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Act/ Scene	Page	Character(s)	Action	Location	Scenic & Property Needs
1,1	24	+Travis +Ruth	Ruth gets Travis up for the day	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	Patterned, worn down couch, a table or a chair, carpet, kitchen area with a icebox and a stove, dining table, make-shift bed (cot perhaps), 4 doors leading to 2 bedrooms and the building hallway, and a closet with a dresser,
	25	-Travis +Walter	Talk about the impending check for Mama	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	Moist cloth, Chicago tribune, pan, eggs, handbag, cigarette and lighter,
	26	-Walter +Travis	Travis talks about money and gets sent off to school	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	Cereal, bowl, spoon, books(school supplies), cap,
	28	+Walter	Walter gives Travis money before he goes	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	2 Fifty-cent pieces,

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	29	-Travis	Ruth and Walter fight about money	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	Ironing board, pile of clothes, iron
	30	+Beneatha	Talk briefly about school, but the conversation soon moves back to money	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	
	33	-Walter	Ruth chides Beneatha for always picking on Walter	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	
	33	+Walter	Walter comes back for money because he gave it all to Travis	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	Coins
	33	-Walter +Mama	Mama meddles with Travis, and the conversation goes back to money. Mama thinks about all the plans she once had, and what they could do with the insurance payout. Beneatha talks about her interests and George. Mama slaps Beneatha	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	Small Plant
	40	-Mama	Beneatha and Ruth reflect on what just happened.	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	College books
	40	-Beneatha +Mama	Mama and Ruth talk, and Ruth faints	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	

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1.2	41	-Ruth +Mama +Beneatha +Travis	Cleaning day in the house, phone rings	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	Cleaning supplies, Radio, phone
	41	+Walter	Walter takes a private phone call and leaves. Travis goes out to play	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	Stickball, bat,
	42	-Walter -Travis	We find out Ruth might be pregnant, Beneatha gets a call from Asagai,	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	
	43	+Ruth	Ruth is pregnant.	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	
	44	+Travis	Travis comes back in, and Ruth makes her anxious so he goes back outside	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	
	44	-Travis	Ruth isn't telling them something, and breaks down sobbing. Mama brings her away	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	
	45	-Mama -Ruth +Asagai	Asagai comes to see Beneatha and brings her a present. They discuss assimilation and his feelings for her	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	Package with Nigerian robes
	47	+Mama	Mama meets Asagai, and she doesn't fully understand him.	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	Mirror

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	48	-Mama +Travis	Travis catches Beneatha being silly	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	
	49	+Ruth -Beneatha	Bennie leaves in a flourish, and the doorbell rings to signify the mailman coming to bring the check. Travis runs out to get it	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	
	49	-Travis	They contemplate the check	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	
	50	+Travis	Travis brings back the check and they marvel over it	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	Envelope with blue check inside
	50	-Travis	The conversation goes back to Ruth's doctor visit, before it gets interrupted by Walter	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	
	51	+Walter	Walter gets mad because no one is listening to him, but he is not listening to anyone else. He goes to leave, and Ruth follows him, but he upsets her	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	
	52	-Ruth	Walter and Mama have a heart to heart, but Walter wants the money for himself . Mama tells him about the baby	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	

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	54	+Ruth	Mama confronts Walter, and in his silence, he leaves	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	Keys
2,1	54	-Mama +Beneatha	Ruth is ironing, and Bennie is dancing and singing a Nigerian song.	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	
	55	+Walter	Walter is drunk, and Ruth has no time for it. Walter descends into a dream world before Ruth takes him out.	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	
	56	+George -Walter	George chastises her, and Bennie reveals she has cut off her hair and relaxed it back to natural. Ruth shoves her into the bedroom to get ready	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	
	57	-Beneatha	Ruth and George make pleasantries, which George just showing off.	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	
	57	+Walter	Walter lies in front of George, and makes a fool of himself.	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	Beer
	59	+Beneatha	Bennie comes back, and they head to the Theatre.	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	
	60	-George -Beneatha	Walter is still bitter, and takes it out on Ruth, yet she still finds it in her to be nice even when resigned. They share a kiss.	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	

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	61	+Mama	Mama comes back from “attending to some business.” Walter gets mad	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	
	61	+Travis	Ruth scolds Travis, and Mama reveals that she bought a house with the insurance money. Walter is furious.	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	
	63	-Travis	Ruth sends Travis to get ready, where it is revealed that she knew about the plan. Details are shared, including that it is in Clybourne Park. Ruth is in a good mood despite that development	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	
	64	-Ruth	Walter is mad.	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	
2,2	65	-Mama +Beneatha +George	George and Beneatha get into a quarrel that reveals his rudeness, and Beneatha ends the conversation.	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	Packing crates
	66	+Mama	Mama sees George out.	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	Groceries -
	66	-George	Mama and Bennie talk about George, and Mama agrees with Bennie for the first time.	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	

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	67	-Beneatha +Ruth	Quick words before a knock on the door	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	
	67	+Mrs. Johnson	Mrs. Johnson barges in to spread gossip	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	Newspaper, sweet potato pie, milk, coffee
	69	+Beneatha	A crisp interaction with Mrs. Johnson	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	
	69	-Beneatha	Mrs. Johnson insults Beneatha and disagrees with Mama.	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	
	70	-Mrs. Johnson	Mrs. Johnson leaves.	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	
	70	+Beneatha	Quick comment from Beneatha	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	
	70	+Walter -Ruth	They get a call from Walter's employment, and he hasn't been to work in three days. He is still all focused on himself. Mama gives him money. Money for him, and money for Beneatha	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	

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	72	-Mama +Travis	Walter has a talk with Travis, and it sounds like he is going to use all the money for himself.	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	
2.3	73	-Travis -Walter +Ruth +Beneatha	Ruth and Beneatha are getting ready to move, and Ruth is in a great mood.	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	Moving day, everything is in boxes, package with curtains, paper, pen
	74	+Walter	Walter comes in and is very excited The doorbell rings	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	Large package, phonograph, record
	75	+Mr. Linder	A man comes looking for Mama, and he is from the Clyborne Park Improvement Association. Beneatha catches on to why he's here, and Walter doesn't. Mr. Linder doesn't want them moving into his neighborhood. Walter tells him to get out.	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	Briefcase, paper
	79	-Mr. Lindner +Mama +Travis	They break the news to Mama, and Mama is still content on moving. Walter sings a song, and they give Mama the package, which is revealed to be a set of gardening tools, as well as a hat. The doorbell rings again.	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	Hatbox with a gardening hat
		-Travis +Bobo	The man tells Walter that the third "businessman" stole all the money.	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	

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	85	-Bobo	Mama is furious.	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	
3,1	86	-Ruth -Mama -Walter +Asagai	Asagai comes to help pack, and Beneatha tells him all the money is gone. Beneatha tells him why she wanted to be a doctor. Asagai's view is different. He wants Beneatha to come back to Africa with him.	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	
	89	-Asagai +Walter	Beneatha's anger has been reimagined, and she lets it all out while Walter rummages and leaves.	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	
	90	-Walter +Ruth	Beneatha is sarcastic to Ruth	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	
	90	+Mama	Mama has changed her mind, and now she says to start unpacking.	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	
	91	+Walter	Walter has called Mr. Lindner, and told him to come back over, and give the money. He has finally lost it.	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	
	94	-Walter	Beneatha is disgusted with Walter, but Mama urges her to love.	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	

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	95	+Travis +Lindner +Walter	Mr. Lindner arrives. Walter changes his mind and decides that they will live in the house. In submission, he leaves.	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	
	98	-Lindner	The moving men are here, so they are going to get out of there. Bennie tells Mama about Asagai's offer, and Bennie and Walter shout the whole way out.	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	
	99	-Walter -Beneatha	Everyone goes down, and Mama says goodbye to the house, and comes back to get her plant.	Younger house in Southside of Chicago	