2AMK9 ANALYSIS: GIVEN CIRCUMSTANCES

THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE PLAY:

GEOGRAPHIC ENVIRONMENT

LANDSCAPE	Fenced in Yard, Outside, Front Porch Atmosphere				
LOCATION	Southern Texas Scene INT: Twilight Zone / Recording Studio Scene 1: Suburbs Scene 2: Twilight Zone / Static Scene 3: Backyard Scene 4: Twilight Zone / Static Scene 5: Muddy Backyard Scene 6: Streets of the Suburb, Stars Visible Scene 7: Twilight Zone / Static Scene 8: Front Yard				
WEATHER & TIME OF DAY	Scene 1: Sunny and Hot, 11am Scene 2: Windy and Dark, 2am Scene 3: Sunny, 4pm Scene 4: Thunder Storm and Dark, 2am Scene 5: Post-Rain, 9am Scene 6: Windy and Warm, 9pm Scene 7: Windy, Dark, Muddy and Colder, 2am Scene 8: Quiet, Sunny and Mild Temperature, 10am				
DATE	Early June 2019 All events of the story happen within a few days to heighten the oddness of it all.				
SEASON	Summertime, a particularly rainy summer				

THEA 363: Directing

SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT

ECONOMIC & POLITICAL	Wealthy suburb in a low-income area of Texas. Trump April 2 - Prosecutors in Waco, Texas decided to not prosecute the individuals allegedly involved in the 2015 Waco shootout that left nine dead and 20 people were injured. An explosion at a chemical plant in Crosby, Texas leaves one dead and two injured. This comes just weeks after a similar Houston-area explosion in Deer Creek, Texas on March 17. May 30 - President Trump announces his intentions to apply a 5 percent tariff on all Mexican imports, effective June 10, to pressure Mexico to do more to crack down on a surge in Central American migrants trying to cross the U.S. southern border. The tariffs are to increase to 10 percent on July 1, and by another 5 percent each month for three months. The tariffs are averted on June 7. June 30 - Ten people were killed when a plane crashed into a hangar, shortly after take-off at Addison Airport, Texas. July 14 - President Trump sparks controversy over remarks directed at four Democratic congresswomen that were widely perceived as racist; Trump sharply denies the comments were racist. August 3 - A mass shooting occurs at a Walmart near the Cielo Vista Mall in El Paso, Texas, resulting in 22 fatalities and 24 injured. Also known as the 2019 El Paso Shooting August 31 - Midland-Odessa shooting: Seven people were killed and 21 others wounded in a shooting in West Texas, between the cities of Midland and Odessa. The suspect is shot and killed by police outside a movie theater in Odessa. Also known as the Midland-Odessa Shooting. September 17 - 33 inches of rain from Tropical Storm Imelda fell on Hampshire and other areas of southeastern Texas, causing severe flooding.
RELIGIOUS	Everyone, except the Landlord, attend a Christian non-denominational Christian megachurch similar to the Lakewood Church in Houston, Texas. This church is one of the largest congregations in the United States. Lakewood Church believes that the entire Bible is inspired by God, and the church bases its teachings on this belief. The church also holds in account the belief in the Holy Trinity, as well as the recognition of the death of Christ on the cross and resurrection. The sermons and writings are sometimes noted for promoting prosperity theology, a belief that material gain is a reward for pious Christians. The Landlord and Janice are the only characters seen without a cross.
FASHION	Summer 2019

THE PEOPLE OF THE PLAY:

JANICE



Amanda Albrecht

AGE: 20

CLASS YEAR: Junior

SEX: Female RACE: White

ETHNICITY: American

SOCIAL STANDING: Upper Middle Class

OCCUPATION, HEALTH, ETC: Barely passed her classes last term due to built up psychological conditions that lead to multiple psych ward visits. Her wealthy parents rented her a house in the suburbs for the summer until she has to go back to school for her senior year. She's an insomniac so the summer is meant to provide her some peace. She's never left home to live on her own, so she's a bit oblivious.

FAMILY CONNECTIONS: Wealthy parents

LANDLORD



Emma Haigh-Hutchinson

AGE: 40s

SEX: Female RACE: White

ETHNICITY: American SOCIAL STANDING:

SEXUAL ORIENTATION: Lesbian

OCCUPATION: Landlord. Owns one property that she inherited. Can't afford to live there because she needs the money from renting it. Lives in an apartment with her wife. Also works as a carpenter.

HEALTH: Has a cough from smoking for 20 years.

SOCIAL STANDING: Lower Middle Class.

FAMILY CONNECTIONS: Wife, keeps her on a tight

leash.

REQUIRED PHYSICAL TRAITS: Physical presence should be considerably large.

VIVIAN



Mattie Tindall

AGE: Late 60s SEX: Male

RACE: White

ETHNICITY: American

SOCIAL STANDING: Supports Benny. Married for

SEXUAL ORIENTATION: Heterosexual

OCCUPATION: Retired, Head of Neighborhood Watch

HOBBIES: Enjoys gardening and baking

RELIGION: Christian, attend a non-denominal

megachurch

HEALTH: Arthritis

SOCIAL STANDING: Upper Middle Class. Worked as a Petroleum Engineer so survive off of the money he made

previously.

FAMILY CONNECTIONS: Married to Benny.

REQUIRED PHYSICAL TRAITS: Must either be older or be capable of being made-up to look older. Preferably

short.

BENNY



Prakrit Pandey

AGE: Late 60s

SEX: Female RACE: Asian

ETHNICITY: Nepalise

RELIGION: Originally Hindu, but attends church with her

husband.

SOCIAL STANDING: First Generation Immigrant

SEXUAL ORIENTATION: Heterosexual

OCCUPATION: House Wife

HEALTH: Bad knees.

SOCIAL STANDING: Depends on Vivian's income.

HOBBIES: Photography. Likes to read.

FAMILY CONNECTIONS: Married to Vivian. No kids.

Has a cat.

REQUIRED PHYSICAL TRAITS: Must either be older or be capable of being made-up to look older. Preferably

short.