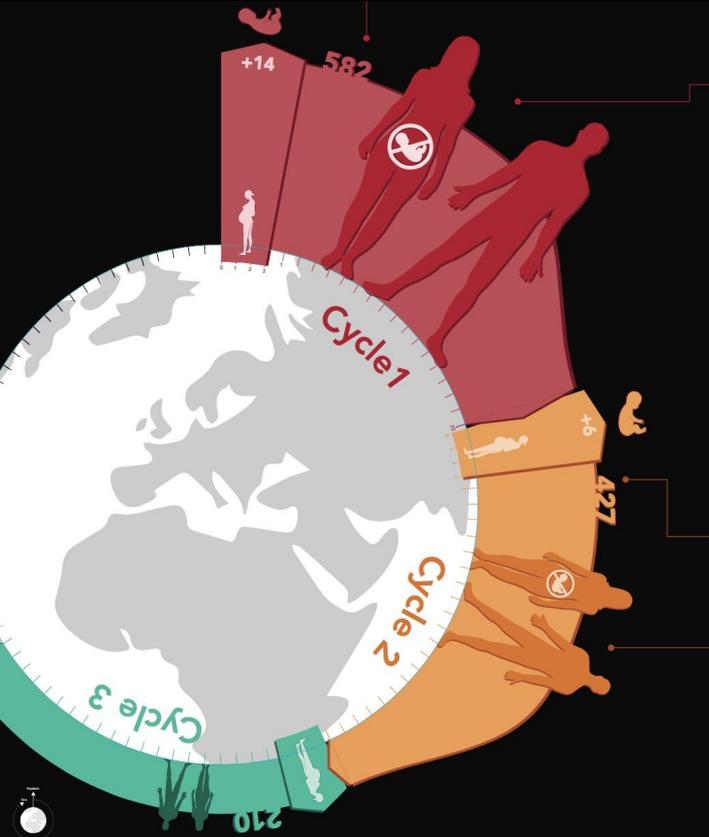


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# Non-Proliferators



A group of advanced-thinking individuals striving for planetary sustainability.

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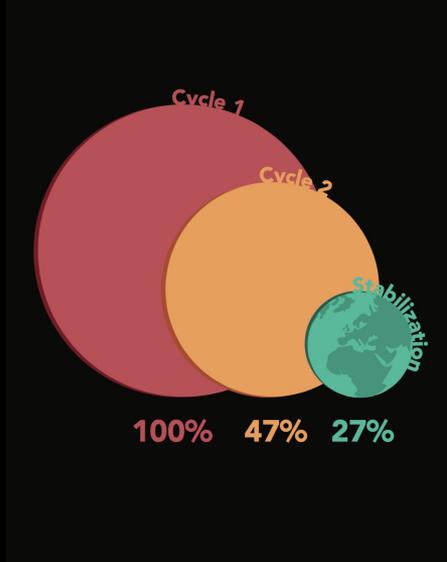
# World View

Facing the inevitable collapse of the planet's ecosystem, a group of advanced thinking individuals have founded an alternative society: the Non-Proliferators see themselves as role models for global societal change of the future, in decreasing population to ecological capacities.

In order to establish planetary sustainability, they plan to reduce population in their enclave without active killing. They celebrate aging and dying as an active phase in life and a contribution to their purpose, which is why they live in a new time system called cycles. Periods of 20 years with a procreation-ban alternate with 3-year periods that allow few individuals for procreation to keep the society alive.

With only few babies being born every twenty years, the aging process of the society is drastically accelerated and urges for new social constellations beyond our standard idea of families. For example, the first cycle is defined by shared parenthood of 20 parents bringing up one child. This reduces time, responsibility and monetary investments for all individuals and allows the Non-Proliferators to use these human, financial and cultural resources for elderly care.

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# Relationship to Death



death of 5.7 family members per child

total population  
582



161 deaths  
total (C1)

## Syndicate Families



288 unrelated

294 family members

total population  
582



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# 1. The Playgrave



The Playgrave is the spatial manifestation of the Non-Proliferators' innovative approach to dying and death: the Playgrave merges the ideas and functions of a playground with a graveyard. A recreational public space for all generations, that shifts the perception of death to being a joyful and tangible part of the everyday, rather than secluding it.



Gravestones are used as benches, underground family tombs are meeting spaces, and urns are stored in a climbing pyramid for children. The simultaneity of life and death, joy and commemoration intensifies the Non-Proliferators' appreciation of death. The different structures within the playgrave reflect the complexity of the Non-Proliferators' evolving social structures.

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## 2. The Arnold's Arm

Games and toys have an important role shaping children's behaviours, worldview, and social relationships. The Non-Proliferators utilize this concept to both familiarize children with a drastically aging society, and to sensitize them for their future responsibilities in taking care for the elderly. In the Non-Proliferators society, children get an Arnold's Arm as a toy upon birth – it becomes their precious memento that accompanies them until they reach adulthood.

The Arnold's Arm evokes gestures of care and affection with its ergonomic design. It is made of different materials that imitate the touch of an old person's physiognomy. The interaction with the elderly becomes playful and natural. Instead of a baby doll, children engage playfully with an old person's arm. At the end of the cycle, children eventually let go of their Arnold's Arms in a big celebration. This toy normalizes a different perspective about death and the relationship to elderly.





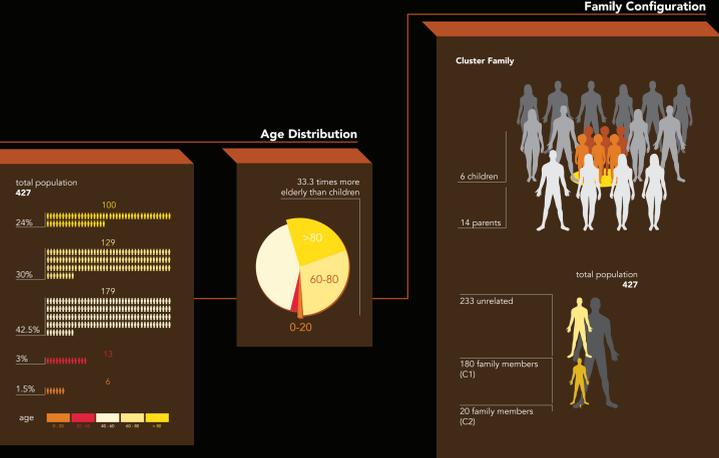
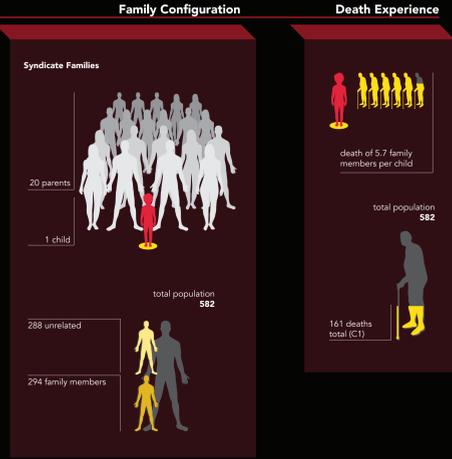
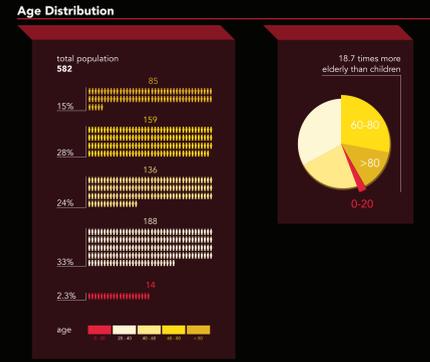
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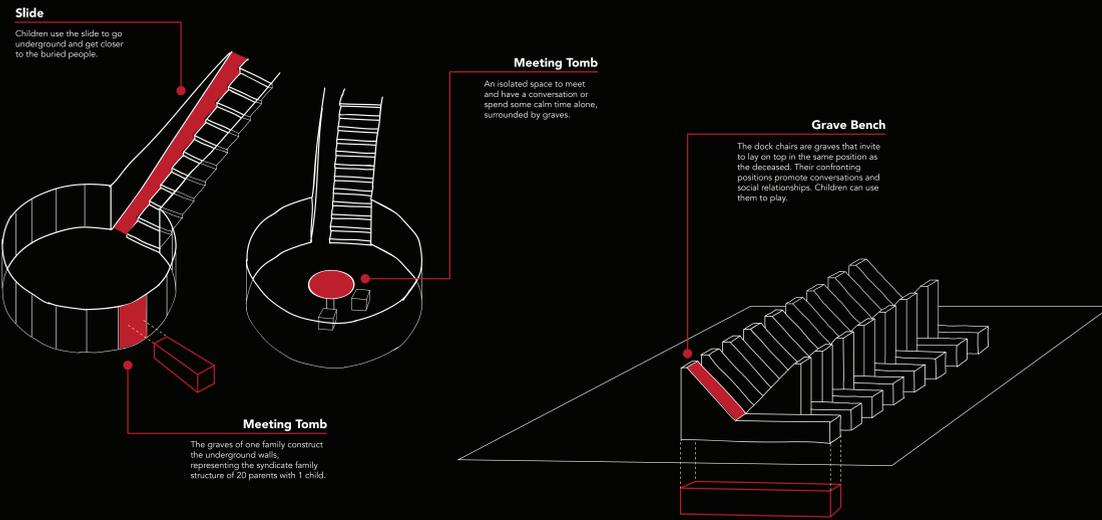
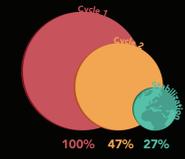
They celebrate aging and dying as a contribution to their purpose, and have designed a new time scale of cycles with alternating periods of procreation and procreation-bans.

The very few newborns are raised in a drastically aging population, in which family structures change and a new relationship with death is developed.



## On Death

Death is not a taboo for the Non-Proliferators. Instead, it is a joyful perspective for them; a celebratory part of their lives, considered a contribution to their purpose: increased human sustainability and population reduction.



## The Playgrave

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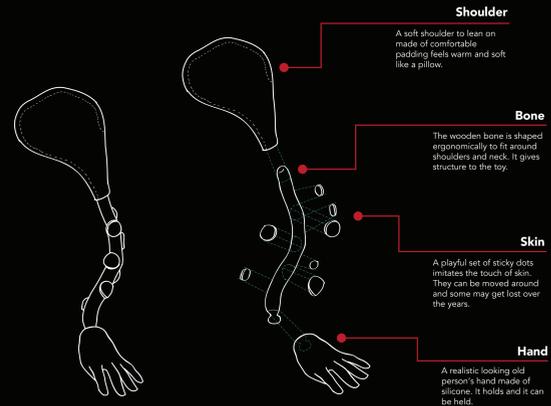
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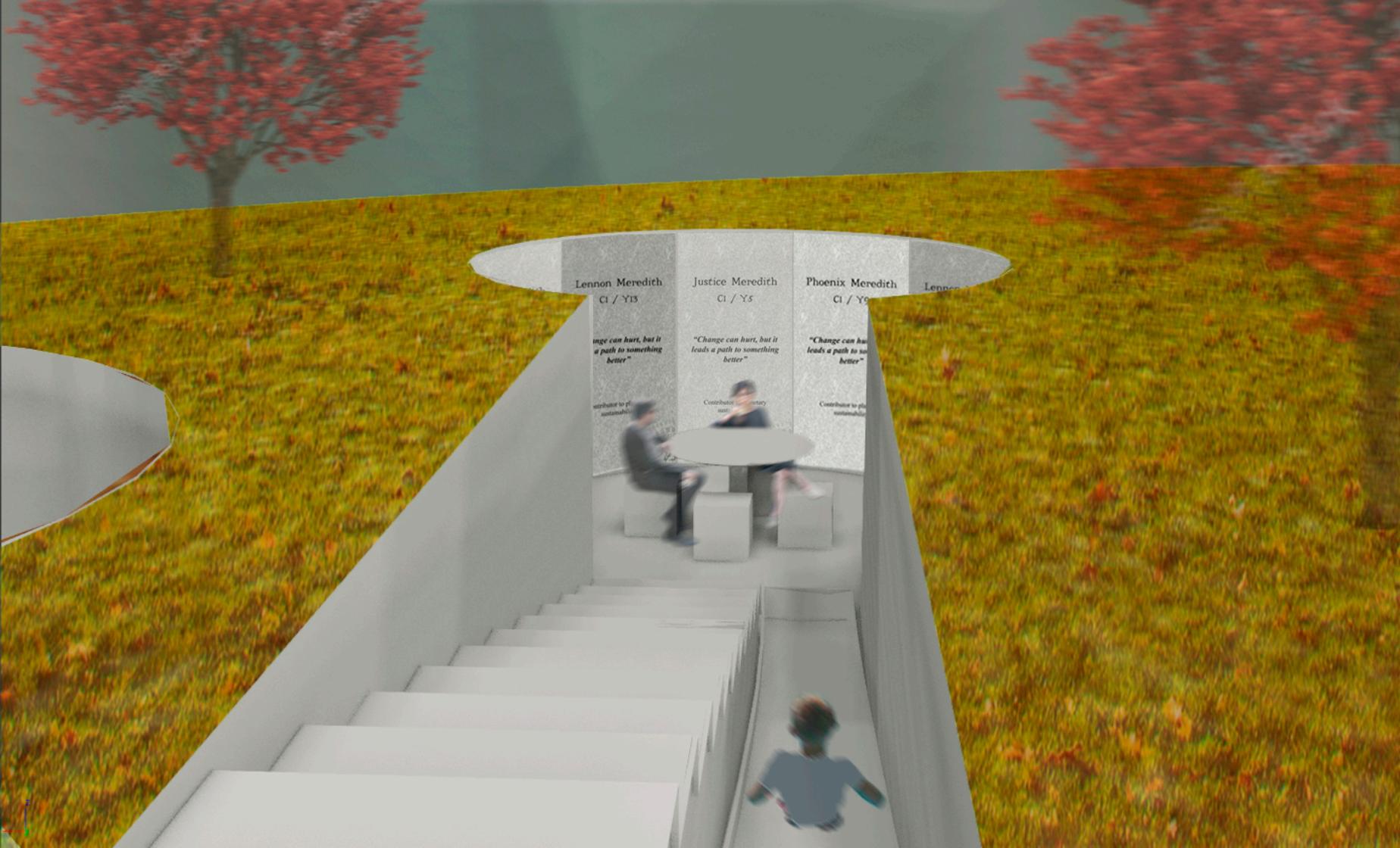
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CI / Y13

*"Change can hurt, but it  
leads a path to something  
better"*

Contribute to pro  
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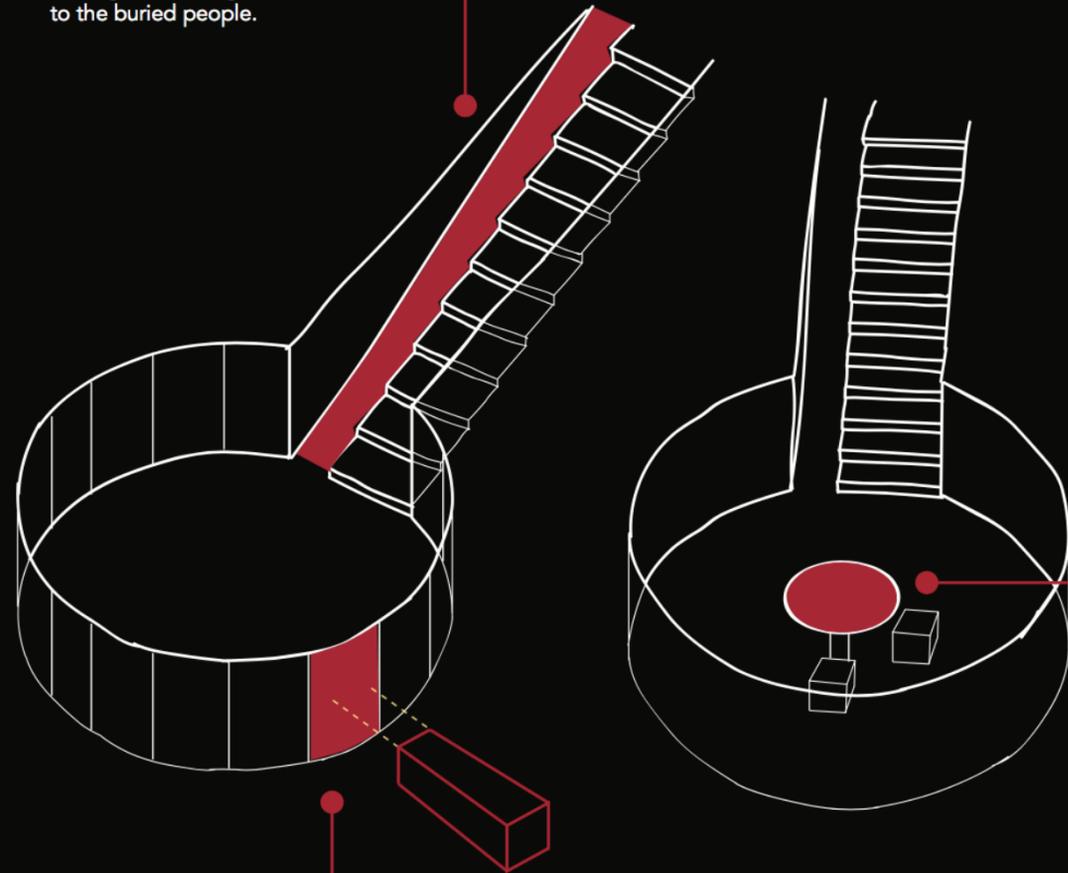
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### Slide

Children use the slide to go underground and get closer to the buried people.



### Meeting Tomb

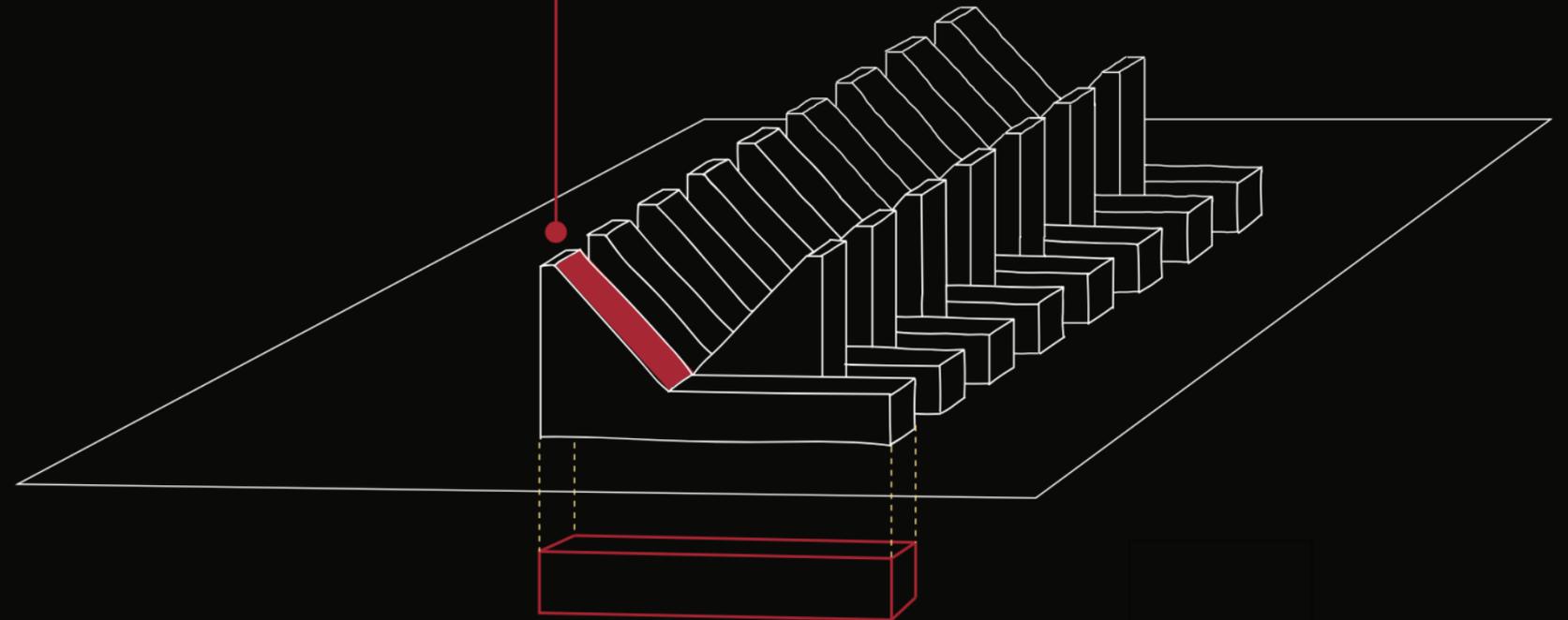
The graves of one family construct the underground walls, representing the syndicate family structure of 20 parents with 1 child.

### Meeting Tomb

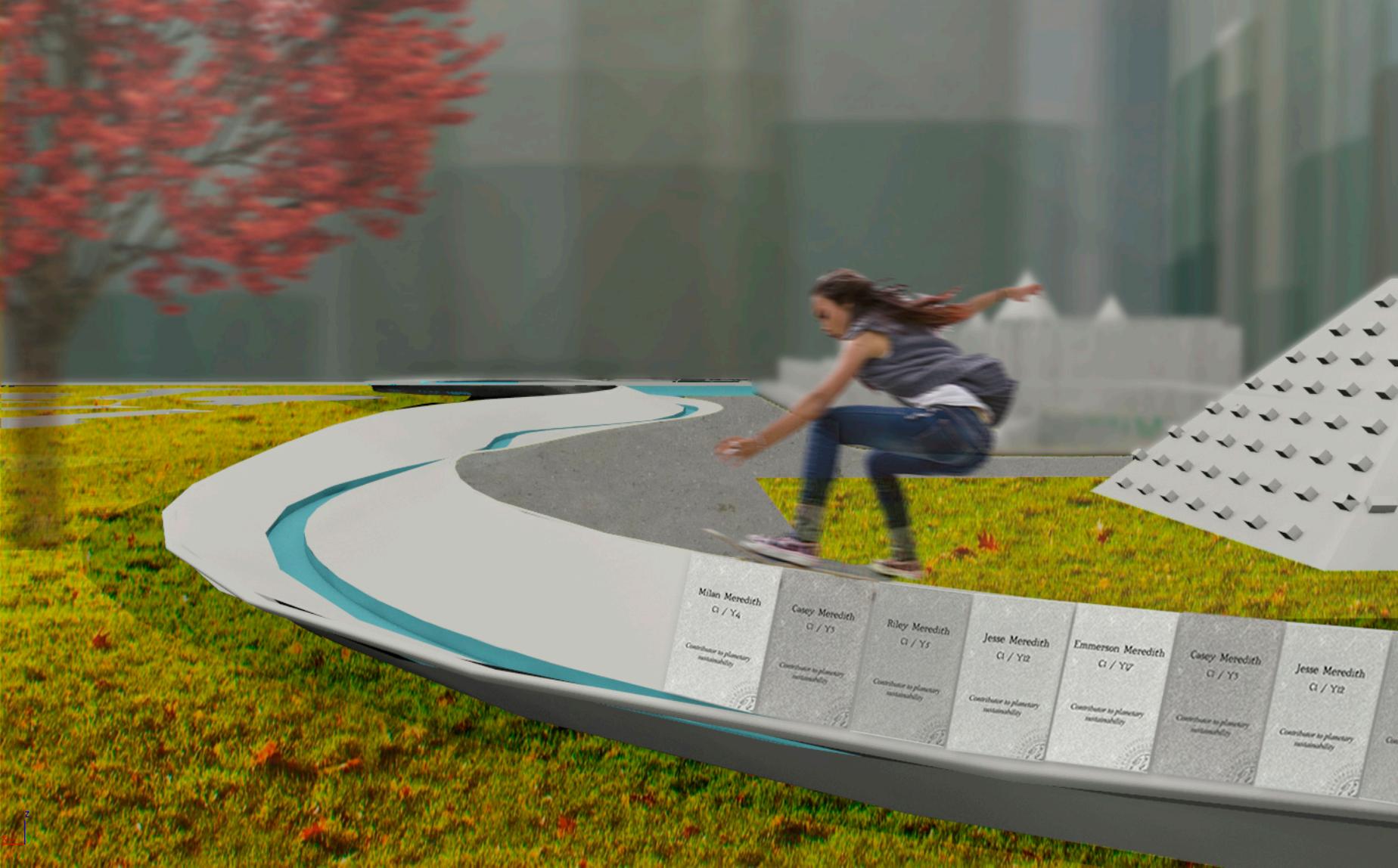
An isolated space to meet and have a conversation or spend some calm time alone, surrounded by graves.

### Grave Bench

The dock chairs are graves that invite to lay on top in the same position as the deceased. Their confronting positions promote conversations and social relationships. Children can use them to play.







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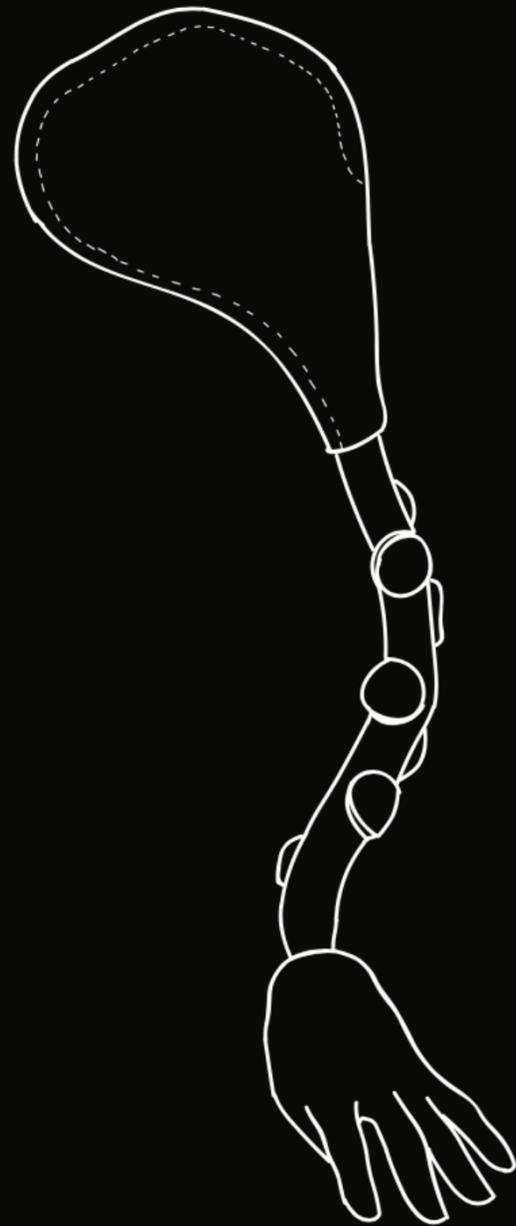
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## Shoulder

A soft shoulder to lean on made of comfortable padding feels warm and soft like a pillow.

## Bone

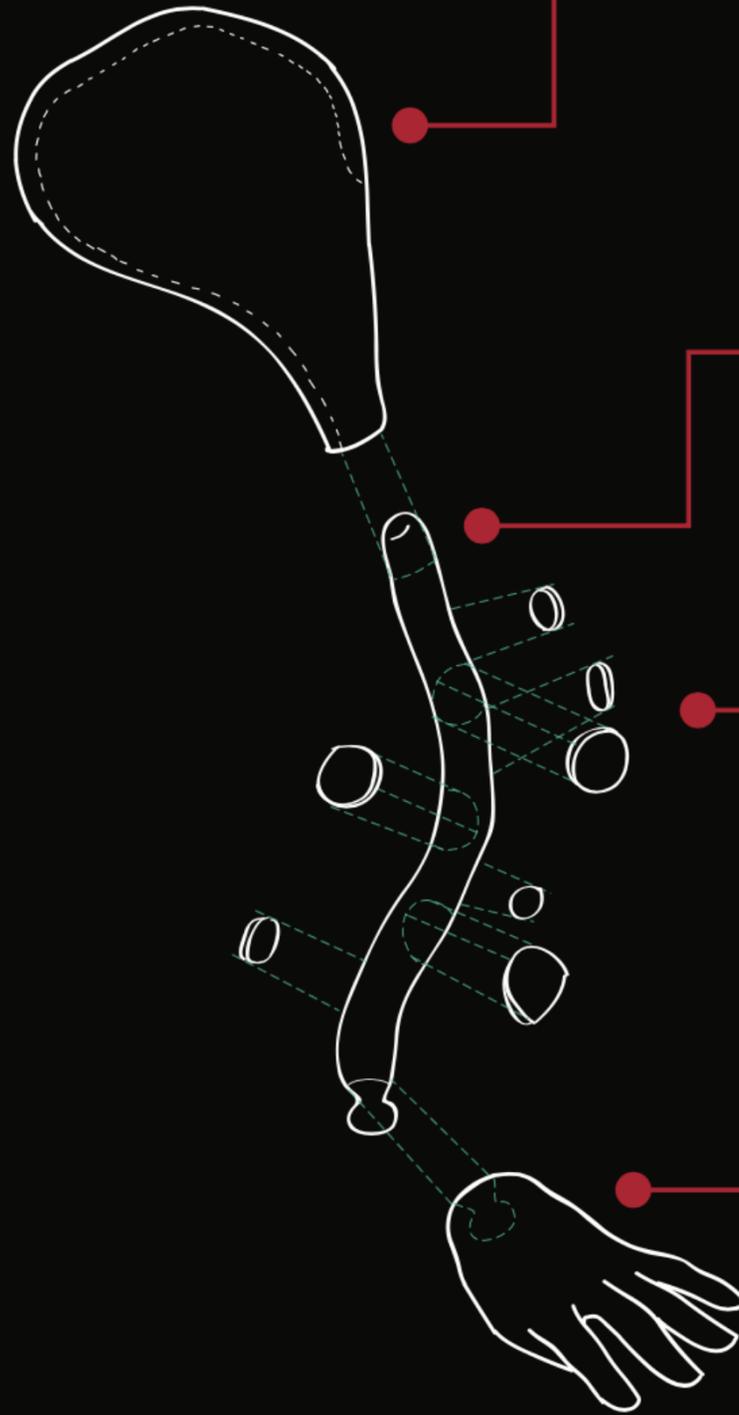
The wooden bone is shaped ergonomically to fit around shoulders and neck. It gives structure to the toy.

## Skin

A playful set of sticky dots imitates the touch of skin. They can be moved around and some may get lost over the years.

## Hand

A realistic looking old person's hand made of silicone. It holds and it can be held.







# Non-Proliferators enclave



## BIRTH CERTIFICATE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

City ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
 Cycle 1 Year    

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 Local register N°

FULL NAME OF CHILD MEREDITH

### PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

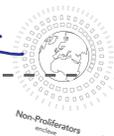
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SPERM BANK SAMPLE N° <u>DUS-GL727-B</u>		MEDICAL ATTENDANT <u>Charles W. Miller</u> SIGNATURE: hereby I certify the child's healthy birth <u>[Signature]</u>
EGG BANK SAMPLE N° <u>MELINDA</u>		ASSISTANT ATTENDANT <u>   </u> SIGNATURE: hereby I certify the child's healthy birth <u>   </u>
PREGNANCY CARRIER <u>14.07</u>	BIRTH DATE <u>02.01</u>	
BIRTH TIME <u>   </u>		OBSERVATIONS <u>   </u>

### CO-PARENTING AGREEMENT

PARENT N°01	<u>RILEY</u>	name	<u>MEREDITH</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	signature
PARENT N°02	<u>JESSE</u>	name	<u>MEREDITH</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	signature
PARENT N°03	<u>MILAN</u>	name	<u>MEREDITH</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	signature
PARENT N°04	<u>EMMERSON</u>	name	<u>MEREDITH</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	signature
PARENT N°05	<u>CASEY</u>	name	<u>MEREDITH</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	signature
PARENT N°06	<u>JUSTICE</u>	name	<u>MEREDITH</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	signature
PARENT N°07	<u>PHOENIX</u>	name	<u>MEREDITH</u>	<u>PH</u>	signature
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PARENT N°19	<u>JORDAN</u>	name	<u>MEREDITH</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	signature
PARENT N°20	<u>TAYLOR</u>	name	<u>MEREDITH</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	signature

Hereby I commit to co-parent the child with the other 19 parents, with equal rights and responsibilities.

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# Thank you!



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