

GOLEMS - 1-PAGE OVERVIEW

Golems is a supernatural thriller series where a group of misfit teenagers fight their Nazis captors with the help of the Golem of Prague. A golem is a humanoid made from clay by a *Tzaddik*, that rare person who possesses the power to create and control such a creature. On the *Tzaddik's* command, a Golem can be invisible, raise people from the dead, and use his telepathic and telekinetic abilities for good. Or evil.

Setting: Built in the 18th century as a walled military fortress, Terezin has 12 square miles of haunted buildings, ramparts, secret passageways that scream supernatural happenings. The Nazis used Terezin as a propaganda camp. No uniforms. No shaved heads. No tattoos. Sports and the arts were encouraged as a way to fool the world that Jews were being treated humanely.

Protagonist: Isaac the Mystic reveals to 14-year-old Jonah Lowy that he is a *Tzaddik*. He resists the mantle until he realizes that he can save his friend's father from being hanged.

Antagonist: Kommandant Rudolf seeks to enlist Lowy and the Golem for the Nazi agenda. Lowy and his friends have peer-antagonists as well, stemming from universal teen struggles.

Cast: Lowy's fellow members of "The Golem Club." Each friend has their own arc: Paz, the Hasidic boy; Sam, the tom boy; the luckless Abscess; Emanuel the musical prodigy; Hanus, the poet. Adult characters serve as mentors and have their own arcs: *Maestro* and fiance Vera; Friedl, the art teacher; Freddie Hirsch, soccer coach.

Image System: Ladders feature prominently - literal ones, mystical ones, and psychological ones that Lowy and the cast must climb.

Tone: the dark, high-stakes subject matter of the piece is tastefully balanced with teenage humor.

Mood: Thrilling and suspenseful without crossing into horror.

Themes: We are all golems, all incomplete and imperfect, looking to become fully human. Also, artificial intelligence themes.

Potential for Additional Seasons: The season finale ties up all loose ends, while leaving the door open to realize the project's enormous potential for additional seasons. Lowy has only begun to understand his own formidable powers, and the ever-growing power of the Golem.