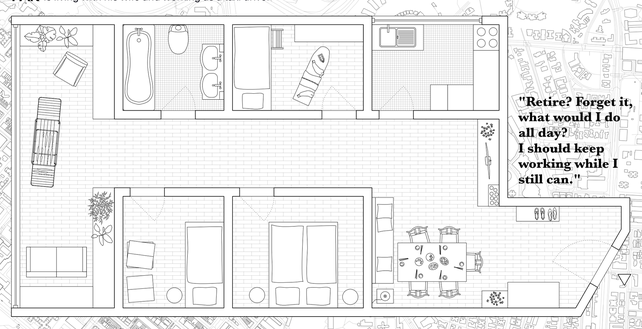
PAK is living with his wife and working as a taxi driver



"Retire? Forget it, what would I do all day? I should keep working while I still can."

In a study two-thirds described how they had initially felt compelled to hide their emerging gender/ sexual identities by entering into opposite-sex partnerships or marriages

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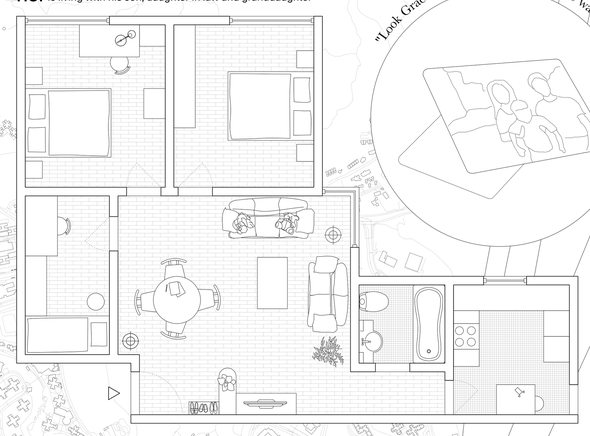
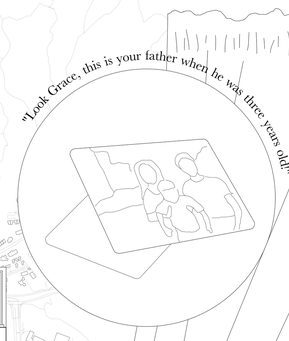
...cruising not only in search for sex,
but a political quest for comrades, a social marking of space...

HOI is living with his son, daughter in law and granddaughter





"To be honest even if we get a gay nursing home, I wouldn't go. How would I face my son?"

Spouses and partners provide more than half of the caregiving to LGBT older adults.
Friends and other non-relatives provide over one-third of the care.
Adult children, in contrast, provide only 3 percent of elder care within the LGBT community

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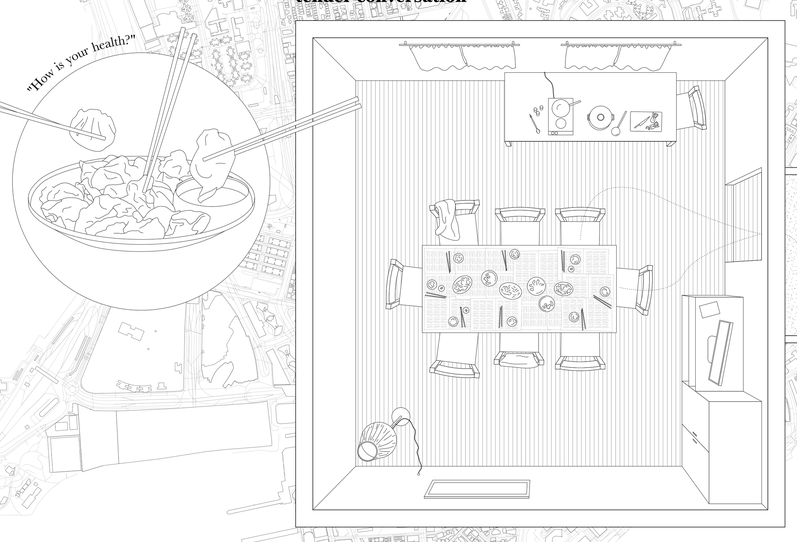
tender conversation



Gay Bathing House
Kwun Tong District, Hong Kong

...when the fear of coming out is much worse than discomfort of living in the closet...

...coming out is not a linear process...
...it's fluid, unstable, dynamic...

9% are closeted even to close friends

31% were closeted in their previous job

34% are closeted to their neighbours

27% are closeted in their religious community

21% are closeted to their doctor

A study with 2,560 lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender participants aged 50 to 95.
Fredriksen-Goldsen, The Aging and Health Report: Disparities and Resilience among Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Older Adults. Seattle: Institute for Multigenerational Health, 2011

Queer theory suggests that gender and sexual identities are performed, fluid, and unstable. As a result, coming out of the closet is not a linear process, necessarily characterized by an individual openly claiming their identity at a single moment in time. Rather, coming to understand one's identity and coming out are part of fluid, complex, and continual journeys in which individuals both privately and publicly realize, accept, claim, and reveal themselves as members of gender and sexual minorities across the life course. LGBTQ+ persons often have varying "levels of being out", having been outed in some situations but engaging in "strategic outness" in others.

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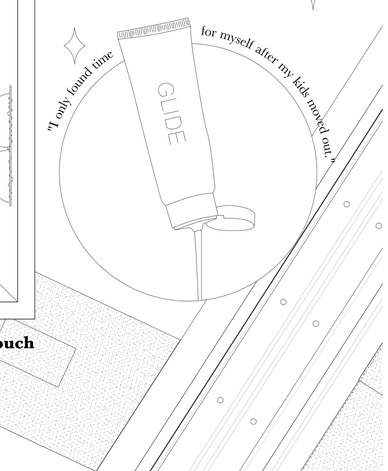

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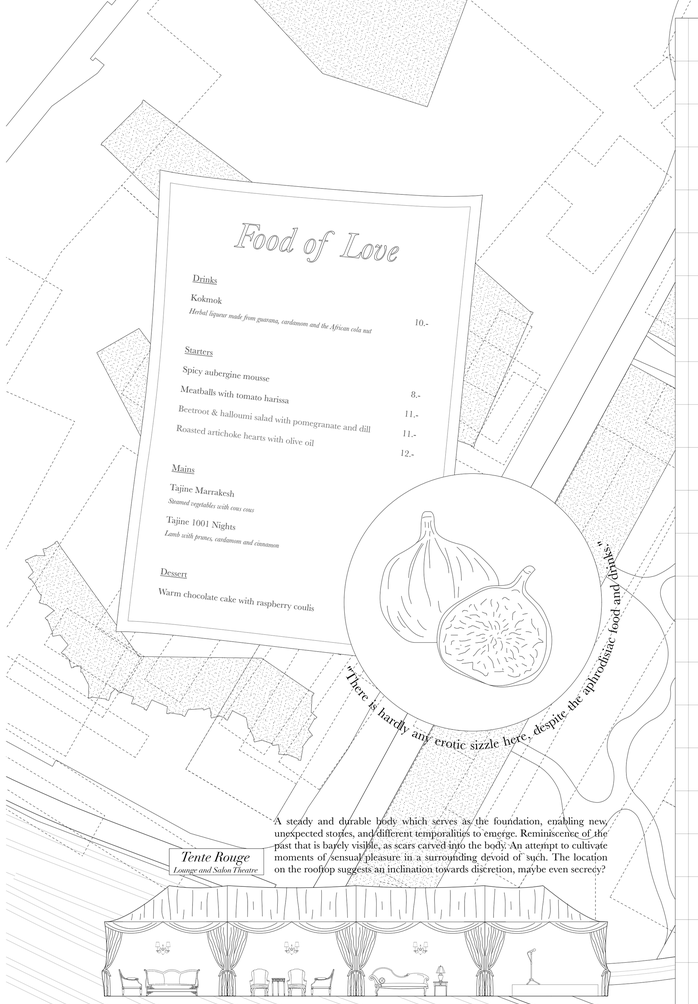
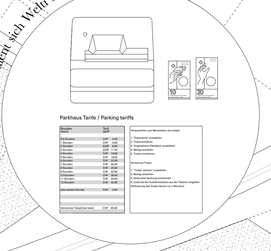


"There is hardly any erotic sizzle here, despite the aphrodisiac food and drinks."



"Da verdient sich Welti Furrer eine goldene Nase."

Pfingstweidstrasse

Hardstrasse

Many express a fear of becoming increasingly unwanted and invisible in LGBTQ+ communities.

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LGBT older adults experience high rates of chronic health conditions and report higher rates of mental stress than their non-LGBT peers. For example, the rate of depression among LGBT older adults is more than four times that of the wider population. They also report higher rates of loneliness, anxiety, and suicidal thoughts.

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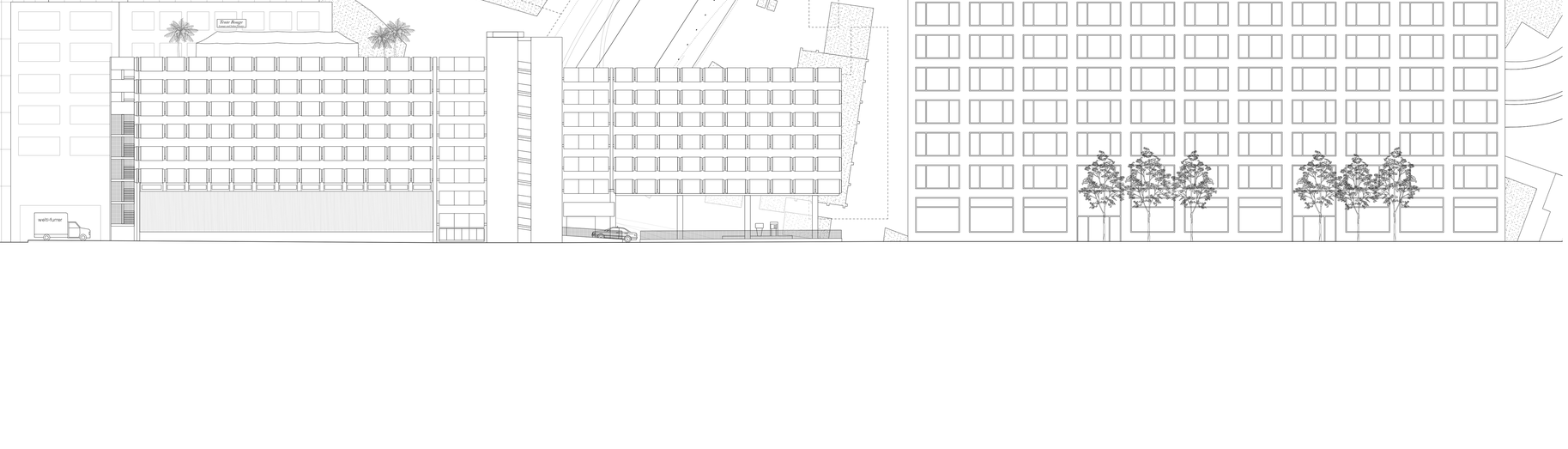
Tente Rouge
Lounge and Salon Theatre

A steady and durable body which serves as the foundation, enabling new unexpected stories, and different temporalities to emerge. Reminiscence of the past that is barely visible, as scars carved into the body. An attempt to cultivate moments of sensual pleasure in a surrounding devoid of such. The location on the rooftop suggests an inclination towards discretion, maybe even secrecy?