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About the place

Within the Urban Architecture Graduation Studio, my project focuses on drawing architecture and on the transformation of an industrial site into a habitable space.

The site is located in Antwerp and is called 'Blikfabriek'. It used to be a can factory that has been abandoned in 2008. A few years ago, a community of artists took over some of the industrial halls and transformed the place into a vibrant spot. Some of the areas are used as atelier spaces, while others are used for exhibitions, cafes or social spaces. The following series of photographs show how the whole site is an interpretation of how the materials can be reused in a useful way. With almost no means, the artists have built impressive ateliers that can serve them and their artwork.

The location that I chose to develop further in my design is a special place where multiple factors come into play. First, the design of the industrial halls is surprising as it takes over the existing houses of the neighbors. Secondly, it is the main location where the current community of artists has built most of the ateliers. For this reason, I chose to transform the place into a living and working area. By keeping the steel structure, I will create new houses and ateliers to encourage the interaction between the artists and the rest of the neighborhood.



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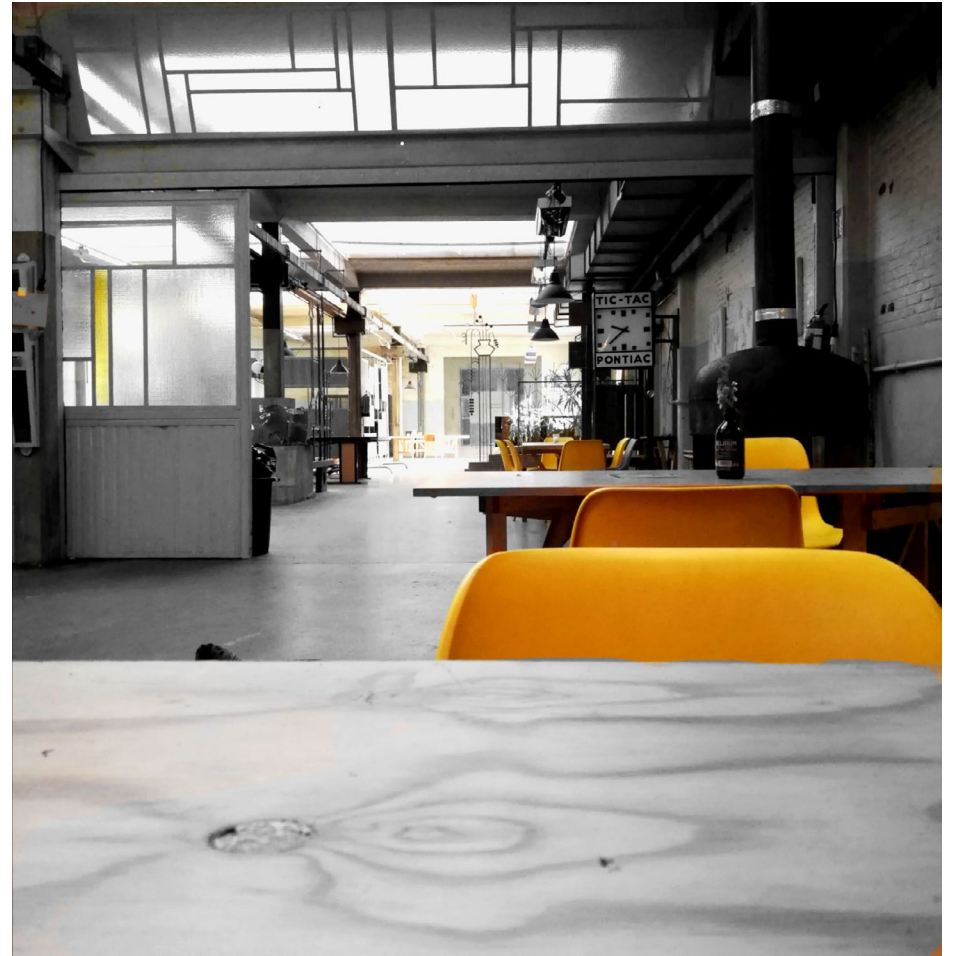


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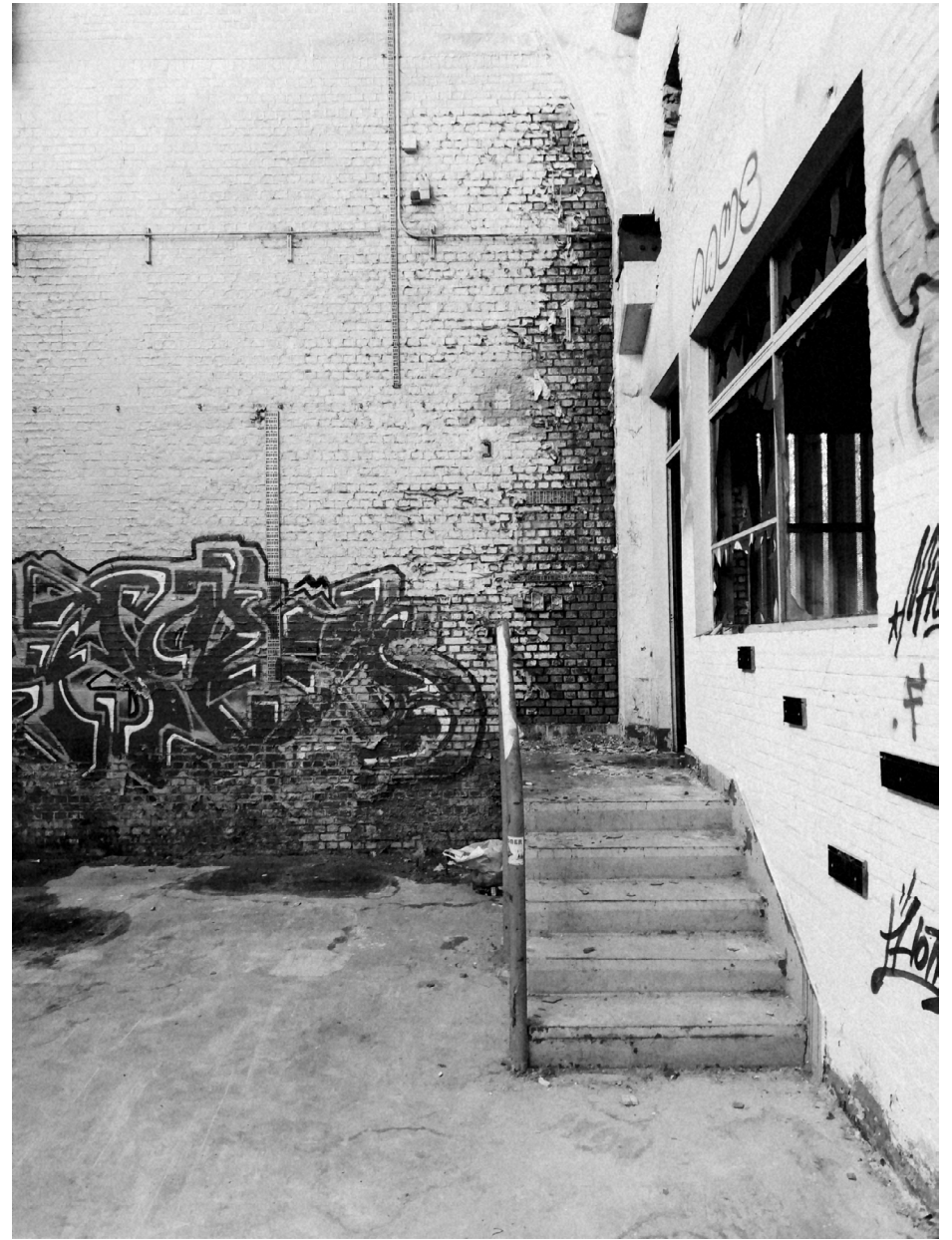


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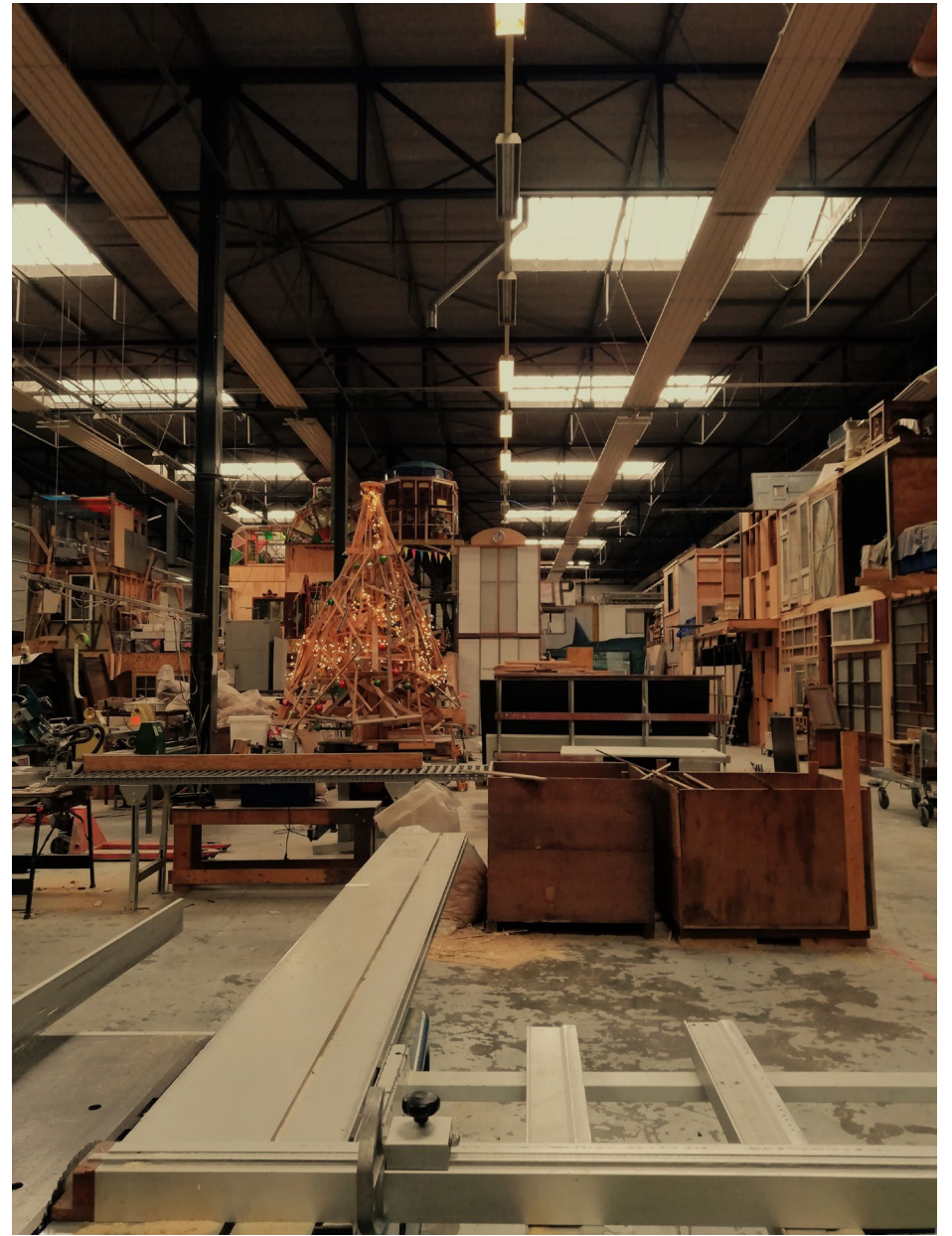


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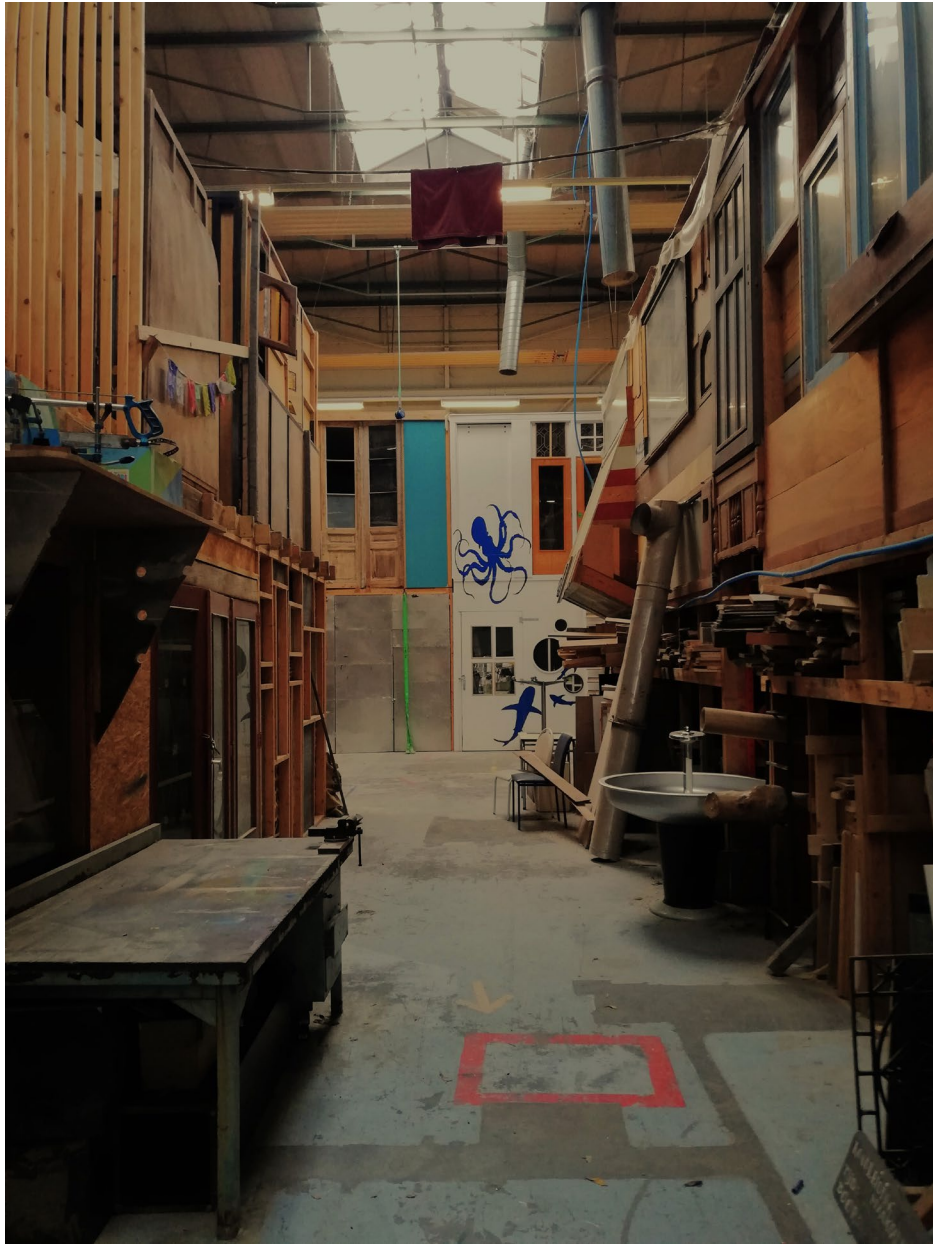


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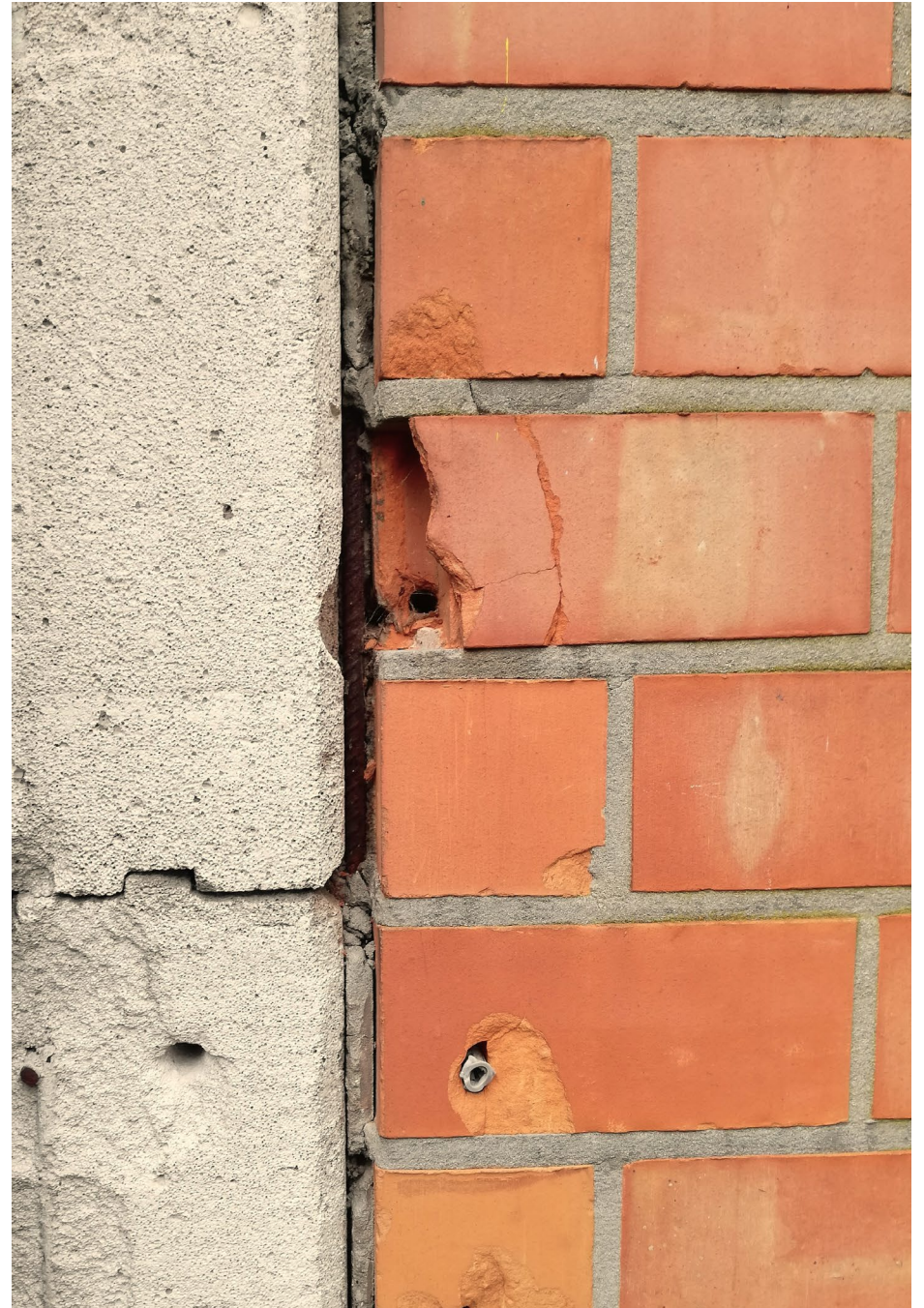


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