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THE BOOK OF WILL
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Page	Scenery	Props	Notes
Act One: One			
11	1619. London, England--void?		could be "stage"
Two			
12	The Globe Tap House	tables, at least one large one	how many? How many extras in scene? One table is stood on.
		chairs	
		drinkware	
		keg?	
		bar rags	
		bowls of something to eat? Nuts?	
Transition			
21	City of London		
		posters put up	
Three			
21	Tap House, as before	papers	
		log books	
Four			
22	Void?		funeral
23		paper with speech	text on p. 24
24		scroll	long--Ben Jonson
Five			
24	Tap House, as before	drinkware	
Six			
31	Globe Theatre back office	desks	
		chairs	
		room full of papers/scrolls	
		quills	
		inkpots	
		paper	Crane is making copies

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34		scrolls	Ed gathers them
Transition			
34	Streets of London	posters put up	
Seven			
35	Tap House, as before	scrolls	
		quartos	
		papers	
36		basket of scrolls	Rebecca brings them
36		more scrolls	Elizabeth brings them
37		large bag	Crane brings it
		papers	in bag, spilled out
39		book	Ben Jonson brings it
Transition			
41	Streets of London	peddlar's tray	Rebecca sells groceries
		apples, pears, figs, nuts	on tray
Eight			
42	Henry's house	(furnishings)	need simultaneous staging for both houses
	John's house	chairs	
		mug of something warm	consumed
Nine			
46	Tap House, as before	cane	William Jaggard uses
47		drink	Alice gets for Isaac
Ten			
52	Streets of London		action starts and ends on the streets; bounces between the other two spaces
53	Globe stage		
53	Meeting space		
INTERMISSION			
Act Two: One			

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56	John's house	bed	
		chair	
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		chair	
58	Globe stage	candle	
		sprig of rosemary	
		lantern	carried by Henry
Transition			
61	Streets of London	peddler's tray	Fruit seller sells groceries
		apples, pears, figs, nuts	on tray
Two			
62	Tap House, as before	piles of pages	
63		stack of neatly copied plays	revealed by Isaac
		Pile of messy scrolls and foul papers	revealed by Crane
64		single perfect manuscript	revealed by Crane
		heavy promptbook of King John	revealed by Crane
		stack of printed quartos	revealed by Crane
		drink spilled	by Henry on King Lear
Transition			
66	business in Tap House?		
Three			
66	Jaggard's print shop	two presses	how much do we see? Or is it just the hanging pages?
		raw leather	
		huge sheets of blank paper	
		printed pages hanging	
		inking plates	
Four			
70	Ben Jonson's	door	action bounces back and forth between two scenes

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		furnished?	
		drink	
	Dark Lady's	chairs	
		wine	offered--accepted?
74		bag of coins	Emilia offers to Henry
		book of sonnets	
Transition...sound of print shop			
Five			
75	Jaggard's print shop	portrait of Shakespeare	
Six			
79	Tap House, as before	paper with dedication on it	Alice reads it
82		papers with forward	Ben Jonson brings in
Seven			
84	Building the book--print shop?	pages hanging	vignettes
		pages folded	
		pages sewn	
		apple	Isaac eats?
		bound page sets	
		finished First Folio	leather cover
Transition			
61	Streets of London		
Eight			
86	Anne Hathaway's house	books around the room	
		chairs	
		cloth sack	with First Folio in it