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INTRODUCTION

Blade Runner is a detective story set in a sprawling megapolis in the year 2019. To construct the proper setting, the filmmakers had to develop a clear, realistic vision of urban life forty years from now. Director Ridley Scott was determined to avoid the pristine, antiseptic future often seen in science fiction films.

“Our city is rich, colorful, noisy, gritty, full of textures and teeming with life,” says Scott, “much like a major city of today. This is a tangible future, not too exotic to be believed.”

To help authenticate this picture of the future, the filmmakers enlisted Syd Mead, an internationally eminent industrial designer who is a specialist in picturing the shape of things to come, from skyscrapers and vehicles to parking meters.

“BLADE RUNNER,” Mead notes, “is not a ‘hardware movie.’ It’s not one of those gadget-filled pictures where the actors seem to be there only to

give scale to the sets, props, and effects. We’ve created an environment to make the story believable. The tools and machinery appear only when needed and fit tightly into the plot.”

The entire look of the film was based on research and carefully thought-out principles regarding the future of architecture, transportation, fashion, and social behavior.

However, the filmmakers hasten to point out, all the futuristic trappings are a backdrop for the detective story. They exist in what Scott calls “a familiar atmosphere . . . a Philip Marlowe-Sam Spade environment. This is a film set forty years hence, made in the style of forty years ago.”

Many of the objects in this book, while fascinating, were either modified or eliminated for the final version of the film. This artwork represents a behind-the-scenes look at the original production designs.

VEHICLES

Syd Mead, listed in **BLADE RUNNER'S** credits as “visual futurist,” is an internationally eminent automotive designer. He developed socio-economic principles for each class of vehicle he designed for the film, which determined how they looked and functioned.

“SPINNERS” are cars which actually fly. They provide transportation for wealthy citizens and the authorities at the seventy-story level, far above the dangerous city streets. Mead tried to stay away from the fancified fins, wings and propellor blades that have adorned previous film attempts at flying cars. Mead opted instead for an enclosed lift vehicle, which would look like a car at all times, whether it was flying or travelling on the street.

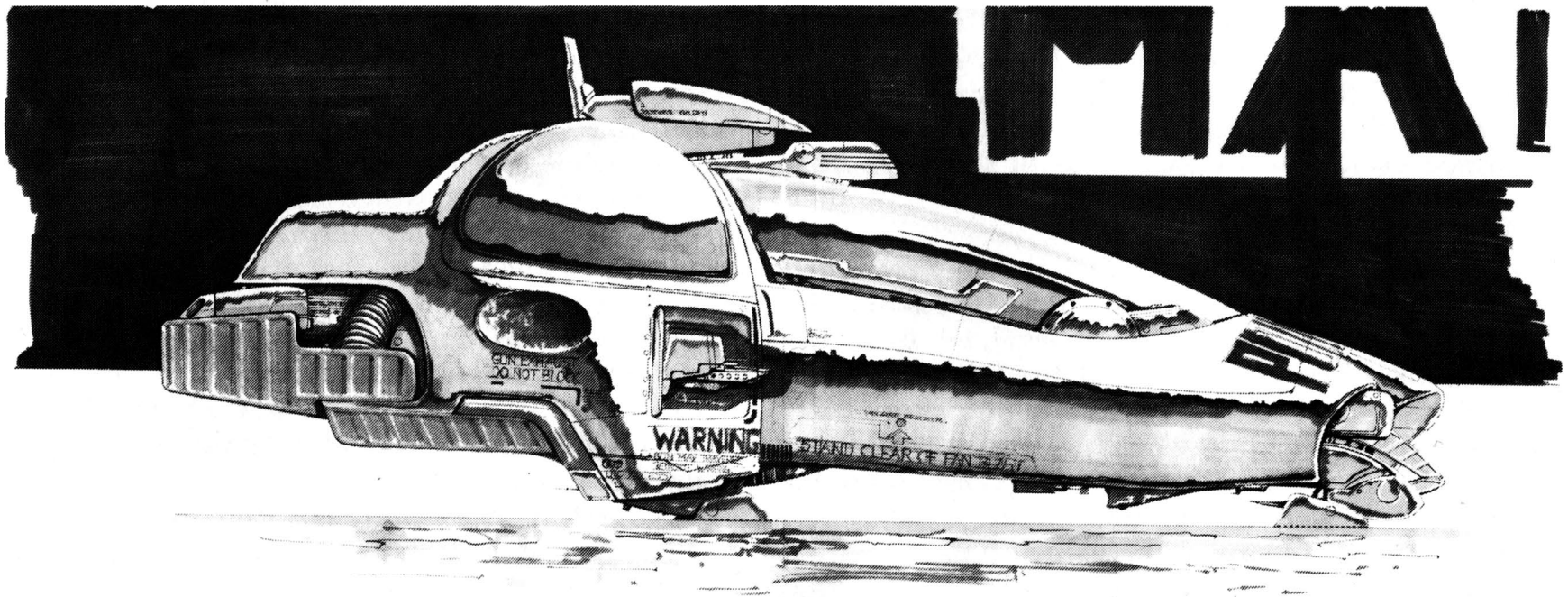
Three complete police spinners were built; a

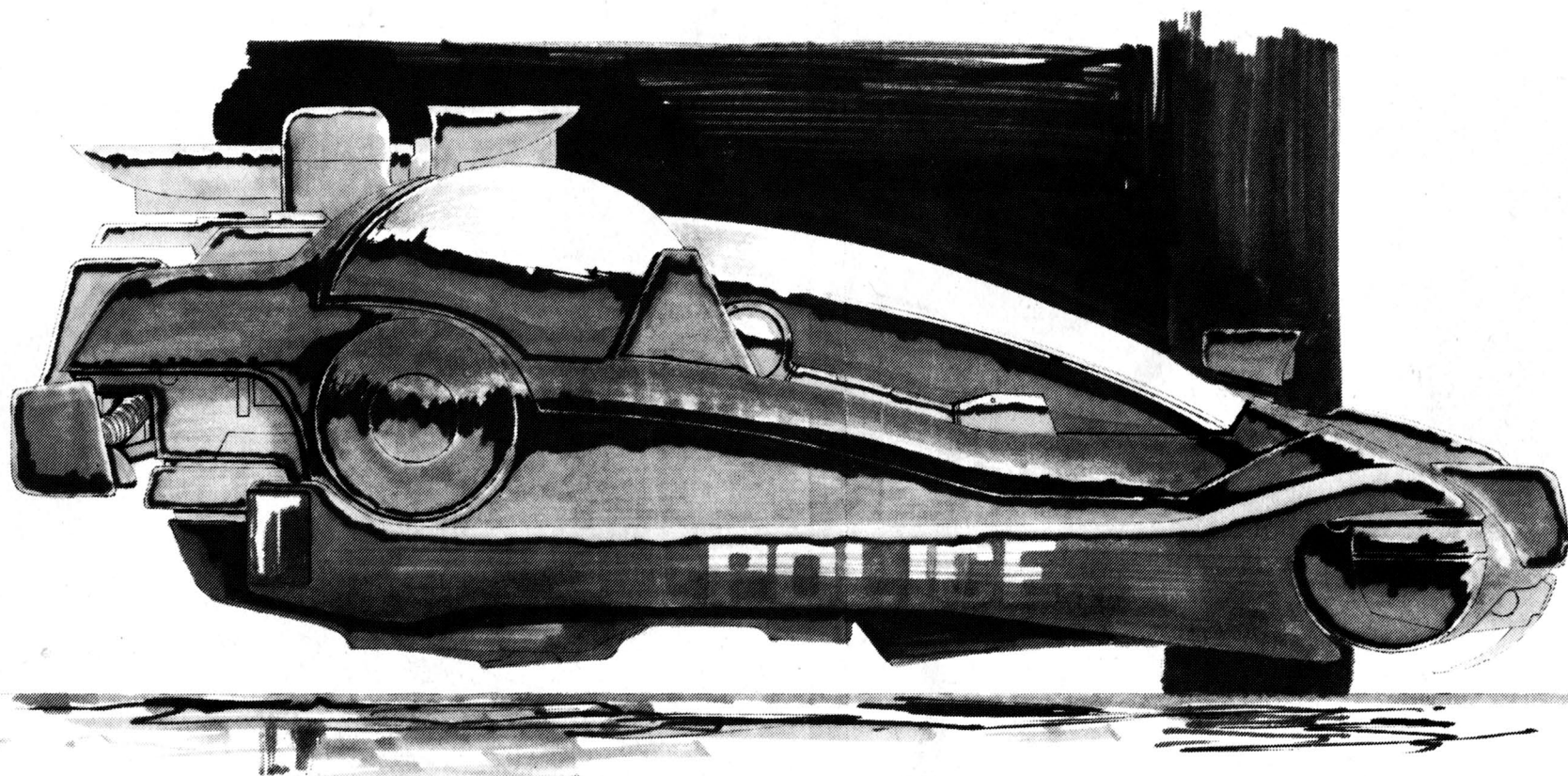
fully operational one for street scenes, a “stand-in,” and one for flying. A mock-up of the cockpit was constructed for interior shots of Deckard with Gaff.

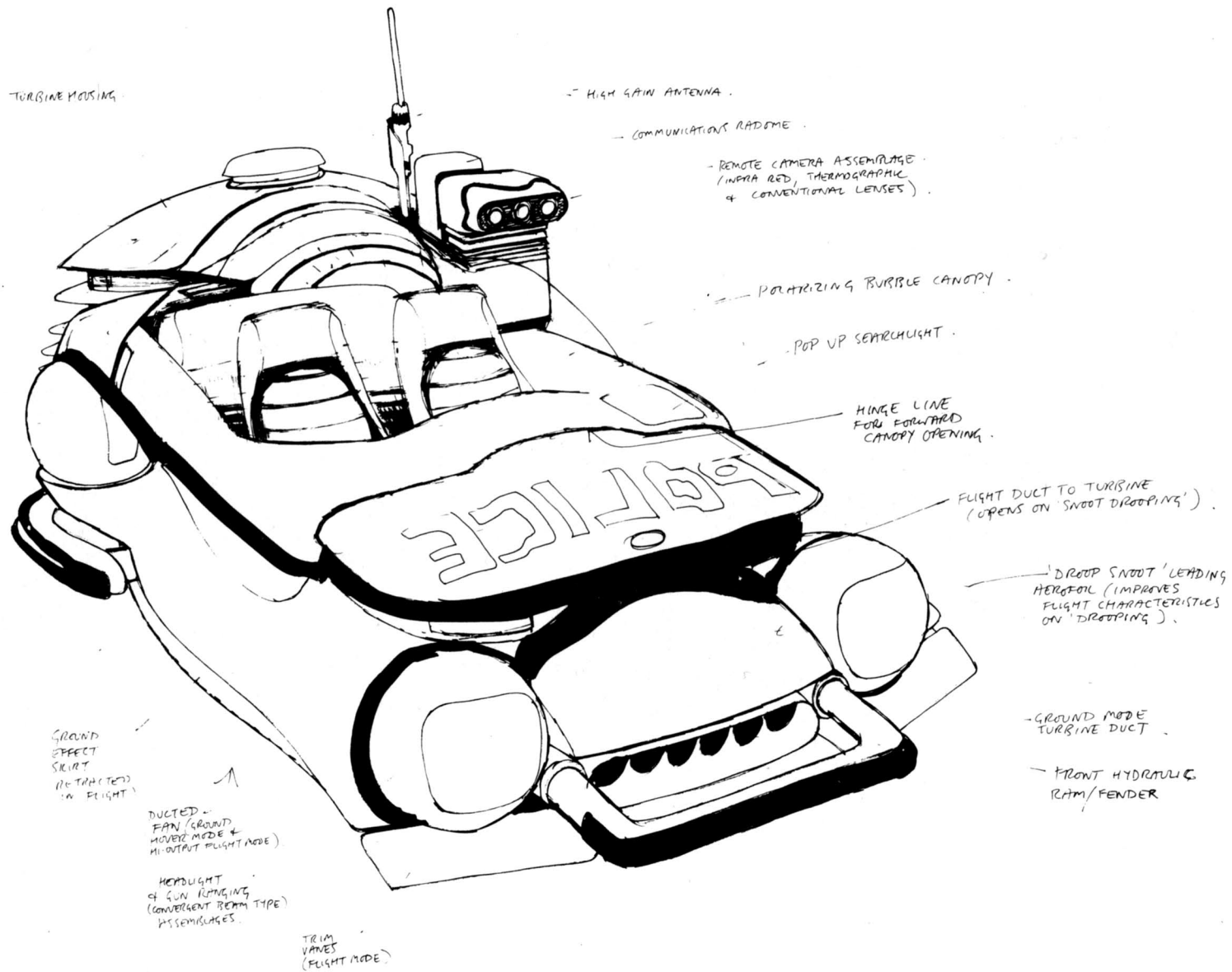
The police spinner, in a rich, grayish blue, features wheel covers which rotate prior to flight; “twist-wrist” hydraulic steering, and hydraulically operated gull-wing doors that open vertically.

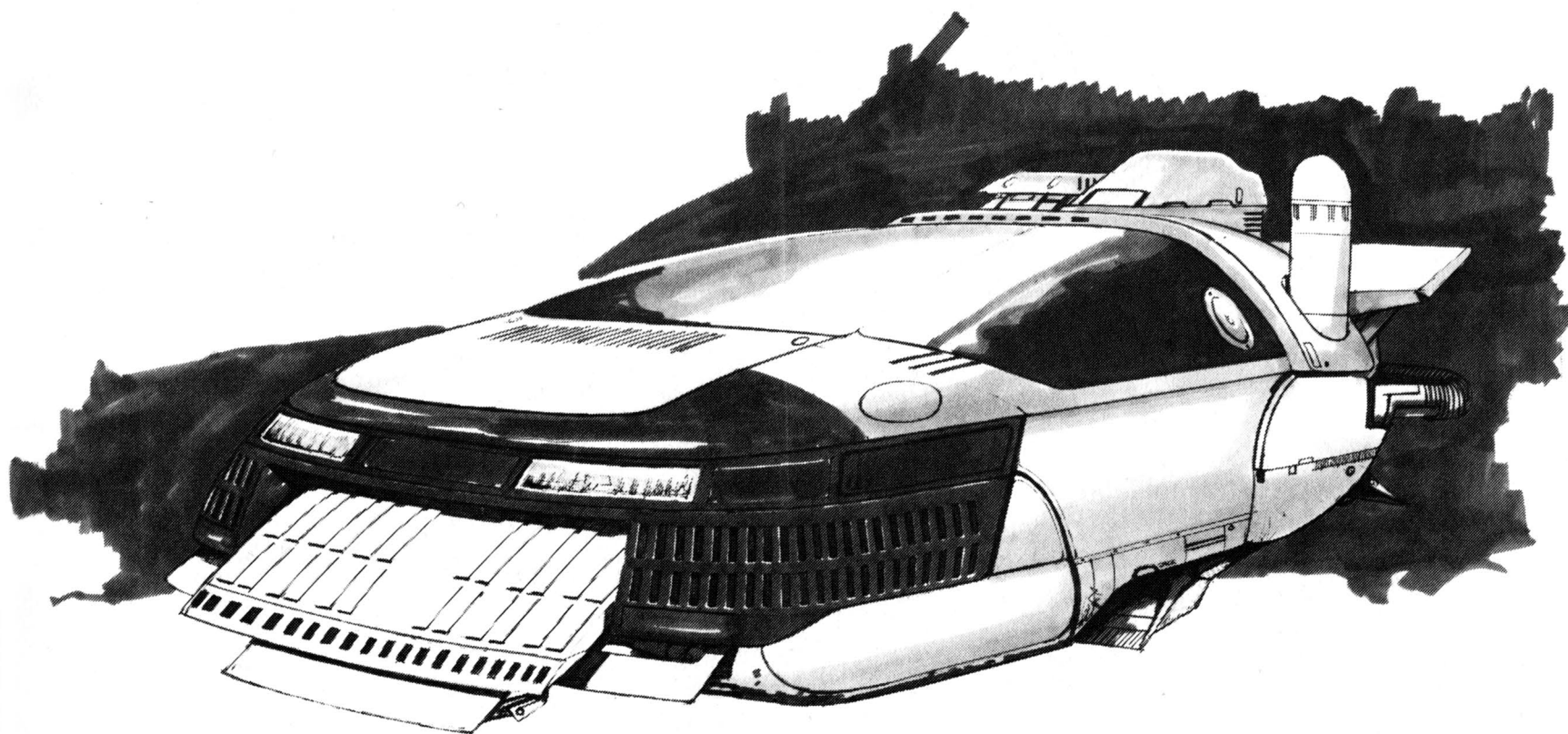
Deckard’s car is a decommissioned flying sedan. All the exterior flaps and air directional panels have been removed, and this spinner is now used only for street travel. It still has all the original bumpers, light patterns, gull-wing doors and over-built windshield wipers.

The taxicab is a squat, slow-moving passenger carrier. It is completely utilitarian, designed to absorb all manner of abuse.

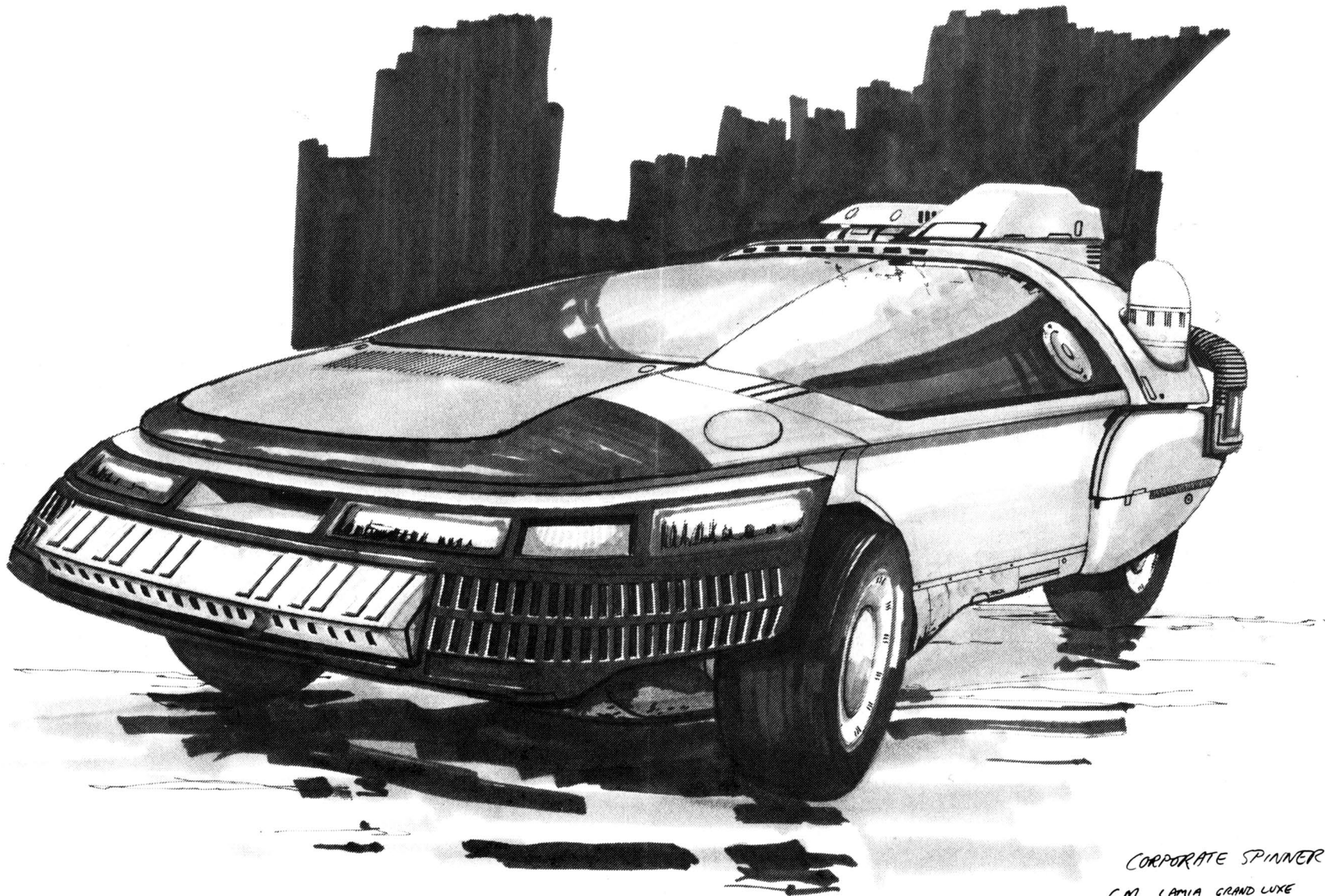






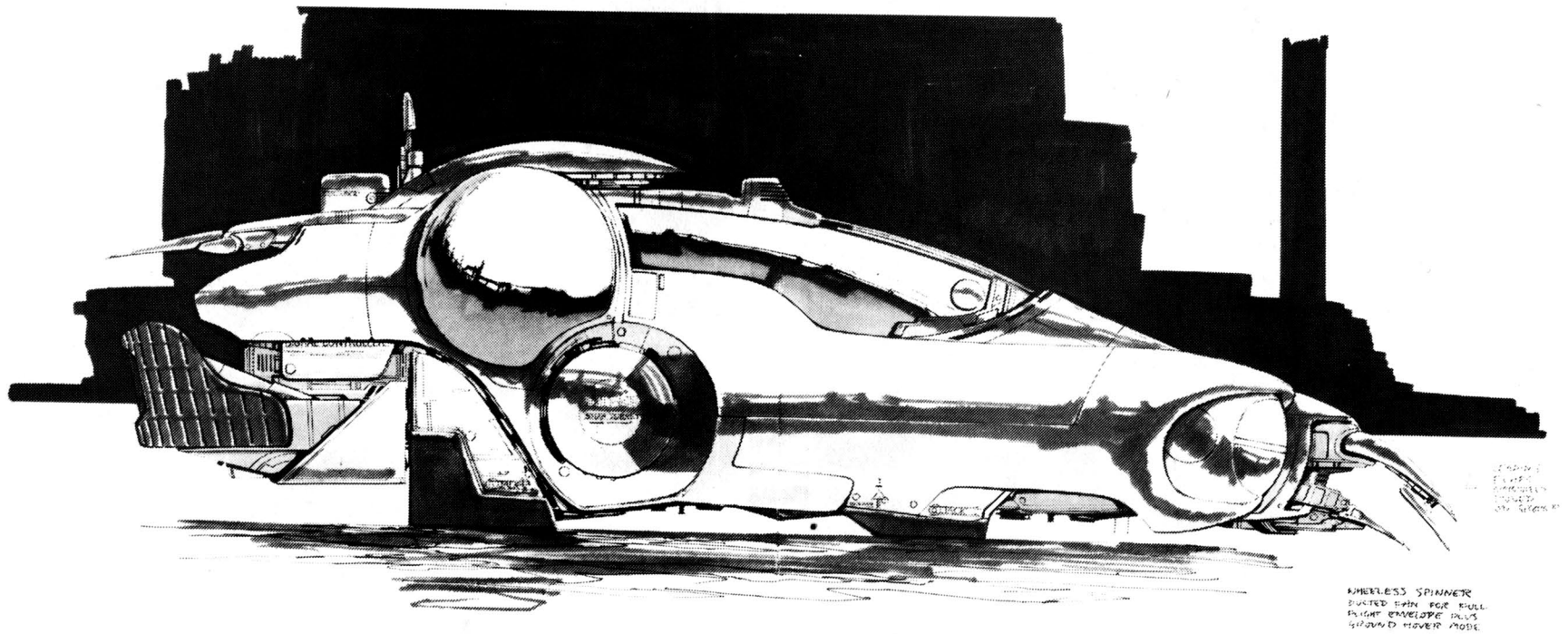
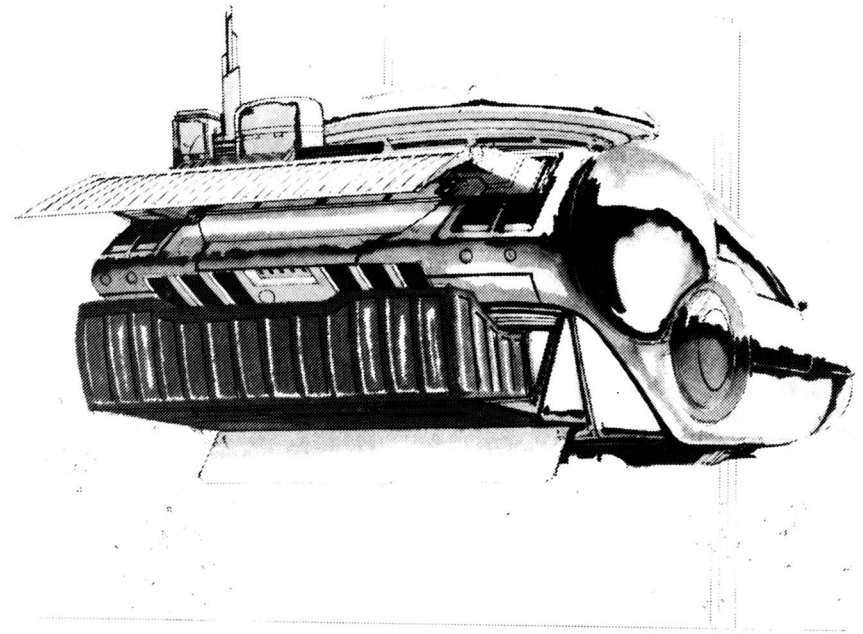


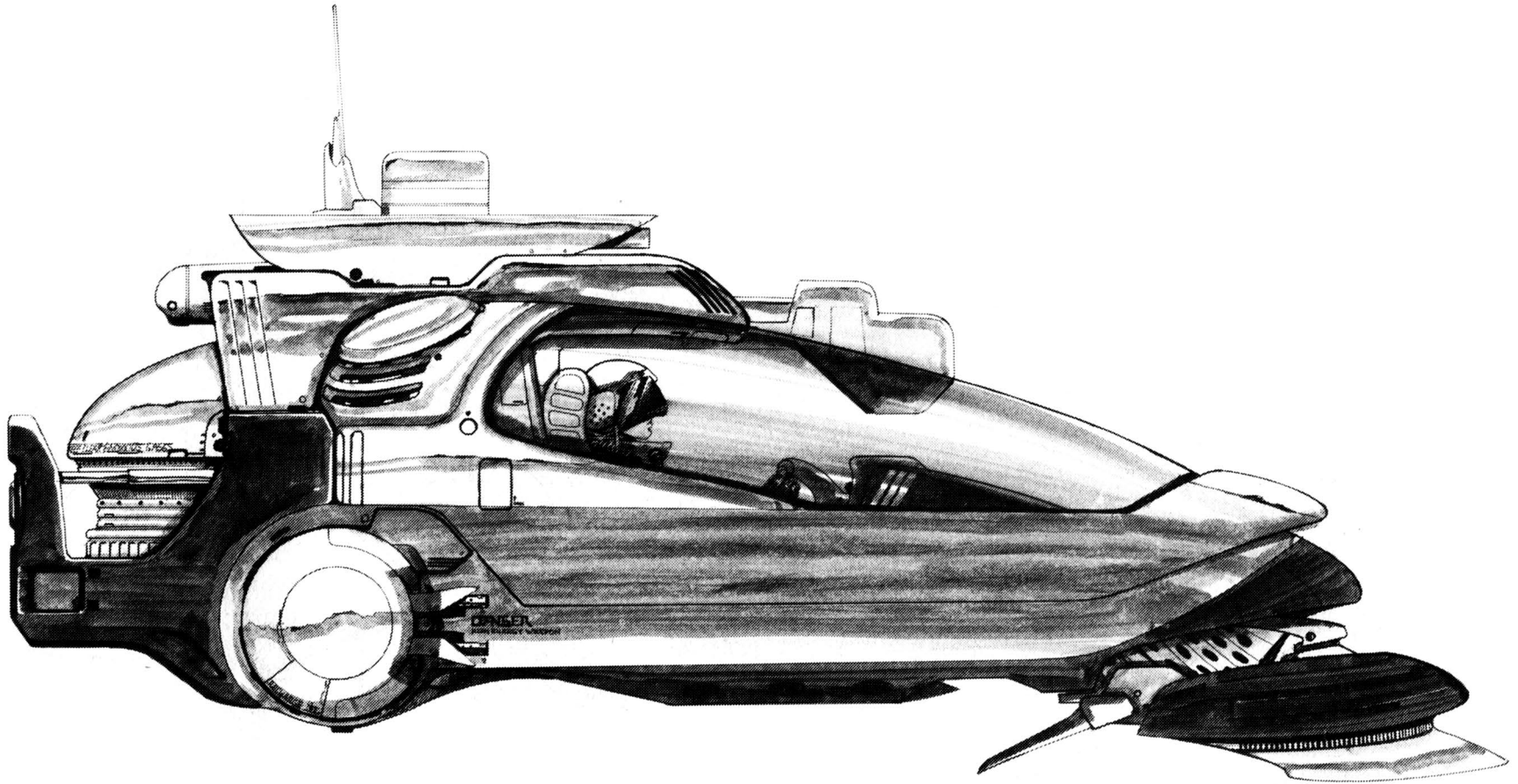
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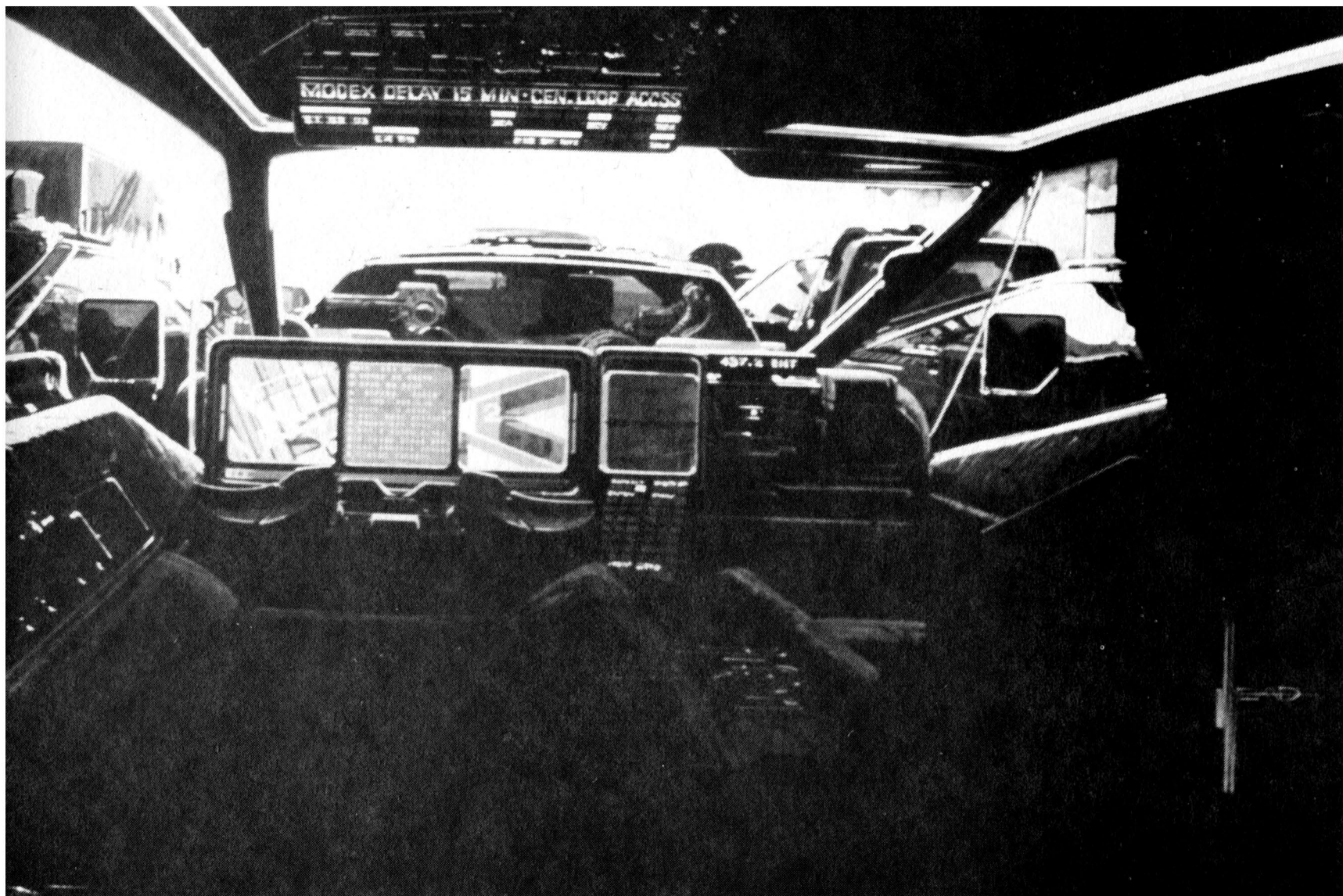


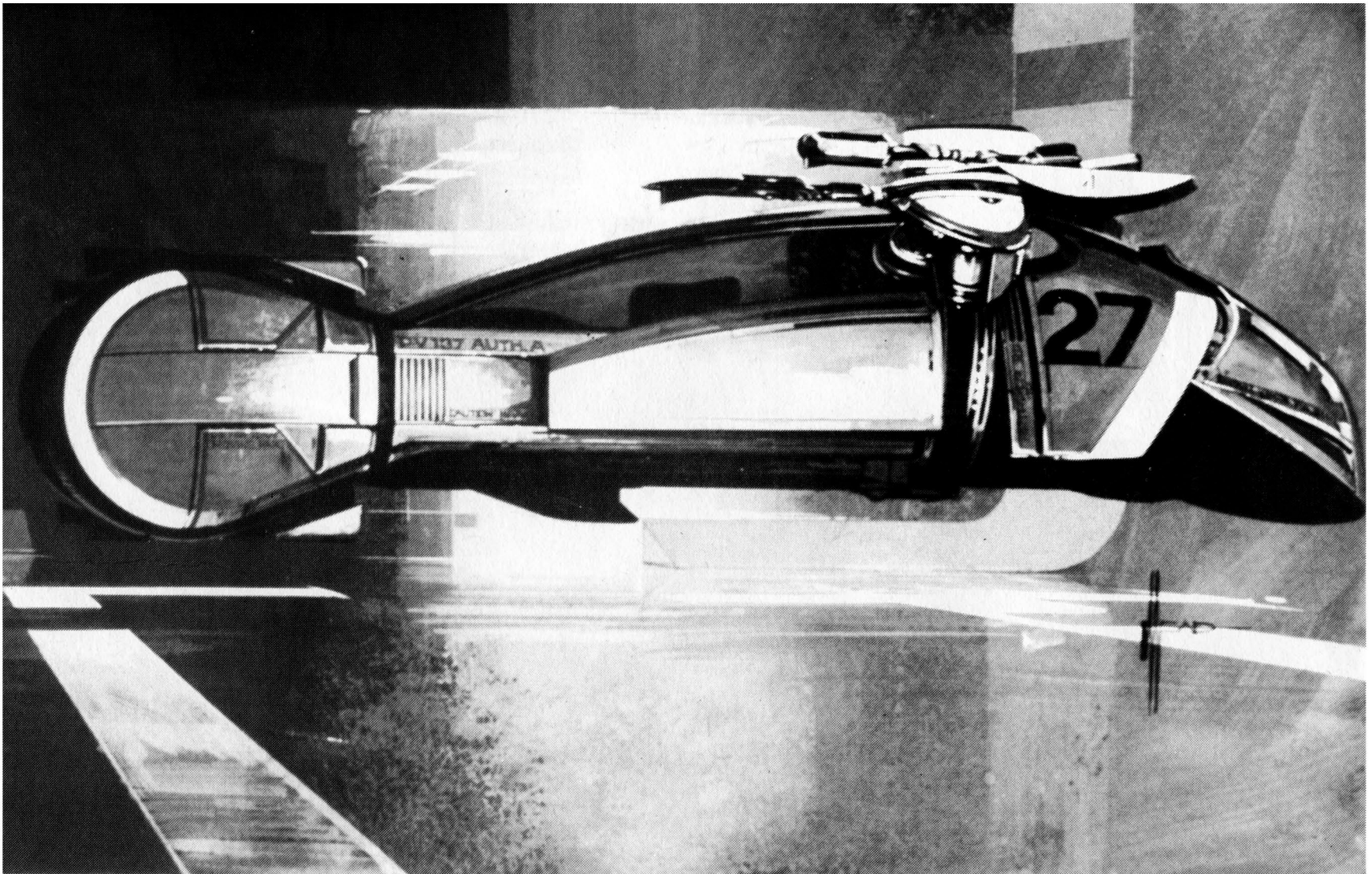
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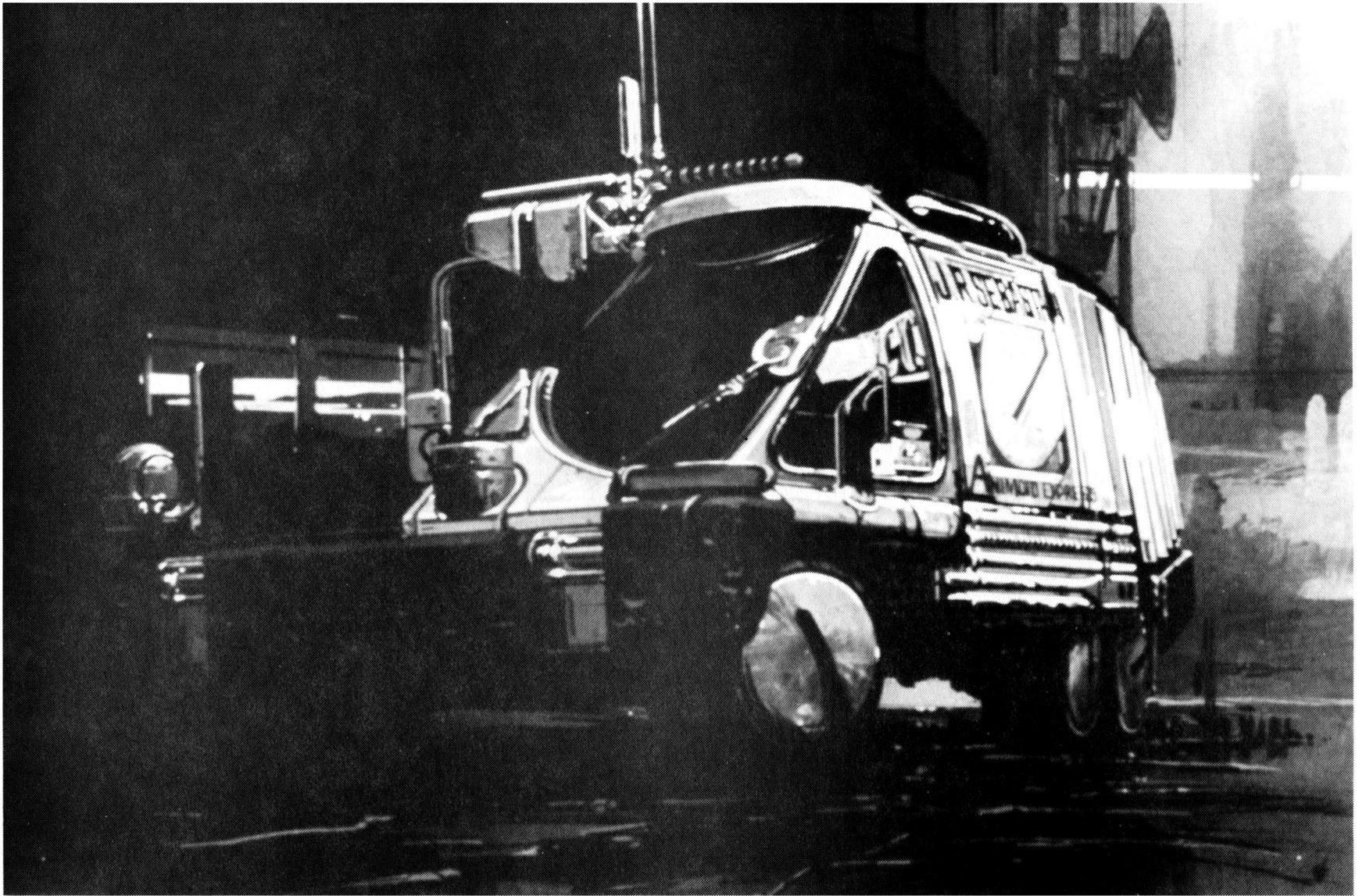
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 WITH CENTRALIZED AUTO-MODE
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 OF TRANSMITTED THRUST, BY-
 PASSED TO SHROUDED CARSON
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 STONABLE LIFT AUGMENTATION
 DEVICES ARE FEATURED



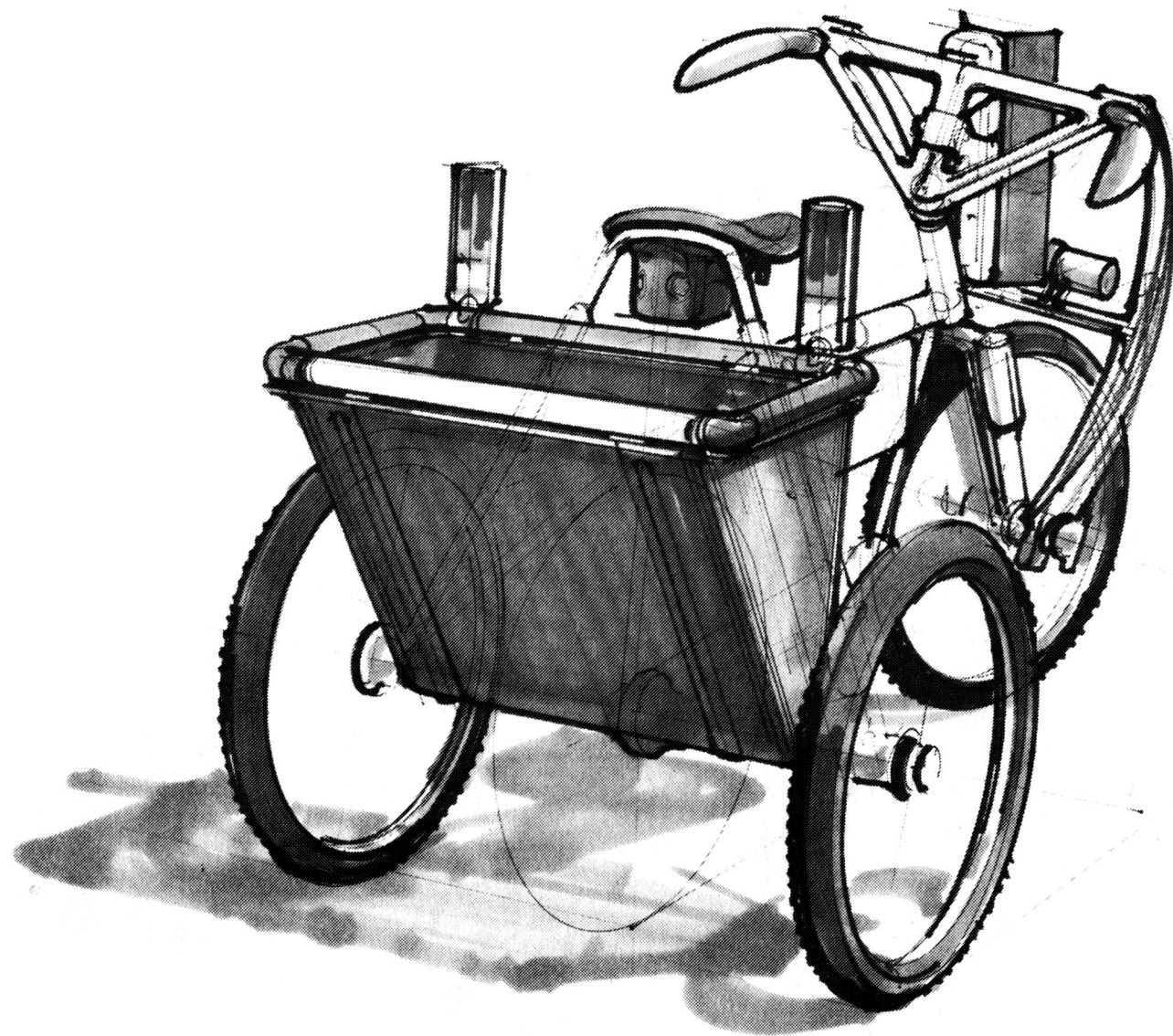






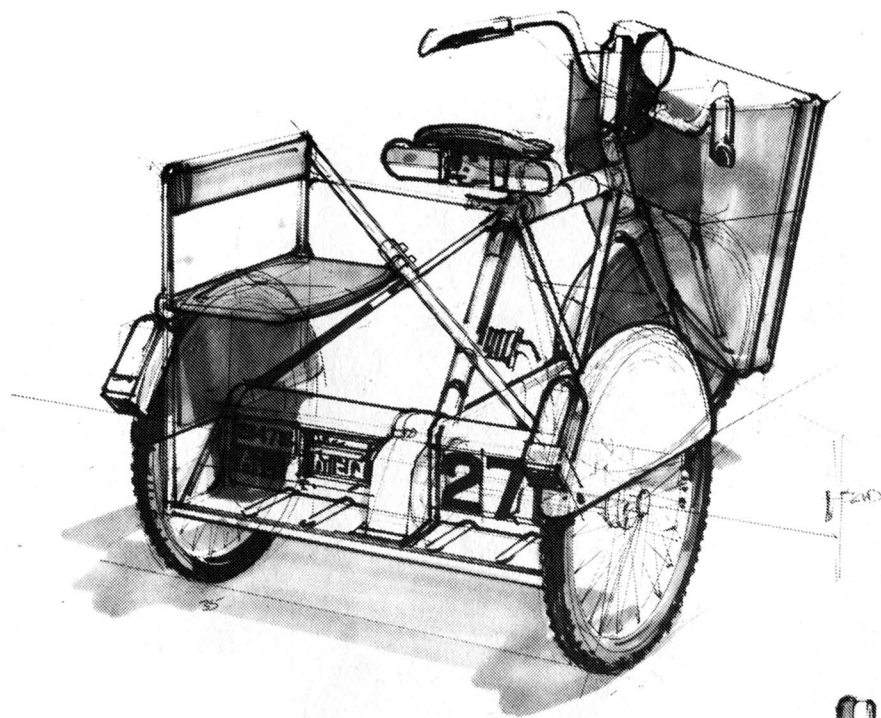




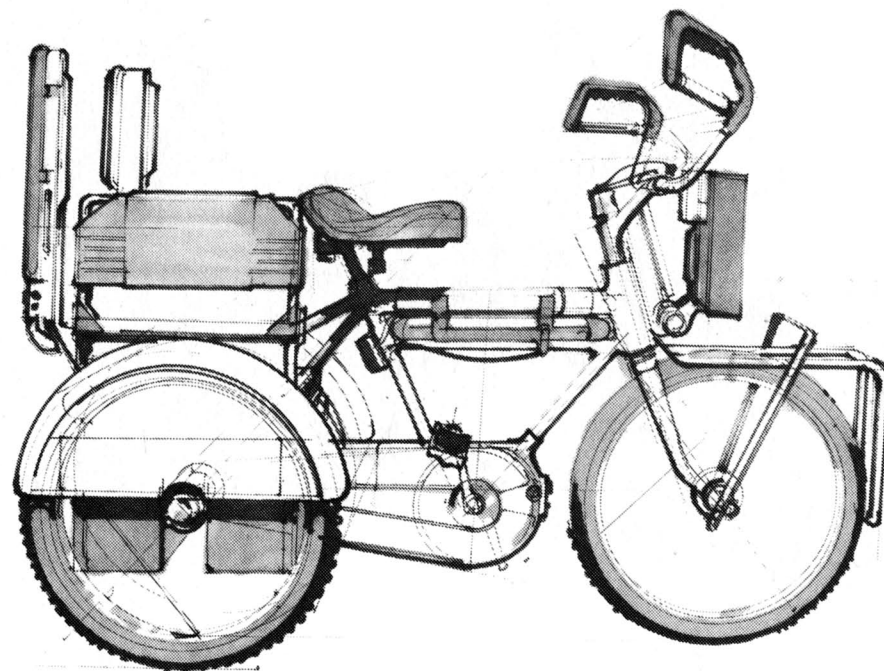


HEAD

STREET BICYCLE



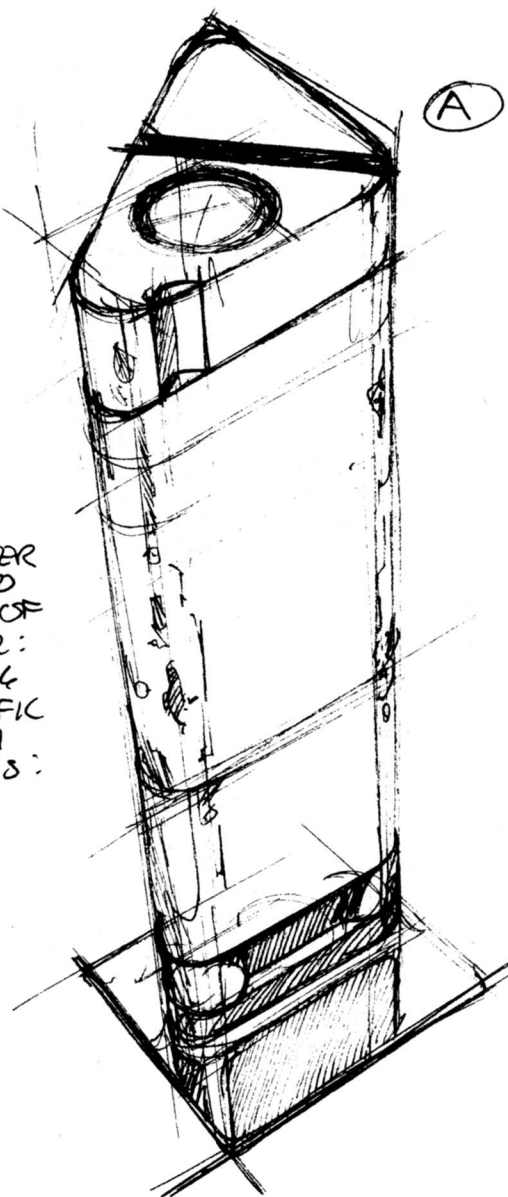
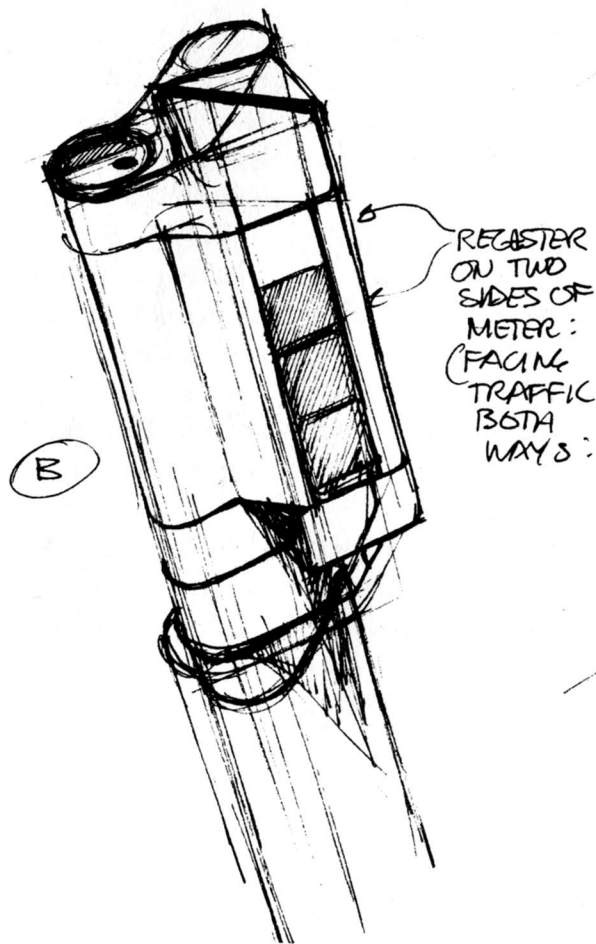
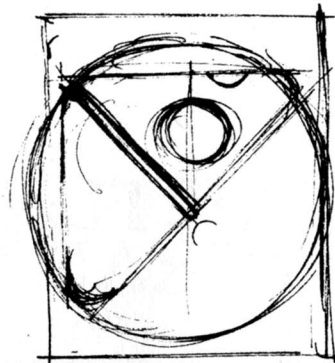
STREET BICYCLE 1



PARKING METERS & FIRE HYDRANTS

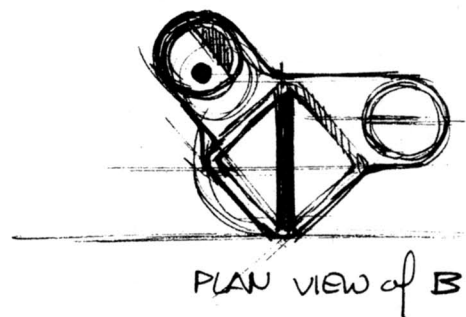
Ridley Scott was very involved in the creation of the visual “style” of BLADE RUNNER. In the design of various pieces of hardware appearing on the sets, he was sensitive to the form outline and the silhouette quality of each object. The parking meters are a good example. Originally, Syd Mead designed a simple cylinder with the top chopped at an angle and a card slot down the middle. Under low lighting in the film, it appeared to be little more than a stump. It was redesigned, to become lumpier, with various small offsets added. The parking meters assumed a more interesting graphic quality, visible from every angle.

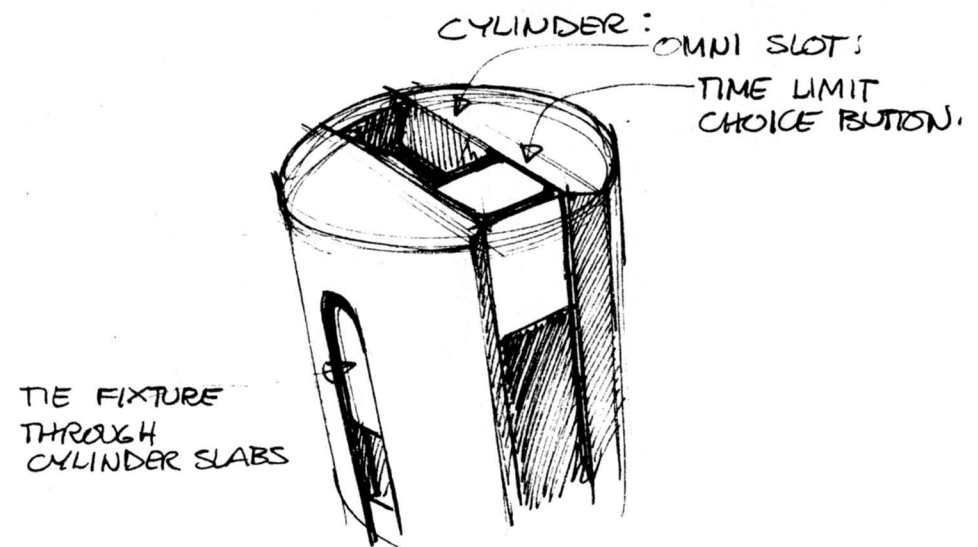
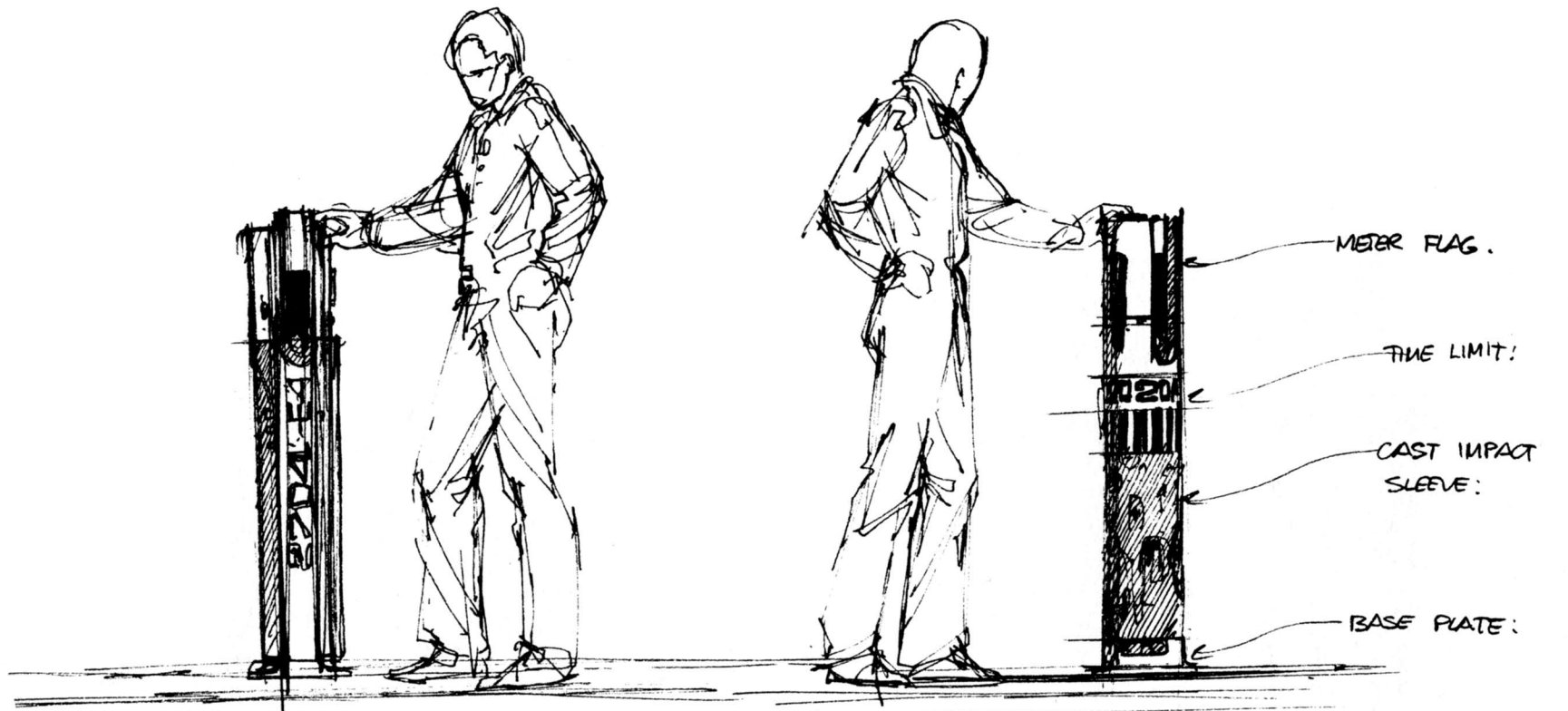
The Fire Hydrants were inspired by industrial utility valves. Castings of these were to be used as a base, with wooden “dummy” fixtures added for effect. The idea was to create a heavy, almost brutal look, reflecting the implied violence of street life in the future.

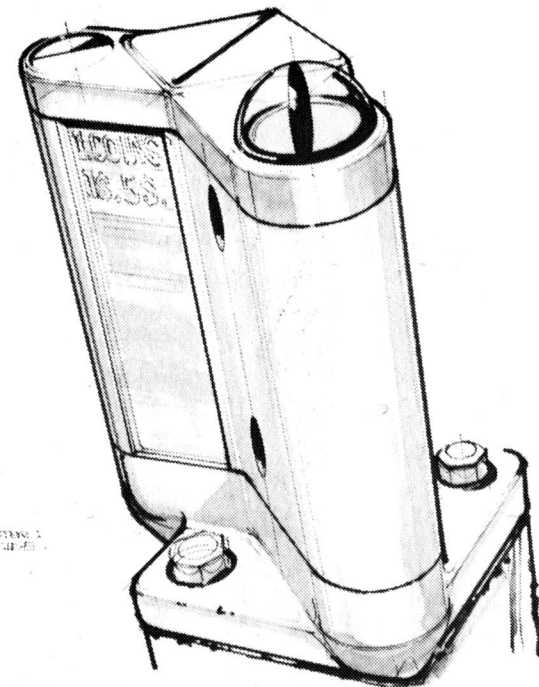
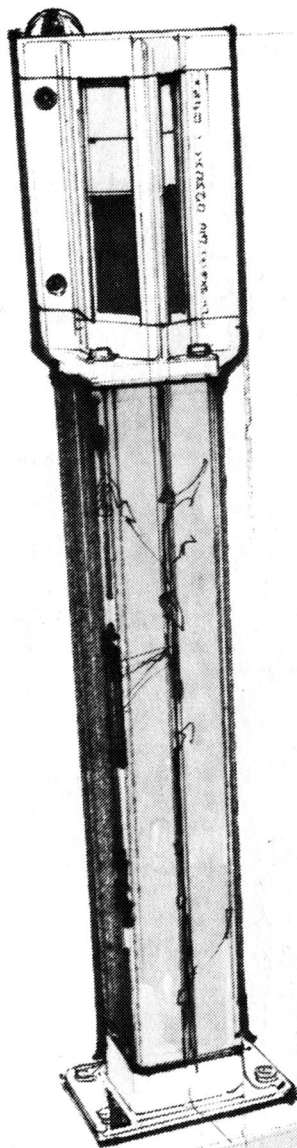


METER IS A CAST
PILLAR: SLOT IN
TOP IS ALL-PUR-
POSE RECEPTACLE
FOR PERSONAL
ID CARDS; COINS;
TOKENS: COUPONS.

ROUND DIAL SHOWS
TIME PAYED FOR:
PUSHING ON DIAL
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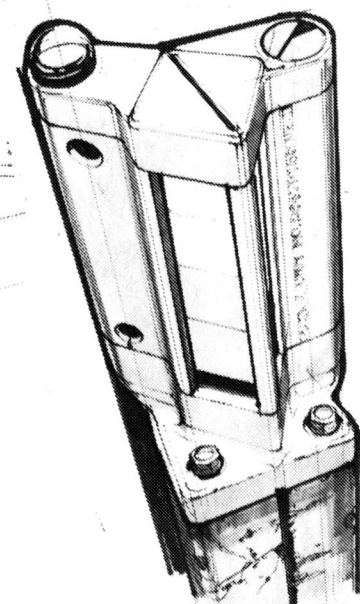




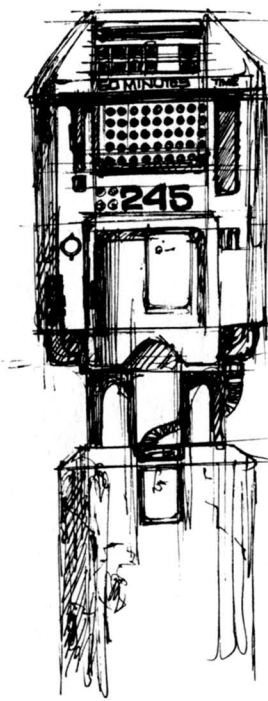
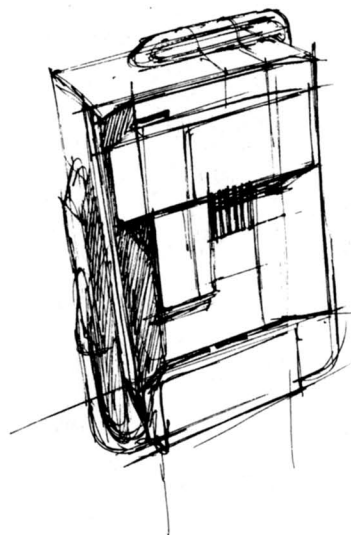


PARKING METER :
SIDEWALK SIDE

PARKING METER : STREET SIDE :
IMPACT JACKET : BASE PLATE

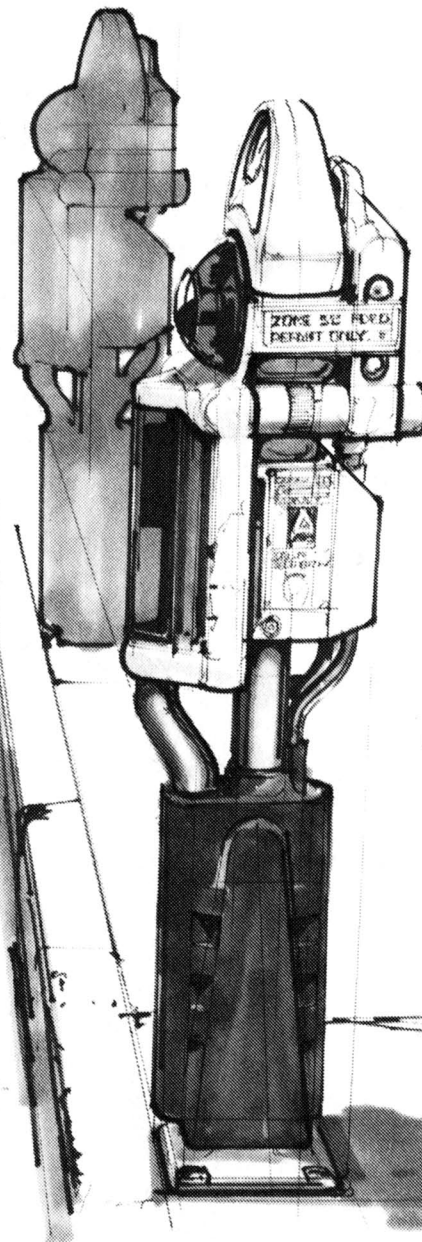


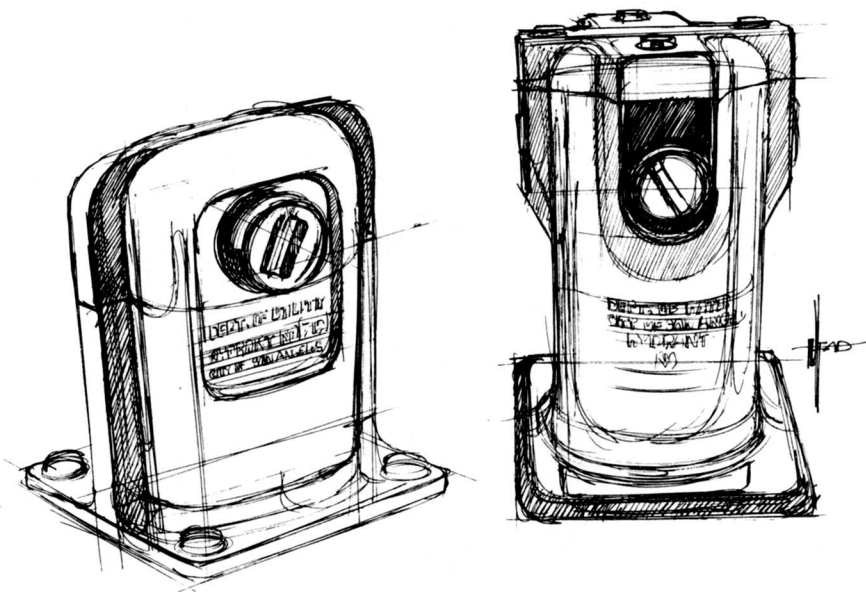
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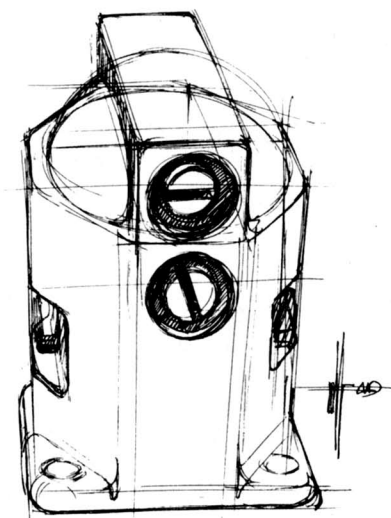
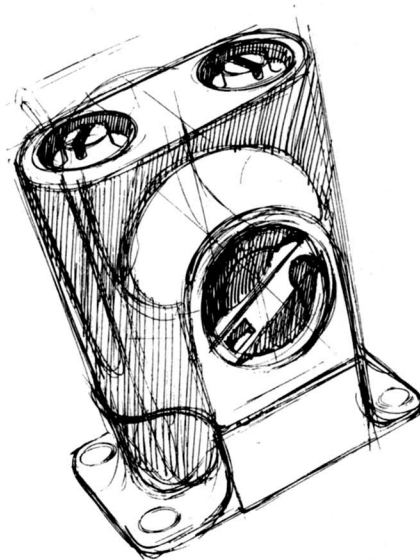
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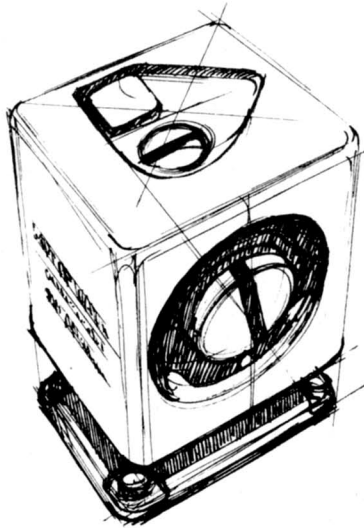




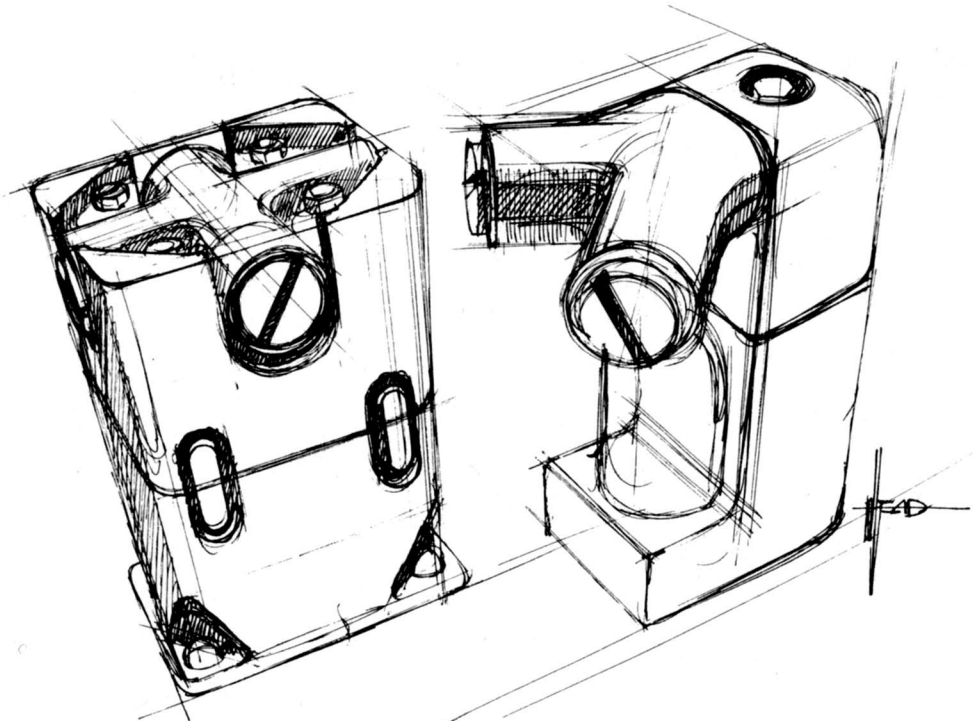
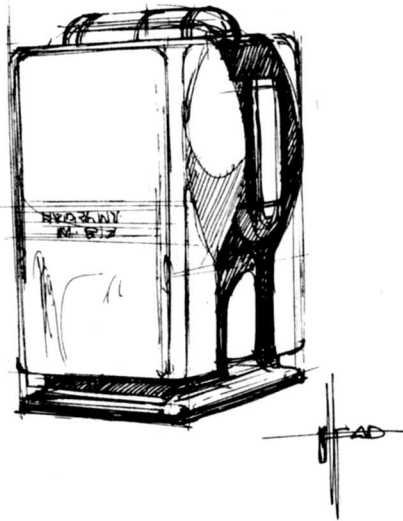
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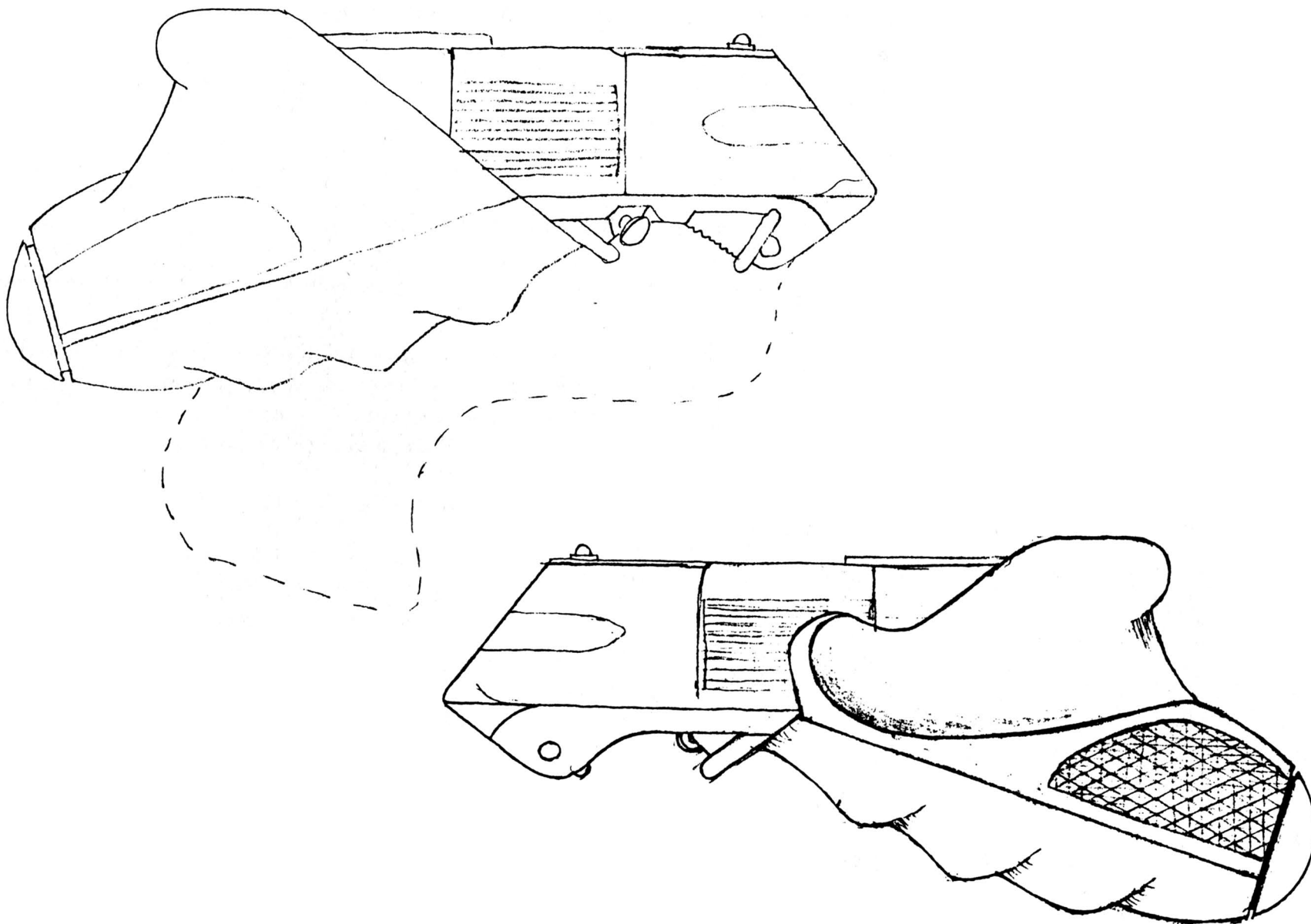
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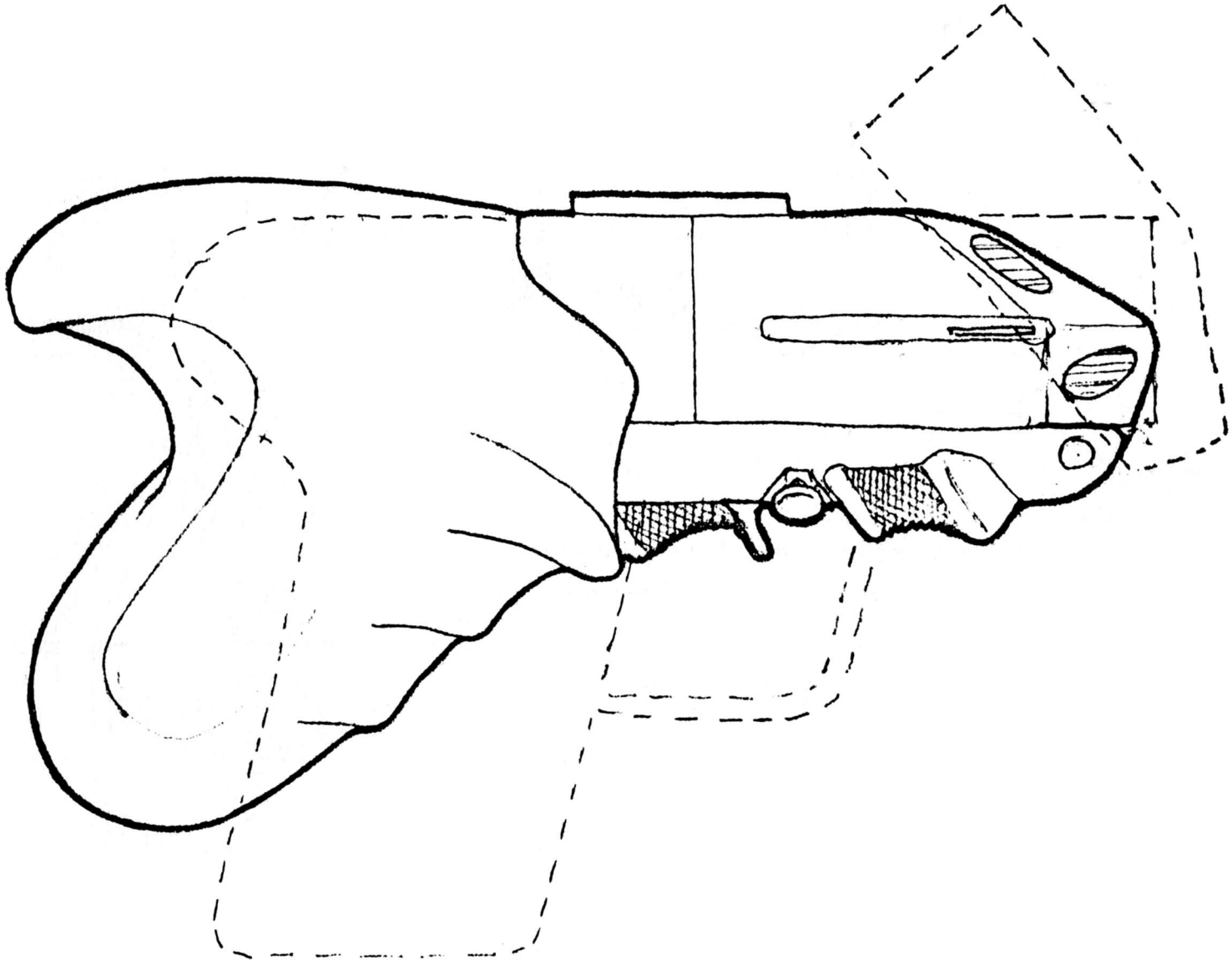
FIRE HYDRANTS

GUN

An early version of Deckard's pistol was designed by assistant art director Stephen Dane, based on a compact .357 magnum. The final version was based on a design created by Syd Mead.



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DANE '80

DECKARD'S APT., SENTINEL KIOSK & ROTARY KEY

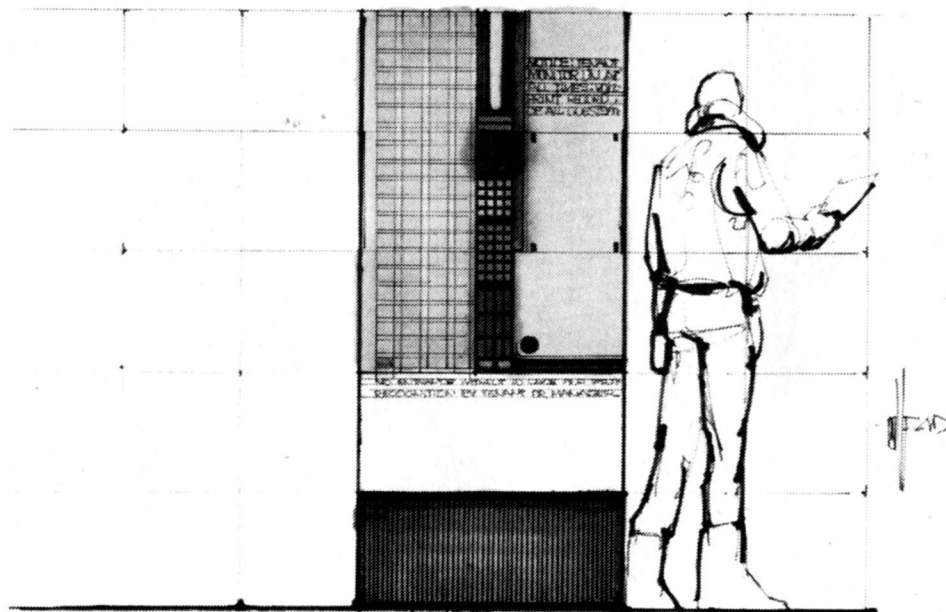
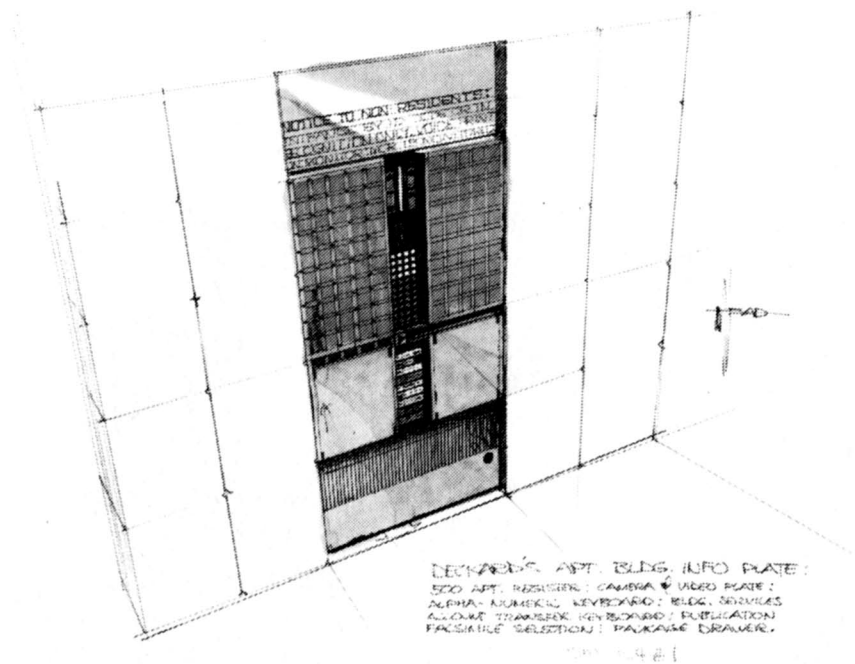
The location selected as the front entrance to Deckard's apartment complex is architect Frank Lloyd Wright's Ennis Brown house, designed in 1924. Rubber molds made of Wright's Mayan-influenced, cast-stone tiles were used to create a uniform look in the interior hallways. The information plate in the front lobby was created to give the illusion of a building reaching hundreds of stories high, packed with thousands of dwelling units.

The Sentinel Kiosk is a security fixture equipped with an optical scanner that visually observes its surroundings. A visitor has to address the Sentinel Kiosk before entering the building, only to en-

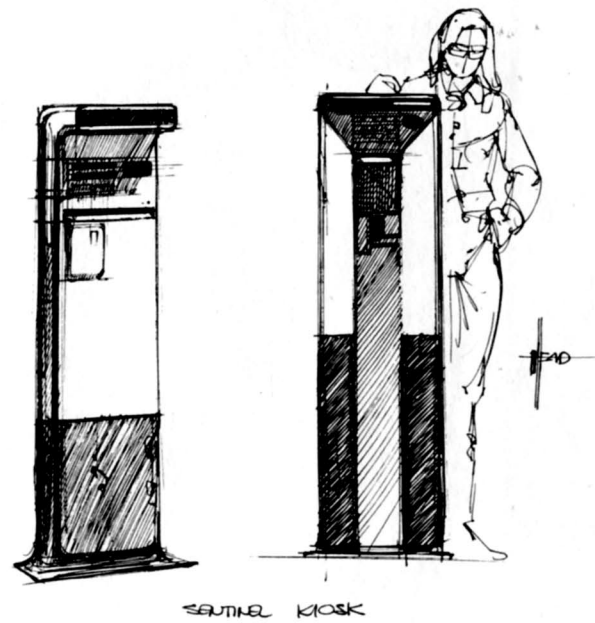
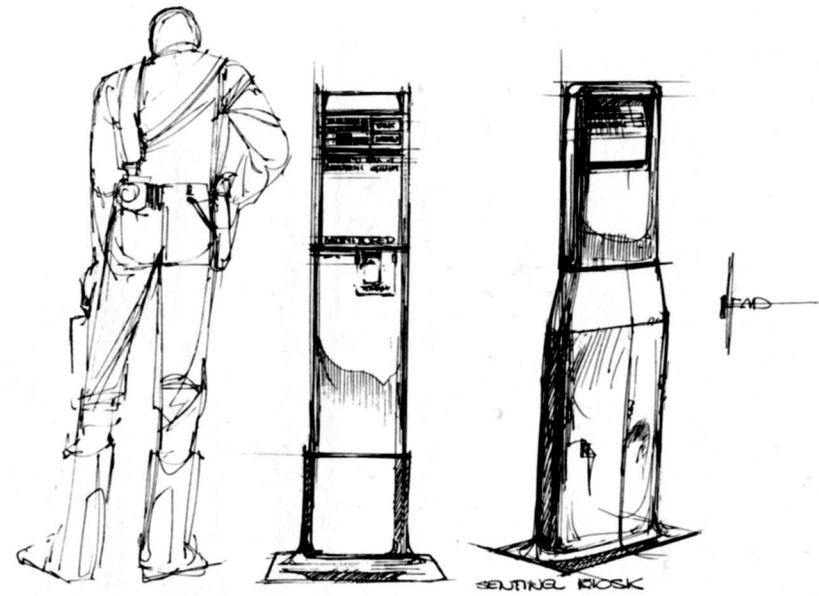
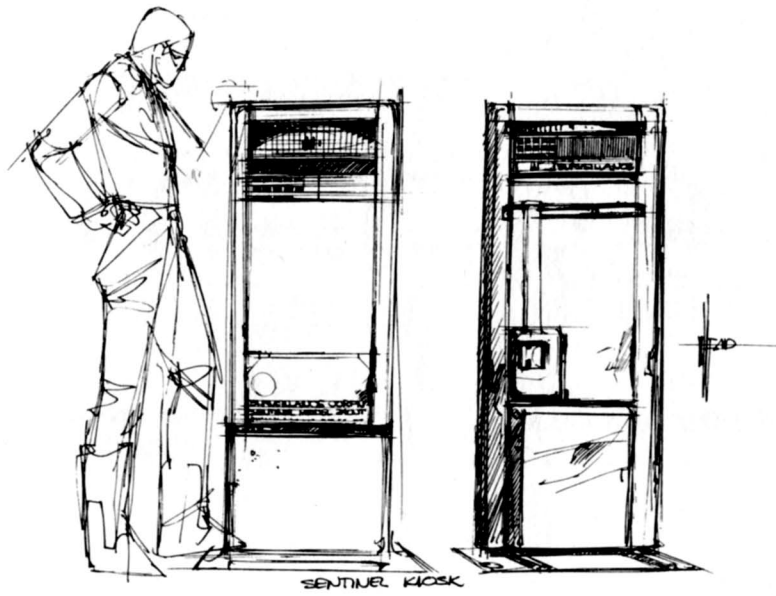
counter other security devices once inside the lobby. Again, Ridley Scott uses these inanimate objects to make a statement about the social fabric of the future, where anti-crime devices such as this command no more notice than a turnstile today. The state of the art in entry systems is a magnetic card. Unfortunately, this type of key is not terribly engaging from the third row of a movie theatre. Ridley Scott wanted a more dramatic device for Deckard, in which something visual happened when he entered his apartment. A little roller was devised. When run down a groove-shaped lock, if all the little studs match, the strip lights up and you're in.

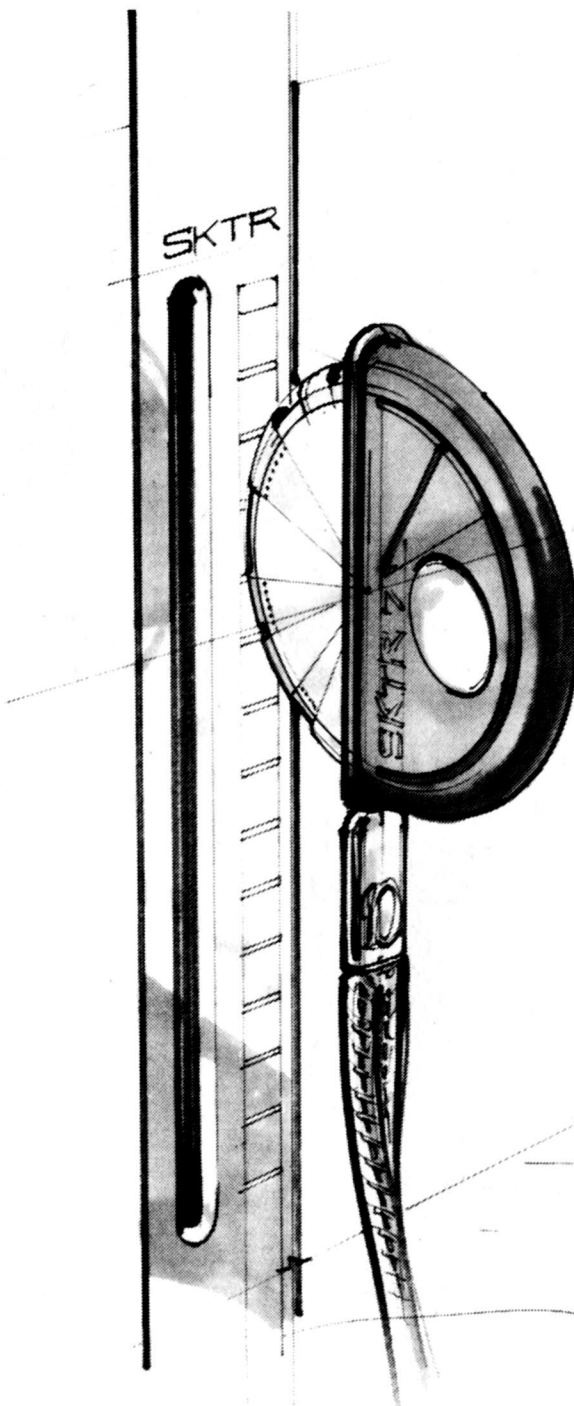






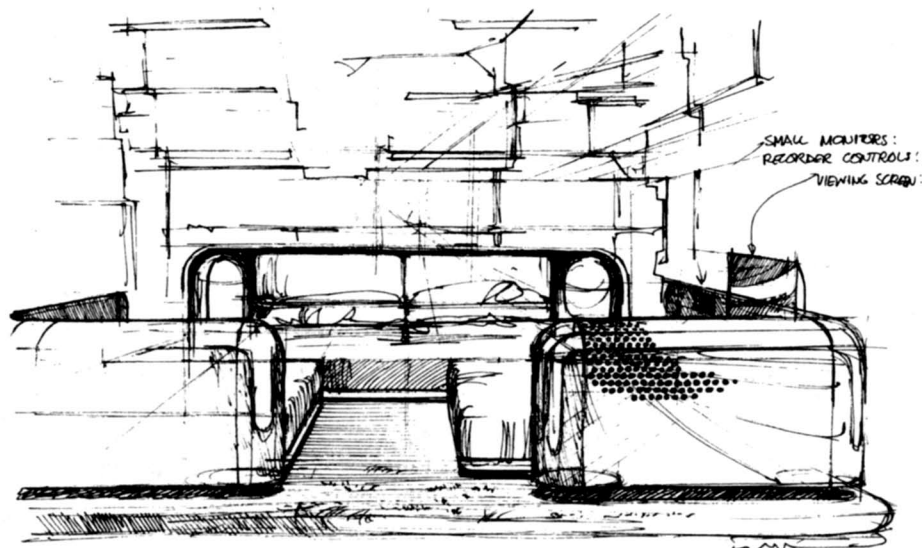
DECKARD'S APT. BLDG. LOBBY INFO PLATE:
SCALE: 3/4" = 1'-0"





ROTARY KEY: NOTCHES ON ROTOR
 PERIPHERY MATCH SLOT PATTERN:
 LIGHTS ILLUMINATE AS STAGES ACTIVATED:

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SMALL MONITORS:
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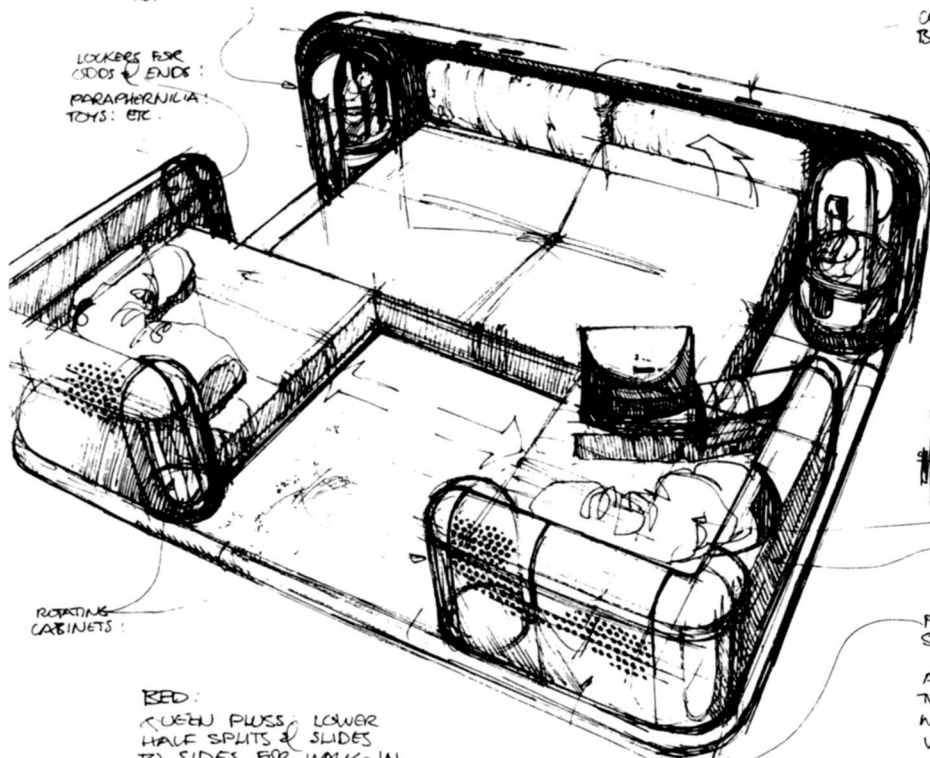
BED:

REF. BAR UNIT:

LOCKERS FOR
CLODS & ENDS:
PARAPHERNELIA:
TOYS: ETC.

CONTROLS FOR
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UNIT:
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GLASSWARE:
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ROTATING
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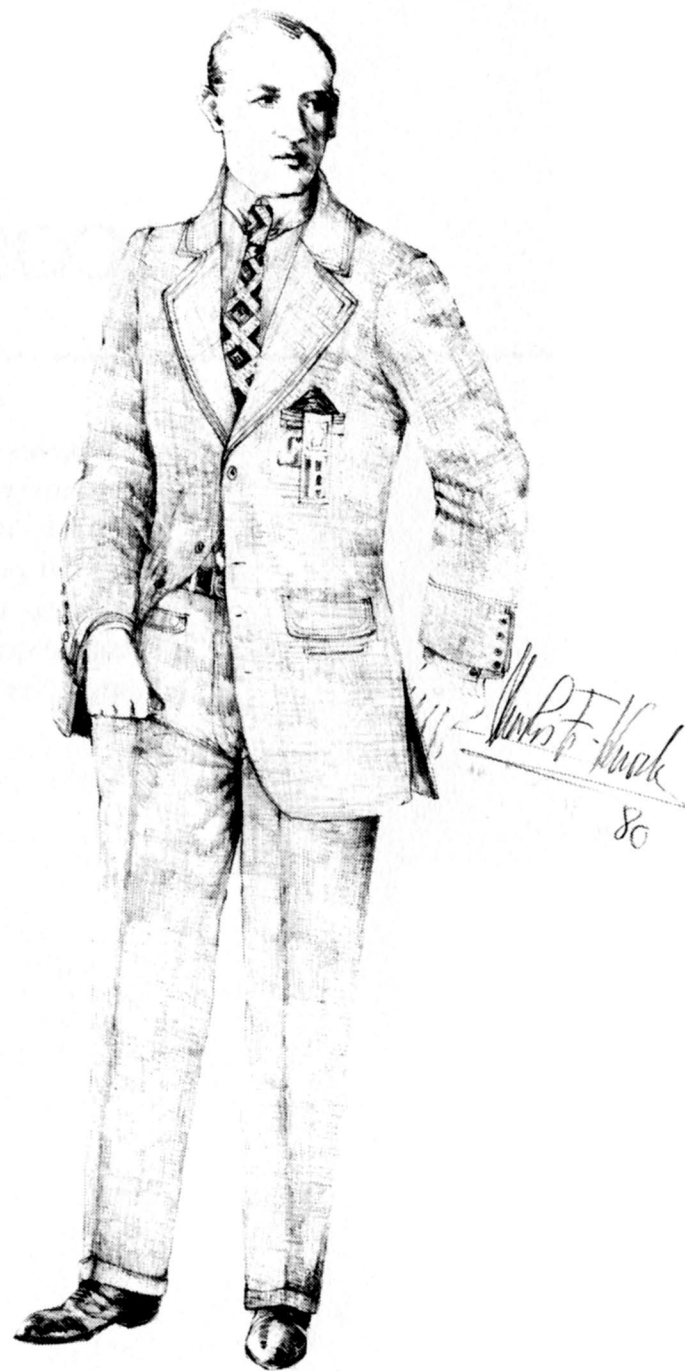
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BOXSTERS:

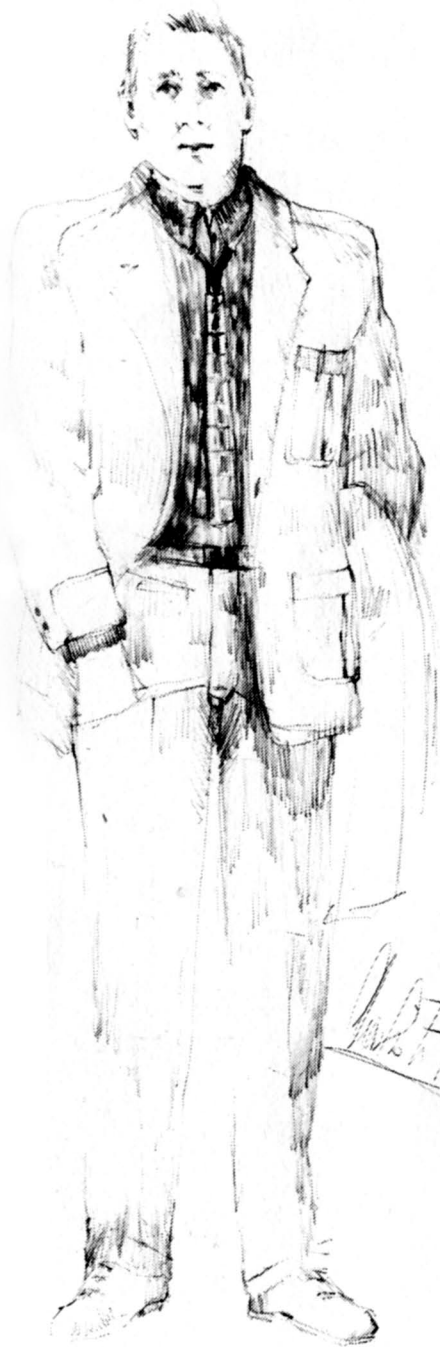
PERFORATED
STAINLESS: 1" DIAM:
HOLES:
ALSO IS GIANT
TV PROJ. SCREEN
WHEN RAISED
VERTICALLY.

BED:
QUEEN PLUS, LOWER
HALF SPLITS & SLIDES
TO SIDES FOR WALK-IN
USE OF AREA AS LOUNGE:
COLOR: STAINLESS: DK. PENTER GRAYS: PLUMS.

COSTUMES

Charles Knode and Michael Kaplan designed costumes to be believably futuristic with a nostalgic touch of the “forties.” To avoid the predictable quality of so many science-fiction films’ wardrobes, and to create a sense of realism, the clothes were made to be functional and were “aged” with fading, dirt and textures.





At Station



W.F. Kuhl
x











John F. Burke
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Tweed.



L.F. Wade
80





Military
Boy

Charles F. Knight

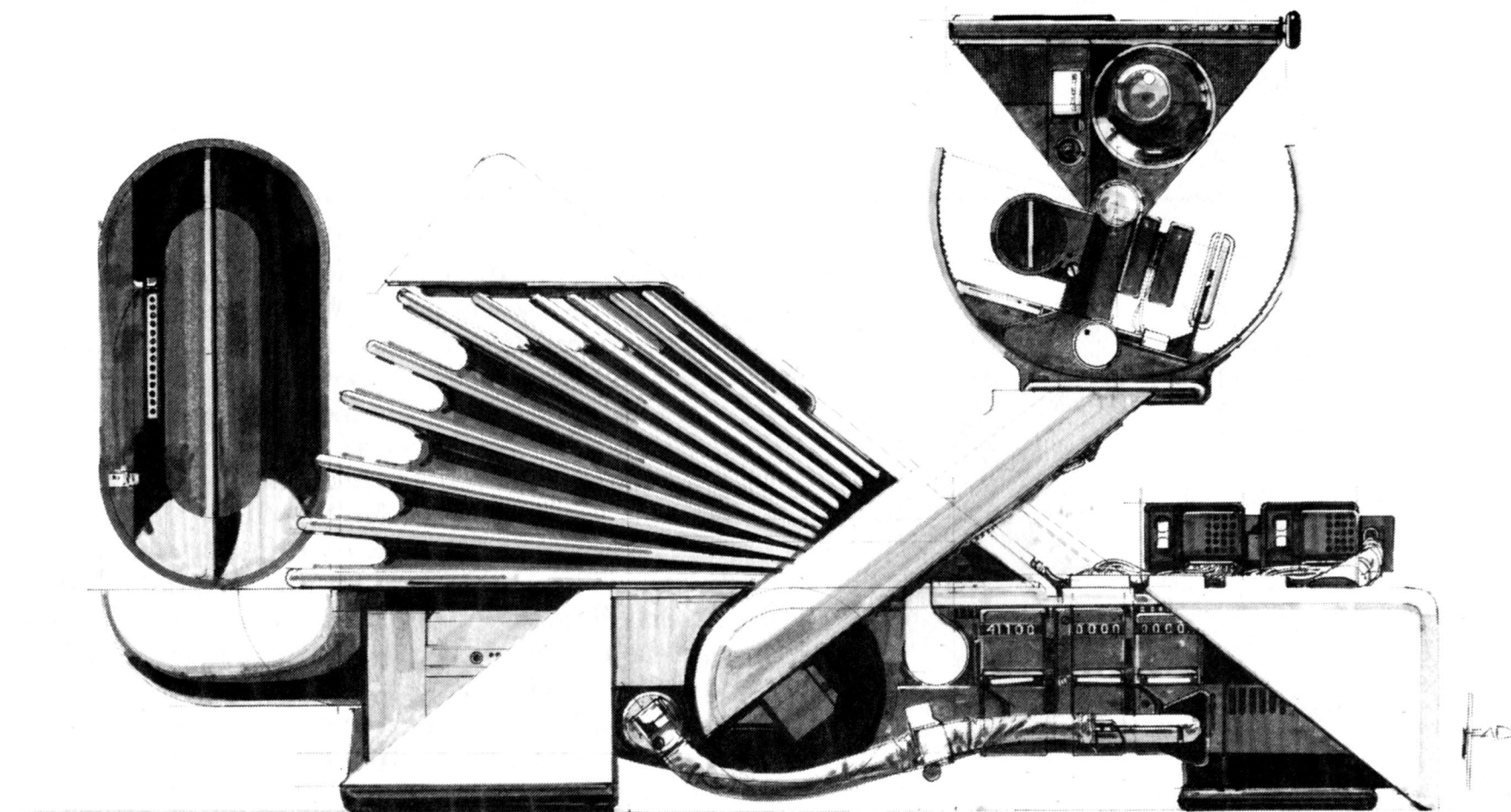
Piper Incl





VOIGHT-KAMPFF MACHINE

This machine, the elaborate lie-detector/replicant detector seen early in the film, presented unique requirements. It had to be very delicate, yet deadly. It achieves this menacing look through several devices. When a subject sits down, the machine turns itself on. The cover opens, a triangular lenspiece rises cobra-like on a levered arm system, focusing on the subjects eye. Ridley Scott specifically wanted the unit to appear to breathe, hence the bellows. The justification for this was that not only would the machine zero in on the iris to measure muscle contractions, but it would also sniff air samples. While analyzing these samples, the machine would detect pheromones—invisible airborne particles emitted by the body when nervous, frightened or under stress. This added to the “life-like” features of the machine, while underscoring its threatening nature. In total, the V-K test, used primarily by Blade Runners, determines if a suspect is truly human by measuring the degree of his empathetic response through carefully-worded questions.



VOIGHT-KAMPE MACHINE : TESTEE'S VIEW : OCULAR SCOPE & PHEROMONE BREATHING OPEN :

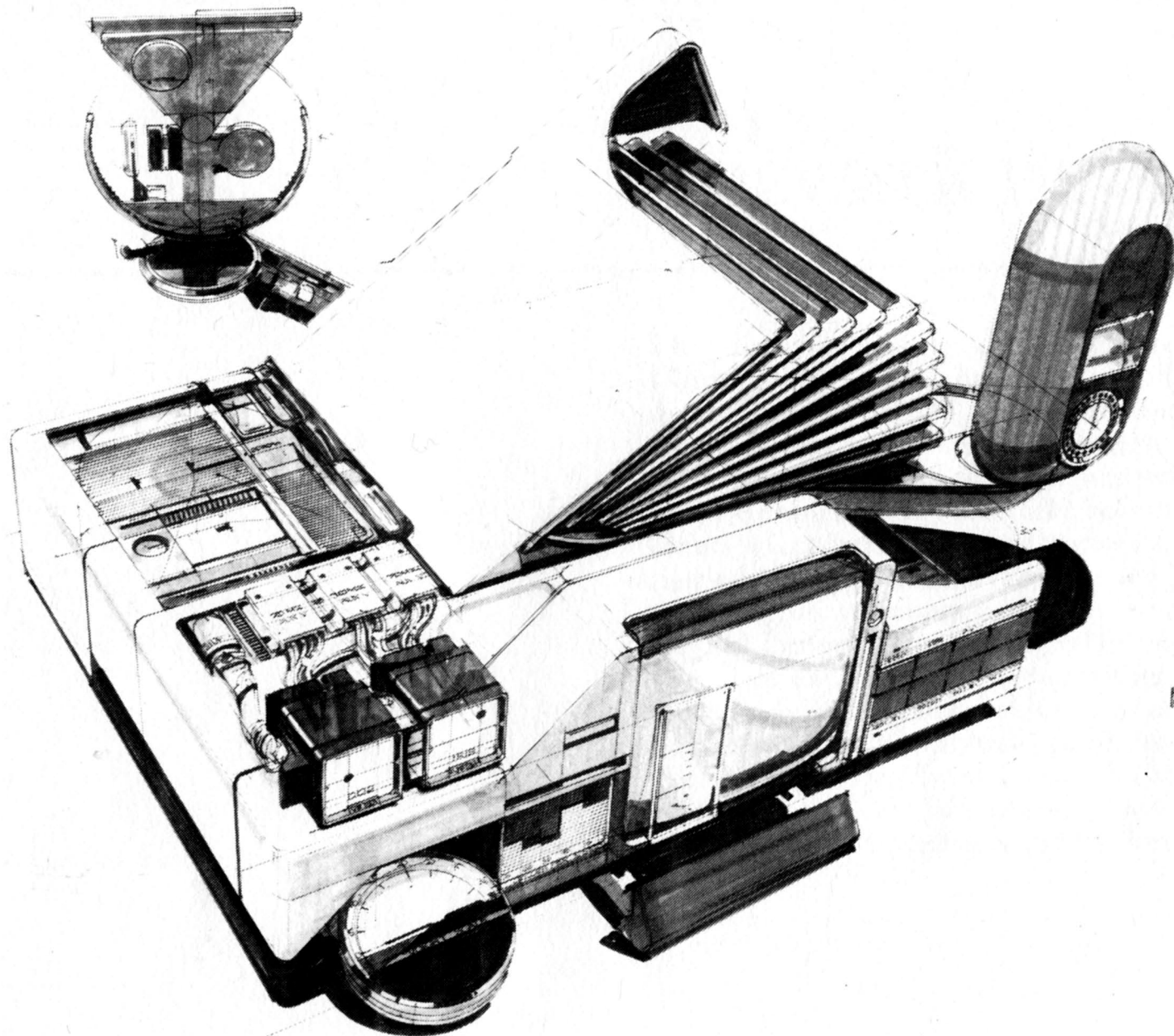
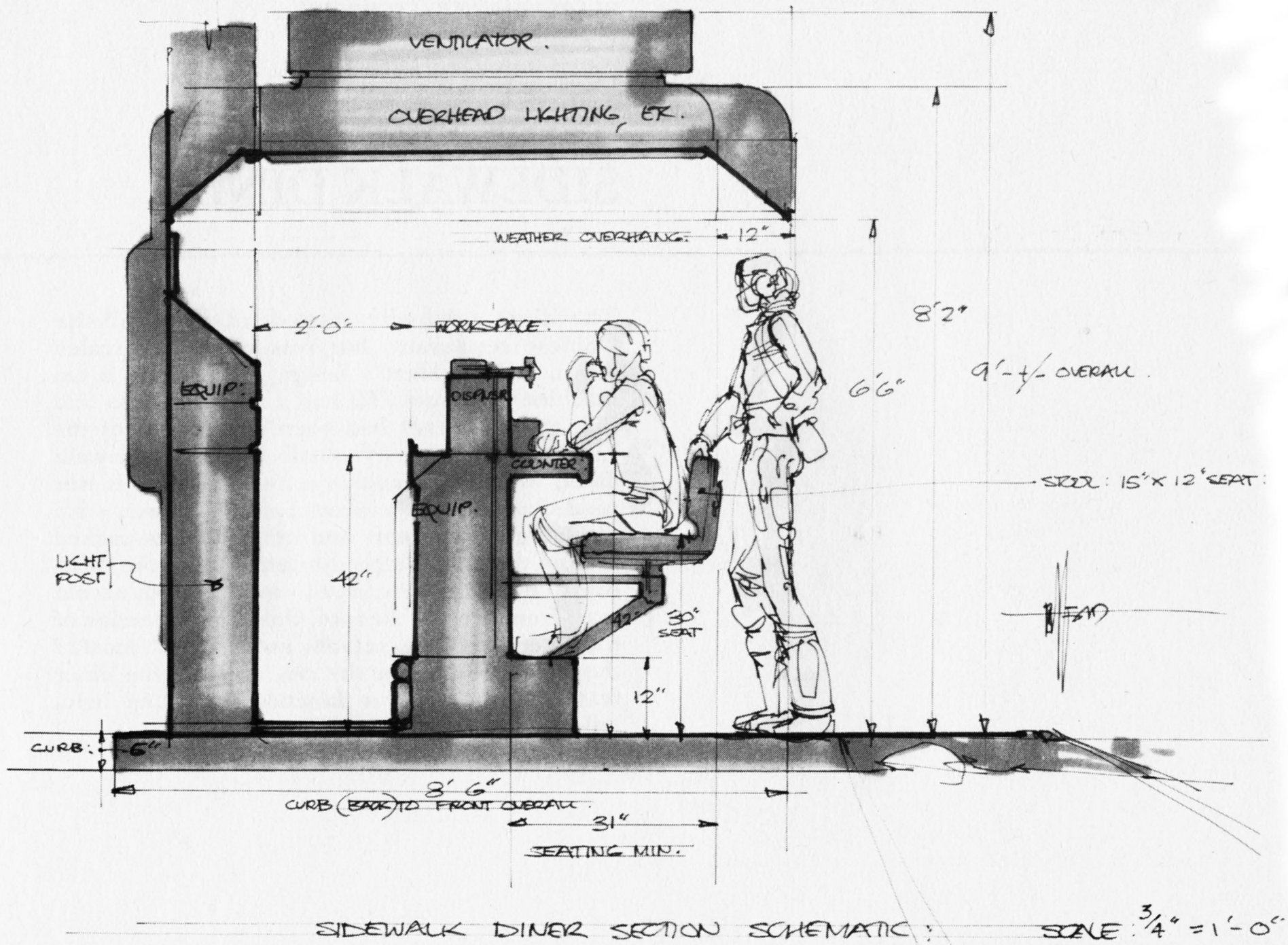
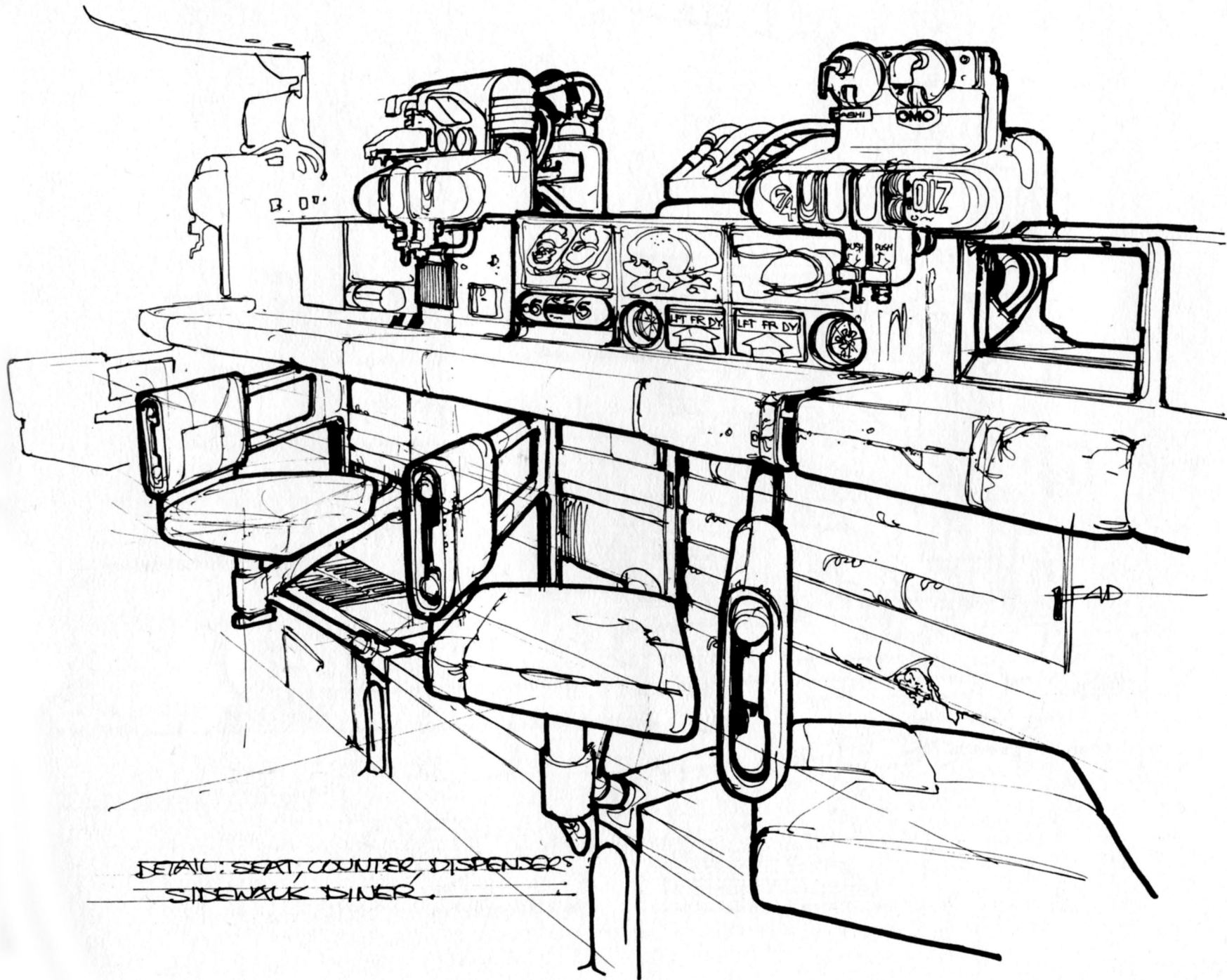


FIGURE 1. KANIP MACHINE: FRONT OPERATOR VIEW.

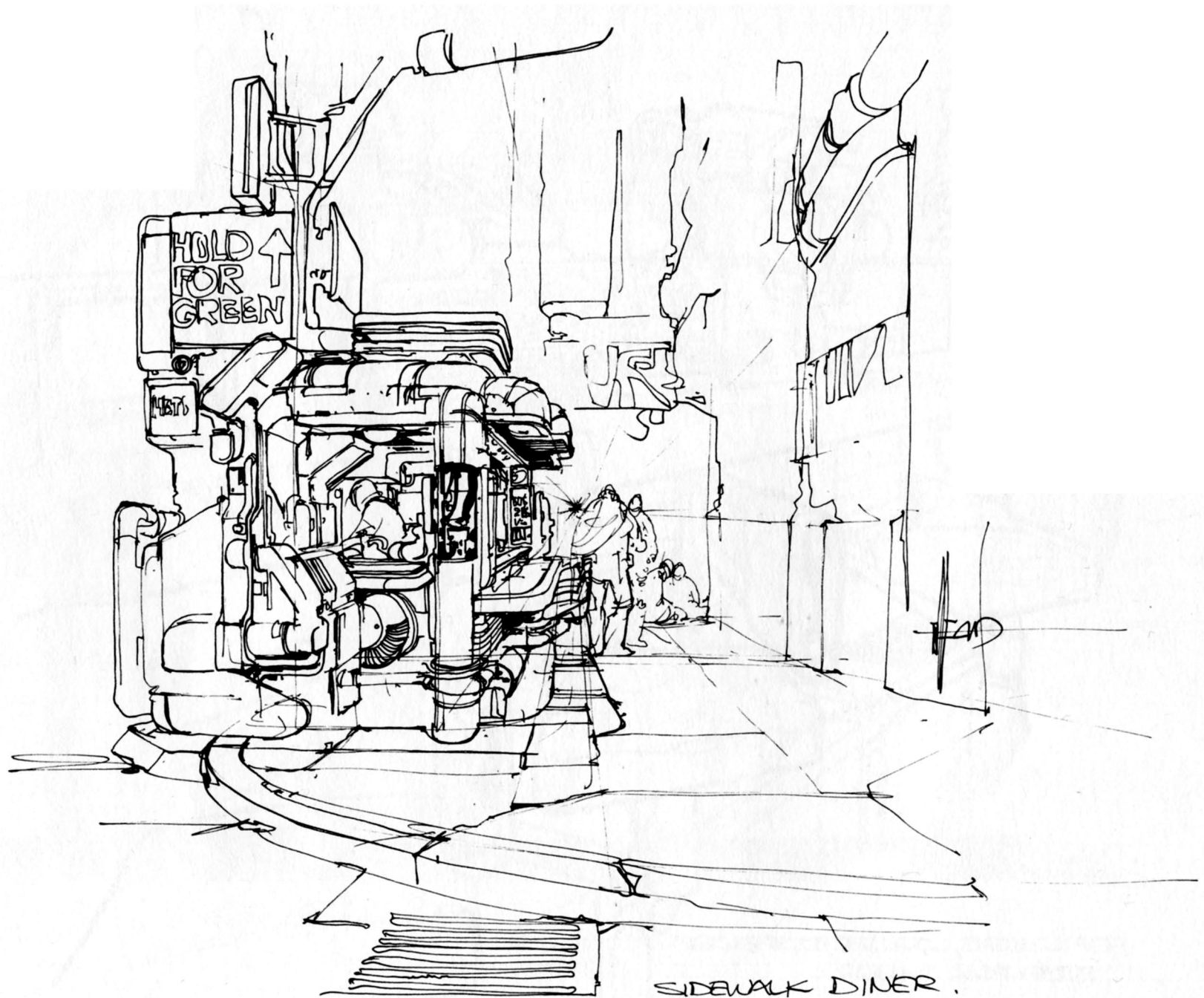
THE SIDEWALK DINER

The diner originally started off as a full-size Chinese restaurant, but was ultimately scaled down. In Syd Mead's design he included a tea machine that would fill half a room, only to find that the restaurant had been written out of the script completely. It eventually became a sidewalk diner, which was built as a moveable set. It was nestled up against a street pole for power, with traffic lights, monitors and other devices packed around the pole. Patched-together from the "left-overs" of earlier eras, a deco awning from an old store-front became the roof. Only a small section of the diner design was actually used. As with most of the street fixtures for the city of 2019, the diner seats and counters are fastened down and rigid, reflecting anti-vandalism construction.

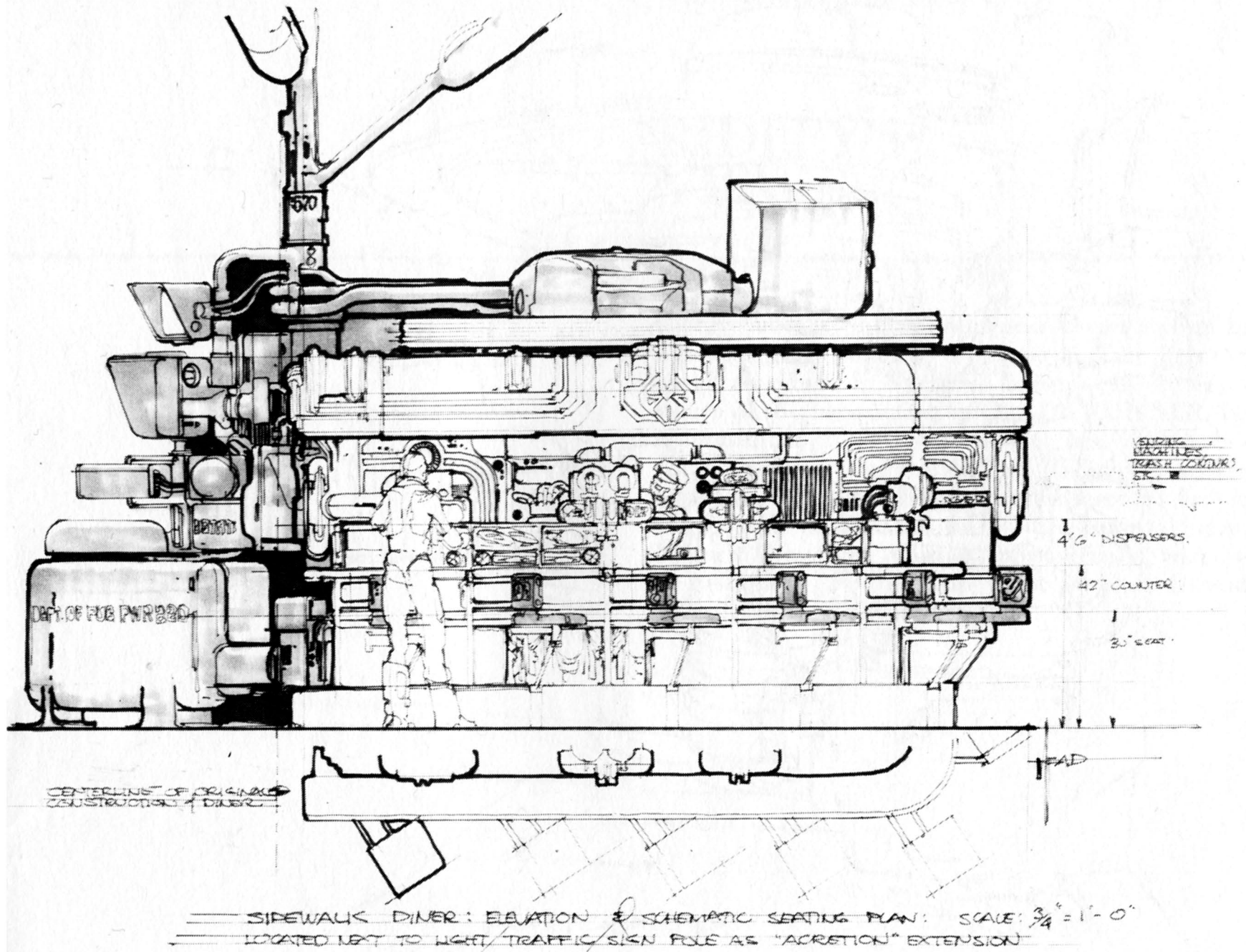


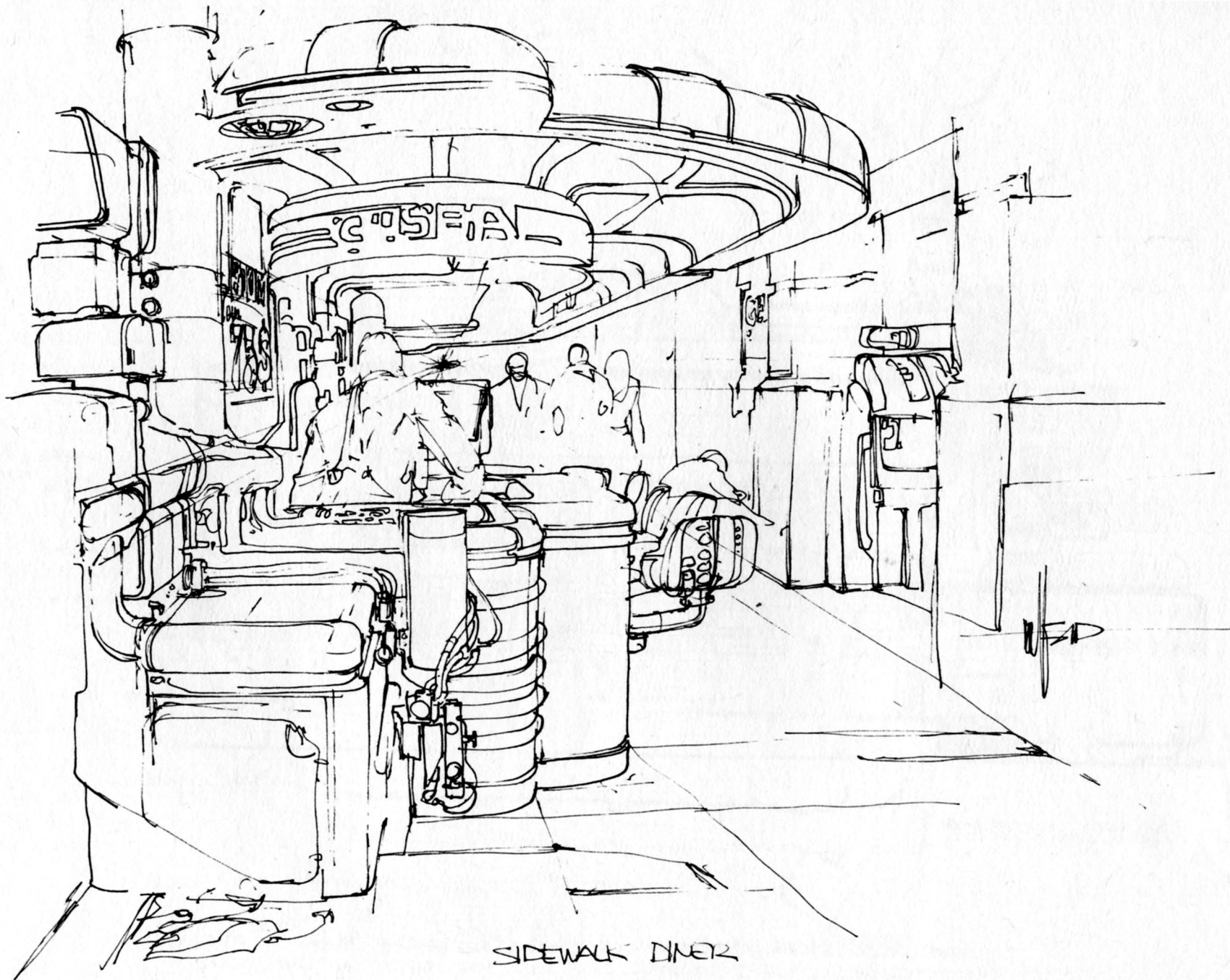


DETAIL: SEAT, COUNTER, DISPENSERS
SIDEWALK DINER.



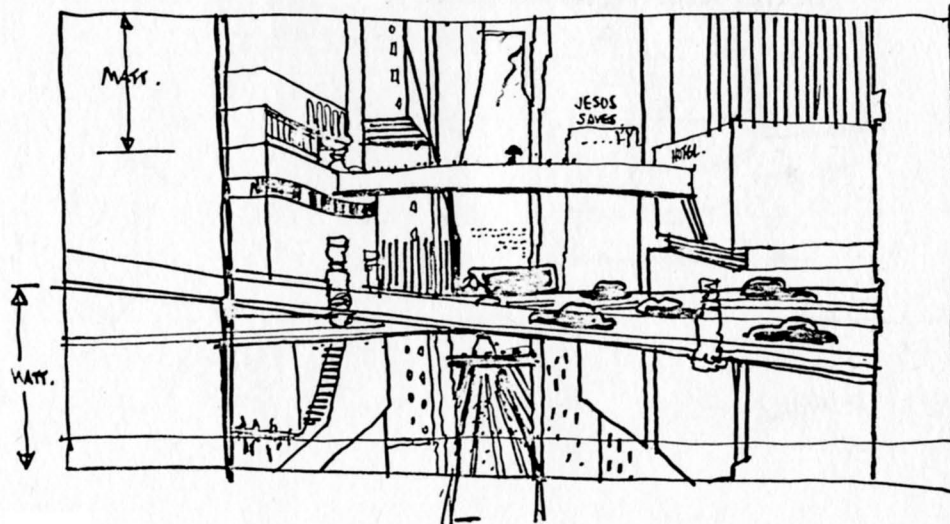
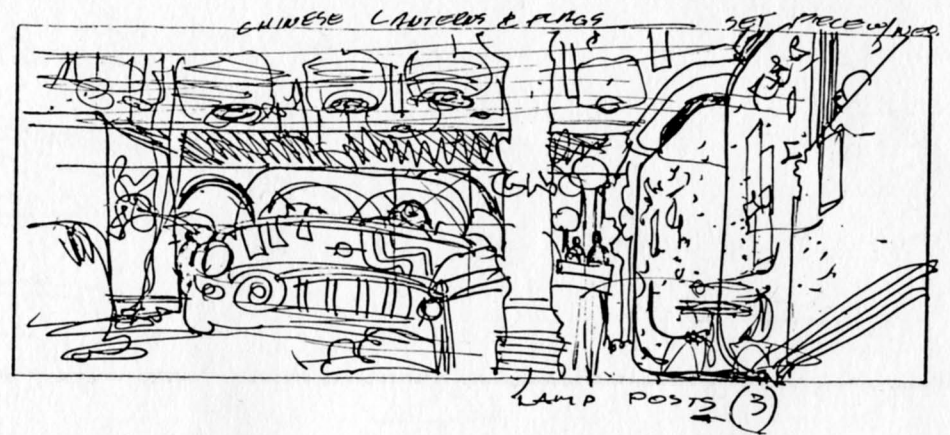
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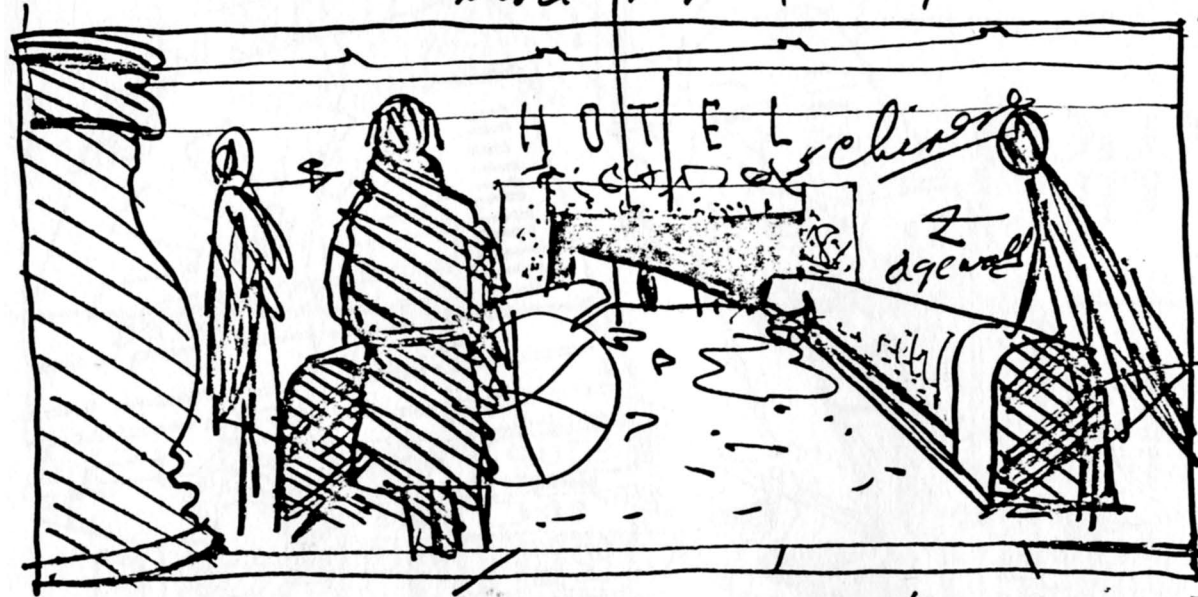


RIDLEY'S VIEW

Ridley Scott is one of the finest visual stylists in films. He was trained as a painter and art director, and is an established graphic designer. In the early stages of the production of **BLADE RUNNER**, he communicated his ideas in sketches, which became known among the staff as "Ridleygrams." He cites a variety of inspirations and influences for his visual style in **BLADE RUNNER**, among them, Hogarth drawings, "thirties" photographs, and the contemporary comic strip work of Jean Giraud (better known as Moebius).



more signs on glass



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v. end

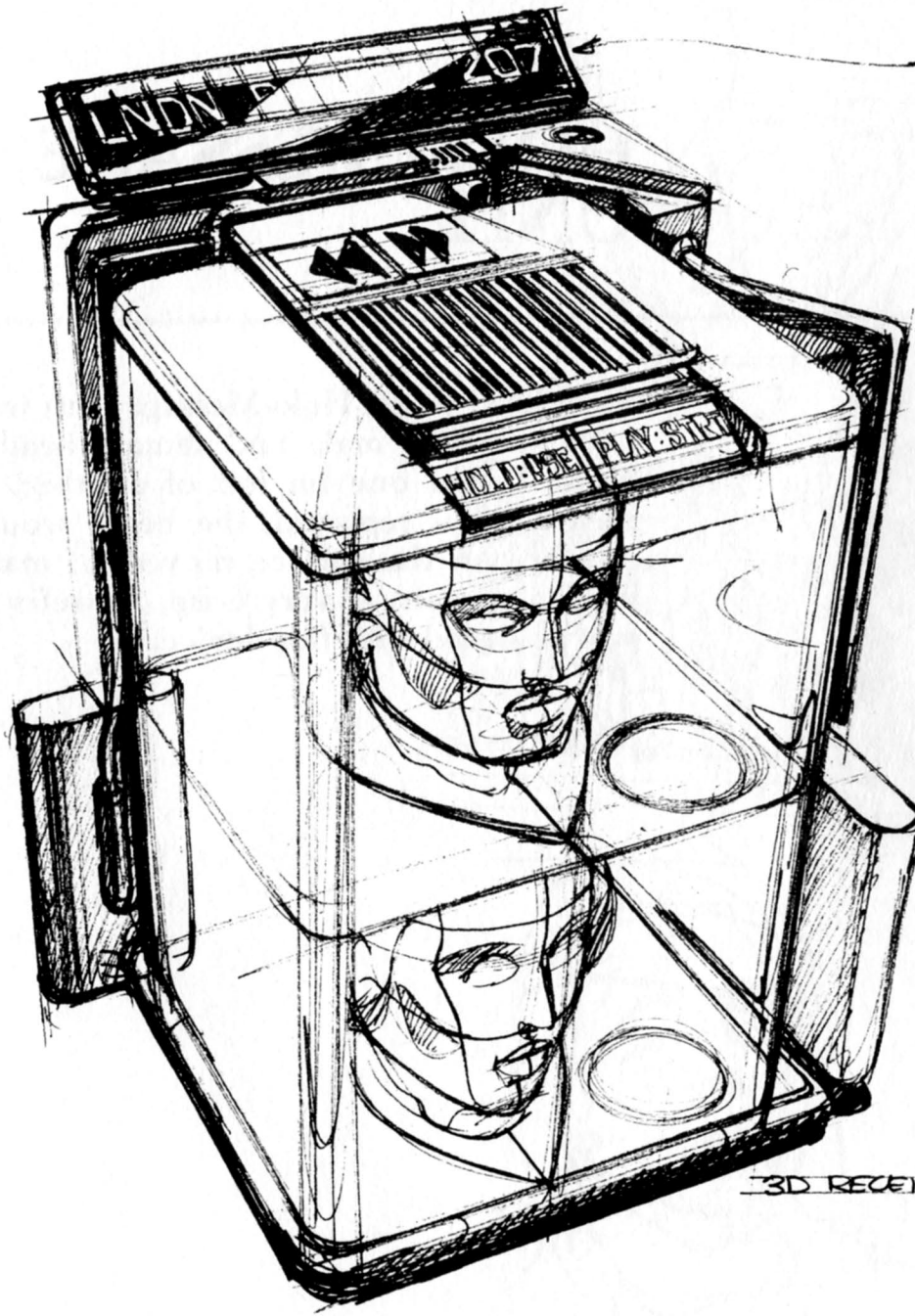
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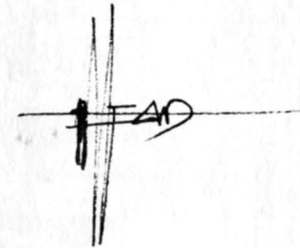


HOLO/MESSAGE UNIT

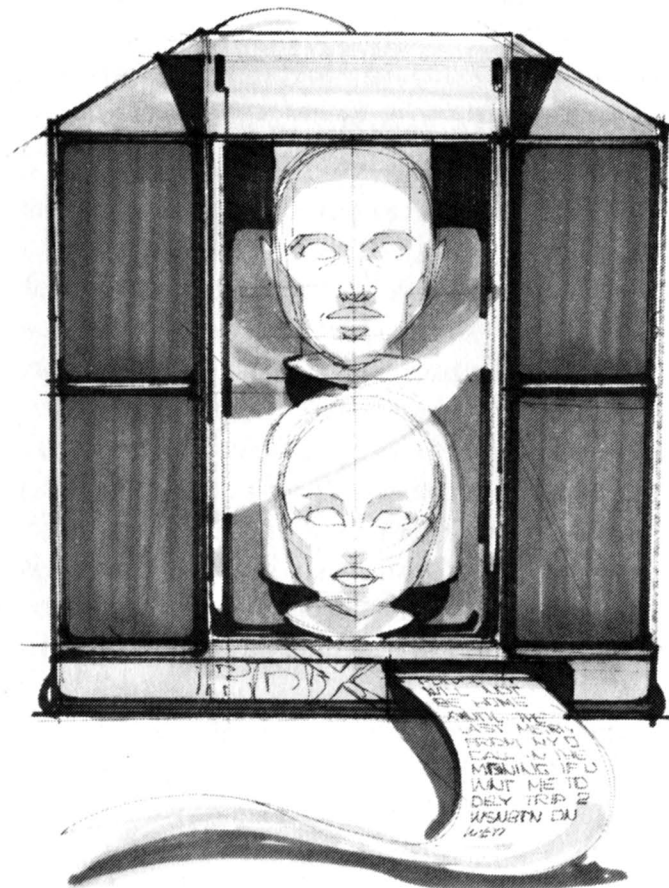
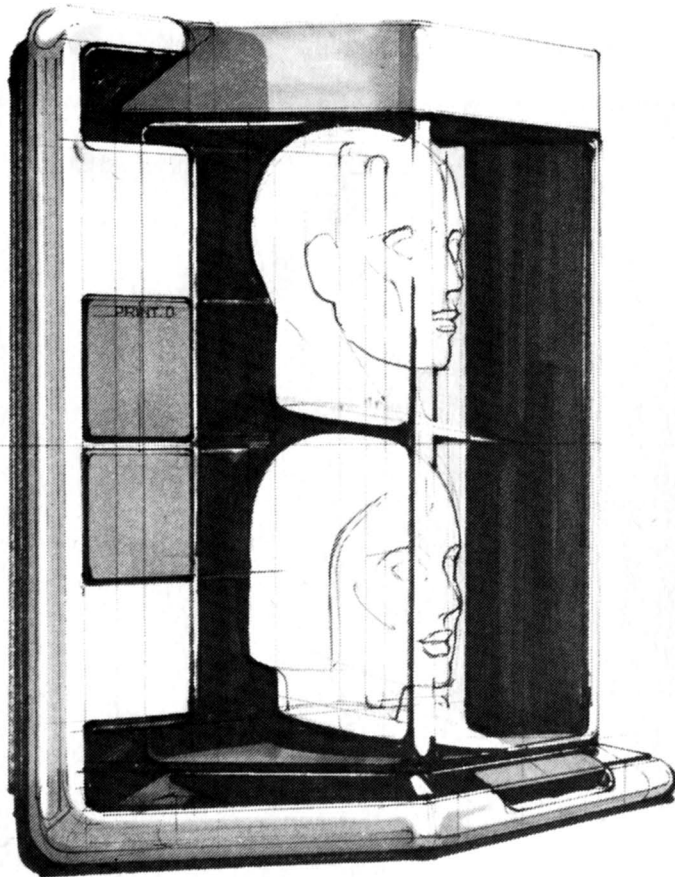
Each head in the Holo-Message Unit was designed as a standard male and female head, precision molded, and one on top of another. When the message was replayed, the heads would light up and lips on the surface moved, to match the recorded speech. A very crisp, “jewelry box” look was achieved with this device.



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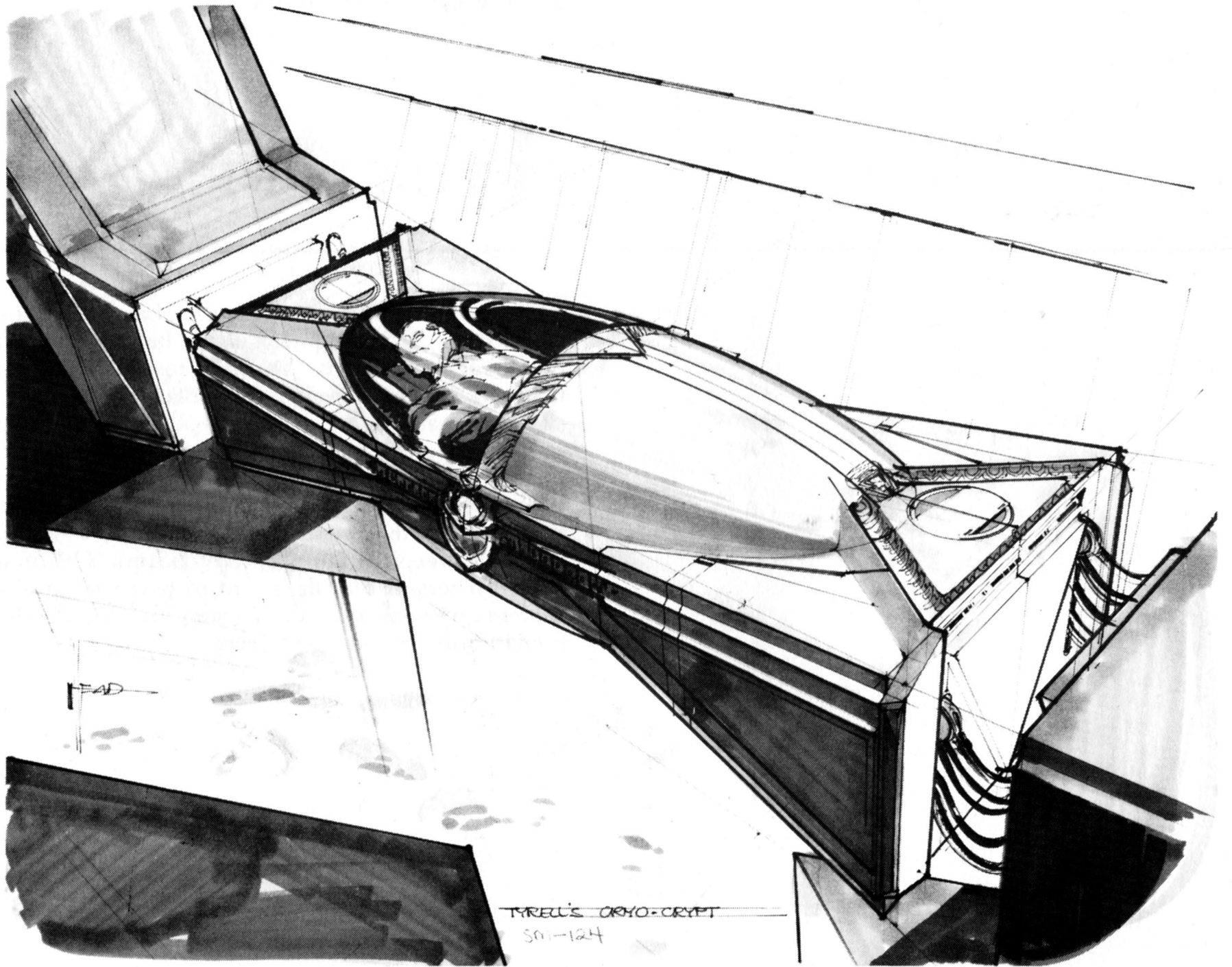


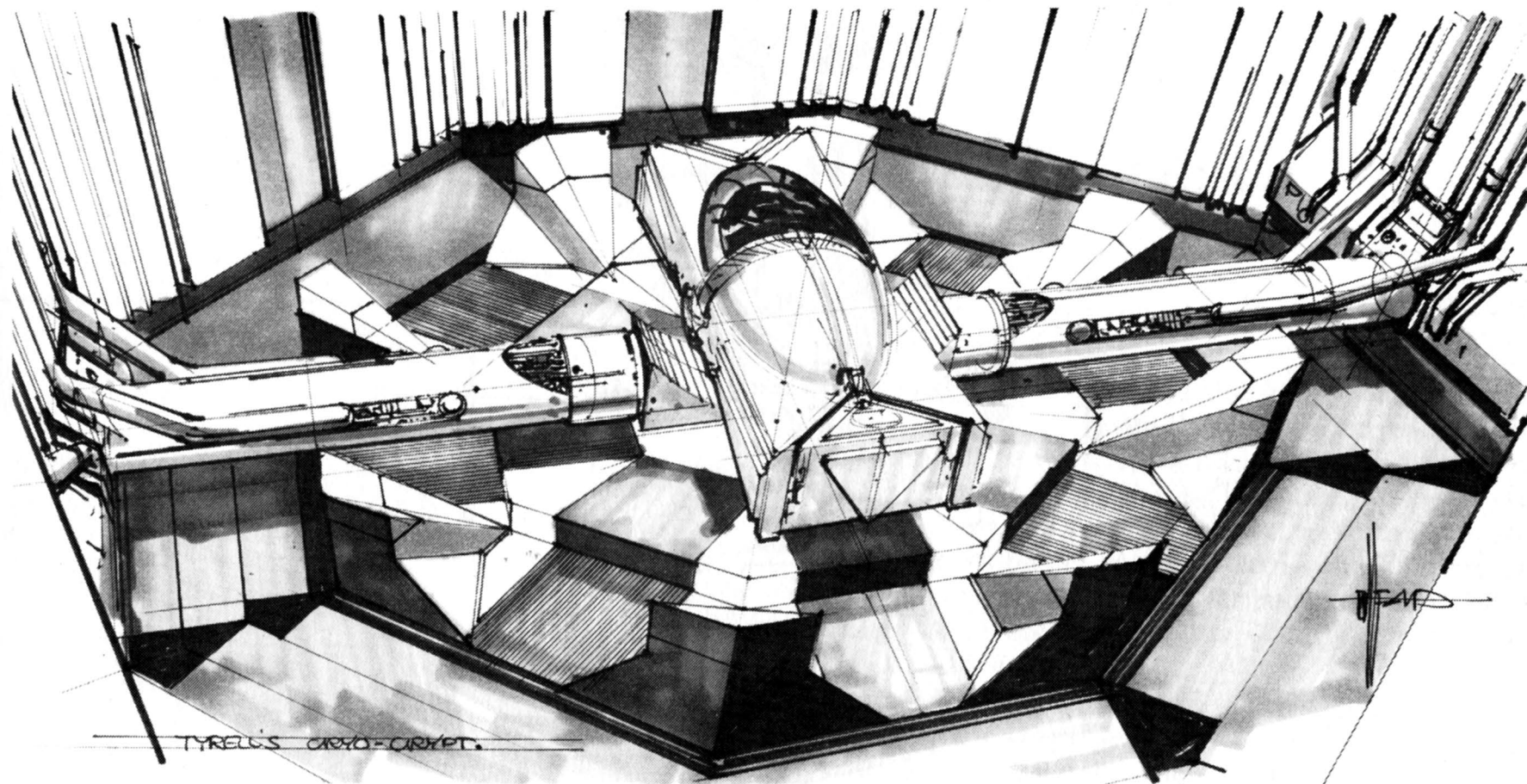
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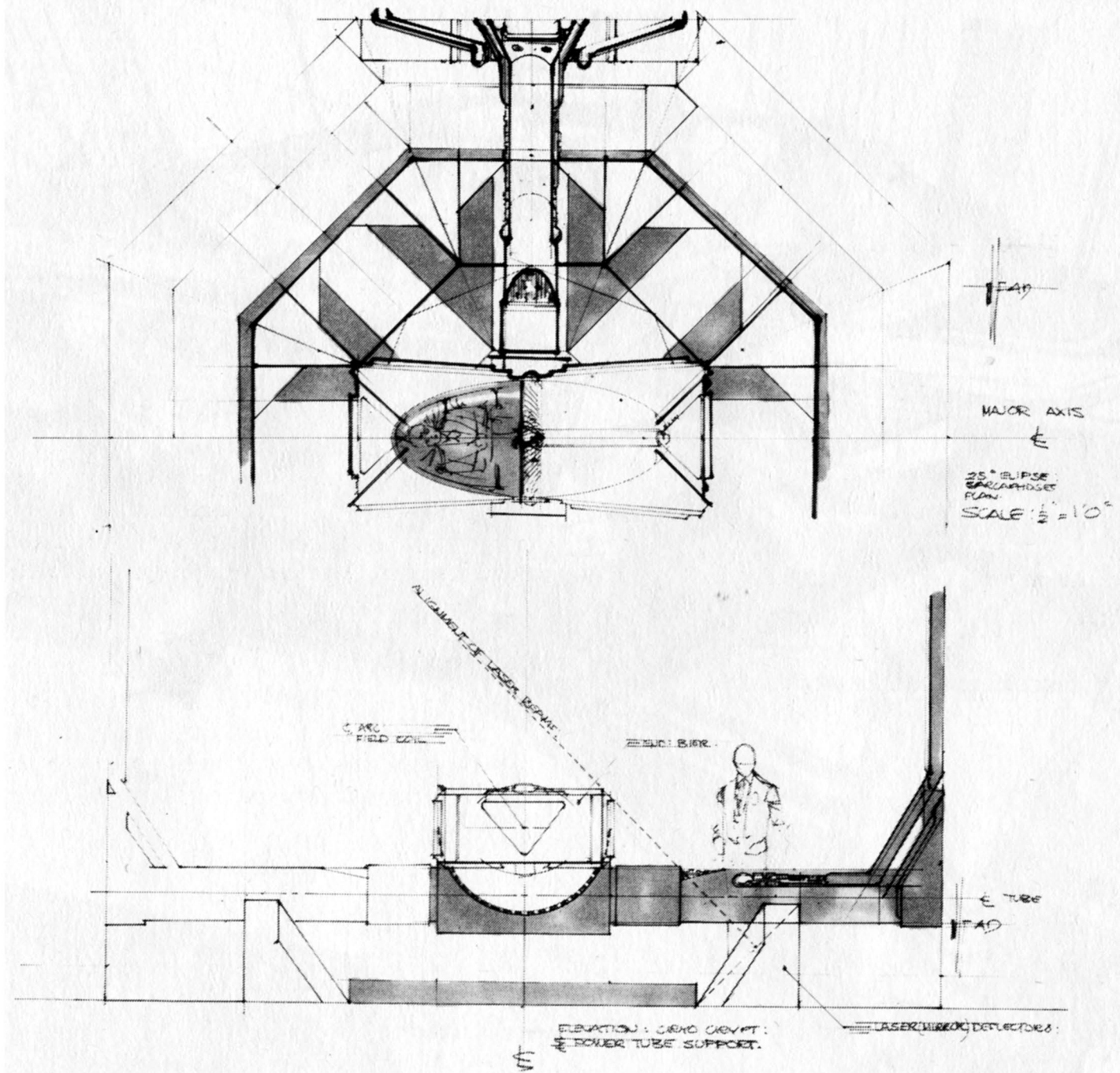


CRYO-CRYPT

This was to be the crypt of Tyrell, chairman of the world's largest conglomerate. He hoped it would cryogenically preserve his body forever. This set featured the same twenty-foot pillars as his office, suggesting a vast area. The crypt was oval, with radiating wedges that matched up to an electromagnetic field. This magnetic field kept the coffin suspended over a pool of liquid nitrogen. If the power failed, the crypt would drop into the liquid nitrogen, keeping Tyrell's body frozen. This system also served as a deterrent to potential grave-robbers, who would have to step into the deadly pool in order to reach the crypt.



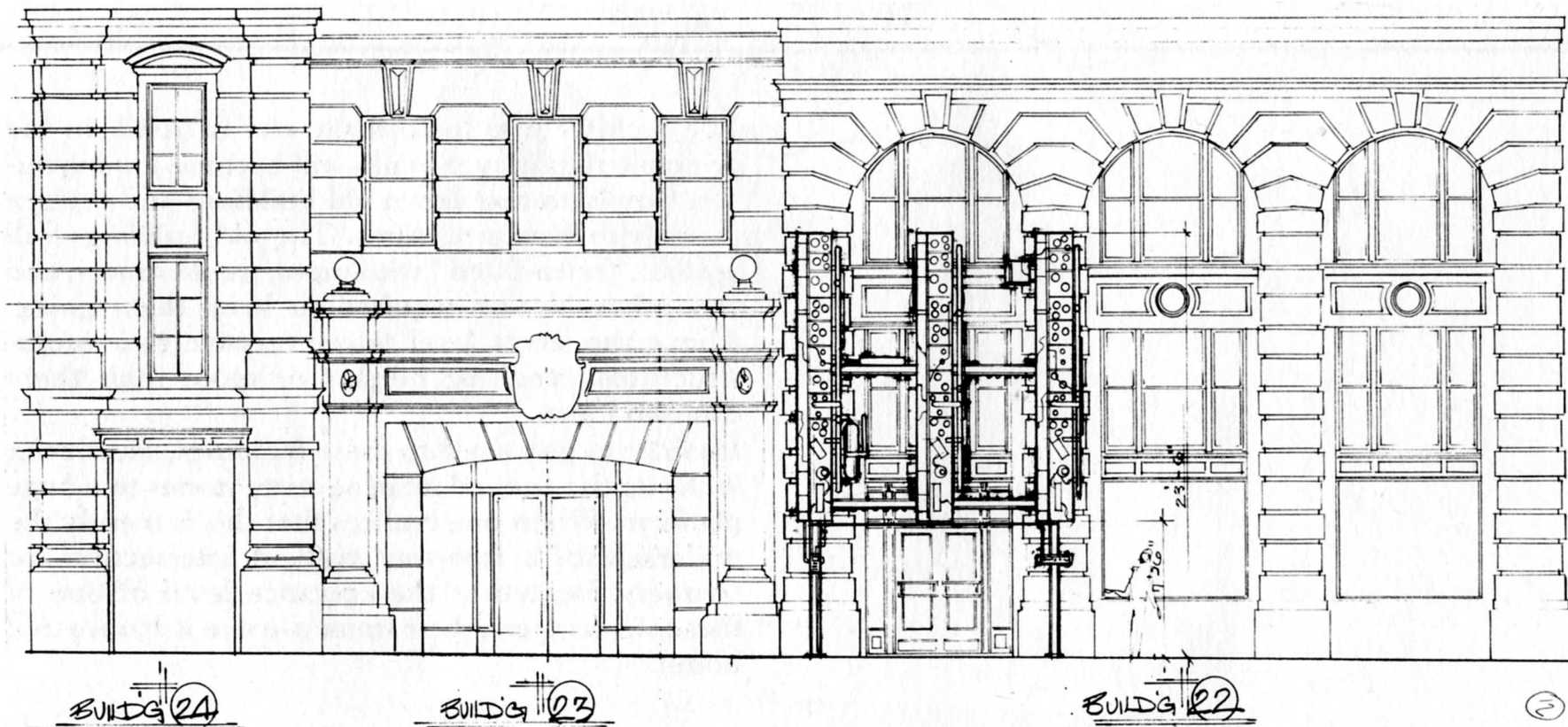


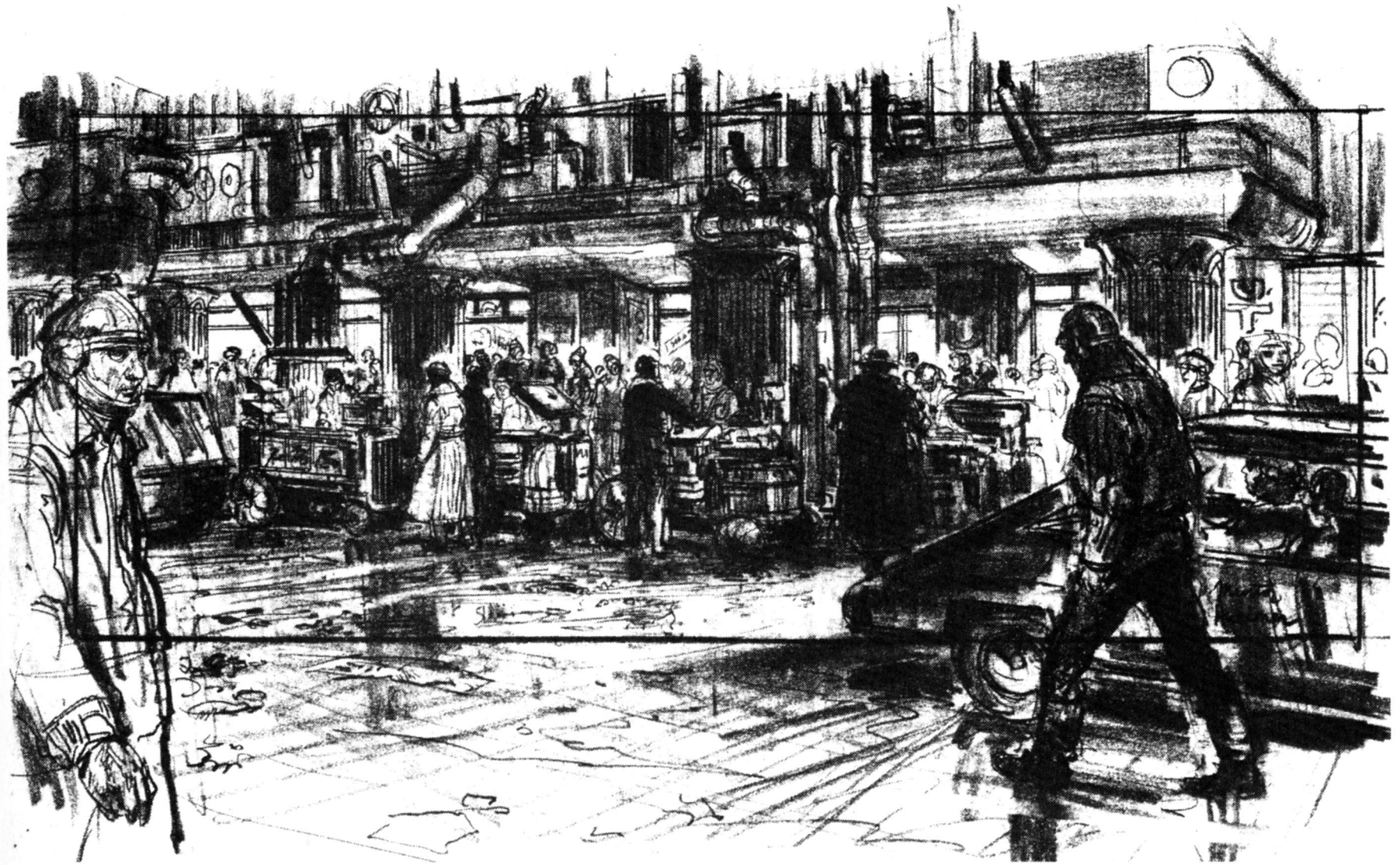


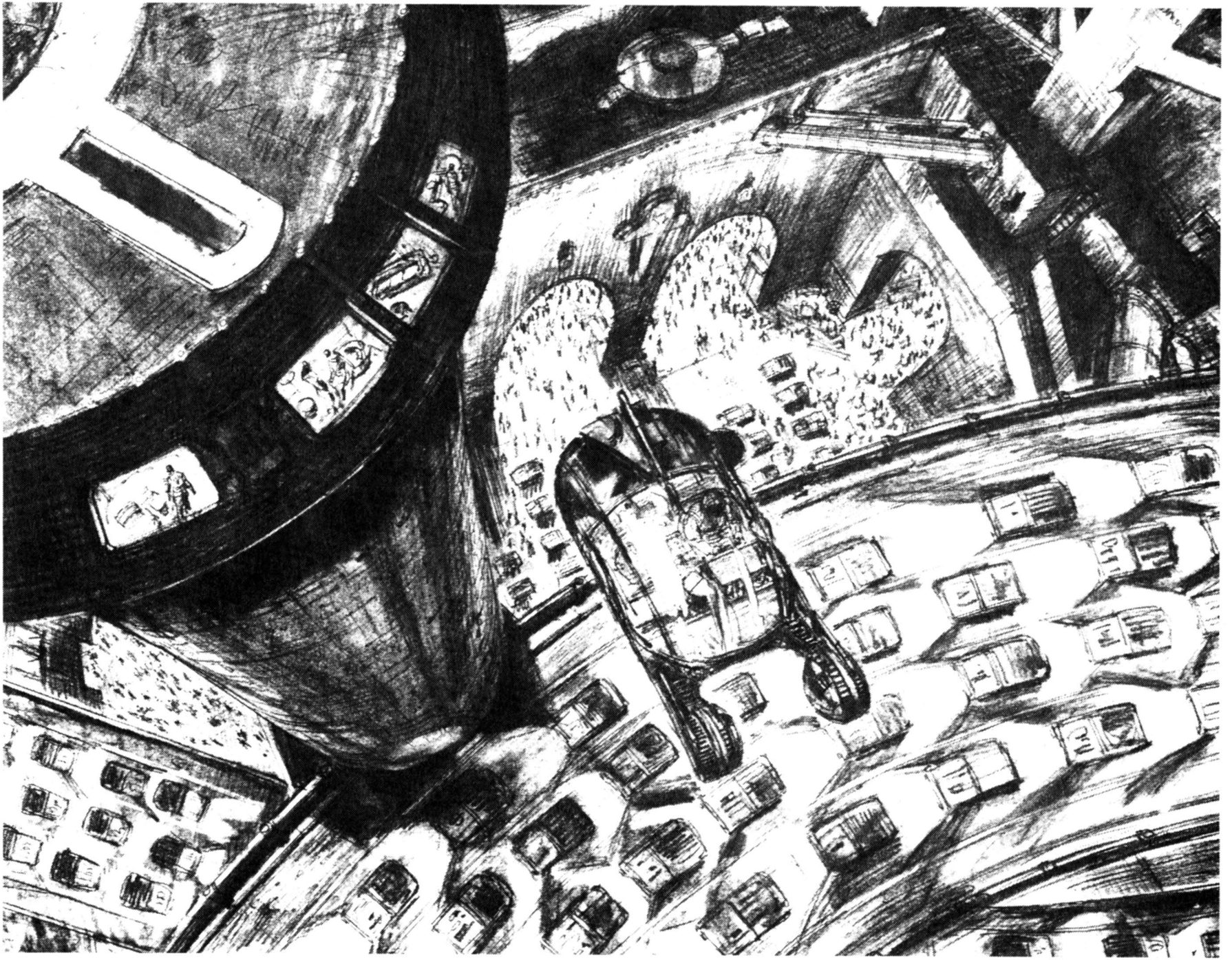
BUILDINGS OF 2019

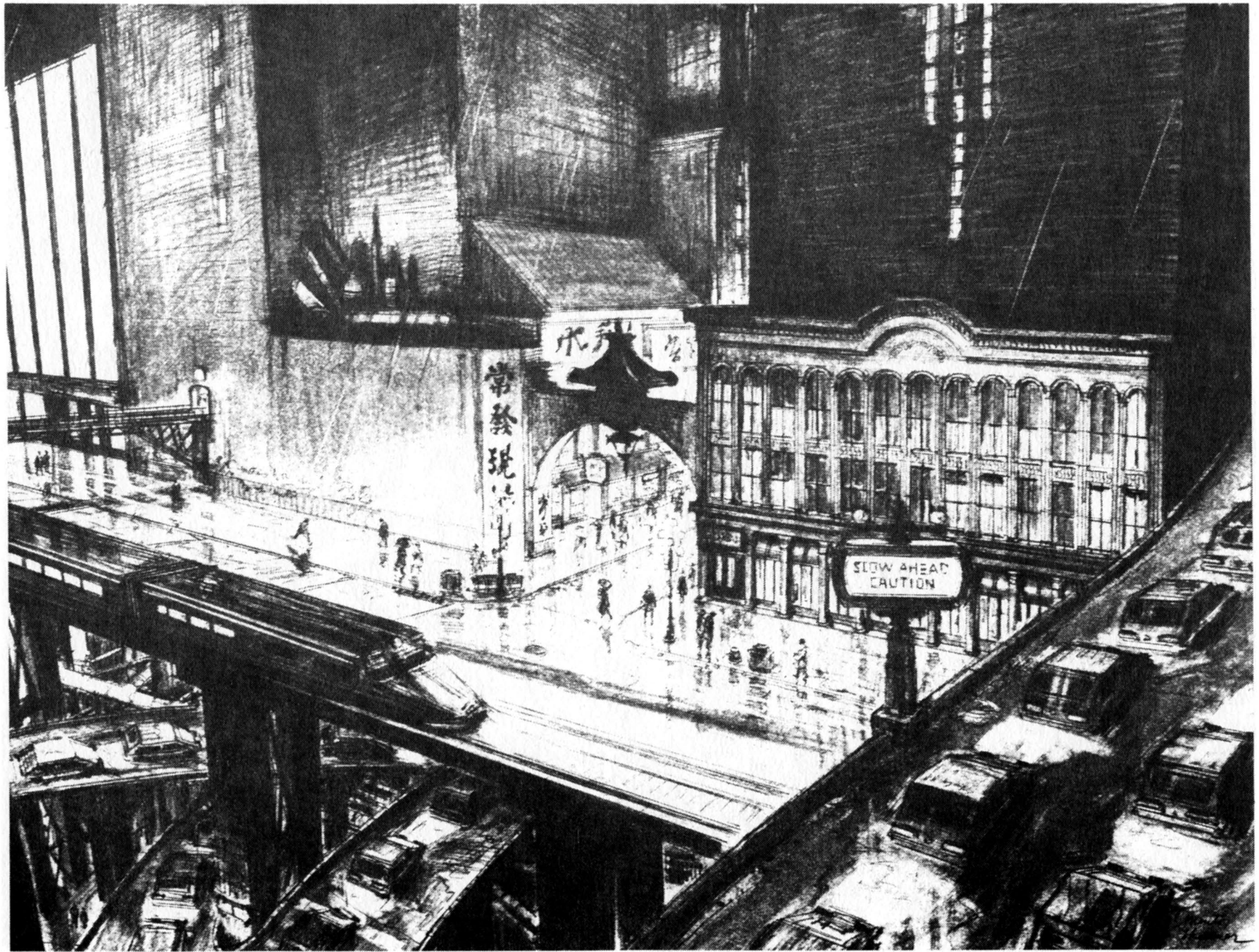
The architectural look of the city is based on the principle that it eventually will become too expensive simply to tear down old buildings and replace them with new structures. The old buildings will remain, "retro-fitted" with pipes, transformers, and any other objects required to keep them going. Above the street level tower massive new mega-structures, reaching heights of more than three thousand feet.

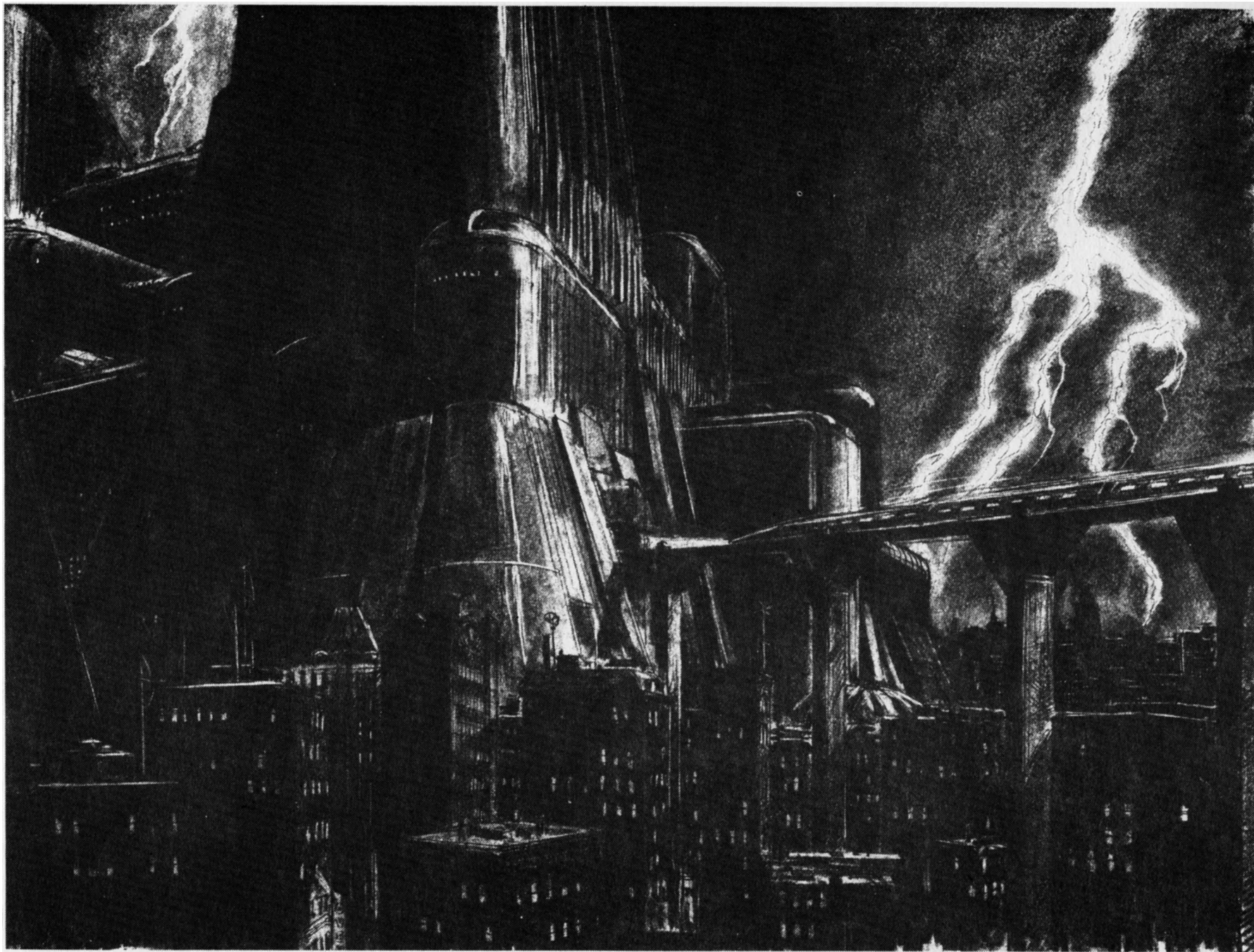
In order to give scale to these buildings, the viewer looks up the equivalent of seventy stories to a huge platform. When one realizes that this is merely the underside of a free-way type of intersection for spinners, located at the entrance level of one of these skyscrapers, their immense size is hammered home.







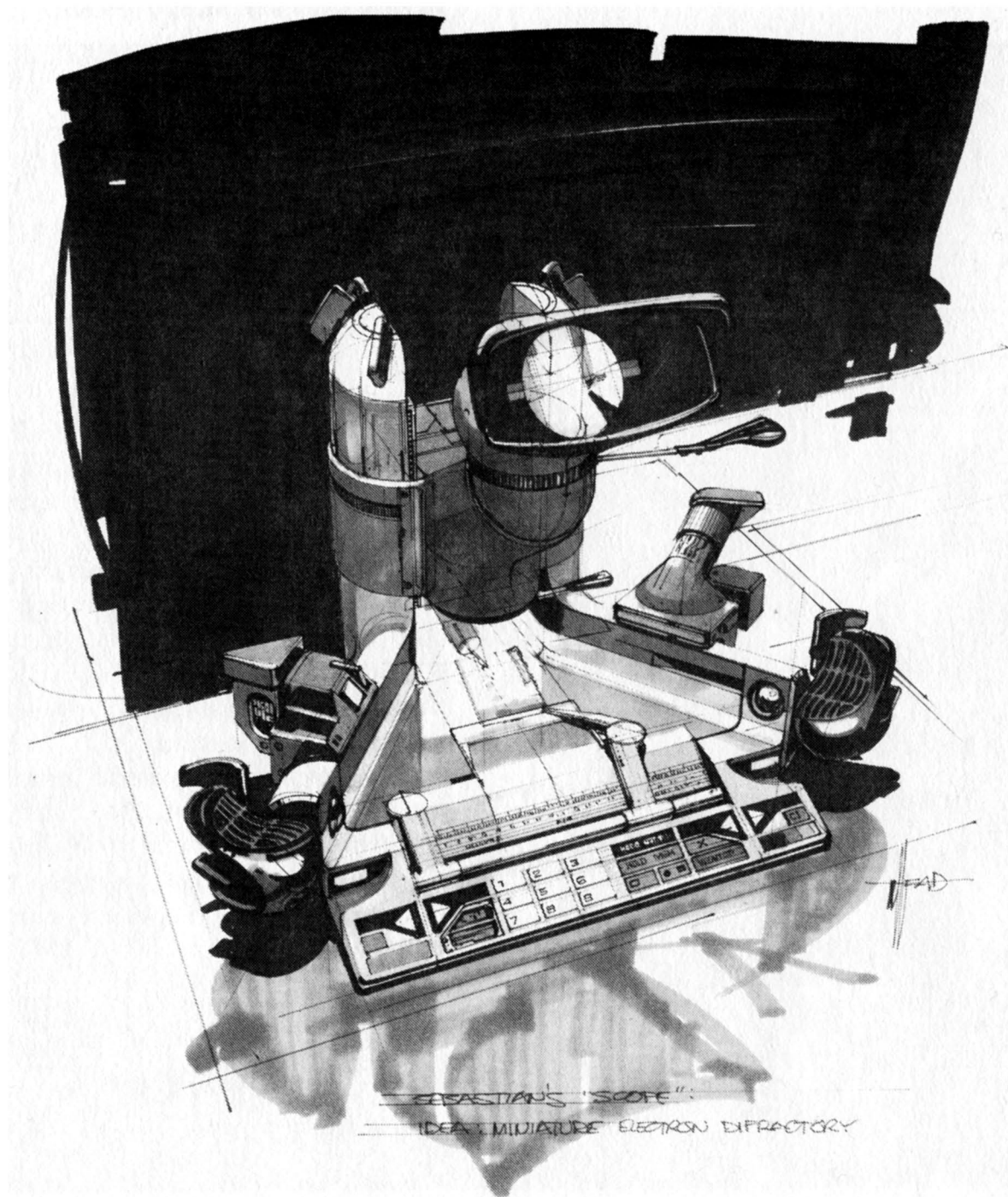




SEBASTIAN'S WORK AREA

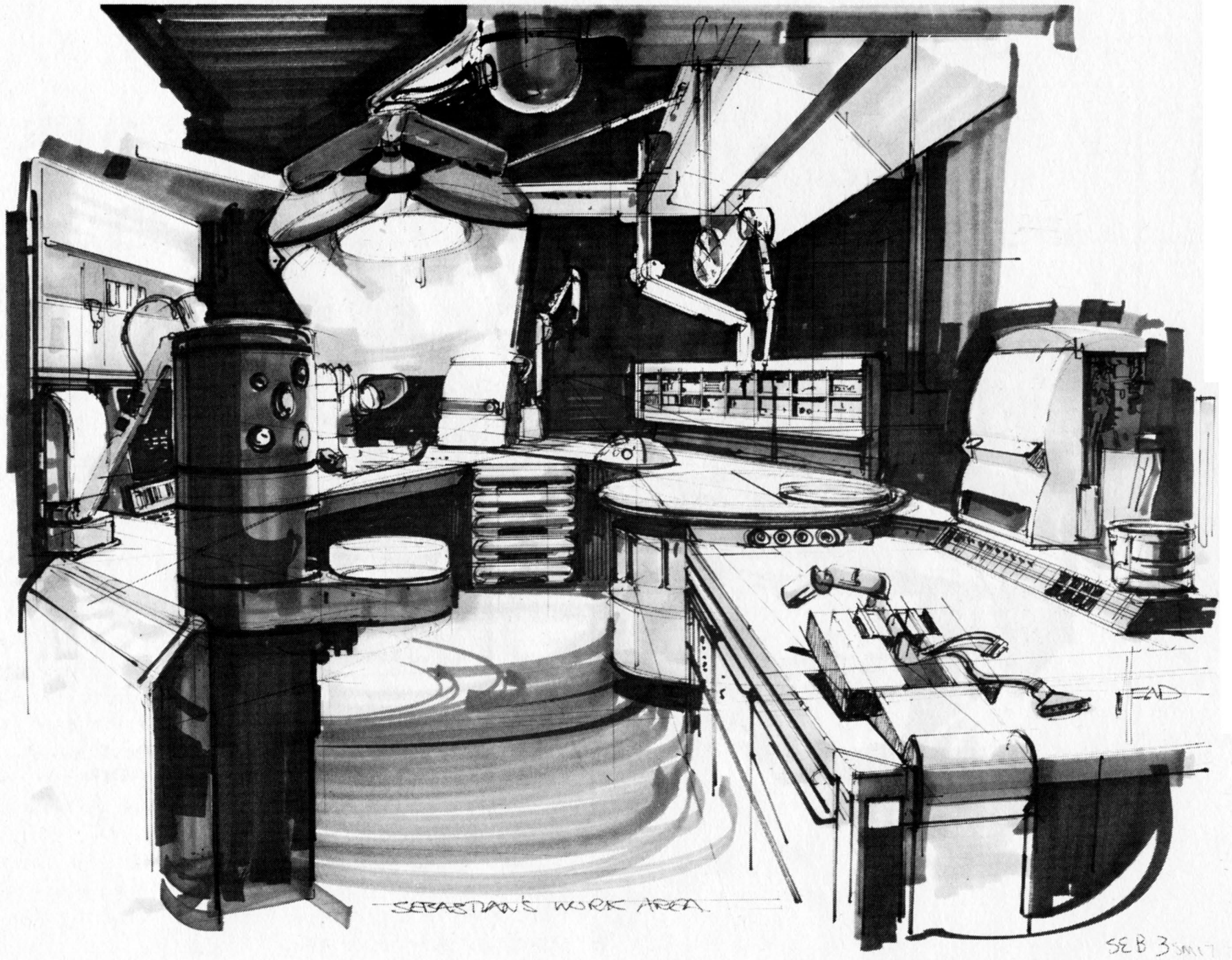
The interior of Sebastian's apartment is comprised of eight inter-connected, totally run-down rooms. They represent a one-time presidential suite abandoned in the rush to "off-world" space colonies. The interior design of the apartment, like the exterior of the Bradbury Building location, has high ceilings with decorative plasterwork in an eighteenth-century style as interpreted by nineteenth-century architects.

The idea behind the work area was to create a strange juxtaposition of a "high-tech" laboratory with futuristic equipment, amid the crumbling Victorian architecture. Medical lamps, incubator equipment and other objects were suspended overhead or pieced together to create a feeling of co-existence between completely dissimilar formats.





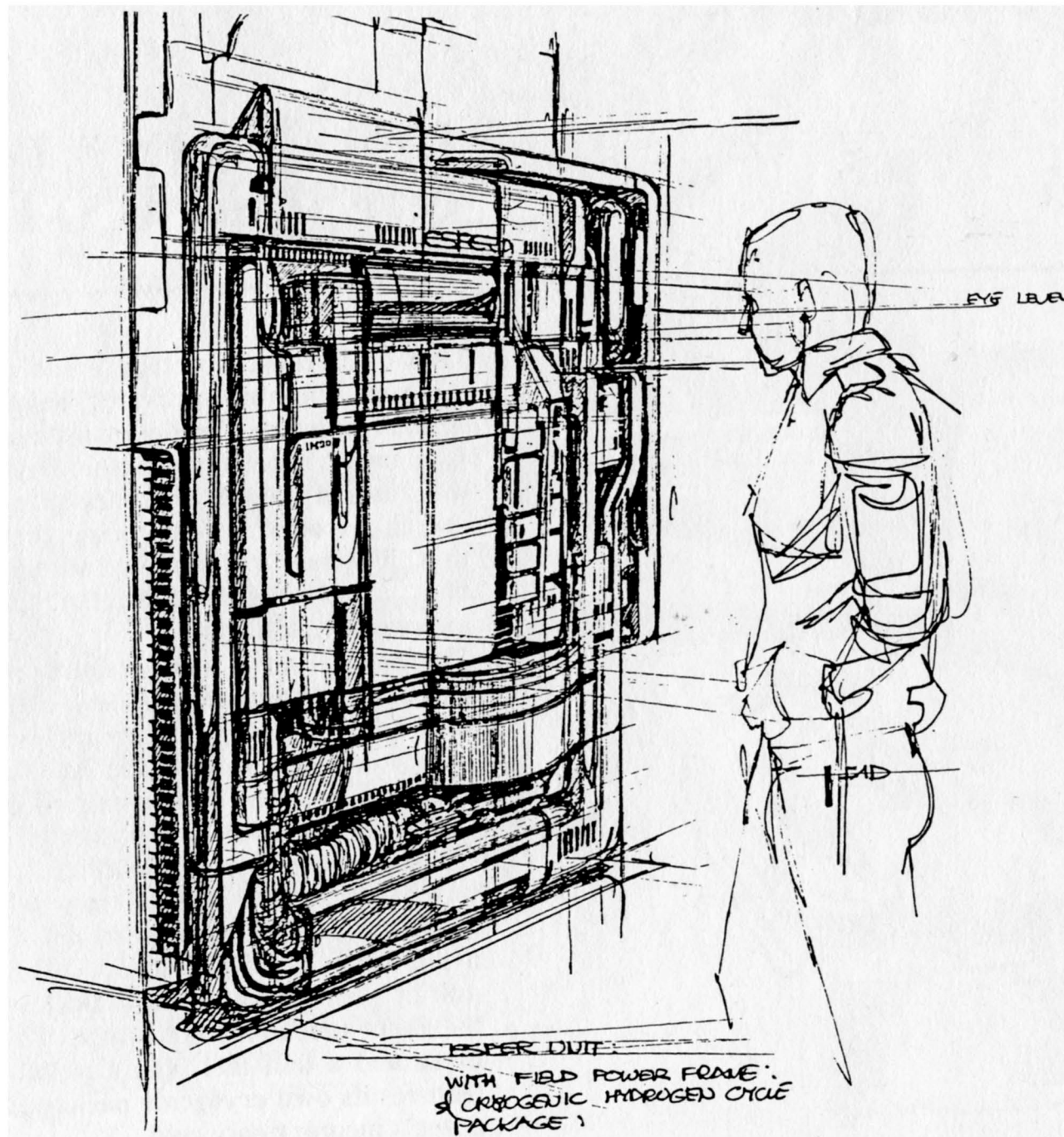
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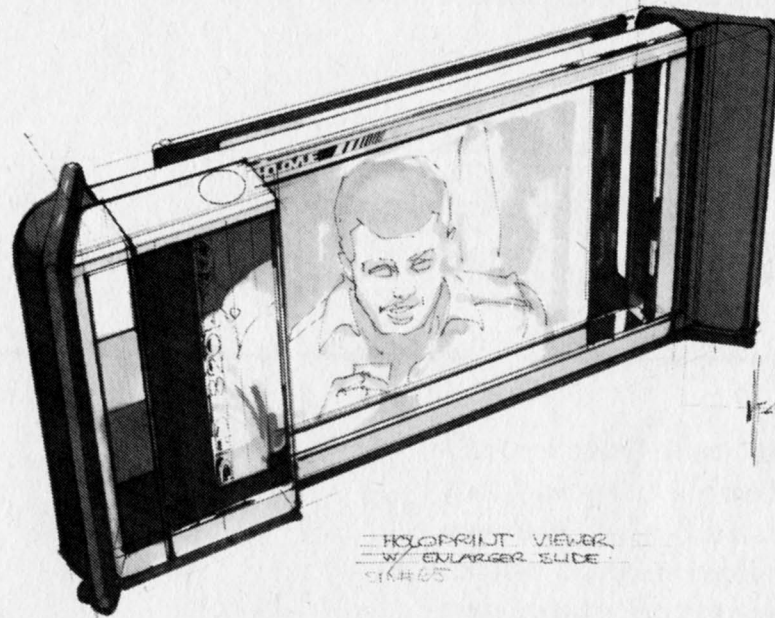


HOLOPRINT VIEWER & ESPER UNIT

One of Deckard's detective tools is his Holoprint Viewer. The voice-activated enlarger slide enables him to enhance three-dimensional prints. The enlargements it produces enable Deckard to isolate individuals in crowds, read license numbers, and even search a room without being there. This portable unit, like the small models built into the police Spinners, can be channeled into the main Esper Machine at police headquarters.

The Esper Unit is a supra-intelligent computer system used as a monitoring device by the police of the future. It features a holographic plate, which contains a complete referencing system for the city. The operator punches in the desired location, and the machine provides a continually updated, three-dimensional readout of buildings, traffic patterns or any other visuals the operator wishes to observe. Thus, a three-dimensioned model of the city is always available to the authorities via the massive central unit at police headquarters. Deckard keeps a portable Esper unit in his apartment. This model is about three and a half feet high and half a foot thick. It features its own cryogenic package to keep the computer's memory core cold.





HOLOPRINT VIEWER
W/ ENLARGER SLIDE
SM-65



3/D HOLOPRINT VIEWER
SM-66

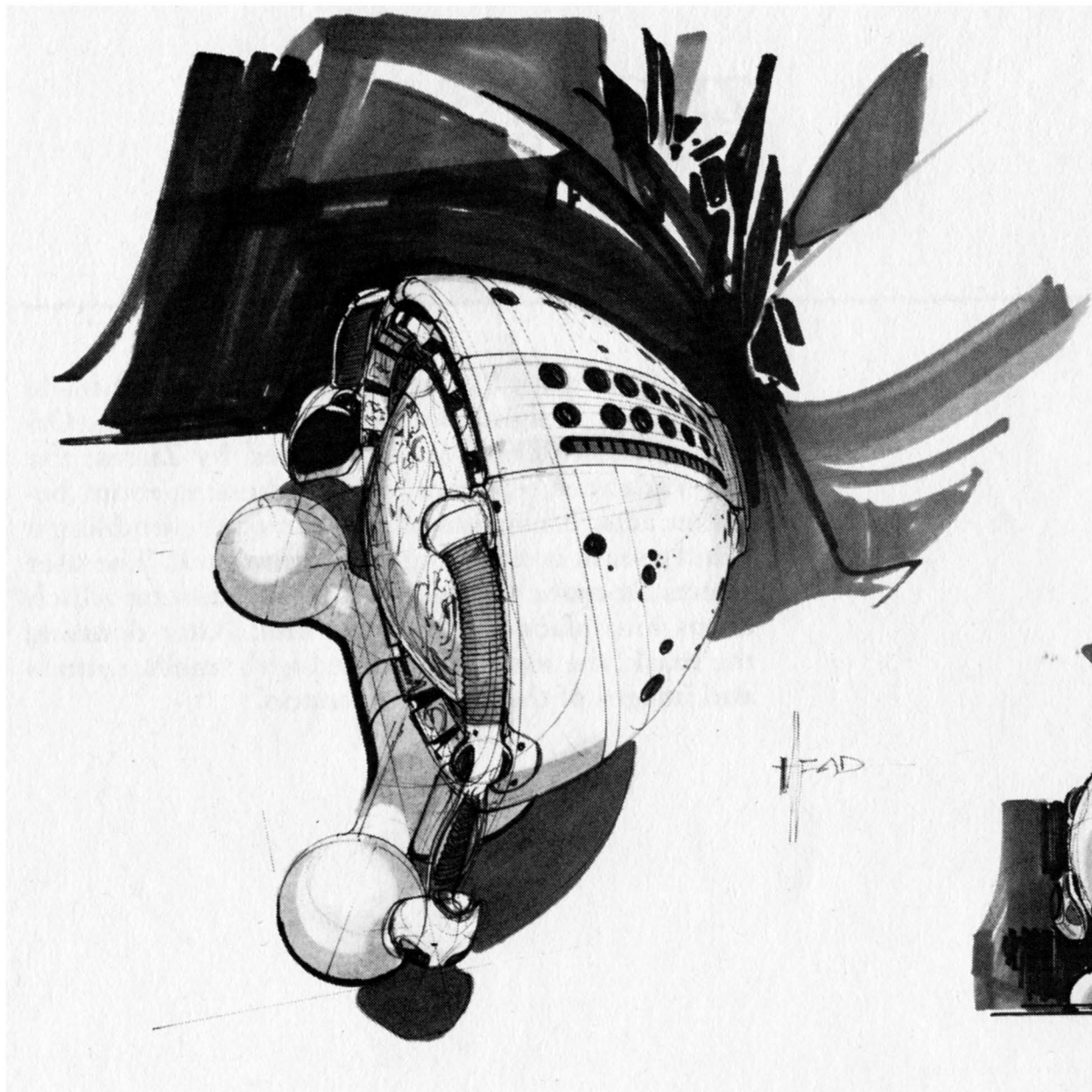


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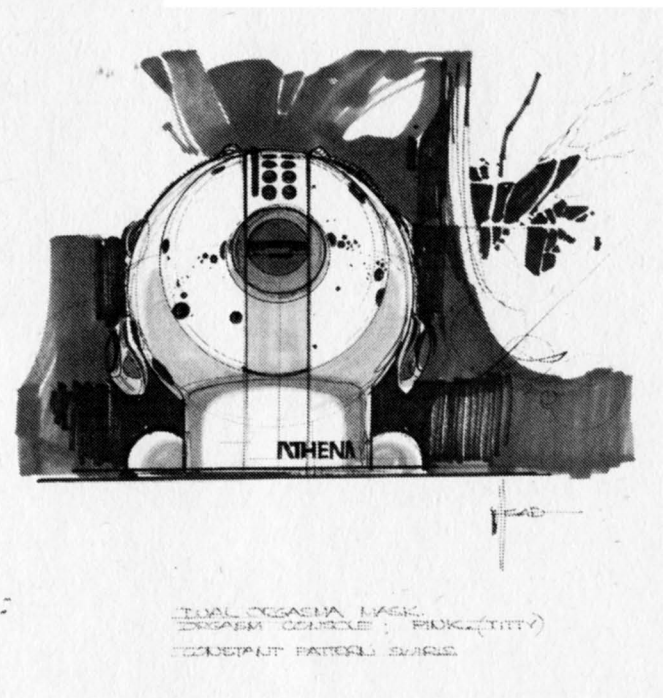
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ZHORA'S ORGASMA MASK & SNAKE DANCE

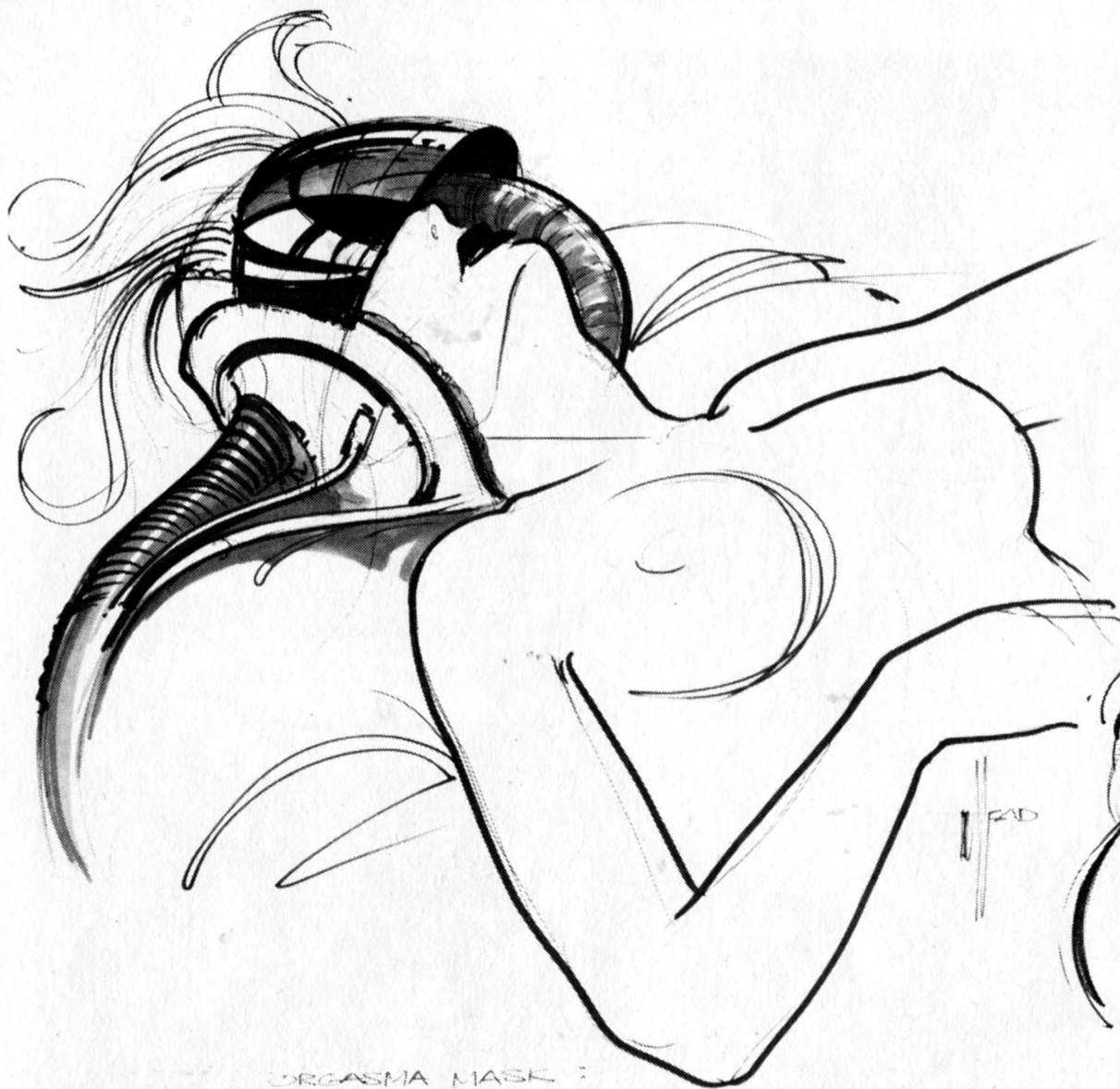
One of the most “stimulating” pieces of futuristic technology designed for Blade Runner was the Orgasma Mask. This was to be used by Zhora, the exotic dancer replicant, in her dressing-room between acts. It consists of a headpiece resembling a beauty mask connecting to a central unit. The user selects an erotic fantasy on a rotary cassette which drops into place in the main unit. After donning the mask, the user is inundated with smells, sounds and images of the desired scenario.



DUAL ORGASMA MASK ORGASMA MACHINE :
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DUAL ORGASMA MASK
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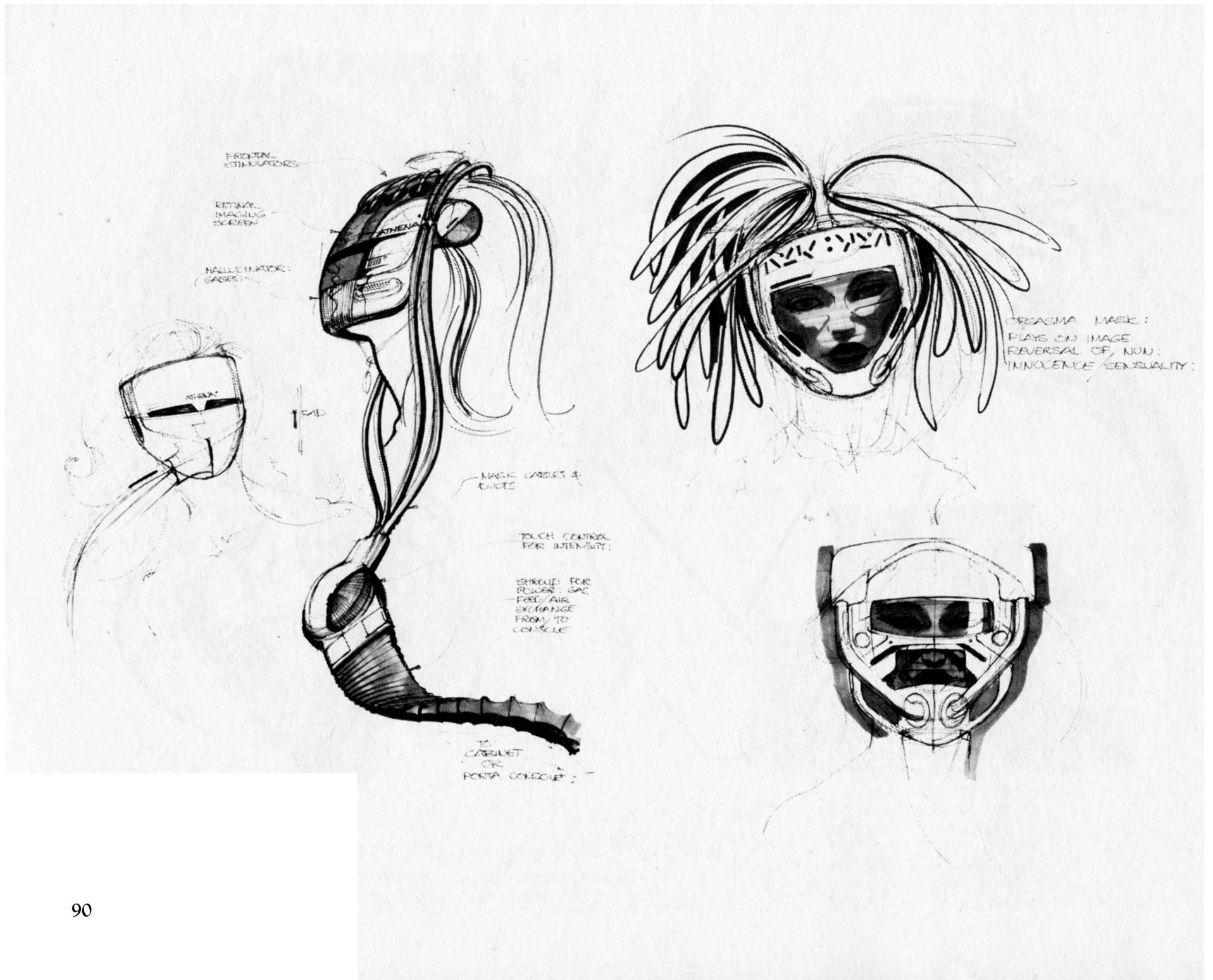


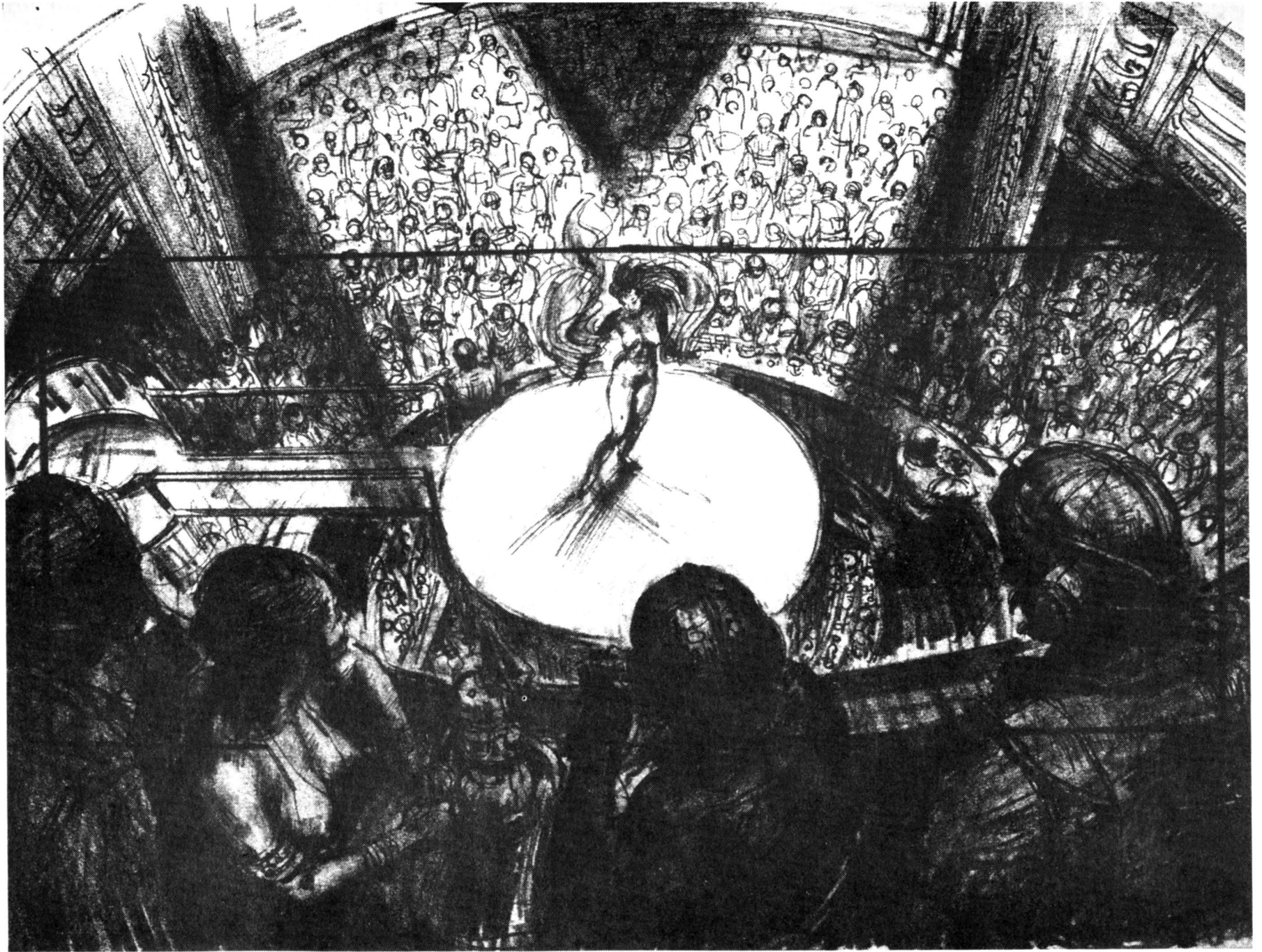
ORGASMA MASK :
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STIMULATORS AND
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PLUS AUDIO PADS;
PRIMARY VISUAL IS
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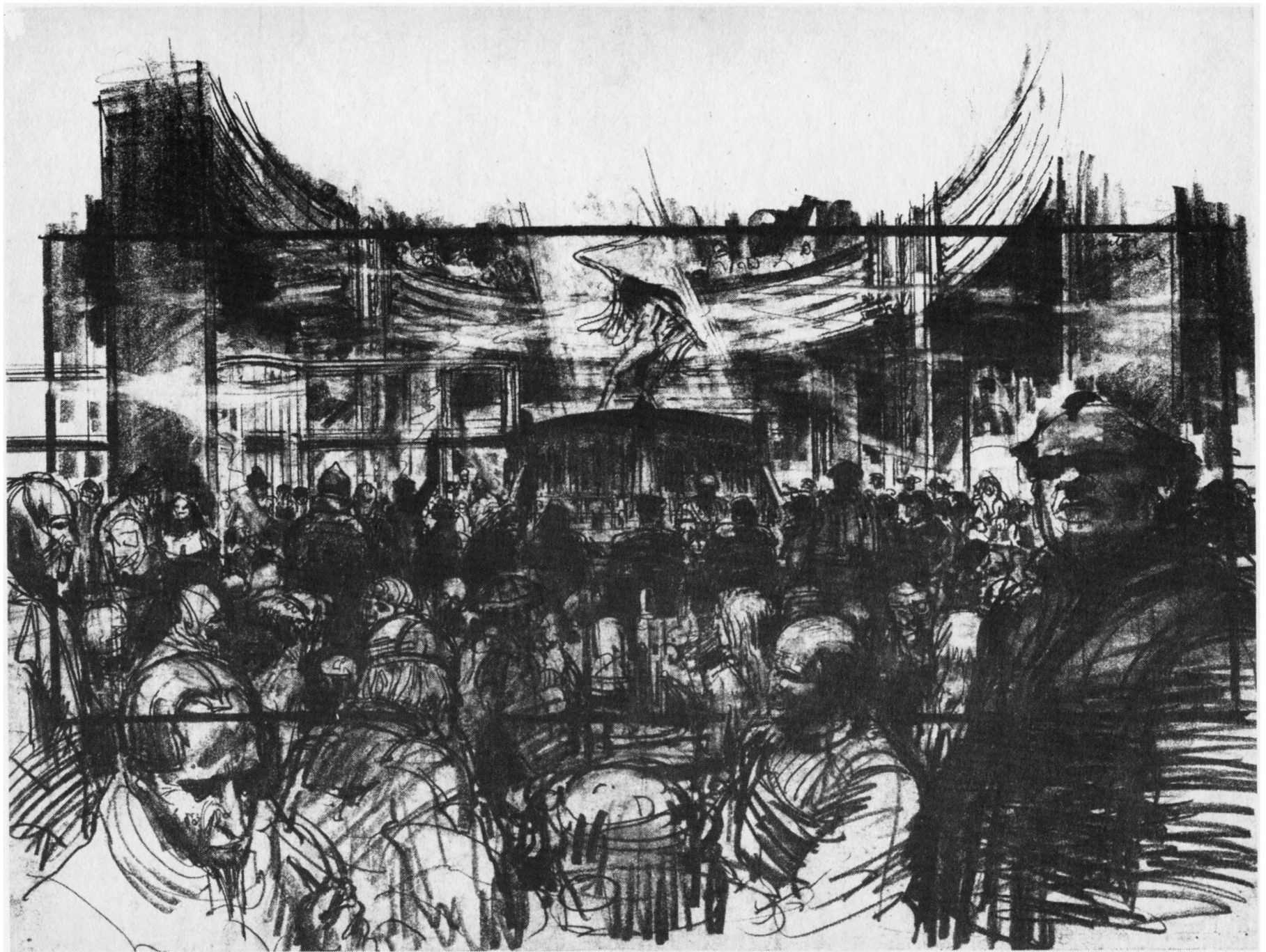
FACE (MOUTH, CHIN)
CAN BE SEEN



ORGASMA MASK: SHOWS EYES & MOUTH







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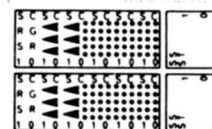
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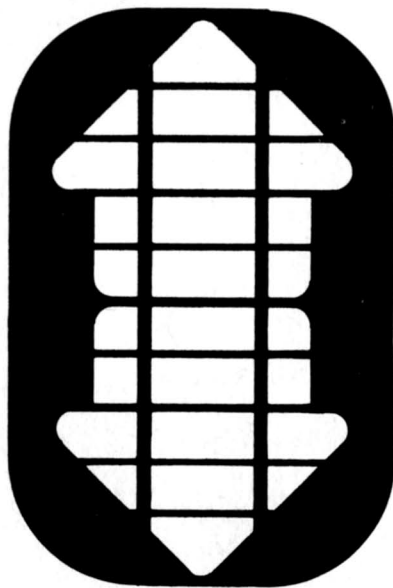
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