

Death of a Legend Scenic Design

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Concept Statement

Death of a Legend is a one act play about a young boy, JIMMY, who is looking to become a hitman like his uncle. He thinks he's been hired for a hit, but it turns out to be an elaborate ruse— MAN and SECOND MAN have been hired to keep him out of the business.

Themes central to this play include the conflict between the idealism of the youth and the cynicism of the elder generations, regret, and deceit.

About Dean Barrett



<http://www.deanbarrettmystery.com/>

- ❖ Avid fan of murder mysteries and detectives
 - ❖ Describes himself as being “devoted to mystery fiction”
 - ❖ Mostly writes novels, though he has written several other plays and one acts as well
 - ❖ Views his stories as being set in Asia, or in Western settings with Asian detectives
 - ❖ Wants to bring readers to “the mirth and madness of New York’s East Village”
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Setting

- ❖ New York
 - BOY: I...I was only going to say the Knicks won again! It's...it's in the paper.
- ❖ Shabby apartment
 - *A small living room in a run-down apartment building.*
- ❖ Ambiguous time, but taking inspiration from the 1920's/1930's
 - *...double-breasted suit, gaudy tie, spit-shined shoes...*
- ❖ Fall
- ❖ Night



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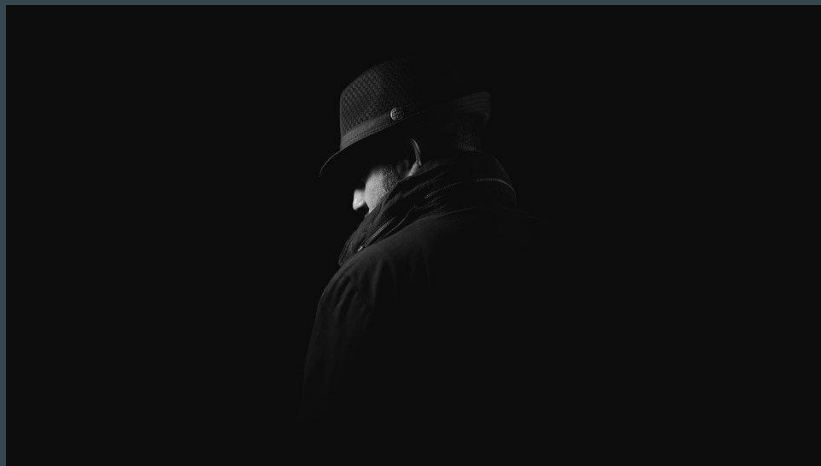
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MAN

- ❖ Regretful
- ❖ Trusts no one and nothing except himself
- ❖ Good at his job
- ❖ Man of principal
- ❖ Put together
- ❖ Simple, practical clothes
- ❖ Neither too flashy nor too casual- dresses so that he blends in



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I just wish somebody
had done that for me.



<https://vintagedancer.com/1900s/1910s-mens-wor-king-class-clothing/>



<https://www.tvfanatic.com/gallery/downton-abbey-tug-of-war/>

SECOND MAN



<https://vintagedancer.com/1920s/1920s-mens-shirts-and-collars-history/>



<https://blog.wardrobesupplies.com/halloween-costumes-part-2/>

- ❖ Gruff/Rugged
- ❖ Focused on work
- ❖ Weathered/Aged
- ❖ Disgruntled working class
- ❖ Most casual, though still put together
- ❖ Soaking wet and blood (ketchup) drenched before he changes



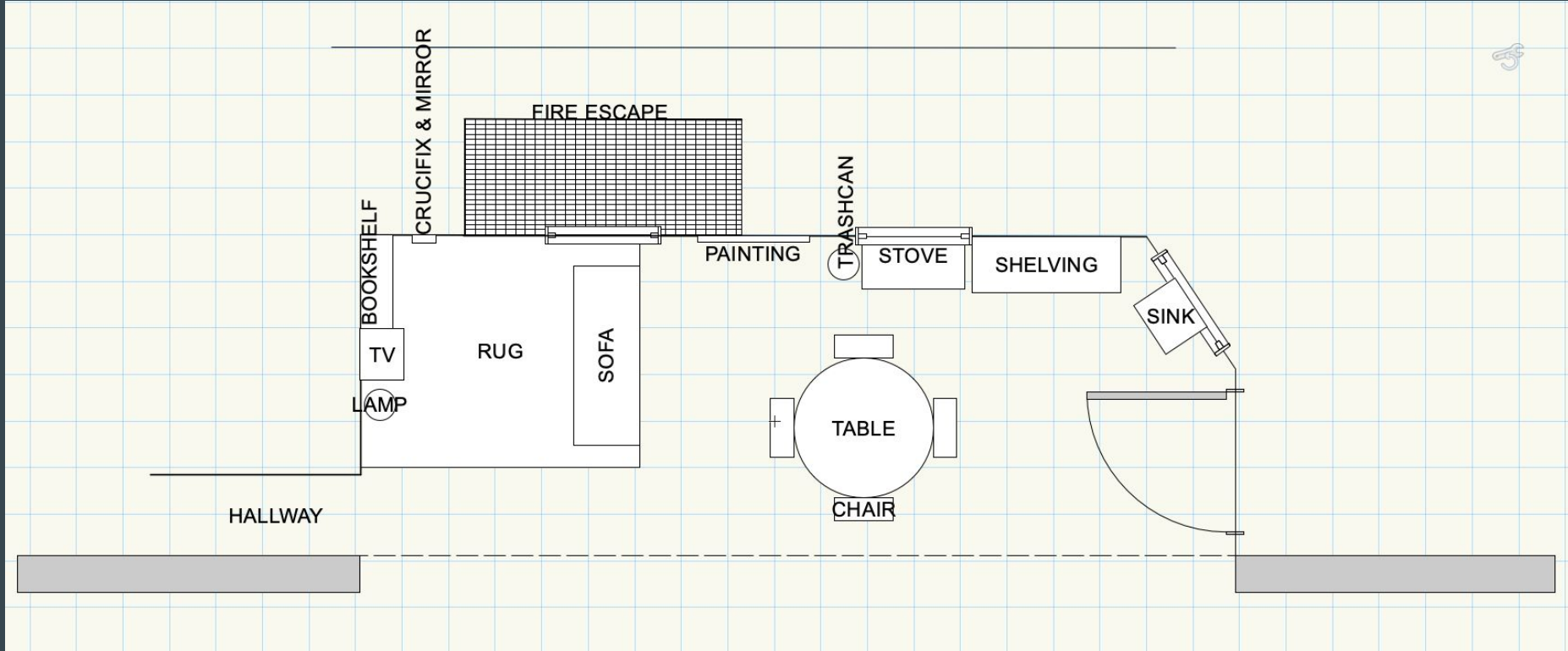
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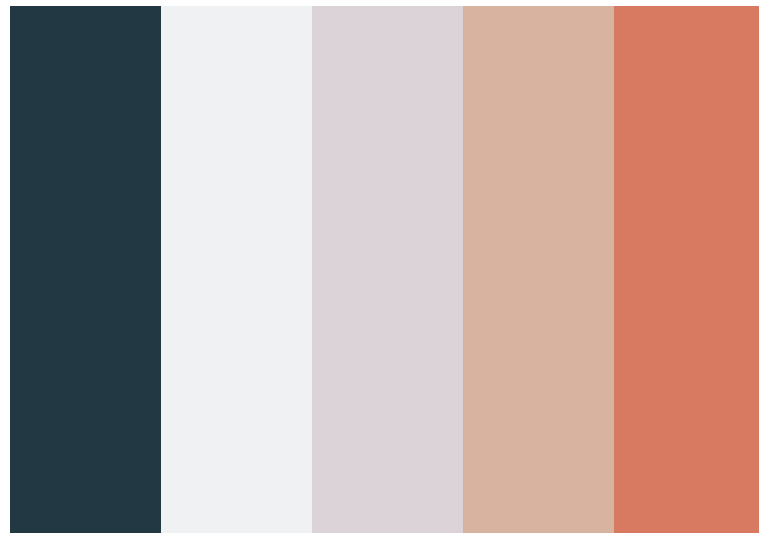
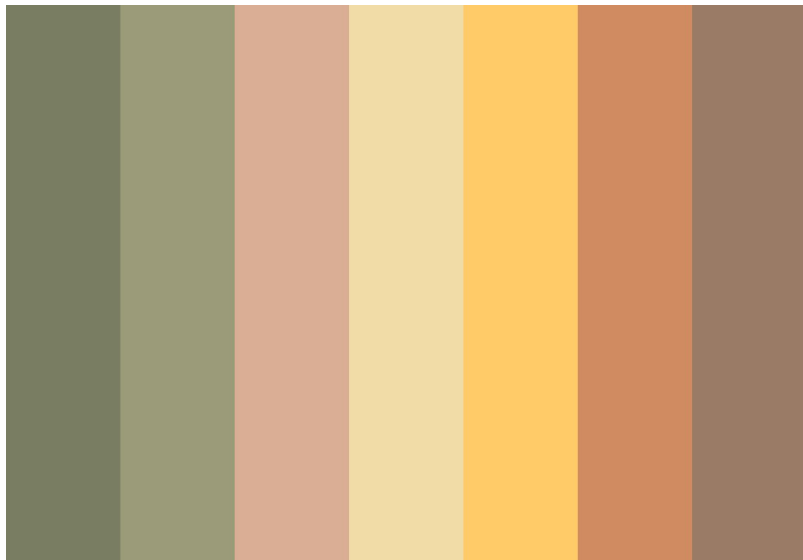
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I don't know nobody who does. Who the hell can afford it on what Manny pays? What pisses me off is that punk kid is gonna go to college now and fuck lots'a broads, and drink lots 'a beer and end up in business makin' a fortune - and me? - I'm gonna croak from not havin' health insurance.

Ground Plan



Color Palettes



Kitchen

- ❖ Small, limited, simple
- ❖ Gas stove
- ❖ Shelving unit
- ❖ Sink
- ❖ Plain colors(neutrals)
- ❖ Dirty, older looking
- ❖ Small table (round) with four chairs

<https://harvardartmuseums.org/art/12642>



<https://www.pridexdesign.co.nz/blog/kitchen-design-in-the-early-1920s/>



Living Room

- ❖ Distressed couch (tears, rips, sagging)
 - Either brown leather or a dirty green fabric
- ❖ Patterned rug
- ❖ Floor lamp
 - Crooked/broken



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Walls/Floor/Door

- ❖ Water damage on walls- cracked/peeling
- ❖ Cheap wood floor
- ❖ Dirt stained
- ❖ Simple dark wood door



<https://www.houzz.com/discussions/4100612/discovering-wood-floors-under-linoleum-1920-s-building>



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<https://homelyville.com/water-damage-wall/>

Wall Decorations



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<https://www.pamono.com/mirror-1920s-1>



<https://vatican.com/2/Crucifixes-Crosses-Antique-Art-Deco>

Props List

Prop Number	Prop	Page Number	Description	Stationary/Practical	Who Uses It
1	Bath towel and clothes	1	1920's style clothing - SECOND MAN's costume	Stationary	N/A
2	Revolver	1	Five-shot, Smith and Wesson	Practical	MAN
3	Steel cleaning rods	1	On top of Prop 5	Practical	MAN
4	White cotton cleaning patches	1	On top of Prop 5	Practical	MAN
5	Newspaper	1	Laid out on table	Practical	MAN
6	Gun-cleaning kit storage box	1	Placed on table	Practical	MAN
7	Gun conditioner oil	1	On top of Prop 5	Practical	MAN
8	Five bullets	1	On top of Prop 5	Practical	MAN
9	Gun cleaning brush	1	On top of Prop 5	Practical	MAN
10	Mirror	3	On wall	Stationary	N/A
11	Clothes on TV set	3	Same as Prop 1	Practical	JIMMY
12	Semi-automatic gun	4	Shiny, new	Practical	JIMMY
13	Knife	5	In MAN's belt holster	Practical	MAN
14	Silicone gun cloth	5	In Prop 6	Practical	MAN
15	Pack of cigarettes	6	In JIMMY's jacket	Practical	JIMMY
16	Cigarette	6	In Prop 15	Practical	JIMMY
17	Match	6	Used to light Prop 16	Practical	JIMMY
18	Clothes on TV set	10	Put on by SECOND MAN	Practical	SECOND MAN
19	Trash can	11	Next to kitchen counter	Stationary	MAN
20	Comb	12	Taken from SECOND MAN's pocket	Practical	SECOND MAN

Television



<https://jbm479.wordpress.com/2009/08/06/television/>

Draped Clothes



<https://harrylumley.wordpress.com/2010/03/17/design-and-technology-major-work-2009/>

MAN's Revolver



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MAN's Revolver



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Gun Cleaning Kit



<https://www.lot-art.com/auction-lots/2-Vintage-Gun-Cleaning-kits/106-vintage-gun-cleaning-28.12.17-rapid>

Newspaper and Bullets



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MAN's Knife



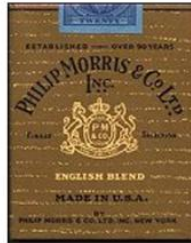
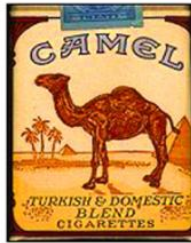
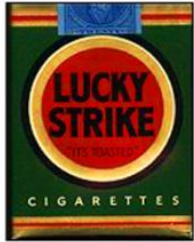
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Silicone Gun Cloth

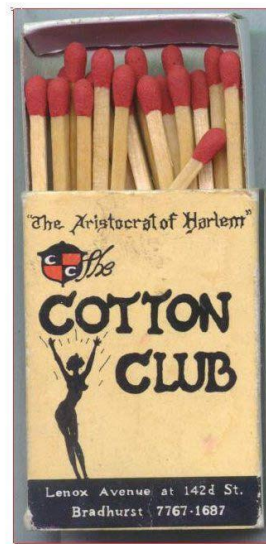


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Cigarettes and Matches



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Trashcan



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Comb



<https://laureleaffarm.com/item-pages/antique-vanity/1920s-vintage-french-ivory-celluloid-combs-from-a-vanity-set-antique-hair-combs-Laurel-Leaf-Farm-item-no-fr010922.htm>