

SOLITUDE.

**Beacon Centre
Eastbourne
2021**

Vision

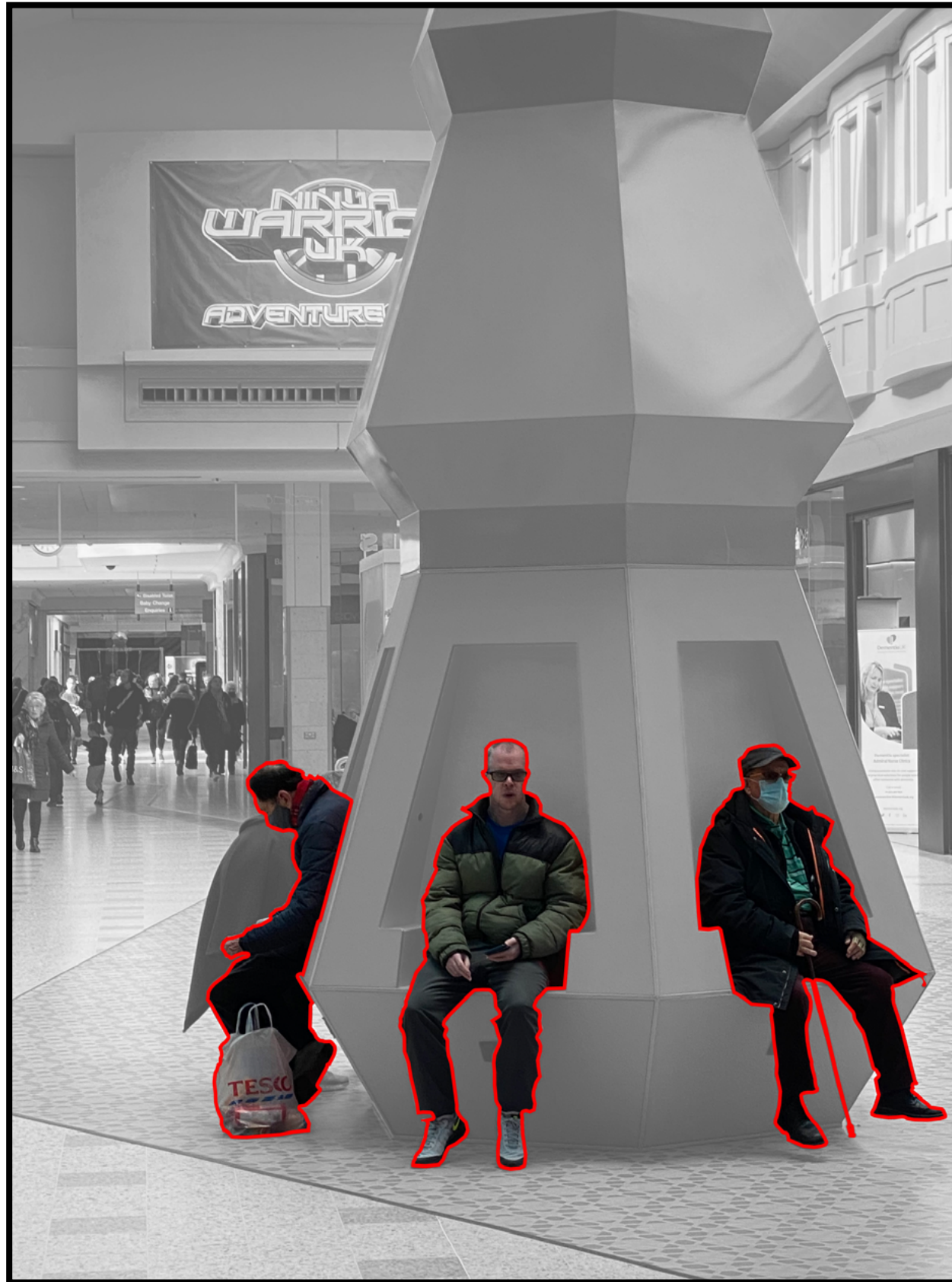
RE-IMAGINE THE PUBLIC REALM IN THE BEACON CENTRE AS NOT ONLY A SPACE TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER, BUT ALSO THAT ACCOMMODATES MOMENTS OF SOLITUDE, TO RETREAT FROM MEDIA OVERLOAD, AND FOR SAFETY, WHEN ONE FEEL ANXIOUS.

Distance



Eastbourne
Station
2022

Solitude



Beacon Centre
Eastbourne
2022

Insights

#CHAOS



The Beacon Centre can be noisy at times, especially when children are screaming and crying.

#COMMUNITY



"I don't want to sit with strangers..."

While there are lots of seats and opportunity for people to sit with one another, some simply wanted solitude.

#PLACE

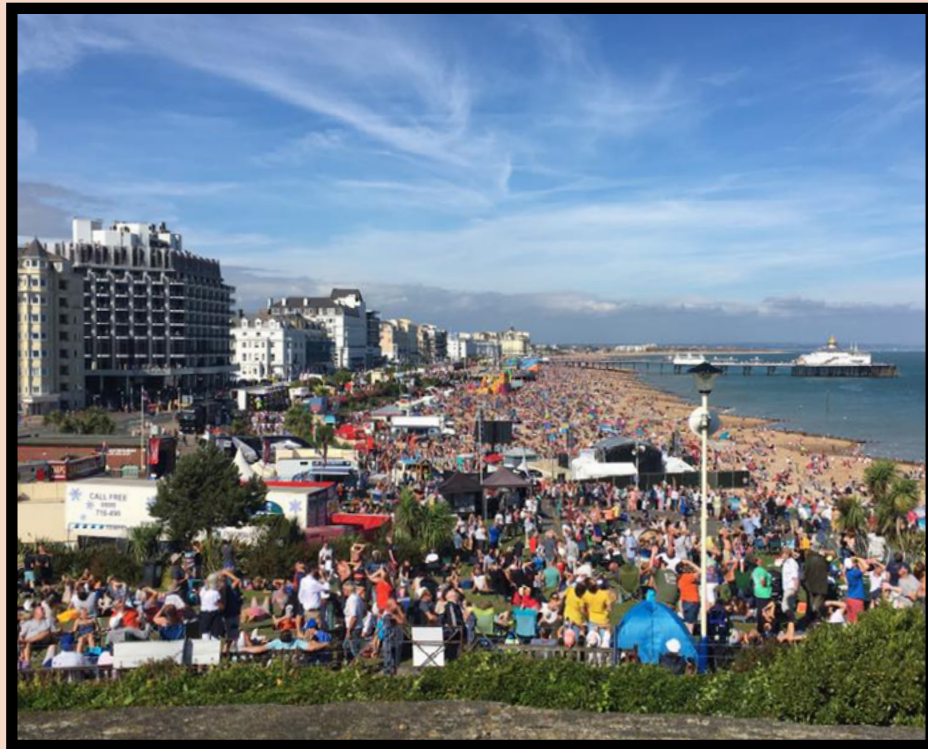


Martello tower and Lighthouse

Eastbourne has a series of structures that relate defense. They provide refuge protection for long periods for some.

Problems

#PRIVILEGE



#MEDIA



#SUSTAINABILITY



"All true wisdom is found far from the dwellings of man in the great solitudes and only be attained through suffering."

Alsop, W., 2003. The privilege of solitude is lacking from urban spaces. [online] The Architects' Journal. Available at: <<https://www.architectsjournal.co.uk/archive/the-privilege-of-solitude-is-lacking-from-urban-spaces>> [Accessed 21 January 2022].

"...headlines from distrusted sources induce strong and robust effects on social judgments."

Baum, J. and Abdel Rahman, R., 2020. Emotional news affects social judgments independent of perceived media credibility. [online] Oxford Academic. Available at: <<https://academic.oup.com/scan/article/16/3/280/6020173#229856044>> [Accessed 8 January 2022].

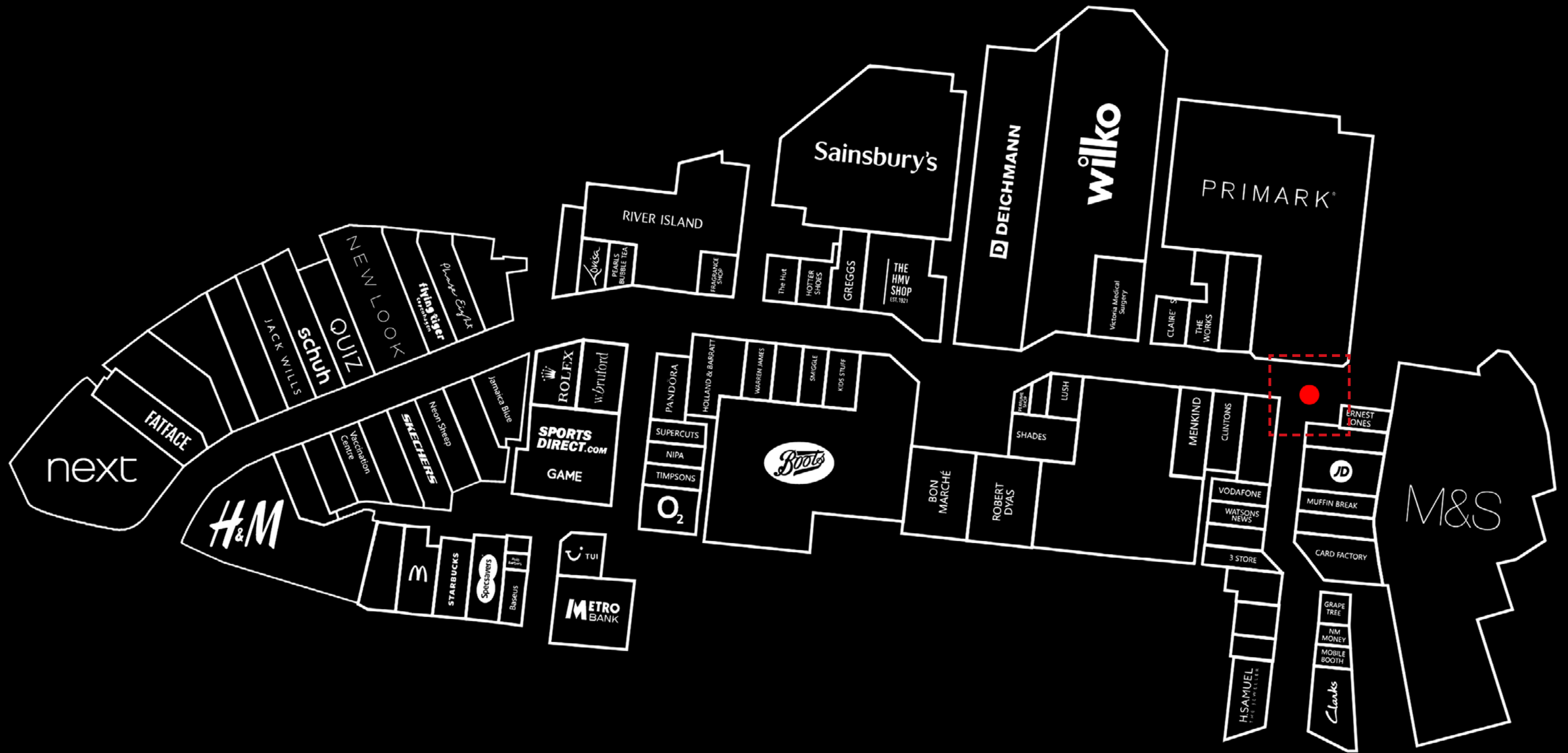
"...they are abandoned on public transport and on the road."

Garnersnews.co.uk. 2022. Newspaper Delivery in Sussex. [online] Available at: <<https://www.garnersnews.co.uk/services/newspapers.html>> [Accessed 19 May 2022].

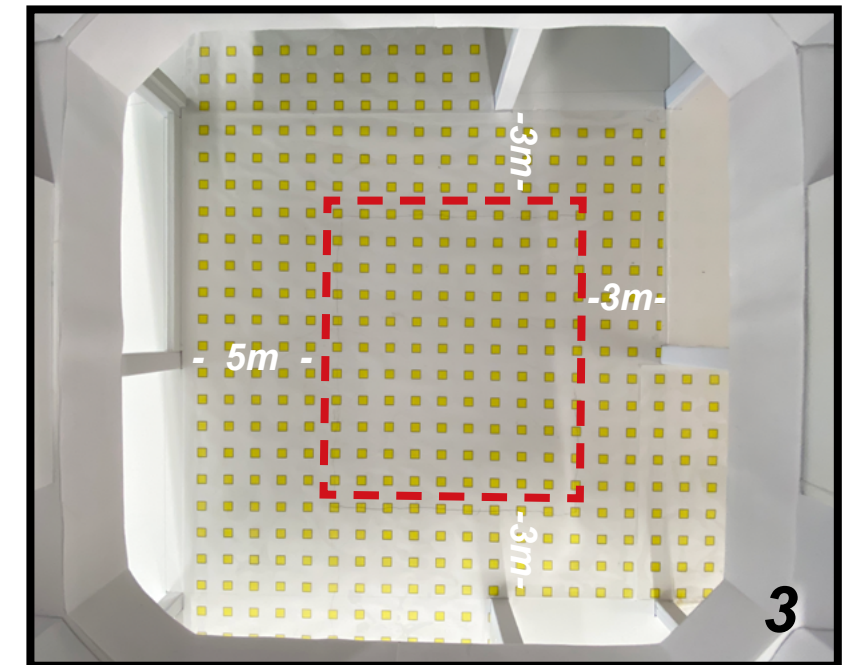
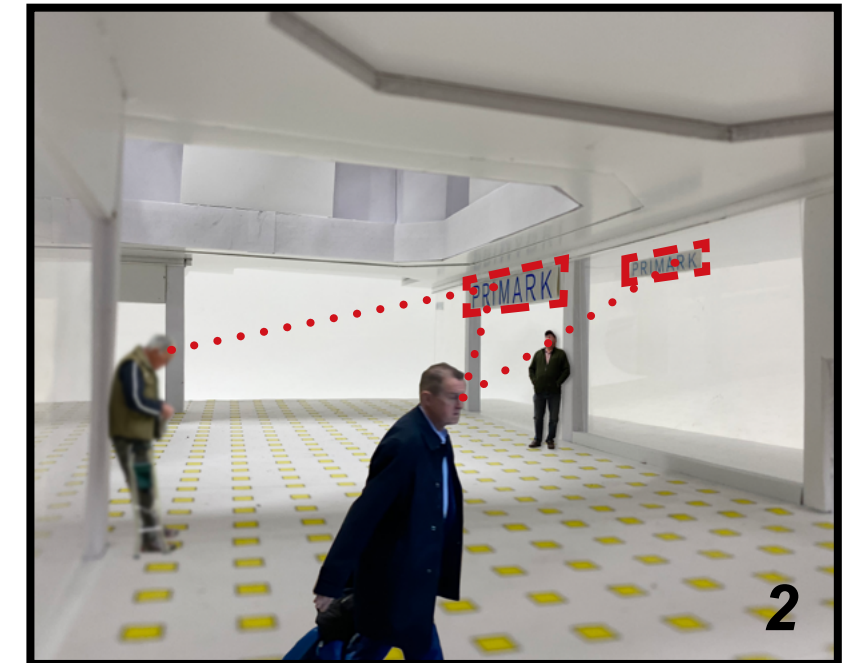
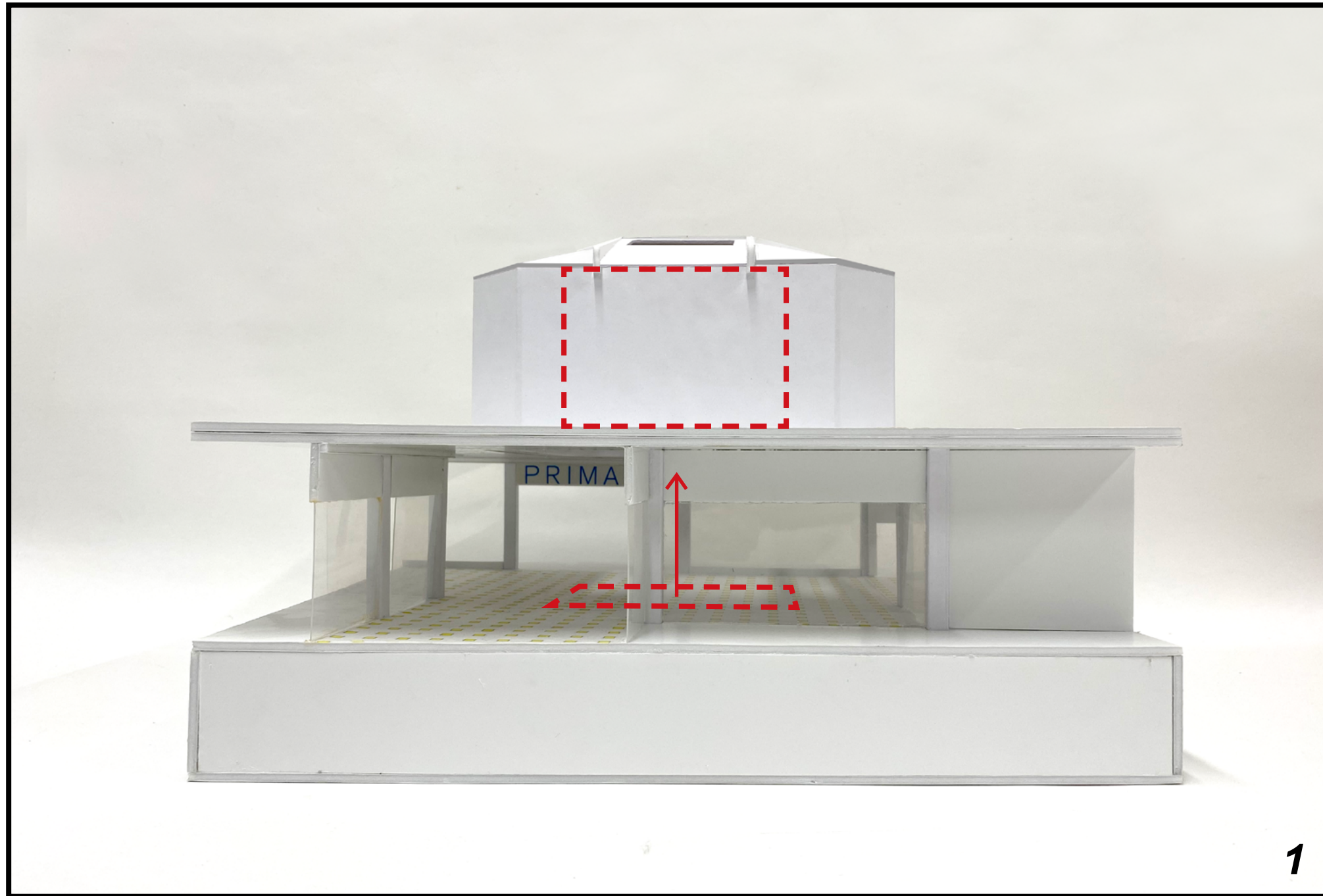
Narrative Artefact



Chosen Site



Site Analysis



1. Flexibility
2. Sight Lines
3. Circulation & Exclusion Zone

Residency



Residency Site 2022

Solitude Activities

#PRIVACY



Bolton dose not like the shopping environment, and all he could do was find a **wall** and face it.

#PEACE



Jing spent more than an hour standing in the **corner** of the mall reading the news.

#PEOPLE WATCH



Wayne said he enjoyed **watching people** passing by.

Solitude Activities

#ADJUSTMENT



Fleta, take a moment to **reorganize** her shopping and create a list.

#HALT



George was **exhausted** and looking for a place to sleep.

#INTIMACY



Louis was trying to find a space to make a **private** phone call.

Solitude Structures



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2



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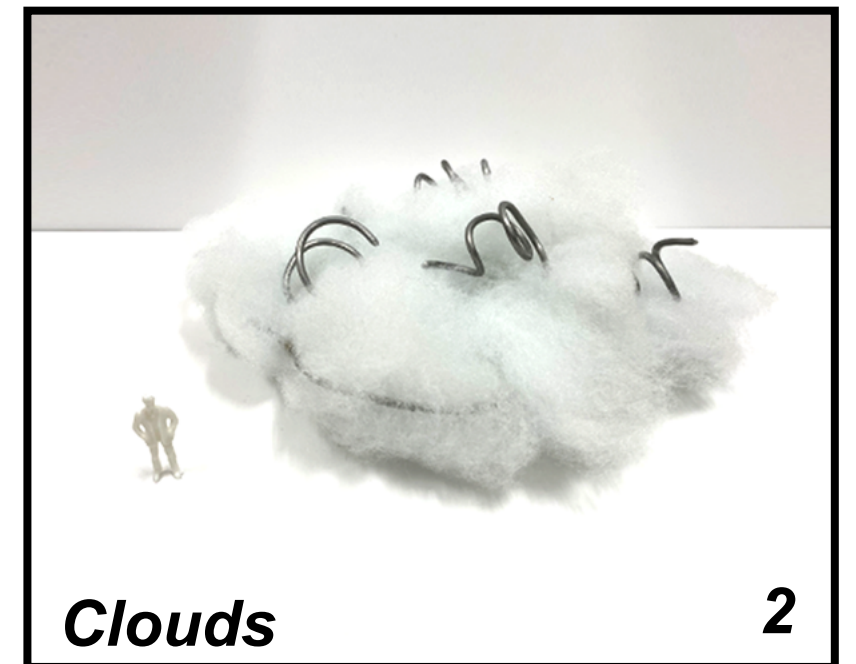
1. Sense of Distance
2. Partial Enclosure
3. Flexibility

Relating to Eastbourne



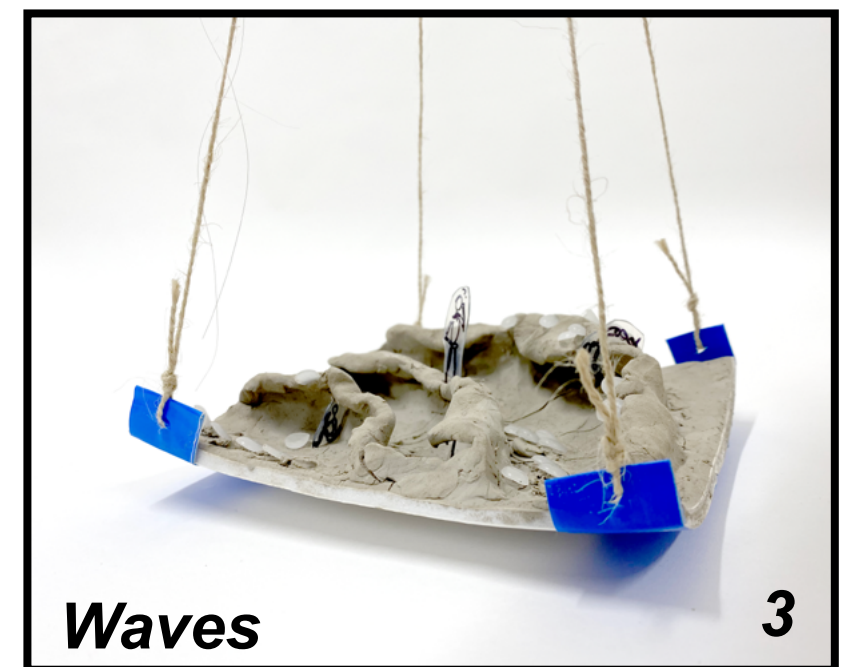
Shells

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Clouds

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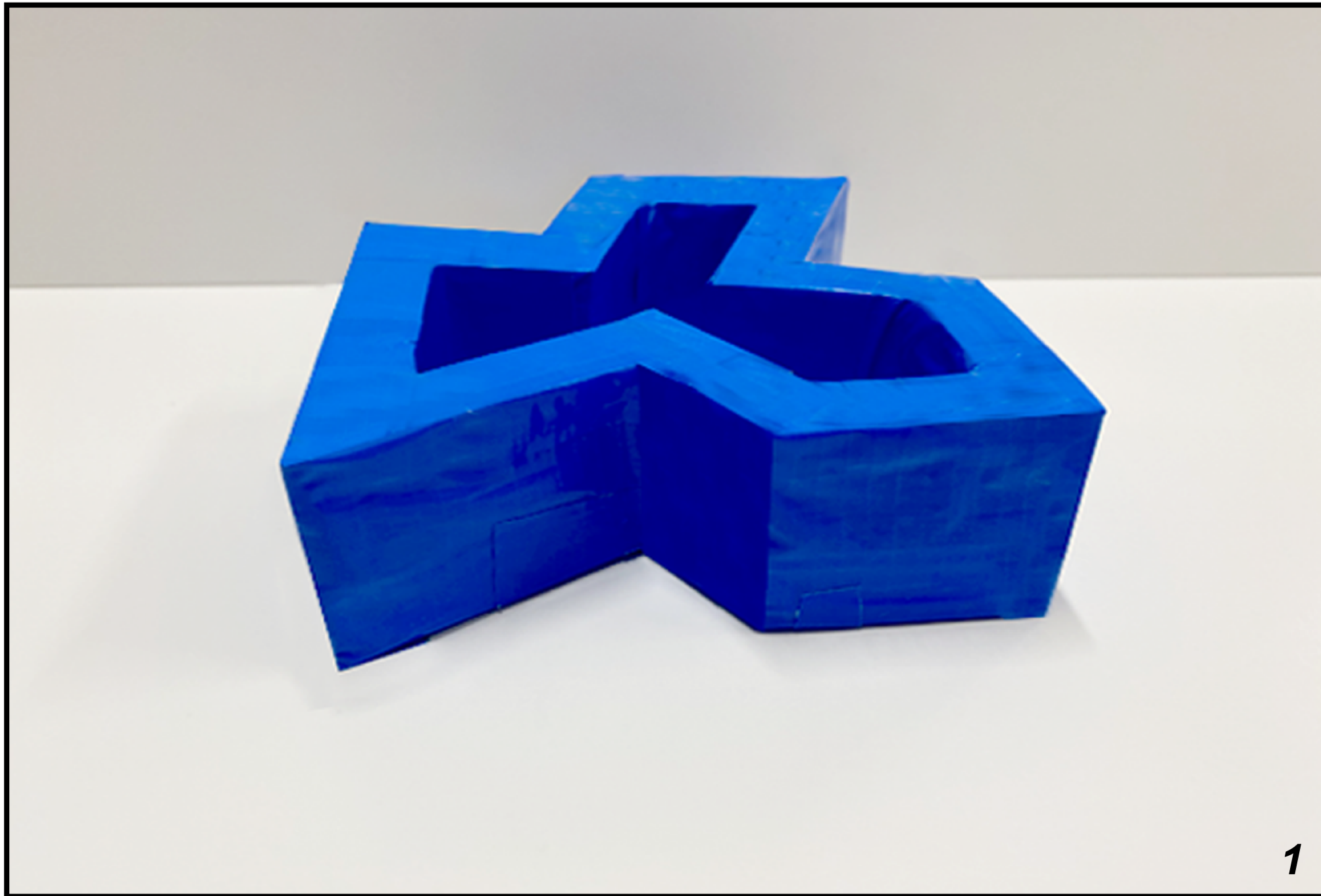


Waves

3

1. Partial Enclosure
2. Soft Pods
3. Nooks

Body Position

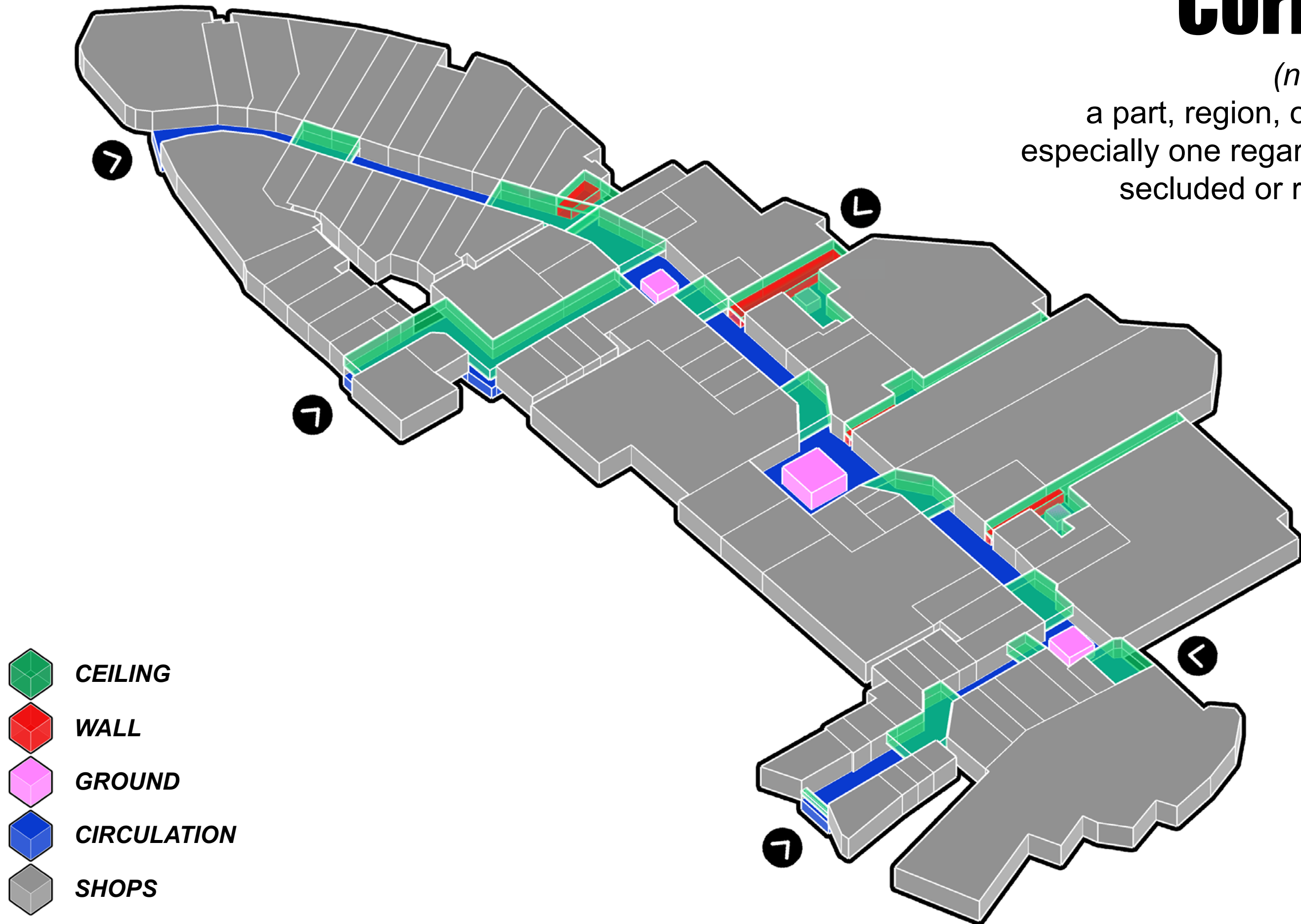


1. Corners for Safety
2. Protection
3. Using Height

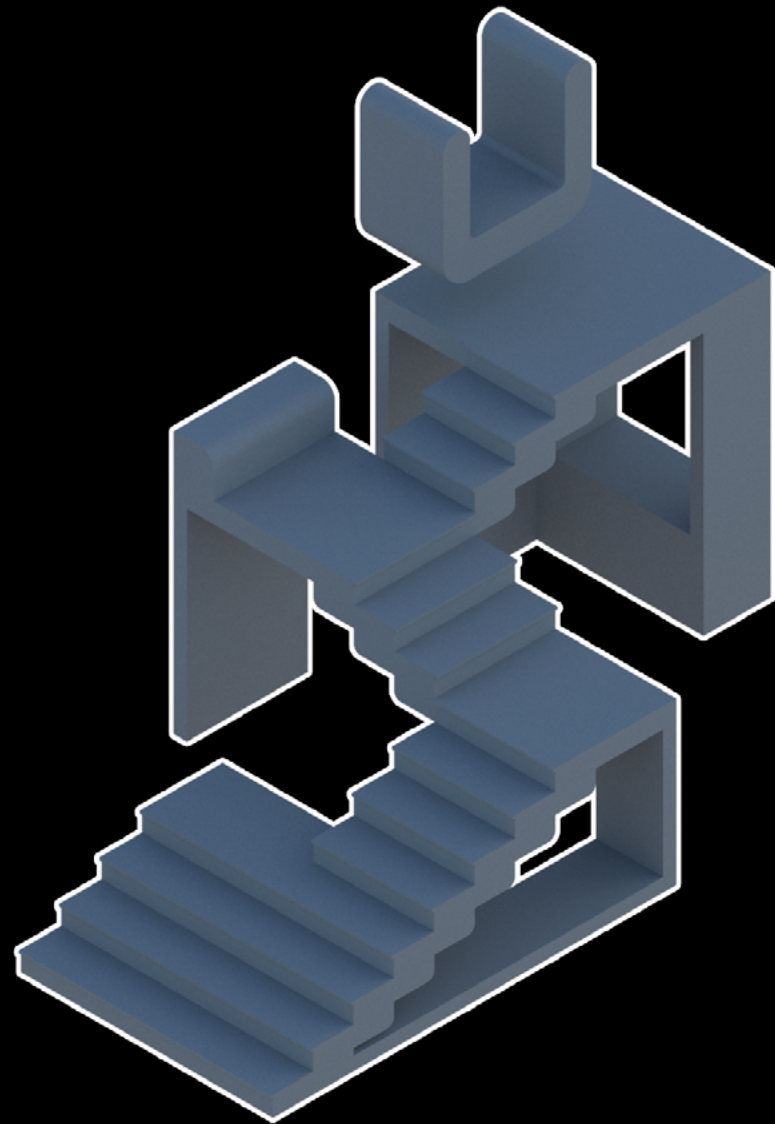
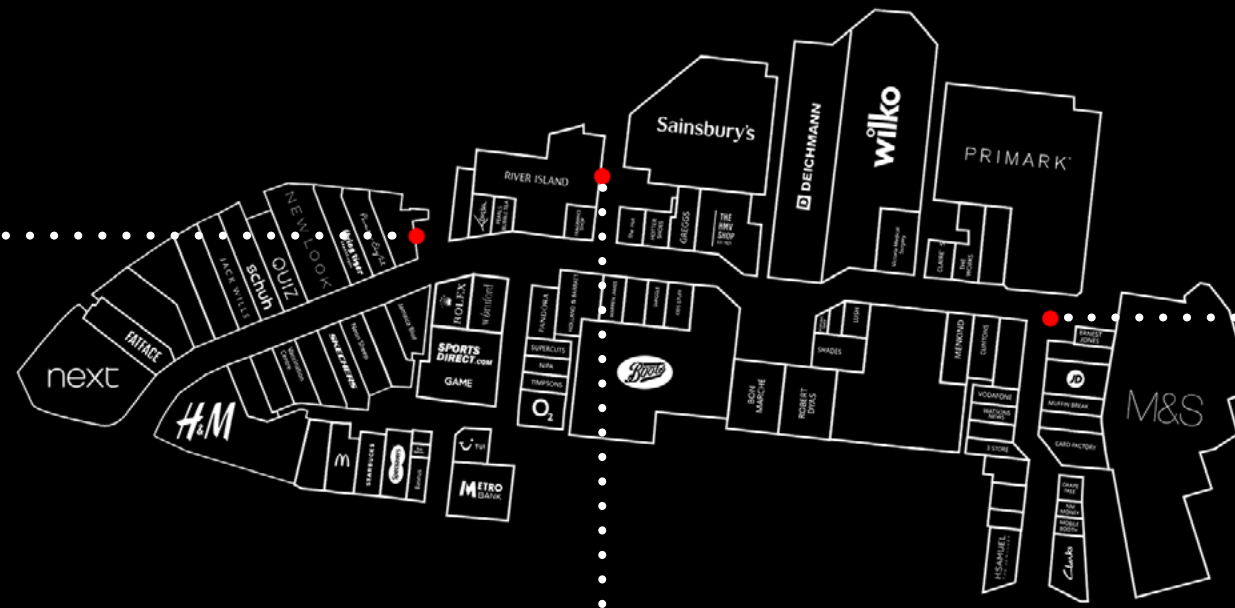
Corner

(noun) 1.

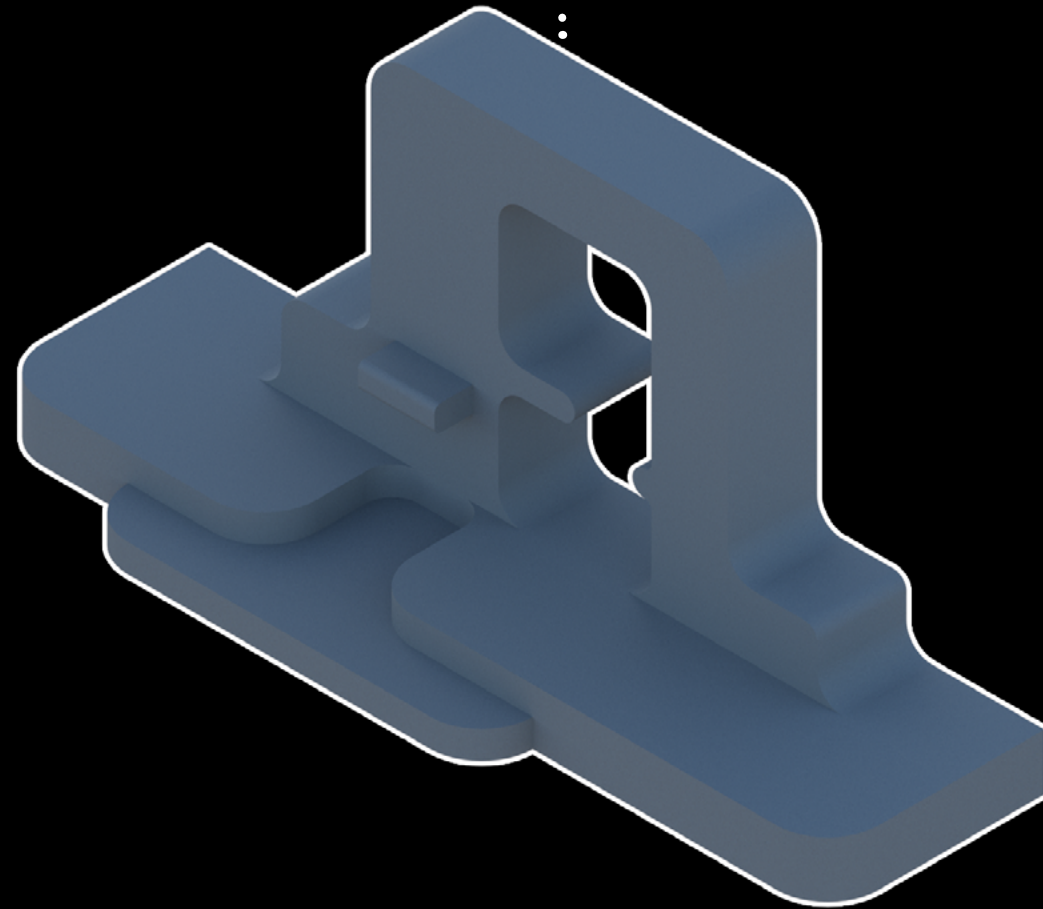
a part, region, or area,
especially one regarded as
secluded or remote.



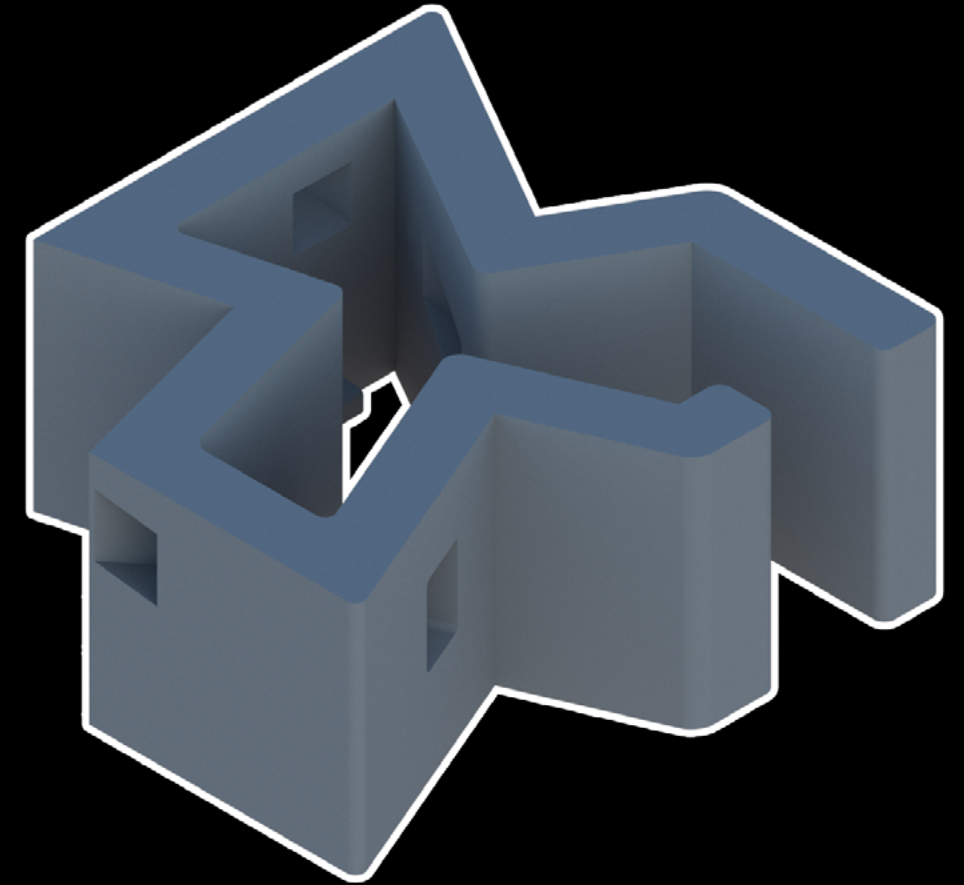
Strategy



CEILING



WALL



GROUND

Materials



Underneath the Stairs

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- 1. Steps as Seating
- 2. Solitude Nooks
- 3. Soft Material



Inhabitable Wall

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- 1. Steps as Seating
- 2. Semi-Public Area
- 3. Soft Material



Get In the Corner

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- 1. For Belongings
- 2. Solitude Nooks
- 3. Soft Material
- 4. Observation hole



RULES OF SOLITUDE

#ADJUSTMENT



#HALT



#PRIVACY&PEACE



#PEOPLE WATCH



#INTIMACY

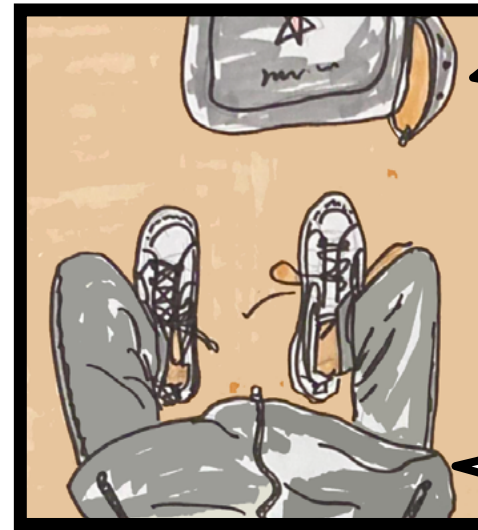
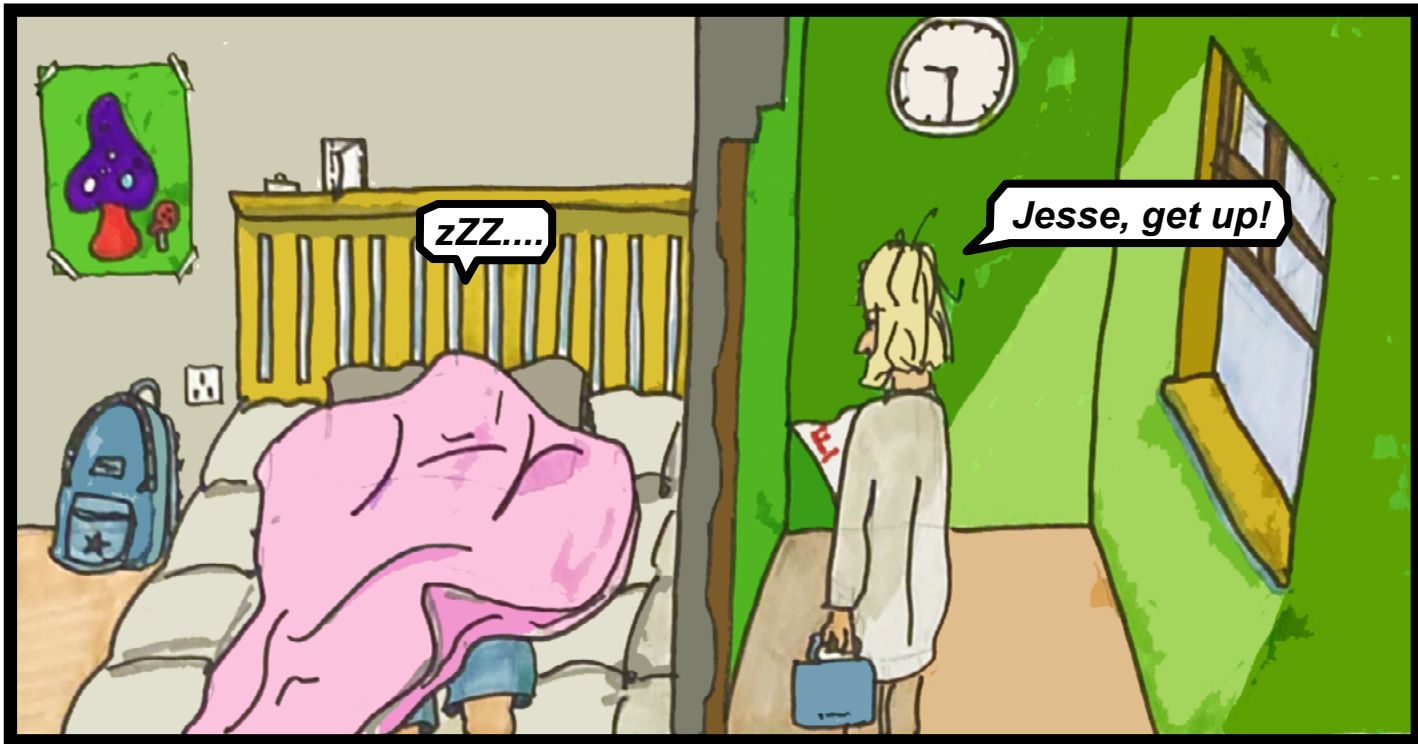


КЕДЕР

ВЕАССОН

РЕАЛ

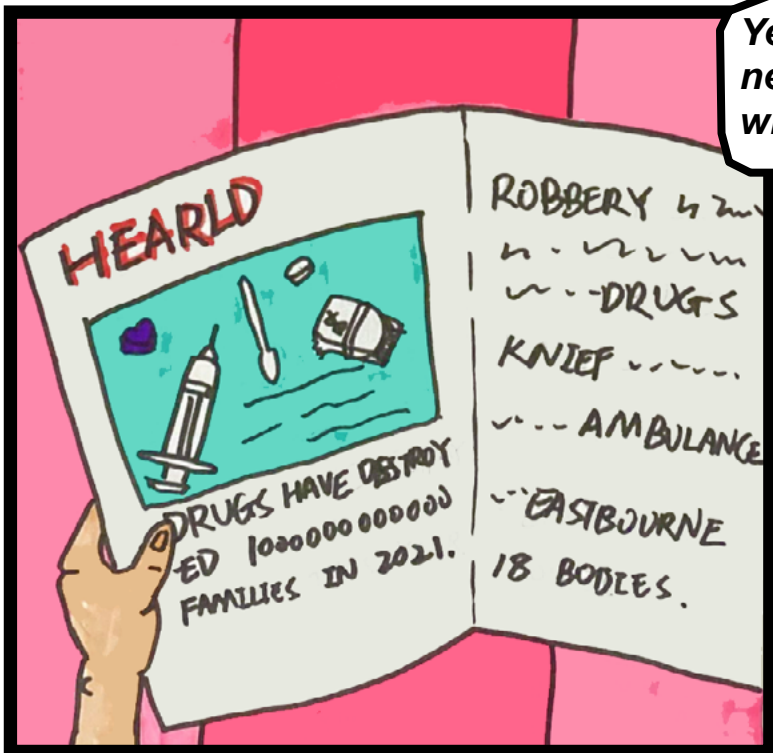
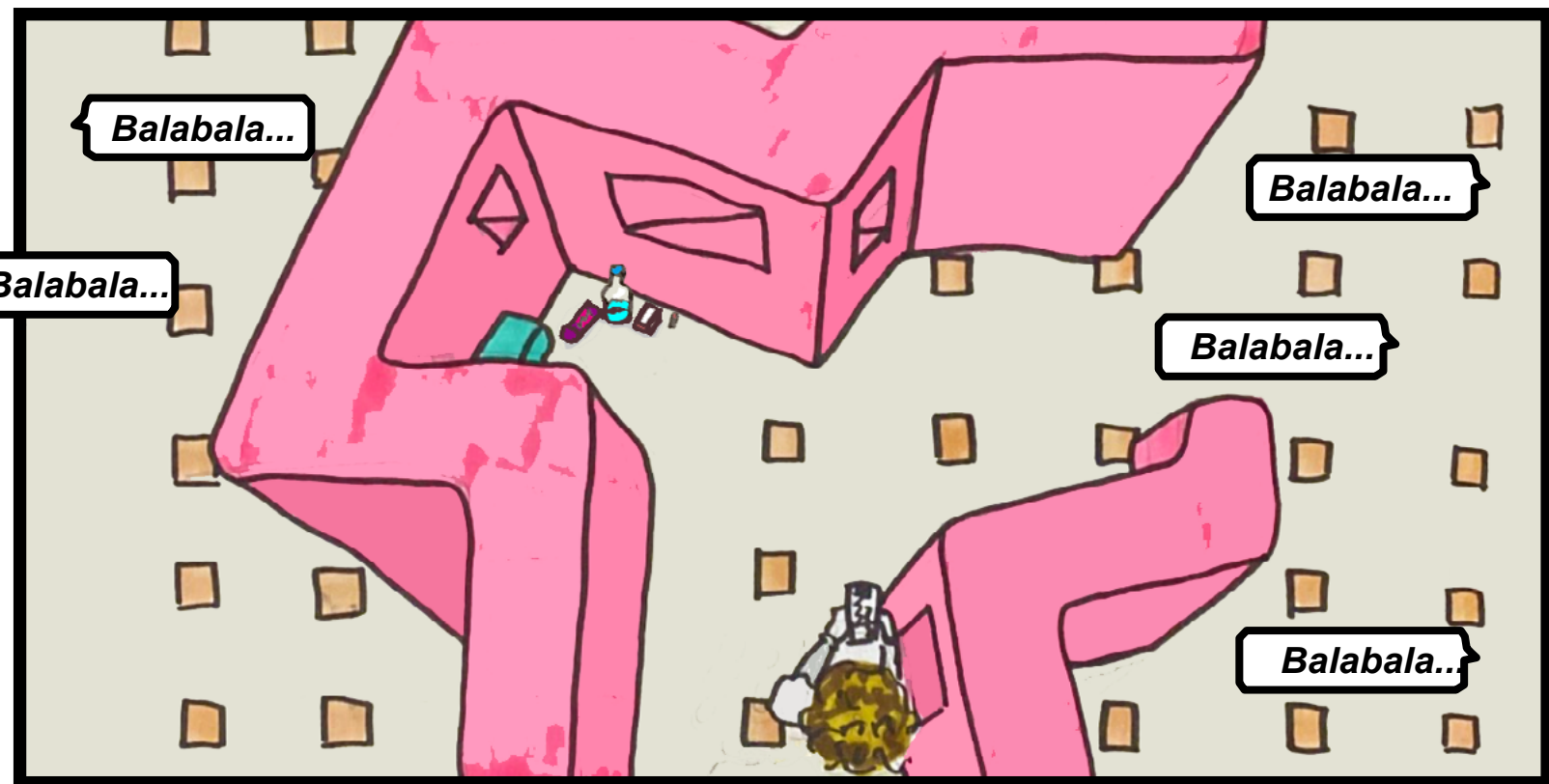
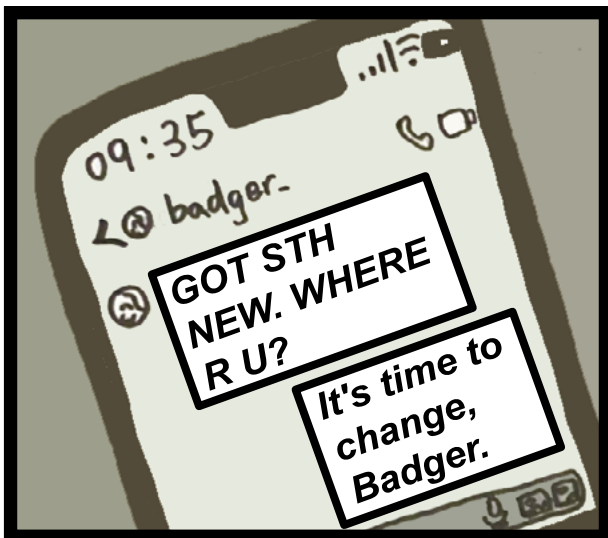
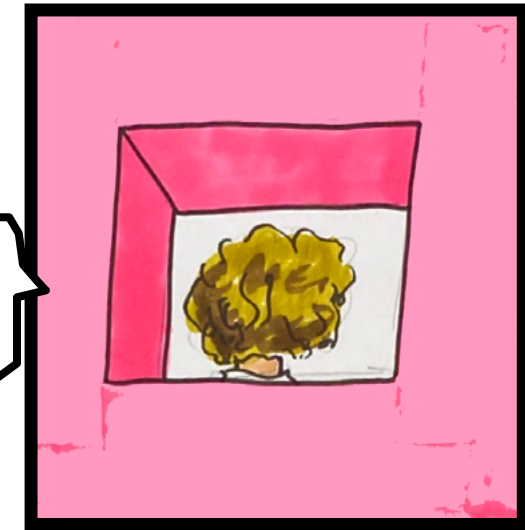




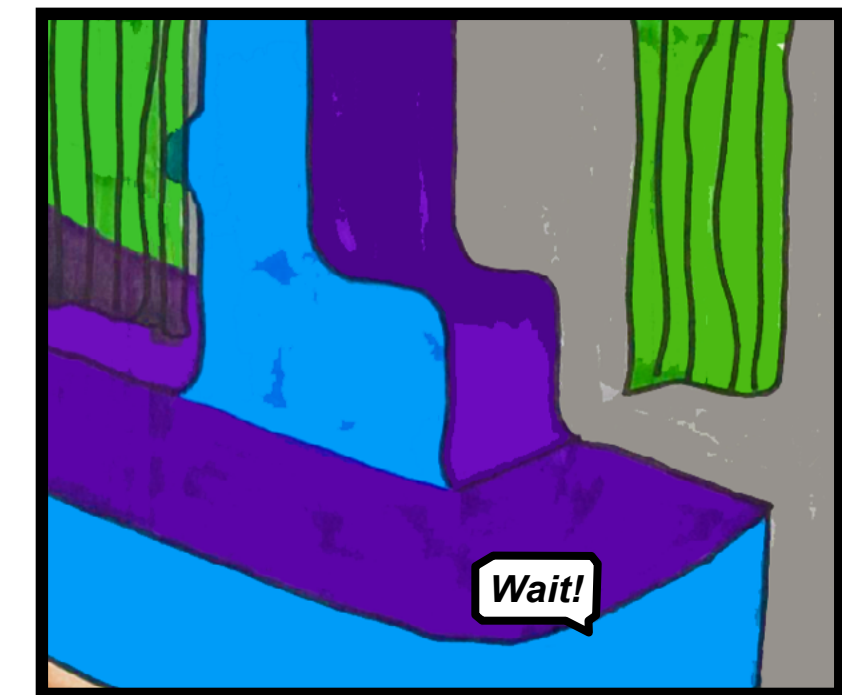
I promise today is the last time I use it.

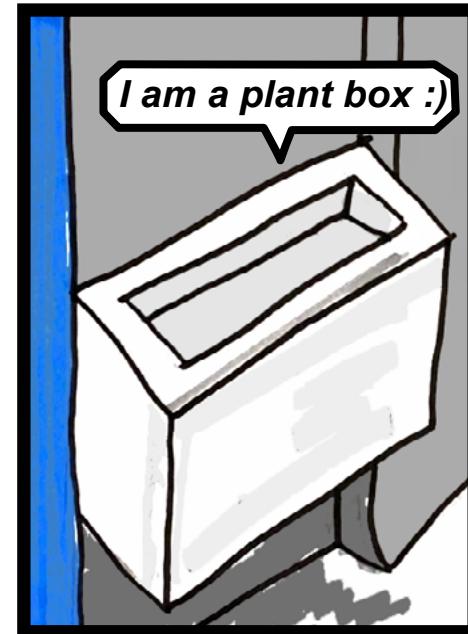
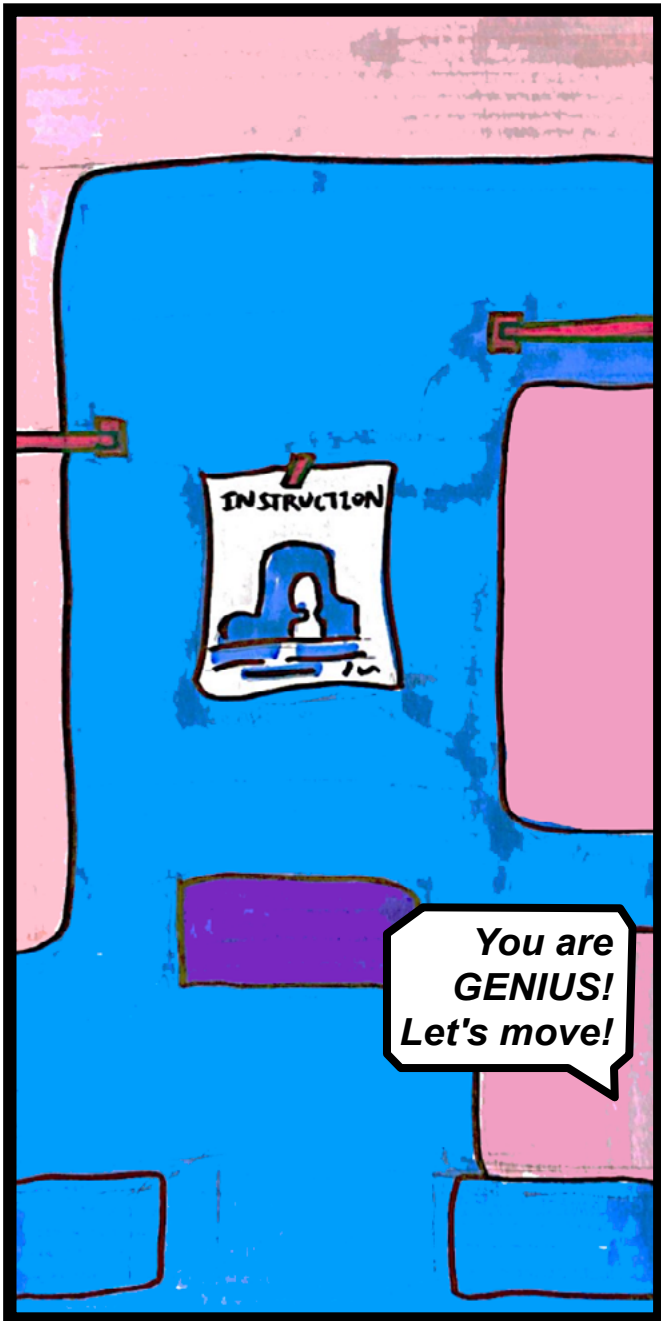
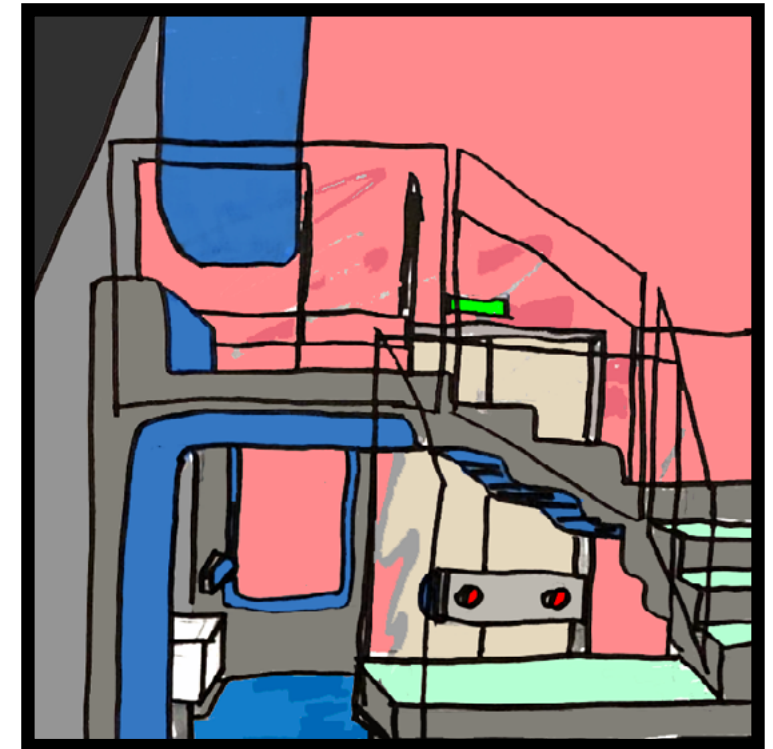
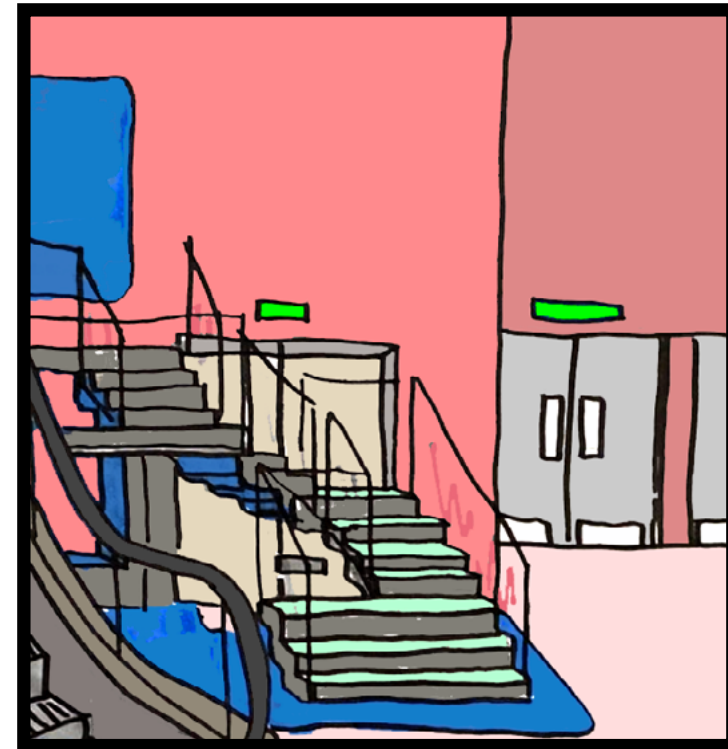
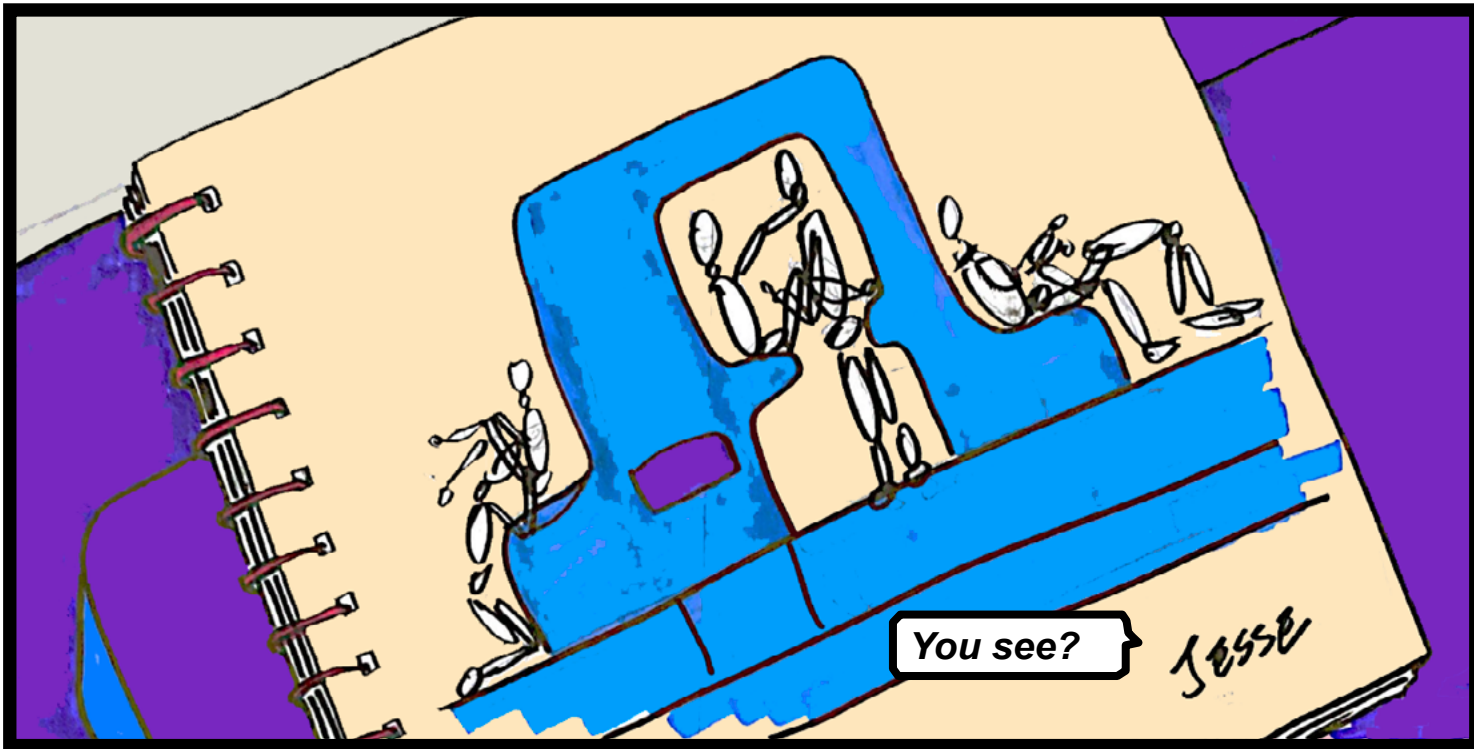
No problem bro, you have to check out this interesting wall.

Sounds good.



Yes, Jesse. We need to change the whole world.





Quotes

"As a rebel, you're likely to see things that no one else does."

SCHAWBEL, D., 2019. How rebels can thrive in a world that doesn't always reward them. [online] Fast Company. Available at: <<https://www.fastcompany.com/90295487/is-being-a-rebel-a-good-thing-yes-if-you-do-these-things>> [Accessed 21 April 2022].

In history, it is not difficult to find that the progress of human society is closely related to the rebels.

"They just rebelled against what the others wanted to do."

DeLand, K., n.d. Rebellion Isn't Always Bad. [online] This I Believe. Available at: <<https://thisibelieve.org/essay/95445/>> [Accessed 21 April 2022].

You may be anti-racist or anti-totalitarian, but be respectful to the rebels who have not yet succeeded.

"Public space must be as free and abundant as the air we breathe."

Diller, E., 2020. A stealthy reimagining of urban public space. [online] Ted.com. Available at: <https://www.ted.com/talks/elizabeth_diller_a_stealthy_reimagining_of_urban_public_space> [Accessed 21 April 2022].

Regimes are constantly changing, and so are the laws. But public spaces will persist, and designers should give the public the freedom to explore how the space is used.