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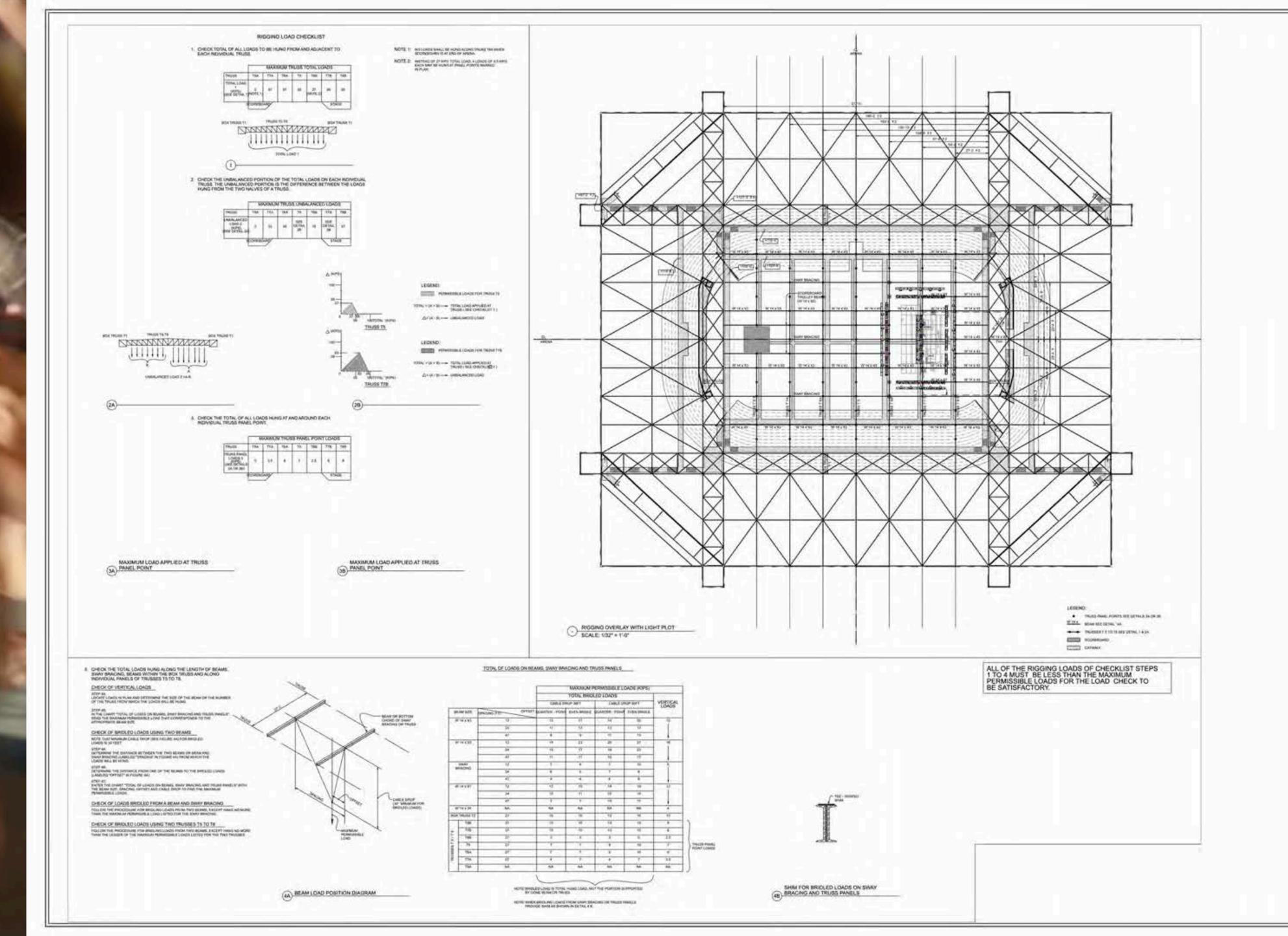




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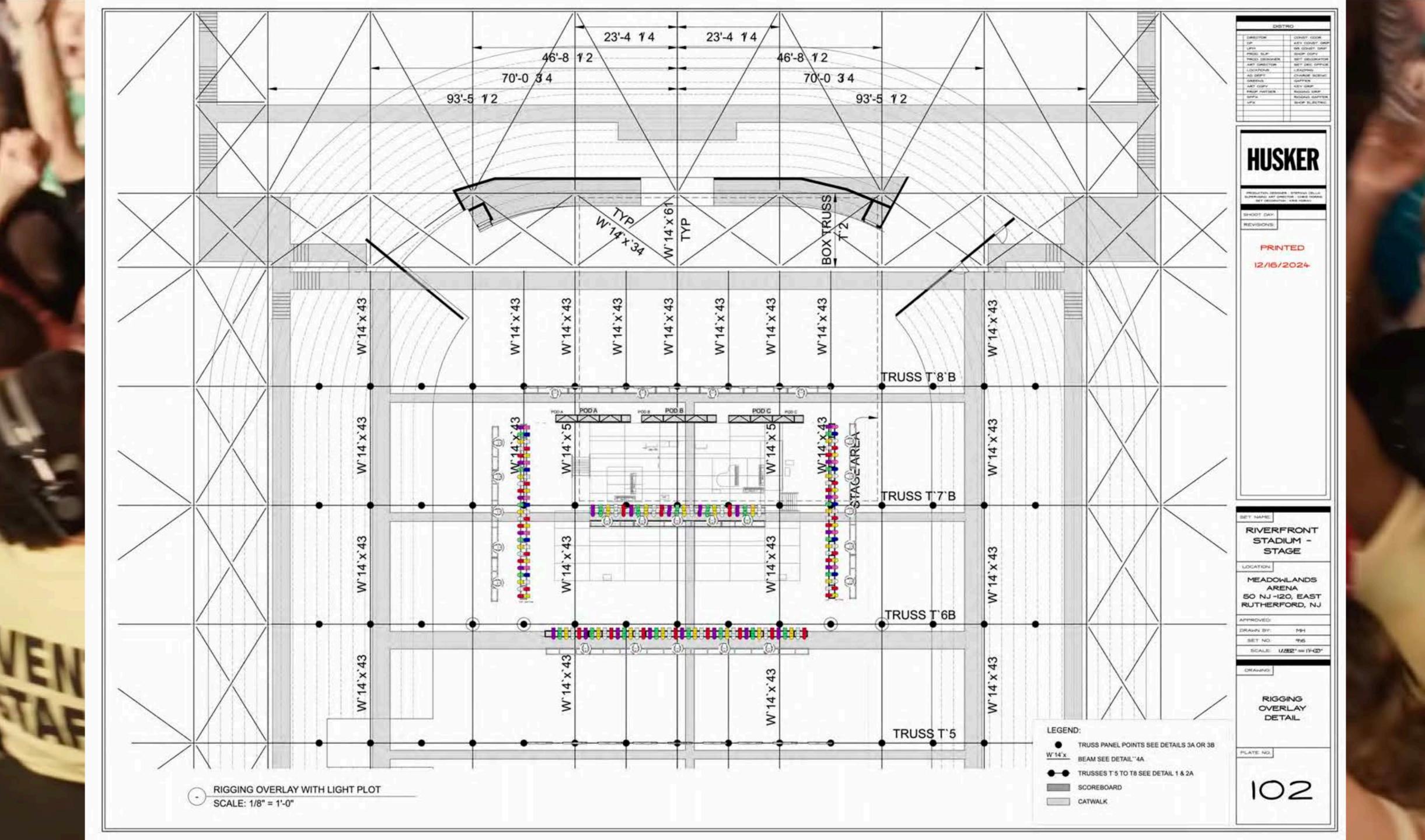
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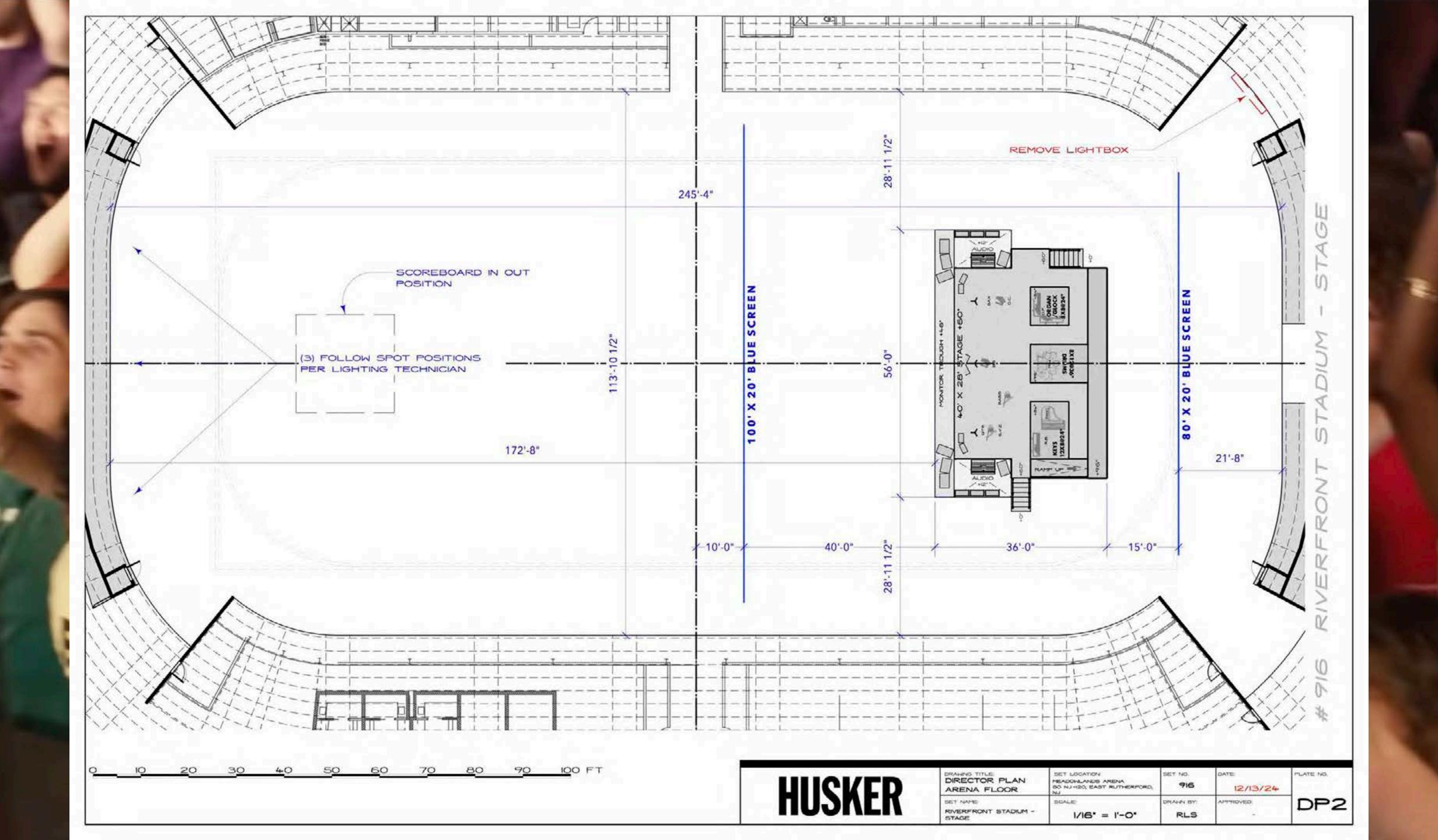
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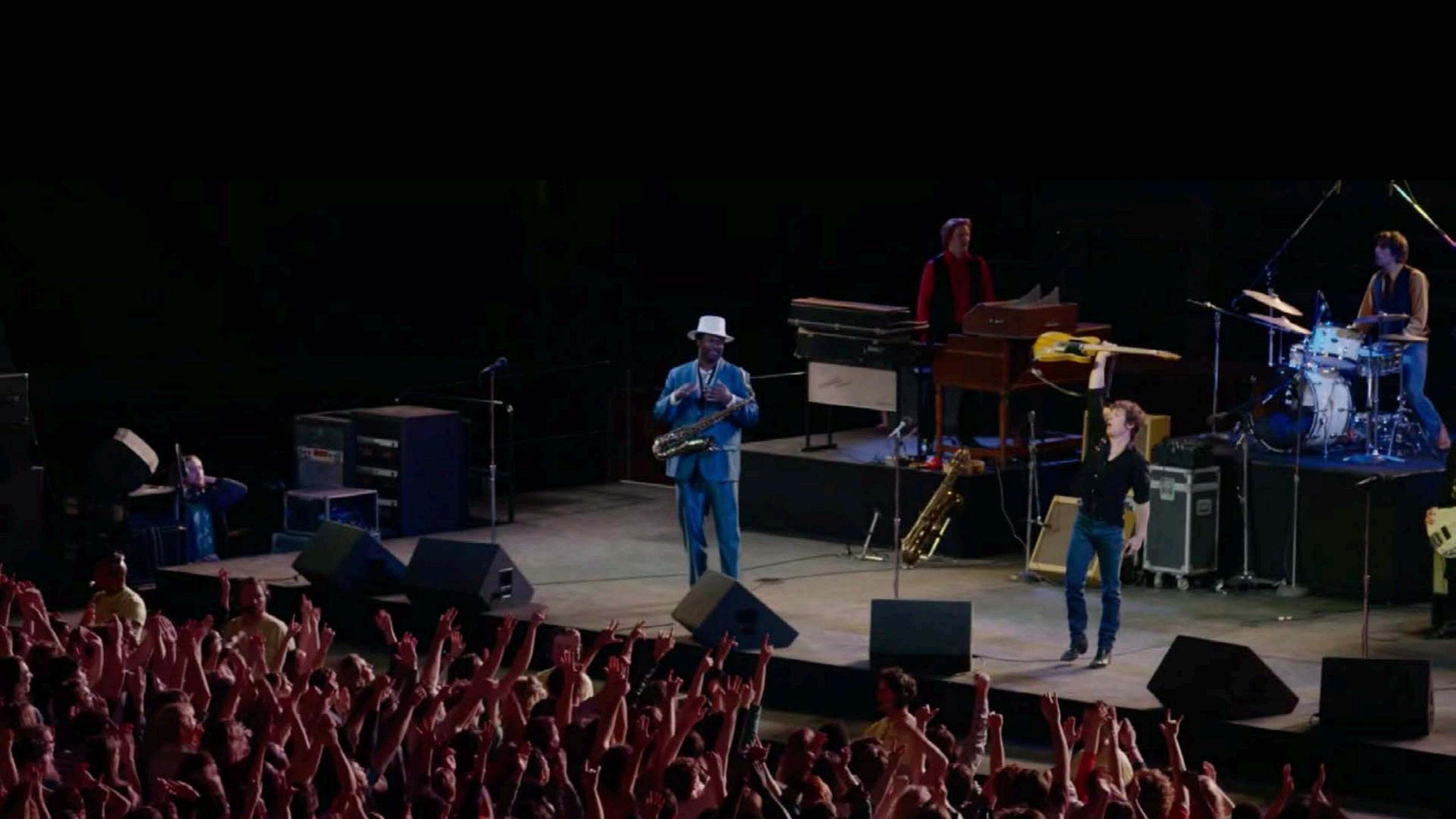








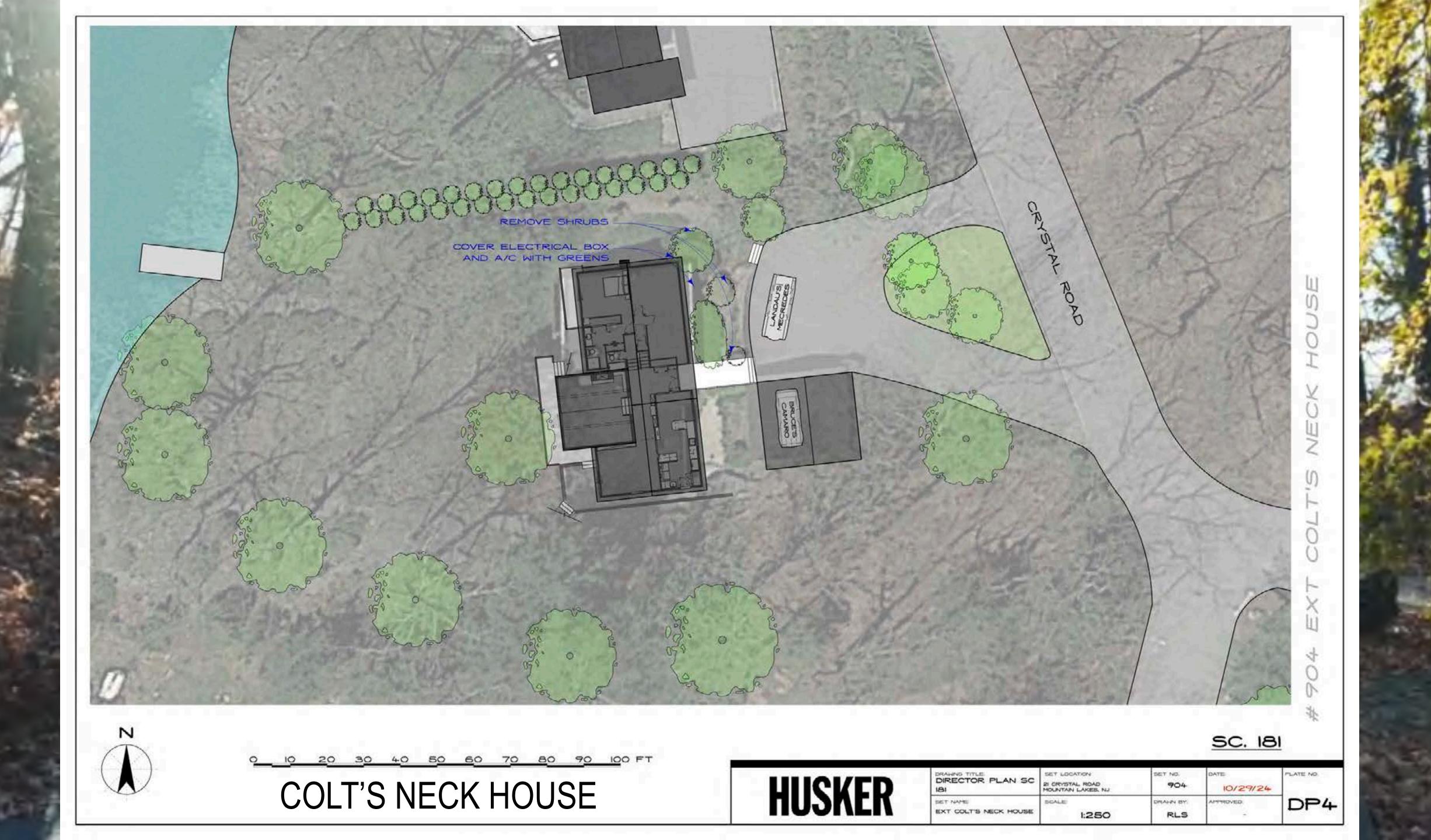






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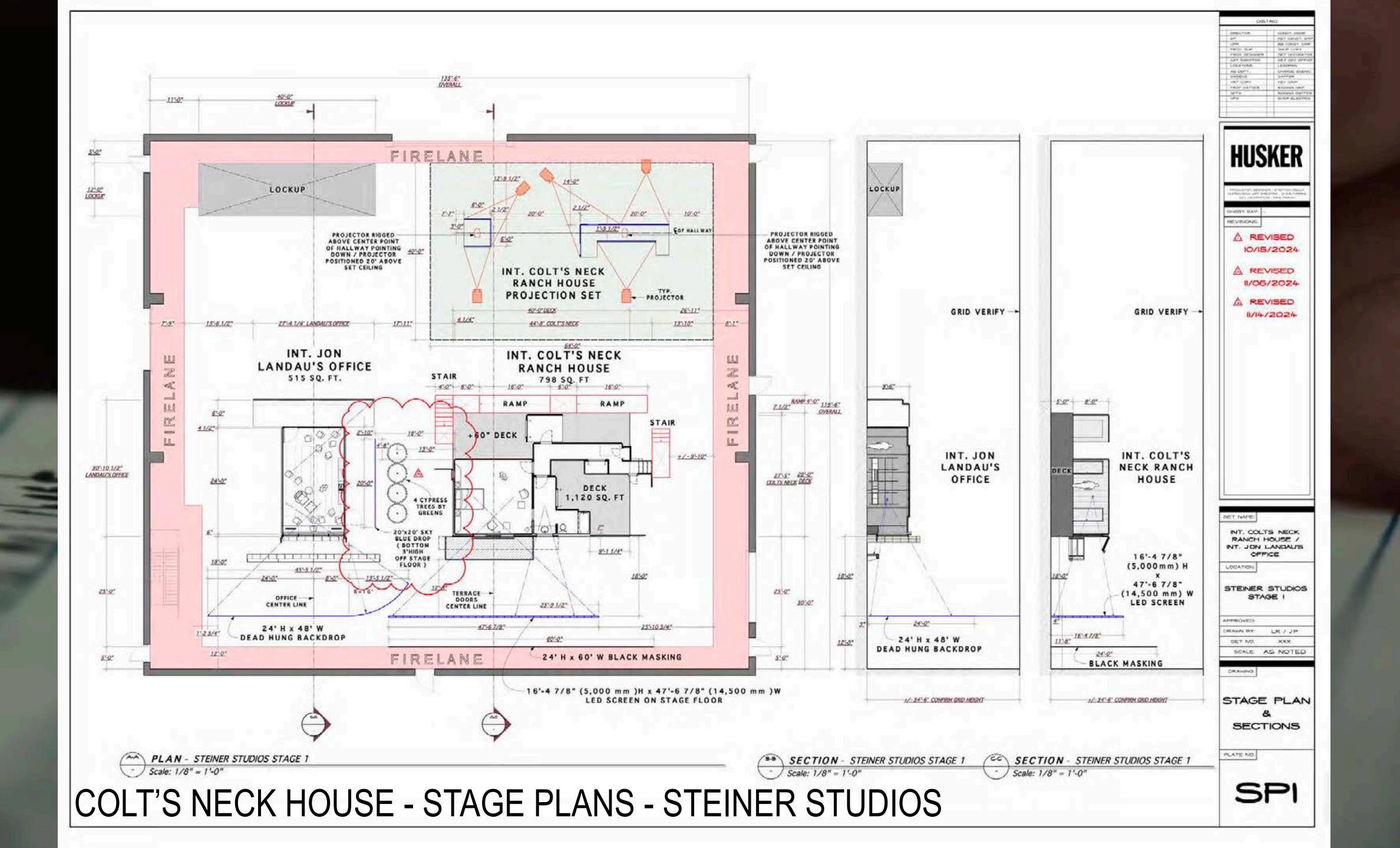


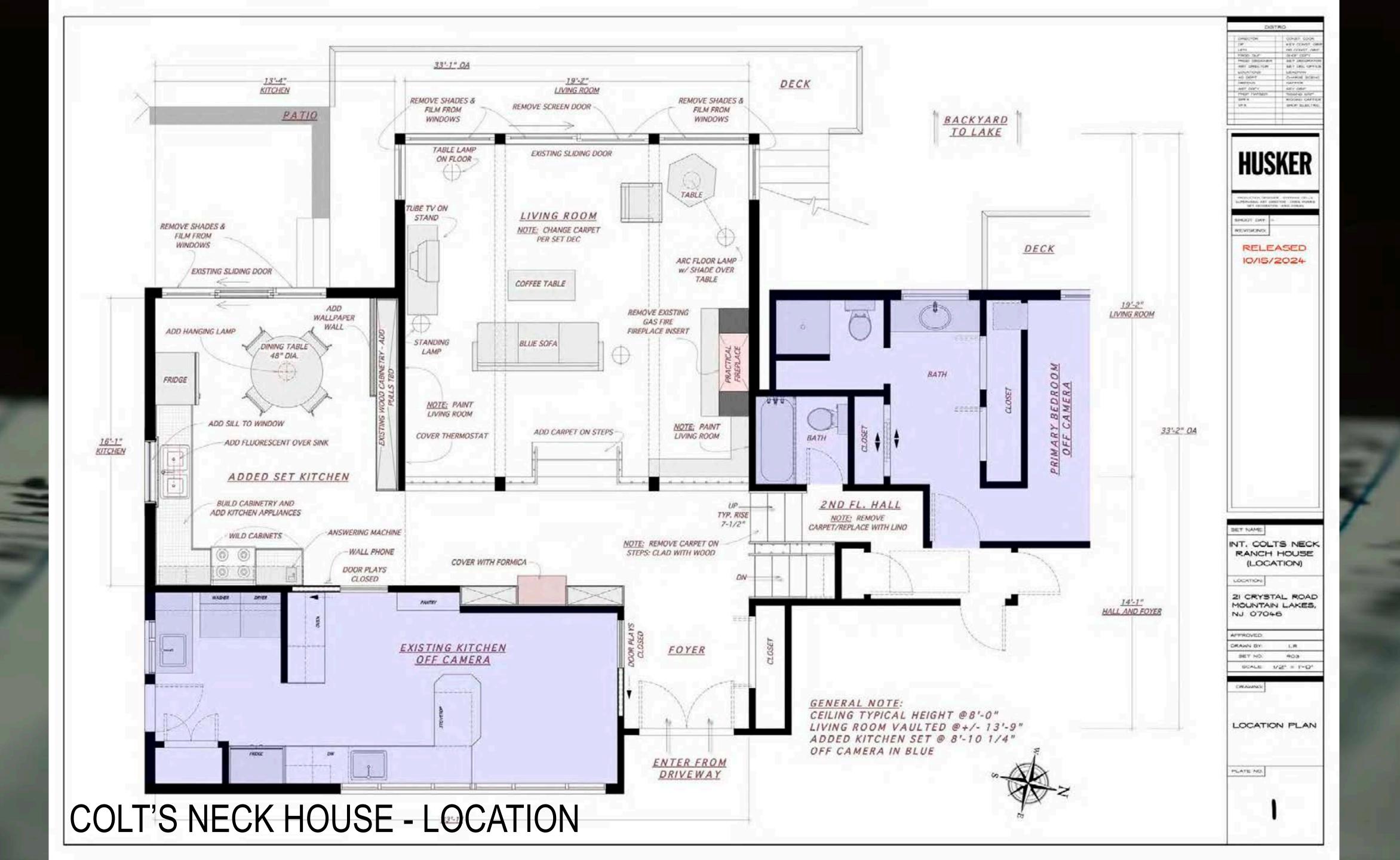




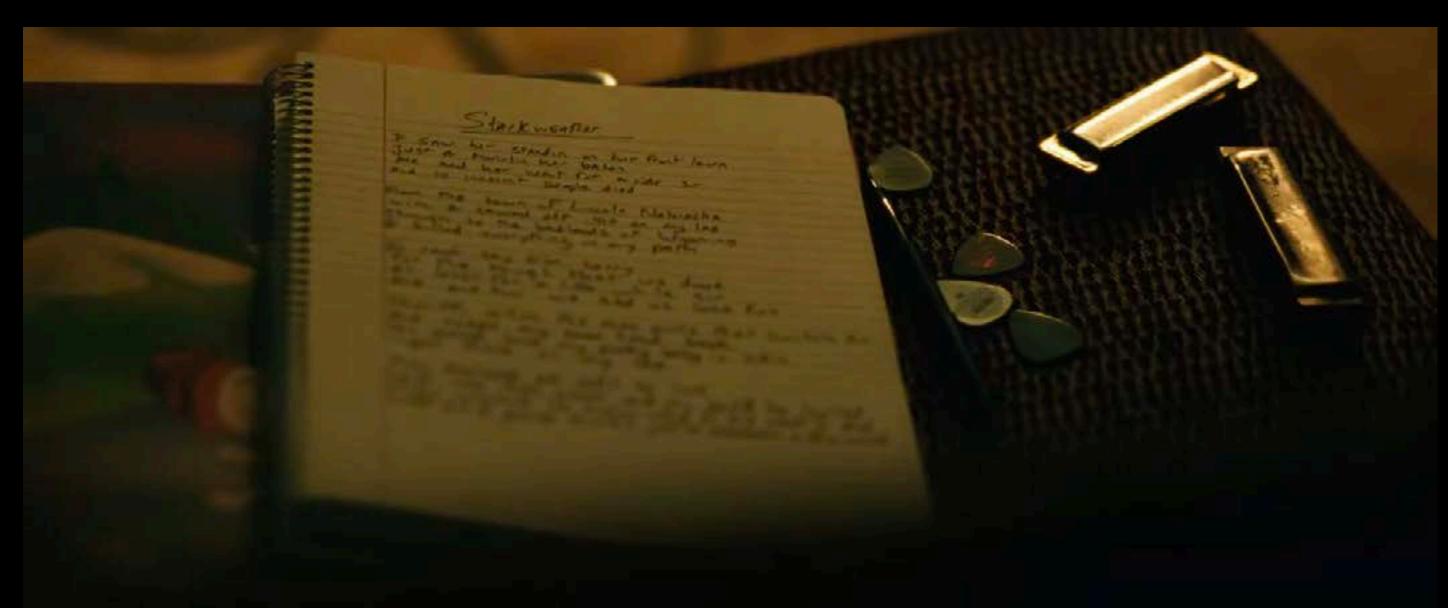
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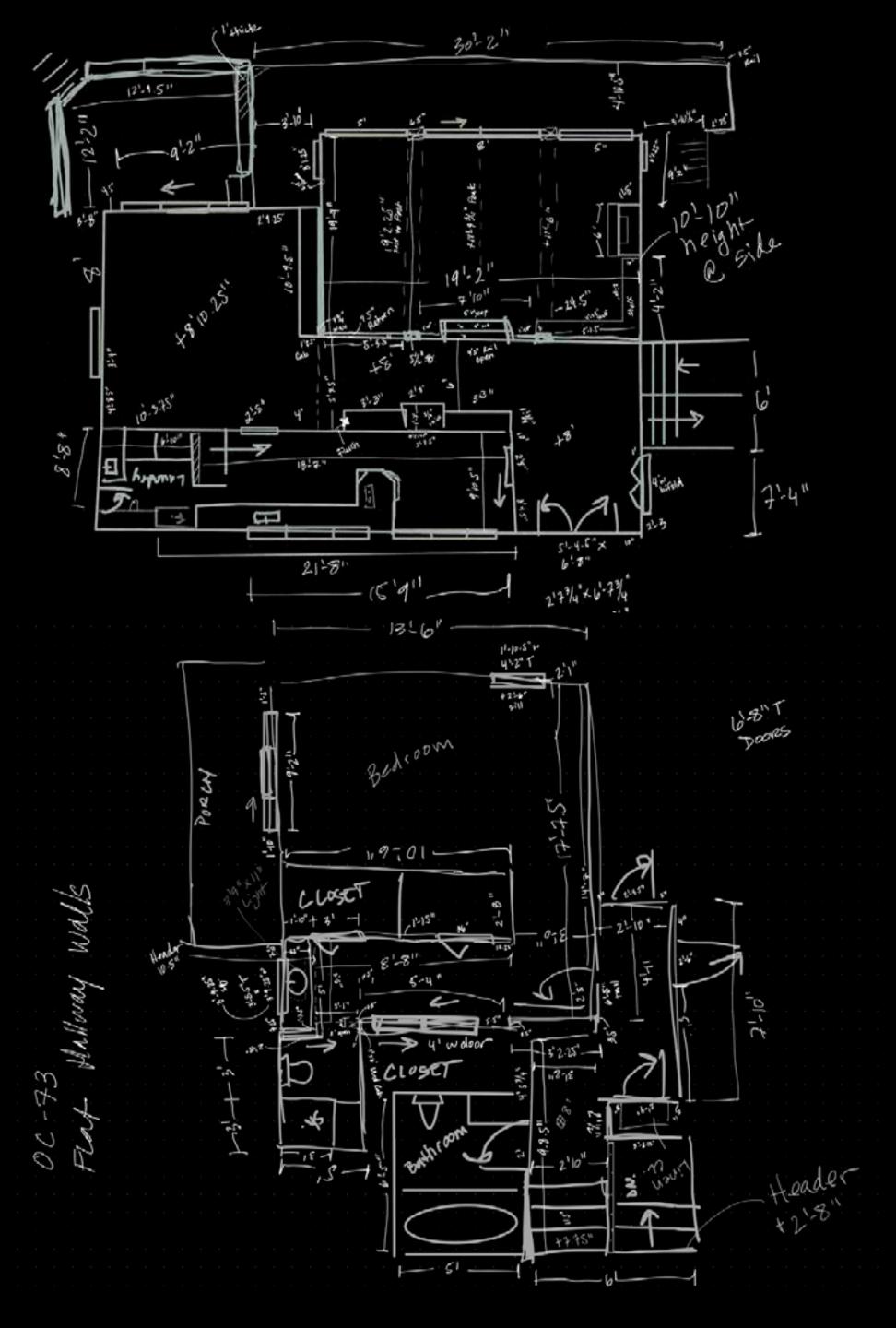








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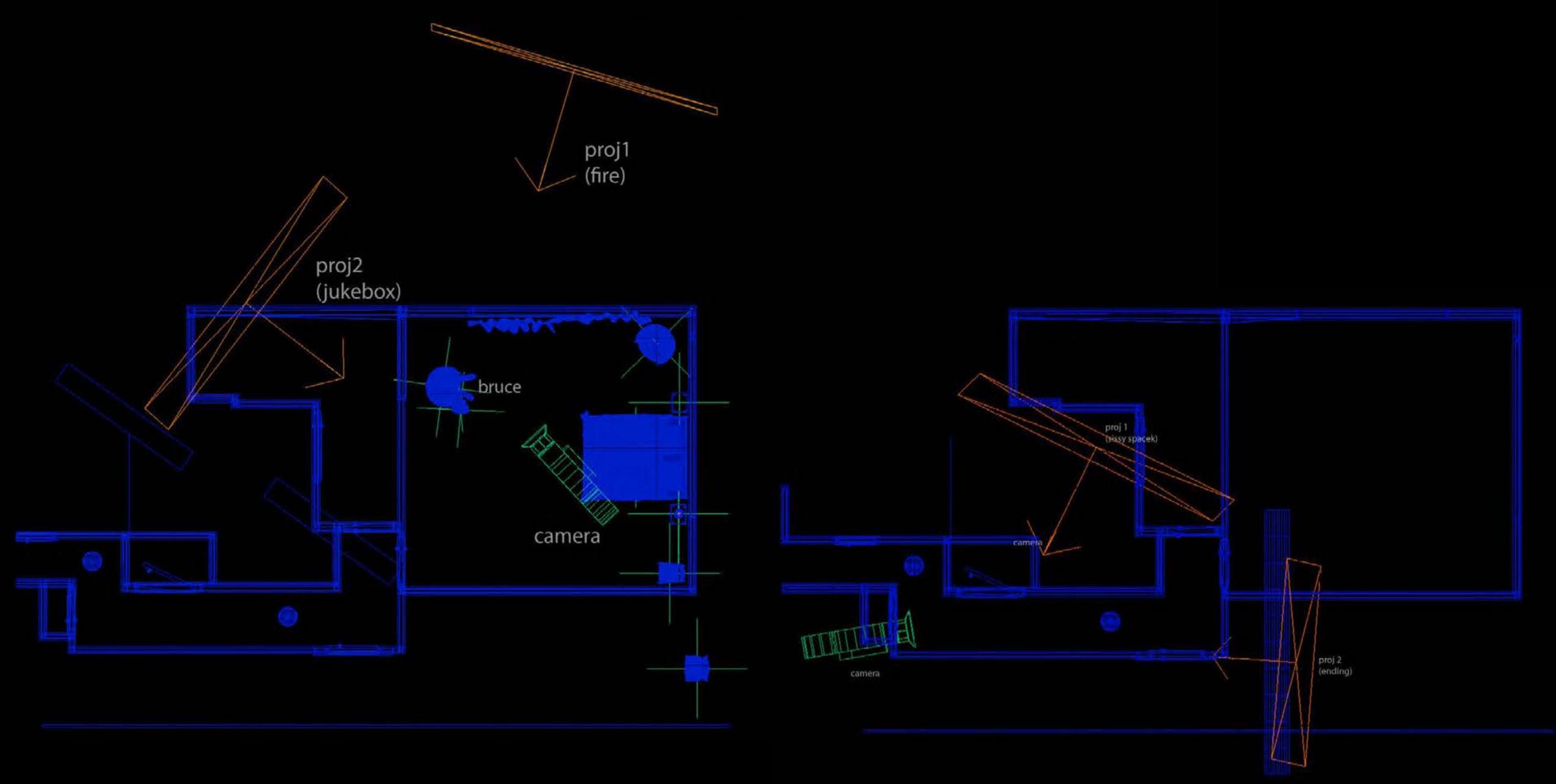
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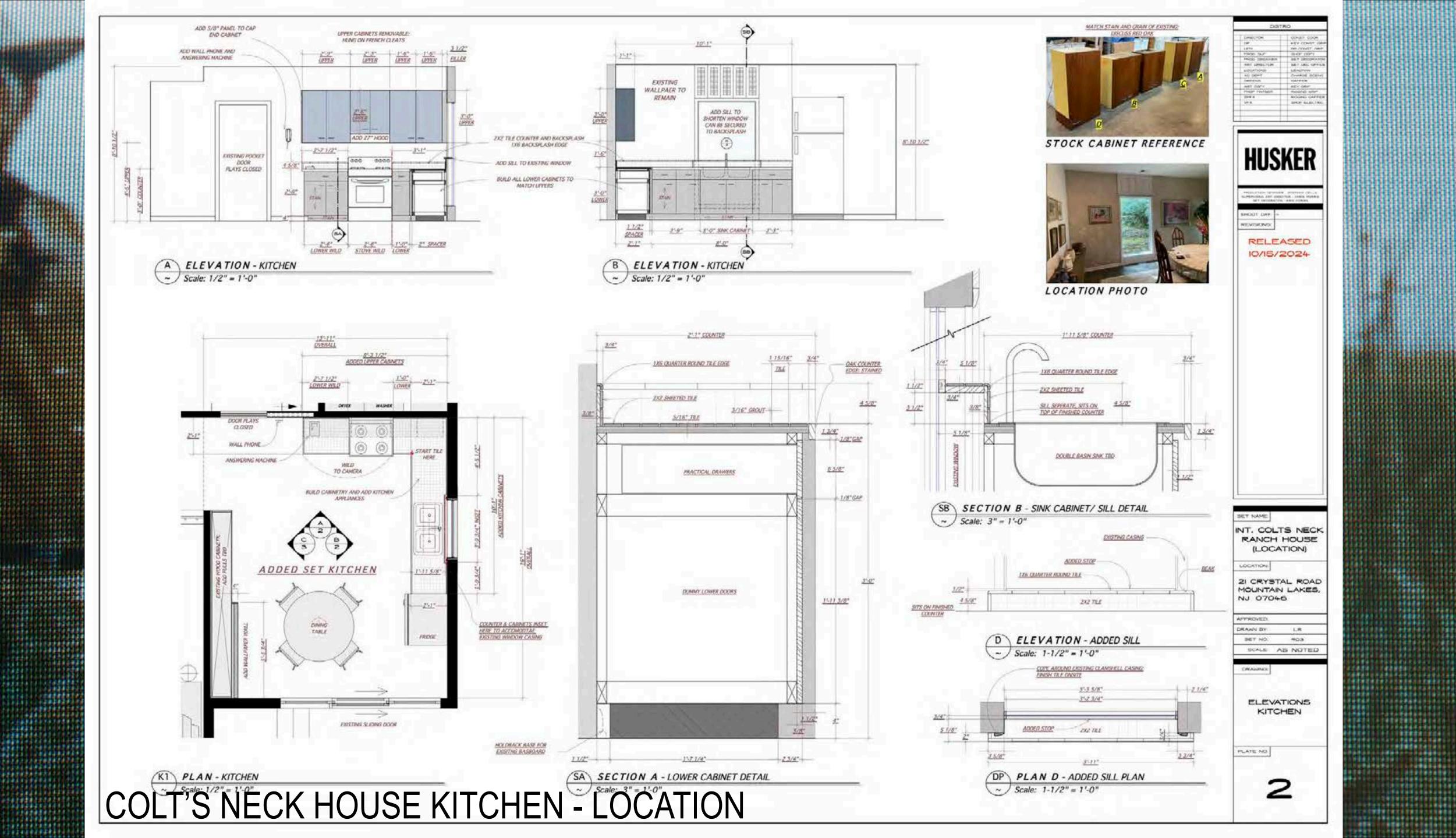


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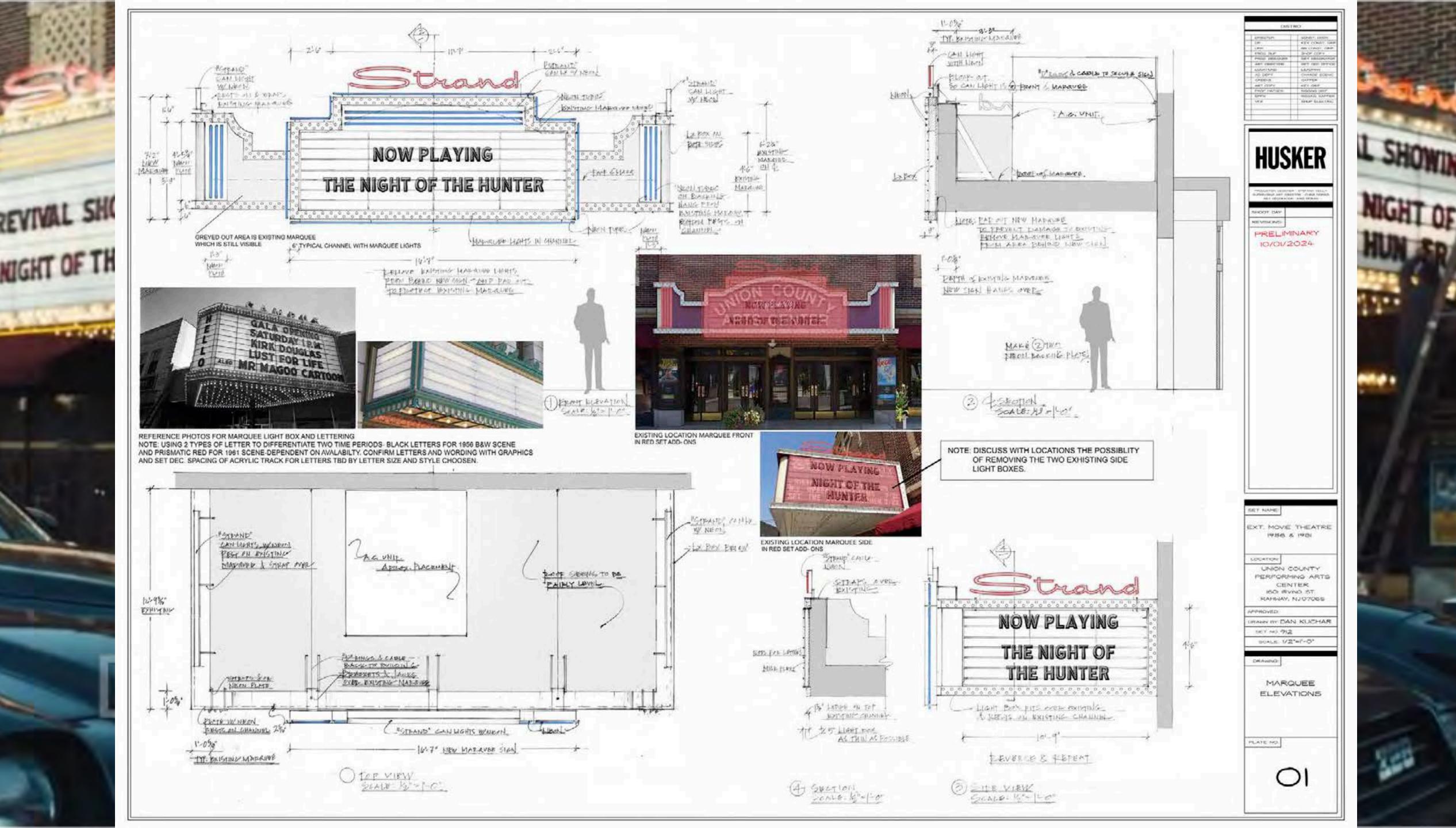
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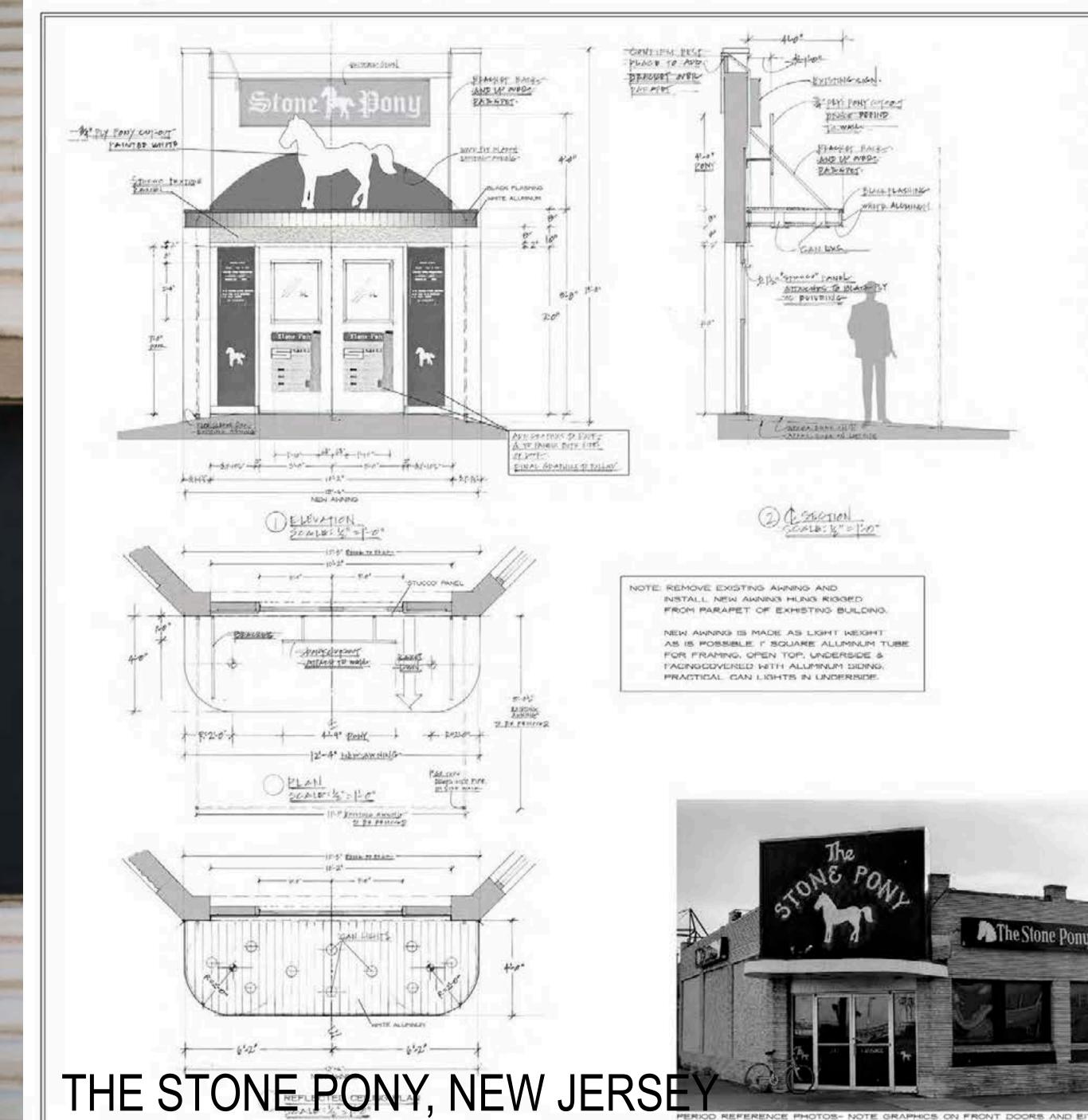
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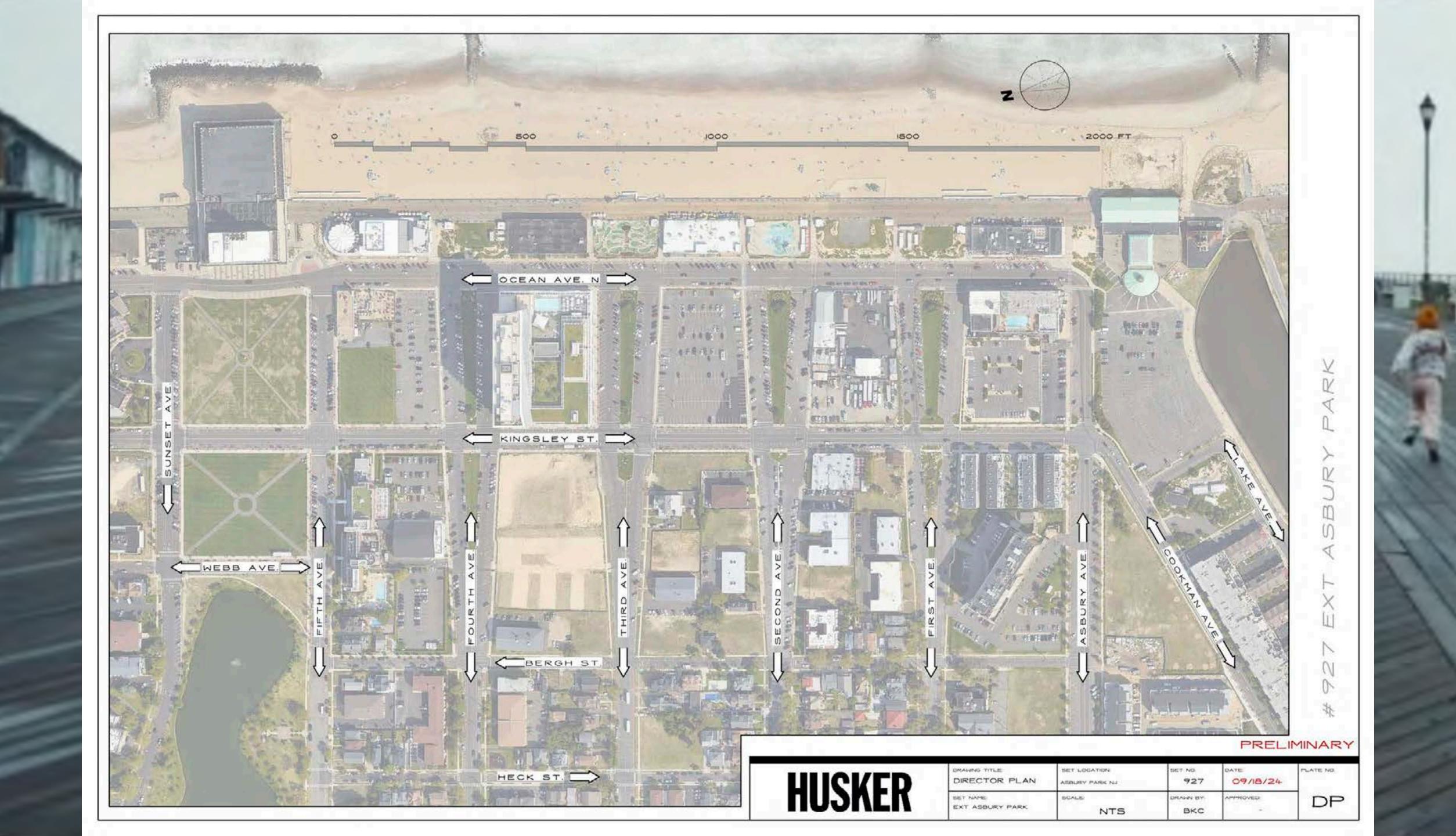


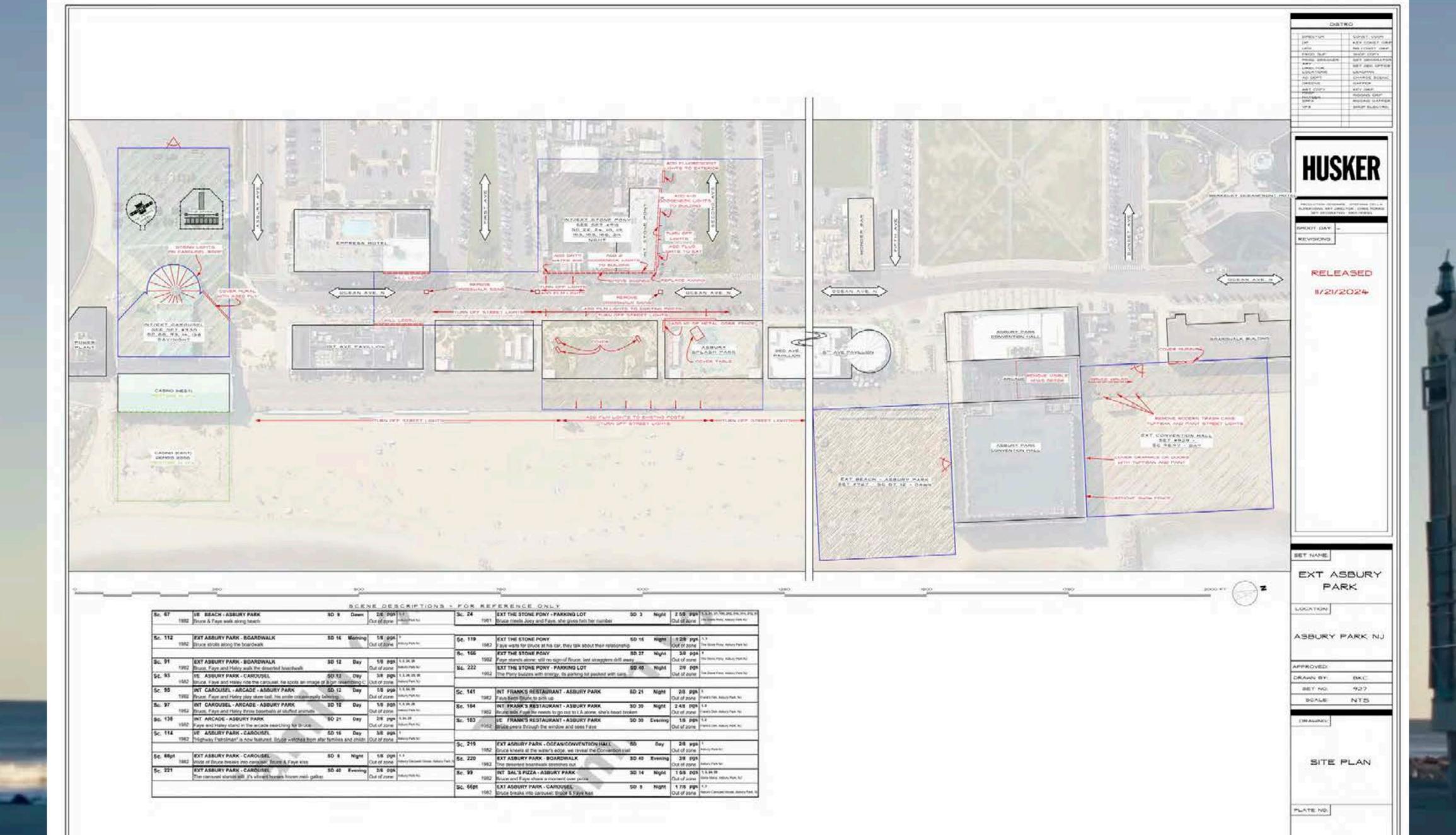
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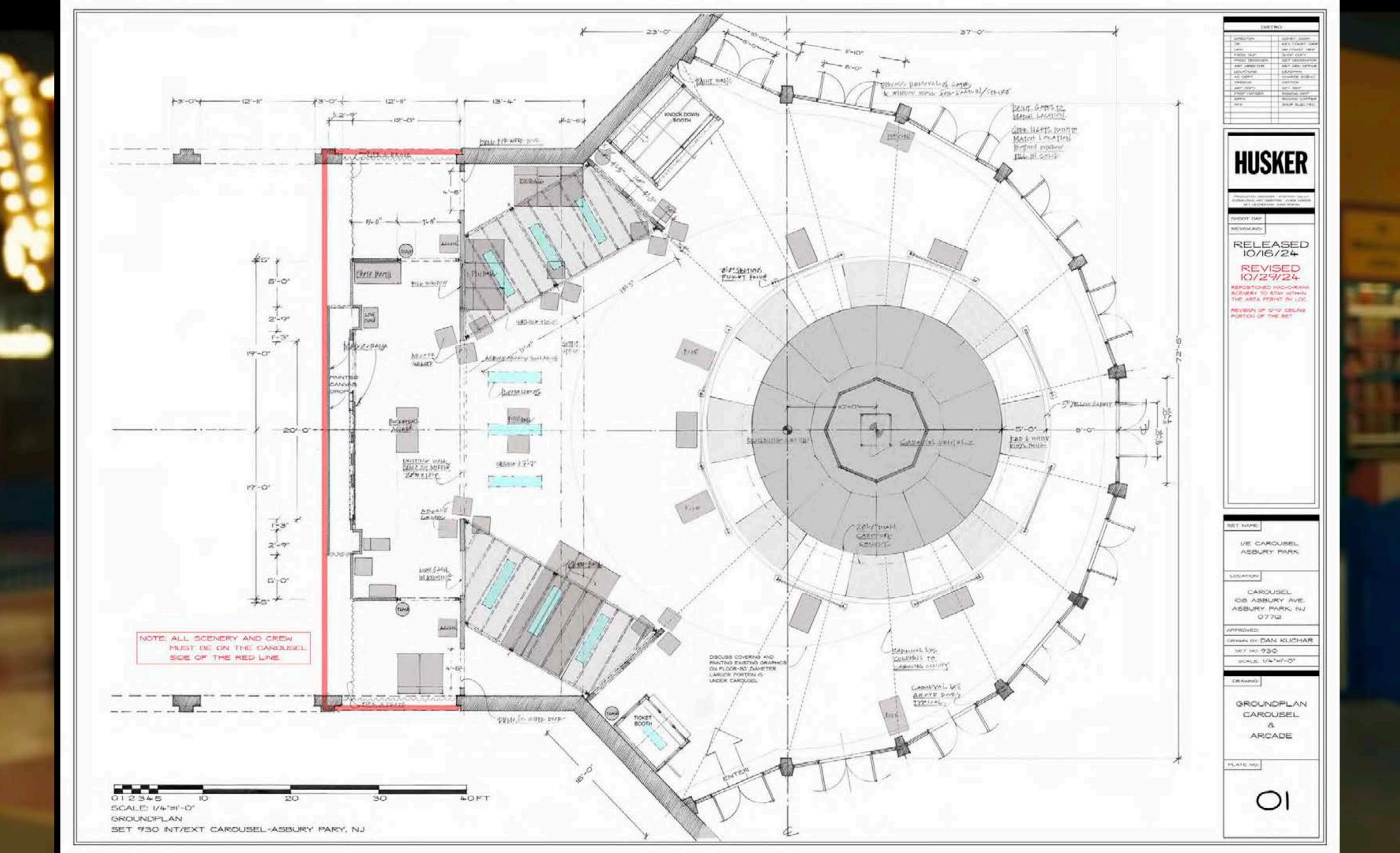


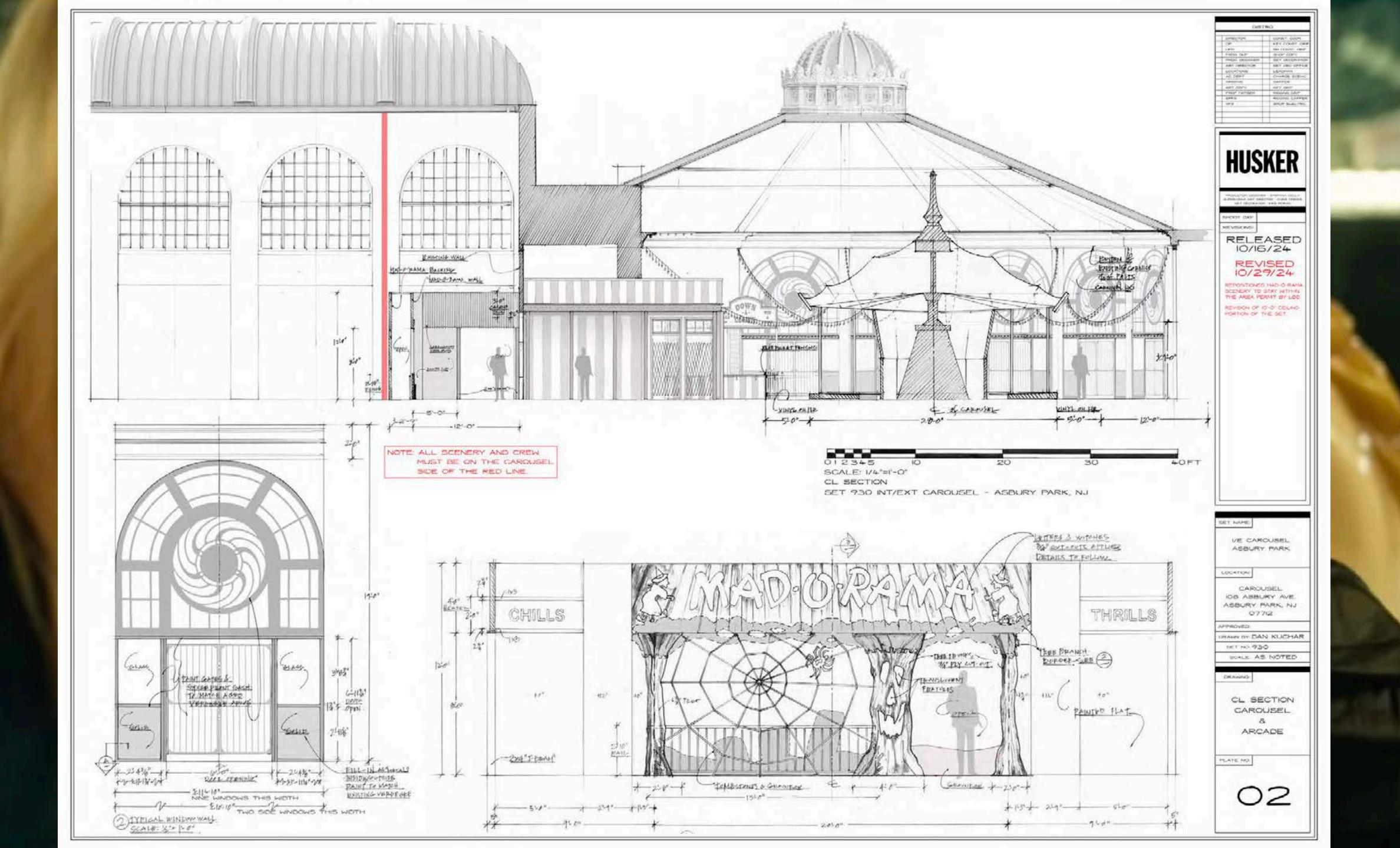


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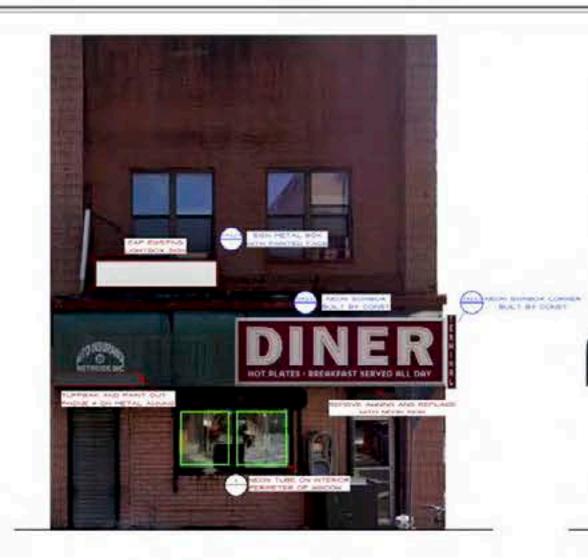


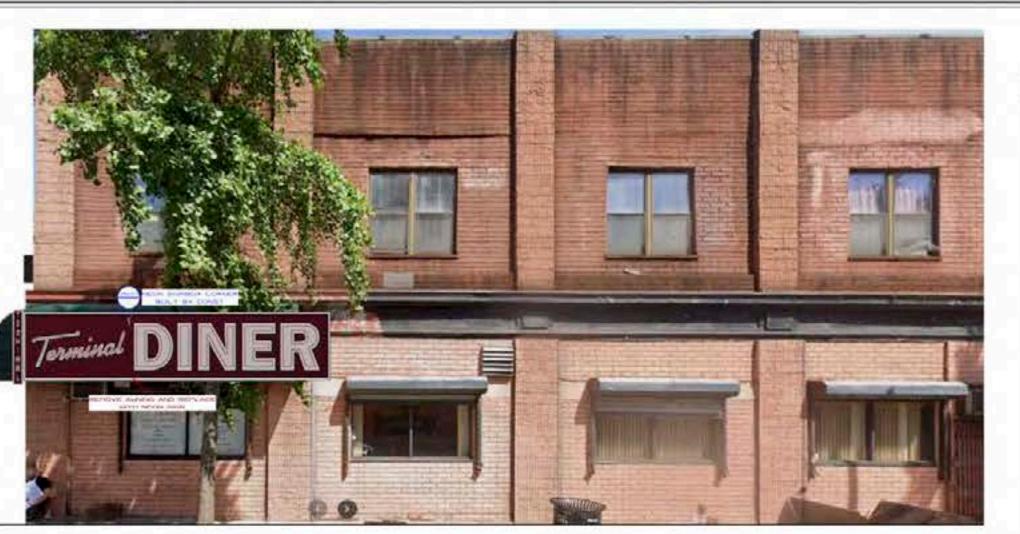
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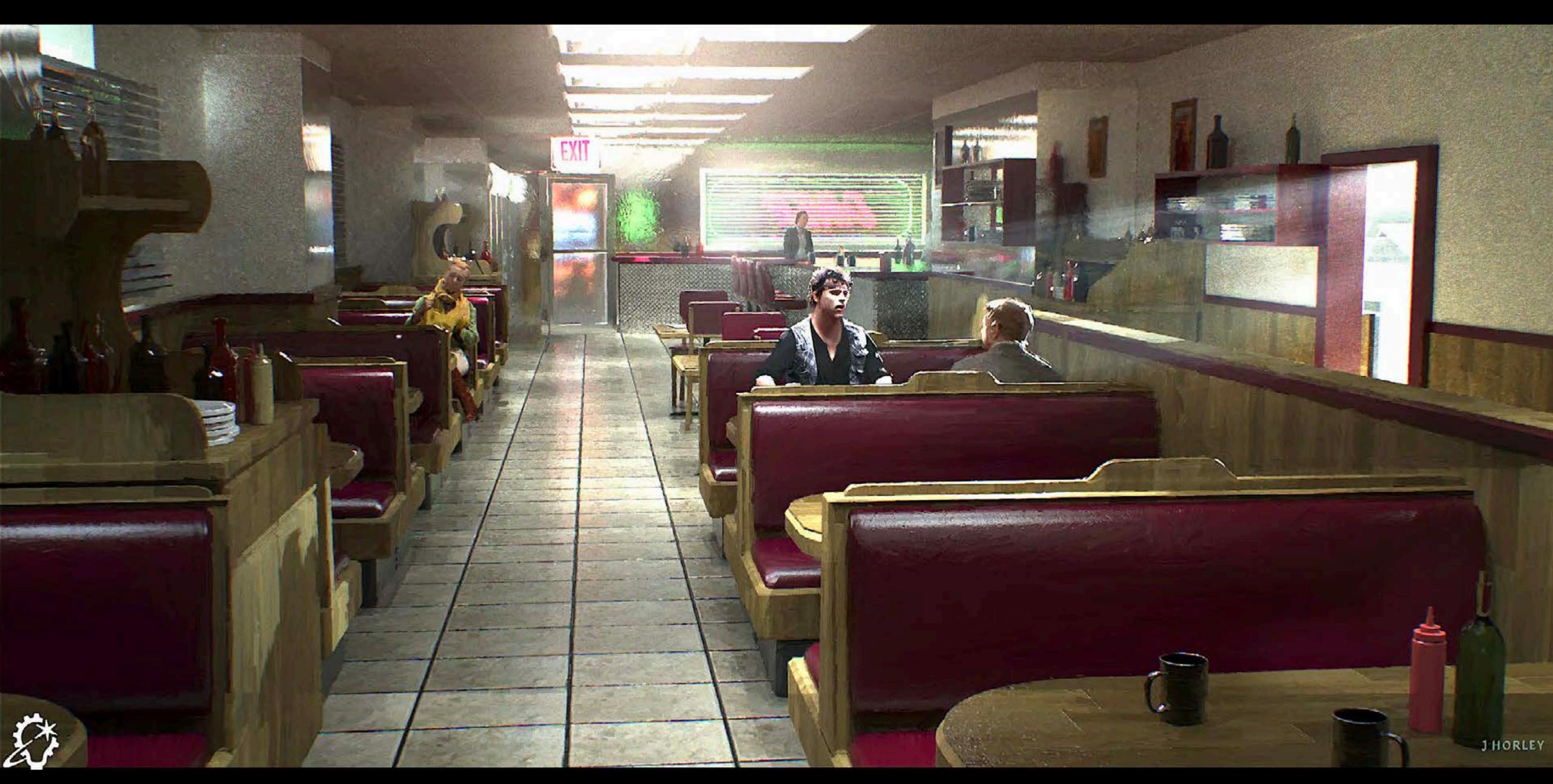
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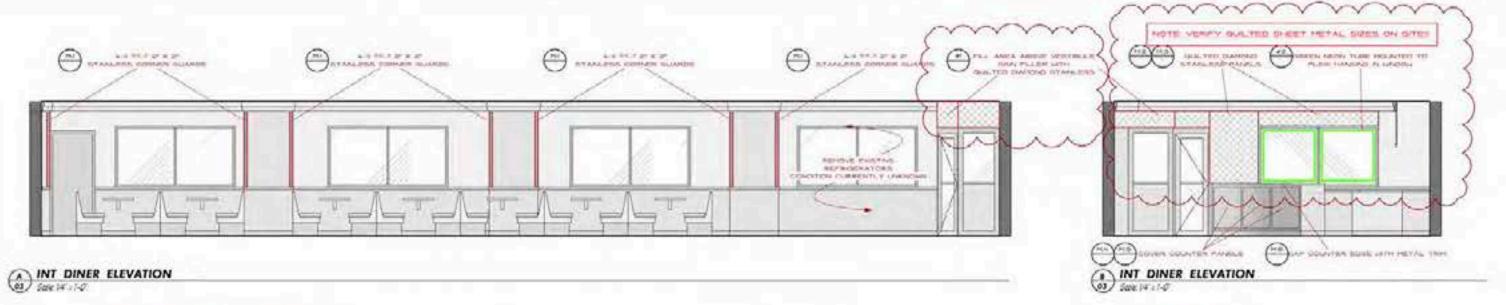


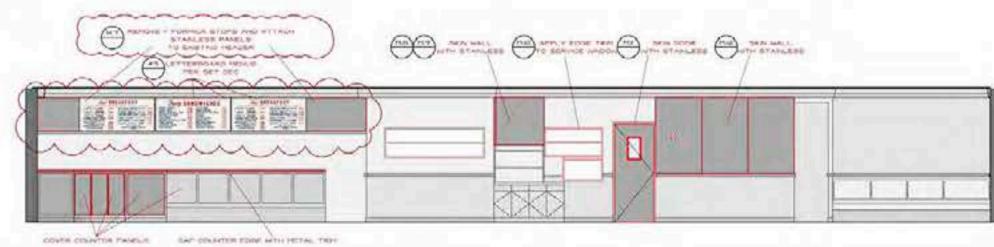


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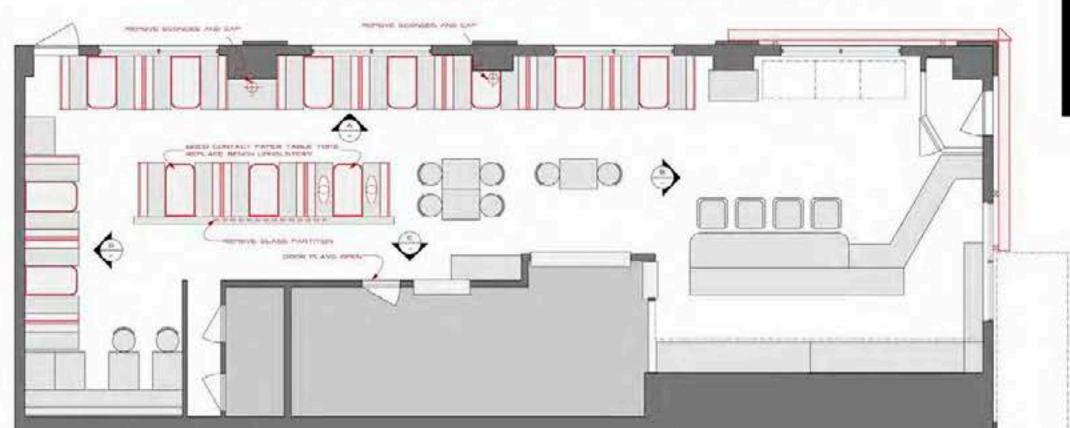


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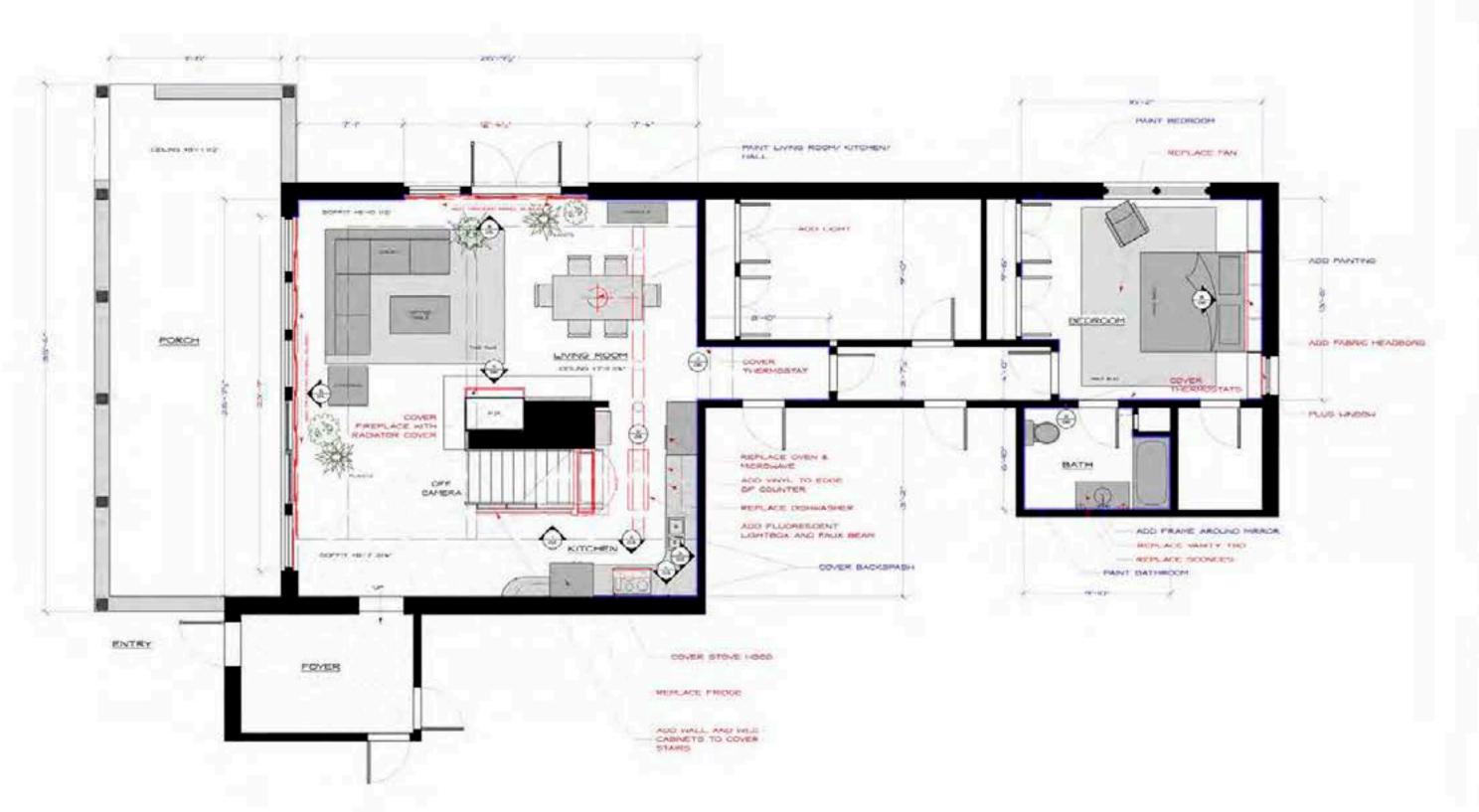








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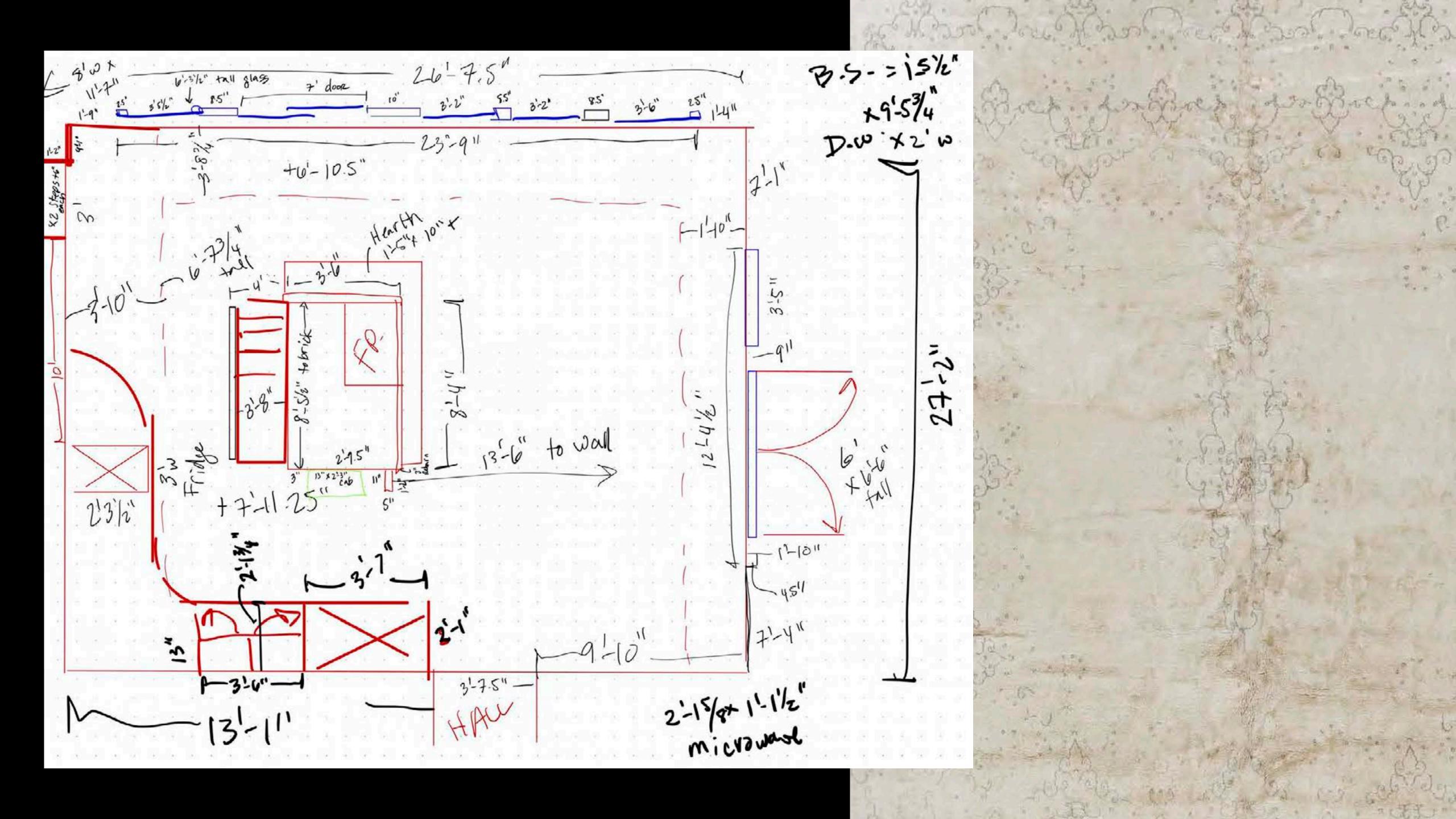
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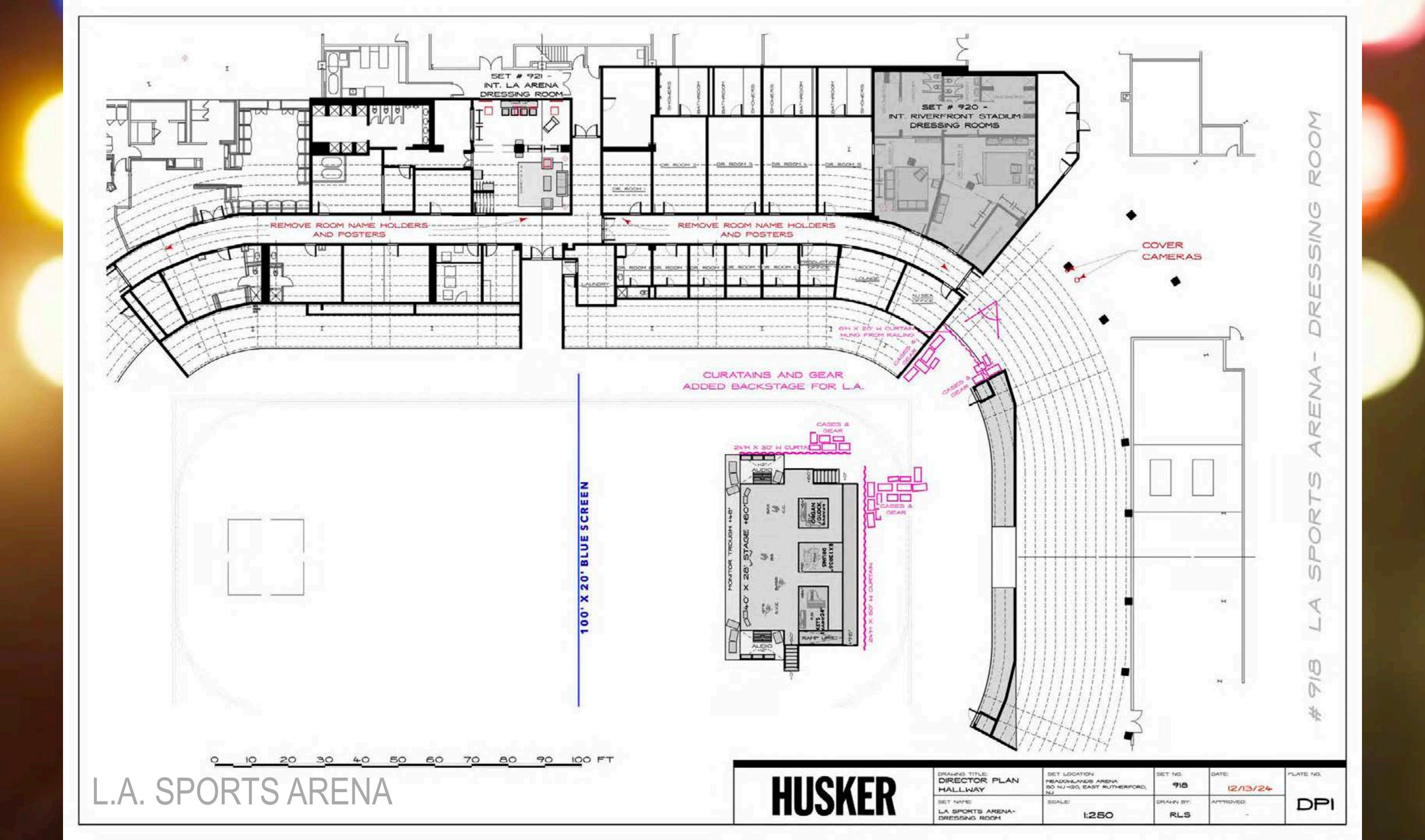


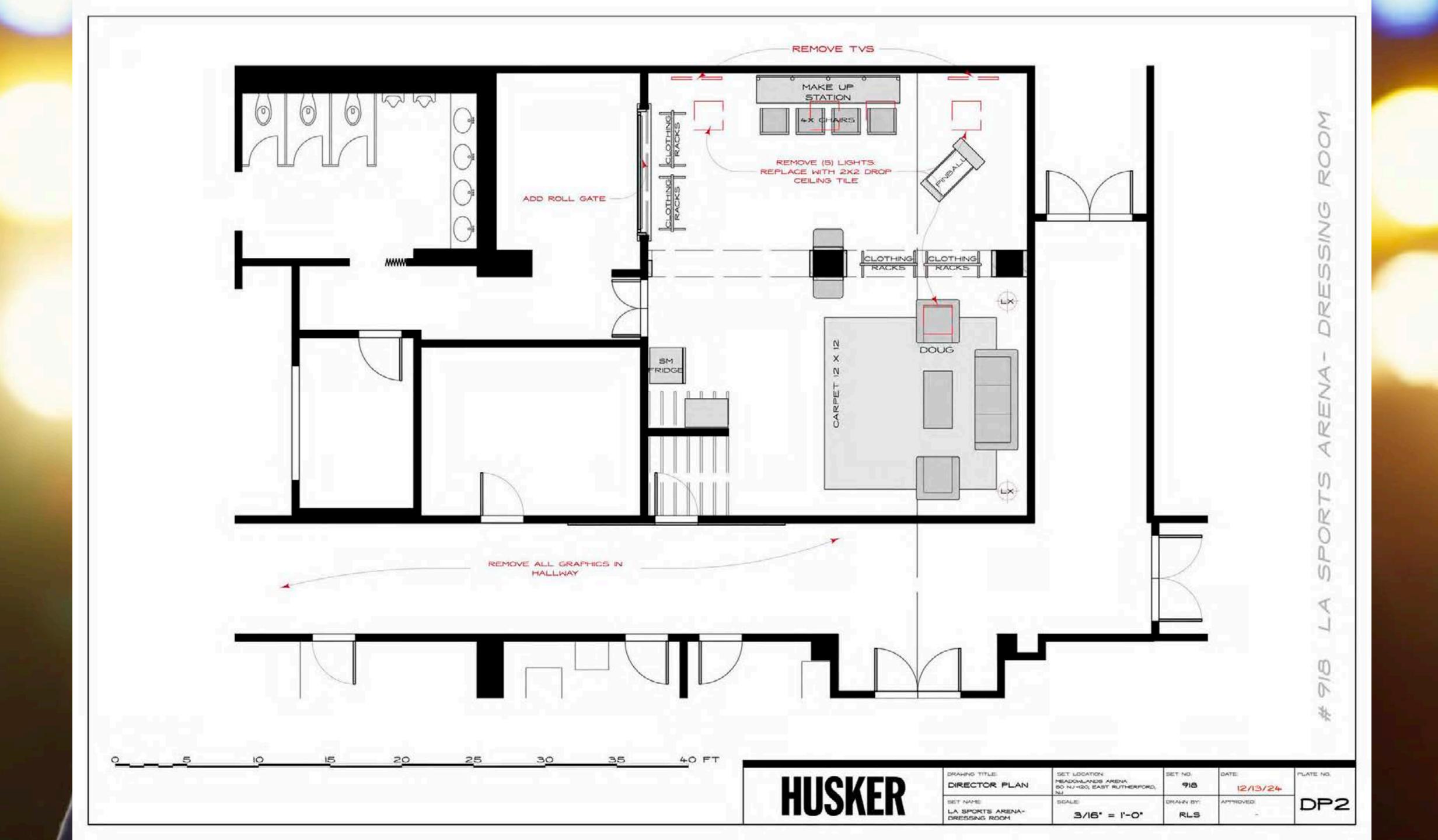














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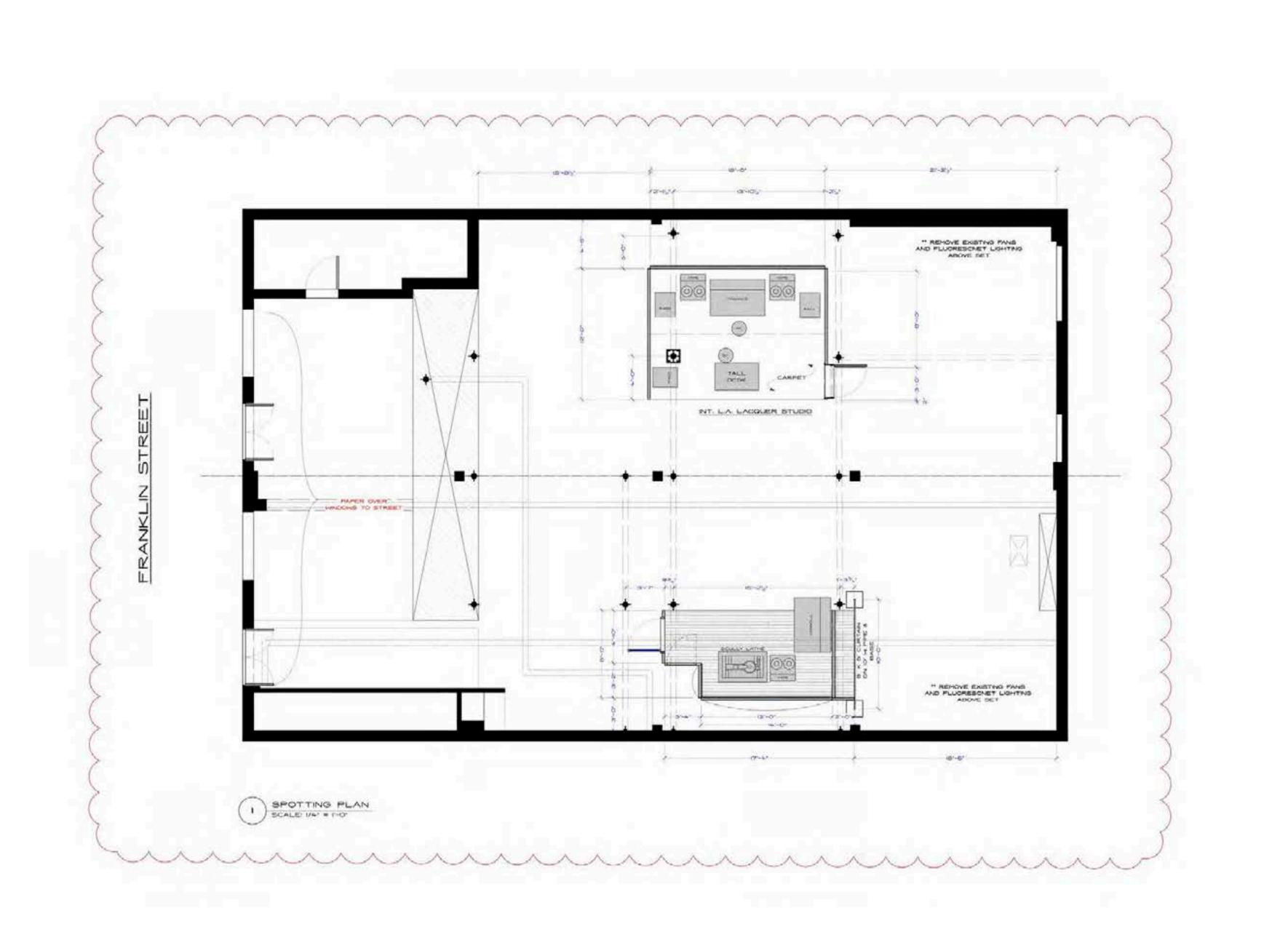




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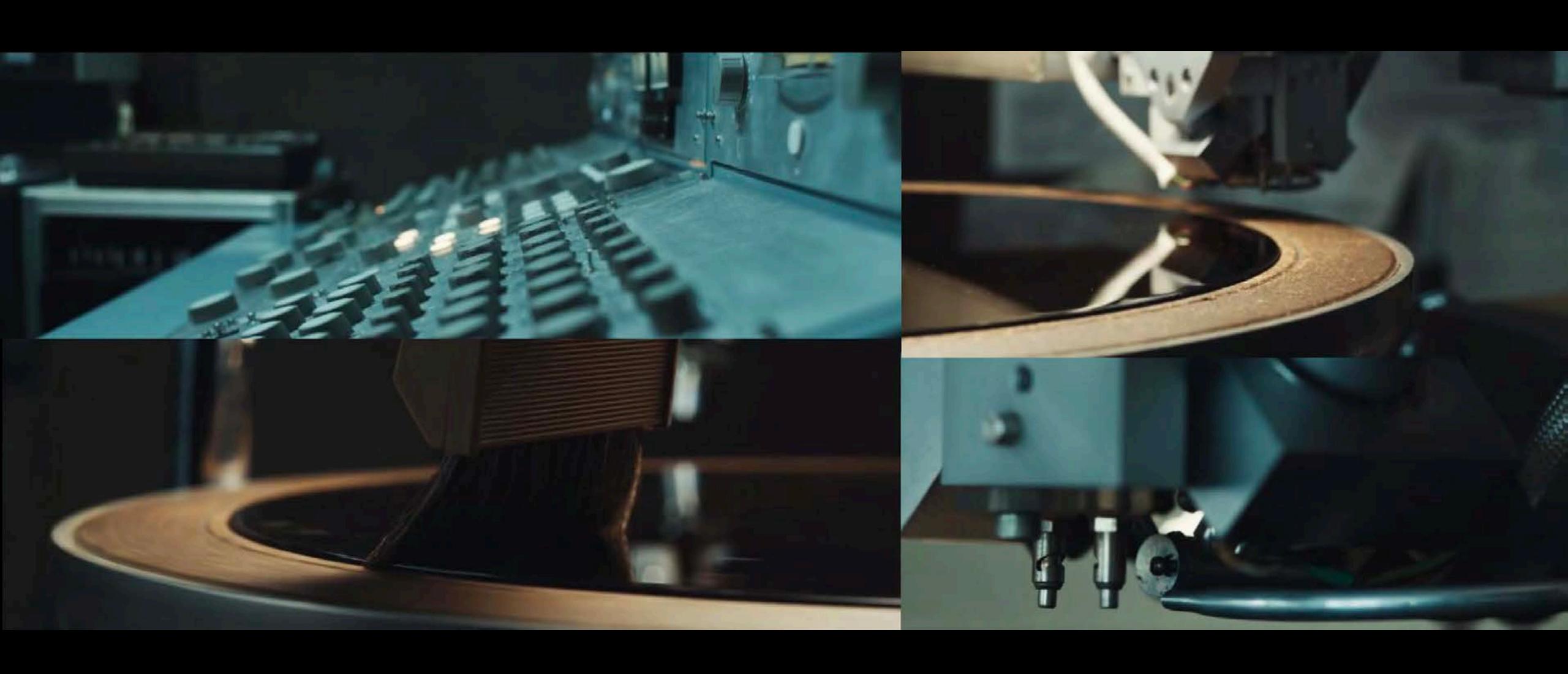
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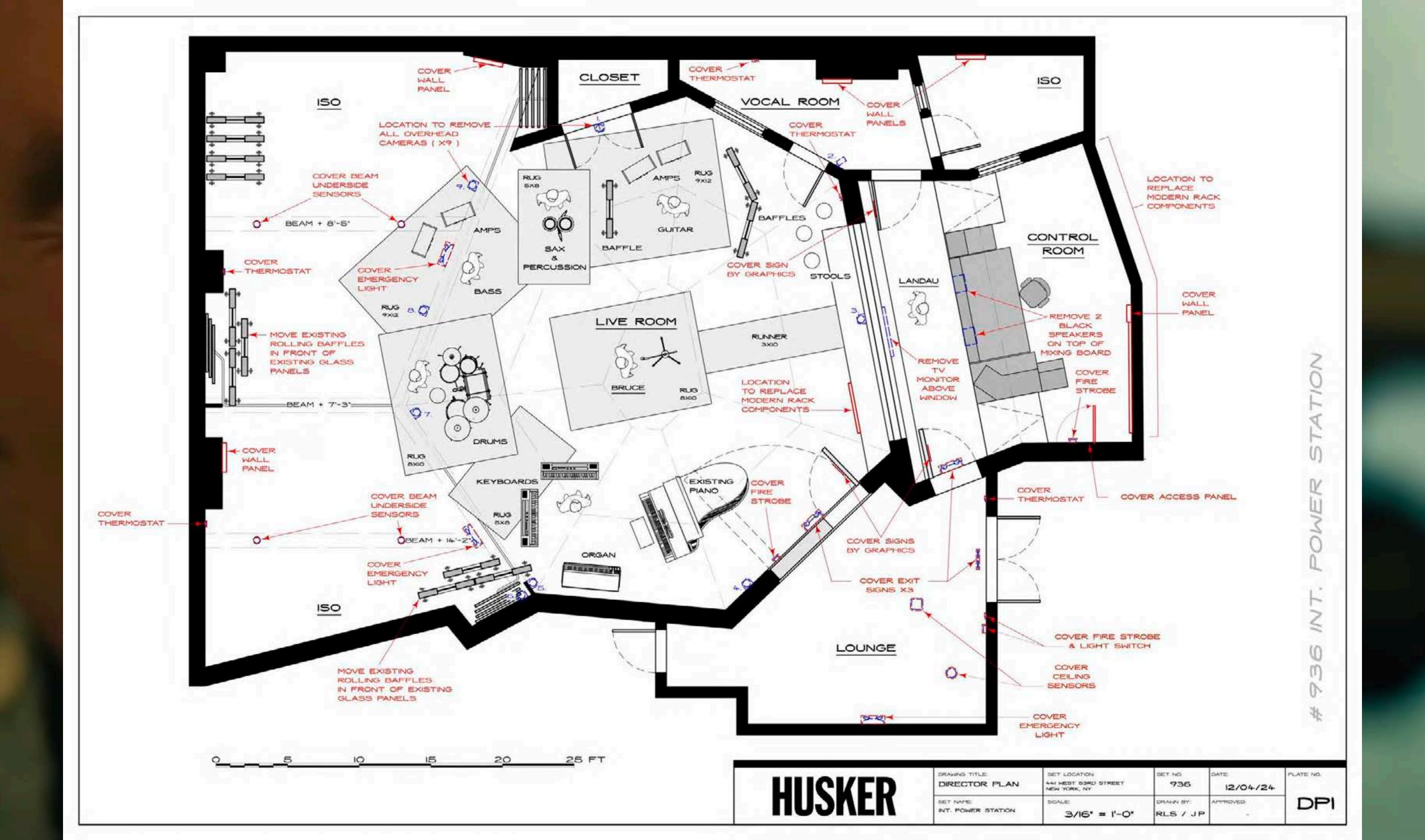
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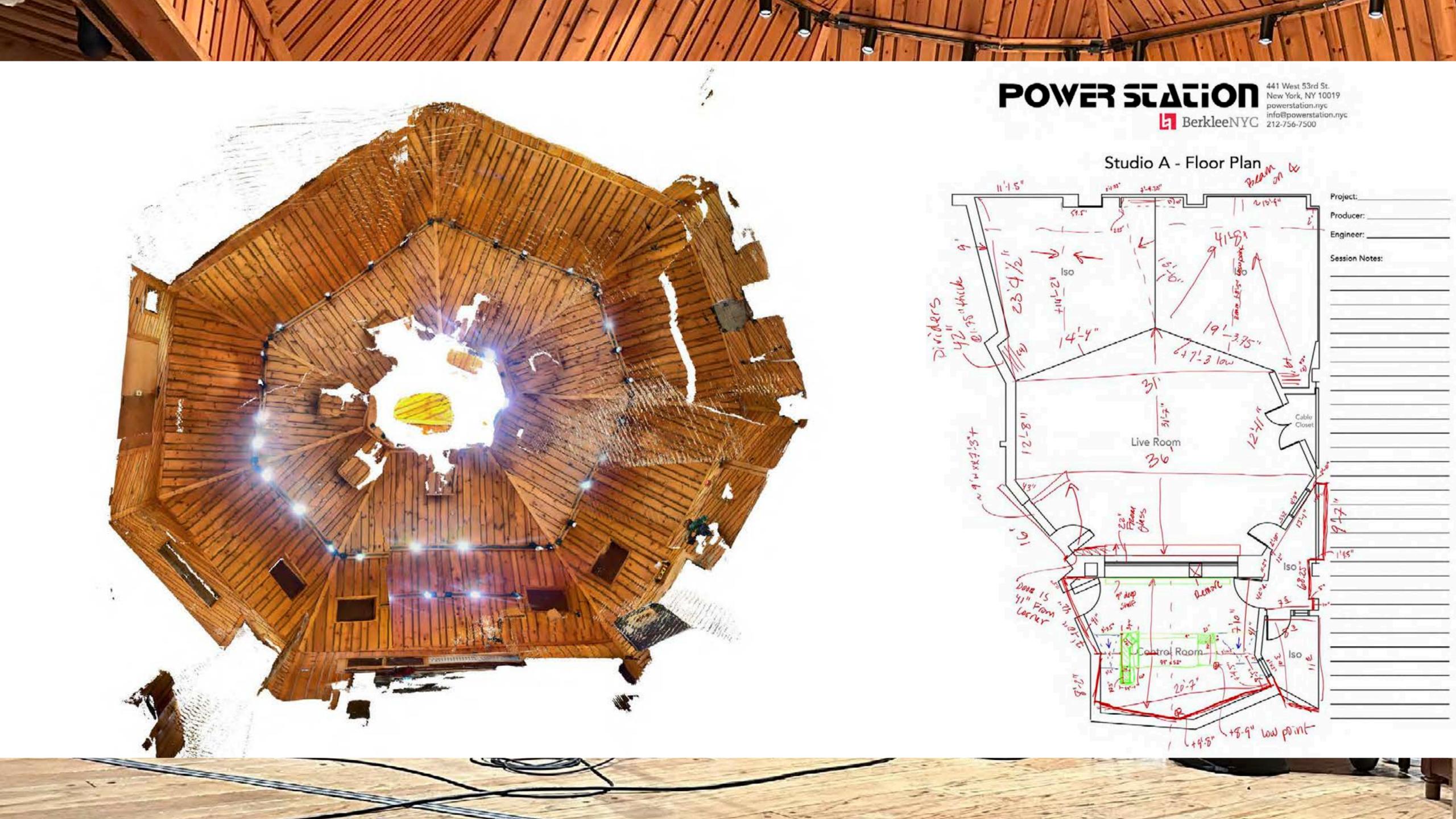


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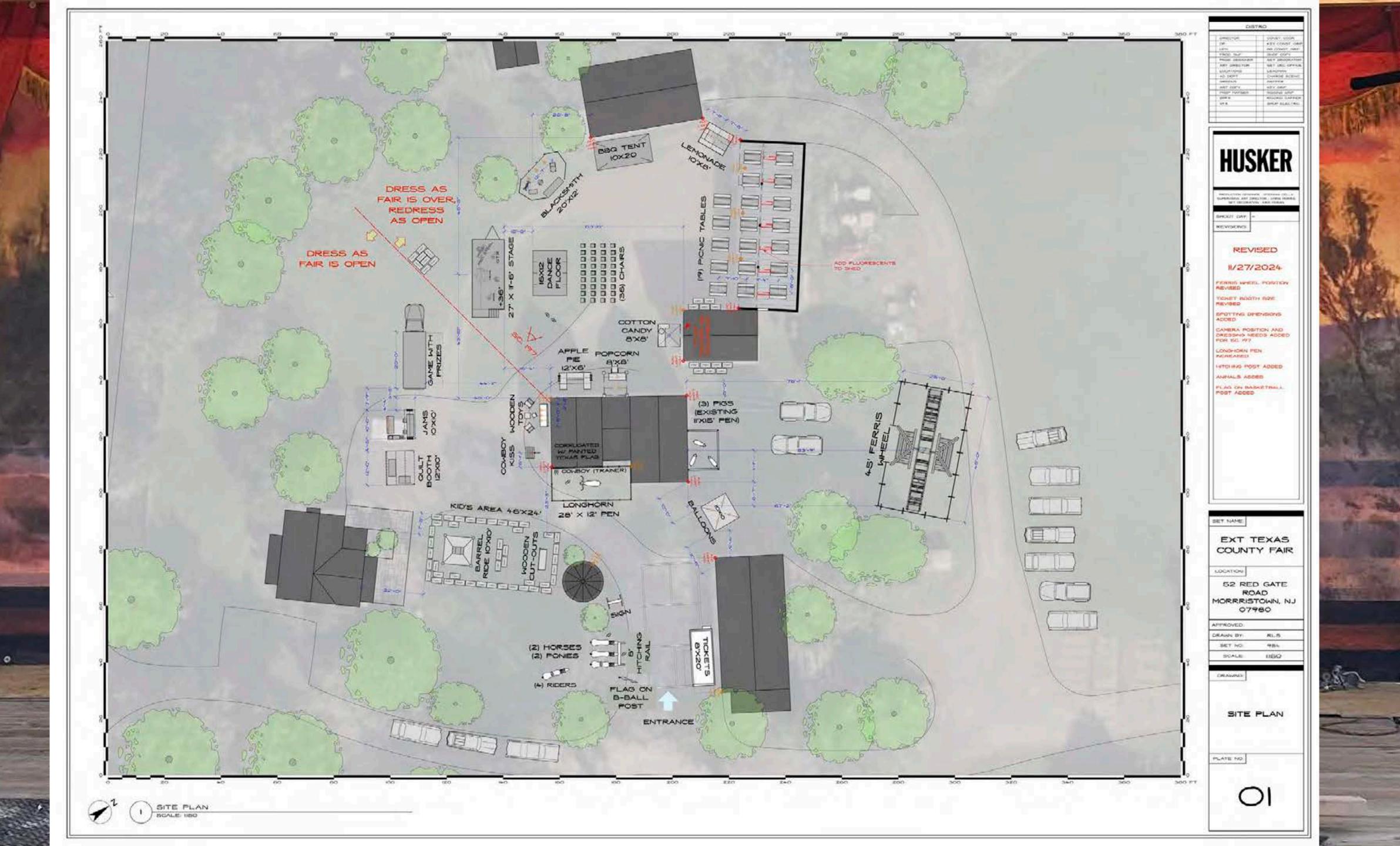
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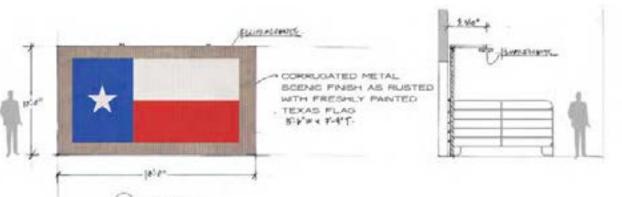
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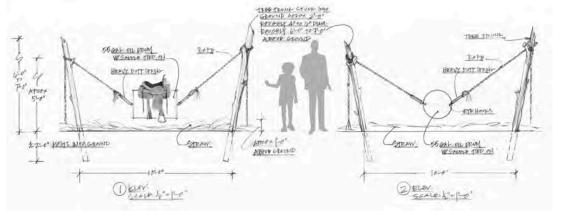


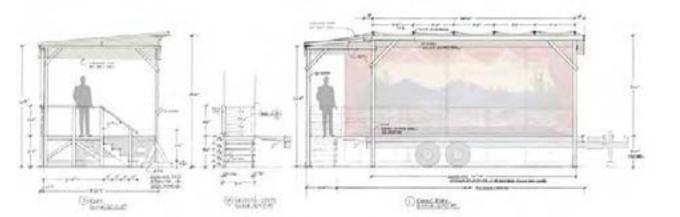
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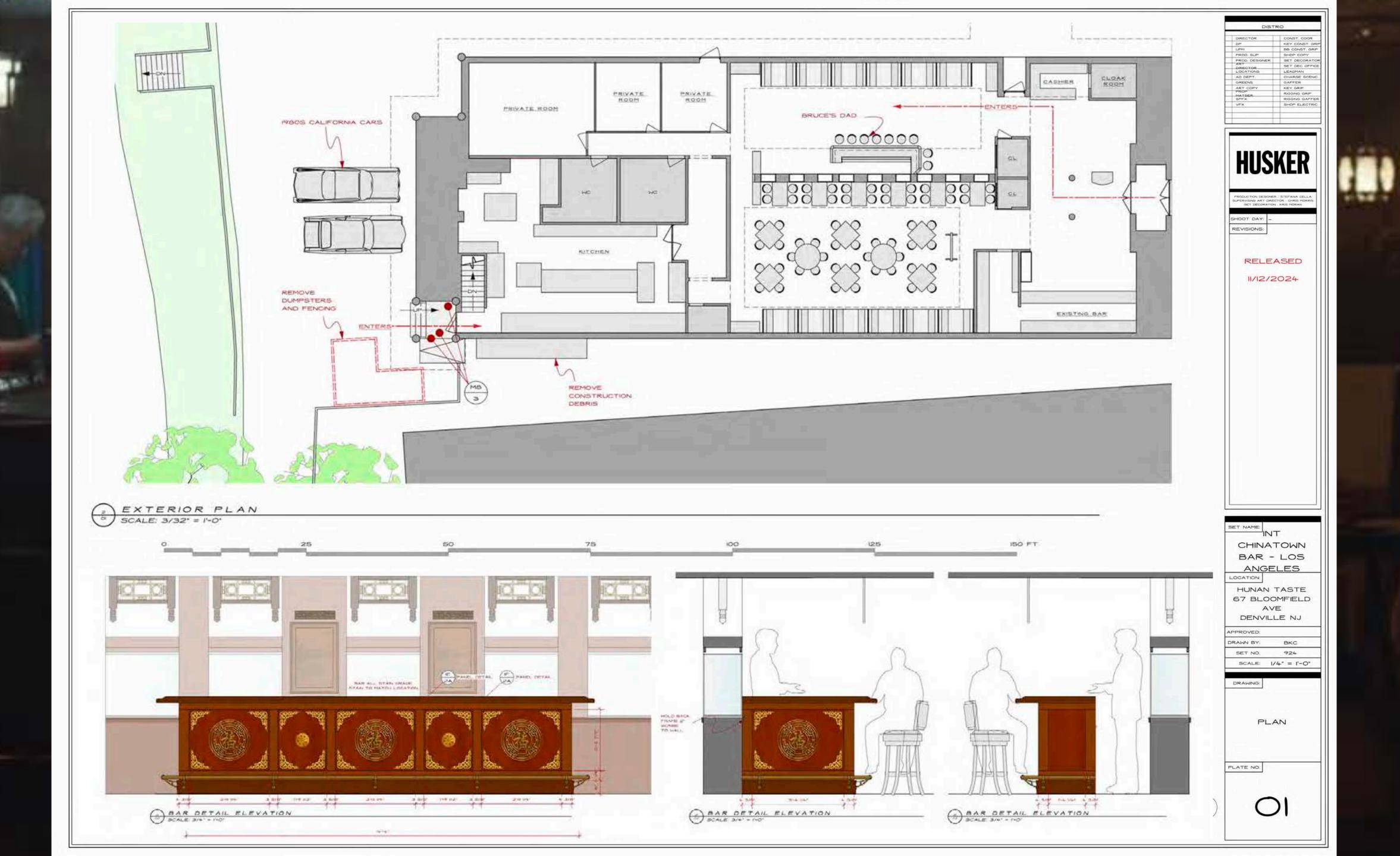
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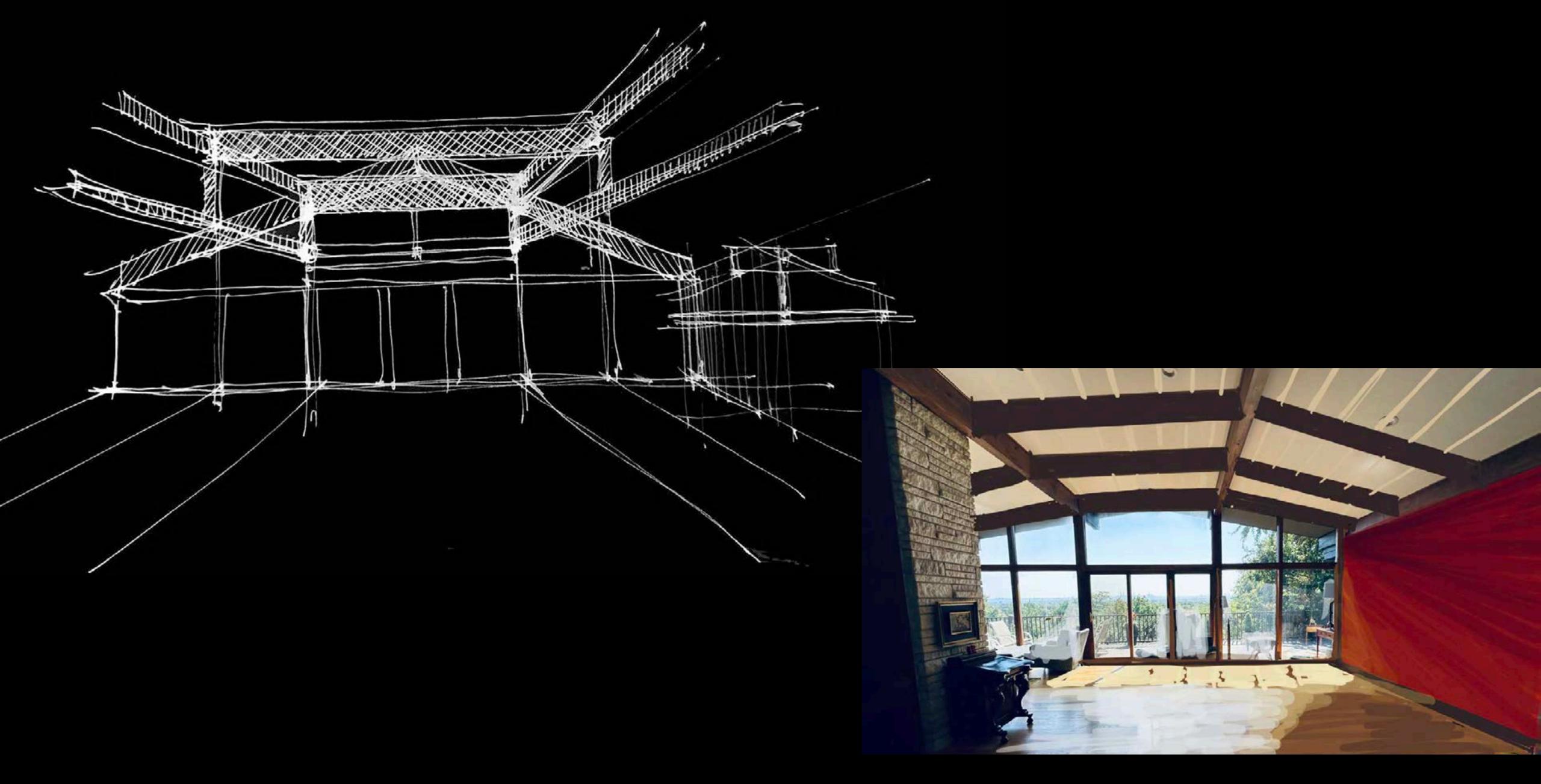




LOS ANGELES, CHINATOWN - FILM STILL



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LOS ANGELES, HOLLYWOOD HILLS HOUSE - SKETCH









When I first read the script for *Deliver Me From Nowhere*, I realized and understood the emotional weight that this project would carry, not just because it is a period film, but because it is about Bruce Springsteen. A period film is always a challenge, and a period film about a living icon, even more so. Designing the world for a living legend means you have to walk a tightrope between fact, feeling, and mythology. There is no room for missteps, especially when the subject matter is so deeply revered, loved and well-documented. You need to navigate between beauty, reality, and the emotional story you need to tell, all while taking into consideration not just the public, the fans, the audience, but also the nostalgia and memories.

The story centers around the making of Bruce's *Nebraska* album. It's a very intimate narrative, sparse and unpolished by design. That tone became the true guide for the work. I had access to a wealth of material: Bruce's own notebooks, personal photo albums, books, conversations with Bruce, Eileen Chapman (director of the Bruce Springsteen Archives at Monmouth University) access to their extensive archives, Bruce's longtime guitar tech Kevin Buell, as well as Jon Landau. I relied heavily on Bruce's own writing. *Born to Run* was essential, as well as was the photography from Lynn Goldsmith, David Michael Kennedy, and Frank Stefanko, who all captured the Nebraska era in very different and personal ways.





Recreating Bruce's house in Colt's Neck, where he recorded Nebraska on a 4-track, was a central part of shaping the emotional and visual core of the film. I visited the actual house with Bruce and Scott. It has since been renovated, but some of its bones remain: a ranch house on a reservoir, simple, isolated. It was nearly empty, but full of presence. That emptiness became a tool—the structure and natural light had to do the emotional lifting. I kept the furniture and decoration minimal. The space needed to hold solitude, reflection, and peace. It needed to feel like Nebraska sounds.

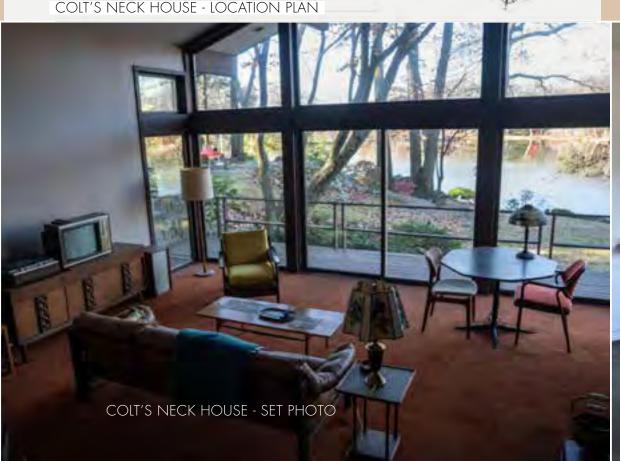
We built parts of the house on stage at Steiner Studios, including the bedroom, because we needed

a controlled environment to shoot key scenes involving retroprojection. We used LED screens with plate shots outside the windows to keep the emotional tone connected to the outside world. The bedroom was intimate and stripped down, made to feel like both a sanctuary and a void, while also maintaining elements from the original space, such as the carpeting.

As for the corridor in the house, we used translucent plexiglass with retro-projection material and even plexiglass molding to allow images to pass through surfaces, as an abstract metaphor as well as projecting scenes from Badlands that were influential in Bruce's writing process.









People often ask if we included any easter eggs or nods to Terrence Malick's, *Badlands*, the film that inspired Bruce's writing on Nebraska. We didn't approach it that overtly. There are no hidden props or pieces of set dressing. Thematically, its influence runs through everything. You can see it literally in the projections, and feel it more subtly in the landscapes, environments, moments of silence, and in the sense of characters fleeing both society and themselves.

That said, what we did incorporate were homages that ground the story firmly in Bruce's own world. In the Colt's Neck house, the wallpaper is a deliberate nod to Frank Stefanko's photograph for the cover of *Darkness on the Edge of Town*. Bruce once said that image captured "the guy in the songs", stripped of celebrity and distilled down. That spirit moves forward into the *Nebraska* era.







One of the most emotional recreations was Bruce's childhood home on Randolph Street. We based it on descriptions from *Born to Run* and a couple of old photographs, and when Bruce came to set, he was visibly moved. That told me we'd gotten it right, not just in accuracy, but in spirit.





RANDOLF STREET HOUSE - PLAN

RANDOLF STREET HOUSE - SET PHOTO



We didn't begin with a standard discussion of color palette.

Scott Cooper (our director), cinematographer Masanobu

"Masa" Takayanagi, and I all agreed the project wasn't about aesthetics in the traditional sense. It was about restraint.

I wanted to strip color away. The goal was not to choose colors, but to eliminate them.

The black-and-white childhood flashbacks are based heavily on the photography of Robert Frank. We pushed the contrast; no midtones, no grays. It was about isolation, starkness, memory, and emotional distance. Some of Saul Leiter's black and white work influenced that as well. For the scenes in color, I turned to Bruce Davidson's subway series, images with coarse, urban textures punctuated by punches of yellow and red. Jane Dickson's Time Square paintings, and Joe Maloney's photographs of Asbury Park also helped build that visual vocabulary.



Designing iconic locations like the Stone Pony, the Asbury Park boardwalk and carousel, and the Power Station meant tapping into the spirit of the places that helped shape Bruce's story and sound. These are sacred spaces to Springsteen fans, and I wanted to honor that. The approach was one of excavation—lighting the Stone Pony, opening it up to reflect the space as it was. We studied the 1983 film, Variety by Bette Gordon for

its gritty aesthetic, neon, and how it captured the textures of 1980s urban life. At the boardwalk, we focused on places Bruce touched personally: the carousel, Palace Amusements

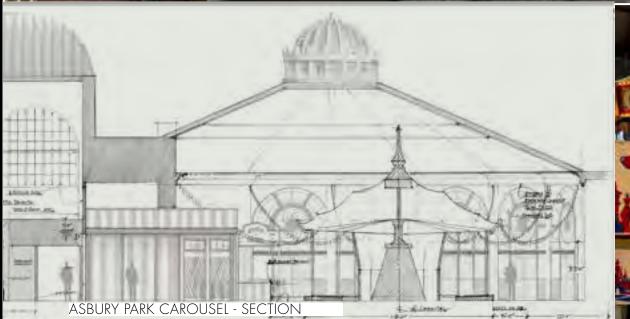


Fun House, the arcades, Madame Marie's, the Asbury Park Convention Center and Paramount Theater. Even when we included flashbacks, we treated every surface and texture as a memory.















For the Stone Pony, we were given something extraordinary: the actual stage backdrop, generously entrusted to us by Bruce himself. To have the original piece on set was an exceptional gift.

And in the Texas Fair sequence, the band backdrop was recreated as a tribute to Texas country music history, designed as a direct homage to Gruene Hall, one of the state's oldest and most iconic dance halls. It anchors the scene in the lineage of American music connecting the film to a broader cultural landscape.



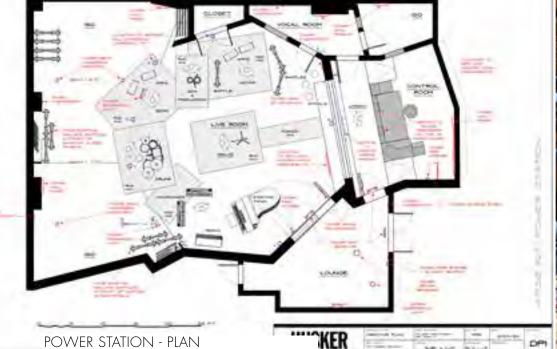


We also created Jon Landau's office and apartment, and Jon himself was a huge resource. He was generous with his time and memory. Because Jon is a public figure, we had plenty of material. I approached his spaces through two lenses: music and art. The success of Jon's partnership with Bruce was quietly reflected and invested in the artwork that filled his walls. We layered those influences into every corner of his environment, so when the actors walked onto those sets, they were surrounded by the dual passions that shaped Jon.

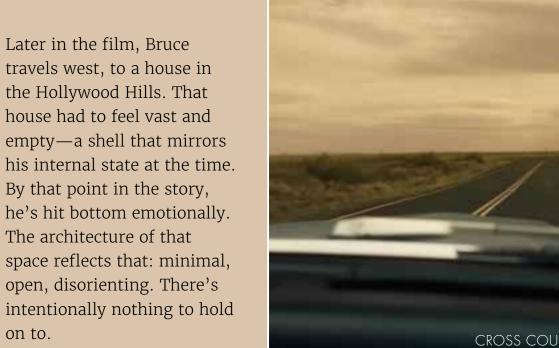




























In the end, I hope the world we built honors the deep emotional honesty at the heart of Nebraska and this film. Deliver Me From Nowhere isn't just about Bruce Springsteen it's about creativity in isolation, the reckoning that comes in silence, and the music that surfaces when there's no one left to play for but yourself.

Stripping it to its bare truth matters because that's where the soul lives — not in the polish, but in the raw edges. It's where an artist meets himself without pretense, and where an

audience meets the work without distraction. In that rawness, the humanity and creativity stand revealed — fragile and unguarded, but undeniable. We all benefit from that kind of truth: Bruce, in preserving the essence of what he made; the audience, in receiving something unvarnished and real; and us, the team, in knowing we didn't build a monument, but a mirror.

That's what Nebraska was. That's what this film is.

What struck me about Nebraska was how a home-recorded cassette tape, a format never meant to last, became the backbone of Springsteen's most acclaimed and haunting recordings. Translanting that into the visual language of the film meant honoring not just the music, but the fragile, analog process that brought it to vinyl. We dug deep into the story of the lathe, the rare piece of equipment used to cut the record, and the obsessive search for the right person and place to cut the album, the way Bruce not just wanted it, but needed it to be done. His hunt and searching and trial and error, filled with technical hurdles, and the embracing of the stripped down, became a metaphor we carried into the sets: every surface had to feel worn-in, imperfect, true. The Power Station played a big part in that story too, not for the sound it gave the album, but for the sound it almost

couldn't. That contrast, the produced polish of one of the world's most iconic, loved, and famous studios versus the eerie quiet of a New Jersey bedroom also helped shape the emotional landscape of the film. The Power Station sessions were initially intended to be full-band arrangements of the songs, but Springsteen ultimately preferred the more intimate, stripped down sound of the home recordings. Make no mistake, The Power Station itself very much deserves it's space in Springsteen and E Street lore and our storytelling, as not just an icon, but a symbol of what familiarity had to be painfully left behind in order to preserve the stark, uncompromising soul of Nebraska. Our goal was to build a world that felt like the record sounds: intimate, unresolved, authenic and deeply textured in the human experience.





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