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Observations on P. Mich. inv. 3498+3250b (verso)  
and 3250c (verso)

These fragments clearly contain a command by someone to a group of Danaidai to gather wood, among other things, and thereafter a description of a distressed reaction to the command by an army, followed by a set of actions carried out by a smaller group, although the exact nature of these activities and the identity of the agents remain unclear. I suggest that the fragments relate a version of the sacrifice of Polyxena and that the speaker giving the commands is the ghost of Achilles, demanding her sacrifice (the wood in fragment 1 is to be gathered for her funeral pyre) and also warning the Greeks about the disasters at sea they will encounter on their way home from Troy. The remaining sections describe the reaction of the Greeks to this command and thereafter the removal of Polyxena from Troy. The version found here would find parallels in Euripides' *Hekabe* (although in these fragments Polyxena is an unwilling victim) and Sophocles *Polyxena*, in which the ghost of Achilles is known to have appeared and given a speech (cf. fr. 523 and fr. 530 Radt). The narrator could be a Trojan captive, who speaks of this as yet another thing that the survivors of the war have to bear.