

Our built environments are composed of a finite number of **BASIC ELEMENTS**
Columns, walls, roofs, porches, arcades, towers, rooms, hearths, doors, and windows are **WORDS**
in a **LANGUAGE** of buildings; living environments construct a **MEANINGFUL SYNTAX**.

Each **PATTERN** of daily life is intimately tied to the place in which it occurs.

PLACE



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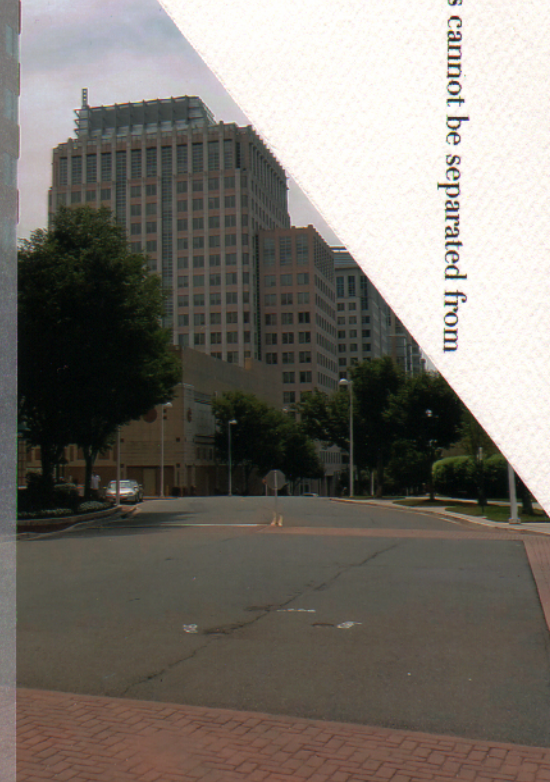
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EDGE

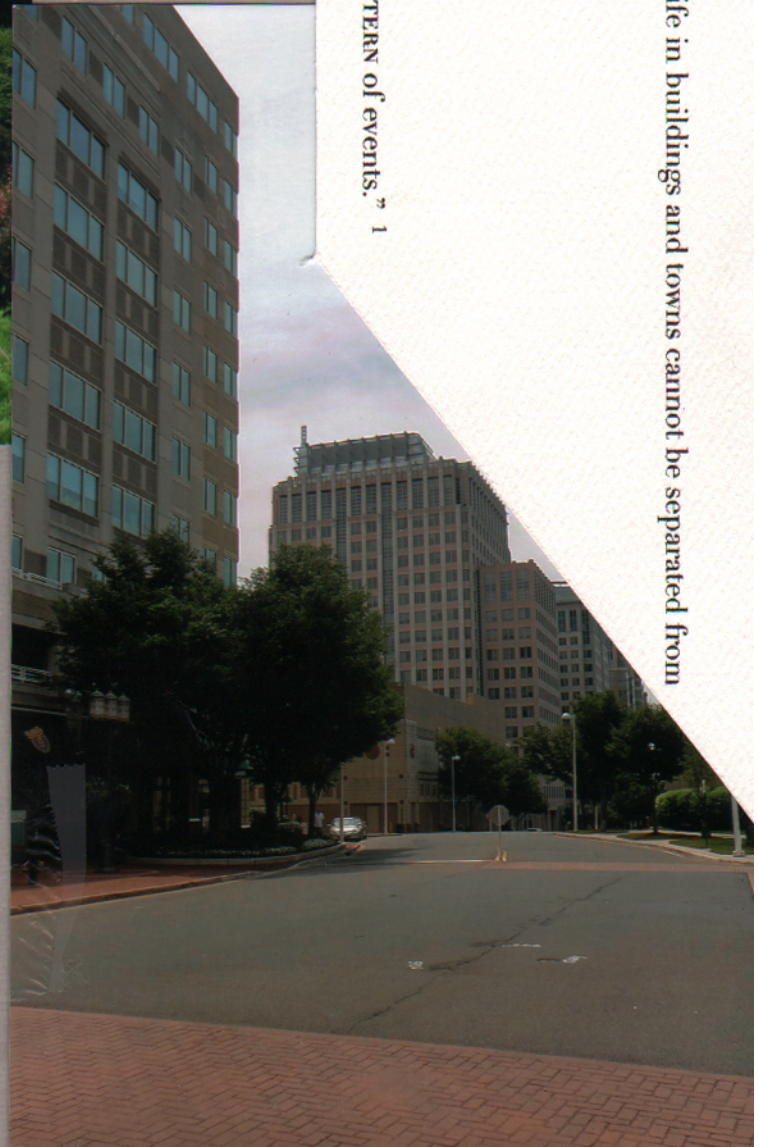


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“Consider, for example, the pattern of events which we might call *watching the world go by*. We sit, perhaps slightly raised, on the front porch, or on some steps in a park, or on a cafe terrace, with a more or less protected, sheltered, partly private place behind us, looking out into a more public place... I cannot separate it from the porch where it occurs. The action and the space are indivisible. The action is supported by this kind of space. The space supports this kind of action.”¹