



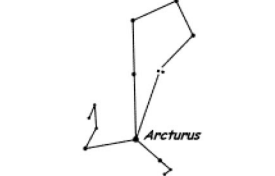






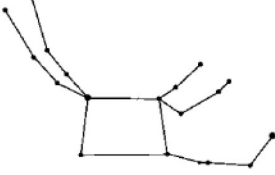
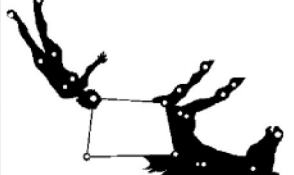


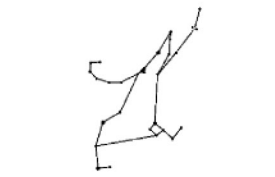


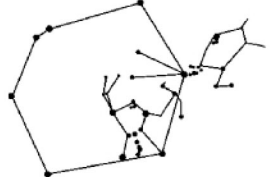



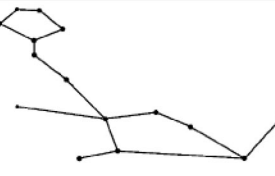





BASIC SHAPE OF THE CONSTELLATION	SILHOUETTE FROM A CONSTELLATION PHOTO	GILGAMESH DRAMATIS PERSONAE	NOTES & SKETCHES
 <p>Spica</p> <p>Virgo</p>		 <p>Shamhat the harlot</p>	 <p>I imagined this Ishtar shrine scene as Shamhat being sent out to bring Enkidu back to Uruk.</p>
 <p>Arcturus</p> <p>Bootes</p>		 <p>Wild Enkidu</p>	 <p>Enkidu's star map posture is from Bayer's <i>Uranometria</i>; clothing after Old Babylonian Period "Figure with mace."</p>
 <p>Hercules</p>		 <p>Callow Gilgamesh</p>	<p>The Greeks knew this star shape as The Kneeler before they called it Hercules. Stories of a hero who slays a lion and wears its skin are associated with Gilgamesh and with the star pictures Hercules and Orion. Hercules' head in some pictures is to the north, in others, the south.</p>
 <p>Great Square (with Pegasus and Andromeda)</p>		<p>The transforming forest gate</p> 	 <p>Goddess, bull and so-called winged gate of the Akkadian Period. Probably the scene is an episode from a lost myth.</p>
 <p>Perseus</p>	 <p>vs Pleiades</p>	<p>Transformed Enkidu</p> 	<p>In Old Babylonian and early Kassite art, Ameru is a god with a scimitar and sometimes a gazelle, a fitting god for desert nomads. Akkadian <i>amurru</i> means <i>west</i> and also the star group Perseus. I see Ameru's gazelle as symbol for the Pleiades cluster under Perseus' right foot.</p>
 <p>Orion (with Taurus and Winter Circle, or the 7 auras of Humbaba)</p>		<p>Transformed Gilgamesh</p> 	 <p>"Bilgames and Enkidu slay the Bull of Heaven," early second millennium BC, Babylonia.</p>
 <p>Cetus</p>		<p>Humbaba</p> 	 <p>Cetus as whale is Greek, but maybe first had talons & lion-head of the Babylonian stars Lulal & Latarak.</p>