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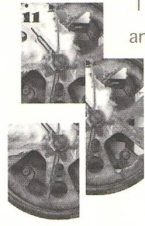
I woke up IN THE FRIDGE.



My clock was broken.

And the alarm was wrong.

I placed a mirror on the floor
and tried
to see the opposite
side of
my nose
...



Oh, I forgot.

My name is... It doesn't matter;

I am the resident of a Non-topia.

One day, without knowing exactly how,
ignoring my initial destination and having
forgotten where exactly I was coming from, I
found myself

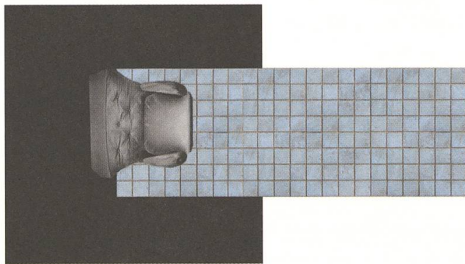
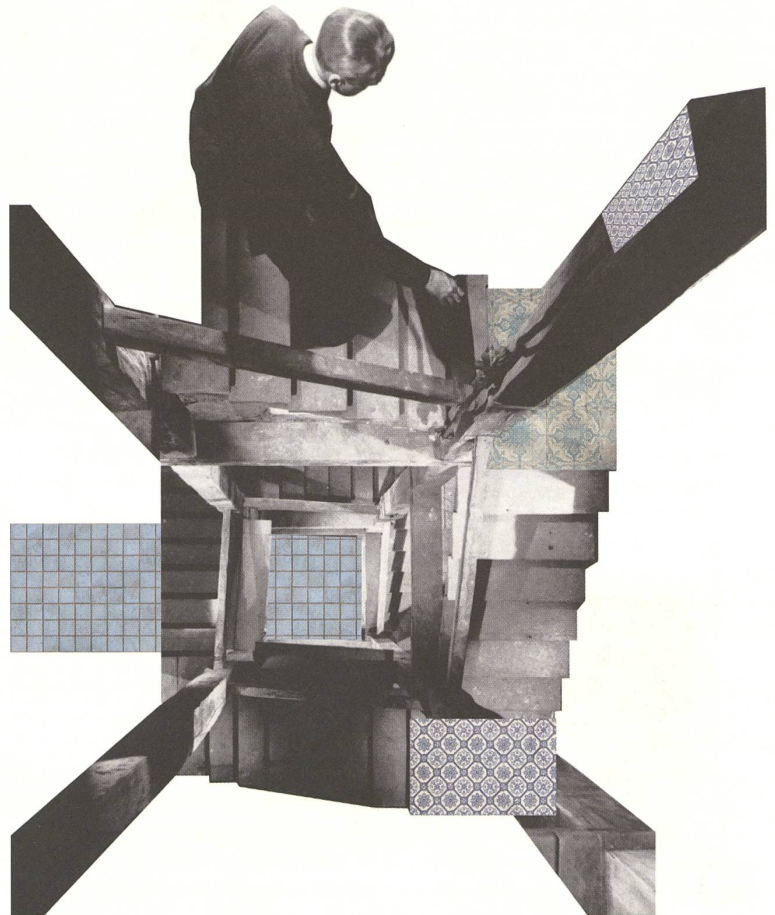
here; in the place of Non.

No walls. No clocks....

No space. No imagination. No destination.

I have already counted 450 sunsets.

I am still here....



confusion

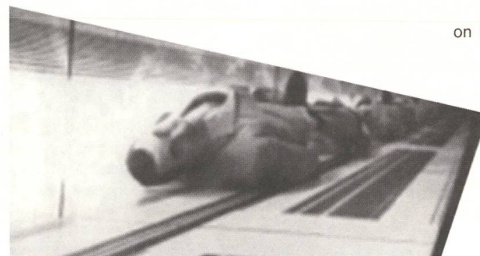
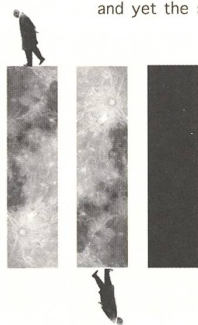
— This place keeps on confusing me

I don't know where
to put
myself.

I change places. And positions.
And see no difference.

Everywhere is different
and yet the same. Now I

understand
why
people hate
airports.

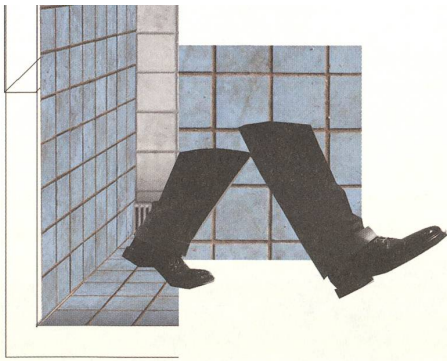


I put my FEET
on my head.

I don't FIT.
I was
meant to
build this space.
Now the space is building
ME.
It becomes a
mold and I

take its shape. A NON shape.

Where is my suitcase?



i walk



i walk



i walk



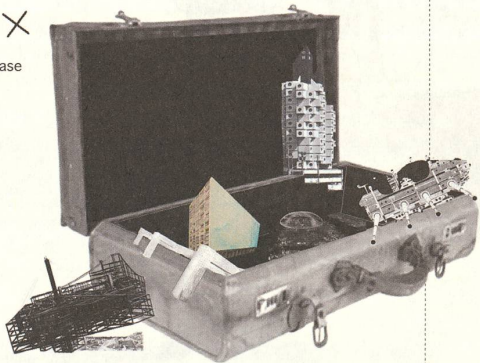
The suitcase is open. My tools have become rusty. They don't work anymore...

Maybe if I stand ON my books... They said that if I climb on them I'd manage to see the other side of the wall. I am still short... I find no door out.

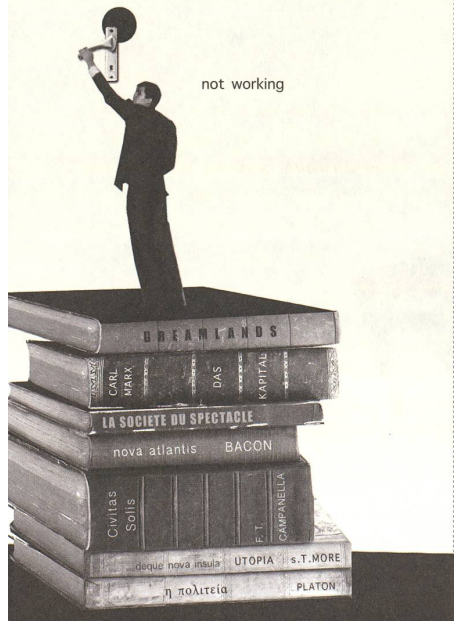
My foot is still on my ears. I'll make a flip. Someone clapped. See...acrobatics work sometimes. I'll try a turn. Someone clapped again. Good Job ... Et alors? I am still in this fridge.

I walk I walk I walk... And the planet spins along... It fools me. I go nowhere. I am trapped in the NON.

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itcase



not working



distance

I need to think. I need to concentrate. I feel as if I have lost my imagination. The imaginary places where I always escape to.

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imagination is the ability of an individual to produce virtual images based on memory.

Imaginary is a collective construction based on a common horizon to work towards.

"What defines a totalitarian society is the absence of the imaginary. It needs a tremendous work in order to rebuild a beginning of imaginary in societies"

The case of western capitalism is interesting: instead of preventing imaginaries to exist, it intrudes and corrupts them from the inside, in a process of normalization that has been invented in order for capitalism to survive.

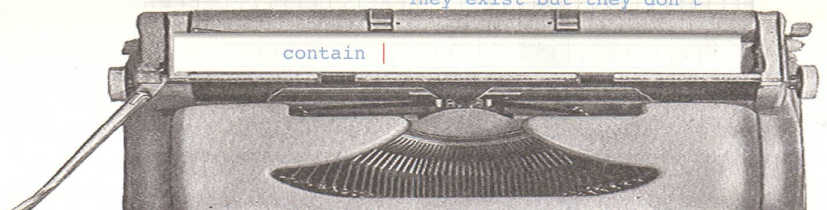
The territory of the imaginary is called

UTOPIA

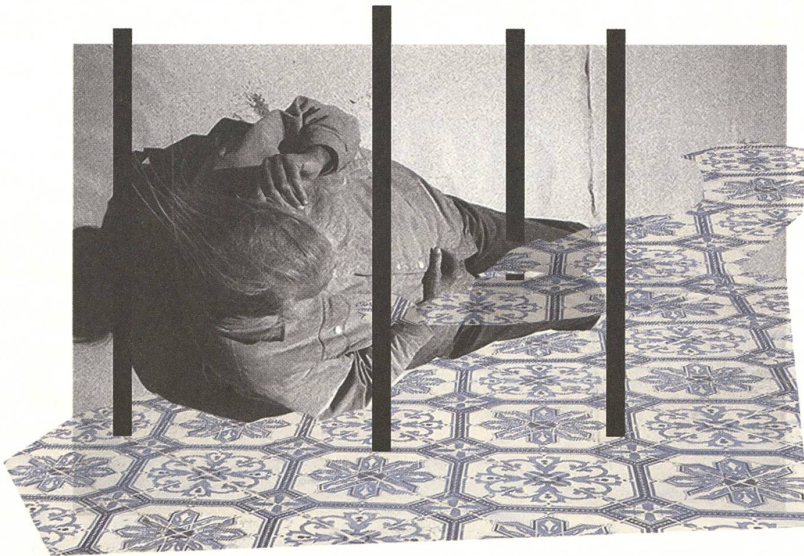
"non-places are the opposite of utopias.

They exist but they don't

contain |



Sitting on my armchair,
staring at my Non-topia's
endless horizon, I realize
that I cannot reconstruct
the world. What I should
begin reconstructing is the
(damaged) territory of my
imaginary.



bed

Today is Thursday.

I will sleep UNDER
my bed.

I need to dream.

Whatever is strong
can take shape and form.

And somehow like this,
maybe I'll manage to find my way on...

