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5. Who all does Enkidu curse on his deathbed? Why does he curse them?
6. Why does Enkidu take back one of his curses? What does he wish for instead?
7. Describe Enkidu's sickness and suffering. How does this differ from the death Gilgamesh saw as noble and desirable before battling Humbaba?
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9. What does Gilgamesh do once he has completed his rites towards Enkidu? Why?

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