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Cleaners, security guards and other employees at the Swedish Parliament

Statens konstråd "We don't guard doors, we guard democracy", says Jarmo.

I have spoken to security guards, cleaners and other employees at the Riksdag. Jarmo is one of the security guards. Our conversations have been about how special it feels to work so close to the corridors of power, and how taking care of democracy feels. About places that are particularly dear and aspects of work that are rather peculiar, and what their working rounds are like during a typical working day.

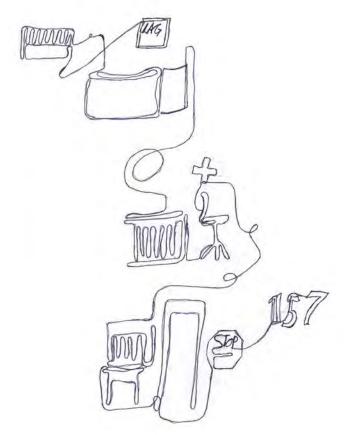
- I was there!
- Untidy is fine.
- Protecting the Chamber.
- Look! He's slowing drifting down.
- We clean all touch screens every day.
- We're in our own bubble.
- I see things other people don't see. We are healthily paranoid.
- Things should work for everyone.
- We'll go last.
- Those who are prepared survive.
- Give yourself less priority.
- We can see you, you can't see us.

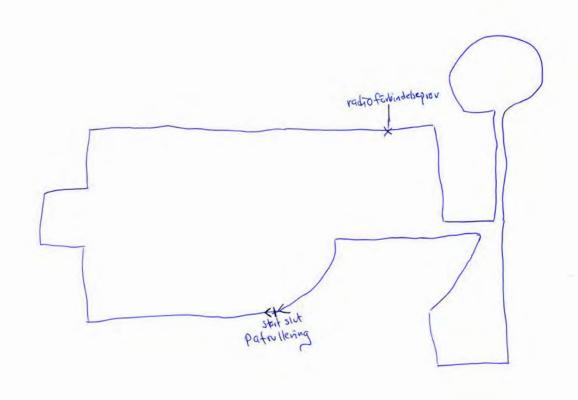
- When something isn't as it should be, we have to fix it.
- I am the mother of the Riksdag.
- It's fun to be behind the scenes.
- More fun than being a traffic warden.
- Doing what people expect and o little bit more.
- Being in a good circle.
- I work from the point of view of the patient the patient Sweden.
- What do we need to do now?
- Hear whether someone is listening.
- Reality at work.
 - Sometimes, it has to be difficult for it to be better.
 - We're like a general store.
 - Seeing what's around the corner.
- Chugging on.
- How would you like it?
- I know that you're friendly, but you don't need to be all
- the time. Close to bursting into tears.
- Hello! My chair's broken.
- Raise the flag.
- So what should I not look at?
- De-escalate.

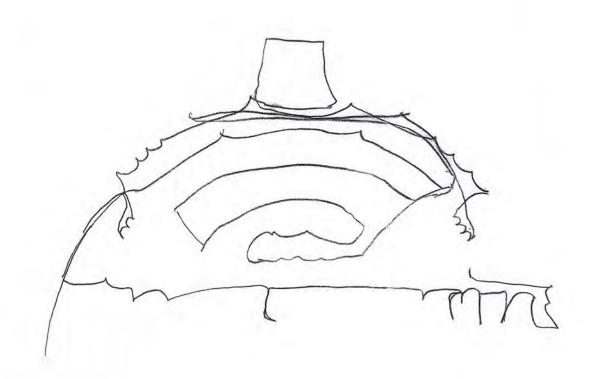
- Whenever I'm in the Chamber, I think that my flat is smaller than the big tapestry hanging on the wall behind the Speaker's table.
- All the words we say are carefully chosen.
- First, I'd planned to become an assistant nurse.
- I make use of my vulnerability.
- The memory of a good deed.
- I'm already part of an event...that hasn't yet happened.
- Keeping fresh things fresh.
- Telling the truth.
- Locked is not locked.

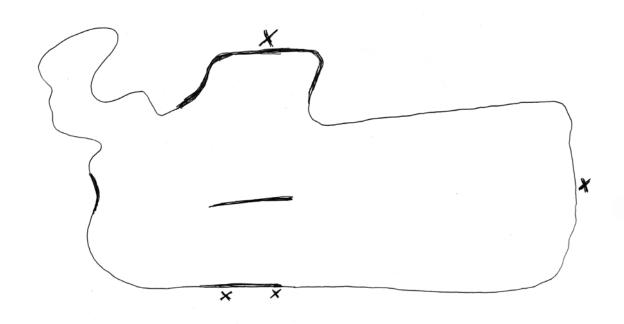
Rounds are part of my work Come as you are! It contains drawings made by the Riksdag's security guards, cleaners and other employees. It also contains maps of the rounds that they perform every day to maintain democracy. They presented the drawings to me and I presented a sketched portrait to each of them, like an artistic act, visual communication. I ask a question and we answer it together – a form of cooperation.

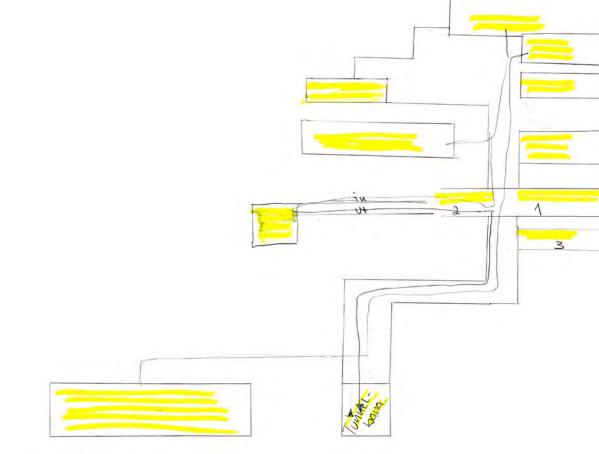
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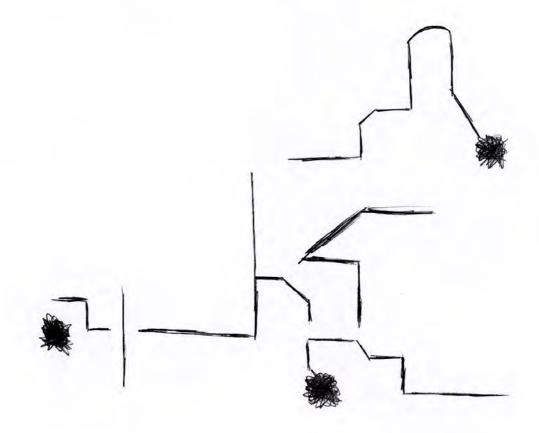


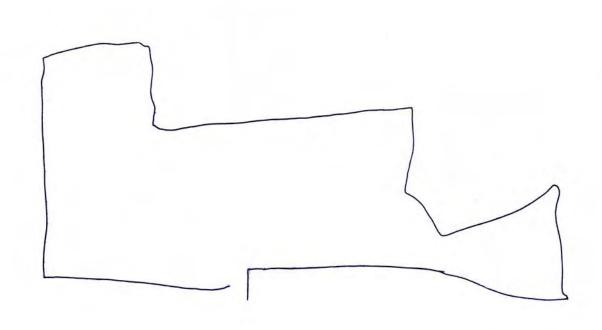


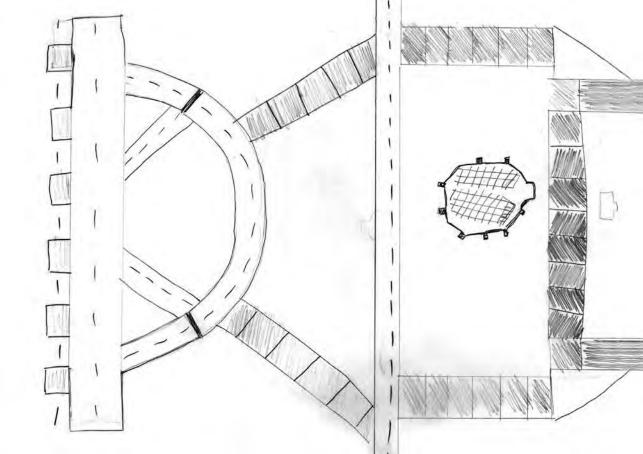


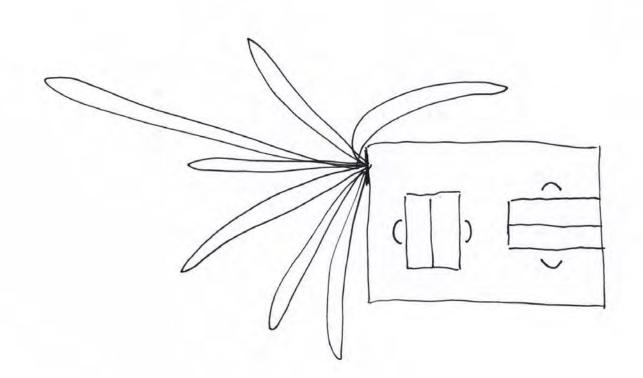


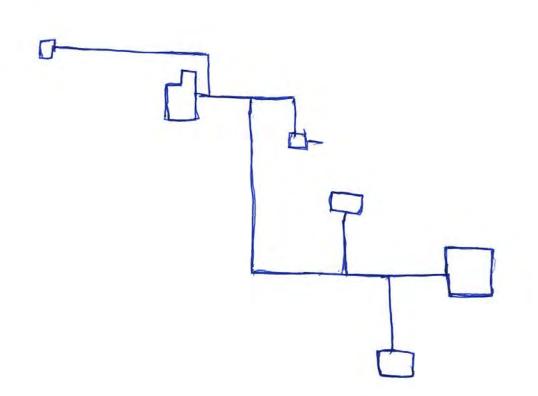


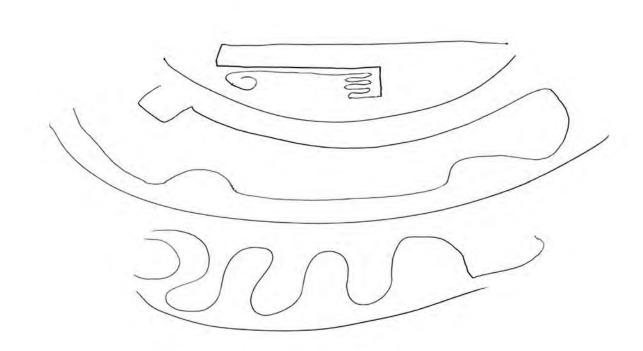


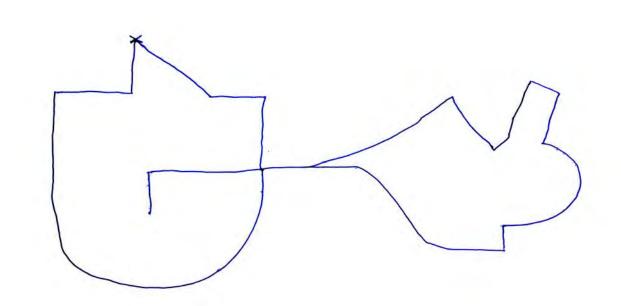


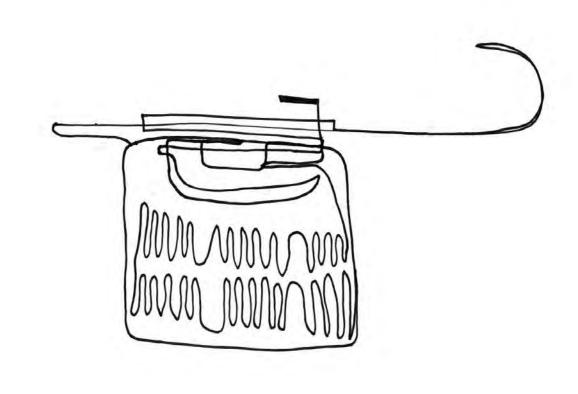


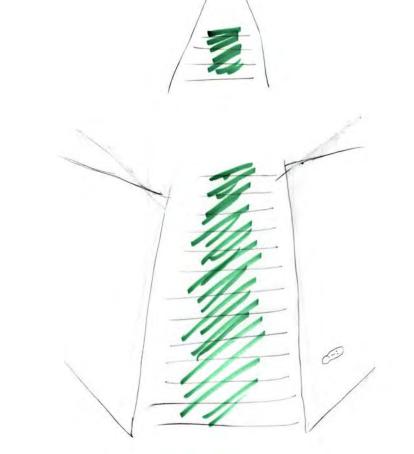


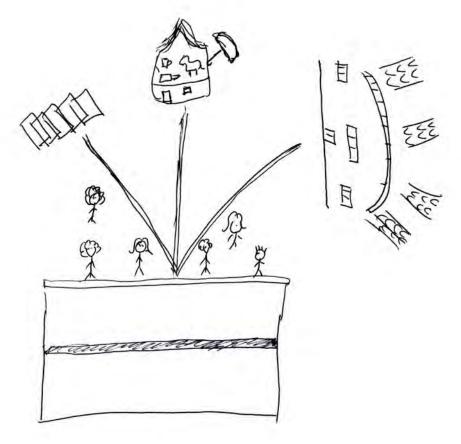


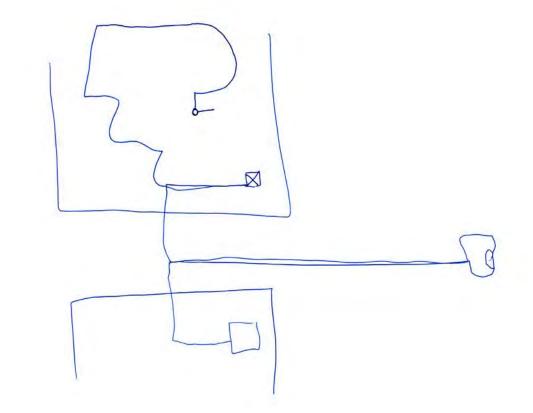


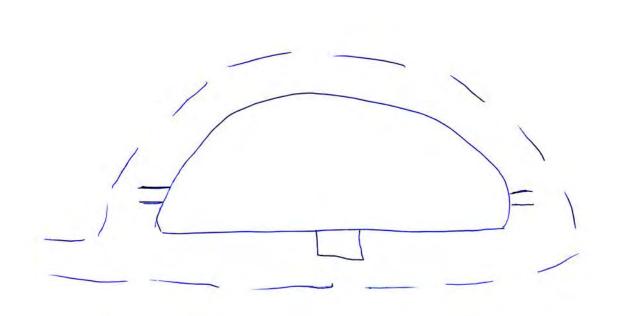


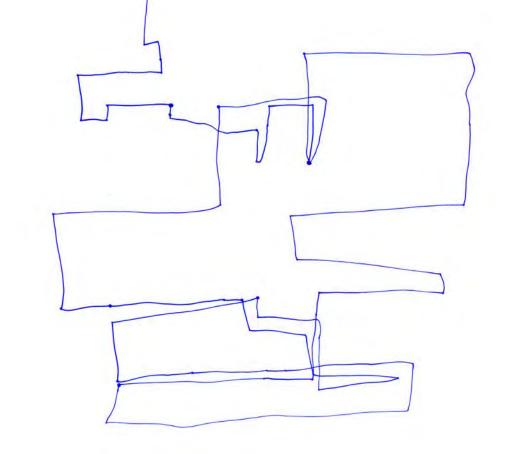


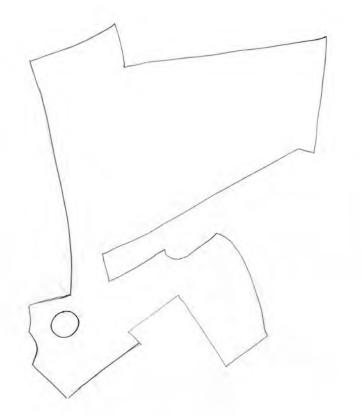


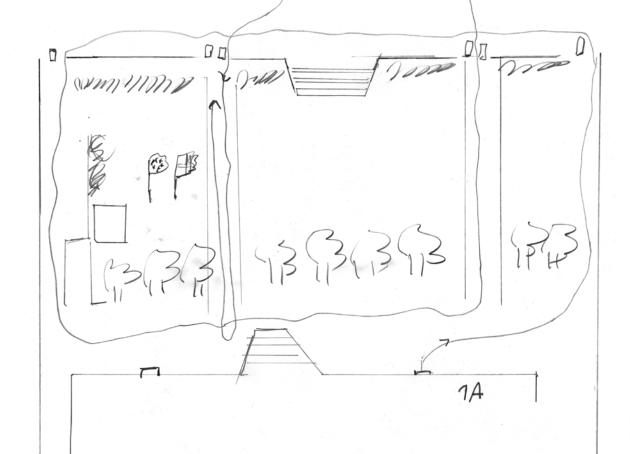


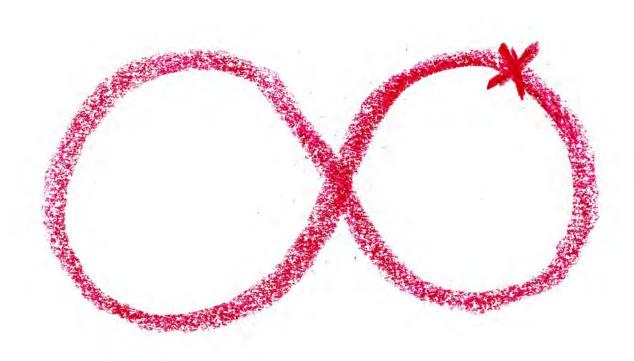


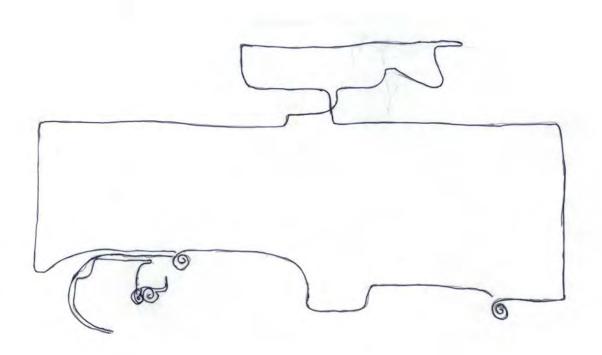


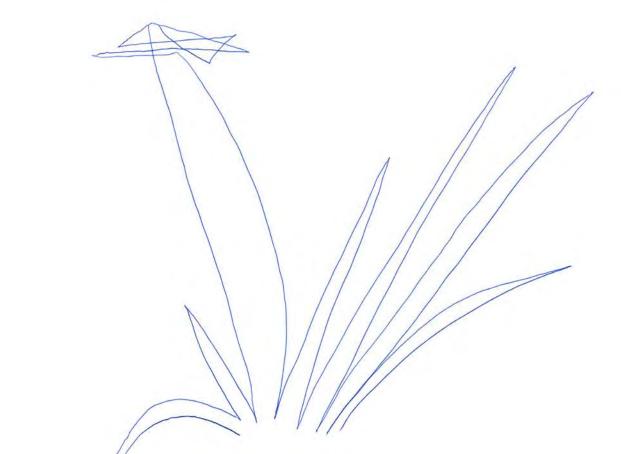


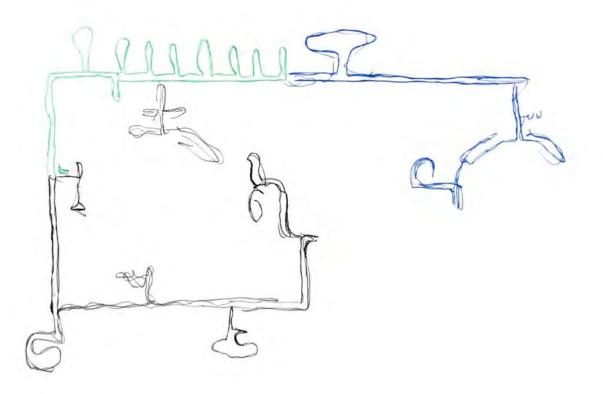


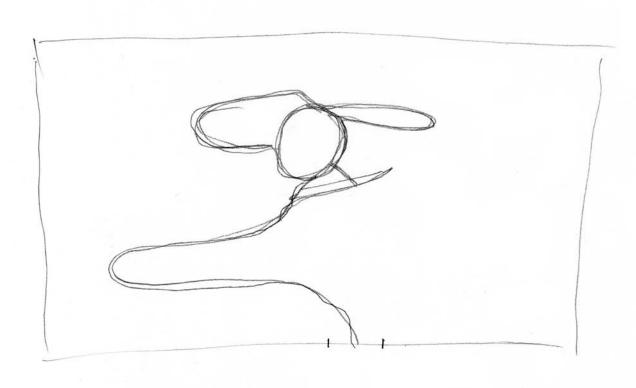


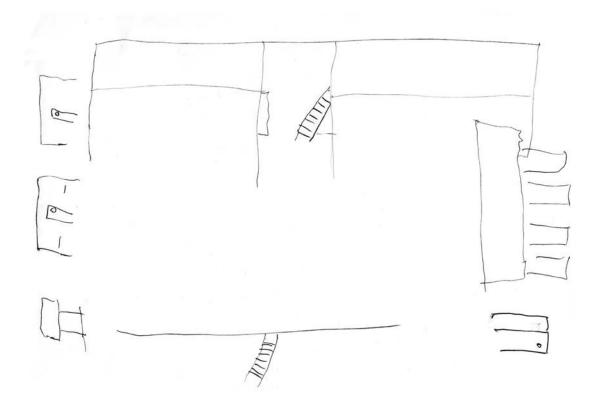


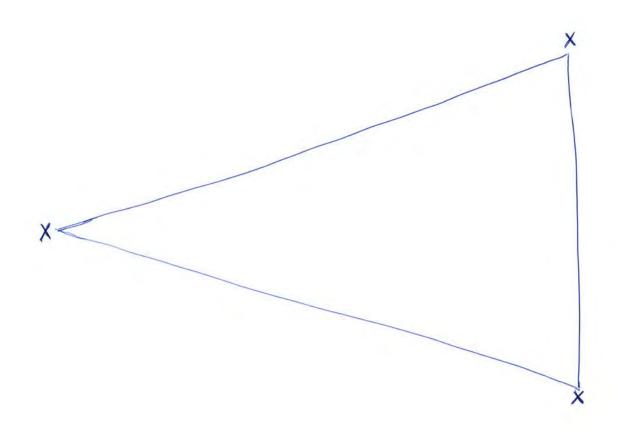


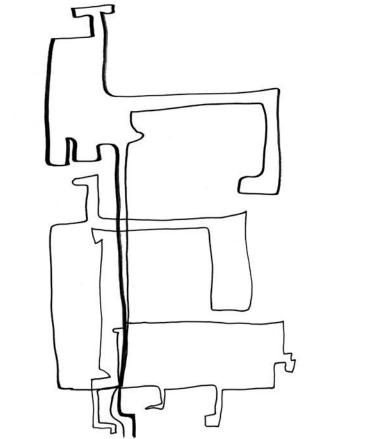


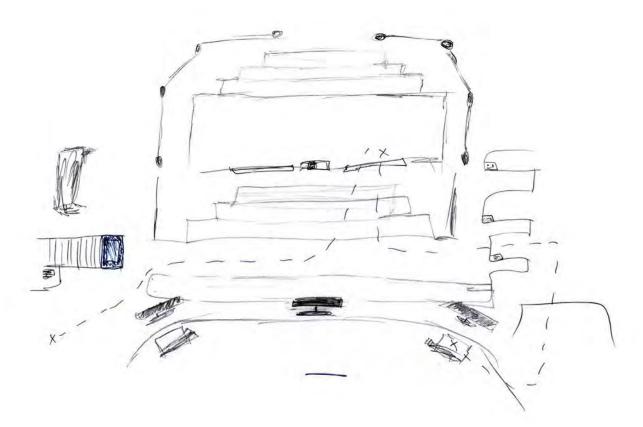


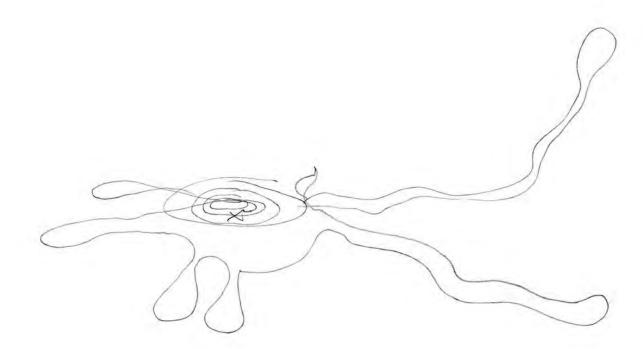


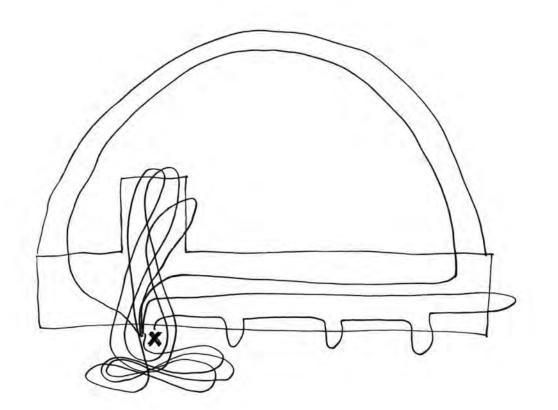


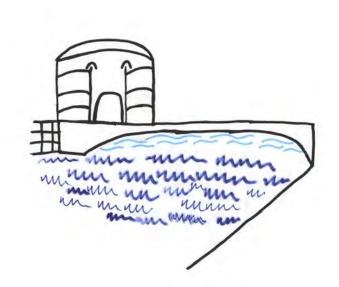


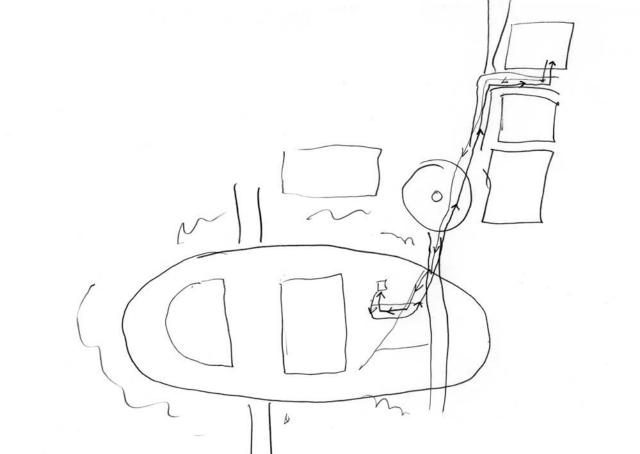


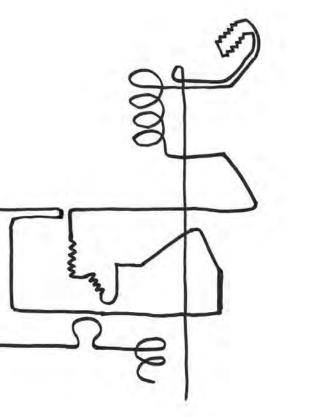


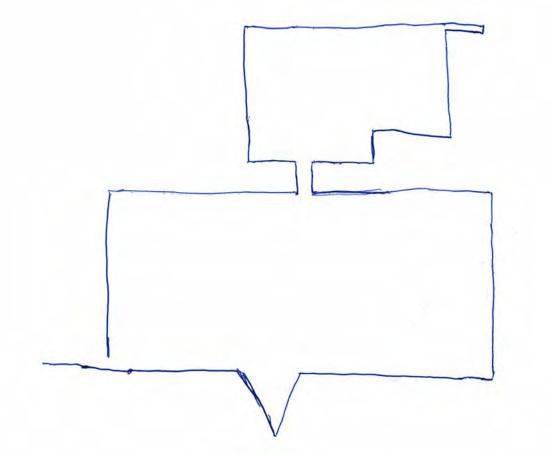


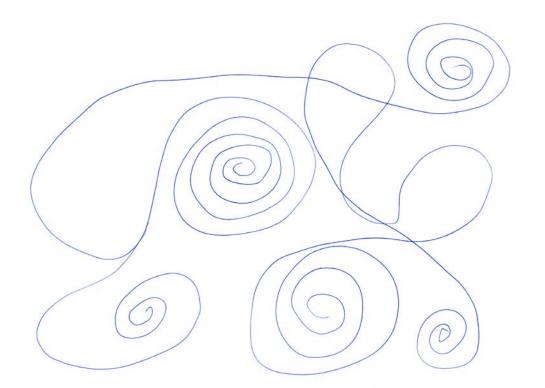


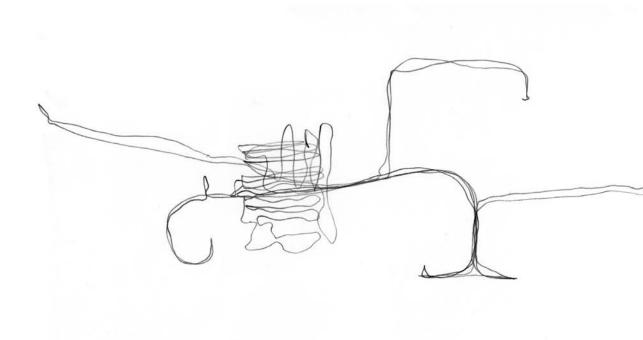


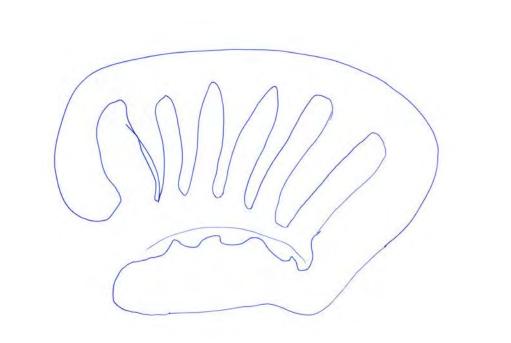


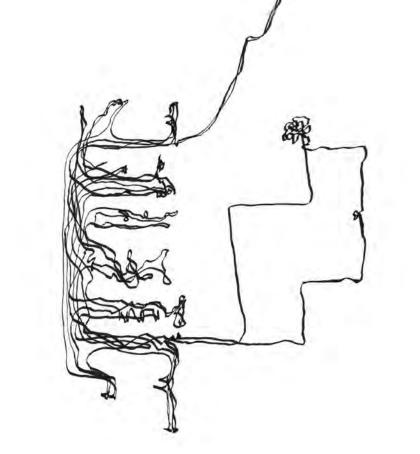


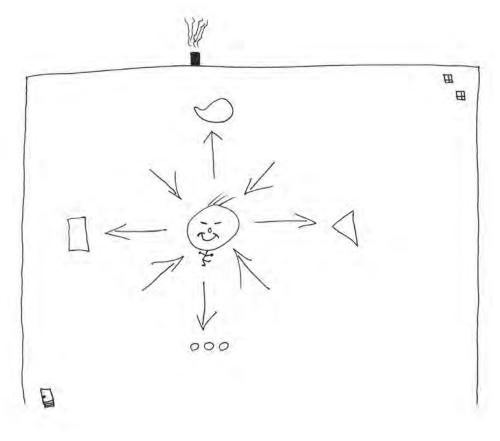












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