

To all the beds I loved...

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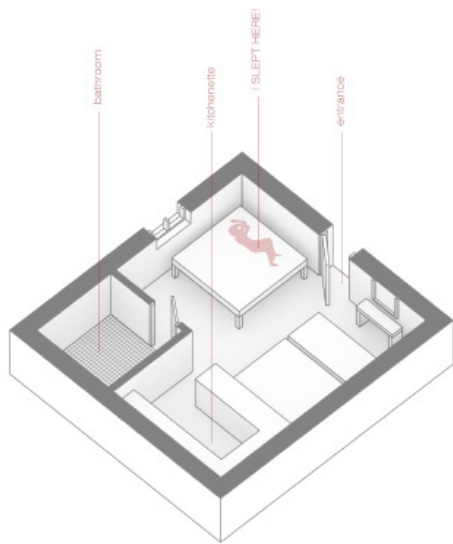
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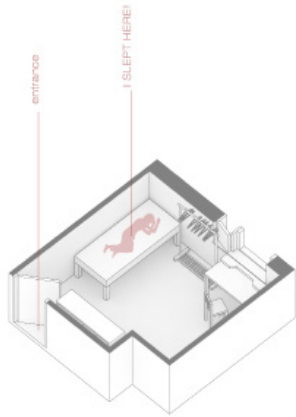
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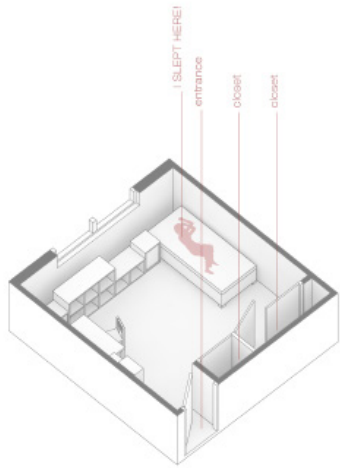
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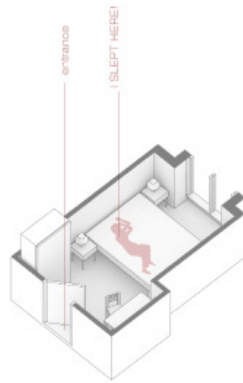
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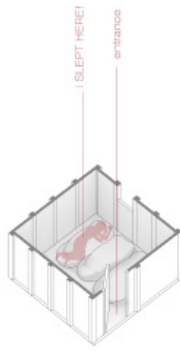
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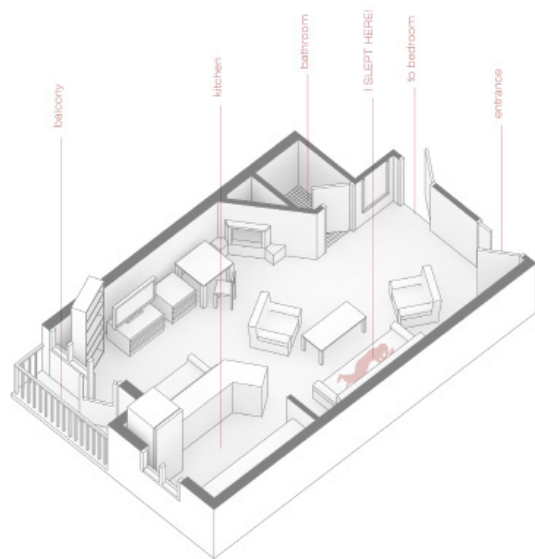




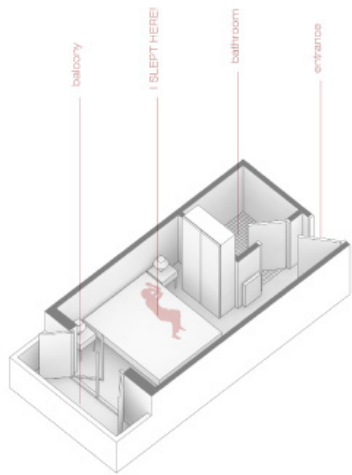


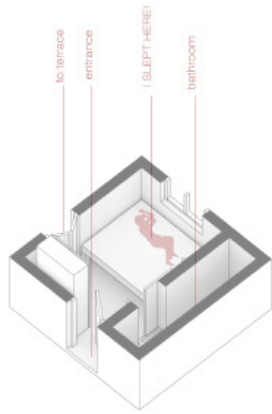


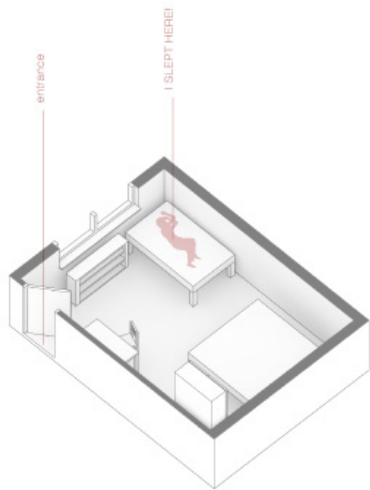


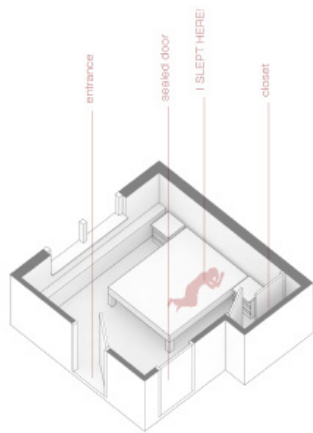


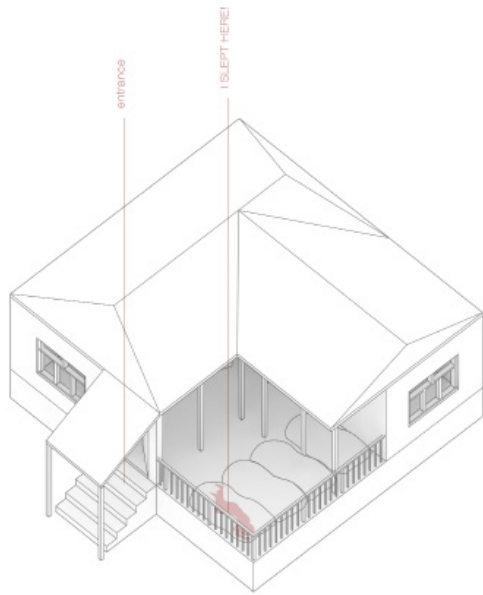


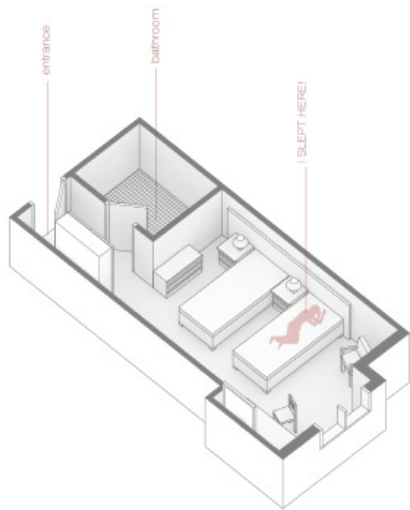


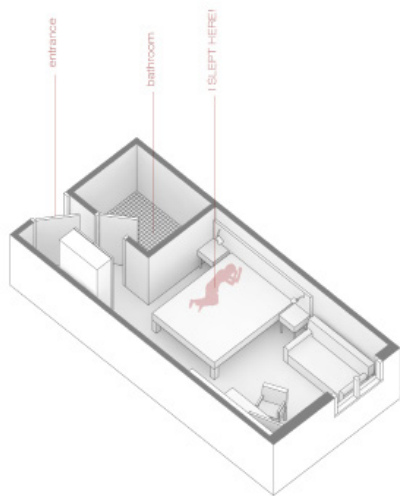


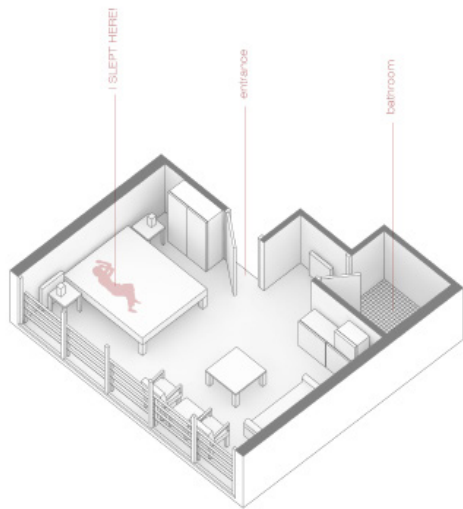




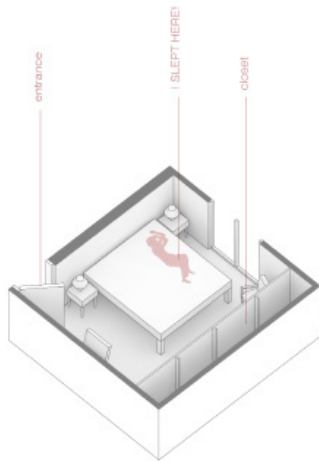


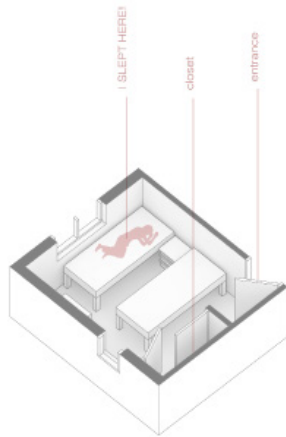


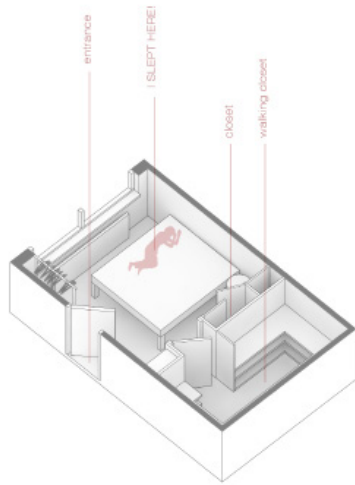


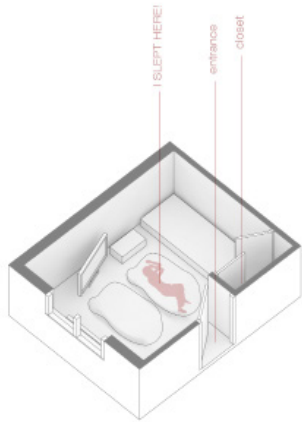


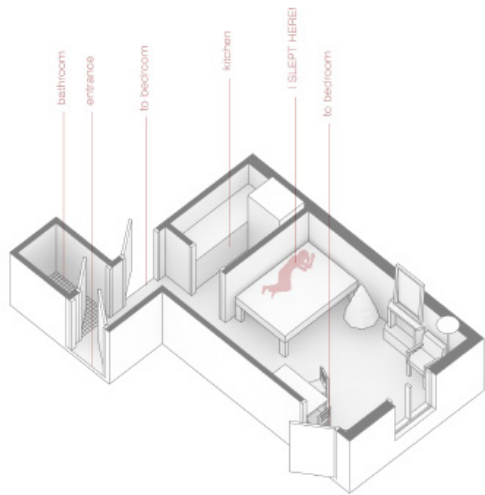


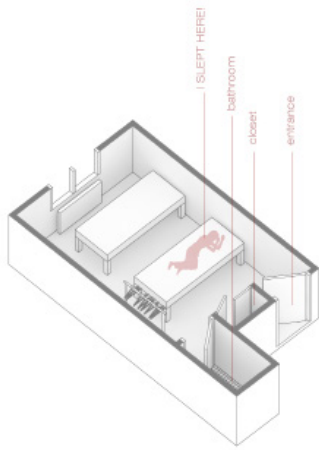


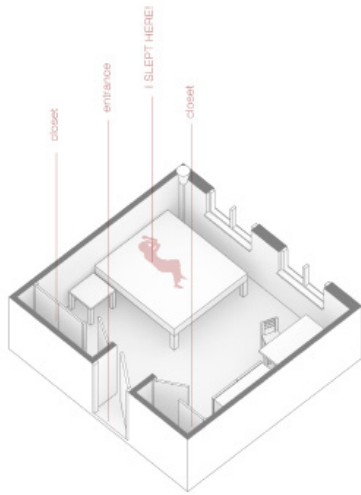


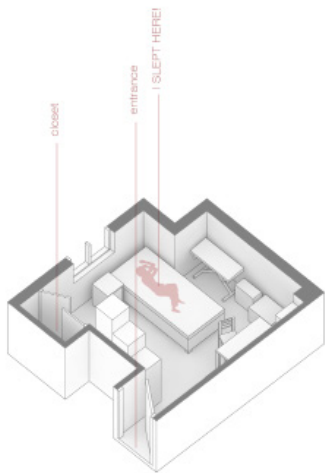




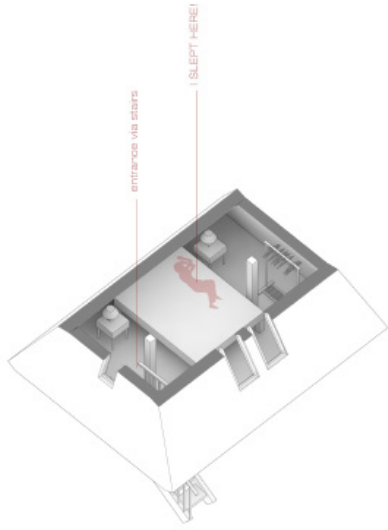


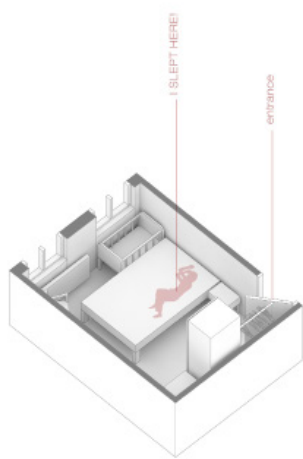


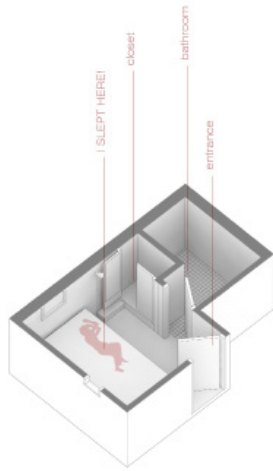


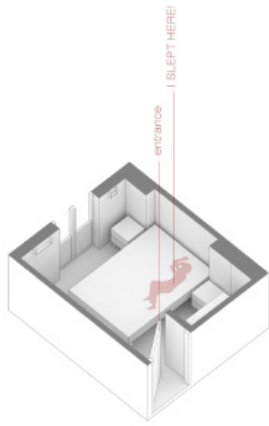






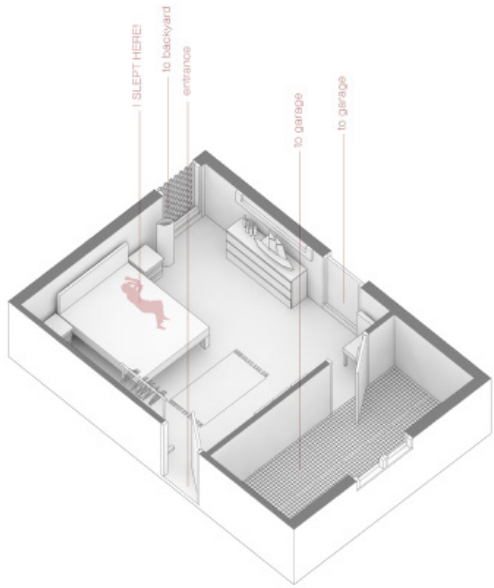






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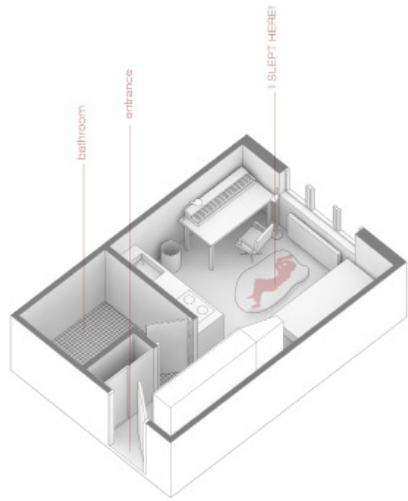
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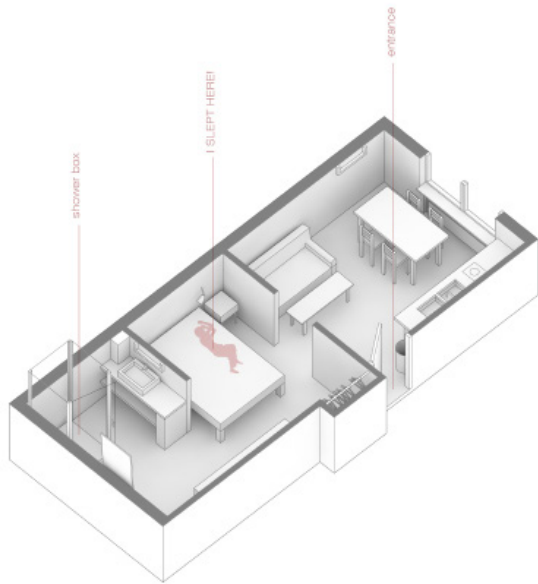
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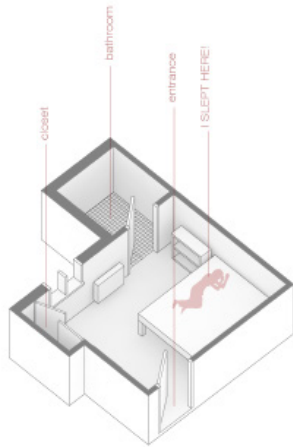
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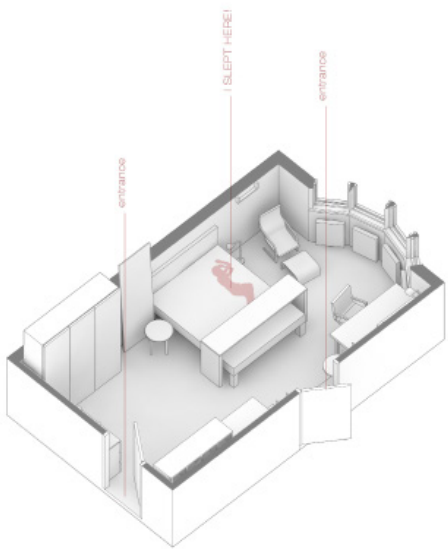
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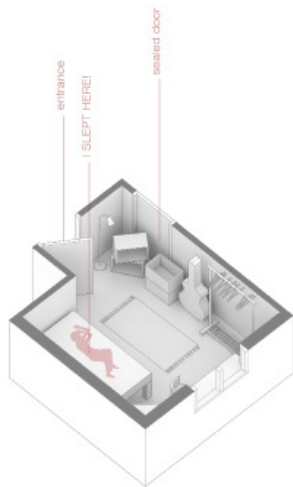


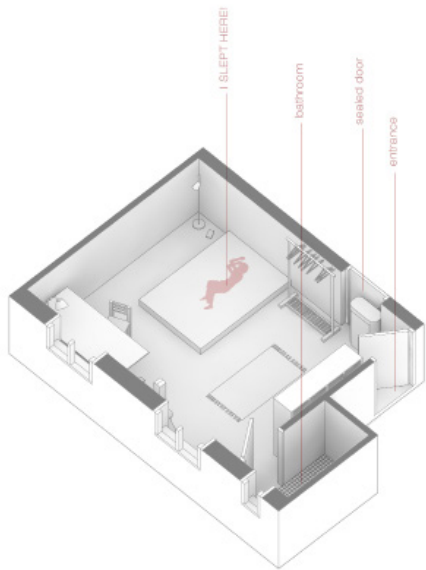


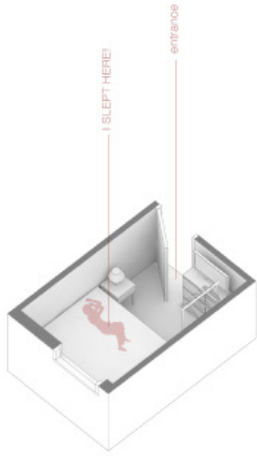


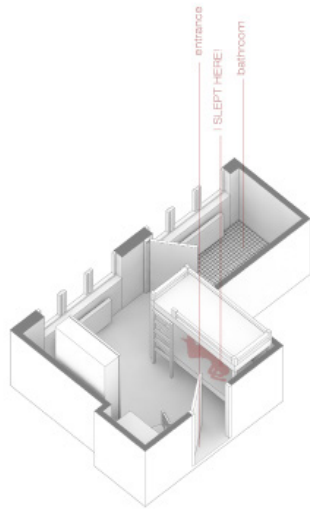


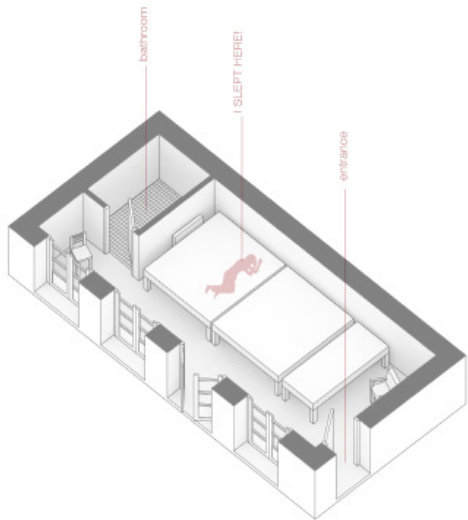


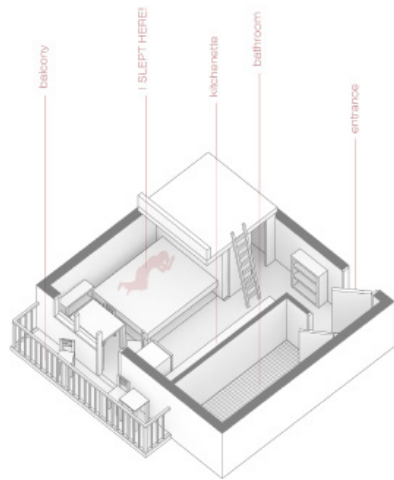


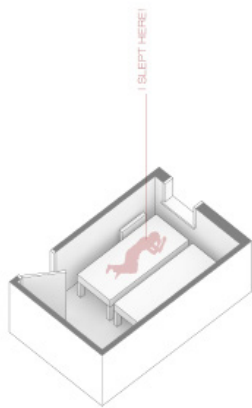




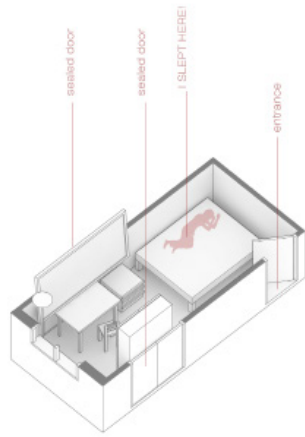


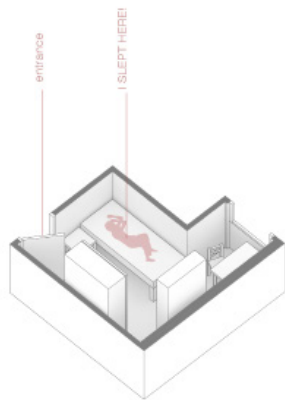












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The Process

1. Keep a list of the places you've slept in.
2. Remember the room. Only from memory, draw what you recall, by hand, and add notes. Create index cards to build an archive.
3. Perform an auto-archaeology: dig up spatial evidence from among fragments of your personal history (Instagram posts, phone pictures, polaroids, Airbnb history, hotel bookings, ticket stubs, etc.)
4. Reproduce the space as neutrally as possible, based on "archaeological" evidence. Draw by computer.

# LES LIEUX OÙ J'AI DORMI...

TEHRAN, IRAN - March 2016

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- Bəzəgmehr, Fariman - near the Univ
- Amir's Room in their Apartment
- SHARED WITH TWO.

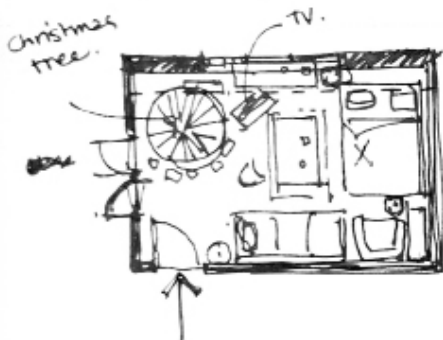


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HORSSENS, DENMARK — dec 2019 - jan 2020.

- A livingroom of Annis apartment.
- couch converted to bed.
- the top floor of a building in front of a cemetery.



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