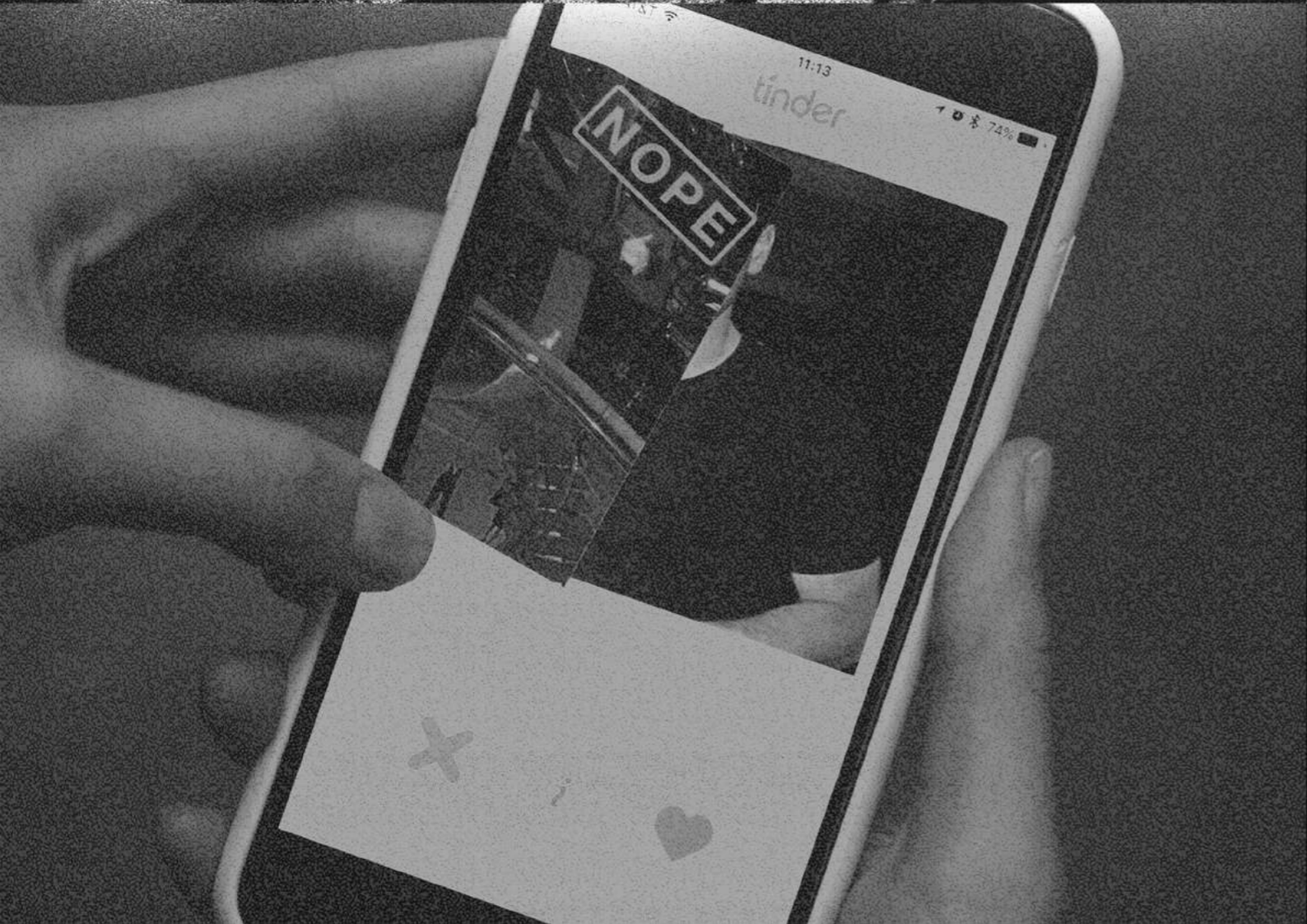
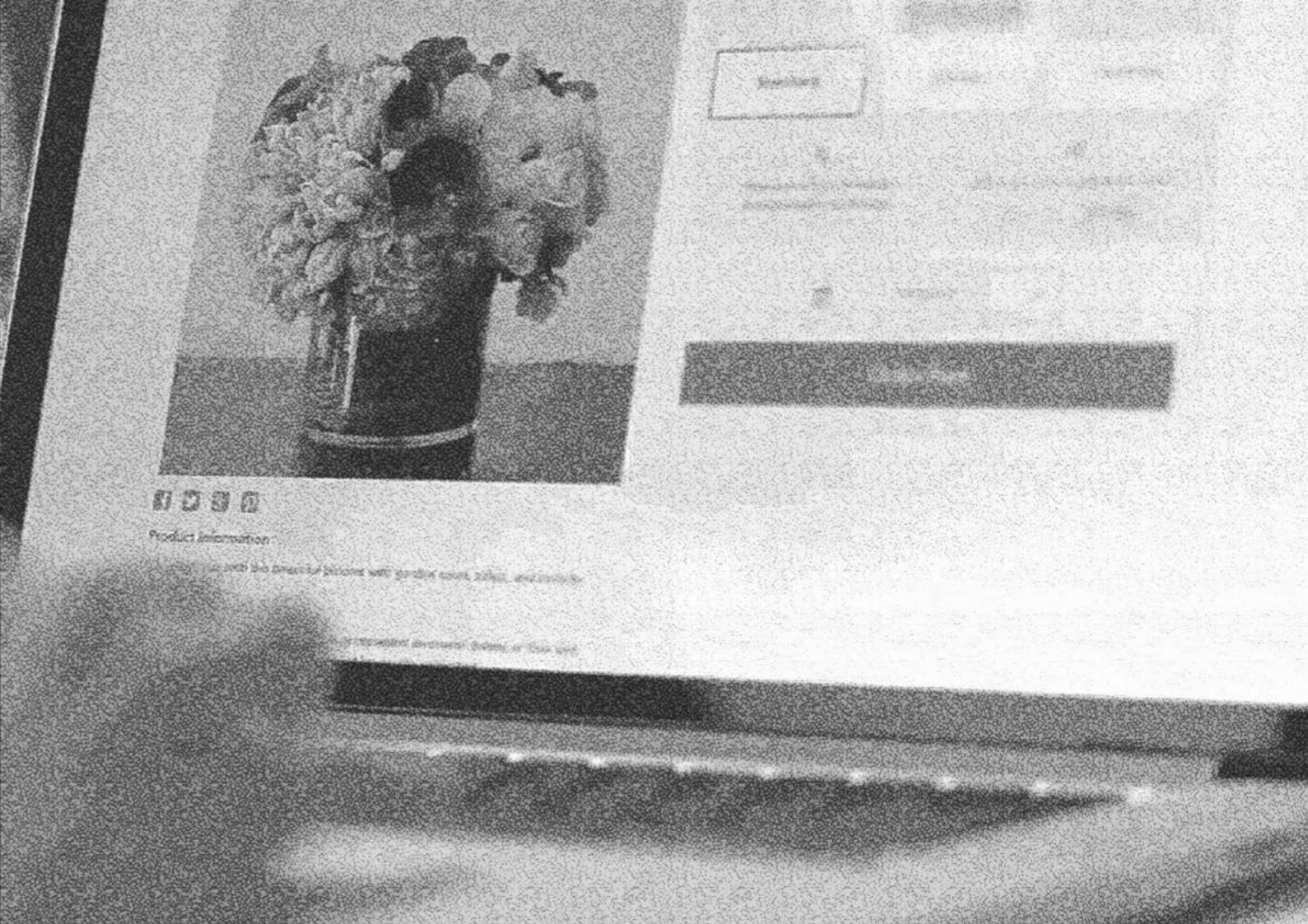


# WE VISITED ROMANCETOWN

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Does romance still exist in 2020 ?



DATING INVOLVES EIGHT STAGES:

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escalator / ENCOUNTER

2 /  
column / MEETING

3 /  
fire escape / FIRST DATE

4 /  
laundry / FIRST KISS

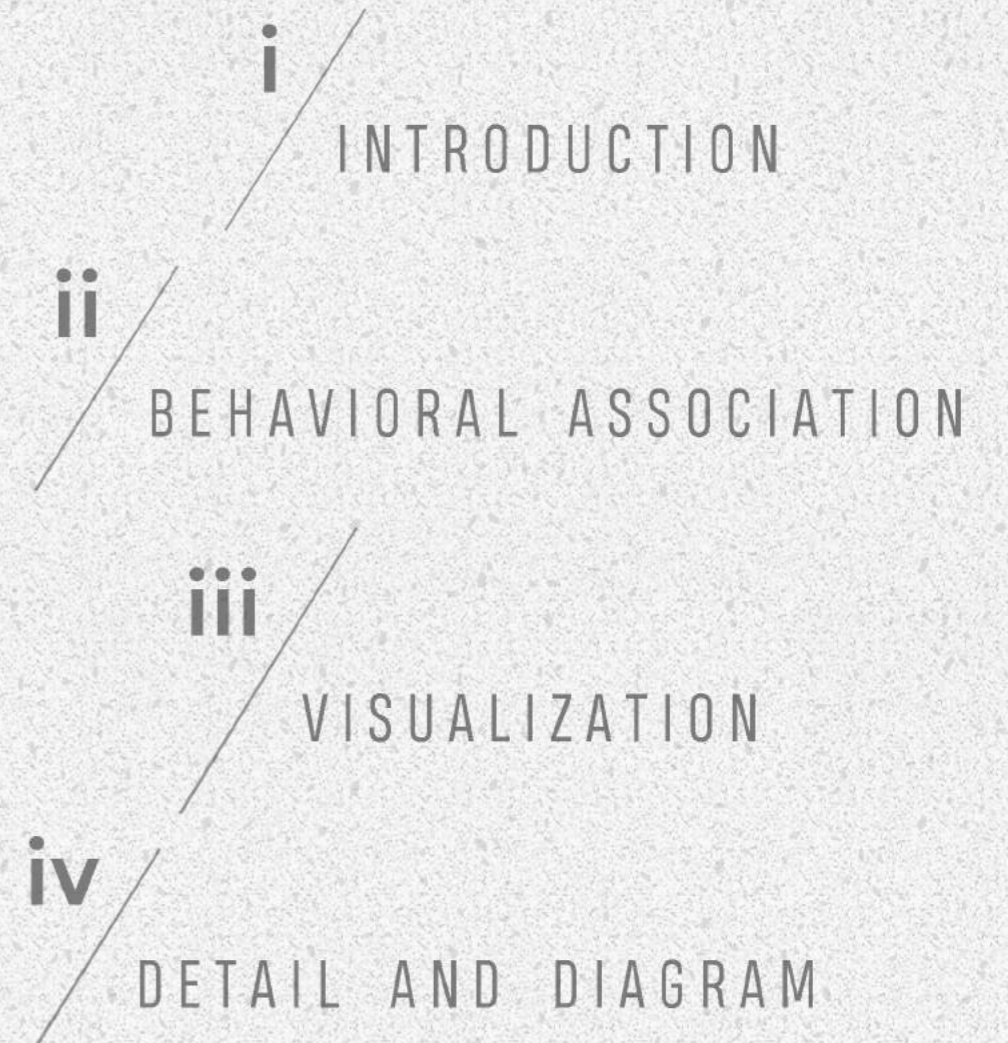
5 /  
storage / FIRST SEX


6 /  
arch / BREAK UP

7 /  
corner / NEGOTIATING

8 /  
forest / MARRIAGE

EACH STAGE CONTAINS FOUR PARTS:

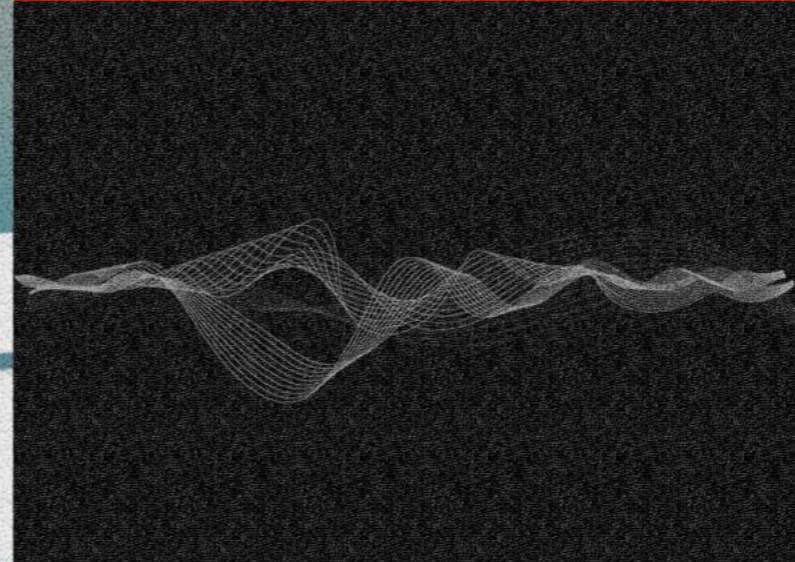
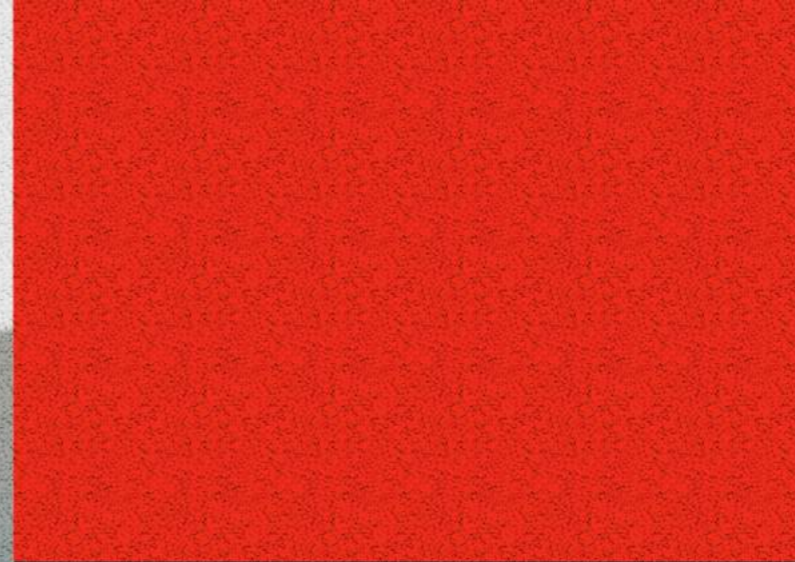




*Escalator moves at 0.3-0.6 metres per second on a system of tracks in a continuous loop, it is a moving staircase which carries people between floors of a building.*

# E N C O U N T E R

*There is a moment's pause as his eyes connected with hers, at the meeting point of two escalators running in opposite directions.*



# ESCALATOR

*COINCIDENCE*

*CHANCE*

*MOMENT*



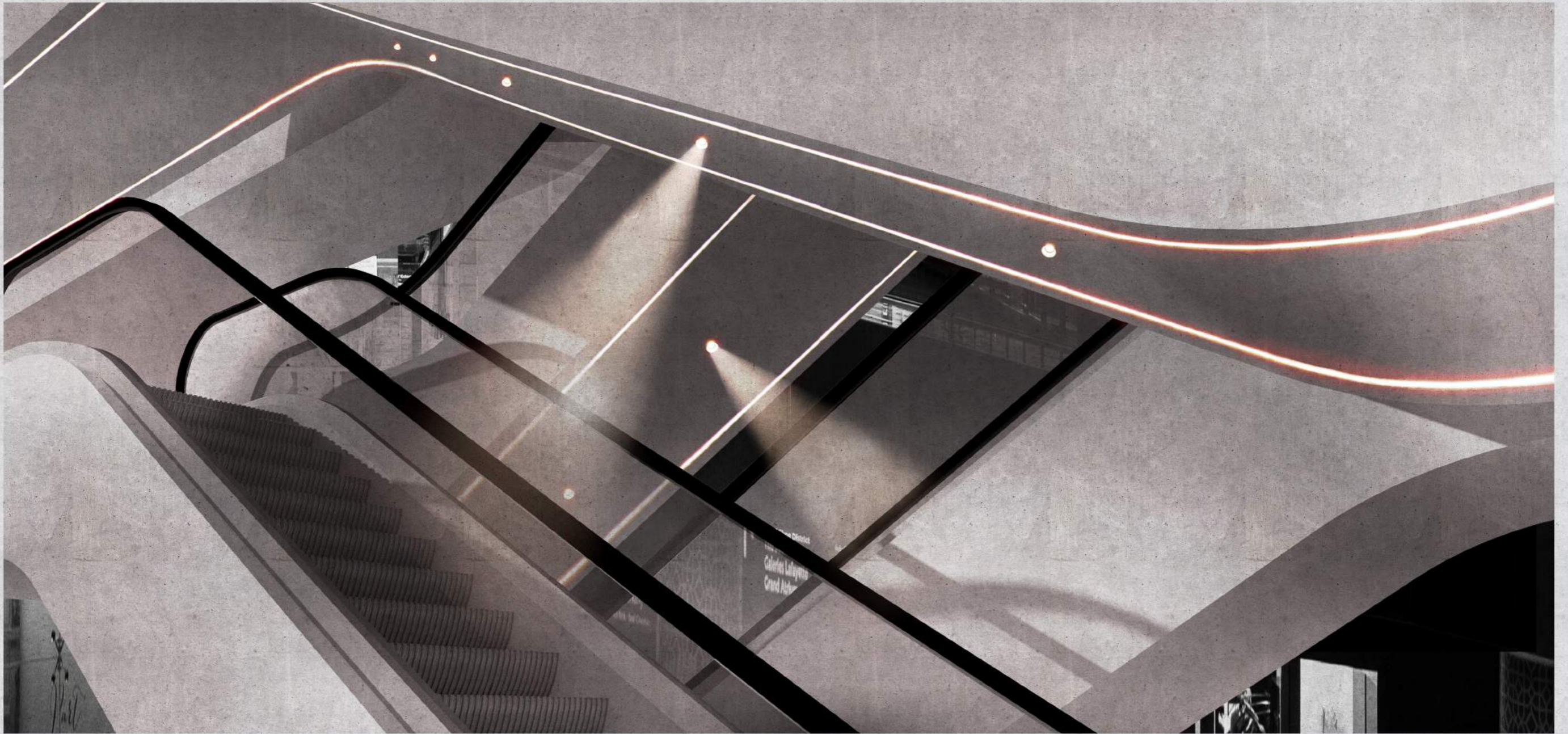


*Setting: The escalator*

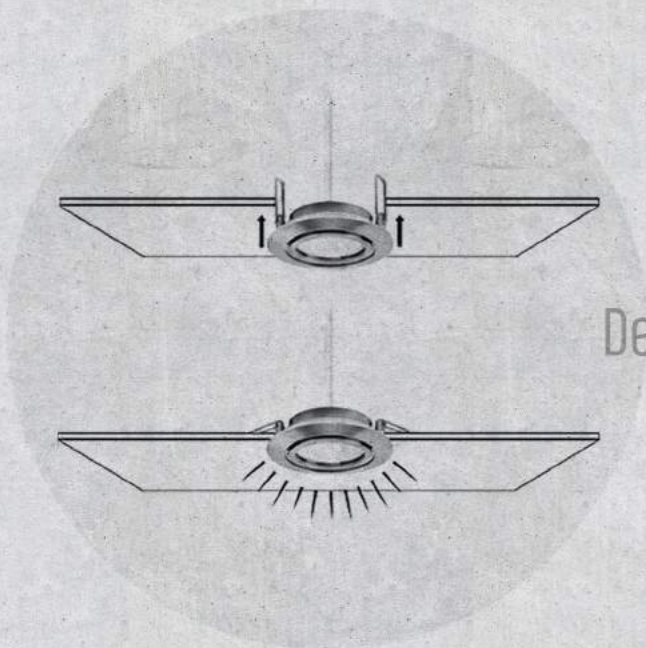
*Characters: Person A & Person B*

*A and B are taking the escalators which run opposite directions, as they reach the middle, A and B will be shrouded in light for a brief moment and it brings their eyes together.*

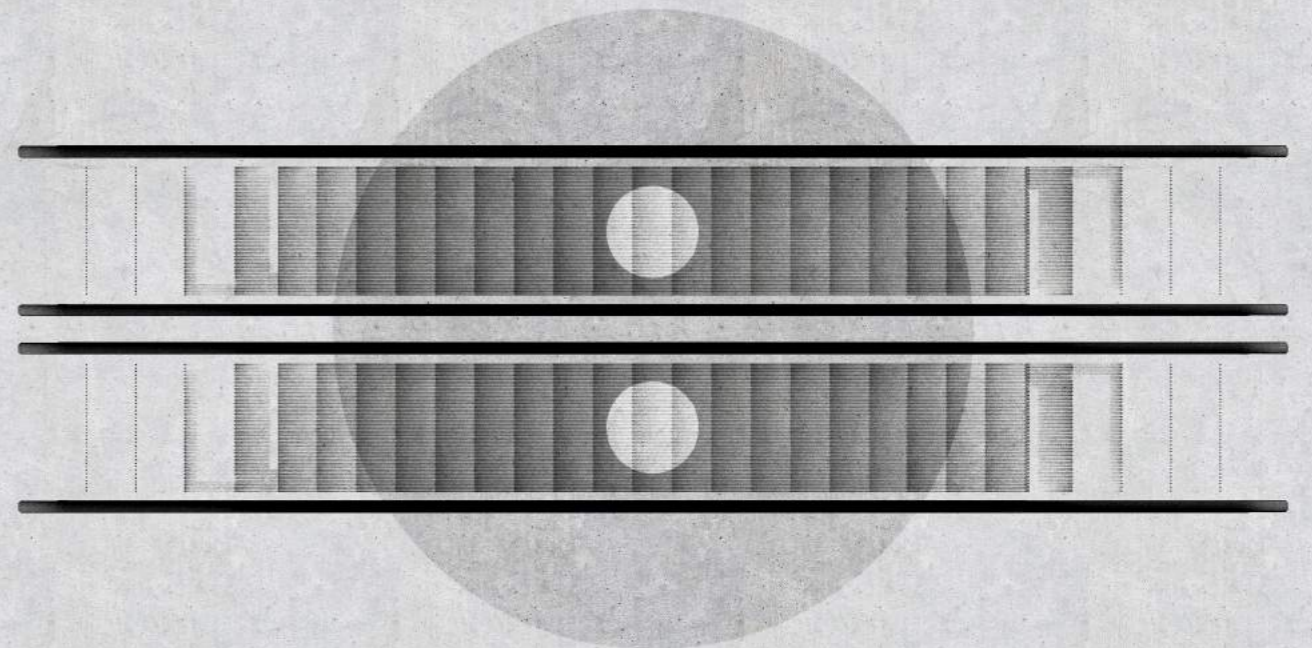





Spotlights are easier to be noticed than the slightly dimmed ambient light.



Detail of spotlight





*A column in architecture and structural engineering is a structural element that transmits, through compression, the weight of the structure above to other structural elements below.*

# M E E T I N G

*We regard the column as a representative element of the metro station, inside it, they are set up at certain distance, beside which different people are doing the same thing, waiting.*

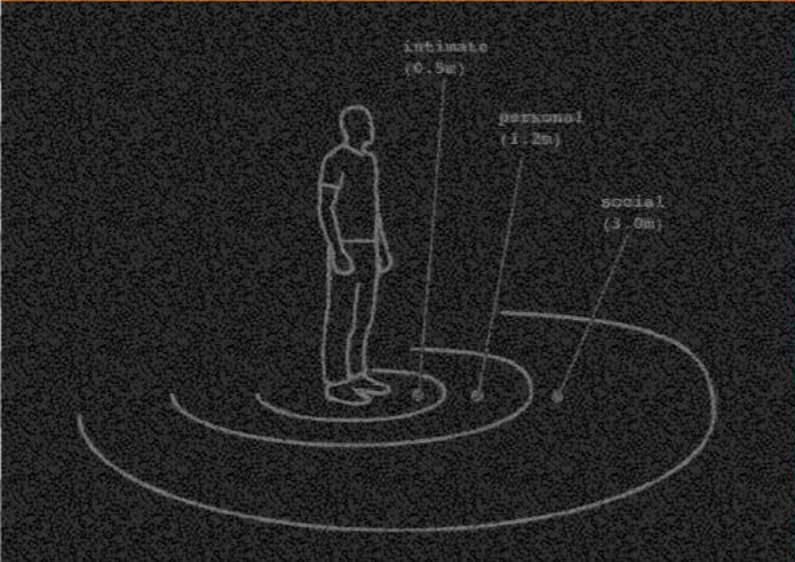
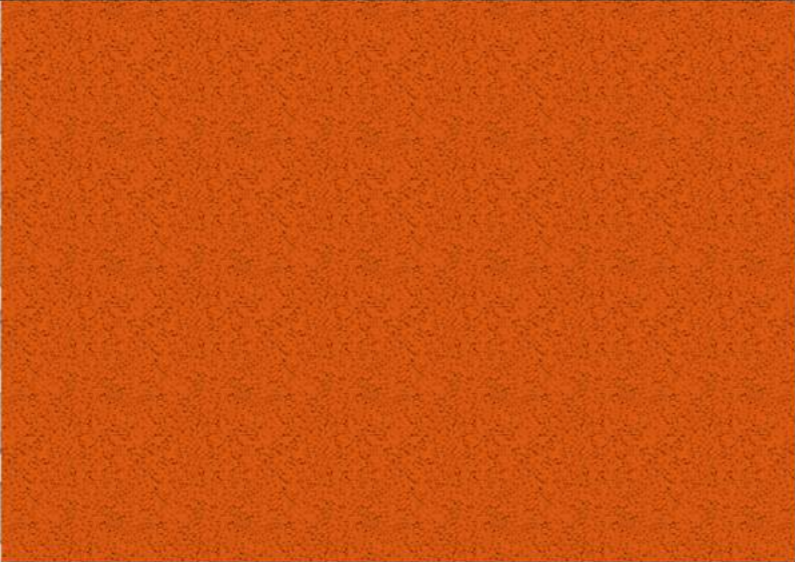


*EXPRESSION*

*SOUND*

*ACTION*

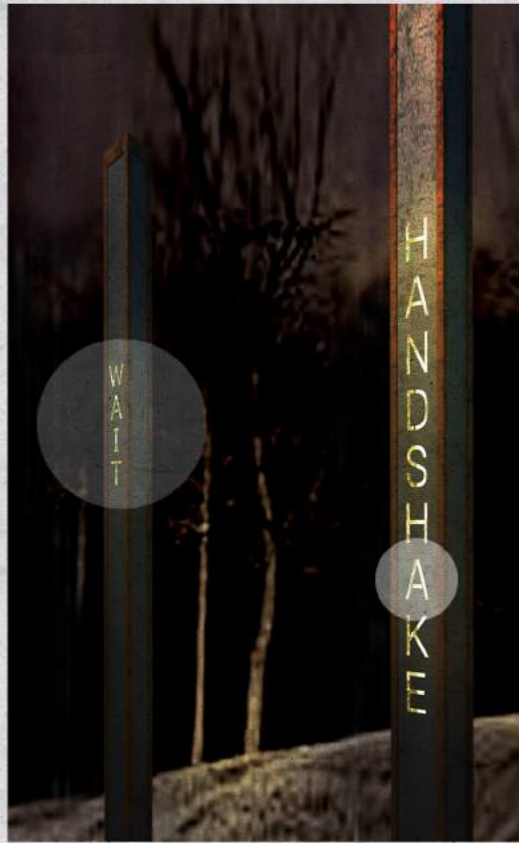
# C O L U M N





*Setting : Columns on the square      Characters : Person A & Person B*

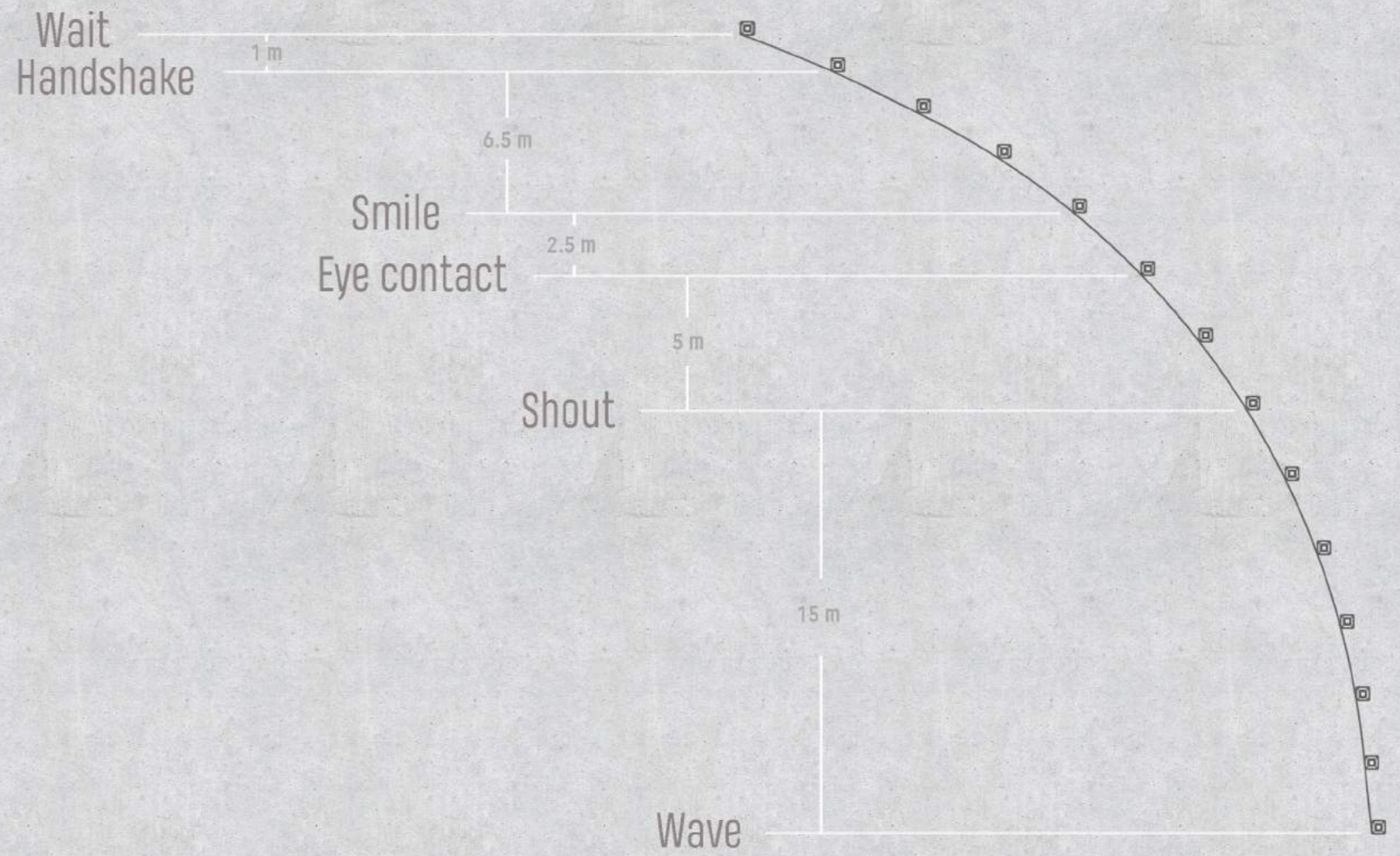
*A is waiting. while B approaches to A, by following the instructions engraved on the columns, he waves, shouts, makes eye contact, smiles and shakes hands with A.*




Structure of column



Detail of letter "A"





*A fire escape is a special kind of emergency exit, usually mounted to the outside of a building. It provides a method of escape in the event of a fire or other emergency that makes the stairwells inside a building inaccessible.*

# F I R S T D A T E

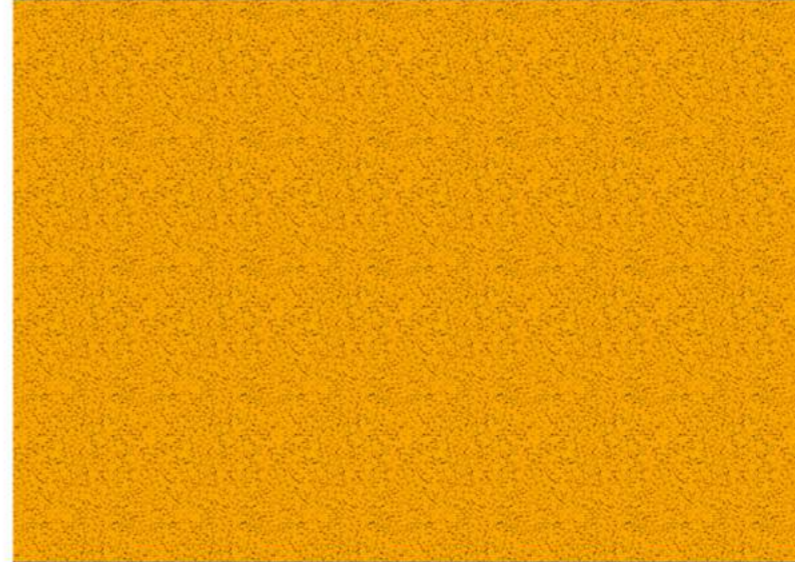
*Although utilitarian and rusted, fire escape can still have some magic and enchantment. It is a private space for couples, where darkness and moonlight turn even the most depressing tenement district into a wonderland under the stars.*

*INTIMACY*

*COMFORT*

*TOUCH*

# FIRE ESCAPE



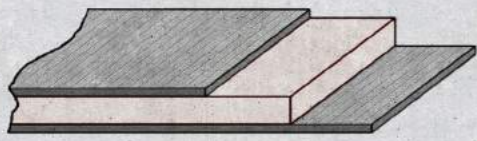


*Setting : The fire escape*

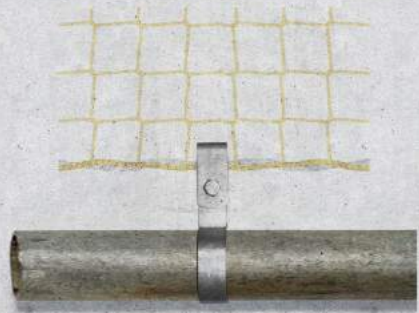
*Characters : Person A & Person B*

*A and B are going up the fire escape, after feeling the texture of the handrail, they stop at the yellow steps and lean against the nets which can buldge outward.*





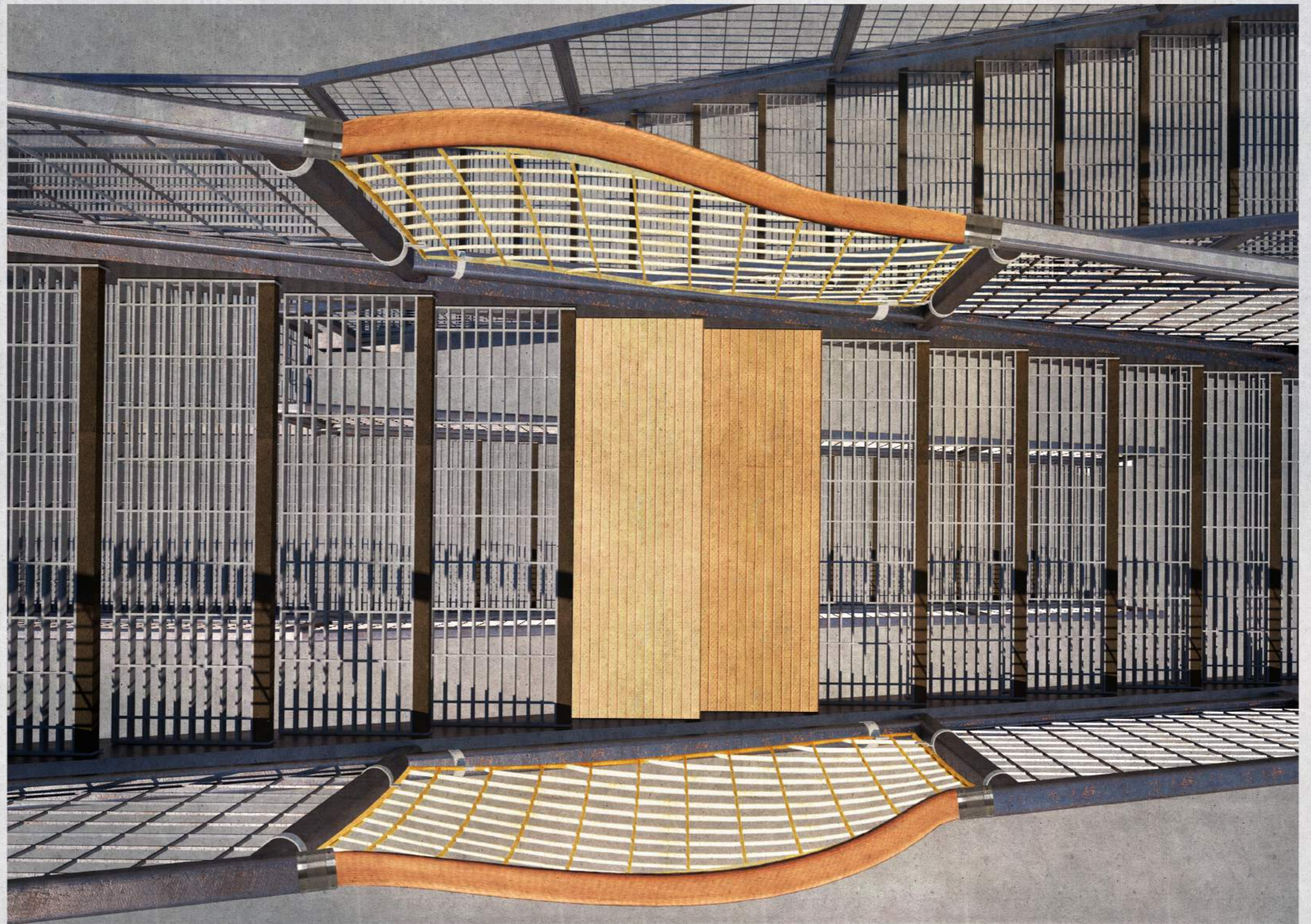
Detail of rubber coating



Connection between net and metal



Connection between rubber and metal



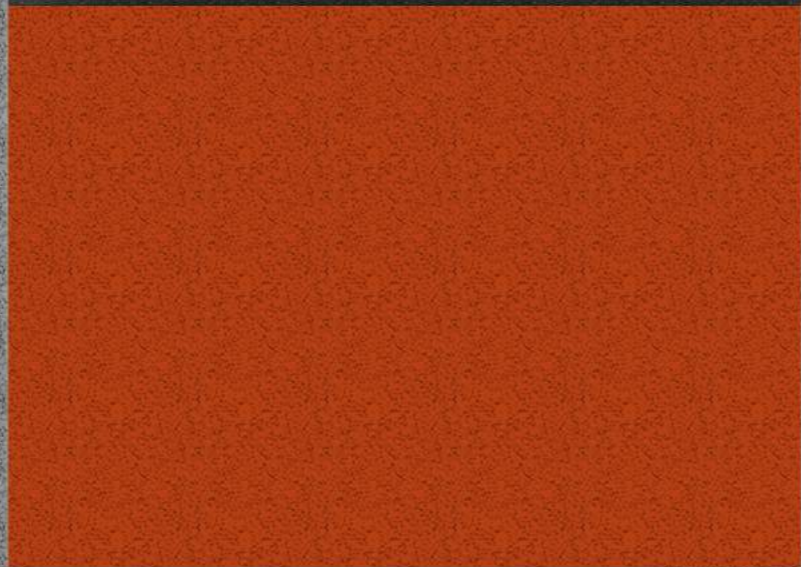
*Laundry refers to the material that is being washed, and also the behavior of washing. Laundry processes are often done in a room reserved for that purpose.*

# F I R S T K I S S

*The hanging clothes are layers of fabric, which feel soft and light, when people walk between the clothes, they become partly hidden and partly visible.*



- Agree
- Disagree



# L A U N D R Y

*SOFTNESS*

*FLIRTATION*

*CONSENT*



*Setting: The laundry*

*Characters: Person A & Person B*

*A and B stand on both sides of the hanging clothes, the drying rack works in the same way as rolling blind. It requires the consent of both people to control the rise and fall of fabric.*

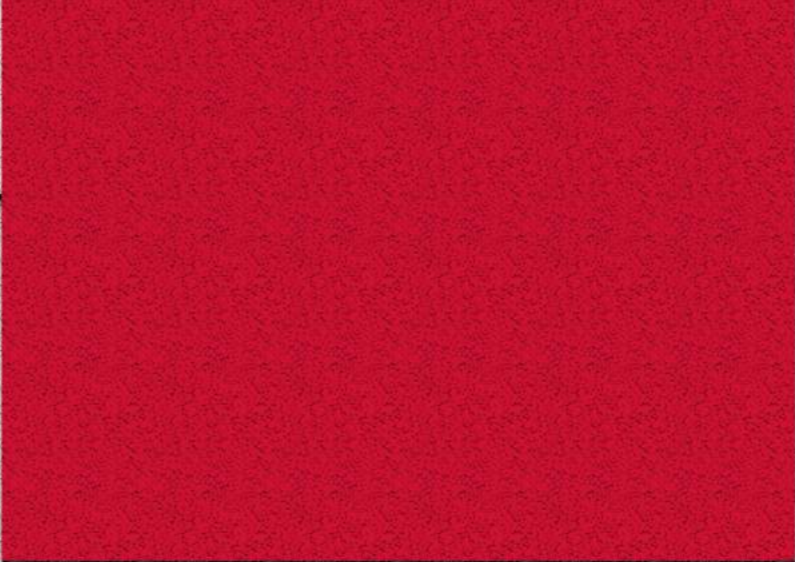


The distance between each washing line is 500 mm, which provides an intimate experience for both people.

*Storage is the space where you put things when they are not being used, which is essential for the office. It often includes stand-alone applications or large-scale filing and archiving systems suitable for office administrators and records departments.*

# F I R S T   S E E X

*People use storage for all kinds of purposes, most of them store piles of innocuous, everyday items in the way they're meant to. However, there are some who push the boundaries much further. For a small minority, storage is private, provides the unlikely location for romantic trysts.*

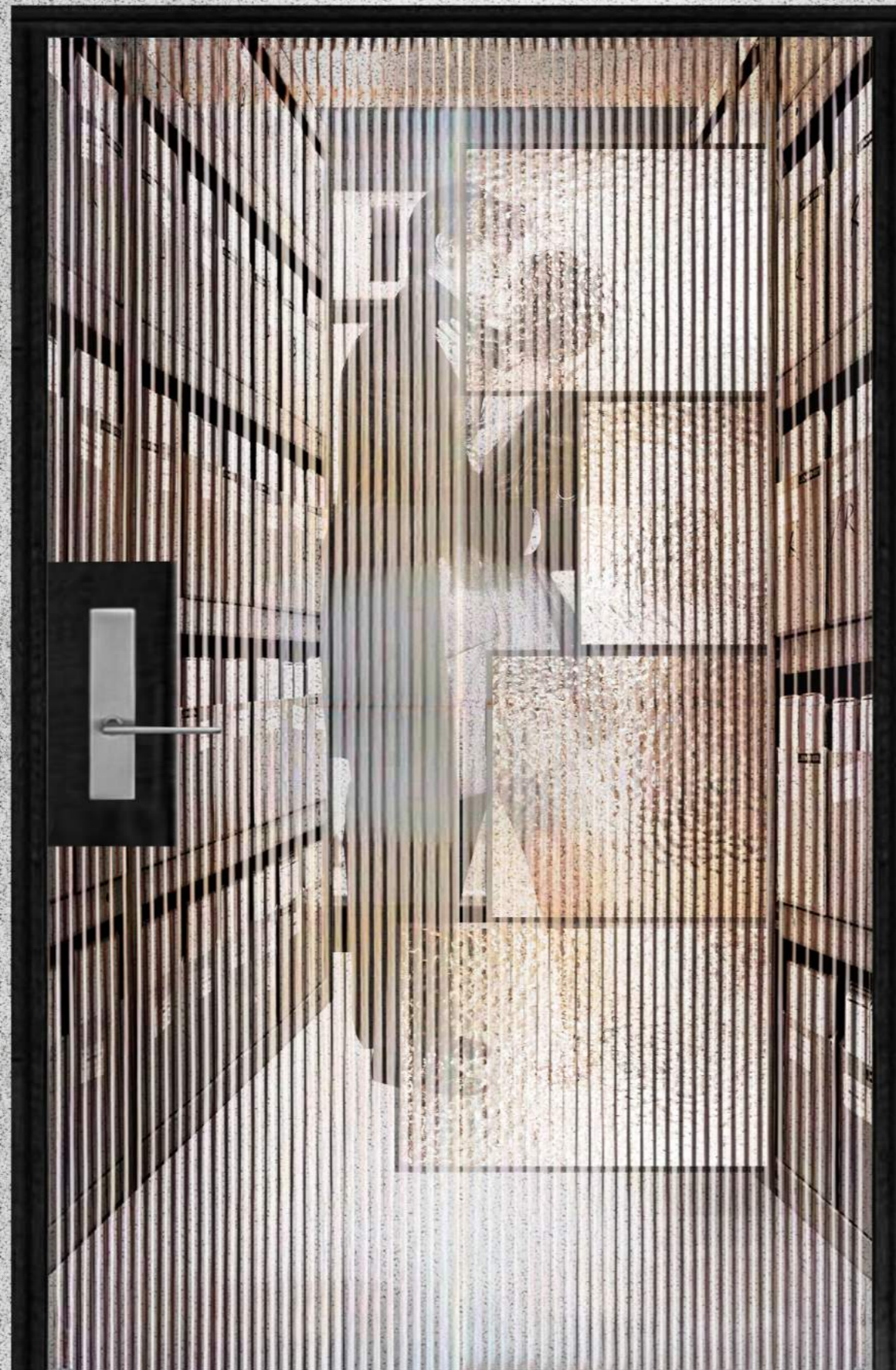


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# STORAGE

SENSATION      EXCITEMENT      SECRET





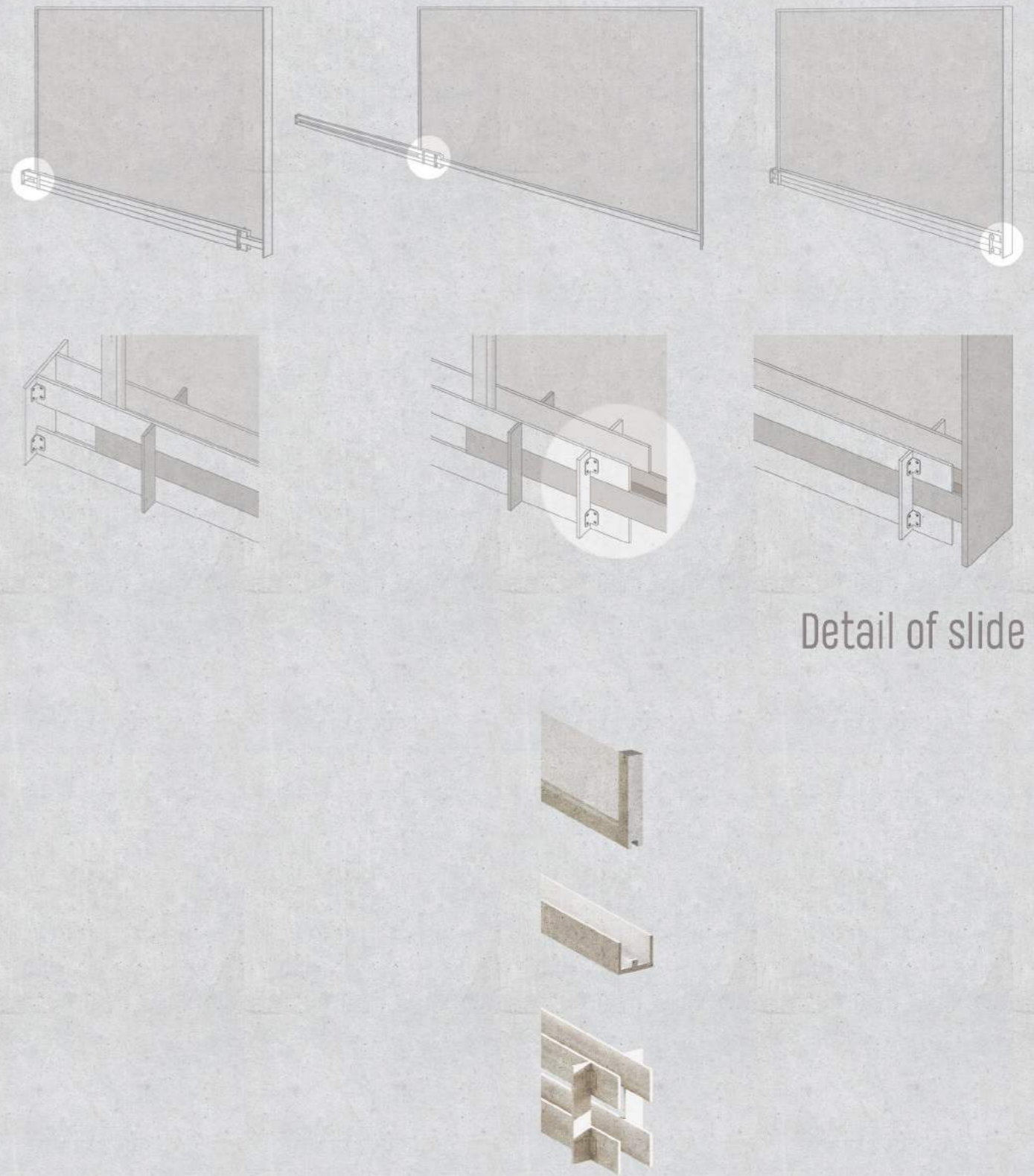
*Setting: The storage room    Characters: Person A & Person B*

*A and B want to have sex in the office storage room, they pull out the glass panels between the shelves to hide themselves.*





The frosted glass blurs the appearance of people, while the slide allows them to choose how much cover they want.



Detail of slide

Structure of slide

*An arch is a vertical curved structure that spans an elevated space and typically supports the weight of a bridge, roof, or wall above it.*

# B R E A K U P

*On the bridge is public space, cars go back and forth.  
Under the bridge is private space, people pass occasionally.*

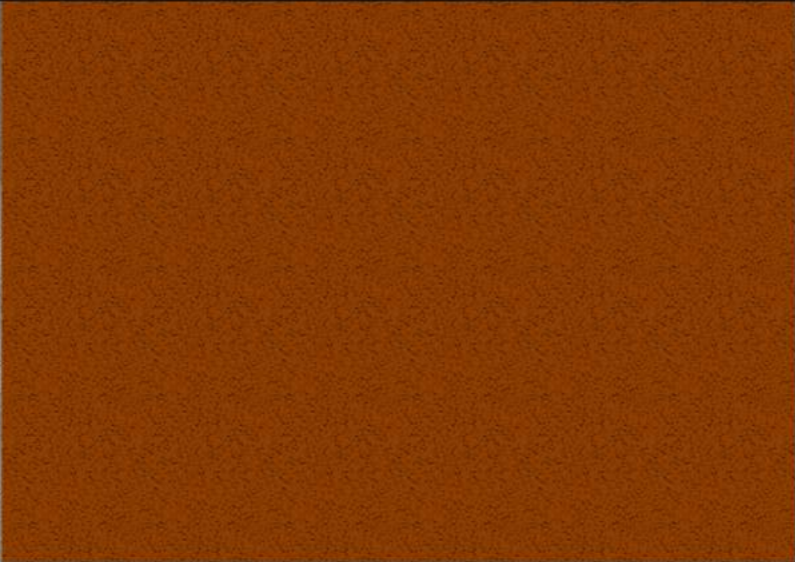
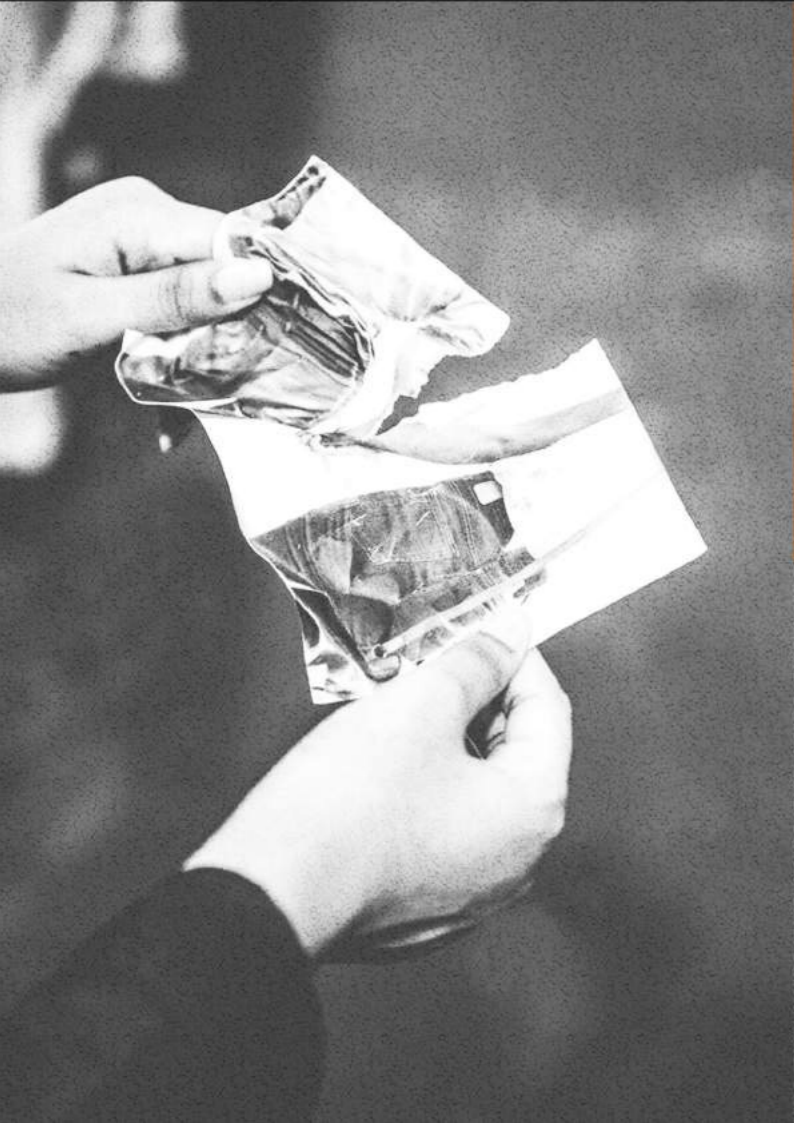


COLDNESS

PRIVACY

DISTANCE

# A R C H



DONE this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 1999.

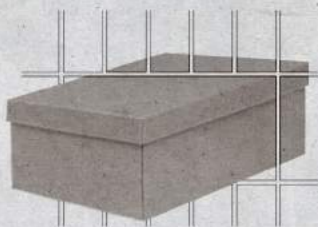
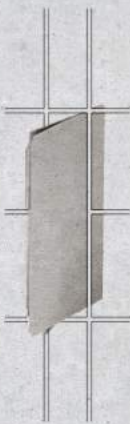
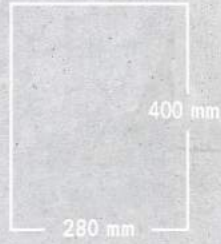
*Roy S. Moore* 1999  
ROY S. MOORE, CIRCUIT JUDGE




*Setting: The arch*

*Characters: Person A & Person B*

*A and B decide to break up, they agree to meet under the bridge and return something to each other.*



The fence symbolizes the boundary between two people, while the grid of it allows people to pass things of different sizes.



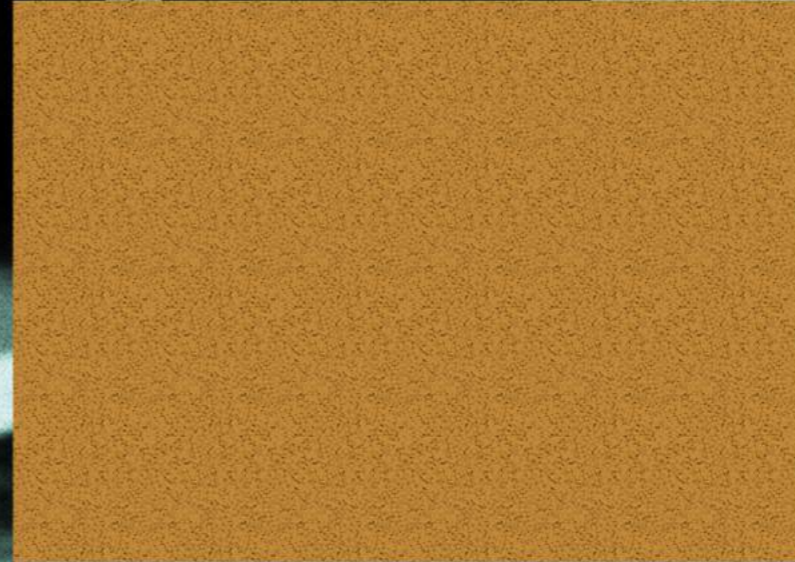
*Corner is the point where converging lines, edges, or sides meet,  
and also the place of intersection of two streets or roads.*

# N E G O T I A T I N G

*Street corner is an open space, people on either side of the  
corner could not see each other, while their every move is monitored.*

FAIRNESS SAFETY COMMUNICATION

# C O R N E R



CAUTION! // DO NOT CROSS!

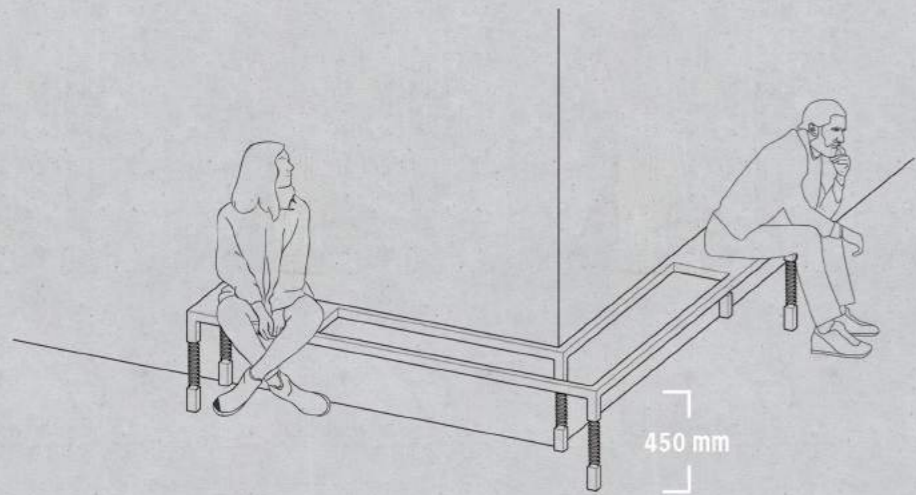


*Setting : The street corner*

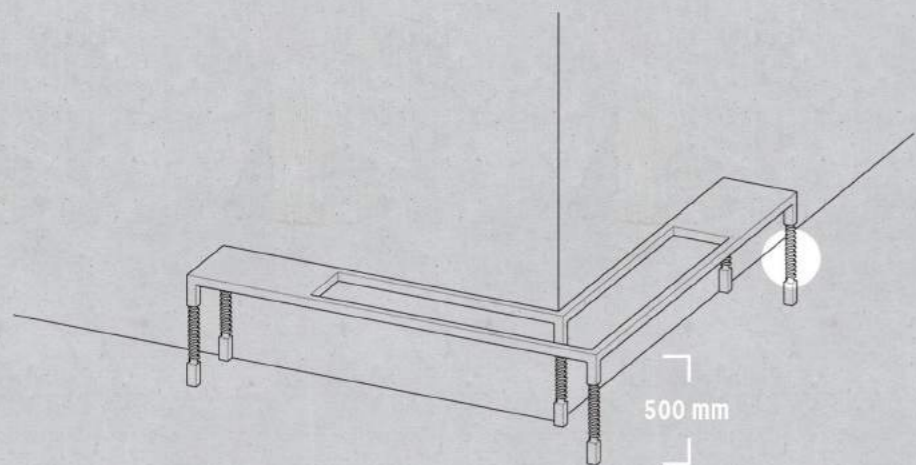
*Characters : Person A & Person B*

*A and B want to have a safe negotiation, they sit on the bench which can only maintain a comfortable height when two people sit down together, and communicate through the mirror without directly seeing each other.*

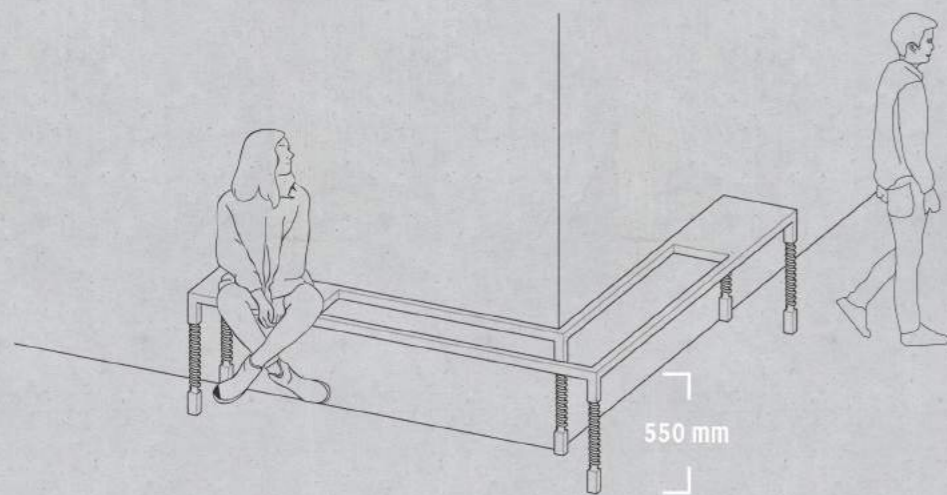




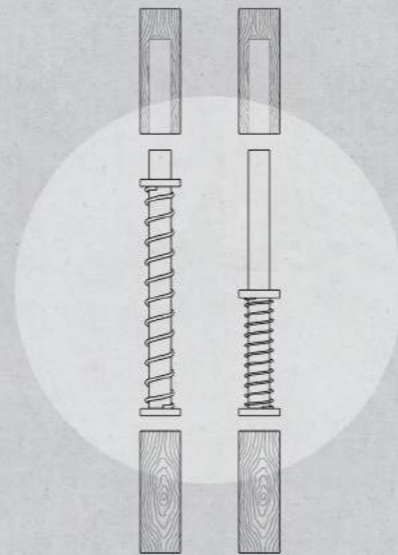
The height of the bench is 450 mm when two people sit on it together, which is the most comfortable height.



The height of the bench is 500 mm when no one is sitting on it.




When one person leaves the chair, the other person will be bounced to 550 mm which is an uncomfortable height, indicating the negotiation is not going smoothly.



Detail of spring



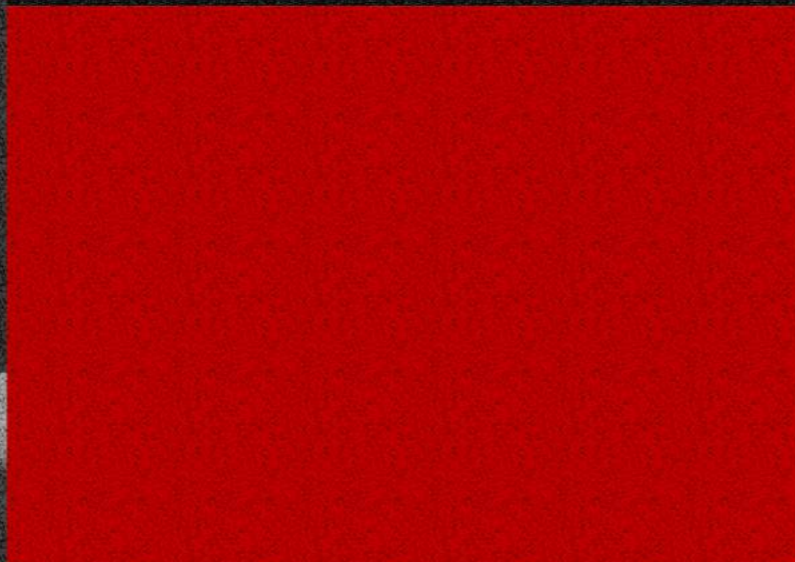
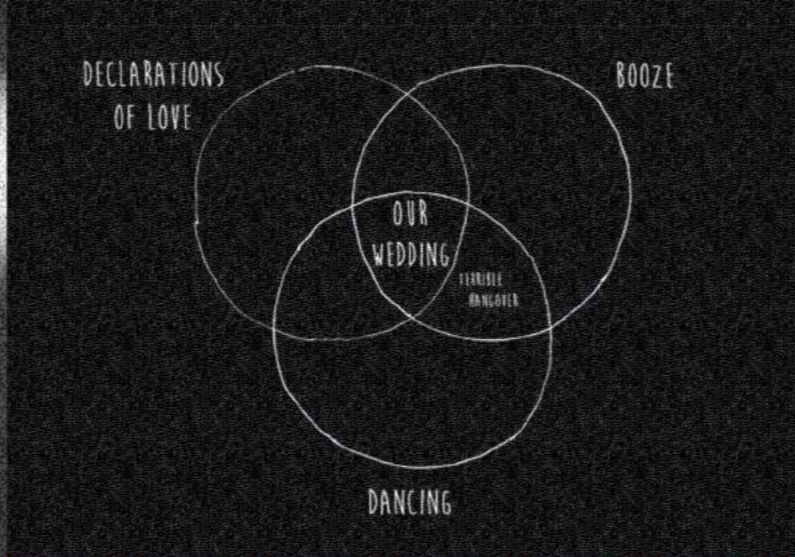
The mirror in the corner makes people see the reflection of each other.



*A forest is a piece of land with many trees, temperature and rainfall are the two most important things for it.*

# MARRIAGE

*Forest is mysterious, and easy to get lost, but also romantic when you take your vows in the dappled light of it as trees gently sway around you.*



# F O R E S T

CEREMONY

SPECIAL

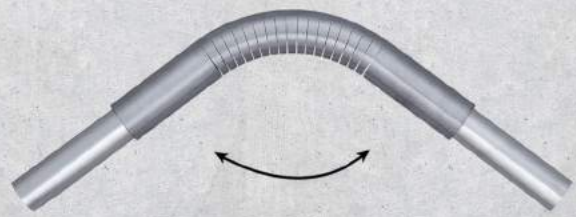
PRECIOUSNESS



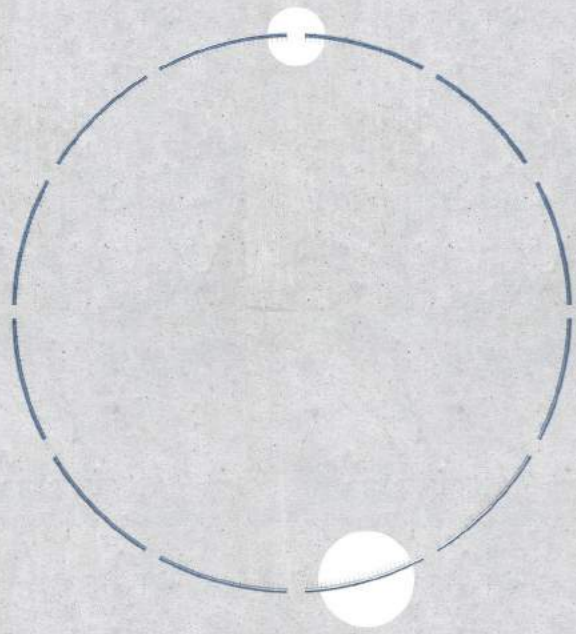
*Setting : The forest*

*Characters : Person A & Person B*

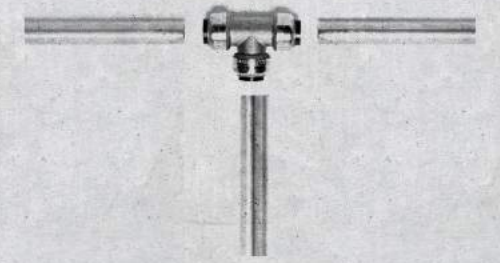
*A and B are going to get married in the forest. When they walk into the area surrounded by mist, they realize that this will be the perfect place.*



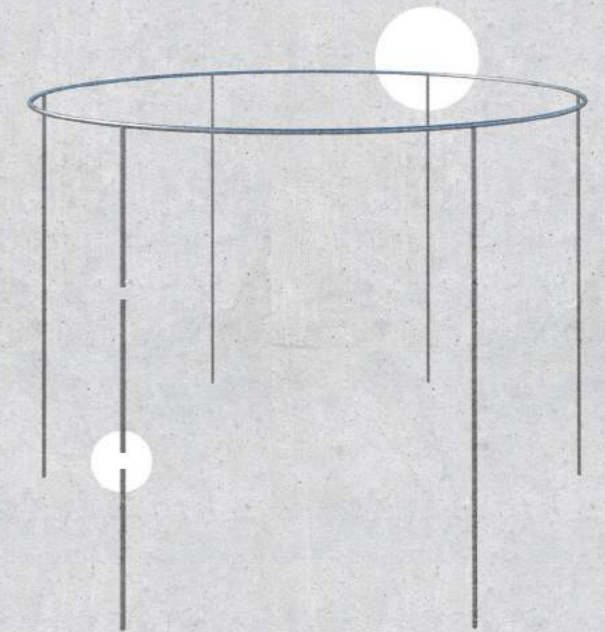
The entire circular framework requires 12 joints.



The mist nozzles are distributed over the circular framework at the same distance.



Detail of three way metal joint



Connection between two metal tubes

# ROMANCE TOWN

Yes, romance still exists in 2020.

It happens in chance, even in this project, it can not be guaranteed to happen either.  
Nevertheless, each design enhances the opportunity for people to discover and experience romance.

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