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Exercises of the ~ man (v) :  
**found dialogues whispered to drying paint**

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## Inleiding

Dit boek – de vijfde oefening uit de Exercises-reeks – is ontstaan als onderdeel van een nieuw werk voor het Situation symposium, georganiseerd door RMIT in Melbourne. Mijn voorstel betrof mijn eigen afwezigheid op de locatie, tijdens het maken van een in-situ werk. Alle communicatie zou van op afstand plaatsvinden met een persoon die de organisatie zou aanwijzen. In Alis Garlick – een masterstudente Interior Design – vonden ze een partner die bereid was mij te helpen bij deze onmogelijke taak. Op basis van intense dialogen, skype-sessies en e-mails ontstond een abstracte, digitale taal en ruimte die zou dienen als basis voor de uiteindelijke fysieke, ruimtelijke installatie in de Design Hub. Het boek documenteert hoe deze uiteenlopende ruimtes tijdens de dialoog ontstonden, alsook het ruimtelijke eindresultaat, waar dit boek onderdeel van uitmaakte.



knowing these are just the traces we make.

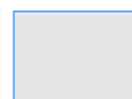
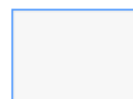


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:: meet me ~here?

attentive presence

It has to do with a natural,  
non-negative-feedback-loop  
manner of acting, speaking,  
being, doing in such a way that it is  
spontaneous. Not forced.

*Not reflected upon* .









The constellation

(of meaning)  
(that creates meaning)  
should  
be

inhabitable by an

audience

not to coherently trace its source or

flatten meaning

or communicate something

but as a sincere

attempt at verticality

a density might be formed  
that invites the viewer  
to invest time and attention

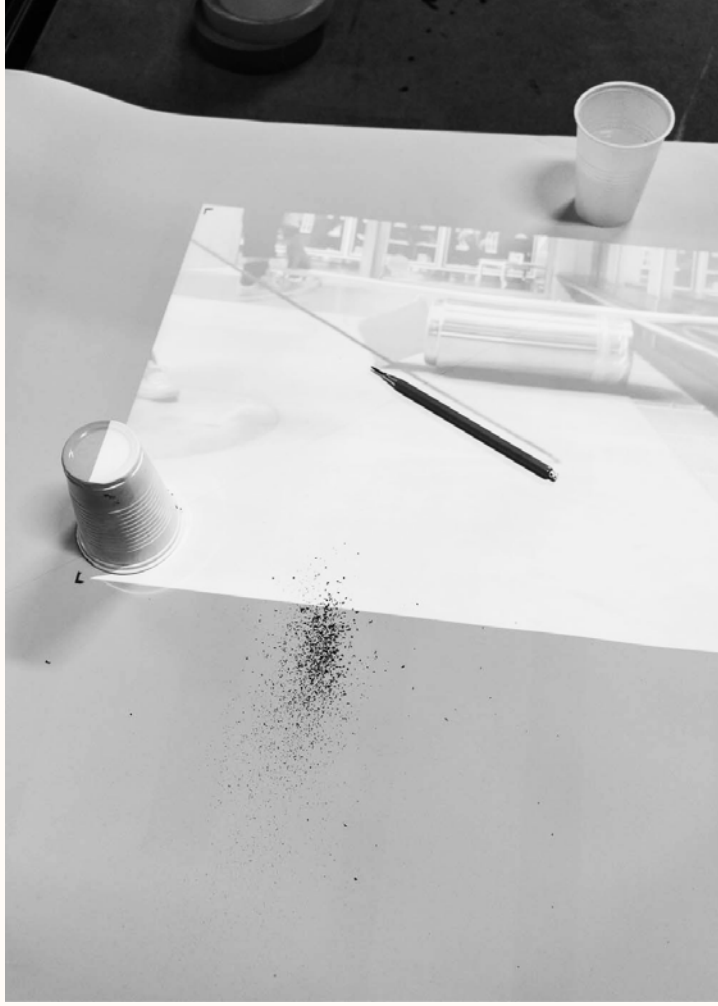
(to inhabit)  
(to dwell)

(to linger)

(so that they look differently  
upon the site - if we use site)

(or differently upon being in space,  
the space of being)

(different upon being) \*







The need to create structure was paradoxically both  
absent and present

emptying objects in silence

Start collecting . For the purpose of this ~project.  
It's another way out of the rules (into the  
game)

Possibly. Out of meta into  
material.  
Into detail.

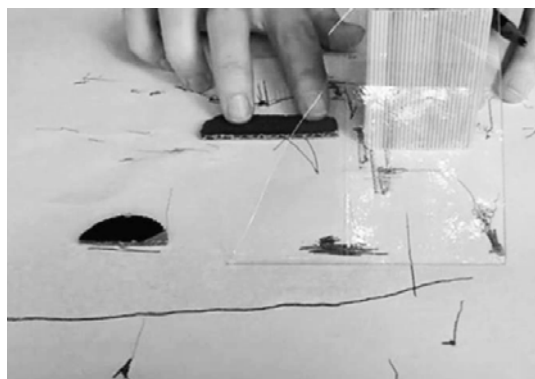
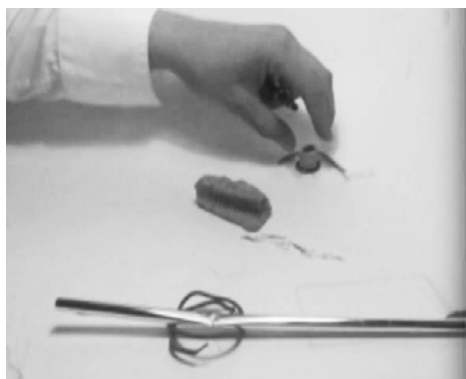
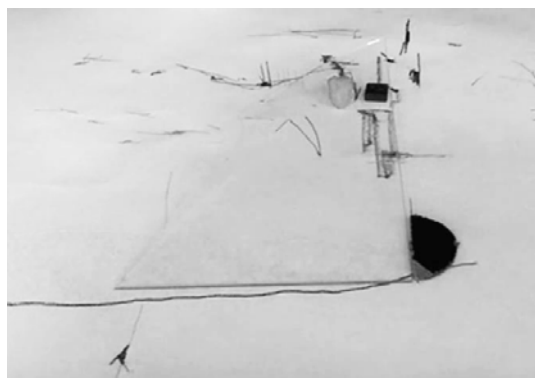
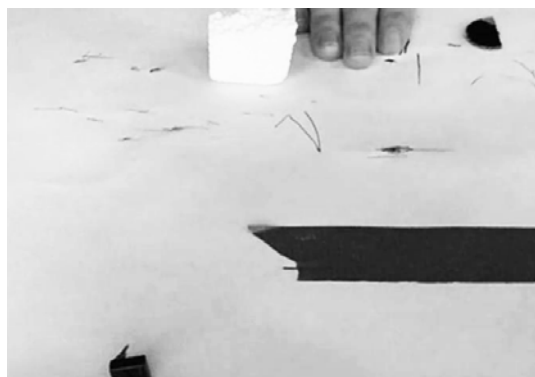




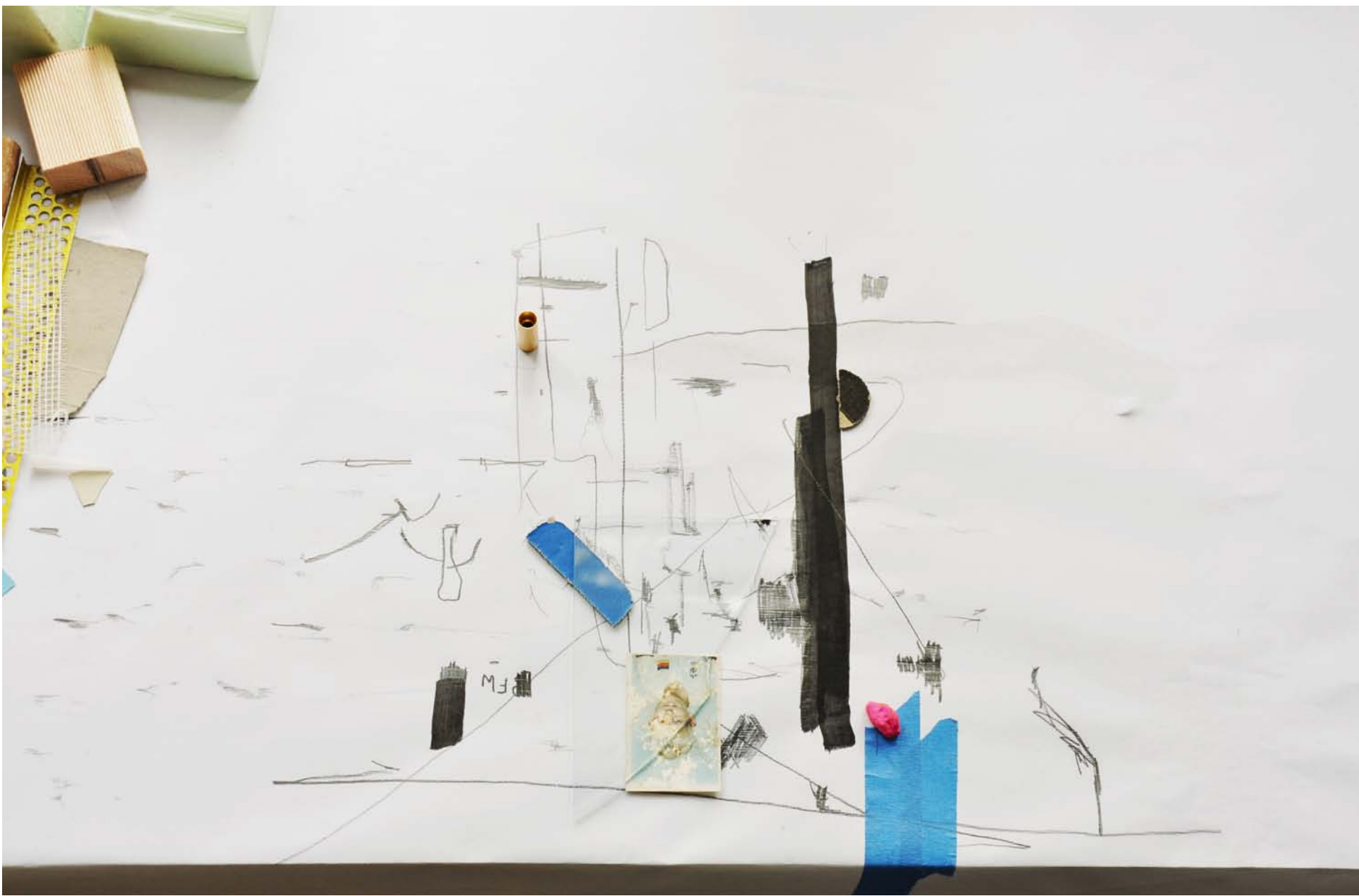














The point where we understand a dialogue, even before we grasp the meaning of one's words

Our conversations are all consuming, so indirect, a (our) derive.

Words no longer find the centre of ~this maze,  
surrounded by 10 ft. walls and only the

softest

light can mark the edges of this  
architecture.

/New chapter.

(Typing is so permanent, she repeats.)



Beautiful coincidence | Letter to a Refusing Pilot  
Akram Zaatar



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The inevitably of re-viewing,  
re-thinking, re-adjusting.

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Our conversation was long,  
confusing, clear.

Passed you by live.

I am neglecting our email  
dialogue, in a way ~ Our  
conversations are all consuming,  
so indirect, a (our) derive. Words  
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repeats. Enso ~ (do not hesitate)  
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fail to translate into moments  
~ Into real time. Is this what  
happened? It cannot be, for  
nothing is air tight in reality.

Everything is repeating, nothing  
is closed,  
open . we are

As our objects moved in space  
~ constellations through the  
wires > nothing but pixels on my  
screen and yet everything in this  
*dialogue*.

Your hand, my  
hand.

One line, one object.

Paraphrase. /New Chapter.

Objects ~ this becomes  
relational, habitual, fleeting /

I cannot grasp this topic right  
now. The rain is too heavy, too  
distracting, too real and yet  
removed, for I cannot place rain  
in this text. I cannot give you  
rain or write you its sound. This  
email is too real. /New chapter.

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Don't always change the 'I',

you cannot not  
make, always. Like a cut;  
the  
wound can grow, spread,  
become infected (infectious)  
and it is this we must embrace.  
~here ~residual.

We are infecting the cut.  
(perhaps this is a poor analogy  
of 'RR/AG', but I am simply  
reflecting your words) (Perhaps  
an onion would be better :  
layers)

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I have let it soak, but barely  
enough to peel the corner away.  
To remove the paper and see  
the wall.

/New chapter.

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We should remain unclear.

'simultaneously in two rooms'

Go. /New chapter.

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perhaps it had to do with breathing  
a constellation into fullness

a constant in every

~fragment of ~this

(that could

[ ] translate spatially

( filling and emptying,  
tracing our breath ~~

)

(breathing resonates with

~water ~filling shells

( breath leaves a trace

~value (?) in the form of a sound

~ the shell whistles

breath { sound } is audible

for ~others

so we don't have to pour water for them

on them

over them

around them

they don't need to soak

we avoid getting them wet

but [they?] can (more comfortably

( ? ! ) .

)

listen

~listen

to our breath ~tracing the water's

edge

perhaps

but listen to the breathing nonetheless

{ ~( for the

sound, the listener

the water is of no importance ) ( . . / //

perhaps the water ~for ~them

was merely to hollow the shell }

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~in order to

trace with this other sense

~for vacant

meaning

~rooms

~room

~space

~a landscape of their own

to

! inhabit

! occupy ! claim

as a being-space

~to pour in their own water

~in turn tracing our breath

~ so the paint becomes wet again

~ and runs where we

would never be able to breathe it

ourselves

( ~for we

are

the only two

~here )

~where we couldn't even reach it

with our water, our circles, our ocean our dialogue

~ -- relevance is born out

of ~just a bunch of objects ) ) )

perhaps?

( ~it . .

has its place )

for ~us

( ~ and thus

also for those at our edge -- \_

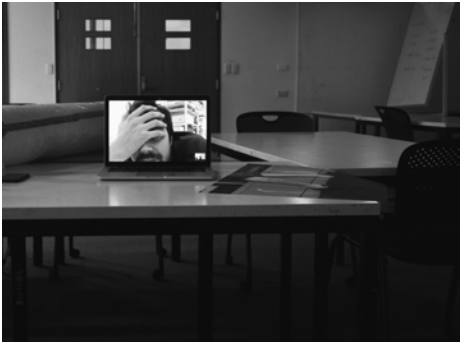
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Inbox	something calibrated empathic humans send each other - good luck with all you	Jun 26	nail pulse - Good morning A., an e-mail as a pulse stolen tim	07:00
Inbox	Fragment with a forgotten number, a lost sequence, filed under the wrong name	Jun 26	DN As promised. - Sort of. I didn't change anything that I h	10 Jul
Inbox	Fragment 3: the eight hours of darkness that separate us - are you awake yet?	Jun 26	DN clear	10 Jul
Inbox	Fragment 2: a selection of men ~ chess pieces ~ characters ~ ~ - - with no ob	Jun 25	DN O 1 [ ] - Objects in space, arranged. Beginnings for toni	10 Jul
Inbox	Fragment1: Re: Late night quotes > - today is the day of the fragment. *and *atl	Jun 25	DN ~here	10 Jul
Late night quotes > - *The content of this class shall be bodies, animate and inanimate	Jun 25	DN The plastic moves slightly )in the wind( - Hello A, Plans	10 Jul	
Language also becomes a sculptural material - It feels easier to write to you after seein	Jun 24	DN o / o - Your lines, are now mine. It seems so personal,	9 Jul	
Inbox	another practical one - AM, Remco Roes wrote: > Just some more practical stu	Jun 24	DN -- ~ ~ ^ - A. en route to the cabin. Slight delay. Cutting	9 Jul
Inbox	practical: revised abstract - AM, Remco Roes wrote: > >> Hello, >> >> >> Prai	Jun 24	DN An arrested motion. - _ -   . > < ' ' : ~ ~ like the wall we	8 Jul
Inbox	what's left after the practicalities - We already spoke so extensively. Maybe, pr	Jun 24	DN yellow structure~rupture black / sky - R This.is . intrigui	8 Jul
Inbox	"though this be madness, yet there's method in it" - late night early morning ? c	Jun 23	act. pract. pract. (it can't all be poetry) - Hello A, On the run. '	7 Jul
Inbox	tracing / marking / ... (v) - PM, Remco Roes wrote: > *Exercises of the man (v)	Jun 23	DN Language barriers	6 Jul
The point where we understand a dialogue, even before we grasp the meaning of one's '	Jun 23	DN What would verticality look like in this horizontal plane?	6 Jul	
Inbox	earlier found silence - De ruimtelijke wijsheid die we verinnerlijkt hebben is niet	Jun 21	oom of plastic in a storm of yellow paint chips - I had the urg	6 Jul
Inbox	A meets R meets A - only in relation to each other - A, thank you for the materi	Jun 21	DN knowing these are just the traces we make - ' ' ' ' ' ' ' 1	6 Jul
Inbox	Remco Roes just started following you on Vimeo - Garlick, Remco Roes just st	Jun 21	DN duality) - I like how our activities are expanding to such an e	6 Jul
Inbox	using breath or physical movement to segregate hierarchy - AM, Remco Roes v	Jun 21	DN . - ( )	5 Jul
1 king, 1 queen, 2 rooks, 2 bishops, 2 knights, 8 pawns each. - Thank you Remco! My	Jun 19	meet us here } - ~ ~ heels tapping on / / / around a corner - sc	5 Jul	
Inbox	grey shade on a wednesday morning - Hello A, I hope your presentation went w	Jun 18	DN rake up } - wake up the lights out	5 Jul
Inbox	SITE ~ CITE ~ SIGHT - I feel an urge to respond but my typing remains	Jun 16	DN HUB - Made a video for you. Bit Blair Witch but you get	4 Jul
		DN Meet me here? - Crack in our corner ~	4 Jul	



fragments  
 { ~forming no whole ~ the space doesn't tie the  
 fragments ~doesn't connect them . ~ they  
 can never become whole  
 never attain completion  
 they can't get what they want

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they are all dialogues --fragments of our dialogue or an  
 internal dialogue in my head caused by them -- as you  
 said .

but they are merely traces of an unfinished dialogue(s)  
 . I had to imagine  
 your [ ] words  
 your breath  
 movements, { , .. . pauses . /

like when . .

we hesitate to break the connection  
 for the other will be ~gone dead air ~ as opposed  
 to ~here ~breathing through the structure tying the fragments  
 together a pulse a reason

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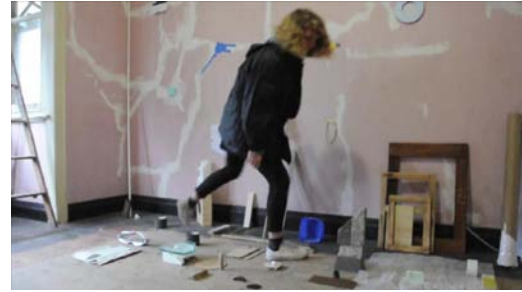




Need more ~waves, something (to react to) : another body in space.

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Using breath and physical movement  
to segregate hierarchy

in a cabin / parceled objects

in a sense we are drawing in space  
( ~drawing with ~presence and ~absence )

circles again

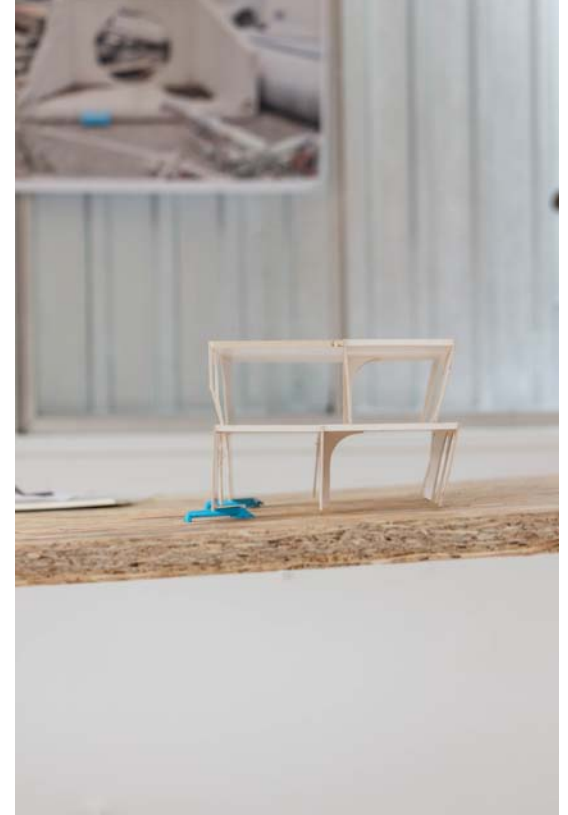
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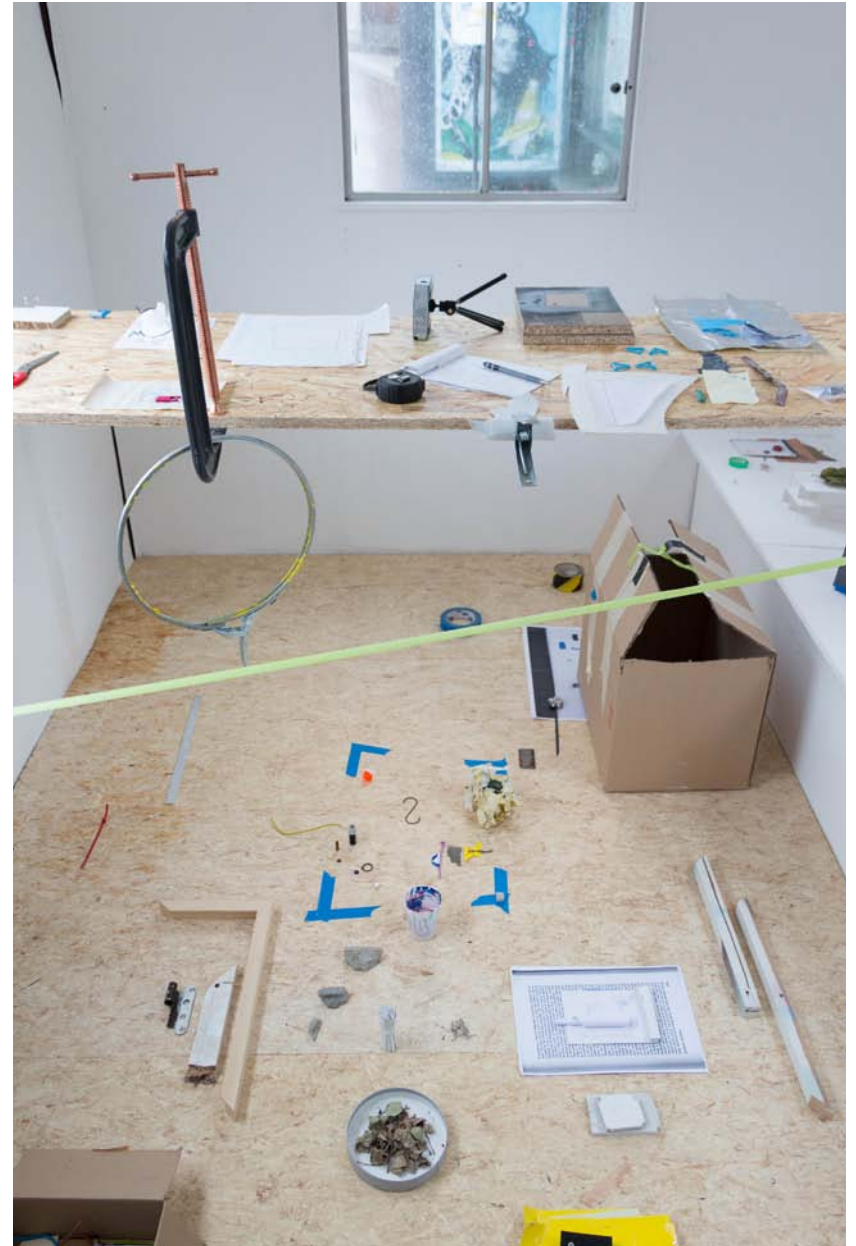
empty objects - objects emptied  
of ~use      ~purpose   ~content   into a full~empty   space

tying myself up in logic  
like tape

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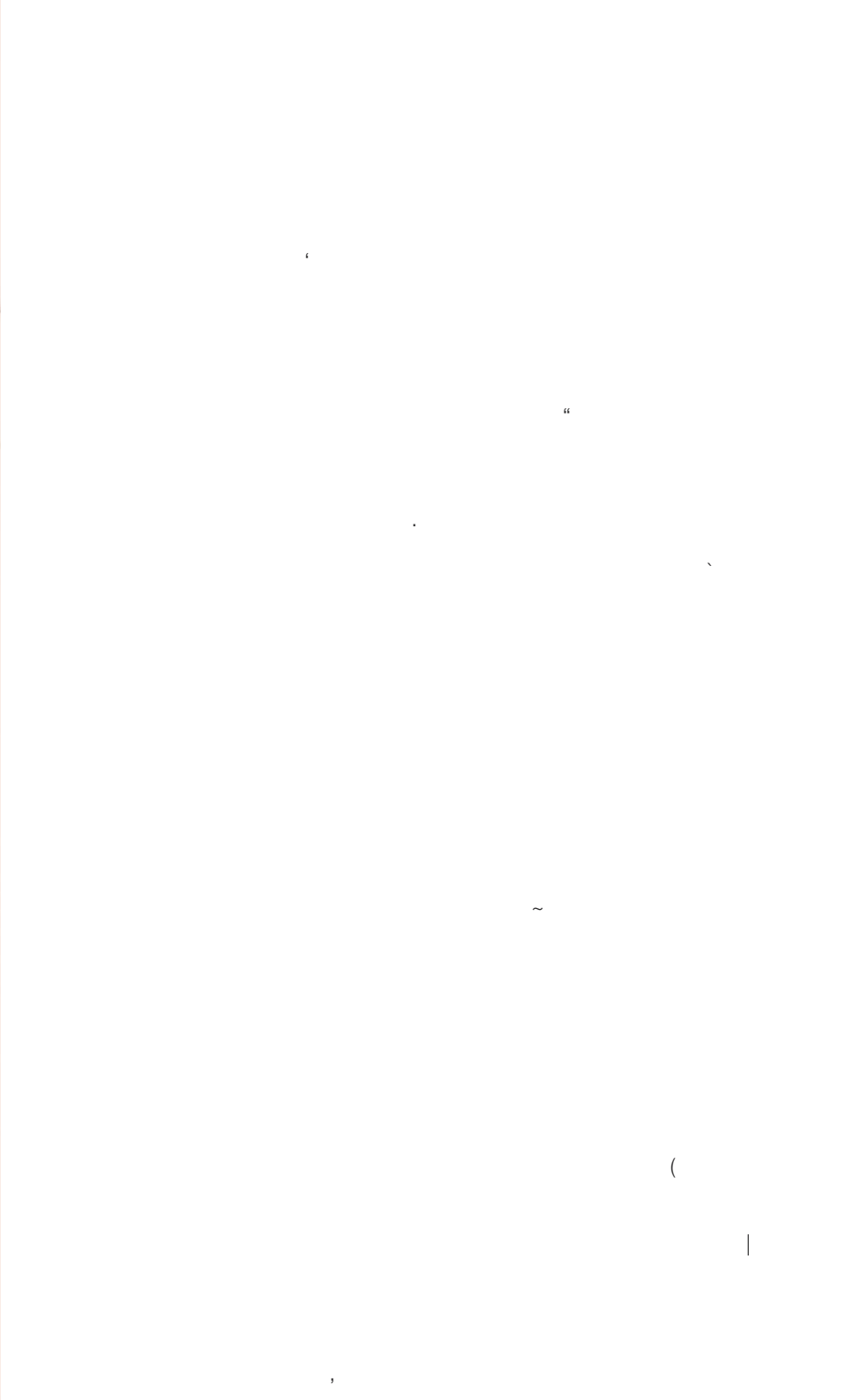
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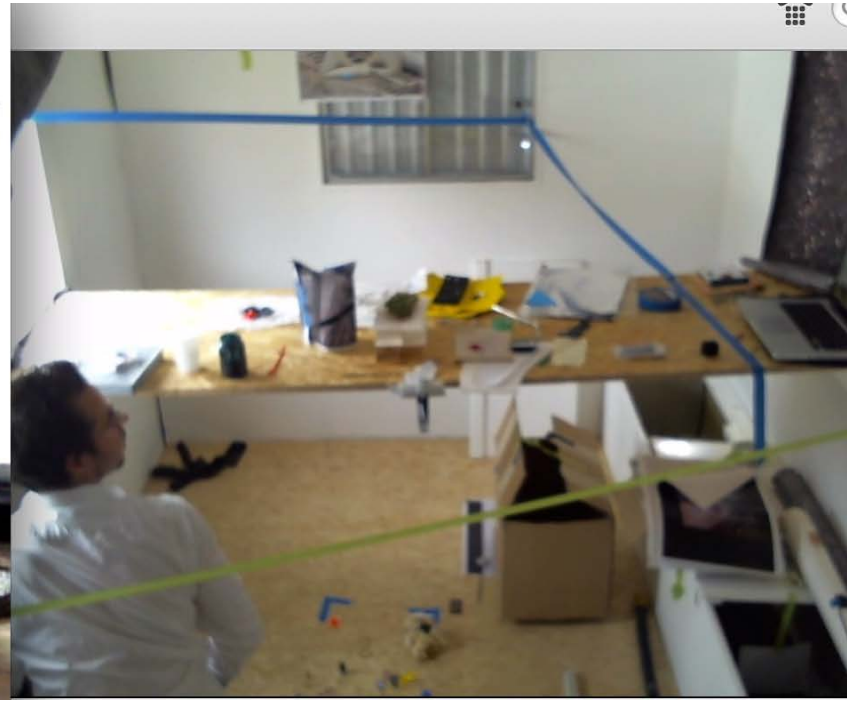
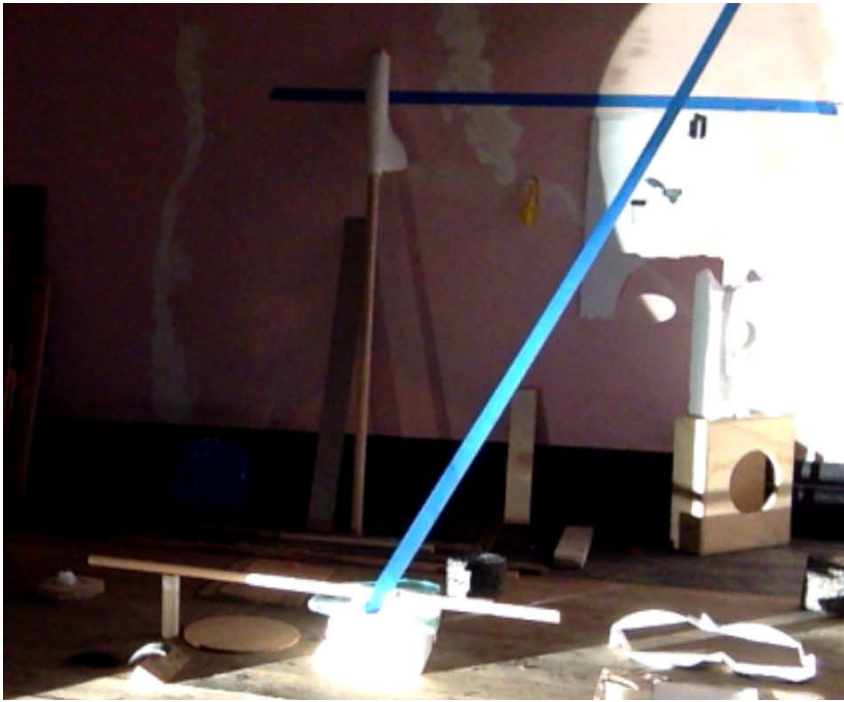


-across hands 0 across -oceans











whom, someone says you, it's the fault of the pronouns, there is no name for me, no pronoun for me, all the trouble comes from that, that, it's a kind of pronoun too, it isn't that either, I'm not that either, let us leave all that, forget about all that, it's not that either, it's with someone, or our concern is there, something is there, speaking of you must, z, no one speaks of I must on myself, it's now, how not, when on speaking spoken anything, now, how d tell me, so, I must something, p, can do you want ho cannot , that's all it's not as it goes on, on, as if as if there can't stop, ice says it will stop, and it says it will stop, what would I don't feel a mouth on me, if only I could feel something on me, I'll try, if I can, I know it's not I, that's all I know, I say I know it's not I, I am far, far, what does that mean, far, no need to be far, perhaps he's here, in my arms, I don't feel any arms on me, only I could feel something on me, it would be a



This  
dialogue becomes the interior of the  
structure,  
the words  
become paint on a wall > wet,  
layered, temporary.

All of our conversations turn  
into the warm air that filters  
through

open windows,  
drying  
the paint before daylight  
creeps in.





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Perhaps it is these words that fail to translate into  
 moments ~ Into real time.  
 Is this what happened? It cannot  
 be,  
 for nothing is     air tight in     ~reality.

Everything is repeating, nothing is closed,  
 we are     ≠     open .

As our objects moved in space  
 ~     constellations  
                  through the wires > nothing but  
                  pixels on     my screen and yet  
                  everything in this dialogue.  
 Your hand, my hand.  
                  One line, one  
                  object.

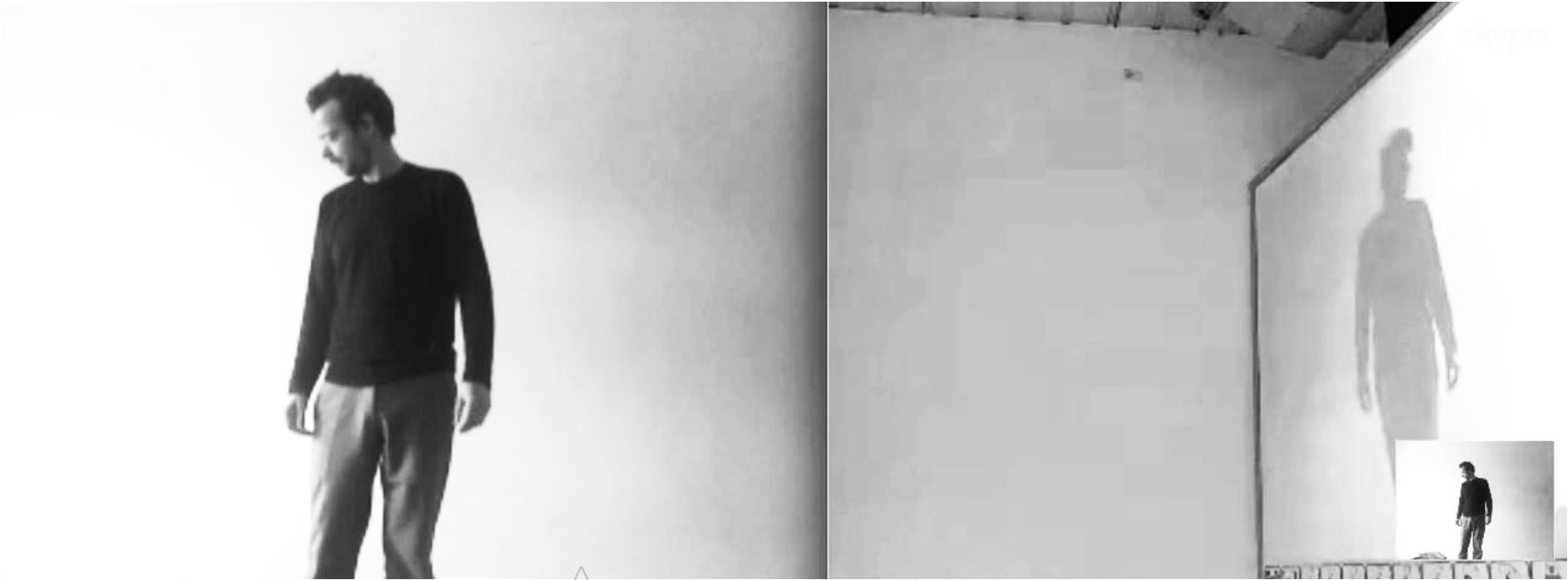
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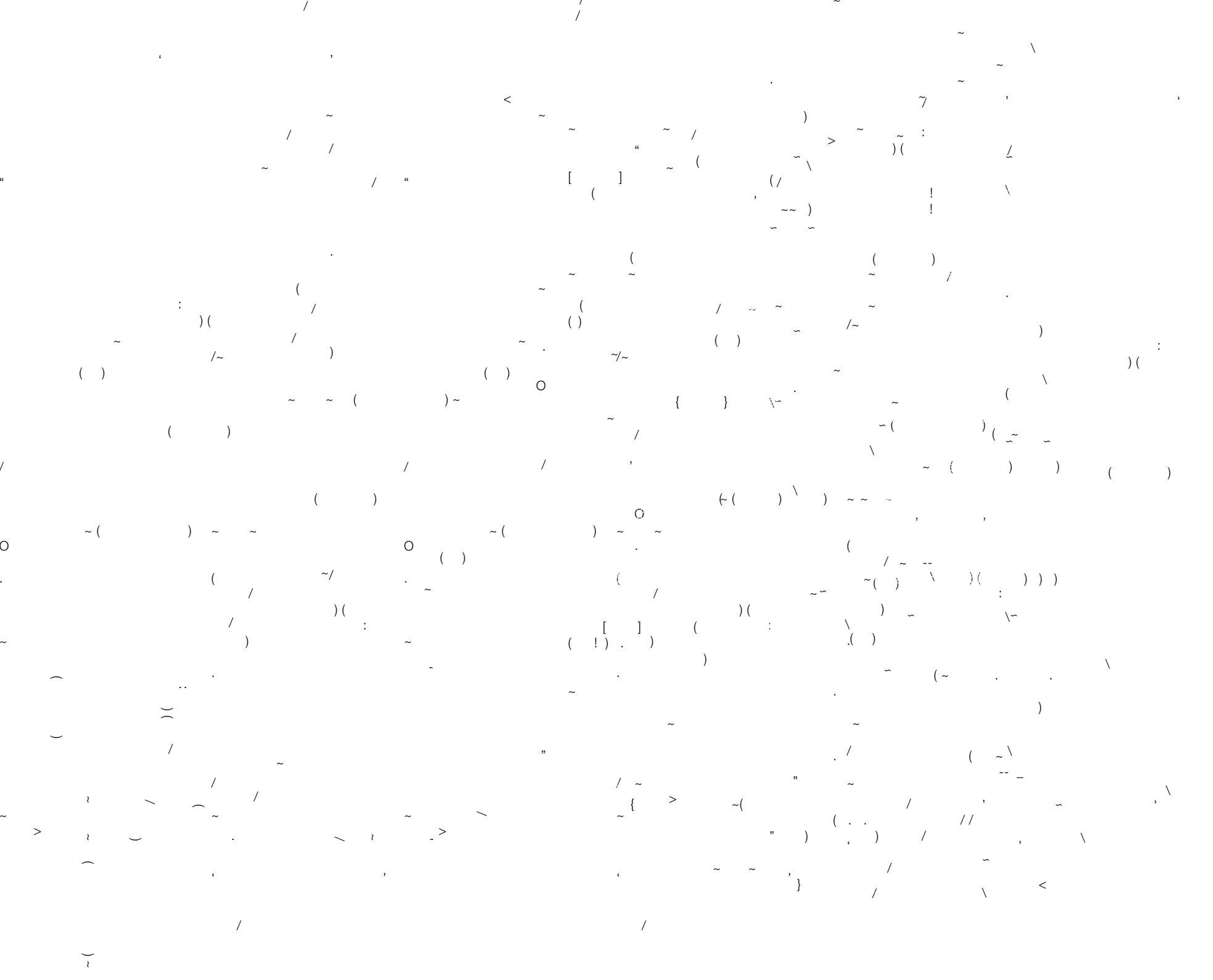


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holding the overspill of ~ .  
and the ~excess of our  
≠ open shells.

circles - enso's - circles with epicentres of meaninglessness -  
the circular motion of the dialogue itself - continually collapsing upon  
itself - confronted with its own nothingness - and its every-  
thing (poor formulation) - the circles cause the waves - cause  
the ocean - the emptiness at the core - is what we fight with  
circles - to prevent freefall - circles are our only anchors -  
yet they are also the motion that hollows out - \_  
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( . . . - . . )

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. a hail shower of dots

though the day has already fully started  
08:00 AM

\_ oceans of plastic and objects on its waves





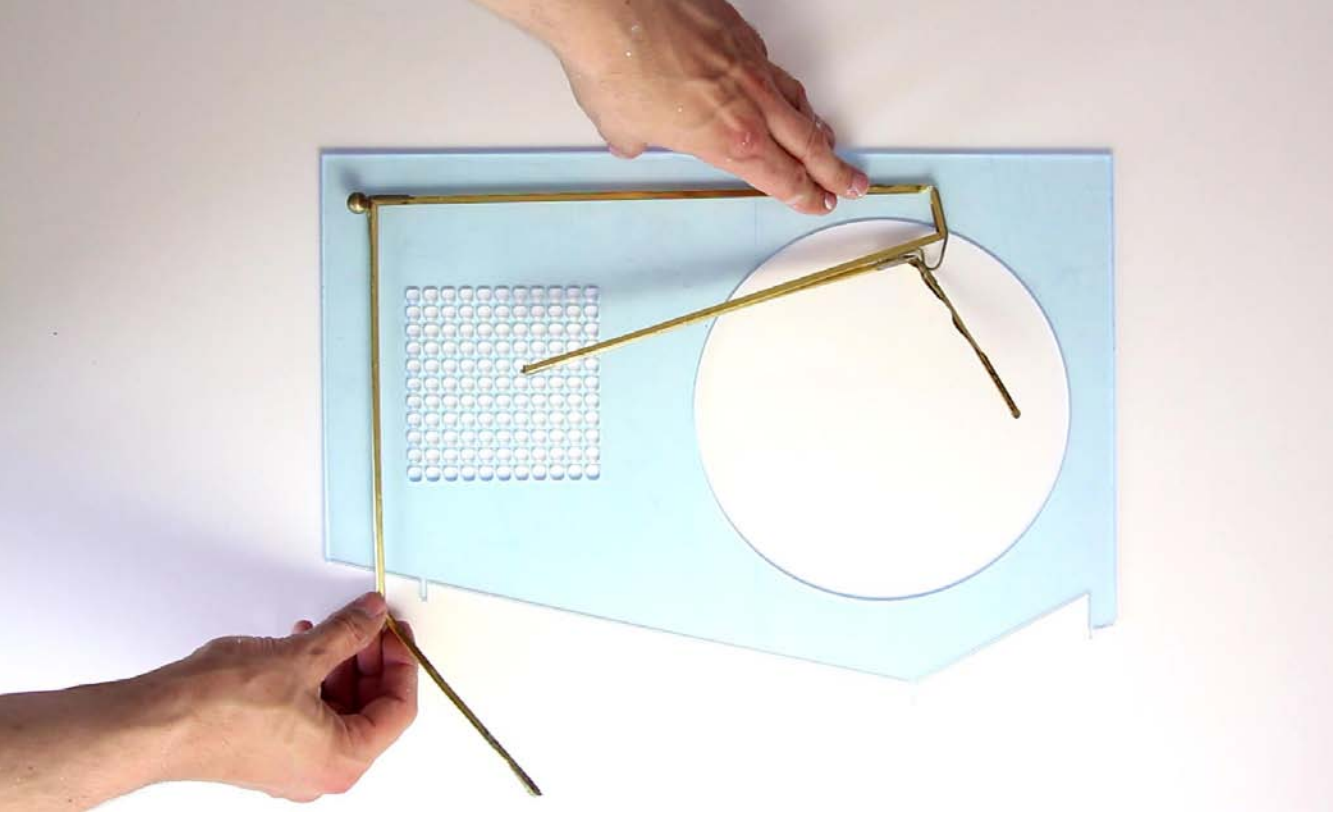














~ three (of sorts) their there they're

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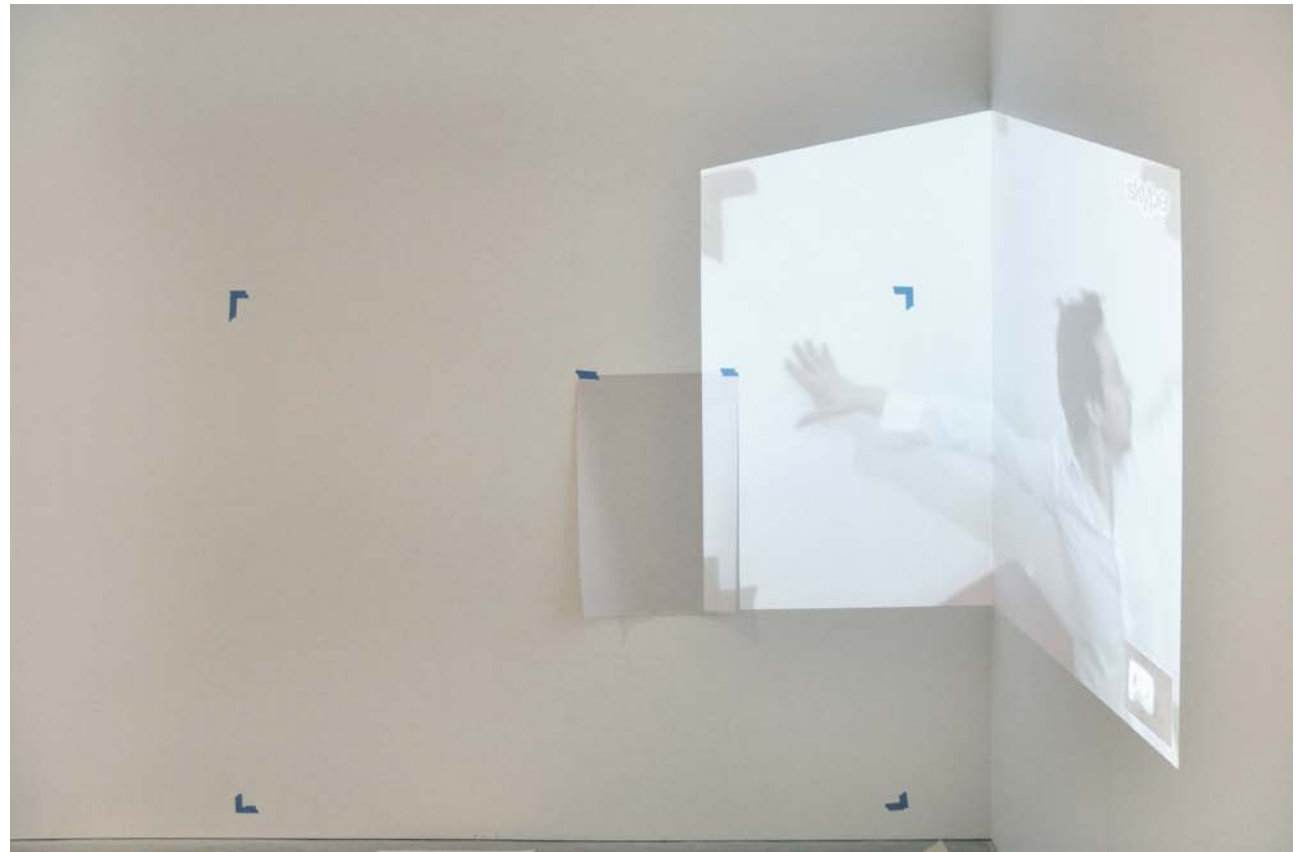
eyes are falling into themselves  
away from a reality that is blurred (to them)  
staring at a virtual space through a  
screen

and even there space is curling up in itself  
attaching points,  
creating folds, , , , , ,

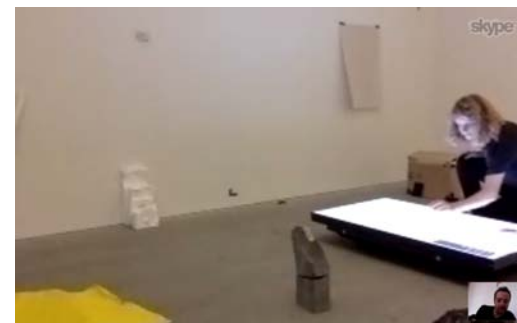
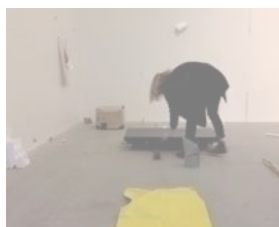
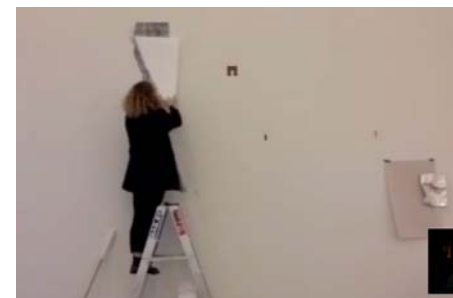
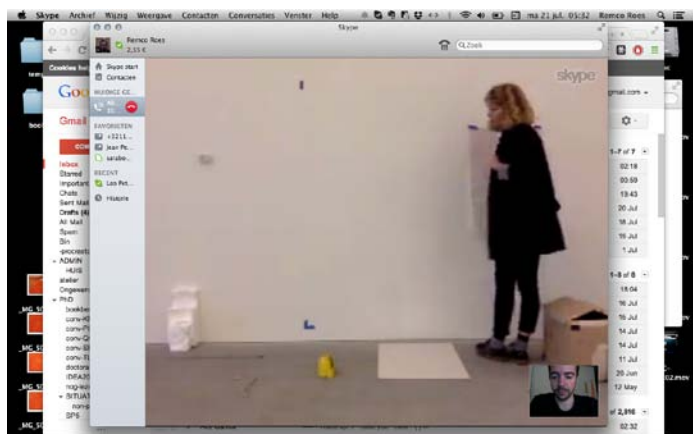
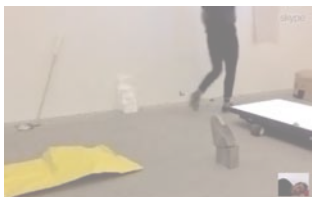
we must again walk these knots  
find a way to map each others arms touch reach  
meet here the paper

creases ~there ~ ~ ~

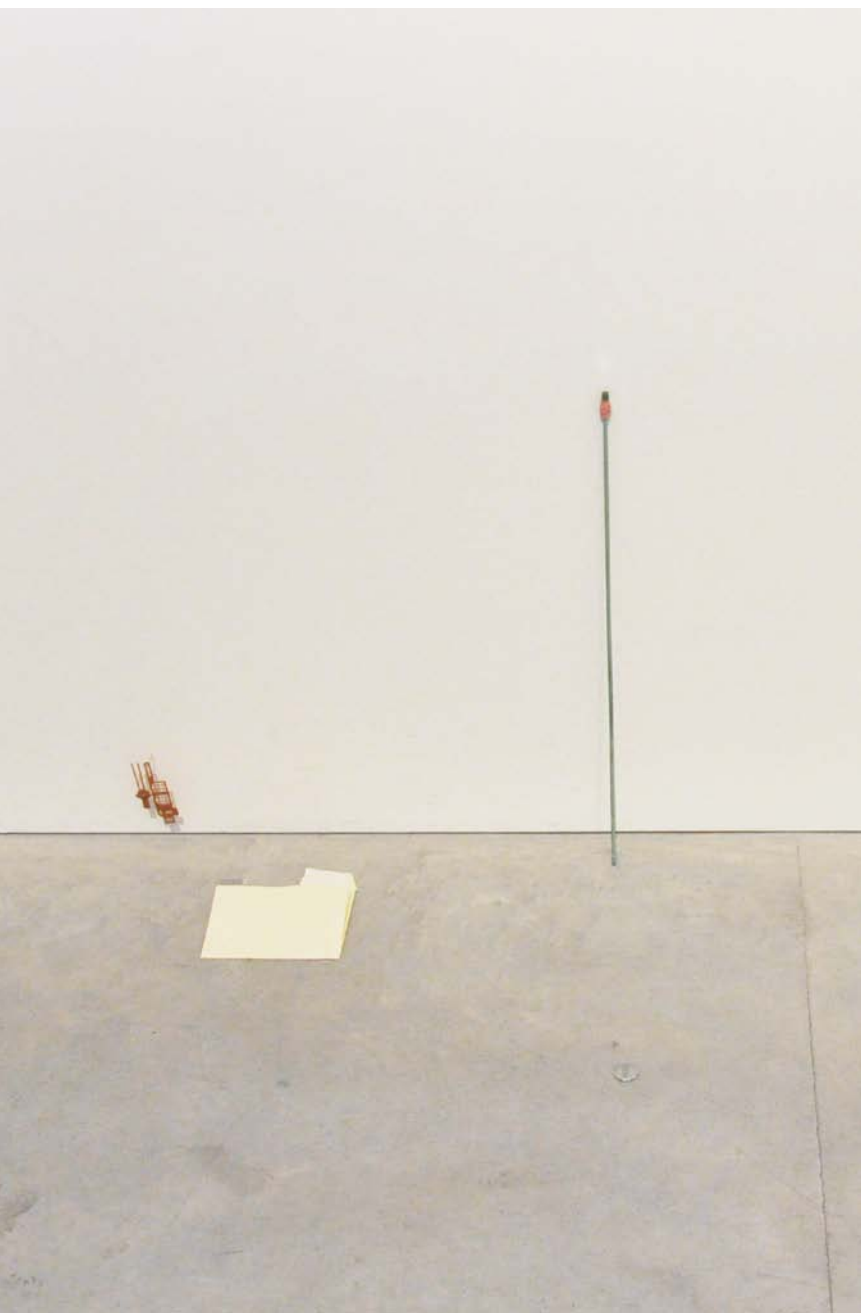
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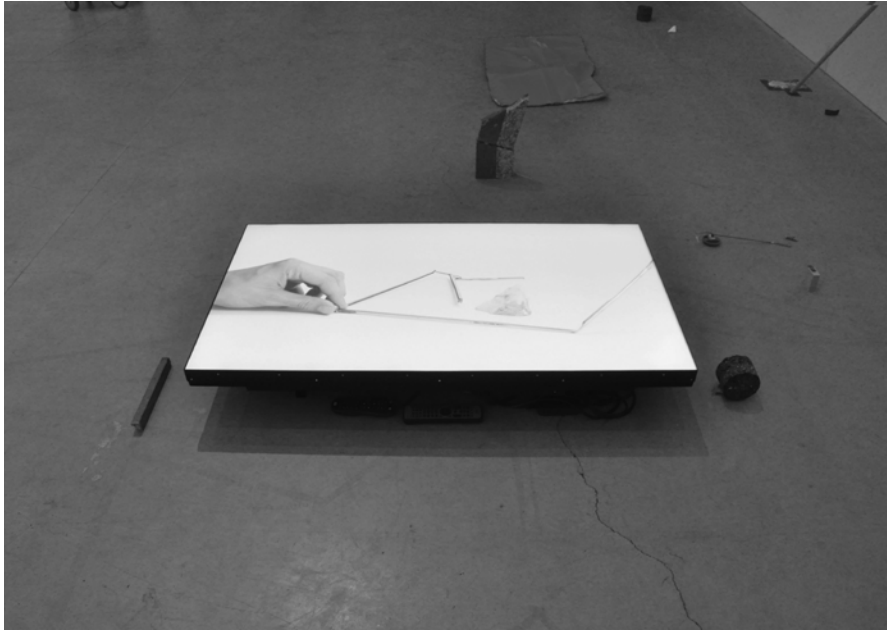














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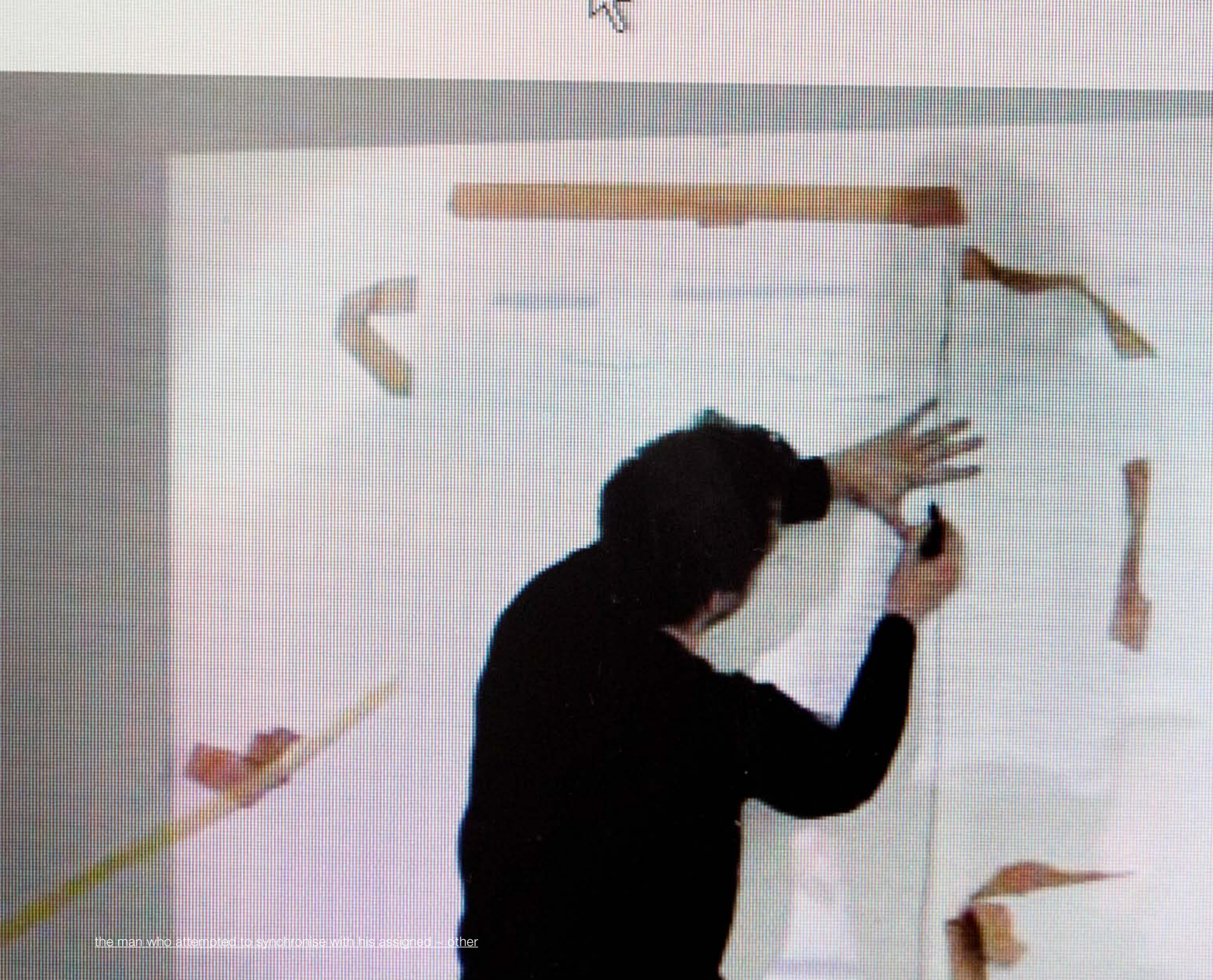
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