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ON MONDAY,

February the 3rd, 2003 we came across a following piece of information at the BBC News Talking Point*:

Can the dispute between Thailand and Cambodia be resolved?

Thailand has *evacuated* more than 500 of its nationals from Cambodia and *downgraded diplomatic relations* following riots triggered by a row over a *famous temple*.

The anti-Thai riots, which left *one Cambodian man dead and seven injured*, were *caused by comments attributed to a Thai TV star*, Suvanant Kongyin, who *suggested Cambodia's famed Angkor Wat temple complex belonged to Thailand*.

However, the actress *denied the comments* and said they were *spoken by a character* she played in a TV drama two years ago.

The Thai government's action came after *Cambodian protesters attacked the Thai embassy and Thai-owned businesses* in the Cambodian Capital Phnom Penh on Wednesday.

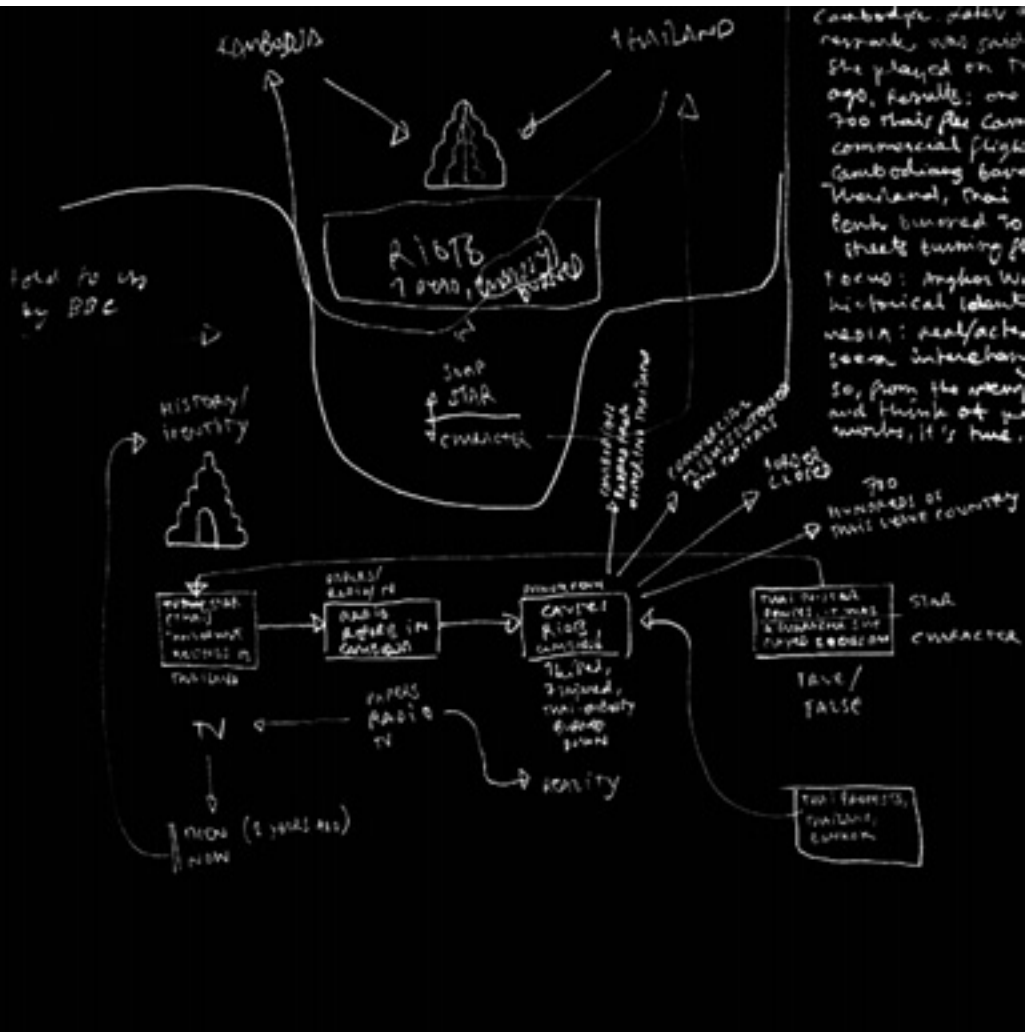
On Thursday, angry Thais *took to the streets* of Bangkok to *protest and burn* Cambodian flags, prompting Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej to *call for calm*.

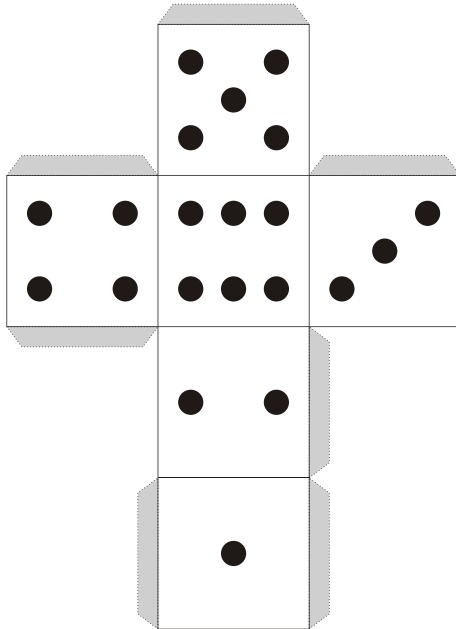
Analysts said it was *unclear what really prompted the rioting*, though Cambodian politicians may have been hoping to stir up *nationalist sentiment* ahead of July elections.

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01 evacuated
02 downgraded diplomatic relations
03 famous temple
04 riots
05 one dead, seven injured
06 comments by TV star
07 denied
08 character in a TV drama
09 two years ago
10 attacked
11 protest and burn
12 king to call calm
13 analysts
14 unclear what caused
15 nationalist sentiment



*See also "Cambodia apologises to Thais" on BBC News /World /Asia-Pacific, Thursday, 30 January, 2003, 20:10 GMT.





JUST TRY YOURSELF!

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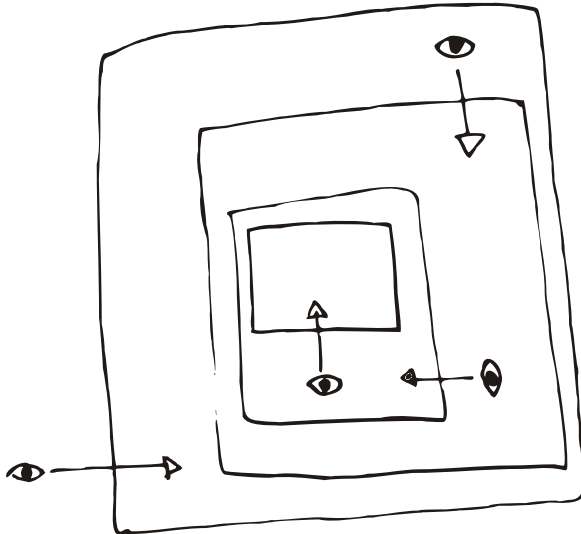
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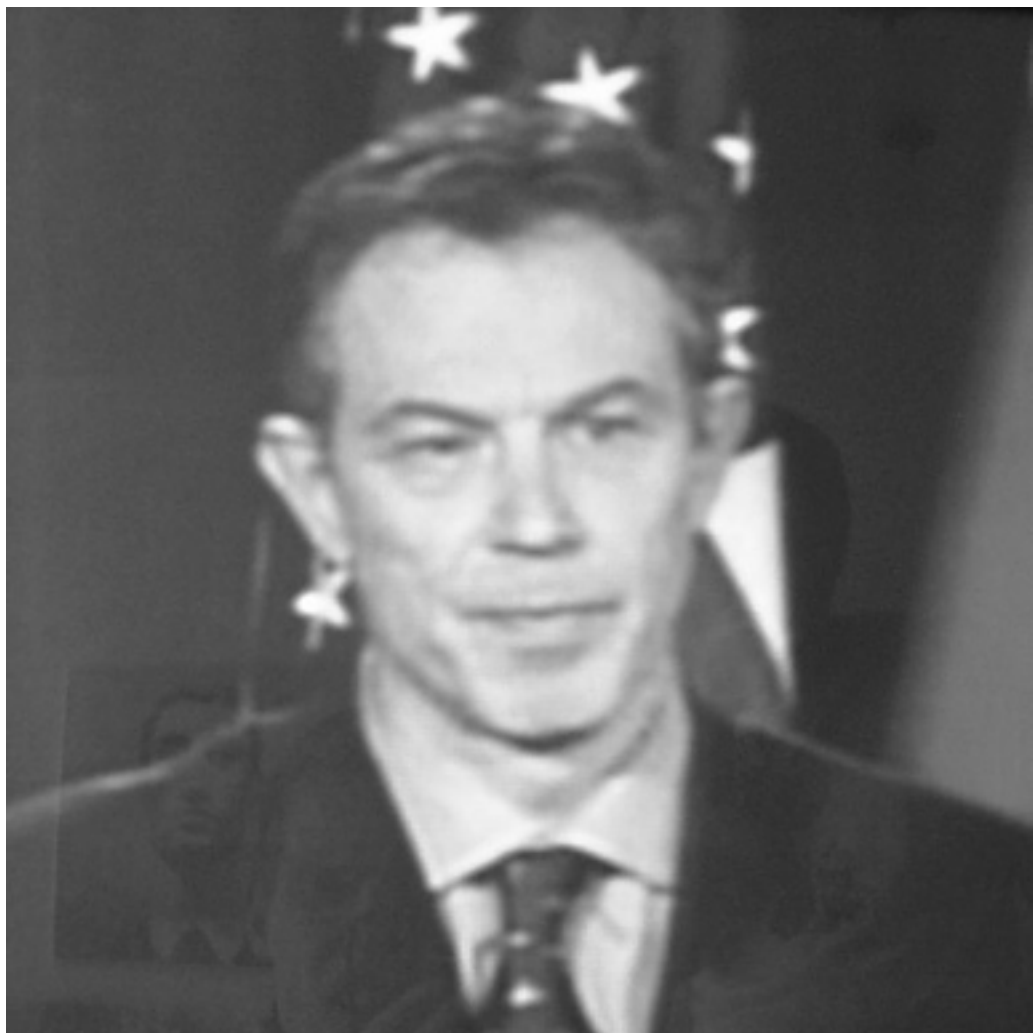
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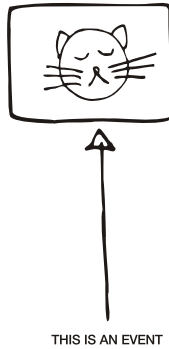
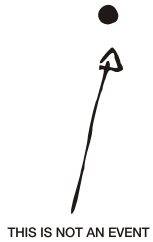
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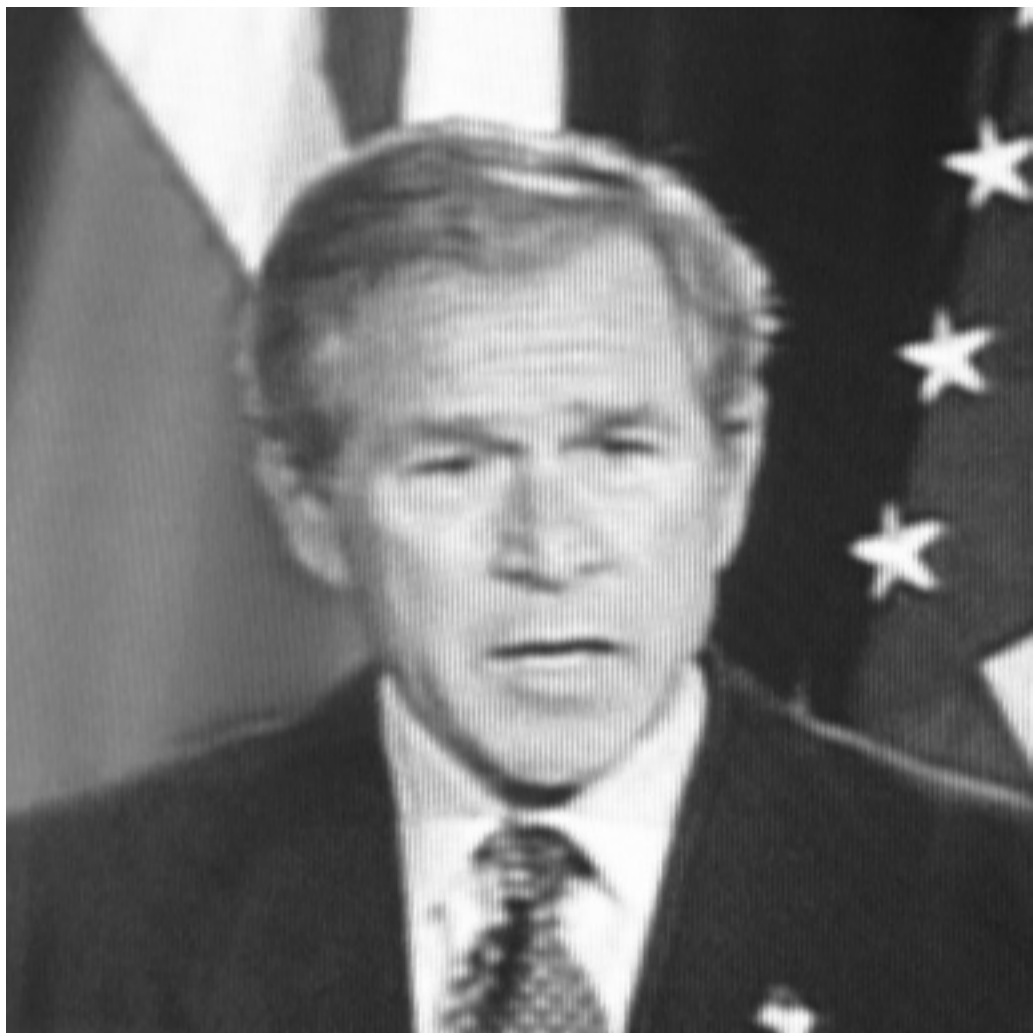


Does an event take place
if the media are not observing?





So when it takes place
it might happen.





Q What is pure information?

A Pure information is new data.

Q What does purity mean?

A Purity means information is free of truth value.

Q Can an example be given?

A a. Old data equals low informational value (but it might be true).

b. New data equals high informational value (but it might be false).



Speech remains
when the facts are removed.



HOW TO

make the world in your own image in 7 simple steps.

1. Mentally, create a world of your own. You already have the building blocks. You just have to make all these diverse beliefs, views, opinions, dogmas, etc. a coherent whole.
2. Remember: coherence requires some omitting. You can't have the cake and eat it, too. Be ready to leave all conflicting notions behind. This makes your world stronger.
3. Now that you have a world, learn to believe firmly in it. Try to think of all possible criticisms directed against your system. The answers and counter-criticism you come up with are the bricks in the wall around the garden you have created.
4. Get ready to spread the gospel. First, make a good story of it. Prepare a couple of basic concepts that are universally applicable. Then, repeat these on and on and on. In the social ladder, the professions of a preacher or a politician are recommended. To combine these should be the ultimate goal. The gravity of your words equals directly your field of reach.
5. Then, just recuperate all words, all concepts and all symbols. Never discuss but interrupt, preach and insist. Build your discourse around polar opposites. Be ready to exploit emotions, fears and desires. Be on television as often as possible. This is of highest importance because the memory of most of the people around you is short.
6. From all the philosophies of truth be sure to choose pragmatism as the guiding principle. This way you don't have to worry about your actions now. History, when it best suits you, will always come to your rescue. Remember: the problem of the infinite epistemic regress is not yours, but your critics problem.
7. Never admit anything.



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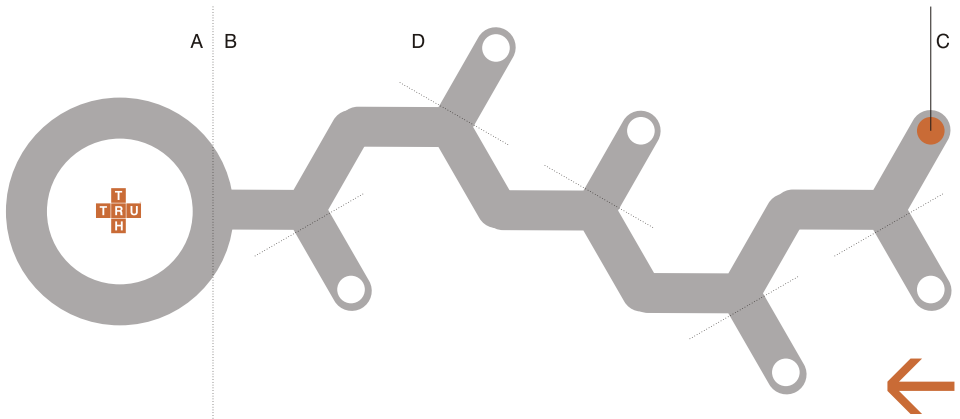
Mental exercise 1.

Try to remember what did not happen.

Mental exercise 2.

Try to focus on a world where this didn't take place.

The **TRUTH™** of pragmatism: Read from right to left.



TRUTH™

Truth is arrived in a backward fashion, from present back to the past.

A. This is a proposition we started with. It might be true or false.

B. This is the time-tree growing backwards from C to A.

C. This is the present moment. Proposition A works, which proves it to be true.

D. These are possible worlds cut out from the tree by the production of truth.



HOME IMPRO-

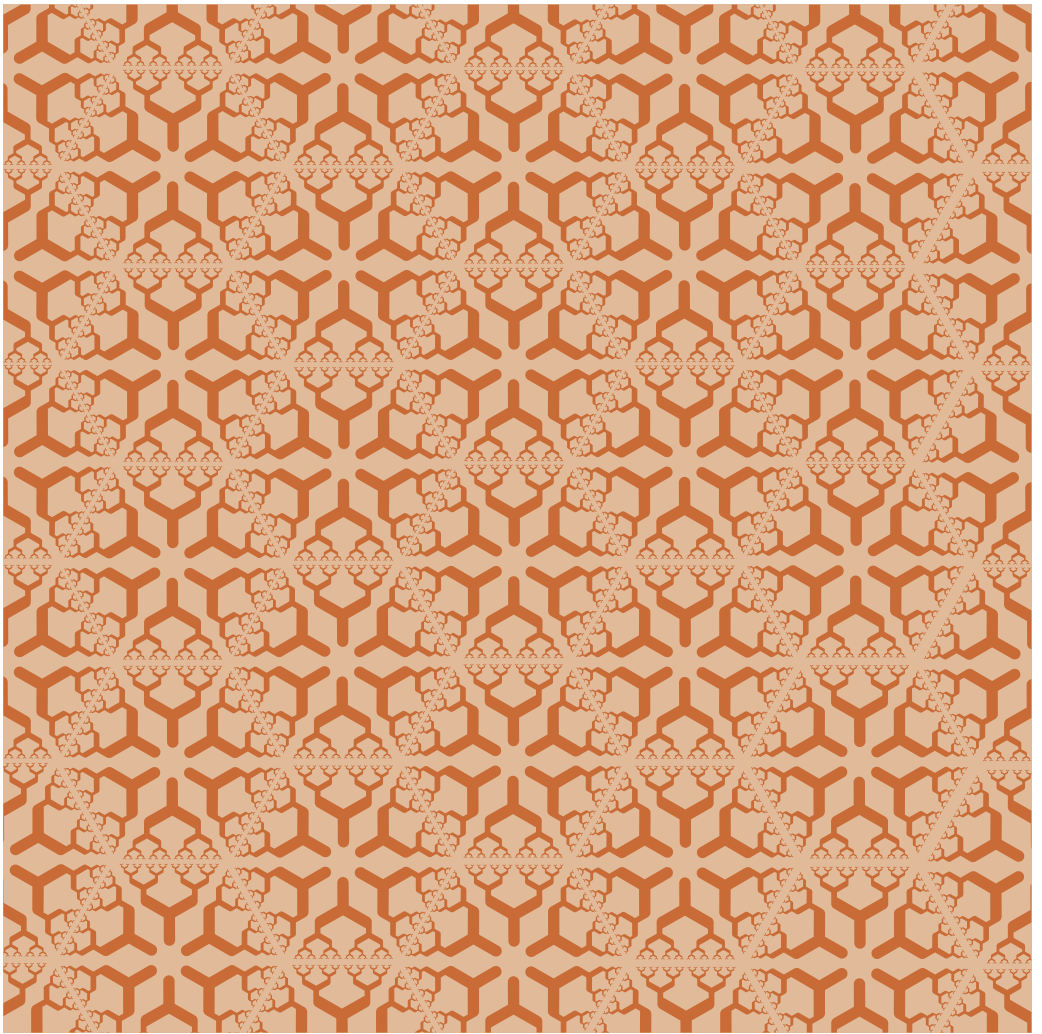
vement: How to decorate for resistance.
Five ornamental tapestries to code your living-room for the right mood.

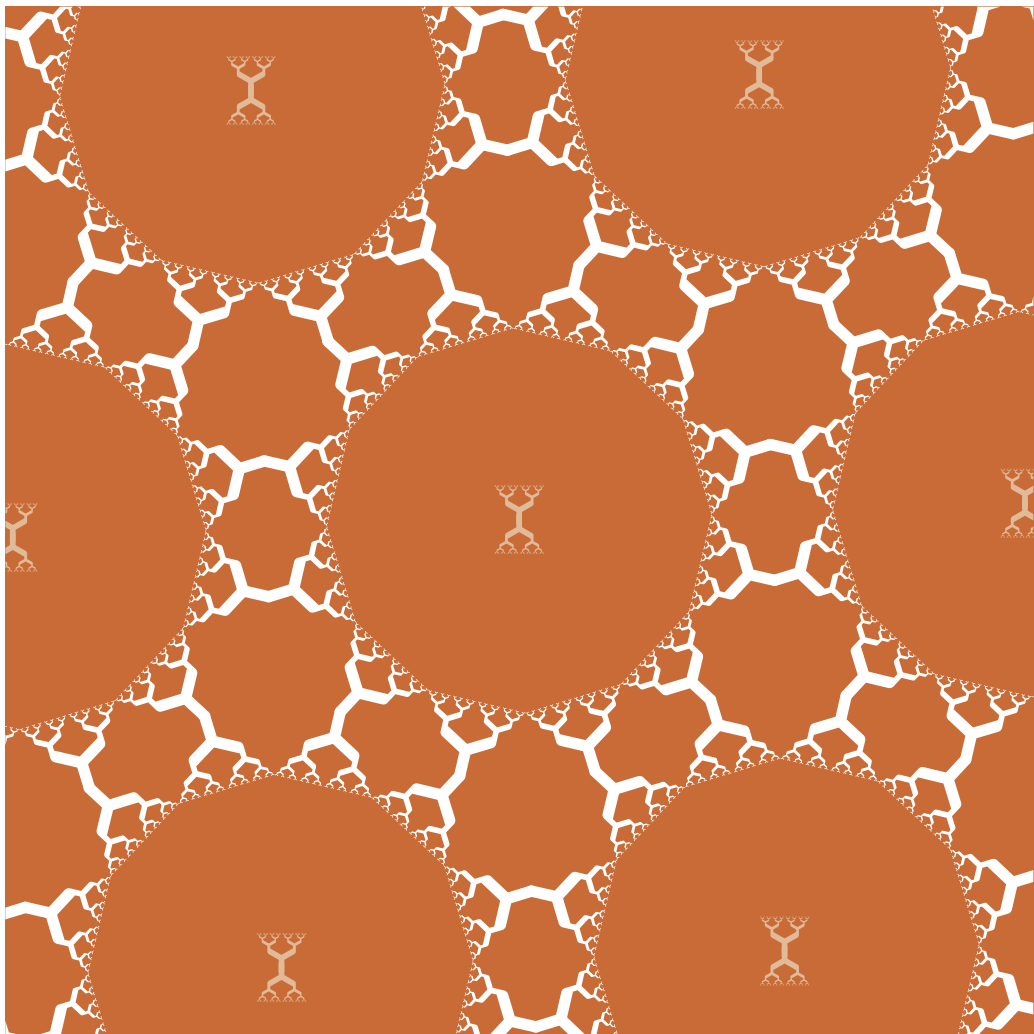
We have designed a set of five different tapestries based on the same theme to transform the space you live or work in into a space of opening possibilities. The tapestry is composed of a basic element depicting the flow of time as an open process, where all the past, present and future possibilities are present at the same time. You could call this a virtual space of multiplicity.*

- 01 Flows and Undercurrents (on cover)
- 02 Moments All the Time
- 03 Openings
- 04 The Great Chain of Becoming I
- 05 The Great Chain of Becoming II

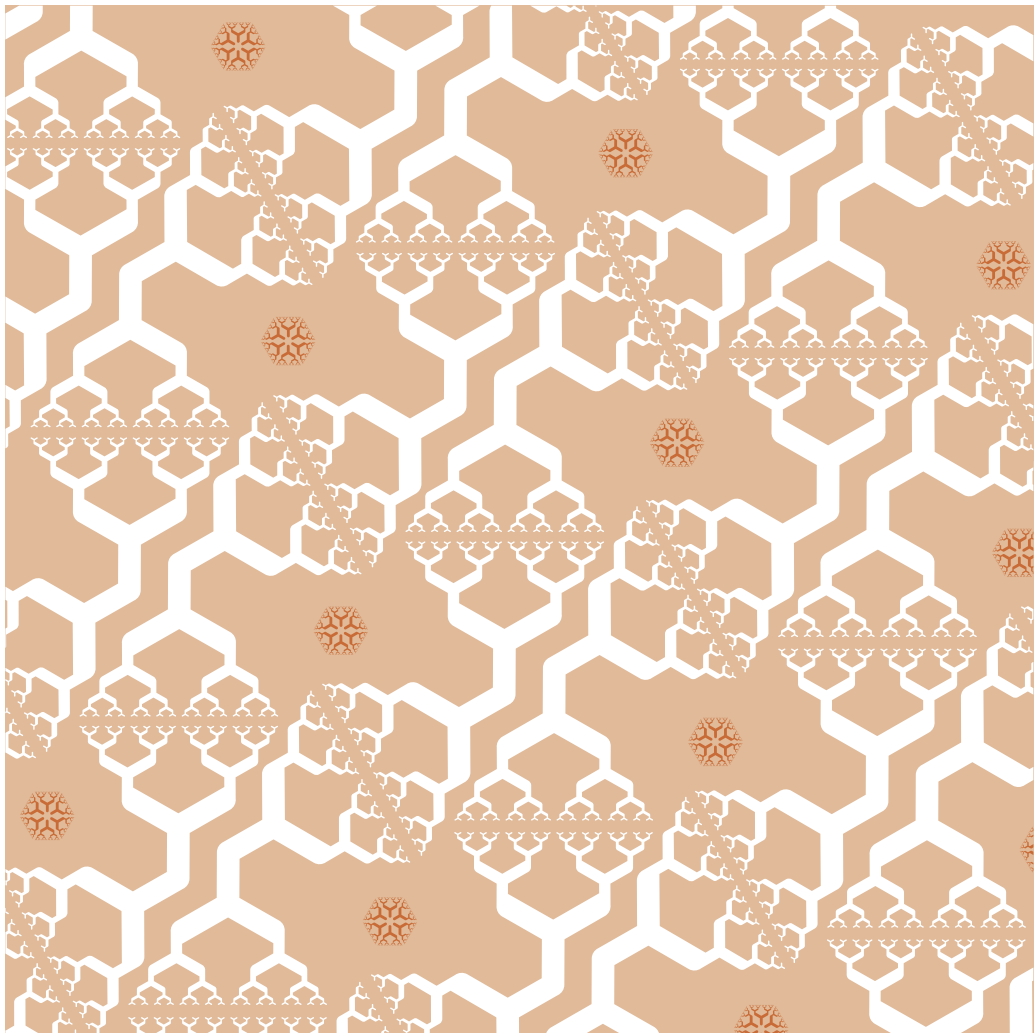


*If you are interested in the theme, we recommend you read our article 'From Moments of the Living Present to a Theory of Opening Possibilities' in the 'Transformer' exhibition catalogue published by the Pori Art Museum in 2002 (Pori Art Museum publications 60, ISBN 951-9355-78-2).











PHYSICAL TV-

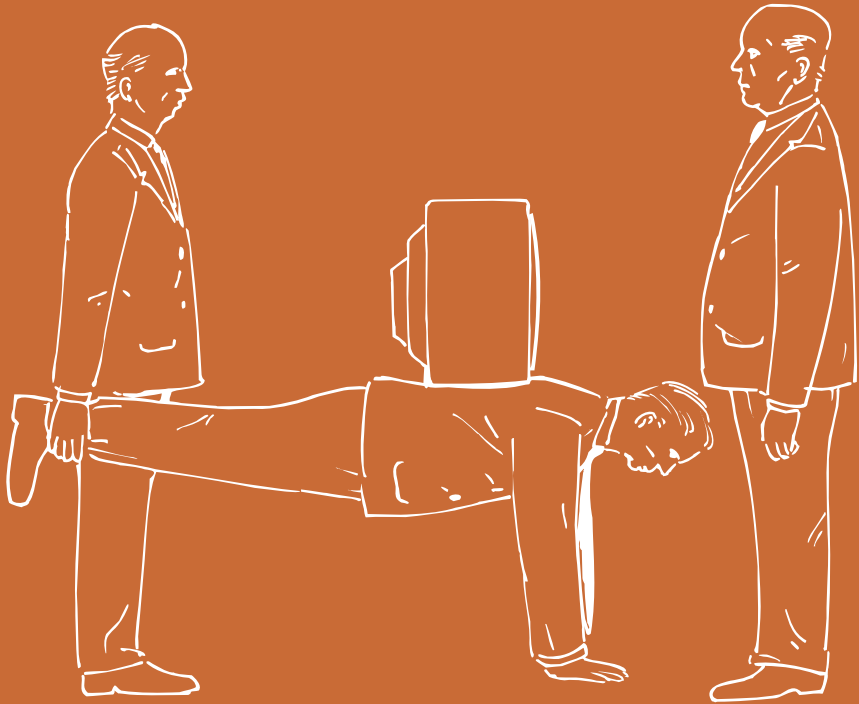
Education: Five exercises for three persons and a TV-set.

- 01 Three persons and a TV-set 1
- 02 Three persons and a TV-set 2
- 03 Three persons and a TV-set 3
- 04 Three persons and a TV-set 4
- 05 Three persons and a TV-set 5













HE MIGHT BE GUILTY.

HE IS SUSPECTED OF BEING GUILTY. SHE MUST BE INNOCENT.

HE PROBABLY IS GUILTY.

SHE PROBABLY IS INNOCENT.

HE MUST BE GUILTY.

SHE IS SUSPECTED OF BEING INNOCENT.

HE IS GUILTY.

SHE MIGHT BE INNOCENT.

THE PRESIDENTS SAYS

THE PRIME MINISTER SAYS

THE CHIEF OF POLICE SAYS

THE OWNERS SAY

THE NEWS SAY

THE COMMENTATORS SAY

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AND NOTHING IN BETWEEN_



HOW TO MAKE

yourself a TV-set (Basics)*
Complete with a cut-out hole.

1. A reversal of perspective. Take the viewpoint of television. Get into the box. Look through the hole. You see just a small portion of the surrounding world at a time. Because you bore quickly, you change your position often. This leaves no room for in-depth observation.

2. A friend of ours told a story about a friend who had tunnel-vision. The guy was blind to his immediate surroundings, but his depth-vision was spectacular. This kind of a person, a new breed though born long ago, is still the paradigm. The paradigm is called *Gestell*, or framing.

You need:

- 01 a cardboard box (big enough)
- 02 tape (ventilation tape is ideal)
- 03 glue
- 04 scissors and a knife
- 05 a sheet of transparent film or plastic
- 06 courage



*These instructions owe to Kobo Abé for obvious reasons.



Instructions for making a box:

1. Choose a cardboard box. The box, measuring H.710mm/
D.719mm/W.1011mm, used in our test was originally
designed for a Sony 32fq80e wide-screen TV with an in-built
digi-box. What's important, though, is that you can fit your
upper body conveniently in and still be able to walk.
2. We have provided you with a cut-out model for a hole in two
alternative ratios (European standards): traditional 3:4 and future
standard 16:9. Choose which ever fits you better.
3. Use the model to cut a hole in the box. First choose which side
is up, then measure the upper part of the hole from the top so that
the hole will eventually be on the level of your eyes when the box
is supported by the top of your head. Glue the model in place, cut
through with the knife.
4. Take the sheet of transparent film or plastic and tape it in place
to make the hole a window.
5. It might be useful to cut a couple of extra holes on the sides of
the box in case you decide to venture outside the house. Through
these holes you can grab things or maintain your balance.

Remember what Kobo Abé said:

"Själva tillverkningen av kartongen
är lätt nog, det tar påsin höjd en timme.
Det krävs emellertid åtskilligt mod
att sätta på sig kartongen, över
huvudet, och att göra sig till en
kartongmänniska.*"

*The quote is in Swedish, translated from an English translation of the original title in Japanese.
Sorry about the inconvenience.



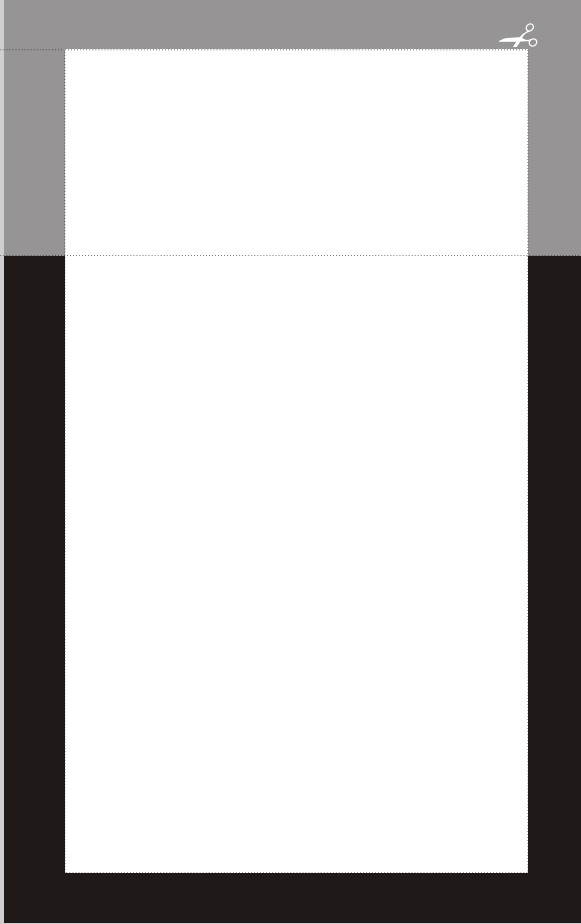
A REVERSAL OF PERSPECTIVE

1. CUT THIS PAGE OUT.
2. GET A CARDBOARD BOX.
3. CHOOSE THE RATIO.
4. INSTALL THE HOLE'S. BECOME A BOX-MAN.



3:4

16:9





GLUE ON THIS SIDE



THE CUT-OUT TRUTH-VALUE EVALUATION CARD

A BASIC TOOL YOU CAN USE EVERYWHERE, IN EVERY CONVERSATION. EVERY TIME YOU MUST GIVE AN ANSWER OF YES OR NO. JUST CUT OUT THE MODEL AND MAKE COPIES FOR EVERYDAY USE.

THE CARD IS COMPOSED OF TWO OPPOSITE ELEMENTS, CONVENIENTLY ON FLIP-SIDES. SIDE A IS A BASIC Q&A FORM WITH SPACE FOR THE QUESTION AND TWO SQUARES FOR THE ANSWER. SIDE B PROVIDES THE SAME SPACE FOR THE QUESTION, BUT FOR THE ANSWER IT LISTS A FUZZY SET OF POSSIBILITIES FROM 0.00 TO 1.00 - JUST ROUND THE NUMBER BEST SUITED FOR THE ANSWER.



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FOODBOX

Q:

A:

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
YES	NO

// ON/OFF:

Mental Exercises on Television



Exercise #1

1. Put on TV.
2. Shut it down.

Exercise #2

1. Put on TV.
2. Leave the room and seal it.
3. Contemplate television.

Exercise #3

1. Put on your favourite show on TV.
2. Watch for ten minutes, then shut down TV.

Exercise #4

1. Put on TV.
2. Mute all sounds.
3. Close your eyes.
4. Perform exercise as many times as necessary.

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SURPLUS

What was left unsaid.



#1

According to

According to

Thus

James

Mountbatten

According to common logic

It's true if
It works.

If it works
It's obsolete.

Truth is
Obsolete.

#2

Keep in mind what Russel said:
A sentence which has no meaning
Is not true or false.
It is truly liberating to know this.

#3

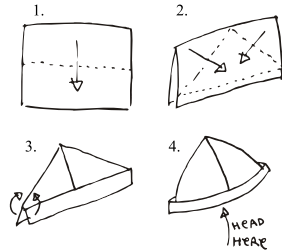
Truth lies in details.



THE SHAPE OF

news to come.
A couple of things today's papers are good for

A. Newspaper hat:



B. Newspaper and fresh-salted salmon:

1. Clean and fillet the fish, but do not skin.
2. Place one of the fillets skin side down on a baking-sheet and sprinkle with salt, sugar and white pepper. Sprinkle with chopped dill.
3. Place another fillet skin-side up on the first fillet.
4. Wrap the baking sheet around the fillets, then wrap the package in a couple of sheets of fresh newspaper.
5. Cover with a weight and store in a fridge for about a day.
6. Enjoy the best and simplest of Finnish traditional dishes.



EPILOGUE

Yle24 Text, Domestic News (page 105), March 1st, 2003

One person has died in an explosion in a flat in Olari, Espoo, early this morning. The police is investigating the cause of the explosion. The area has been sealed and all the other inhabitants of the building have been evacuated.

The Espoo Police received a notice of the explosion that took place at Olari's Globestreet through emergency central at 5.45.

When the rescue crew and the police arrived at the scene a corpse was found in the flat. The explosion caused substantial material damages in the flat, too.

00 flat
01 explosion
02 one dead
03 cause unclear
04 sealed area
05 evacuation
06 Globestreet
07 material damages

