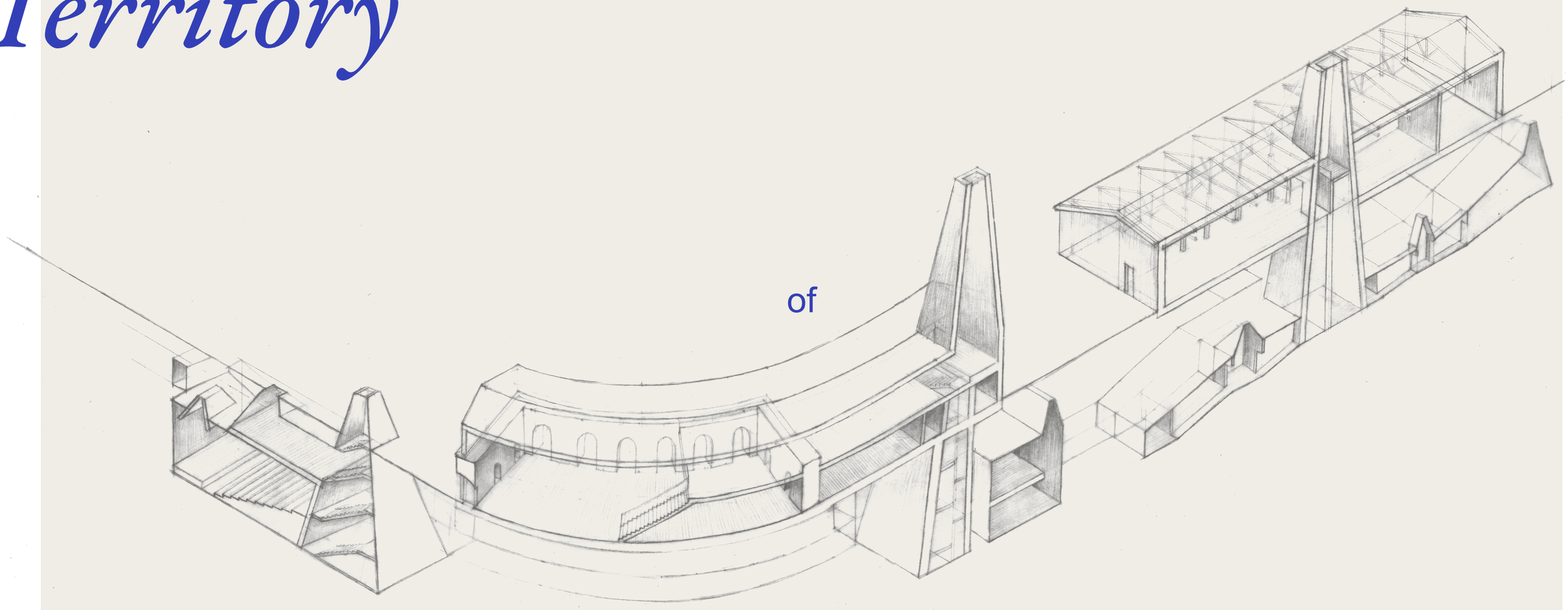
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Reimagining the Civil Defense Shelter

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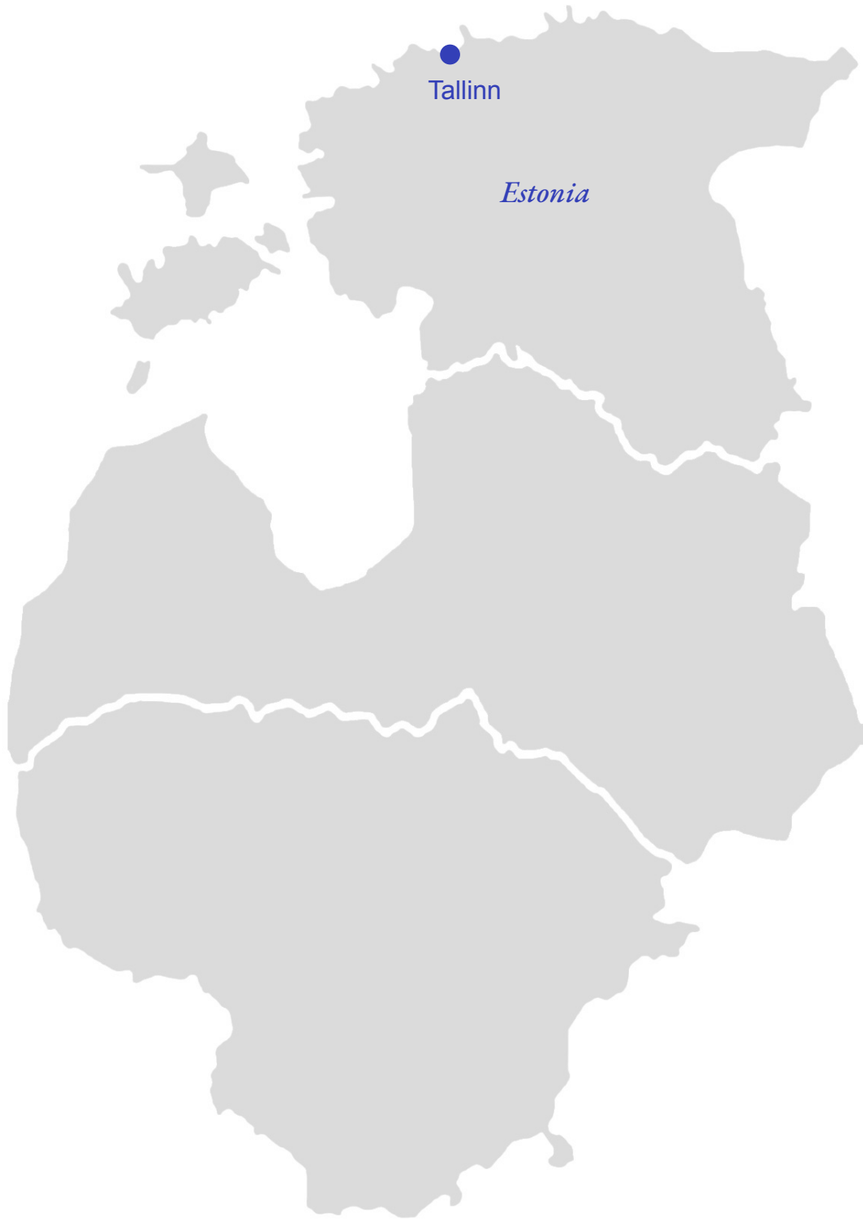
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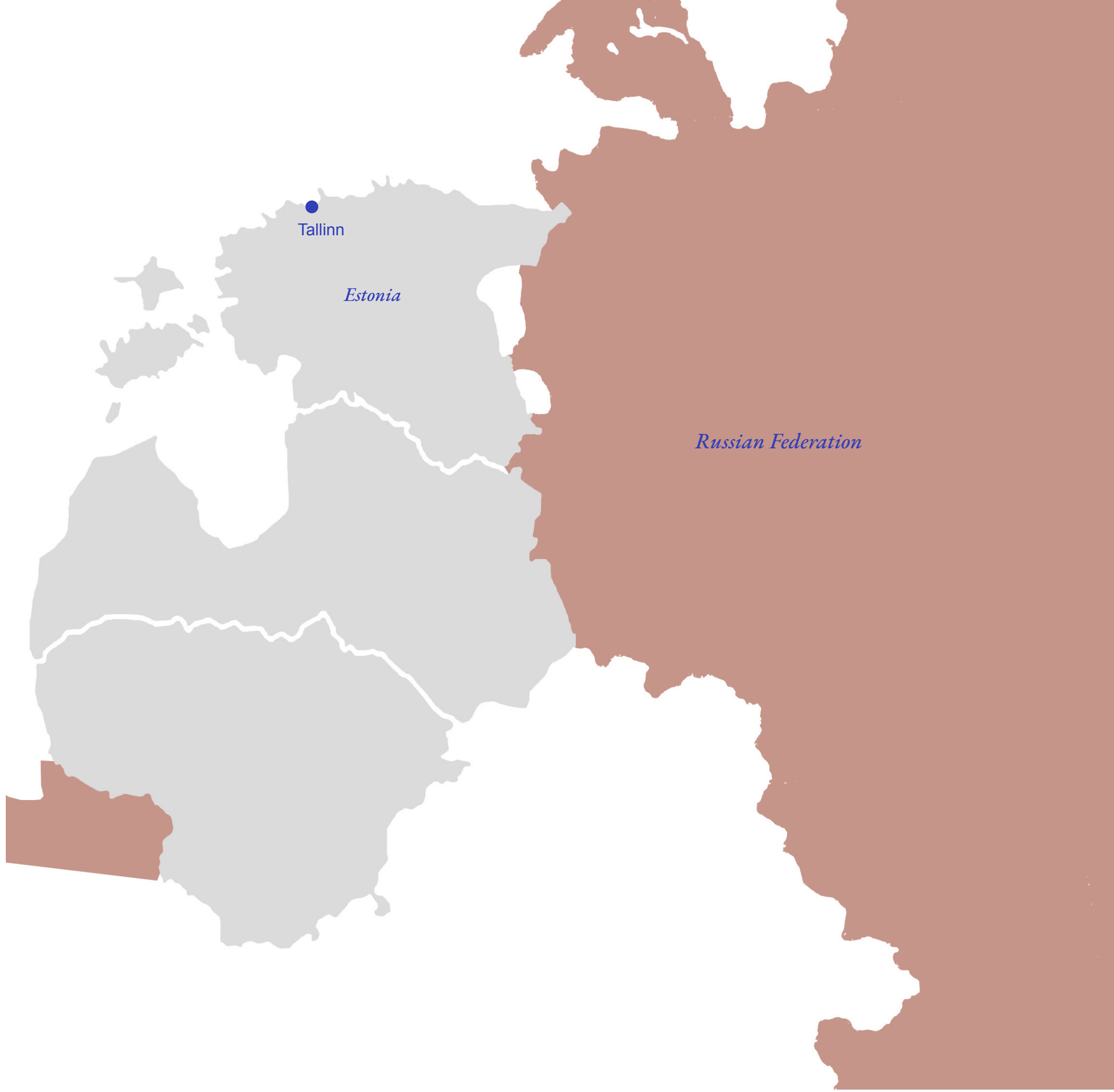
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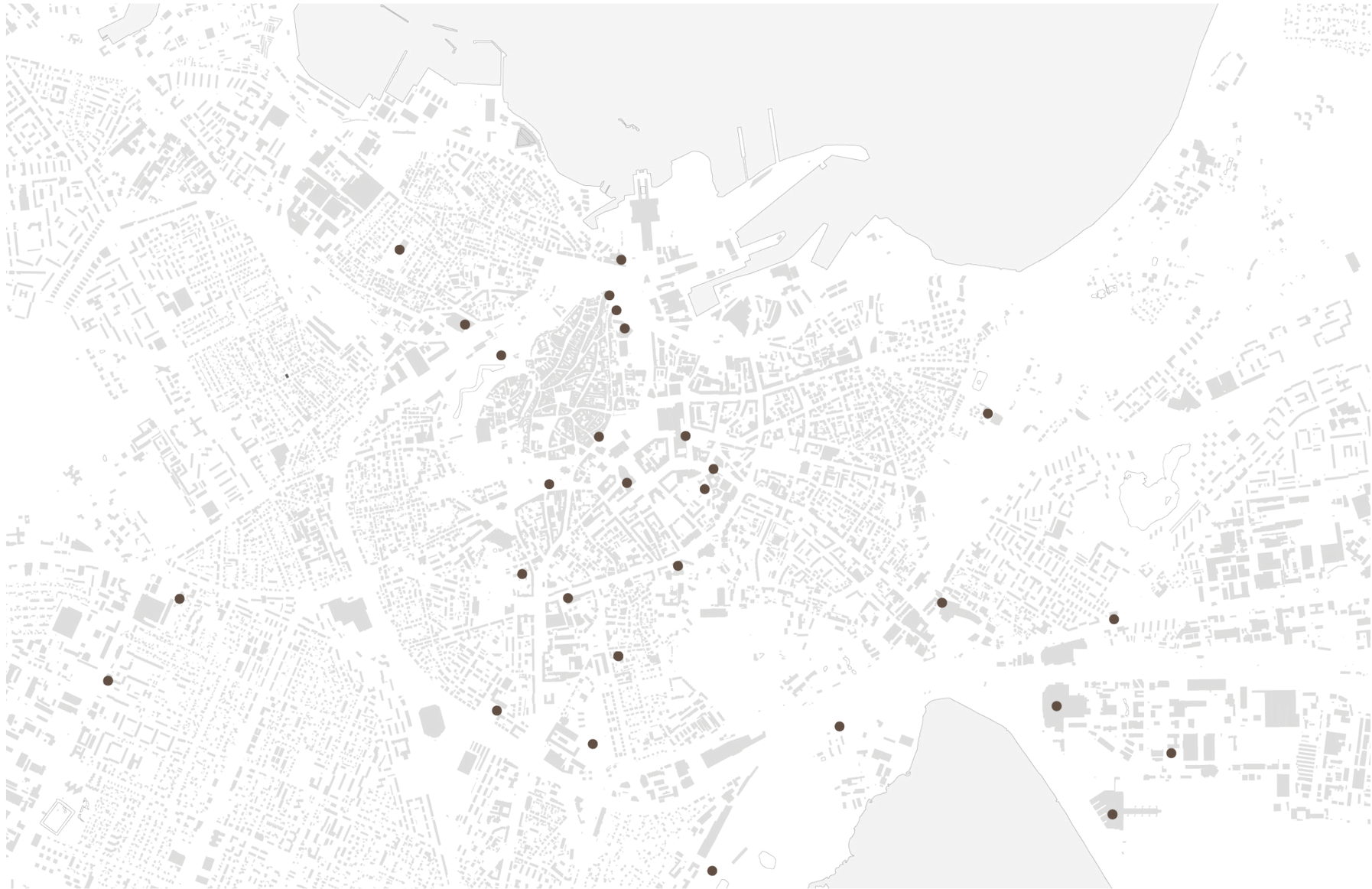
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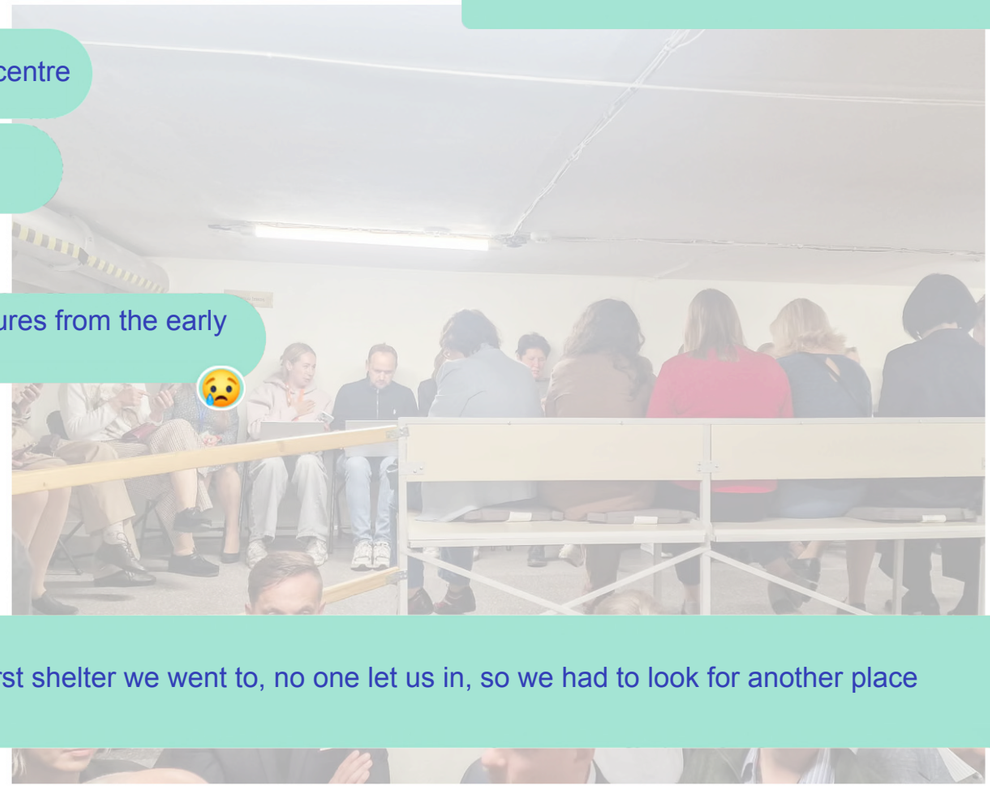
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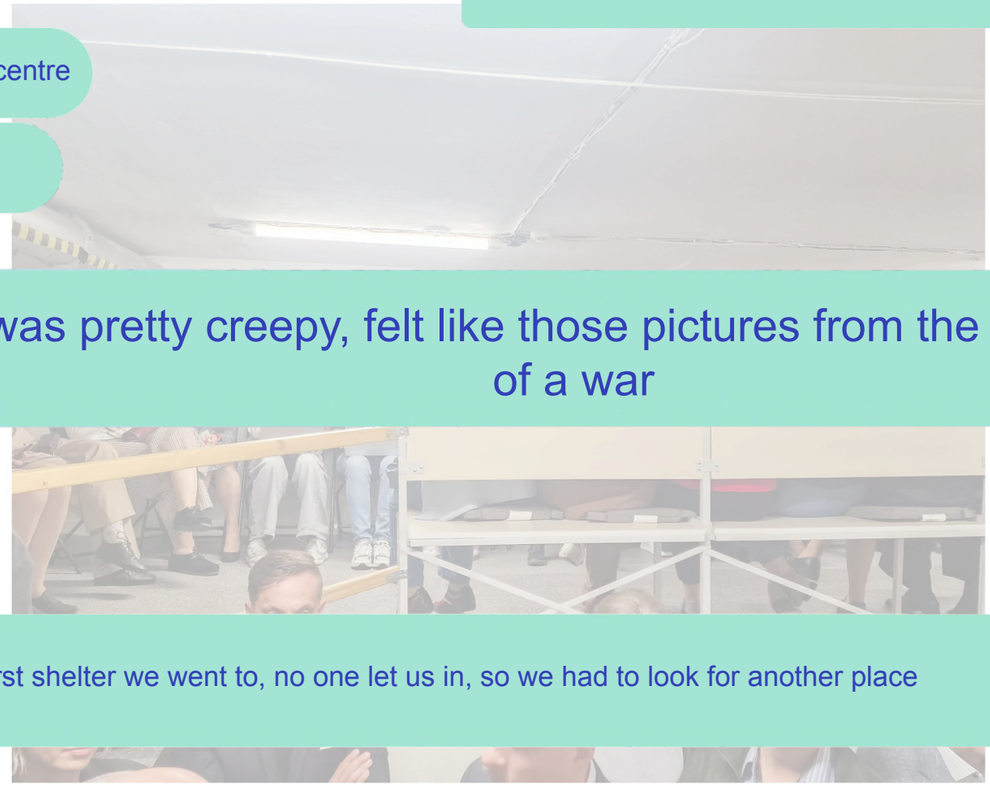
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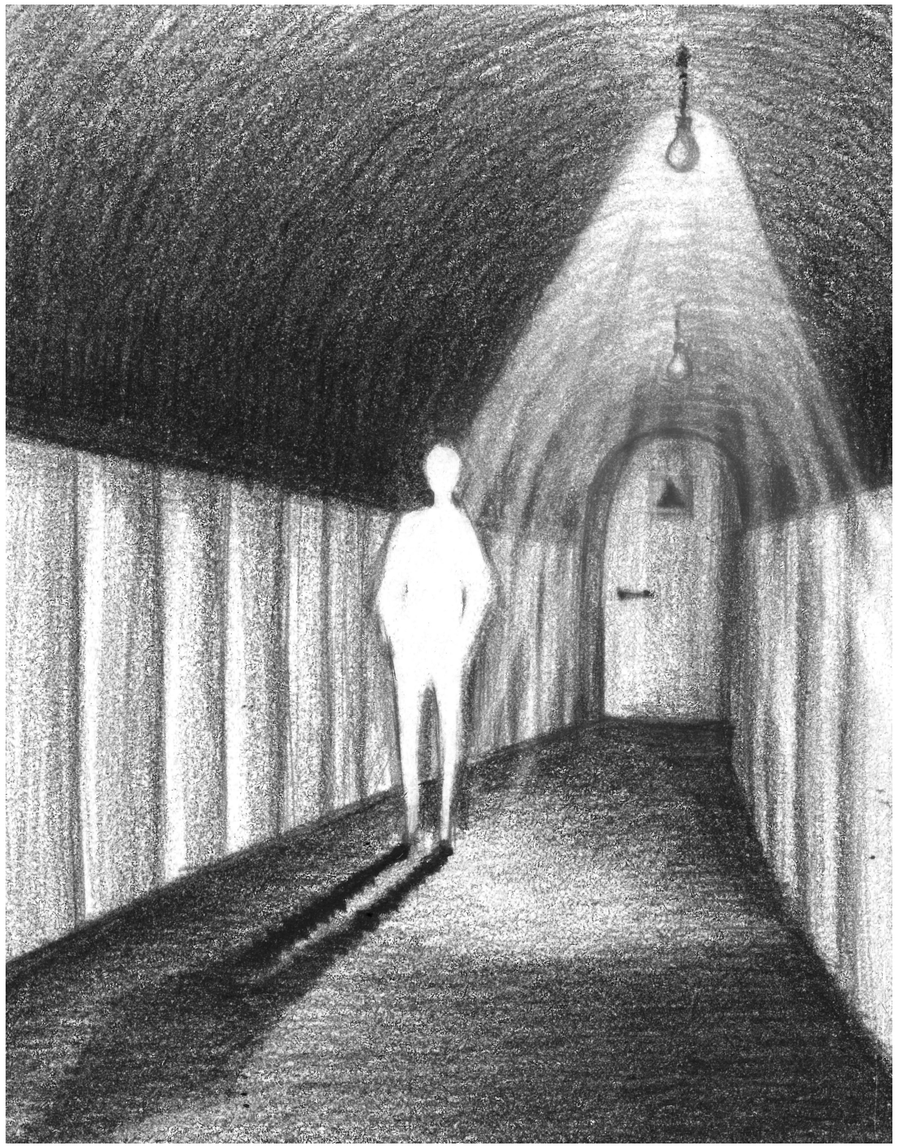


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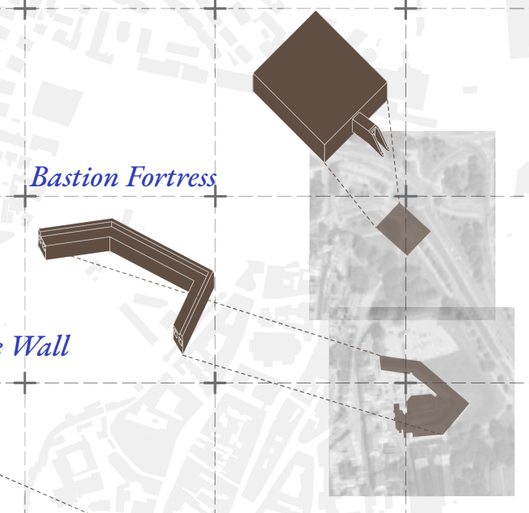




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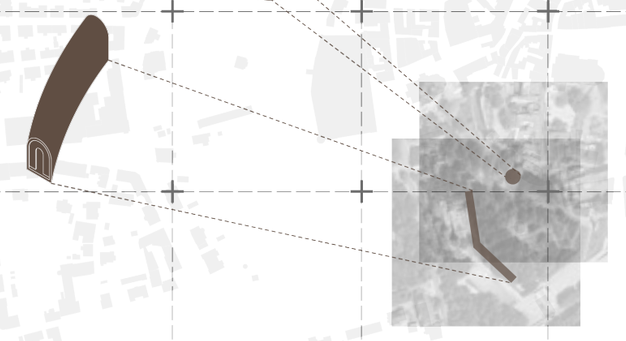


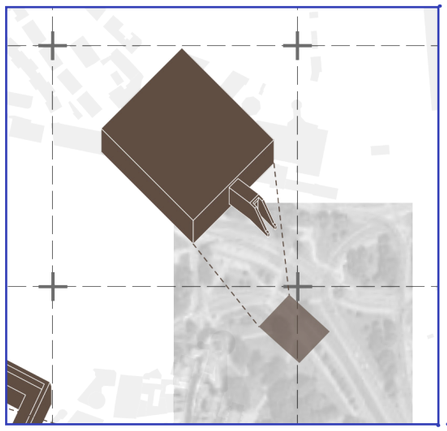
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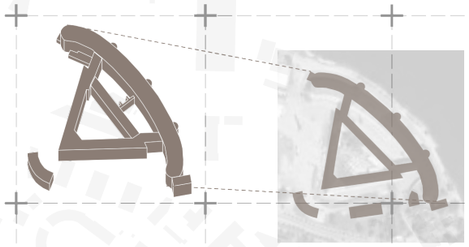
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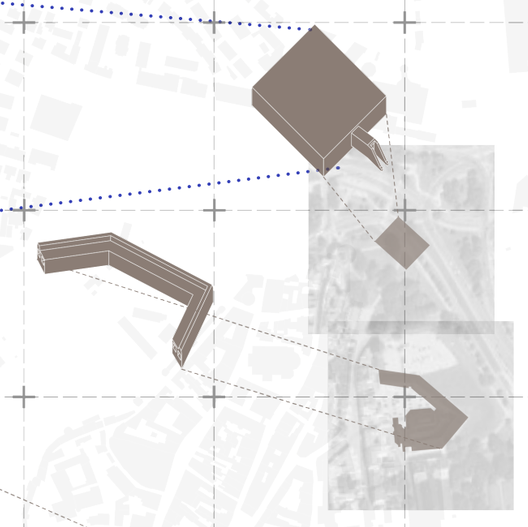
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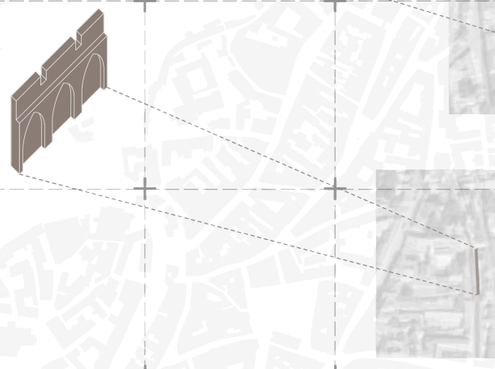


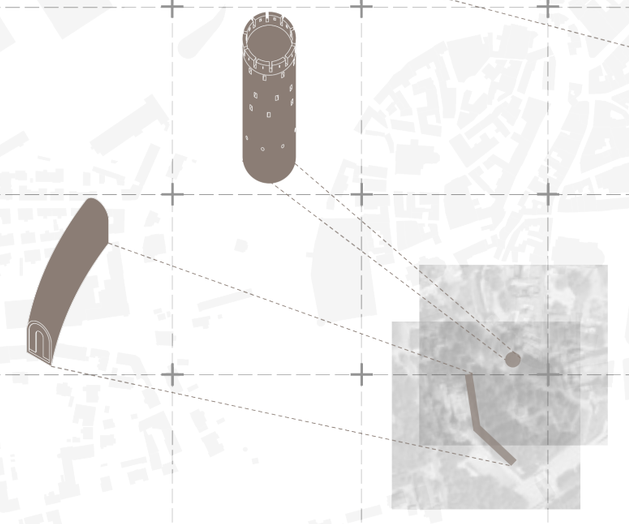


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bunker

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anxious
uninviting

counterbalancing fear

bunker ----------→ *underground shelter*

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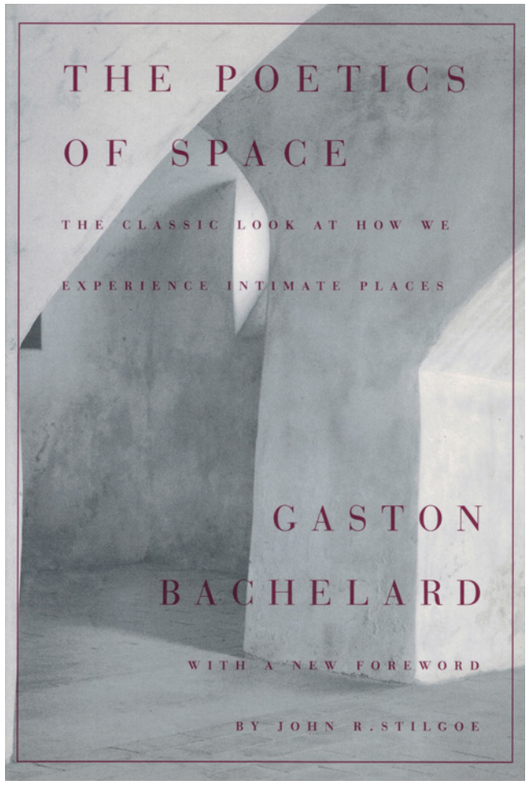
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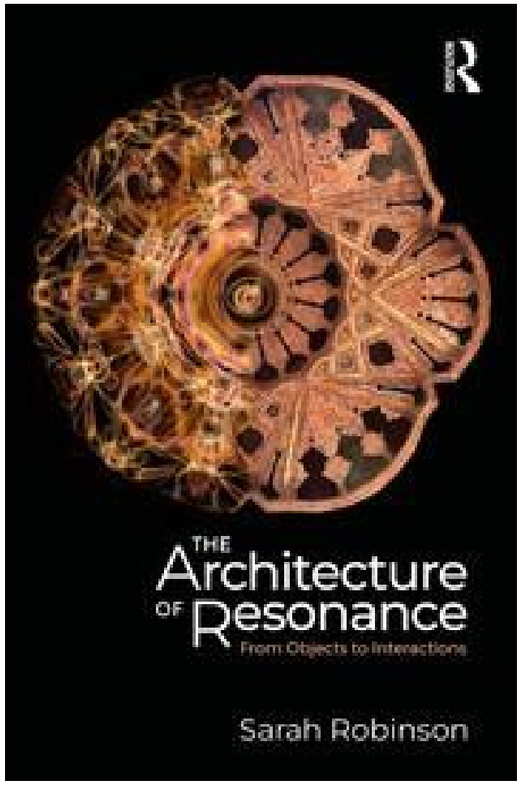
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Phenomenology



Neurology and Architecture

The Chosen Site


Noblessner
The Site
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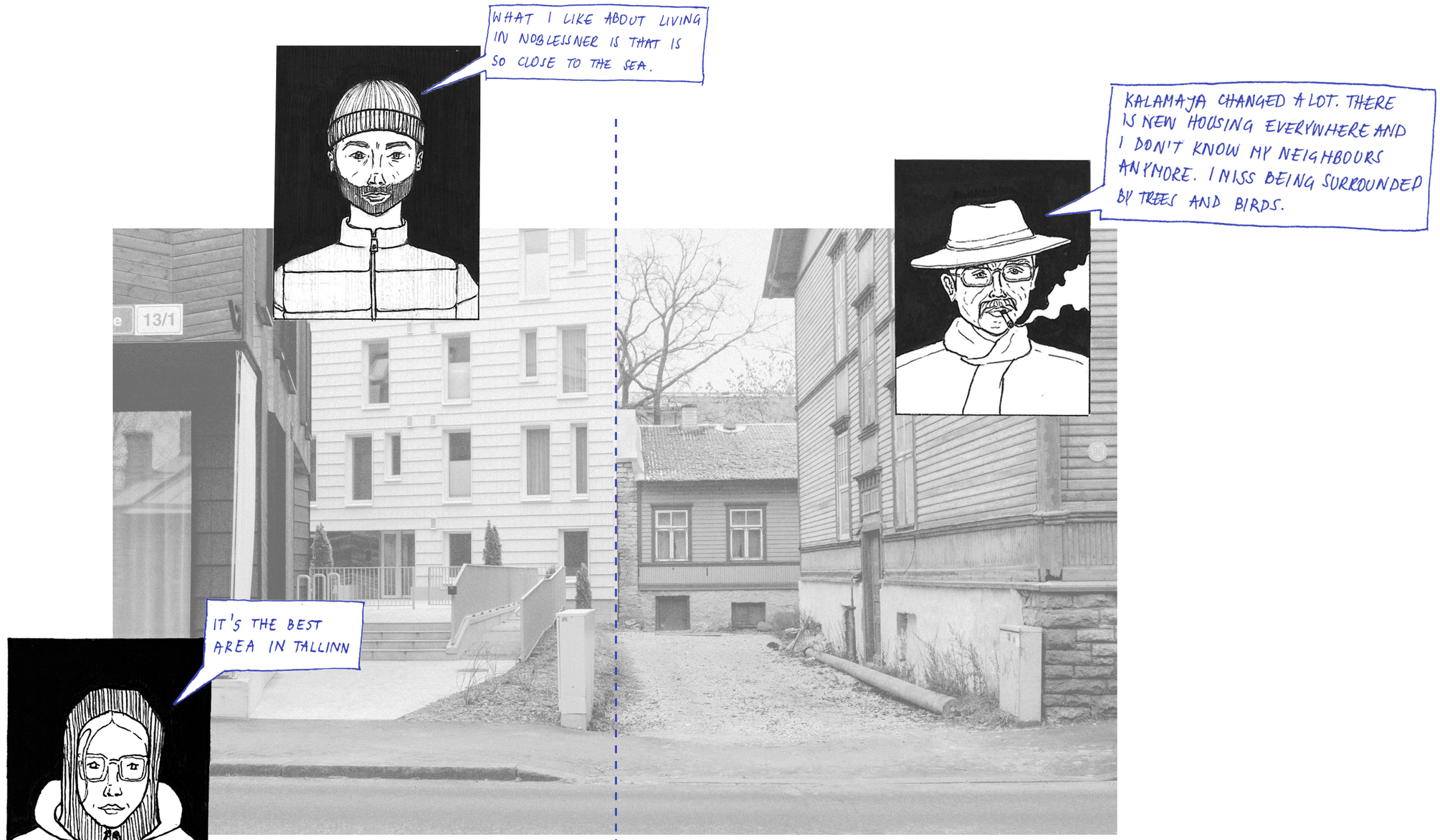


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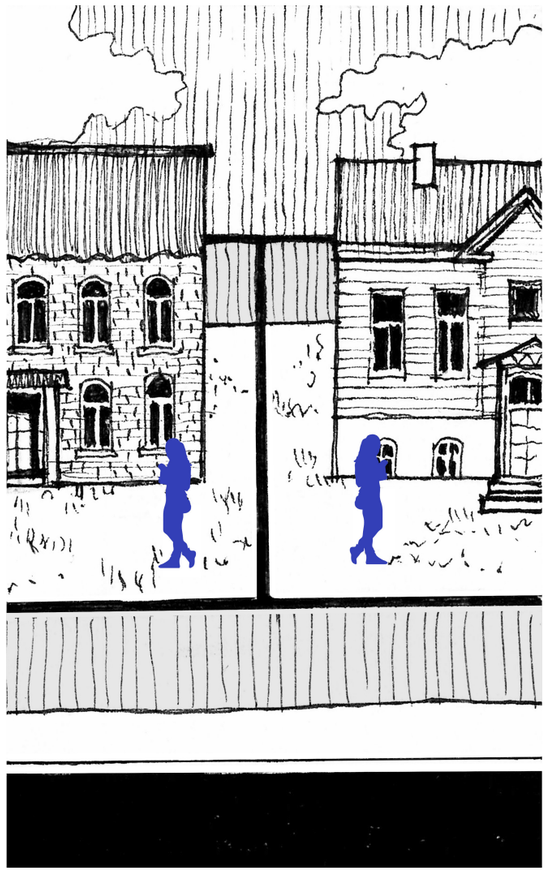

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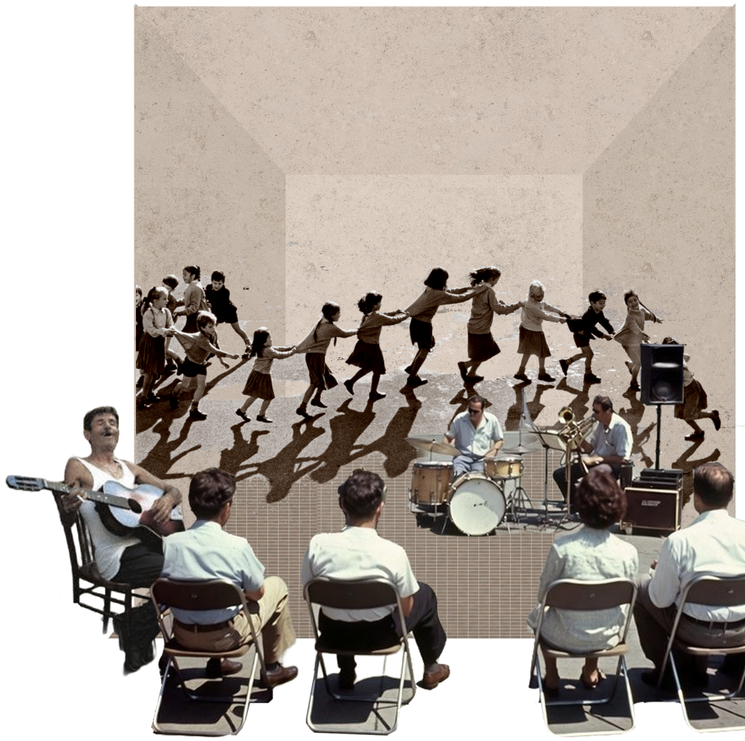
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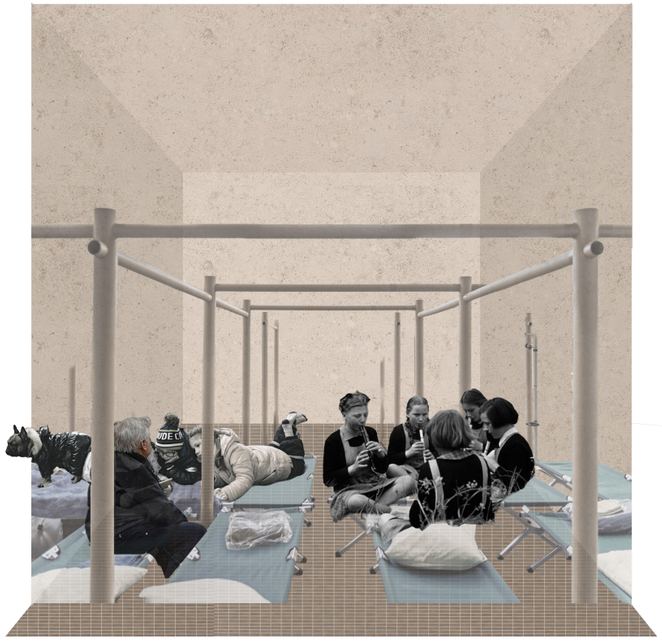
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Ukrainians sheltering in Kyiv metro station, 25th Februrary, 2022

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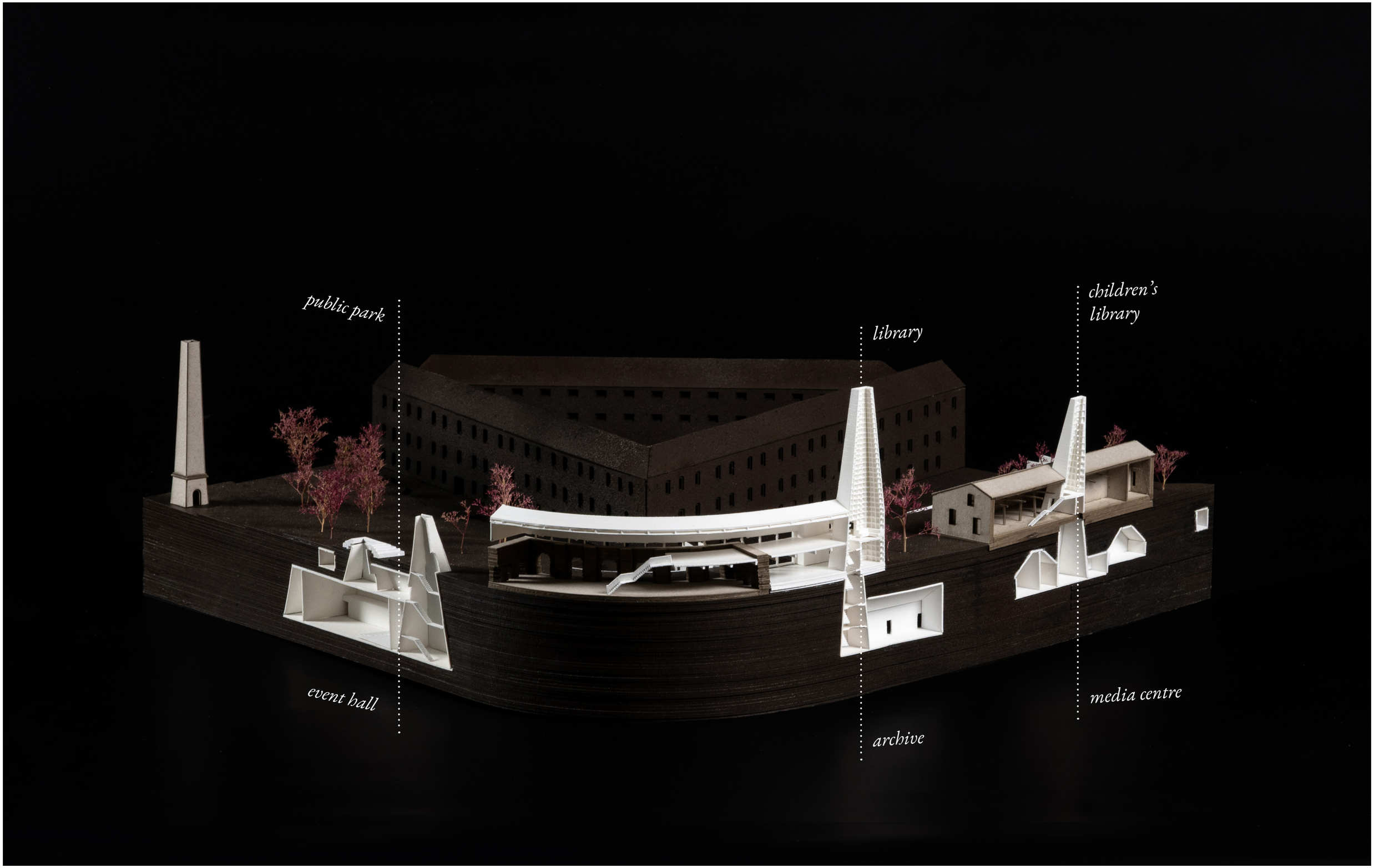
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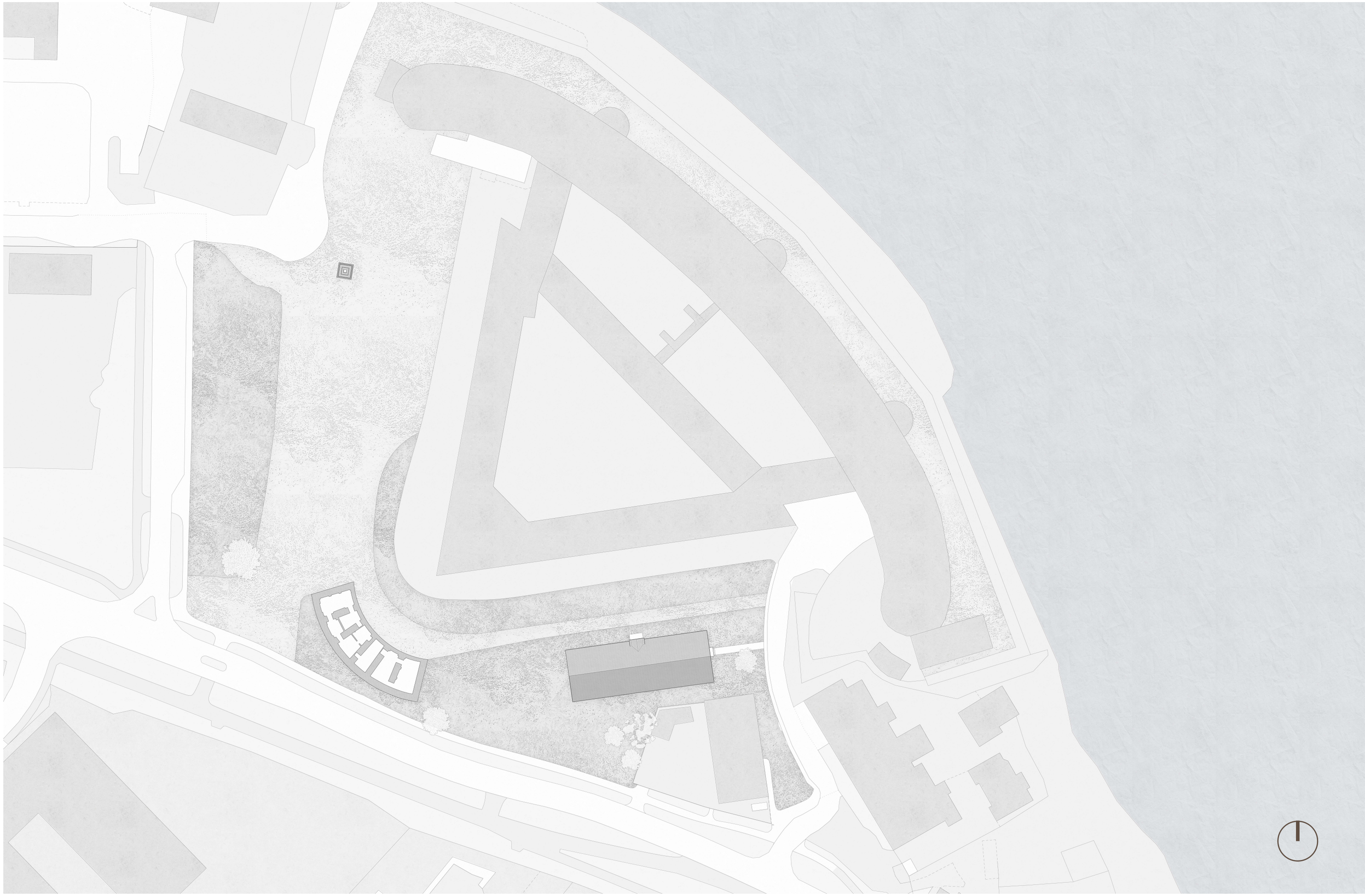
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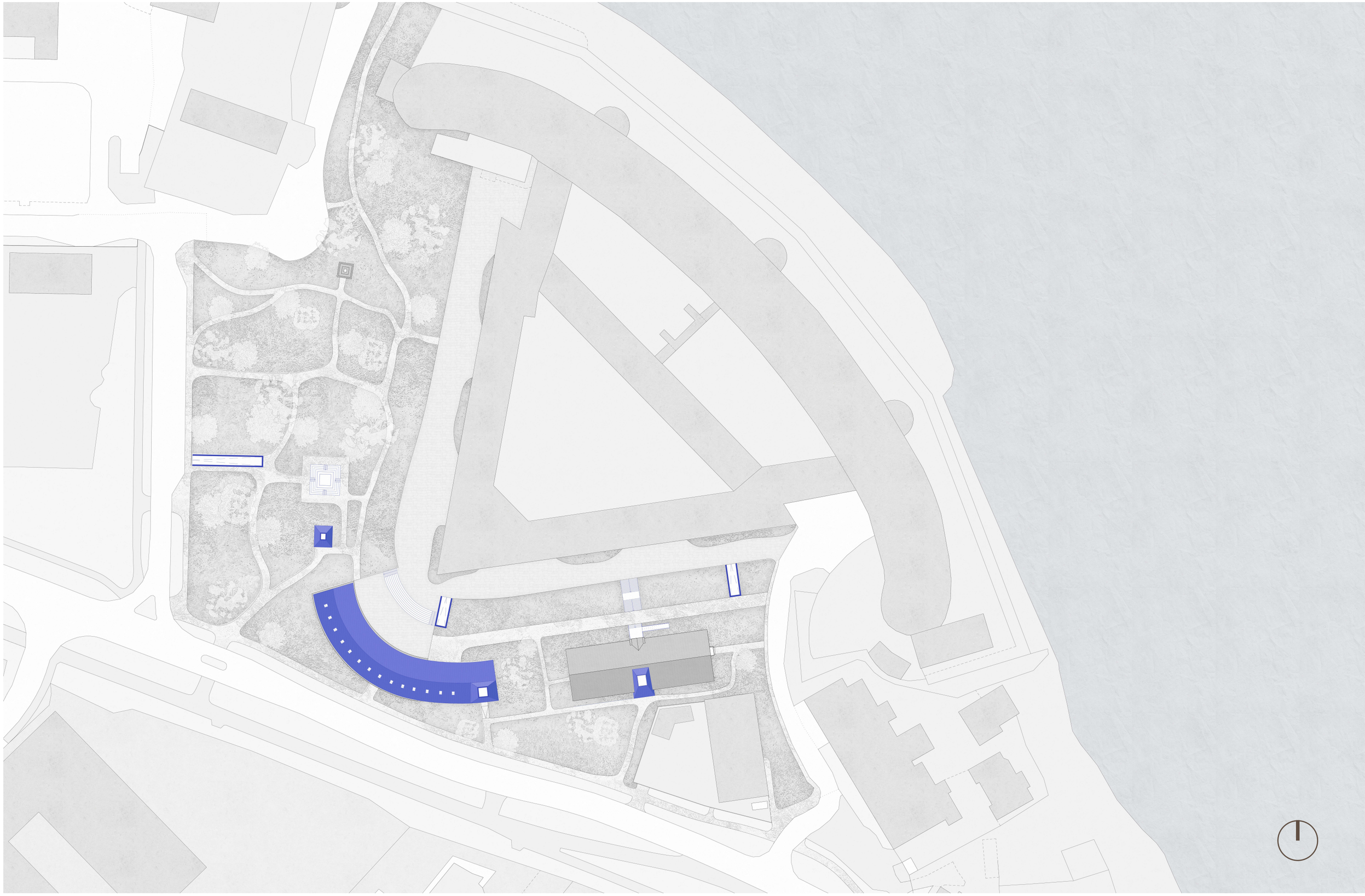

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library
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event hall
archive
media centre

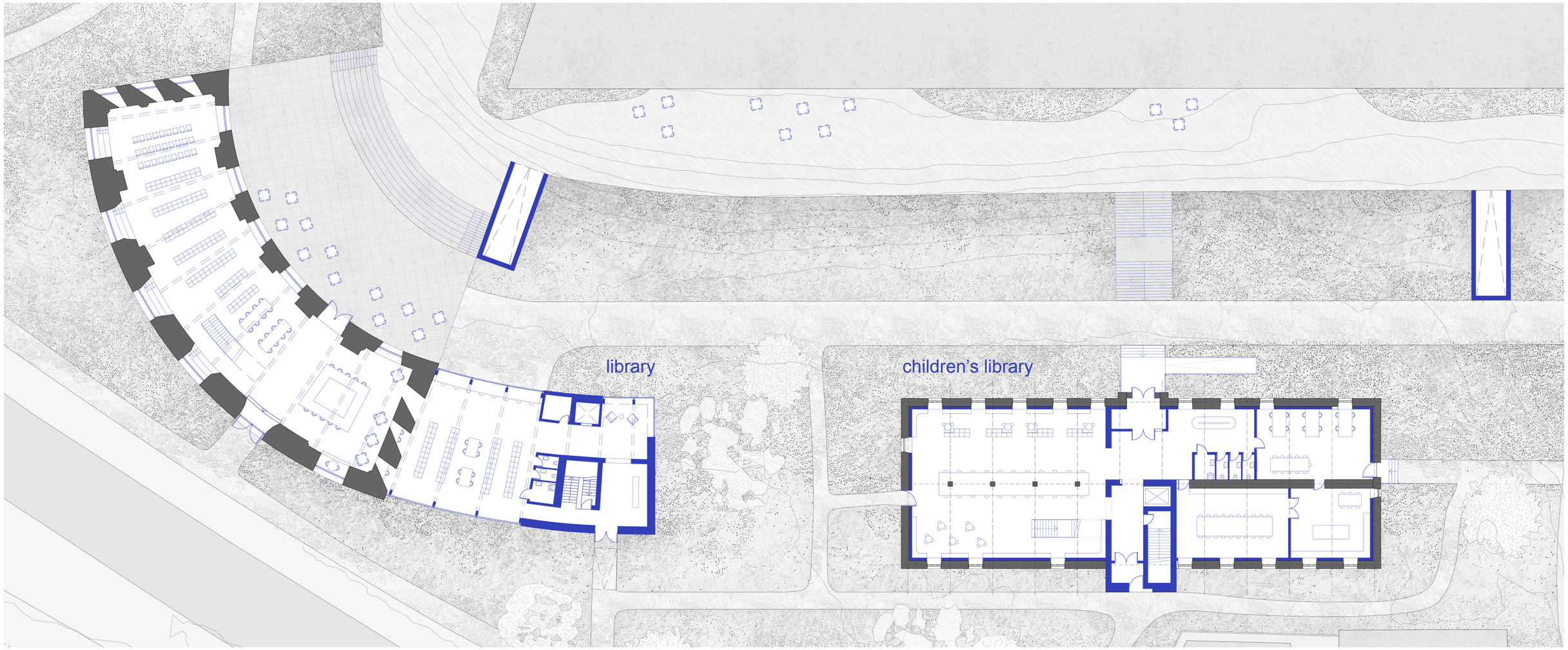
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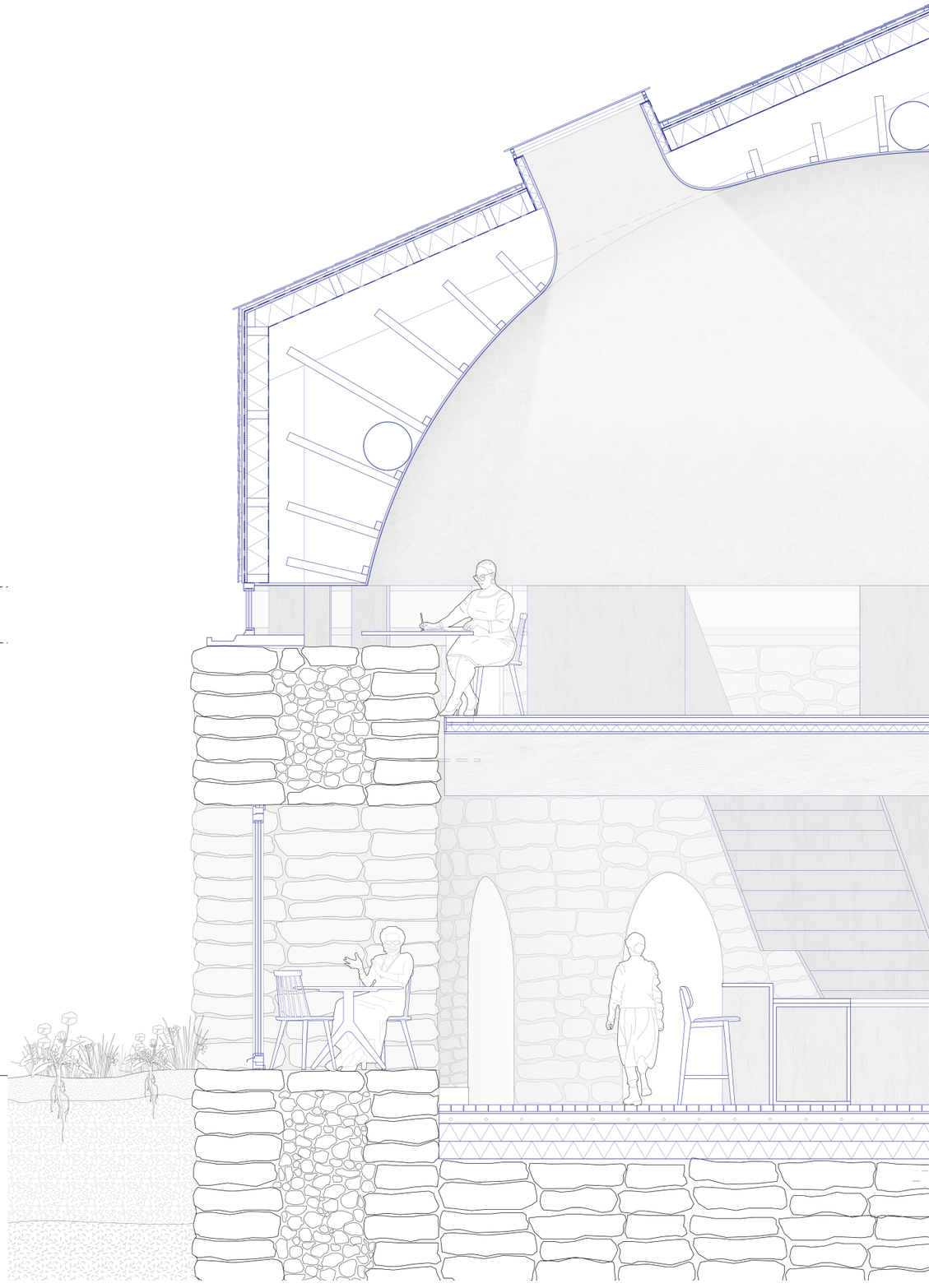
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the library

the gap in between







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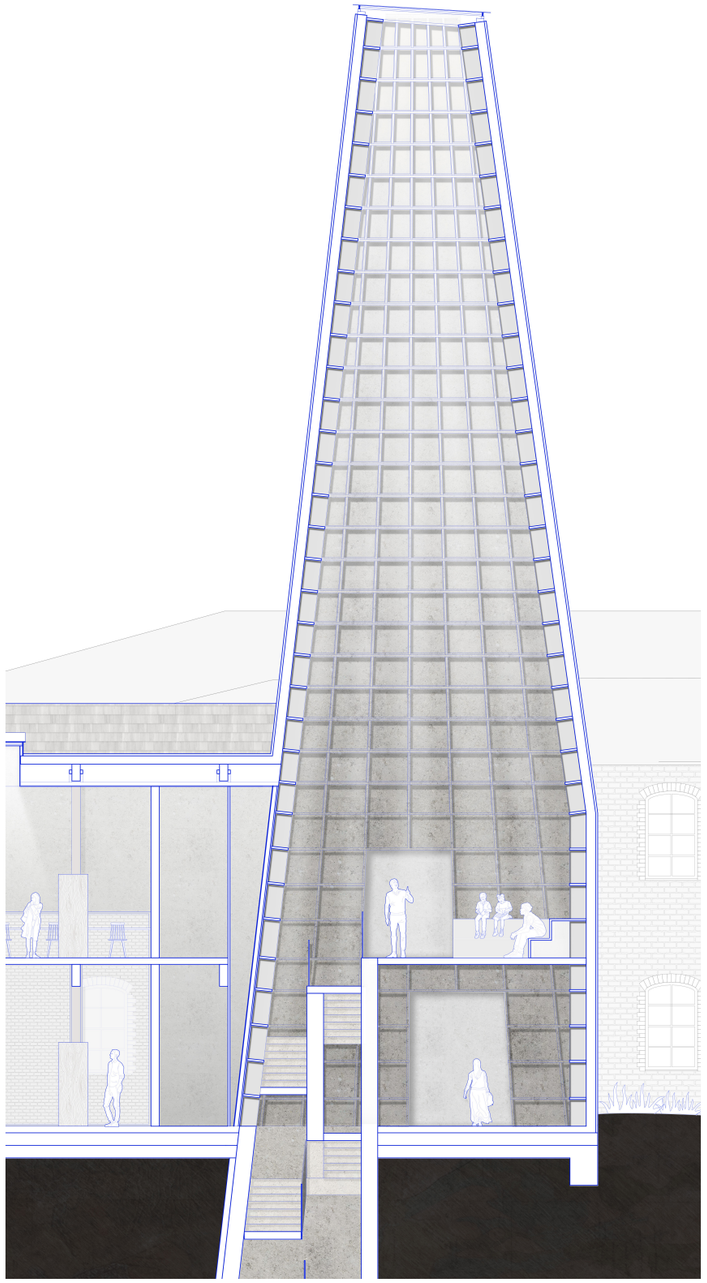
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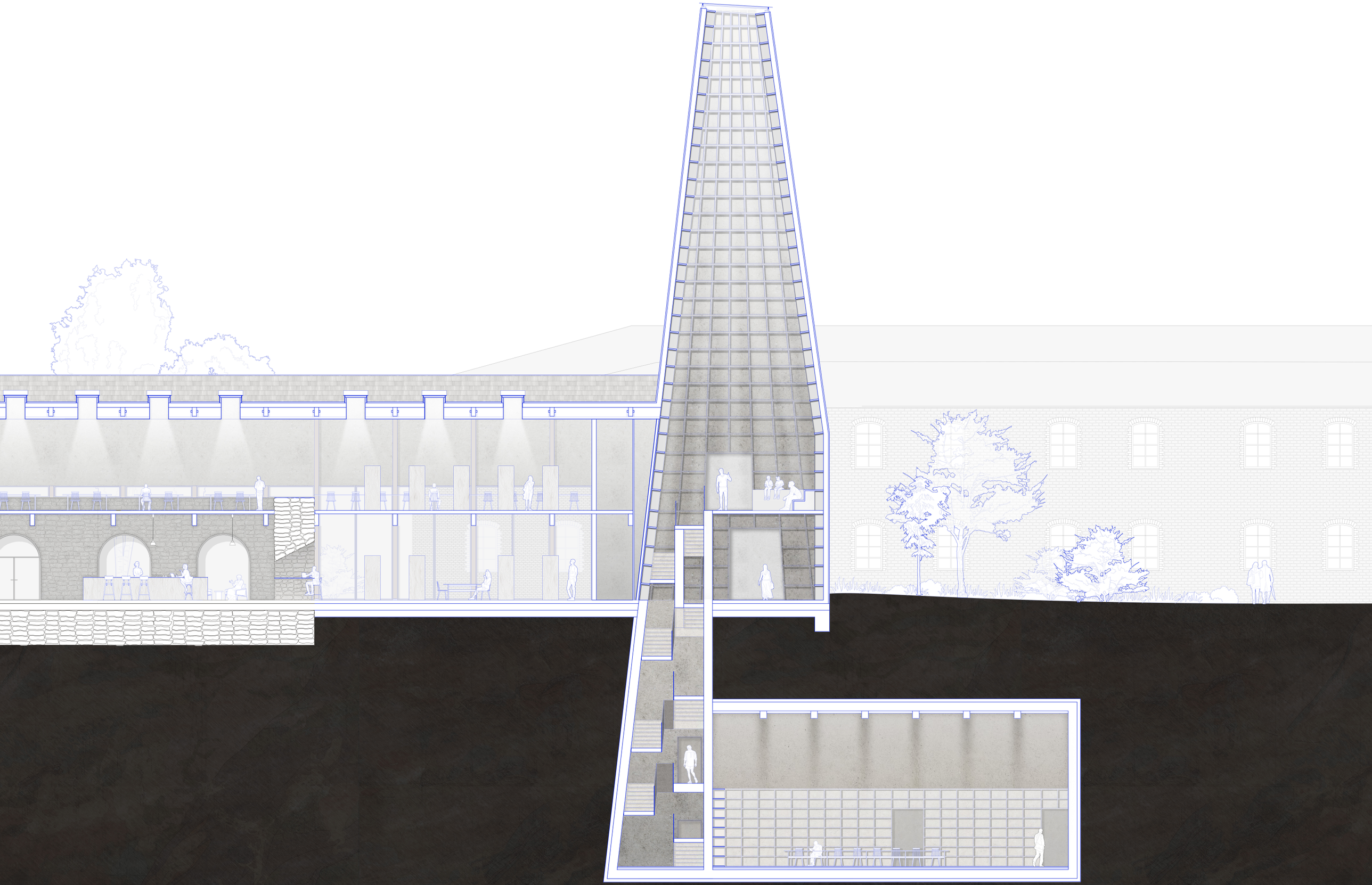
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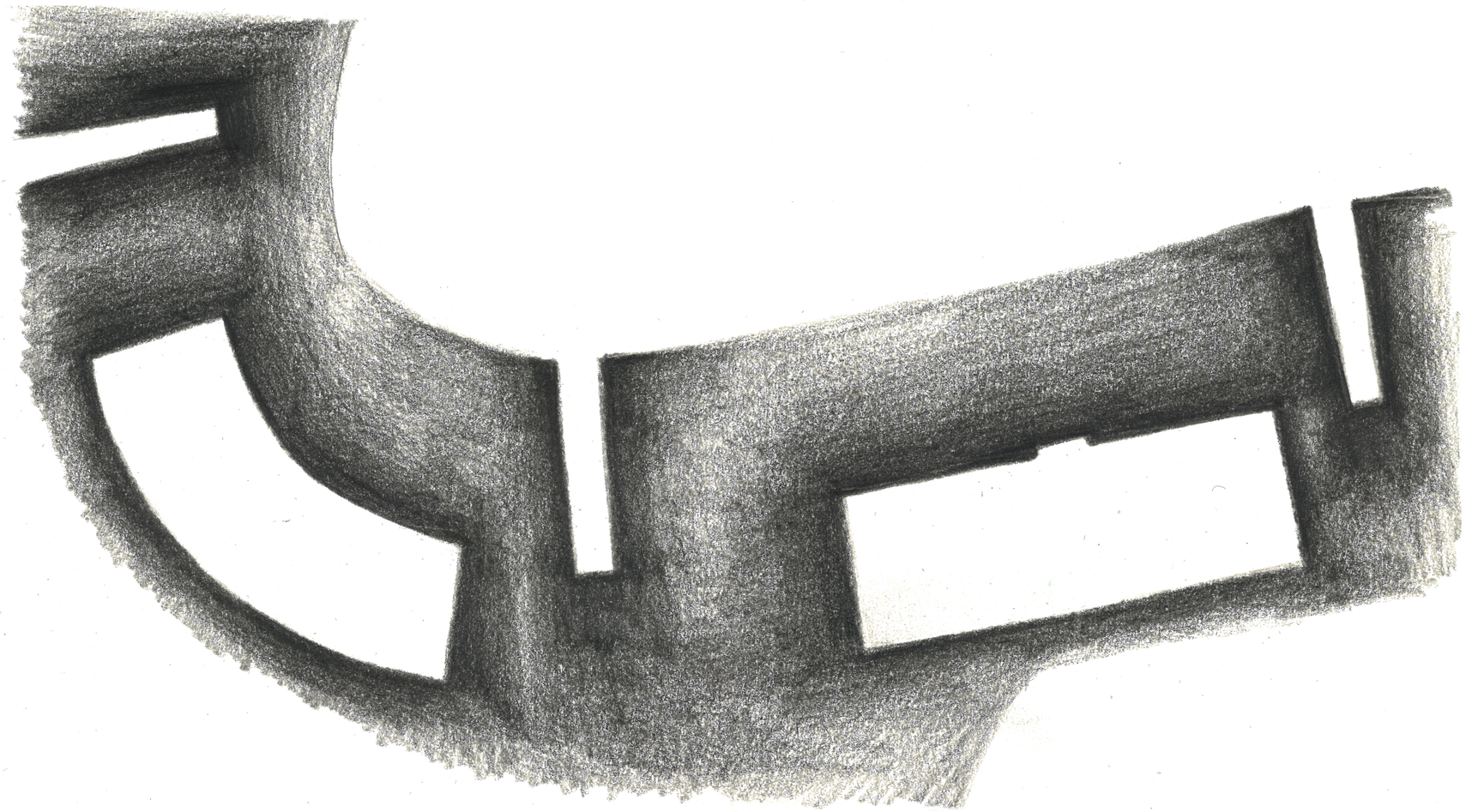


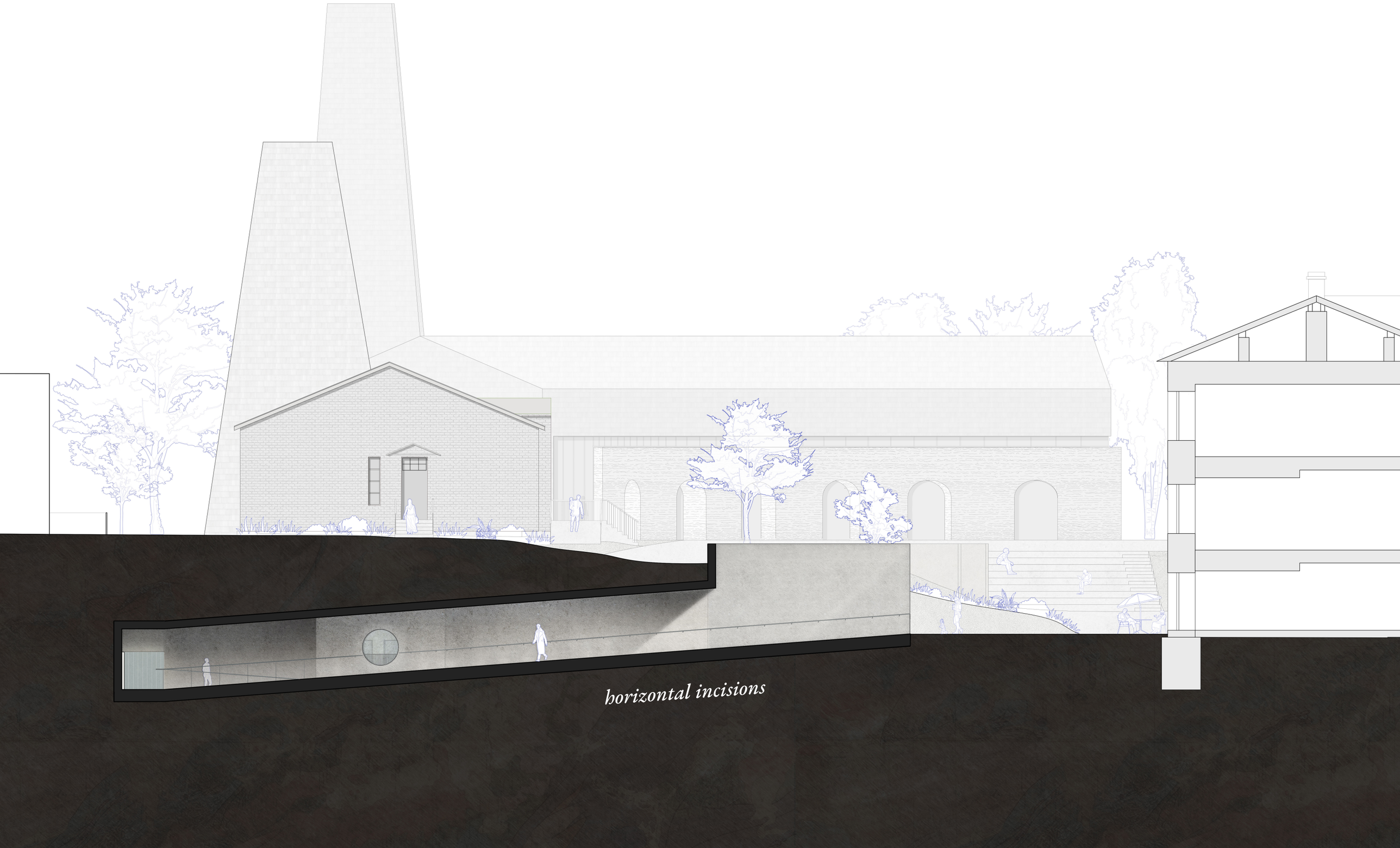
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Gaston Bachelard ‘Poetics of Space’

Painting - Caspar David Friedrich’s Monk by the Sea

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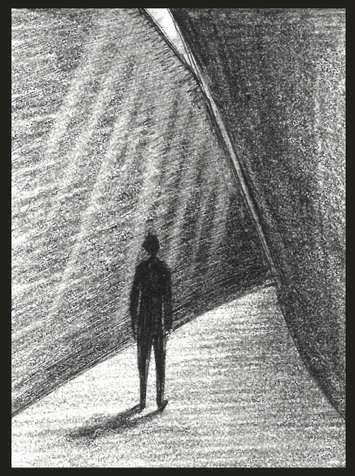


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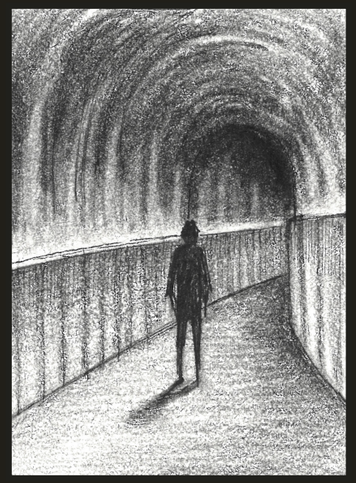
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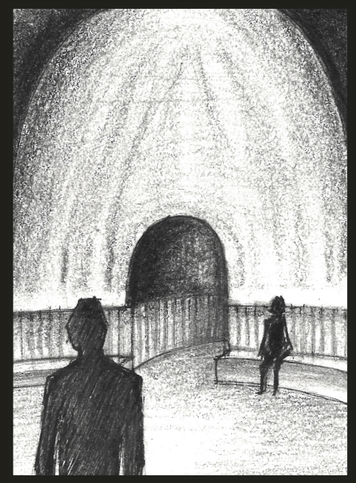


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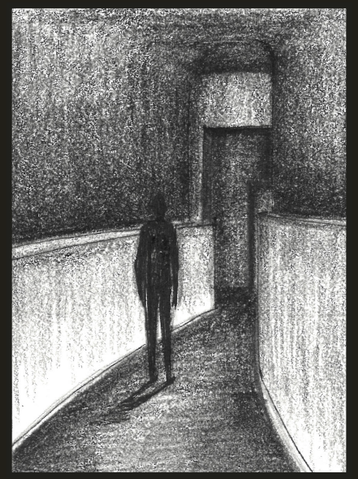


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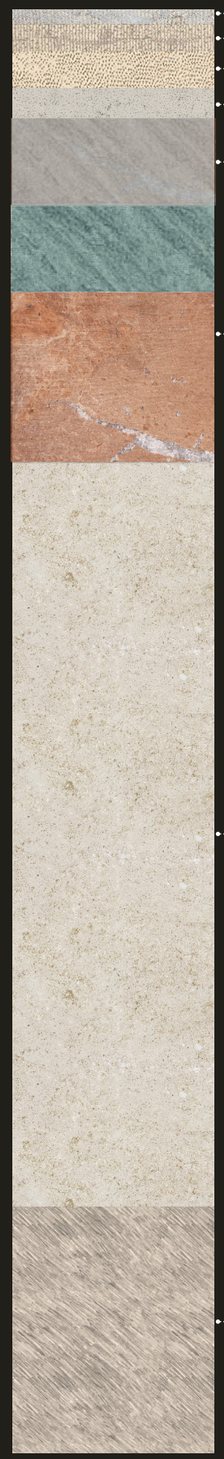
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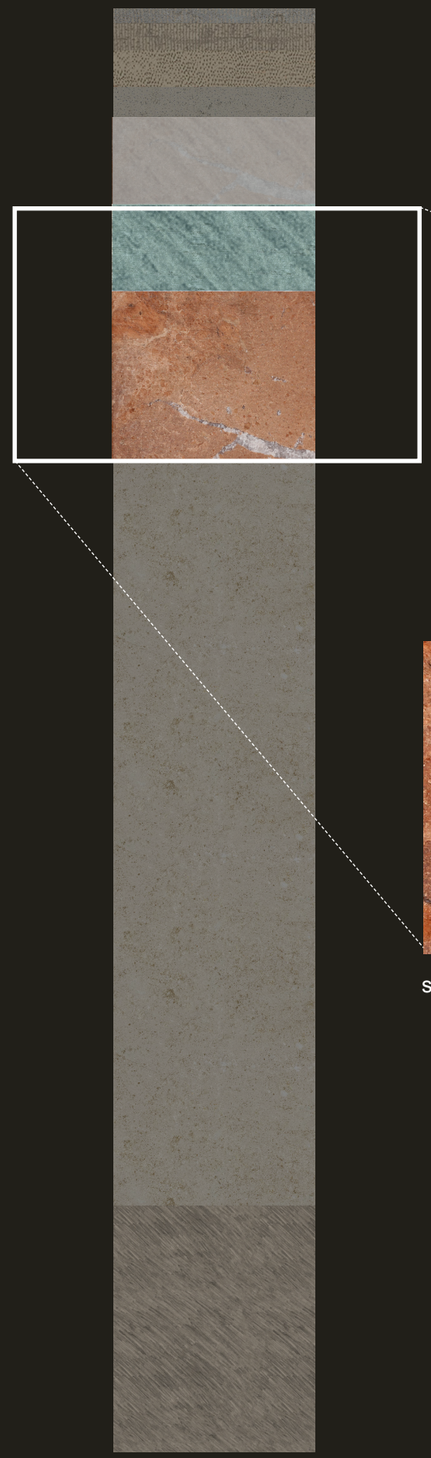
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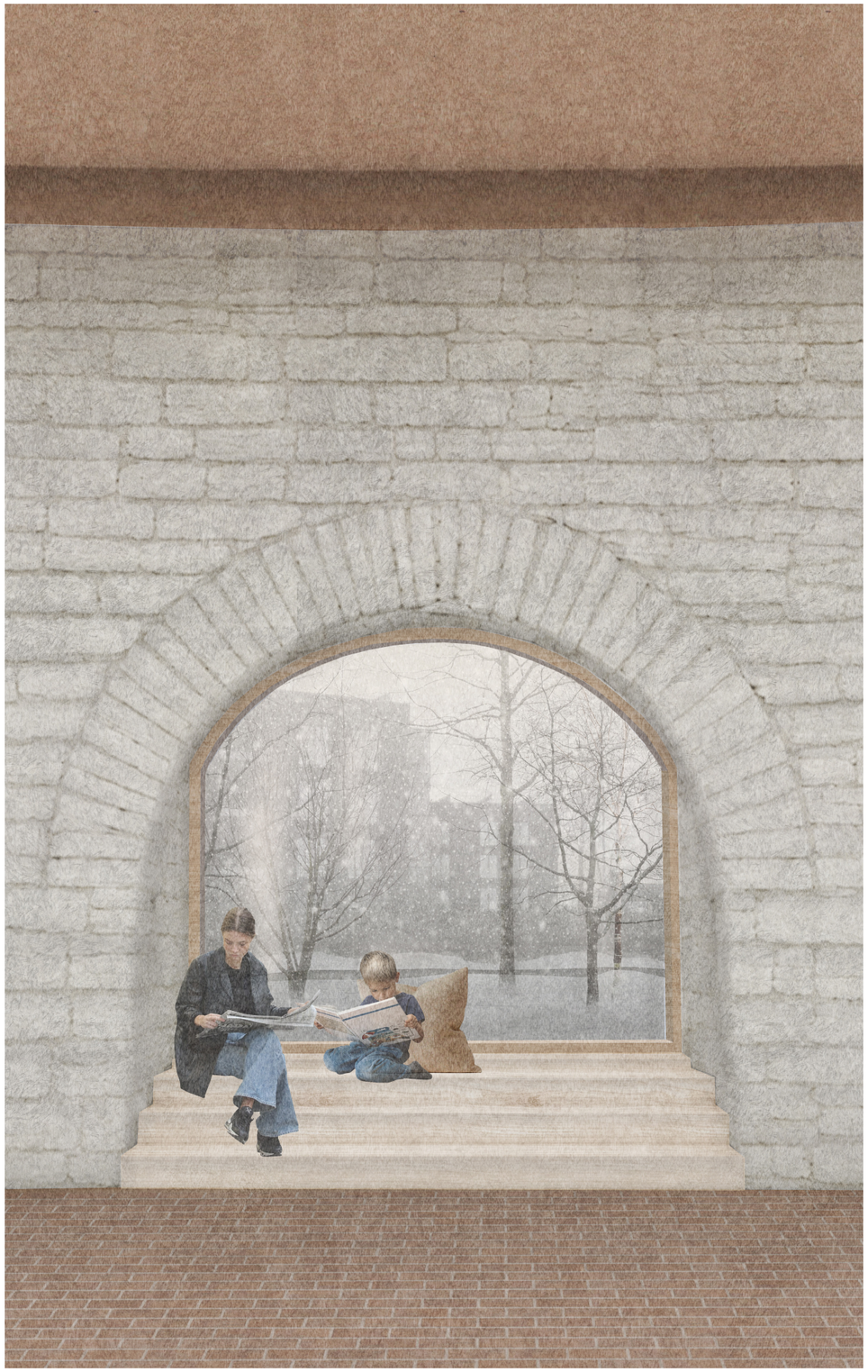
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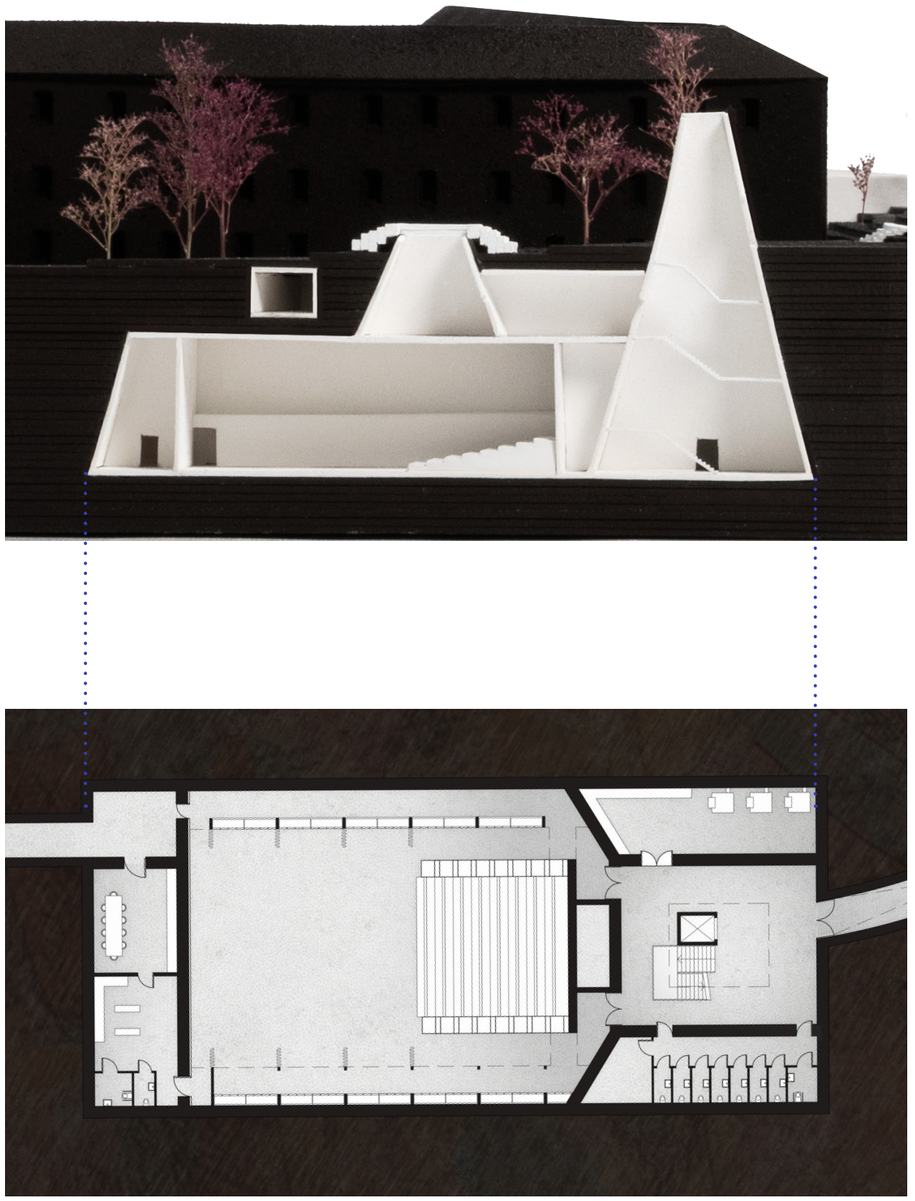
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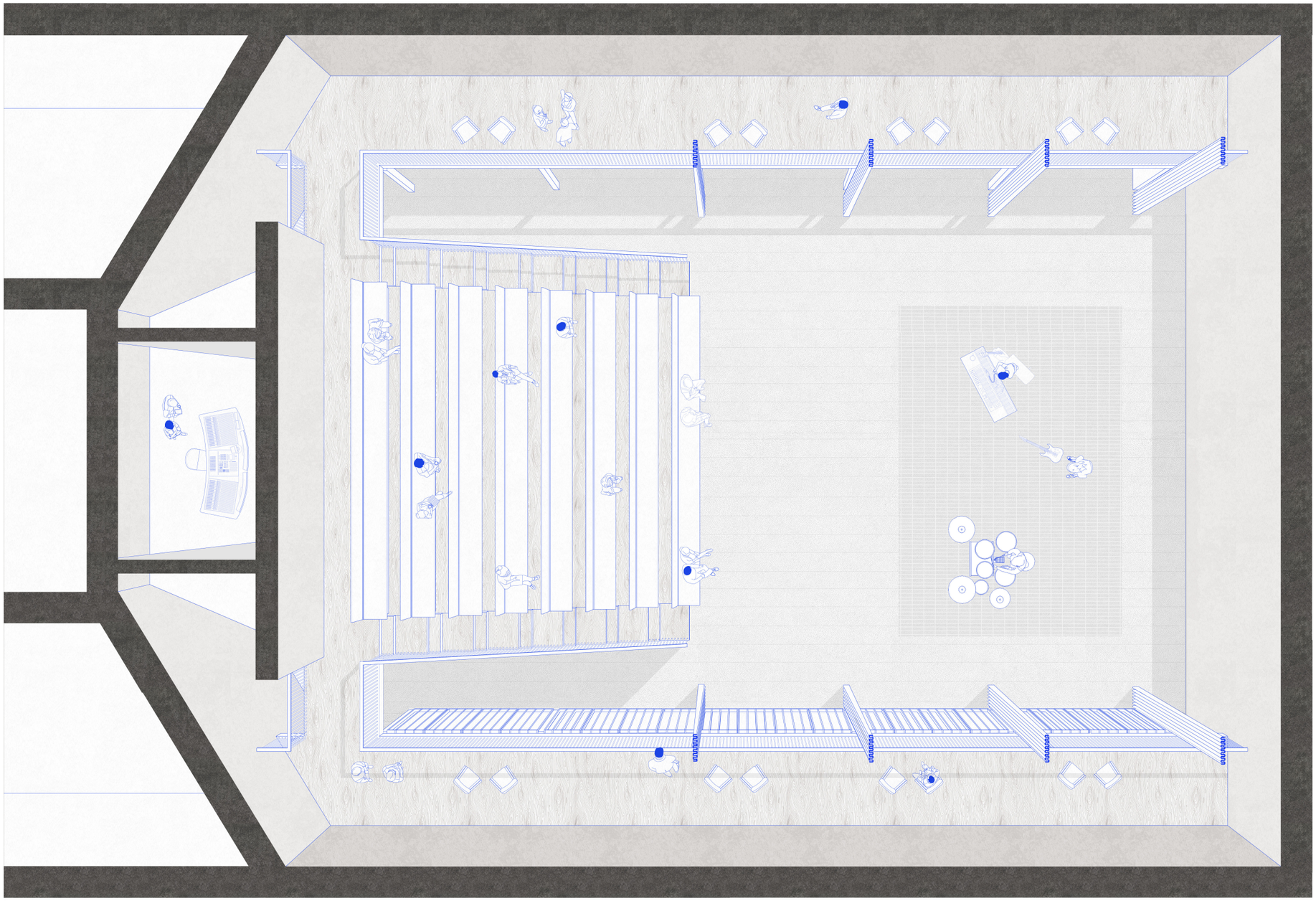
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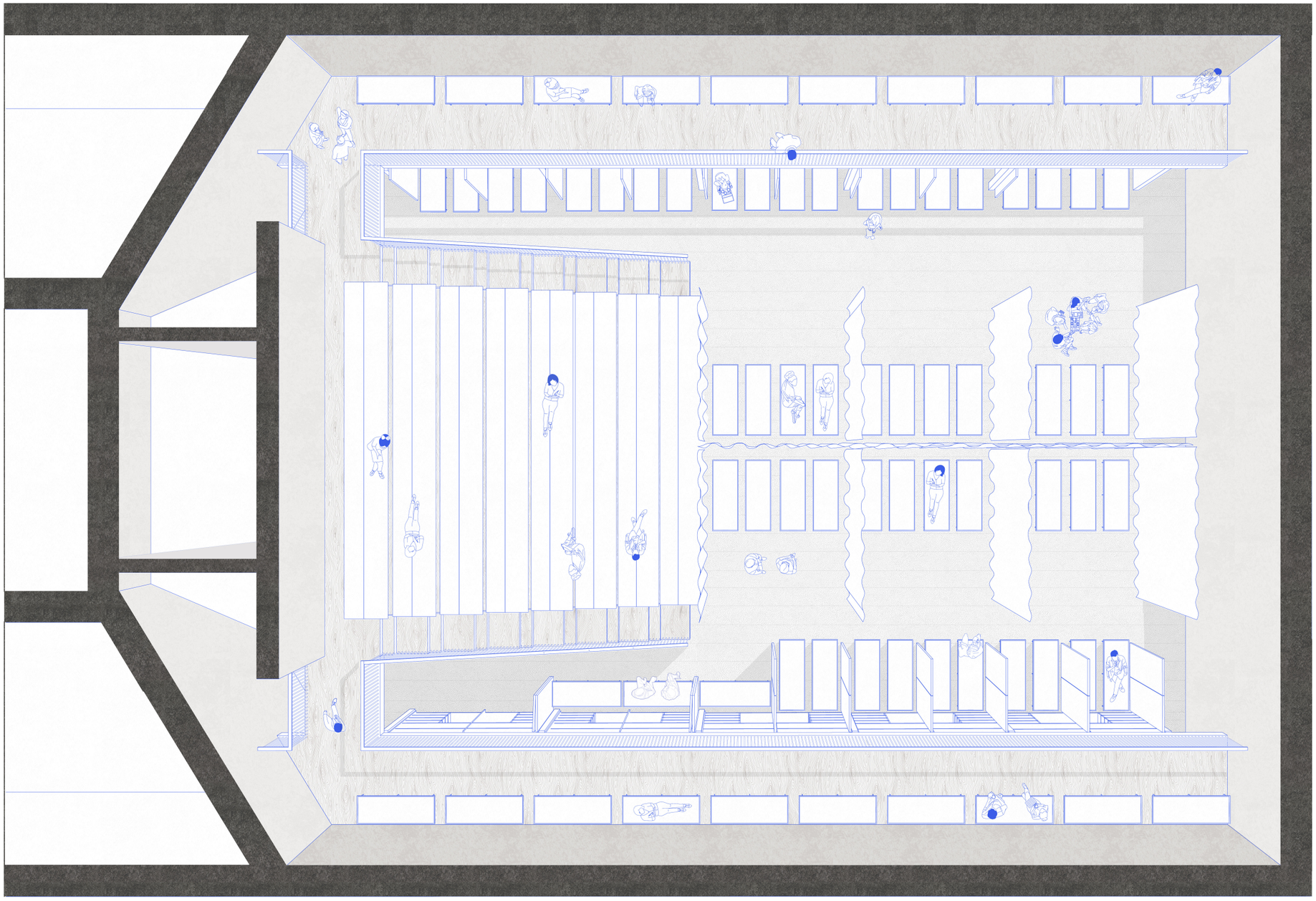
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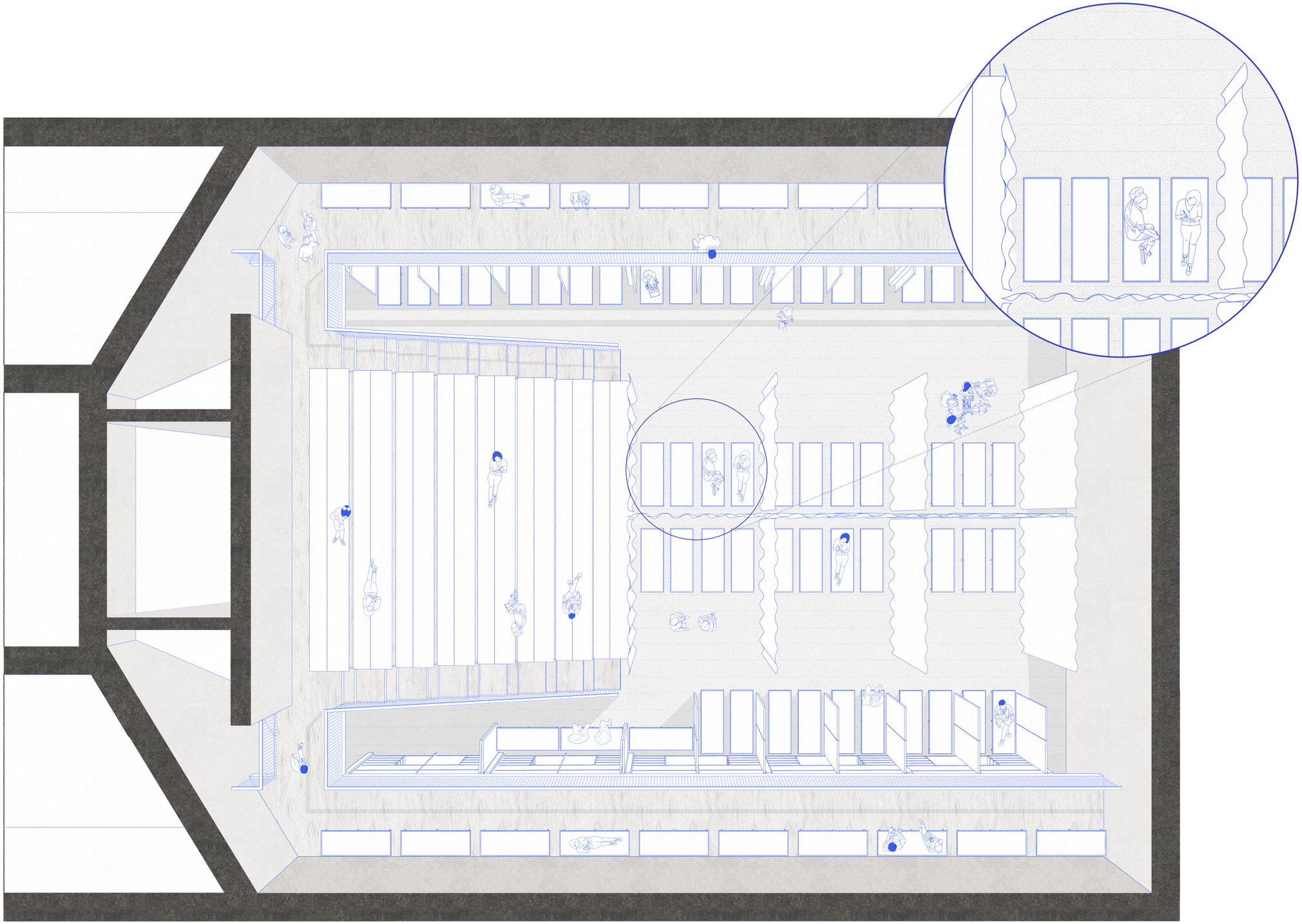
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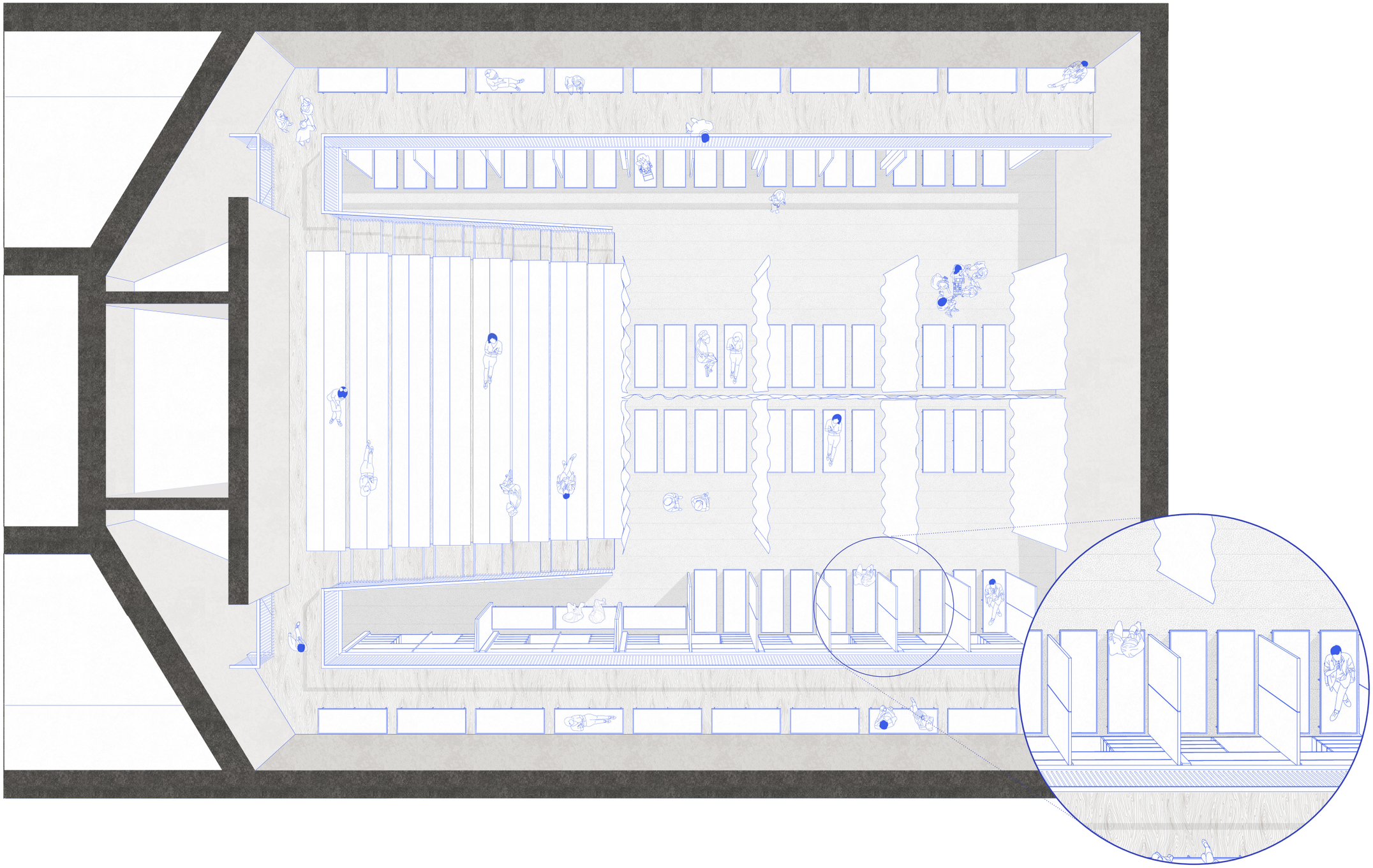
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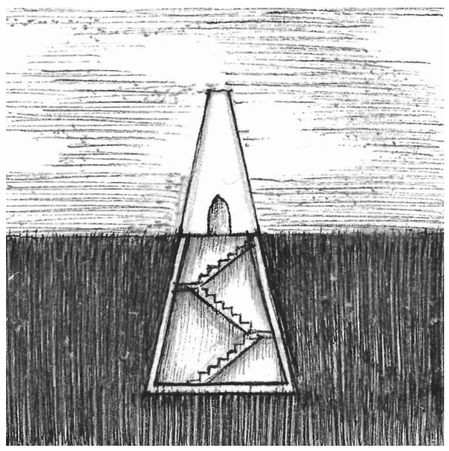


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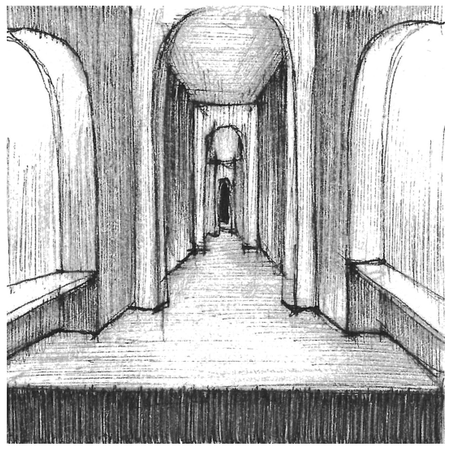


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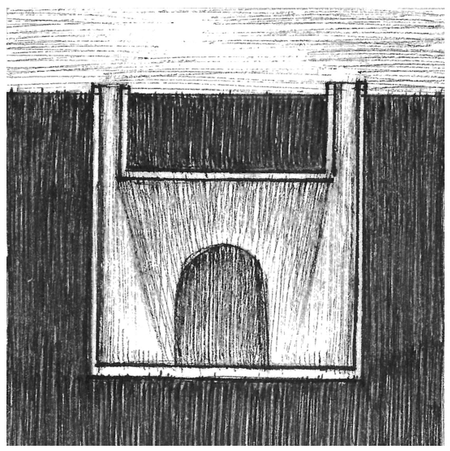
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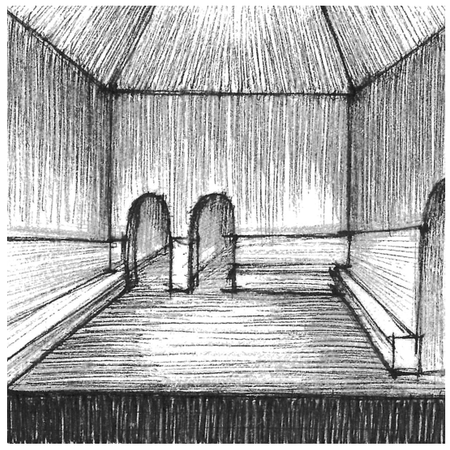
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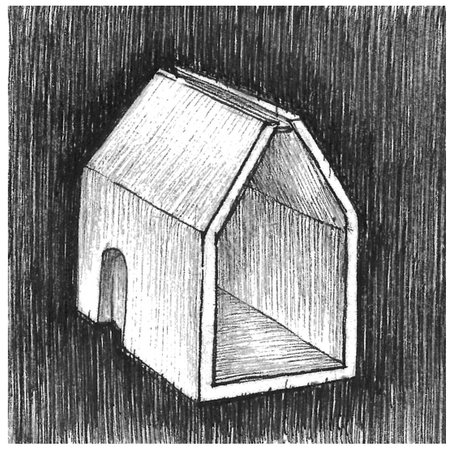
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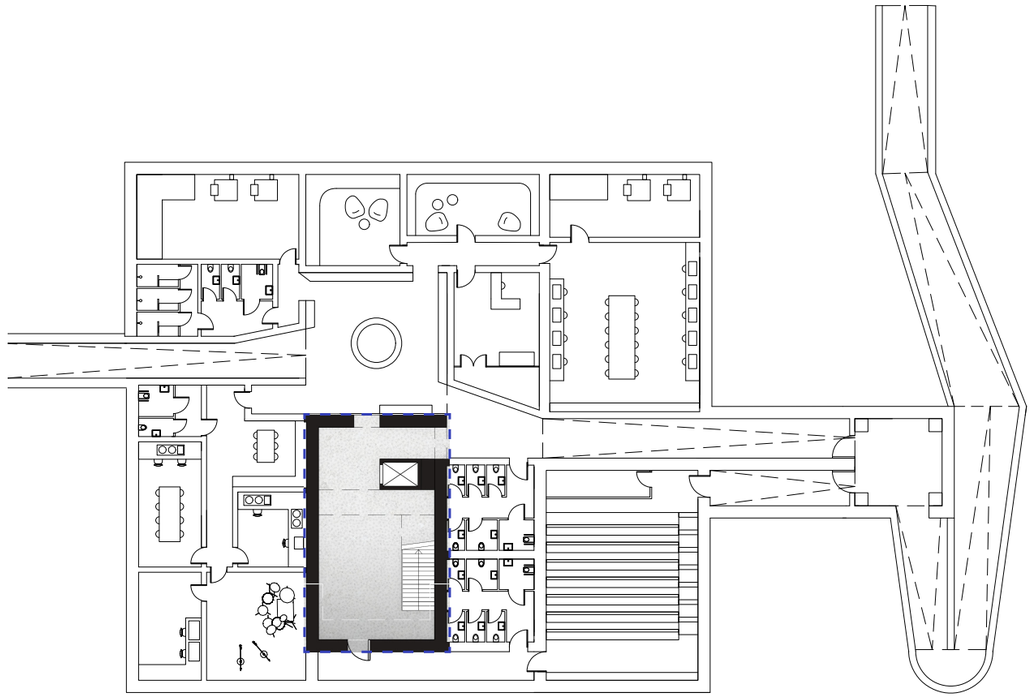
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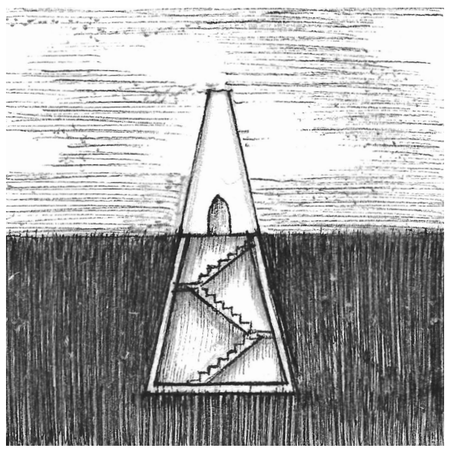


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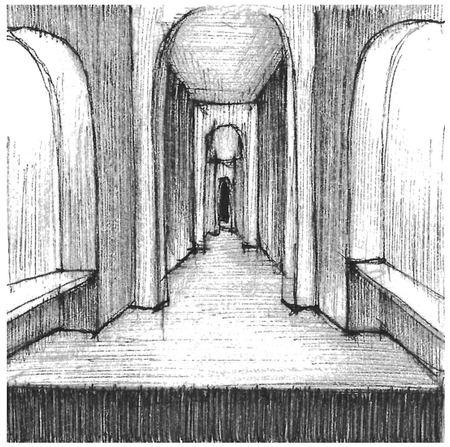


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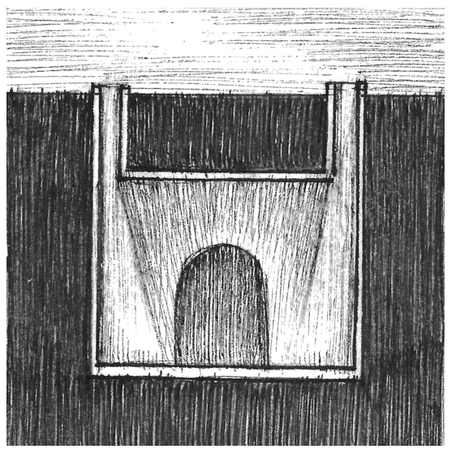




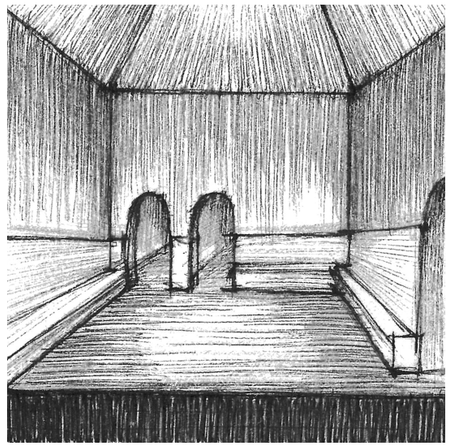
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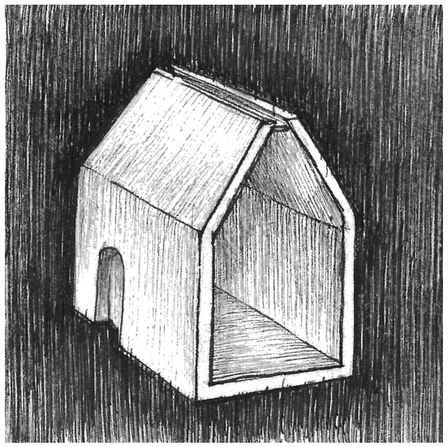
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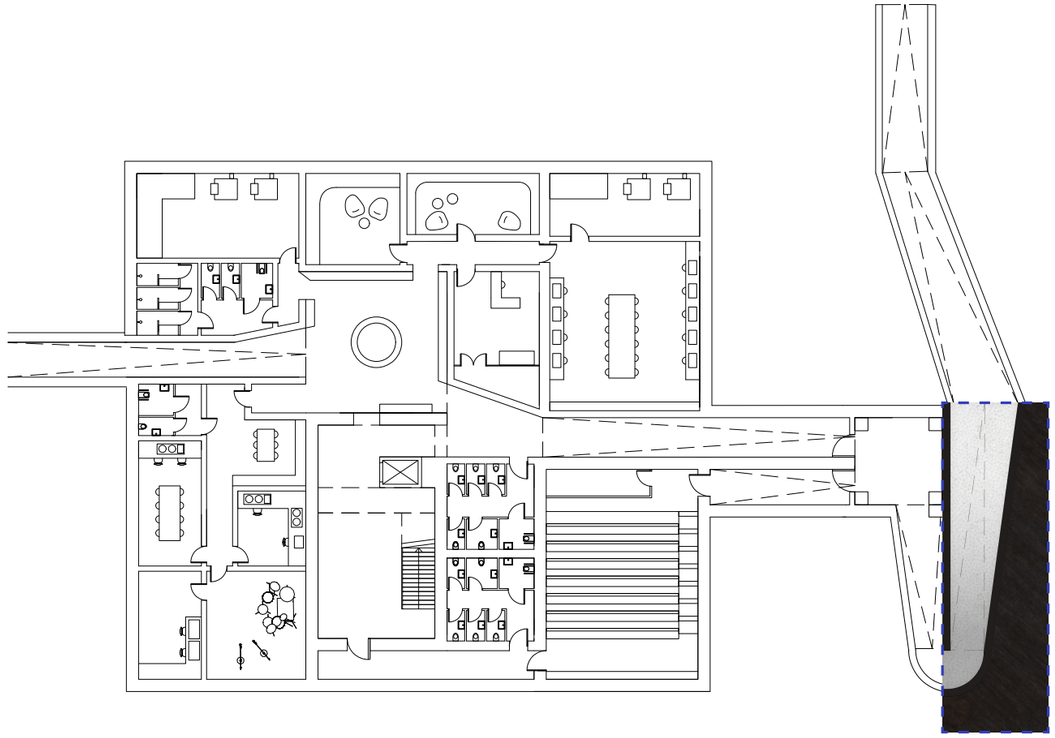
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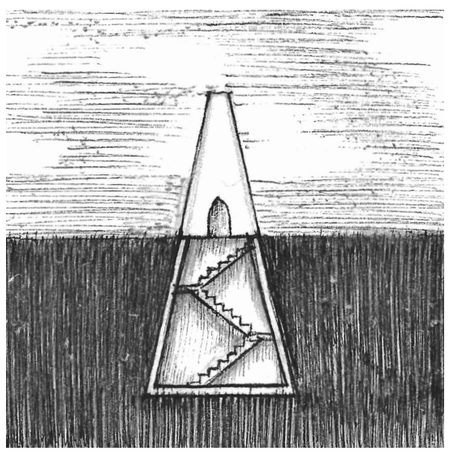


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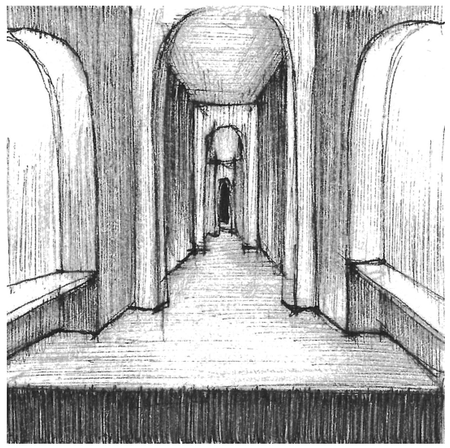


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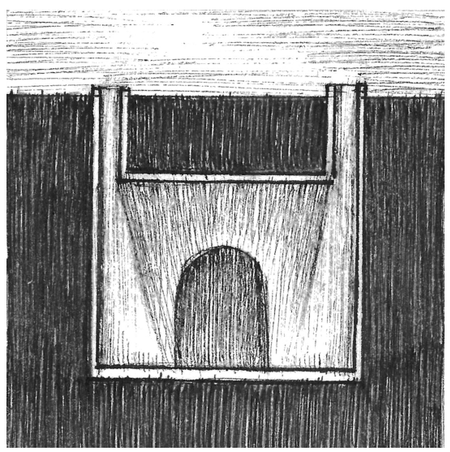




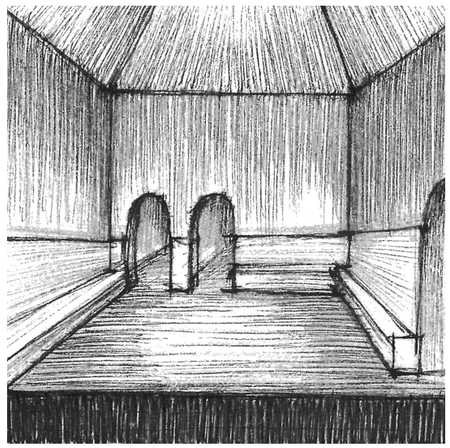
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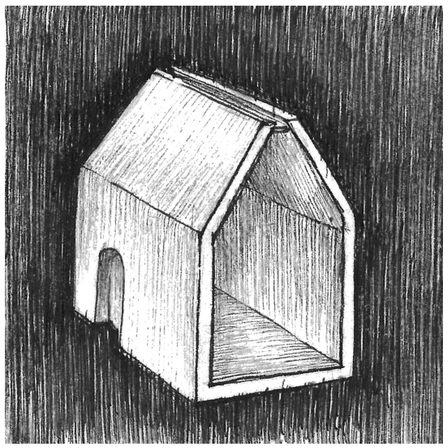
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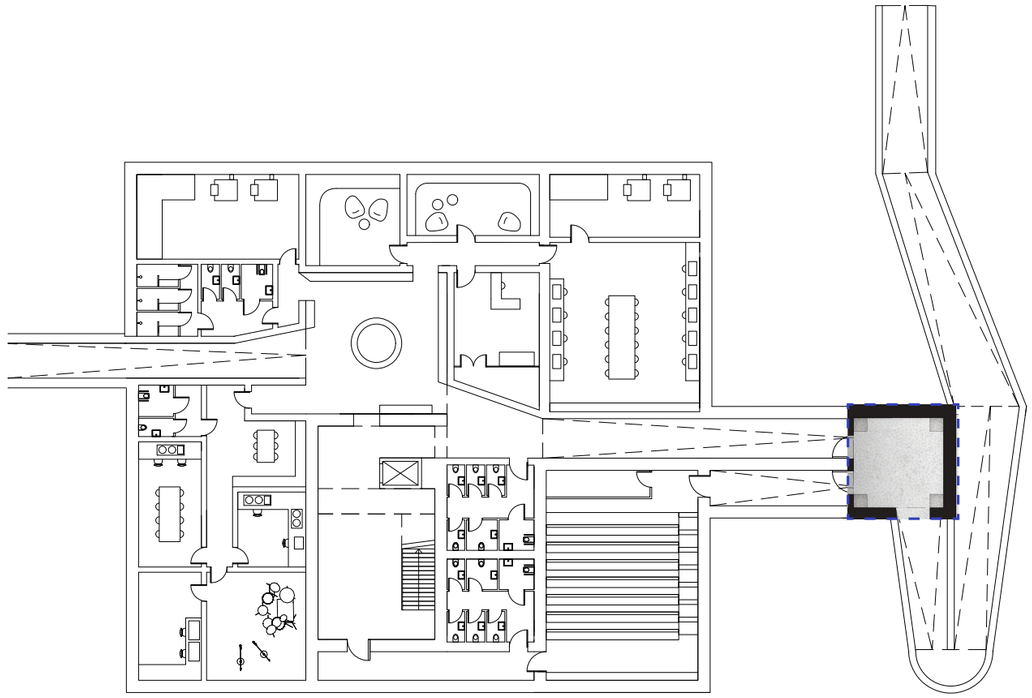
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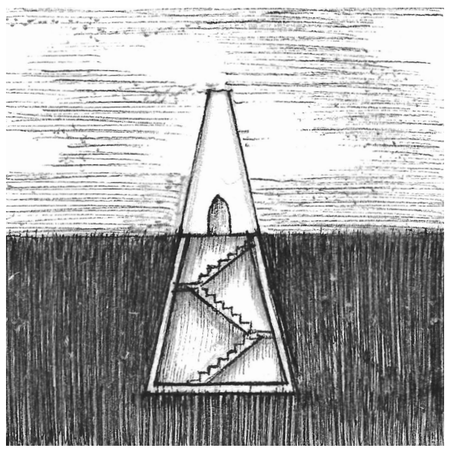


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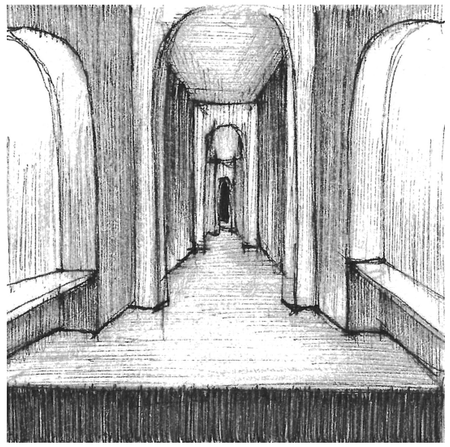


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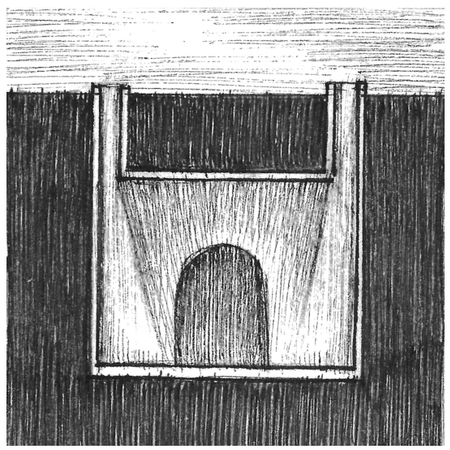




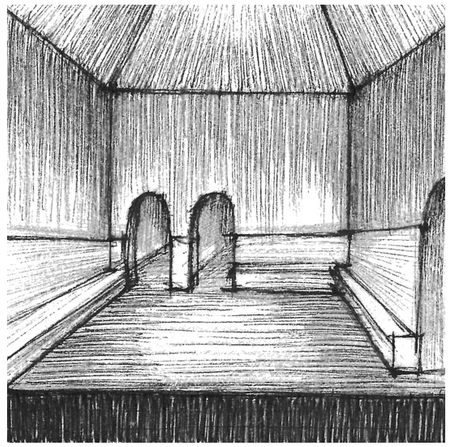
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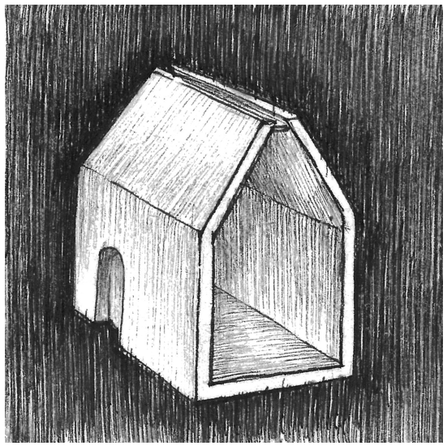
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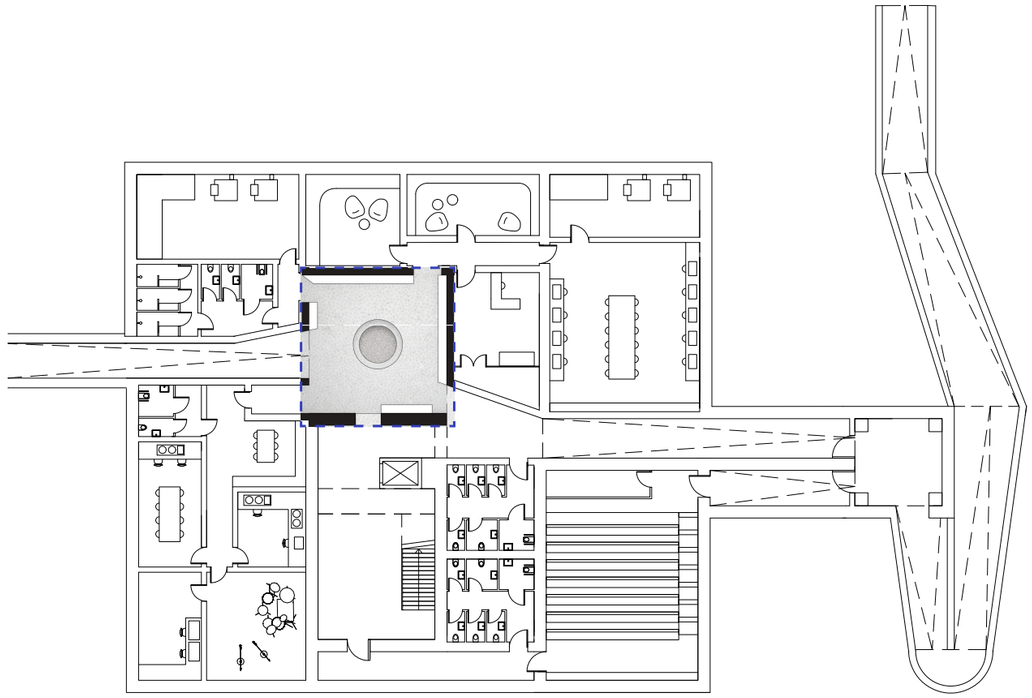
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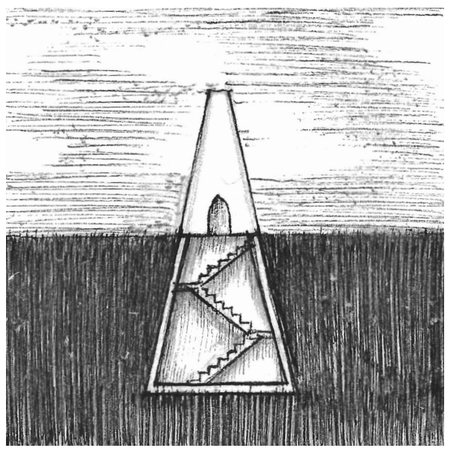


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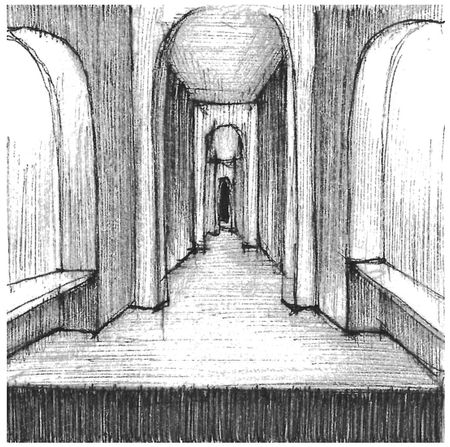


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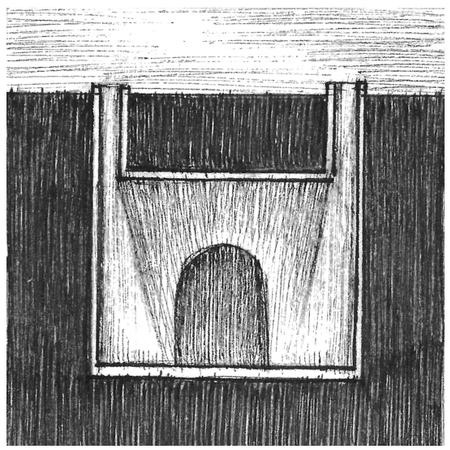




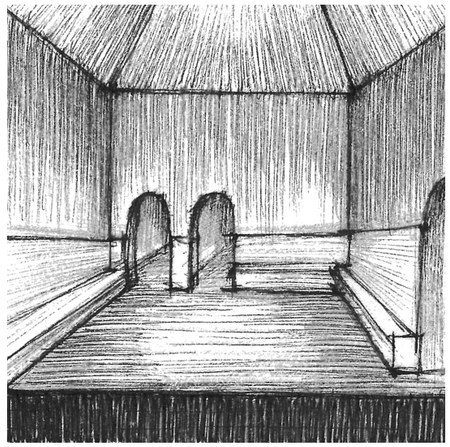
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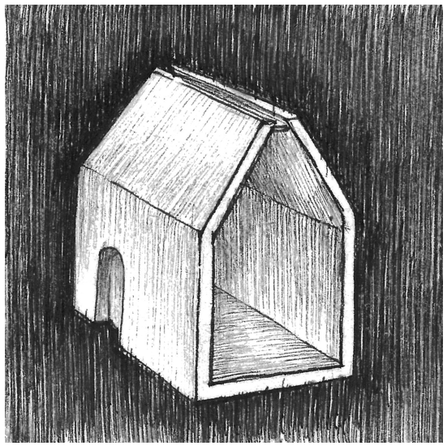
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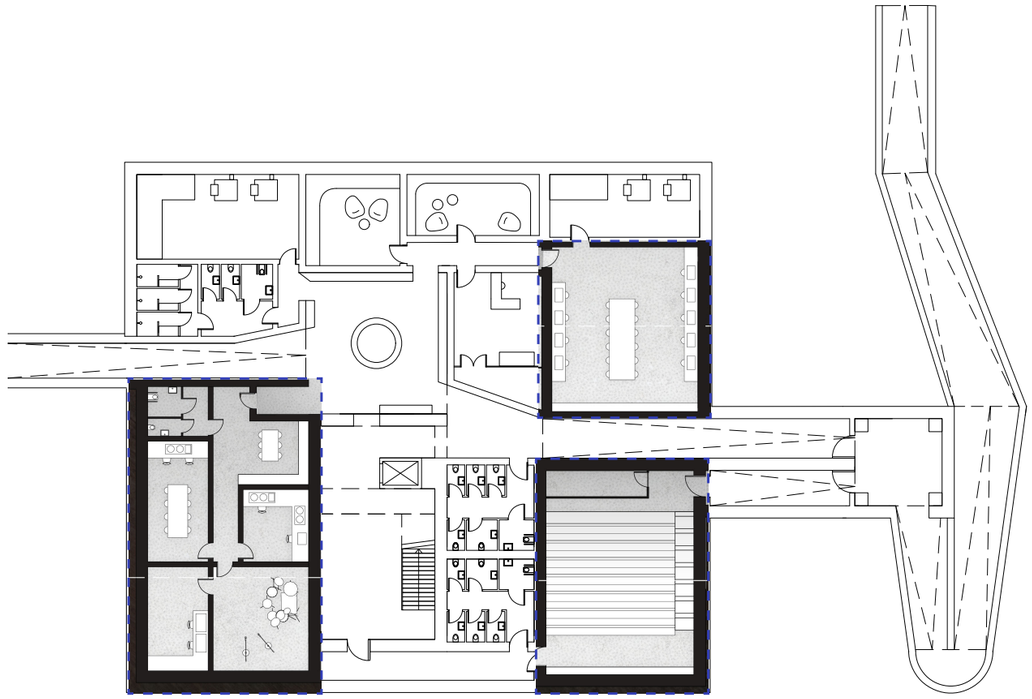
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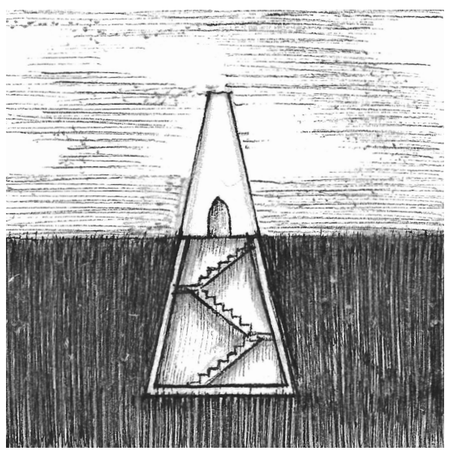


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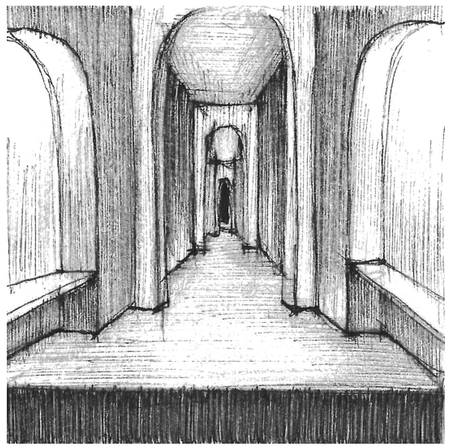


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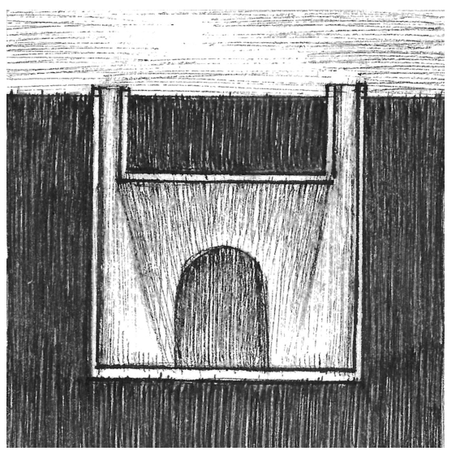




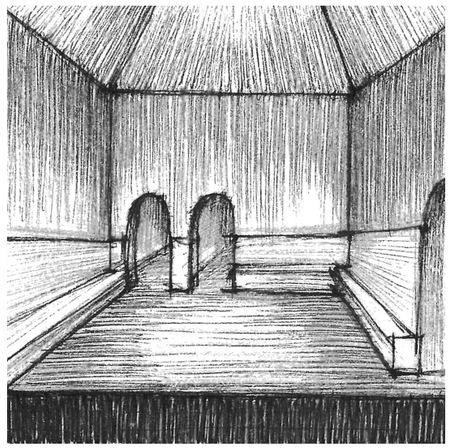
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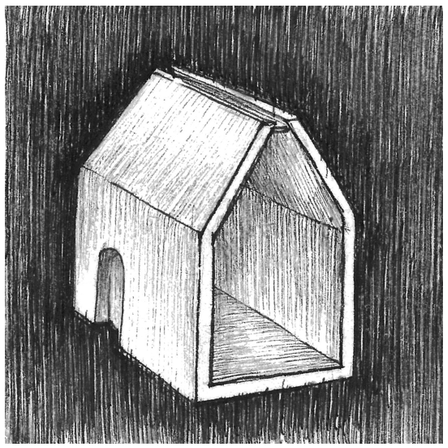
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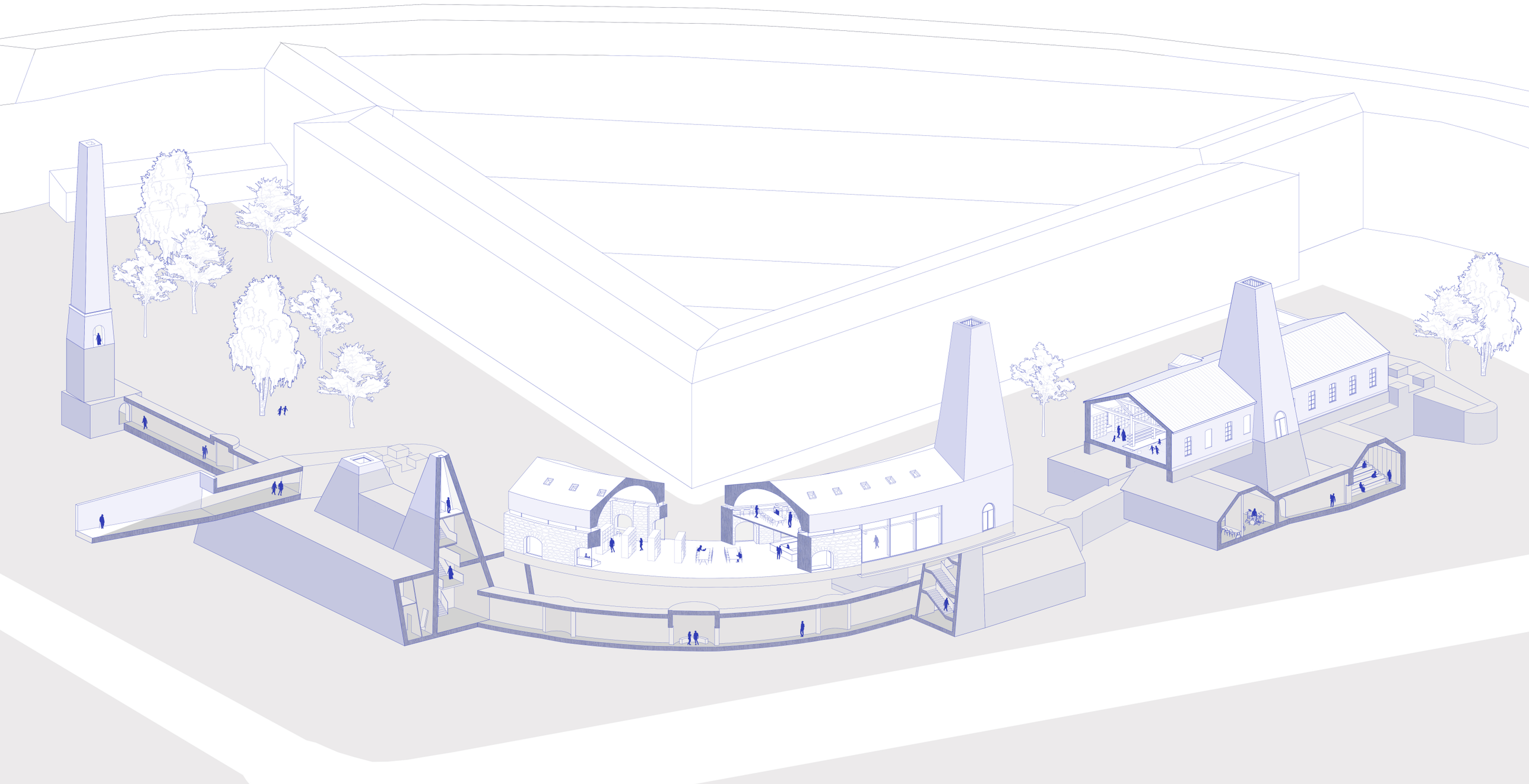
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