## [ SCRIPTING

Brackets [] indicate headings and stage directions .
Regular unbracketed font indicates spoken lines.
Bold font indicates lines to be written.
Any font in italics further indicates quotations (written or spoken) taken from Aeschylus'
"Prometheus Bound." ]
[Setting:
A small desk, a chair
A notebook computer connected to a video projector
A projection surface
A light]
[Audience enters the space.]
[I sit down and turn on my desk light.]
[1. Letters to MIGHT and VIOLENCE]

## PROMETHEUS BOUND

Scene: A bare and desolate crag in the Caucasus. Enter MIGHT and VIOLENCE, demons, servants to Zeus, the Father.

## MIGHT

This is the world's limit that we have come to; this is the Scythian country, an untrodden desolation.
[Pause.]
[Gesture of falling into sleep. Slowly, continuously. I look at the computer. I close my eyes. My head falls forward. It circles back as one of my hands slides off the keyboard. While the other hand presses keys: ]

## VVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVcccecccccccccccccccccccccccccccggggggg

mmmmmmmmmmmmmxxxxxxxxxxddddddddddddjj.j.j.j.j.j.j.j.j.j.j.j.j.jssssssssssss
[My head reaches back. The neck hyperextends. My body hyperextends. In one breath I spring forward. Eyes open. I write with both hands.]

Dear MIGHT:

## fjgfkjdlkffjiggooikkdlskmvlkvnbldfknbldkfjvkldsnggjklfnnfdjnnjfndjjjjsnjdjnjdnnj

## fdnjnr kmmcj4menmkf

For men
at first
had eyes
but saw to no purpose;
they had ears but did not hear.
Like the shapes of dreams
they handled all things in bewilderment.
They did not know of building houses; they did not know how to work wood. They lived like ants, in holes in the ground and in the sunless caves of the earth.
Until I showed them the rising of the stars, and their settings,
hard to observe.
And further I discovered to them numbering,
pre-eminent among subtle devices,
and the combining of letters
as a means of remembering
all things.
[Pause.]

## Dear Violence:

It has been some time.
I know

## Since last

It was in the house. In the heat. Interior garden. Cement Tiles. Blinds. Mahogany. Where I grew up I can still see. From under the chairs. Carved. Still.

I see the eyes,
so big for the face,
the head, so big for the body, the head, so big for the body
later in life you lose those proportions. later in life you lose those proportions

I see the eyes,
so big for the face, so big for the face,
the head, so big for the body, the head, so big for the body,
you lose

I see the arms maybe the remembrance of other arms or those same arms in the arms of
arms remembrance arms same arms
another

Children running.
In Violence.

Yes, in you. My hair disheveled by the sun.
A love letter.

My shirt
Open
My skin is on your skin. And in your mouth. And on your torso. And on the other side of . And in Things that Looking for veins in the ferns.

My eyelids looking for a place in your flesh supple enough for them to open.
My eyelids looking for a place in your flesh supple enough for them to close.

A place in your flesh with sex enough for them
A place in your flesh with peace enough for them

## Feeling

Yes.

## The fabric

The fabric of each other's
jackets
Yes. On the
street
Yes.

## Your

Yes?

Your

Yes?
Your

Yes?
Your
This cult. (this life parallel to love)
Yes.

## Your hands

[Pause.]
[Gesture of falling into sleep. Slowly, continuously. I look at my hands, at the computer. I close my eyes. My head falls forward. It circles back as one of my hands slides off the keyboard. While the other hand presses keys: ]
[My head reaches back. The neck hyperextends. My body hyperextends. In one breath I spring forward. Eyes open. ]
[I write with both hands. Frantically.]

## DEAR MIGHT

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9456 DID YOU PERHAPS GO FURTHER THAN WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US?
I caused mortals to cease foreseeing doom.
48930298903498594039489049589406985
404 WHAT CURE DID YOU PROVIDE THEM AGAINST THAT SICKNESS? 43
I placed in them blind hopes.
38490398299389309483902
48390298393234 THAT WAS A GREAT GIFT YOU GAVE TO MEN. 30298543
Besides this, I gave them fire.
48930928390498390289403

## AND DO CREATURES OF THE DAY NOW POSSESS BRIGHT-FACED FIRE? 39

Yes, and from fire they shall learn many crafts.
39840928394098840989309849549850934
THEN THESE ARE THE CHARGES ON WHICH-8594039762304476523498590938
5804983049898098045039840394094009509309849509348690393
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## Dear VIOLENCE

When the house has been broken When once we have said Pass
time
Pass The people Praying to no At that precise

Translating Translating Everything. Translating
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The rapidity. Friendship. A book on wounds. Insertions. Tensors. Tendons.
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With the family present. There were blueprints on the skin. (I touched the ink) This
I touched the ink. unflinching absolutely
sweet nothing. Finding the desert. Constructing remains. Of old men. Who passed.
Burnt.
Completely.
Yes.
These white walls. Serving. Kissing the reversible skin of Pregnant.
Yes. ligaments malign
How many mirrors in your house? How many dull knives in your house?
Some gods are lost.
How many numbers to water and numbers to oil? How many mother of pearl hooks?
Others are misplaced.
When the house has been... When the house... I say When... And Premonitions.

That bathroom of your infancy. A dimension. Of dismemberment. Just that. I tell you. While unbleding. driving and

The softness. There is no- I tell you. There is just- Things that pass because they have driving and driving and driving
to because... This singing. This drowning. In public swimming pools. In the sight of and driving and driving
kids. This driving and driving and. On the balls of your hands over and Then again.
railroad tracks. Just like pornography. The flowers And you wake up. And there's You and me.
nothing.
[Blank spaces.]
And you wake and not a single
[Blank spaces.]
A you wake up and not
[Blank spaces.]
I just saw you in an accident.
[Blank lines.]
The casualness of Yes. The casualness.

## These irretraceable

Blood. Discarded from. This right time. Don't put your eyes so. This nice story. Don't Yes

The tincture the tessitura
you know by now? I saw the city. The white noise of sirens. These. Virtual journals and Just

Yes. tone deaf a lapse
virtual days. This realizing that your body is just a ghost of organs I played All this time
A constant
to
the
thing.

This "this is it" time. This right This is, nor it should be. This dear, dear, dear, dear,

## Dесееееесееесееесесееесеесееаааааааааааааааааа

dear, dear, dear. This one.
aaaarrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr
[Gesture of falling into sleep. Slowly, continuously. I look at the computer. I close my eyes. My head falls forward. It circles back as one of my hands slides off the keyboard. While the other hand presses key: ]

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[My head reaches back. The neck hyperextends. My body hyperextends. In one breath I spring forward. Eyes open. ]

## Dear MIGHT

## 1111111111111111111111111111111111111111111111111111111 IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII

## IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII IIIIIIIIII I offer you then one of two stories. 01010010110

[II. Mobility - IO's travels
Breathing exercises, inhalation and exhalation following " 0,1 " written prompts
Exploration of limits of my physicality - stamina, strength, balance- while I enunciate passages about IO's, the cow-maiden's, travels]
[Ambulating (assisted) in the space while delivering the spoken words towards the computer where a dictation program transcribes and erroneously transcribes the text - seen in projection-]

PROMETHEUS Since you have so much eagerness, I will not refuse to tell you all that you have asked me. First to you, Io, I shall tell the tale of your sad wanderings, rich in groans-inscribe the story in the tablets of your mind. Do you listen, child of Inachus, hear and lay up my words within your heart so you may know the limits of your journey. First turn to the sun's rising and walk on over the fields no plough has broken; then you will come to the nomad Scythians, who live in wicker houses built on well-wheeled wagons, aloft; they are armed with bows that strike from far. Do not draw near them; rather let your feet skirt the rocky coast where the waves moan, and pass through their country; on your left there live the Chalybes who work with iron: these
you must beware of; for they are not gentle, not people whom a stranger dare approach. Then you will come to the River Insolence that well deserves its name, but do not cross it-it is not a stream that can be easily forded-until you come to Caucasus itself, the highest of mountains, where the river's strength gushes from its summit. So you must cross its peaks, the neighbors of the stars, and take the road southward until you reach the man-hating Amazons, who one day shall live around Thermodon in Themiscyra where Salmydessus stands, that rocky cape, hostile to sailors, stepmother of ships. The Amazons will set you on your way and gladly; you will reach Cimmeria, the isthmus, at the narrows of the lake. Leave this with a bold heart and then traverse the channel of Maeotis, and hereafter for all time men shall talk about your crossing, and they shall call the place for you Cow's-Ford. Leave Europe's mainland then, and enter Asia. When you shall cross the channel that divides Europe from Asia, turn to the rising sun, and cross the sun-scorched plains, that waveless sea, until you arrive into the Gorgon land and the flat stretches of Cisthene's country. There live the ancient maids, children of Phorcys: three swanformed hags, with but one common eye, single-toothed monsters, such as nowhere else the sun's rays look on nor the moon by night. Near are their winged sisters, the three Gorgons, with snakes to bind their hair up, mortal-hating - no mortal that looks on them shall still draw breath- this is the garrison I tell you of. Hear, too, of yet another gruesome sight, the sharp-toothed hounds of Zeus, that have no bark, the griffins-beware of them!-and the host of one-eyed Arimaspians, horse-riding, that live around the waters that flow with gold, of the River Pluto: do not go near them. A land far off, a nation of black people, these you shall come to, men who live hard by the fountain of the sun where is the river Aethiops-travel by its banks along to a cataract where from the Bybline hills the Nile pours its holy, healthful waters. This river shall be your guide to the three-cornered land of Nilotis, and there, by fate's decree, there, Io, you shall find your distant home, a colony for you and your descendants. If anything of this is still obscure or difficult, ask me again and learn clearly: I have more leisure than I wish.

IO [chanting] Eleleu, eleleu! It grabs me again, the twitching spasm, the mind-destroying madness, burning me up, as the gadfly's sting pricks like fire; my heart in its fear knocks on my breast. There's a dazing whirl in my eyes as I run out of my course driven by the wild winds of maddening frenzy; my tongue ungoverned babbles, the words in a thick muddy flow crash into the waves of hateful ruin without aim or sense.

EPODE may the eye inescapable of the mighty gods not look on me with desire.
[ III. Ocean and Memory ]
[ This text is pasted and read by the computer: The Chorus composed of the daughters of Oceanos, bearing some stylized representation of wings so that their general appearance is bird-like, enters.]
[I drink water. I pour water over myself.
I take my shirt off.]
[With assistance, I lie on the ground, shirtless, face up, in the middle of the stage, eyes open.
Over and behind me, video of the original staging of "Prometheus Bound"(2001), myself more than 20 younger and able.]
[Tentative segments to be shown: -The beginning of the play (a replay from the past of the same actions just performed in the first minutes of the initial section of letters to MIGHT and VIOLENCE) -A segment in which I activated the audience as a Chorus through prompts in different languages]
[Activation of the audience to trace (draw/write) freely while watching the videos and watching me watching the videos]

## [IV. AI Chaos]

[I ask one of my assistant collaborators to read me a story. A story is read, maybe the ending of the tragedy, while I'm lying down. I pick words of the story, verbalize other words that come to my mind. Some of the words are used as input for an AI text generator that creates narration (projected). Words can also be used by an assistant collaborator to write a story of his own. This writing is also projected side by side with the other.]
[This part progresses as an interweaving of different texts (written by AI, by my assistantcollaborators, by the audience, spoken by myself) each of these generations feeding from words from one another, handwritten words turning into drawings. The proliferation of fictions eventually is thematically transformed into a discussion about the performance itself.] [The ending is a dissolve of the multiple actions.]

