br&gt;The Waters of Death&lt;br&gt;Pg. 26</td>
<td>Urshanabi, the boatman, ferries Gilgamesh for three days and nights before they reach the Waters of Death.</td>
<td>* Waters of Death come from the Hanamichi / disappear through the sand</td>
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| Part II - Scene 5 | **At the Waters of Death, Gilgamesh is greeted by an extremely old man, who listens to his story. The old man is revealed to be Utnapishtim, who reveals to Gilgamesh the story of how he joined the Assembly of Gods. Utnapishtim tells of building a ship and gathering creatures of the earth as a giant flood hit. Smith’s voice is heard comparing the story of Utnapishtim to that of Noah.** | * Utnapishtim comes from upstage (not the wall above)  
* Need water onstage somewhere to create a clay ship  
* City of Shurrupak sinks?  
* Floating heads behind walls? | * Ea – God of Water | |
| Part II - Scene 6 | **Utnapishtim continues his story. He and his wife were granted immortality as the gods repent their catastrophic decision. Utnapishtim tells Gilgamesh that if he can prevail against sleep for seven days and nights, he will also be granted immortality. Gilgamesh quickly falls asleep and sinks into the sand (realm of dreams). He wakes and cries out. Utnapishtim’s wife takes pity on him. Her plea move Utnapishtim. He tells Gilgamesh how to find a small, spiky bush in the Water of the Great Deep, which will grant him eternal youth. Urshanabi watches as Gilgamesh digs into the abyss of the Great Deep. He plunges into the deep and emerges from the water hole with the plant. A Snake Woman slithers near and swallows the plant, immediately transforming and shedding her old skin. Gilgamesh realizes he has lost the plant. He and Urshanabi sail back to Uruk, where Gilgamesh finally reaches contentment and disappears into the sand. Smith completes his tale as he slowly sinks into the sand and disappears, dying. Contemporary sounds of bombs, battle, etc. are heard as the Wall of Uruk’s baby heads slowly collapse.** | * Gilgamesh sits on a mound of sand  
* Waters of the Great Deep – projection?  
* Snake Puppet entrance?  
* Snake Woman appears from / disappears into the sand | * Bread Loaves – 6  
* Tablet | |
| Epilogue | **The soldier from the prologue reappears. Chanting continues as he regains consciousness. He rises, looks at the illuminated tablet, and touches the baby heads around his waist. Chanting continues.** | | * Baby Head Masks |
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<td>TIERED DECK (w/ Traps A-J)</td>
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<td>- Deck has 3 tiers</td>
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<td>- Tier 2 is 33” from the theatre floor</td>
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<td>- Tier 3 is 45” from the theatre floor</td>
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<td>- All tiers have a “cracked” finish with the support pieces being painted black (facing, braces, legs and etc).</td>
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<td>- The top “cracked” surface of each tier will be composed of individually cut pieces – the pieces will be cut from ¼” homosote and treated with paint and jaxan texture.</td>
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<td>- Tier 1’s facing is inset approximately 9” from the edge and is made of Bently Ply that is covered with black velour.</td>
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<td>- Sand will also be used on top of the deck in specific places.</td>
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<td>- Tier 3 has 10 covered traps, all of which are used for actor entrances and exits (Traps A and B are primarily used for hidden entrances and are the least used).</td>
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<td>- All trap covers need to be made able to lower and slide underneath the deck (sunroof style). It is important that the only thing seen coming up from the traps are actors (and not trap covers).</td>
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<td>- Actors will be entering and exiting through the traps throughout the show and spend a good portion of time underneath the deck.</td>
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<td>- In addition to actors, run crew, props, and costumes will be stored / moving under the deck. Therefore, clear exit pathways need to be designated.</td>
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<td>- All deck support structure(s) are to the TD’s discretion. Please be mindful of clear pathways out from under the deck when planning support structures.</td>
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<td>TRAP H - the desk will rise from and disappear into this trap at one point in the show. The total height of the desk in its raised position is 2’6” from the top of the deck to the top of the desk. The stool will be tucked underneath the desk. For the remainder of the show, Trap H will function as an exit / entrance point for actors.</td>
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Sample Image of Deck’s Cracked Surface
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<td>TRAP J will have a &quot;sand mound&quot; on top of it. A small tube will be inside that sand mound. This tube will be connected to a crew operated squeeze bag. At two points in the show, the tube will be squeezed, releasing water into the sand mound. Enough water should be released to allow an actor to reach into the sand and pull out a handful or two that can be &quot;molded&quot;.</td>
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<td><strong>HANAMICHI (w/ Escape Stairs)</strong></td>
<td>4 A</td>
<td>- Consists of two parts, one of which is stationary (36&quot; from the theatre floor), the other moveable (33&quot; from the theatre floor). The moveable piece is a telescoping piece, which must allow for audience seat accessibility. This telescoping section will be set into its closed position at the start of the show and will need to be locked in place until the end of the show.  - When extended, the telescoping piece needs to meet the deck cleanly, matching the cut of the deck’s edge.  - When in motion, the telescoping piece needs to move as smoothly and quietly as possible.  - The surface of all Hanamichi parts will have the same texture and paint treatment as the deck. Clearance should be accounted for.  - The support pieces will be painted matte black (faces, braces, legs and etc).  - The structural supports and tracks can be decided by the TD, in respect to heights.  - At this point, the movable piece only moves when the audience is seated, in the beginning and the end of the show.  - The escape staircase is only for entrances and exits onto the piece. It needs to be painted matte black.  - If possible, the support of the hanamichi will be hollow enough to allow actors and crew to escape from the deck (an additional emergency deck exit).</td>
<td>Sample Image of Hanamichi's Cracked Surface</td>
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<td><strong>WALL SCULPTURE (Pieces A-J)</strong></td>
<td>5, 6, 7, 8</td>
<td>- The wall sculpture consists of 10 individual pieces, all of which are connected together to form a single, sculptural unit.  - Walls E and J are not stationary – see drafting for more information  - Wall E is a telescoping piece that will act as a &quot;slide&quot; for actors  - Wall J will be hinged and will need to flip and latch into place.  - Wall H must support the weight of 2 actors, simultaneously.  - The second level is accessible by unseen ladders.</td>
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<td>- The textural surround consists of 5 walls, 6 wedges, and 2</td>
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<td>ledge pieces.</td>
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<td>- Each wall has dimensional texture that is symbolic of both</td>
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<td>water and sand waves.</td>
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<td>- Raised texture dimensions vary between 1/2” and 1” off of</td>
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<td>the wall's base surface(s).</td>
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<td>- The facing of each wall unit should be textured as well.</td>
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<td>- Each wall varies in its wave composition.</td>
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<td>- Surround pieces L and M should be textured on both sides.</td>
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<td>Surround C</td>
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<td>- The wedges fit together to mask seams and gaps in Surround</td>
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<td>Walls.</td>
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<td>- There are a total of 6 wedge units that each consist of 12</td>
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<td>- Wedges are set DS of the Surround Walls to allow for light</td>
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<td>to shine out from behind them (minimum of 4” of space).</td>
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<td>- The paint and texture of the wedge pieces is the same as</td>
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<td>that of the surround walls.</td>
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<td>Wedge J</td>
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<td>- Has a hidden door for actor entrances to a raised platform</td>
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<td>level (Surround M).</td>
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<td>Wedge G</td>
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<td>- Must support Surround L.</td>
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<td><strong>DESK AND STOOL</strong></td>
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<td>- Will live under the deck throughout the show and rise from</td>
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<td>Trap F.</td>
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<td>- The tops of the pieces are treated like that of the tiered</td>
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<td>- The stool will need to be weight bearing because an actor</td>
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<td>will sit on it.</td>
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## 3.1: Properties List

### Production Services Props List

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<th>Props List</th>
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<tr>
<td>GILGAMESH</td>
<td>REHEARSAL STAGE KEY: D=Directing, N=in rehearsal, B=black box, no status S=Provided by stage management</td>
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### FURNITURE & SET DRESSING

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<td>1</td>
<td>DESK</td>
<td>Appears from Stage L</td>
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<td>Meat slate from below the desk.</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>STOOL</td>
<td>Appears from Stage L</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>GLOWING CLAY TABLET</td>
<td>Appears from below the deck. Must come through one of the traps. Lights up. Approx. 15&quot; x 23&quot; in size. Impressed with consonant script.</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Must light up distinctly. Consonant script is enlarged (on one side). Burned in sand before the top of show.</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>ADDITIONAL TABLETS</td>
<td>Various shapes. Impressed w/ same consonant script as glowing tablet. Approx. 7&quot; x 12&quot;.</td>
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<td>Do not need to light up wirelessly. Consonant writing on both sides.</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>BLASPHEMY ROWELS</td>
<td>Victorian style chimney bowls. Clear from within.</td>
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<td>Close light in a white LED that shines up. Filled with sand.</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>LEGS (SET)</td>
<td>Full scale. Marionettes style. Three handles. Textured surface. Joints at ankles and knees. Handles at the thigh ends. Foot shape is similar to that of the Folklore peddler.</td>
<td>5 Pairs</td>
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<td>Appear from / return through traps in the deck. Need aerial props in rehearsal. Should be painted to be similar to the makeup of the Mothers.</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>WHEEL</td>
<td>Handled by Gilgamesh. Texture similar to that of the legs and the deck - crinkled, etc. Shorter style whip.</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Four feet long, including the tail.</td>
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<td>SHIELDS</td>
<td>Designed by costume designer. Please see AD or CS for exact details.</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>Need actual props for rehearsal.</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>BAMBOO STICKS</td>
<td>Thinner. Approx. 30&quot; long. Disappear under the deck. Sanded colored. Slightly aird, crackled texture. Earth tone.</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>TAVERN WOMAN PICTURE FRAME</td>
<td>Wooded. Has a mask attached / arm attached to it (see CS for details). Weathered.</td>
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<td>24&quot; Tall x 19 1/2&quot; Wide</td>
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<td>11</td>
<td>WATER PITCHER</td>
<td>Copper. Has a handle.</td>
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<td>Remains empty. Dropped from above.</td>
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<td>URSHANAM SIAMO STICK</td>
<td>Thicker. Approx. 4 1/4 long.</td>
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<td>13</td>
<td>OCEAN</td>
<td>Train of pieces of china silk. Approx. 32' wide x 24' long. B) approx. 5&quot; wide and 1' long.</td>
<td>2</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>It will be used over the deck. It will be dropped through an opening in the wall and treated as a protection screen. Paint or design done about start placement. Fabric will be purchased by the costume designer.</td>
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<td>14</td>
<td>BREAD LOAVES</td>
<td>Textured. Round. 9&quot; Diameter / 2&quot; High.</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>Not real or consumable.</td>
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<td>15</td>
<td>PAD OFF PAPER</td>
<td>Cream colored paper. Leather bound (brown). Butt-up / wove. Full of writing.</td>
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<td>Must fit inside Smith's pocket.</td>
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<td>16</td>
<td>PENCIL</td>
<td>Used for writing. Wood colored (not bright yellow).</td>
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<td>Shouldn't be much bigger than the paper pad.</td>
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<td>17</td>
<td>GUN</td>
<td>Black.</td>
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<td>Does not need to fire.</td>
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<td>18</td>
<td>SARC Wrap</td>
<td>Two scarfs are wrapped in the like a cocoon and tied to be able to &quot;break free&quot; from it. Thin gauge. Extra wide.</td>
<td>TRO</td>
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<td>Needs to be reused / used throughout the rehearsal process.</td>
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<td>19</td>
<td>SAND</td>
<td>Enough sand to fill the 5 blueberry buckets. Also put dressing.</td>
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B 3 Desk - Front Elevation
Scale: 1/2" = 1'-0"

B 3 Stool - Front Elevation
Scale: 1/2" = 1'-0"

B 3 Desk - Plan View
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B 3 Stool - Plan View
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Deck / Desk - Section Detail

Scale: 3/4" = 1'-0"

NOTES (Deck / Desk Section Details):

* All dimensions are given without texture
* Gradation depth between levels varies between 1/2" and 3"
* Gradation depth between levels should not be completely uniform
* Use chicken wire and muslin to create the base of the gradation between levels
* All deck surfaces (excluding the marce black facing) will receive textured paint treatment (jassan)

* Desk steel base is covered with an exact replica of the desk top (Trap H "lid")
* Desk appears from below once throughout the show
* Desk stool must fit under desk (to be pulled out by the actor once desk is in above position)
* While in the above position, the desk needs to magically "shake" (earthquake-like)
* Desk needs to move into the above/below position as quickly and quietly as possible
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