

Uncle Vanya Blocking Key

Ⓥ = Vanya

Ⓐ = Astrov

Ⓨ = Yelena

Ⓢ = Sonya

Ⓜ = Marina

Ⓦ = Waffles

Ⓟ = Professor

ⓂⓋ = Mrs. Voinitsky

ⓂⓂ = Hired Man

ⓃⓌ = Night Watchman

SR = Stage Right

SL = Stage Left

CS = Center Stage

USR = Upstage Right

USL = Upstage Left

USC = Upstage Center

DSR = Downstage Right

DSL = Downstage Left

DSC = Downstage Center

ENT = Enter

EXT = Exit

X = Cross

→ = To

⌈ = Door

⌘ = window

SB = Side Board

h = Chair

⌠ = Table

└ = Couch

↓ = Sit

↑ = Stand

G→ = Give

↑T = Take

BTWN = Between

STP = Stop

P/u = Pick Up

P/d = Put Down

YELÉNA

I don't know how to do those things. Besides, I'm not interested. Going out to teach the poor, nursing them, all those high moral ideals— that only exists in books. What do you expect me to do, run out and teach, just like that?

SÓNYA

1. — [Frankly, I don't understand how you can not do something. You'd get used to it after a while. (*Hugs Yeléná*)] Don't be bored, darling;
2. 3. — it's contagious. (*Laughs*) You get bored and fretful, and we all catch
4. — it from you. Look at Uncle Ványa, he doesn't do a thing anymore except follow you around; he's like your shadow. I drop whatever I'm supposed to be doing to come sit with you and talk. And the doctor used to come visit once a month if that, and I always had to persuade him; now he's here every day. He's forgotten all about his trees and ignores his practice, [You've put a spell on us all, that's
5. — what it is.

VÁNYA

6. — (*To Yeléná*) Oh, now, don't be depressed! (*Playfully*) My darling, my heart's delight, use your imagination! [You've got mermaid's blood in your veins, so be a mermaid! Let yourself go at least once in your life, fall head over heels in love with a merman, dive in with a big splash, and leave the Herr Professor and the rest of us standing on the shore, helplessly waving our arms!

YELÉNA

7. — (*Angrily*) Just leave me alone, all of you! [What a cruel thing to say! (*Starts to leave*)

VÁNYA

8. — (*Stops her*) Wait, wait, [darling, I'm sorry. Forgive me. (*Kisses her hand*) Peace.

YELÉNA

You'd try the patience of a saint!

VÁNYA

9. — You're absolutely right, and I'll bring you a peace token, I promise, a bouquet of roses. I picked them for you this morning... [autumn roses. So beautiful, and so sad... (*Goes out*)

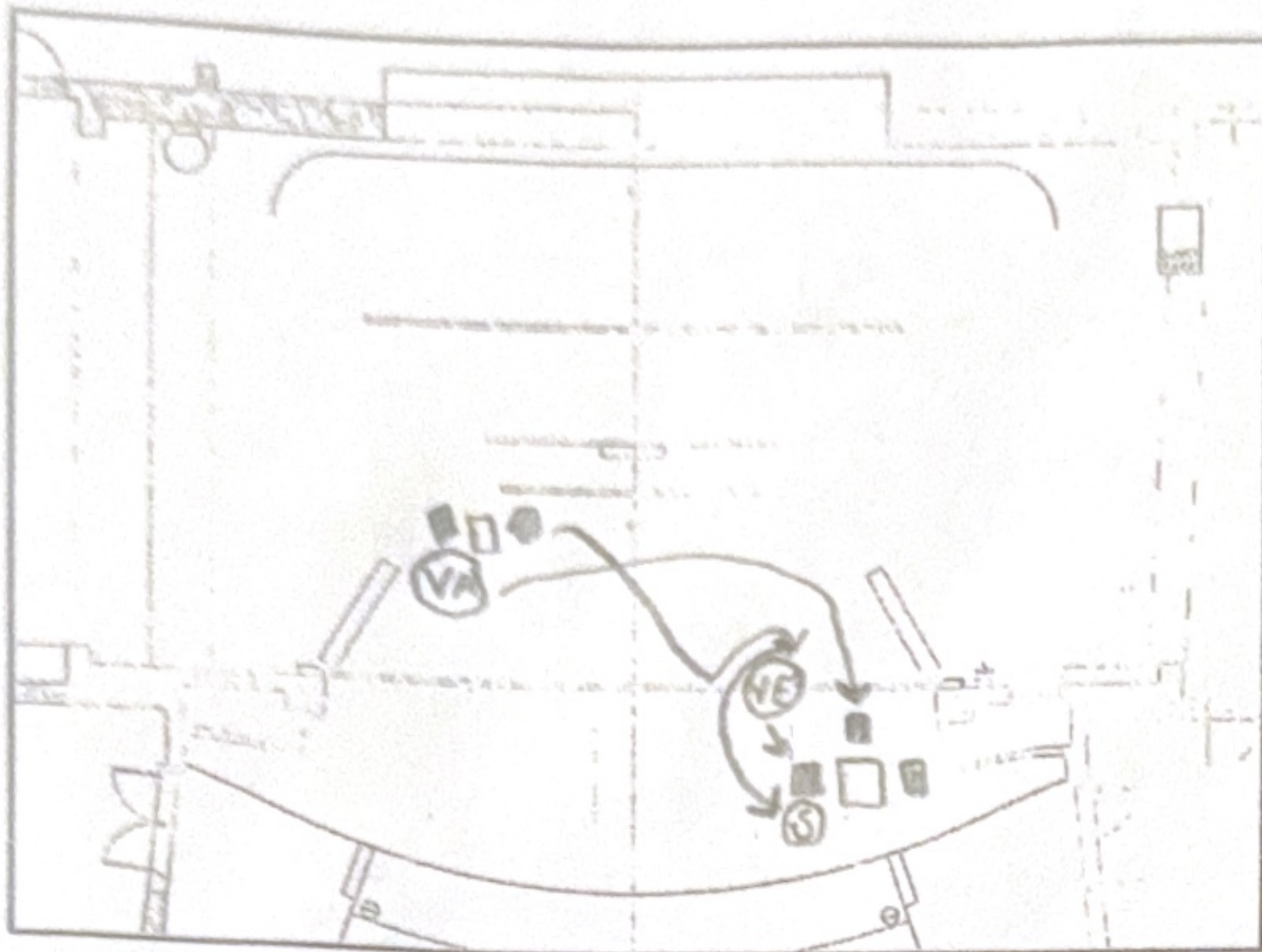
SÓNYA

10. — [Autumn roses. So beautiful, and so sad...

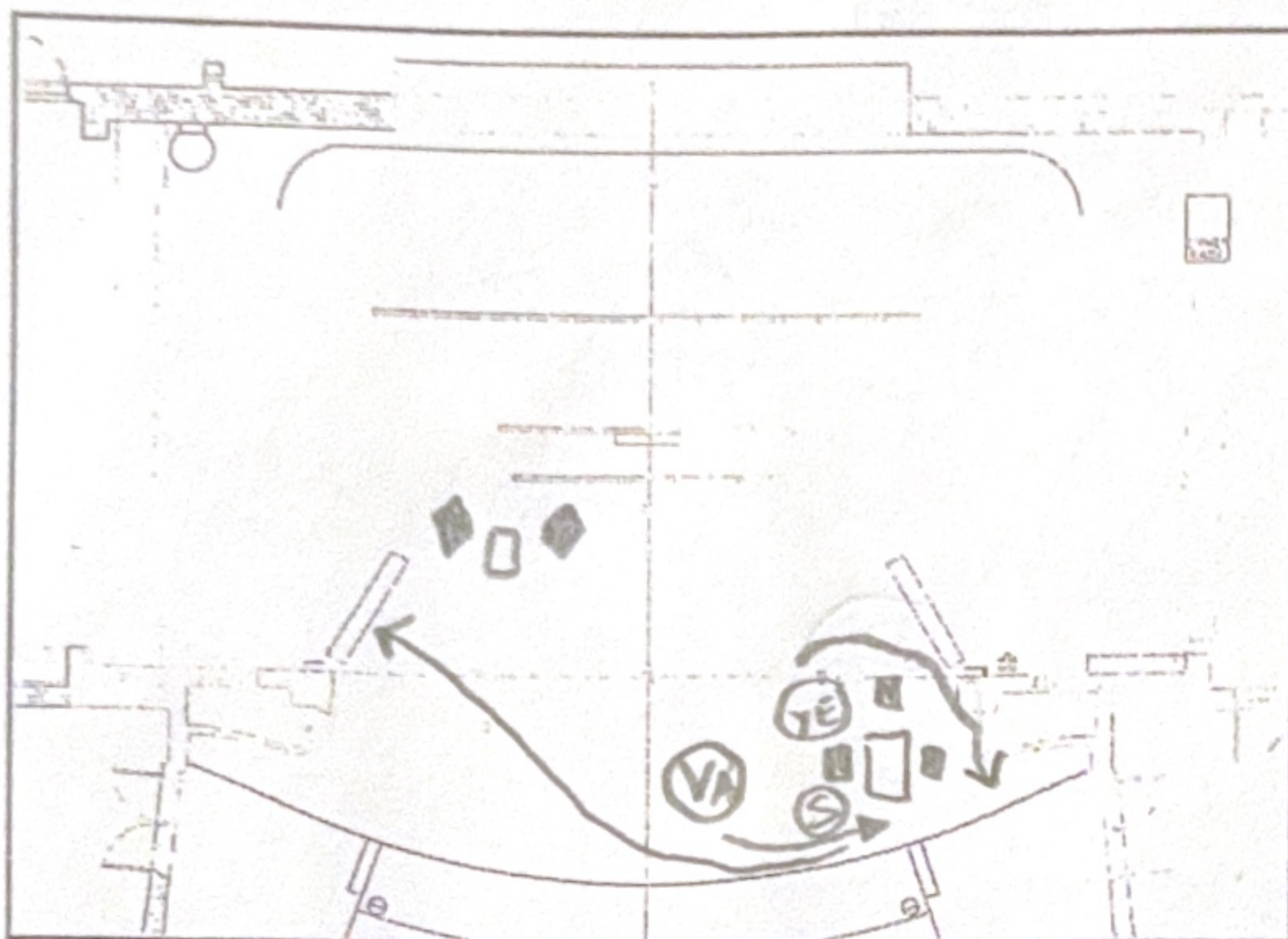
Both women look out the window.

UNCLE VANYA

Blocking Book



1. S & X → YE @ SL TT
2. VA S & X slowly → S in height of YE
3. S hug YE from behind
4. S ↓ @ YE feet & lean
her elbow on YE knee
5. S lean back & look @ YE
upside down



4. VA S & X → CS
7. YE S & X → DSL
8. VA X → YE
9. VA run off SR thru F.
10. S lay on ground

COSTUMES	PROPS

NOTES

YELÉNA

1. It's September already. How will we ever make it through the winter, all of us cooped up like this!

Pause.

Where's the doctor?

SÓNYA

2. In Uncle Ványa's room. He's writing something. *(Beat)* I'm glad Uncle Ványa left; there's something I need to talk to you about.

YELÉNA

What?

SÓNYA

3. What? *(Hugs Yeléna desperately)* Oh... |

YELÉNA

4. Now, now, come on... *(Strokes her hair)* Now, now...

SÓNYA

I'm ugly.

YELÉNA

5. You have beautiful hair— |

SÓNYA

6. No I don't! *(Turns to look at herself in the mirror)* That's what people always say to an ugly woman; they say: "Oh, you have beautiful eyes. Oh, you have beautiful hair. I've been in love with him for six years now; I love him more than my own mother. All I can hear is the sound of his voice, feel the touch of his hands." I keep watching the door, I always think it's him coming. And now look, I keep coming to you so I can talk about him. He's here every day now, but he never looks at me, he doesn't even see me... It hurts so much! And it's all so hopeless. It's completely hopeless! *(Despairingly)* Oh, my God, I don't know where I'll get the strength... |
7. I lie in bed all night long, Just praying... And I have no shame |
8. any more — I hang around talking to him, I keep looking him |
9. right in the eyes... I just can't help myself anymore! Yesterday I |
10. told Uncle Ványa I was in love with him... And the servants know, they all know.

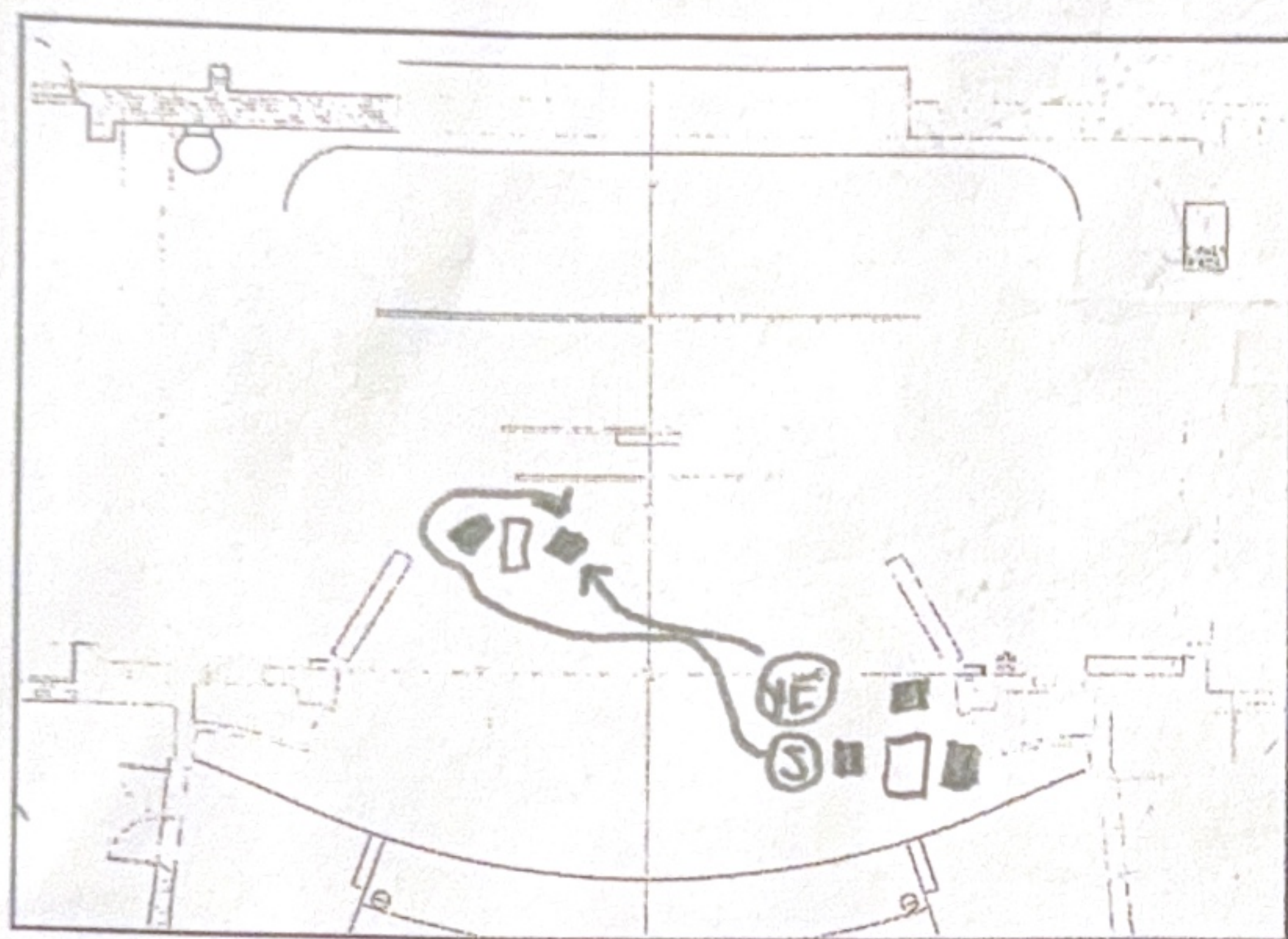
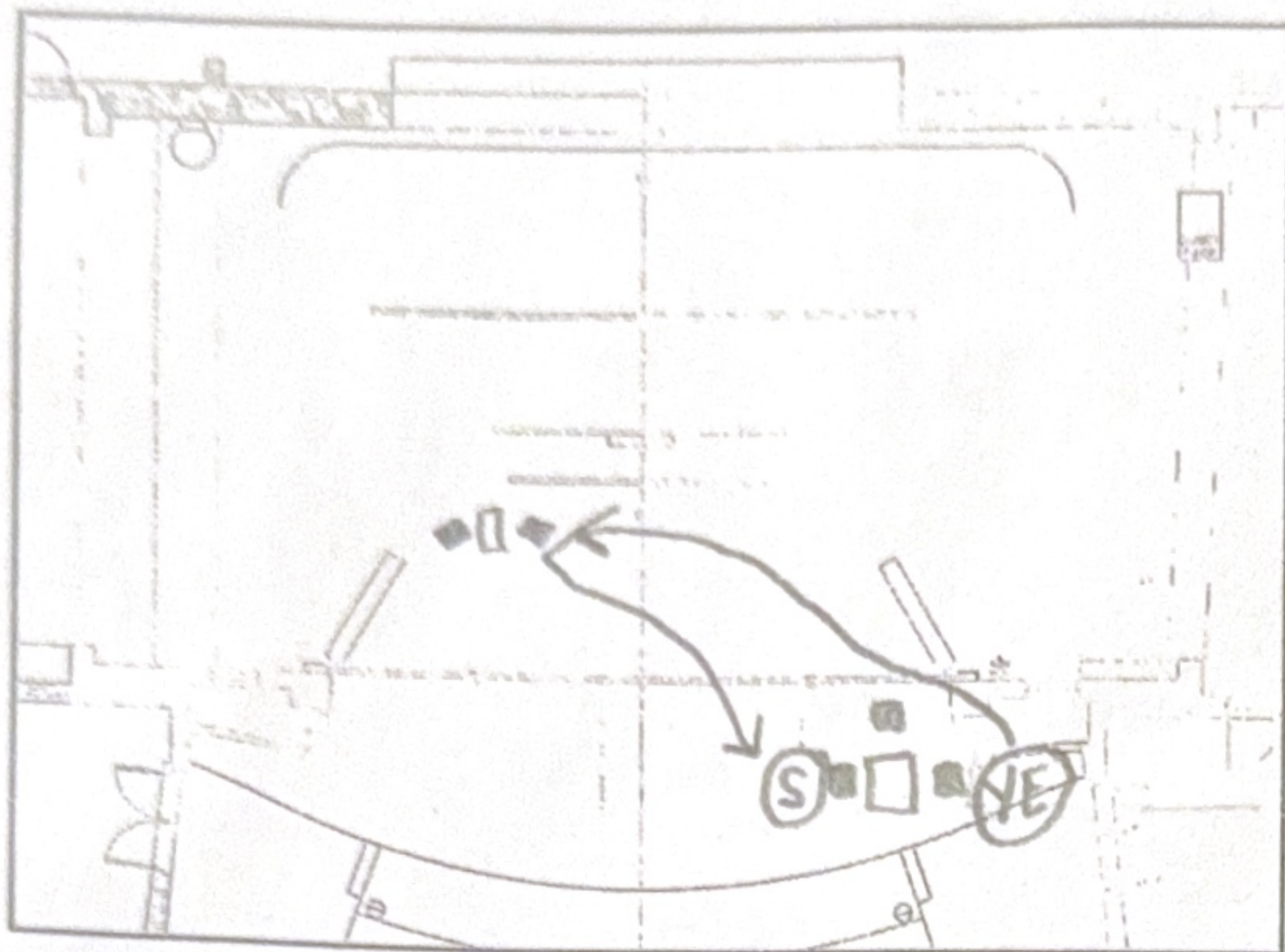
YELÉNA

11. And does he know?

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SM: ERG



1. (YE) X US around T
→ CS
2. (YE) X → left h on SR & S
3. (S) roll over to stomach
4. (YE) S ↑ & X → (S) w/ hands out
5. (S) pop up onto her heels
6. (YE) help (S) S ↑
7. (YE) & (S) X → SR
8. (YE) & (S) split
9. (S) S ↑ behind h
10. (YE) S in left h on SR
11. (YE) S

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