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everything i write has a synergistic effect with simultaneous presence in words and lines.

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i can't really consider that as a genealogical tree, but i found a "drucksache: direktor alfred lenicek dessau bauhaus" enclosed in an antique photograph at the cheng & co. antique store defensa 832 buenos aires in 2013. history approached! the shop transformed in a vessel—in a time machine with a master. he was talking queer...yet this world was not so closed as it seemed.

in the background: the lost reality. "¡buenos días!" a man greets a woman. they resemble each other in appearance.

"le doy mis gracias mas expresivas." the man received the response. "muchas gracias por esperar," she said into my restored awareness.

back on the street: alfred lenicek, director of bauhaus? an astronomical hypothesis, i thought. in the shadow of the curtain—the corner arranged to work artistic, i started my historical investigation. who are you, mr. alfred lenicek?

legitimation or identification

the general notion behind this story is: on a thursday evening in june 1893, alfred lenicek was born in brno, today the czech republic, as a son of a textile industry pioneer, and his later wife marta chiccovsky was born on a monday morning in august 1899 in amsterdam, the netherlands. her family had to leave portugal generations ago.

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on a thursday in 1919, her voice changed a lot. witty, funny, and absurd.

but then she focused on the bond—a contractual bond commanded by god, in which a man and a woman come together to create a relationship in which god is directly involved. they got married at the leopoldstädter tempel*, the largest synagogue of vienna.

*leopoldstädter tempel, built in 1858 in the moorish style according to the plans of architect leopold förster, all but the foundation was completely destroyed by national socialist barbarians on the so-called "night of broken glass", on 10 november 1938)

he asked her: where have you been? everywhere, and i watched everything!

alfred lenicek died on a monday in march 1968 in new york. his remains are buried at long island national cemetery in wellwood avenue, farmingdale, suffolk, long island, new york.

we have to pause the file at this point. we won't fill the gap—the despair of the year 1938. there will never be a vindication for his loss.

the poetry of idealism

the poetry began in amsterdam*, on a balmy summer afternoon in 1918.

Strange—now, to think of love. history tells us the first world war was not over yet and amsterdam was situated under gathering clouds of a flu pandemic; the government proved unable to deal with the manifold problems of refugees.

*during world war I, the netherlands remained neutral

alfred lenicek, finally, was one of 300,000 jews serving in the k.u.k armee*—one of the faithful servants of the crown.

*it was the first time that jews were forced into a compulsory military service at the beginning of june 1918, his division (k.u.k. 35th infantry division) was deployed on the western front close to st. mihiel.

but he never reached st. mihiel.

as per one of his comrades, he got sick and lost. all we know is that, on a balmy summer afternoon in 1918, he met marta chiccovsky in amsterdam.

living with a paradox

we should also note that i am still in buenos aires, in the shadow of the curtain—the corner arranged to work artistic, and i historicize the categories of the fields of conceptual disputes.

the communion starts happening on my way to new york and later on in my "room with no view"—a reminiscence about dimension and time.

i am unhinged with the prisoners of my story—the dictation of my mind.

a claim to such a narrative, of course, suggests a specific idea of time and guides the way in which i understand reality.

sunflower existence

back to the avatars of my story: marta chiccovsky and alfred lenicek, after they fell in love in amsterdam, moved to vienna. alfred's father provided a small business in leopoldstadt, pillersdorfergasse, connected with his textile work in brno.

alfred became a respected fabric designer. his reputation reached walter gropius and, in 1925, they met in person in dessau, germany.

in 1926, marta chiccovsky and alfred lenicek moved to dessau and their entire purpose of life developed to a short epilogue of bauhaus history.

the meaning of pain

it is now clear that what marta and alfred were witnessing was the implosion of humanity—in fact, a systematic genocide. 1932: the national socialists came into power in dessau, marta and alfred settled down in vienna, but it was not easy to breathe in the city known for its waltzes and sweets. in a tragic work, fate makes itself felt better, but on 9/10th november 1938, by looking in the faces of the austrian authorities and their not intervening, alfred lost his belief and his wife marta.

the word "hope" lost its meaning in the characterized evidence that moral existential thoughts are classified to be the absurd.

closing remarks

it is hard to imagine something as entrenched in human history—choreographed by creeps. the artwork is not complex in all its realities; more precisely, it completes lived experiences in stories told or untold by individuals, witnesses of the story behind the plot.

the curves of time are real in their contact with the wall. the visible expressions uncover the historical connection of the space.

early drawings

about 1900 alfred, seven years old and on vaccation with his parents, used a collection of the popular magazin "gartenlaube" to work on overpaintings.

a contemporary document









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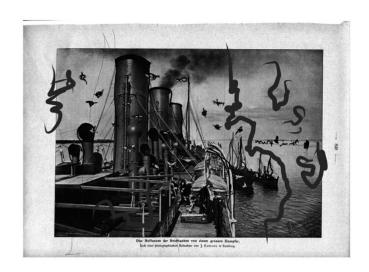
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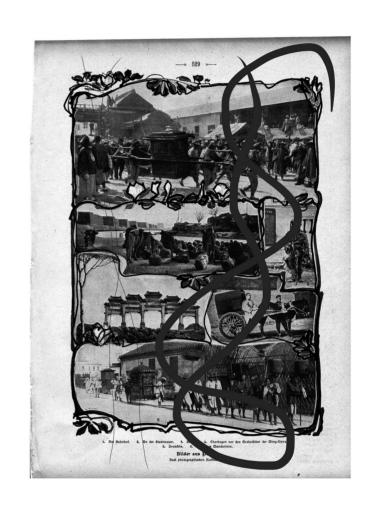
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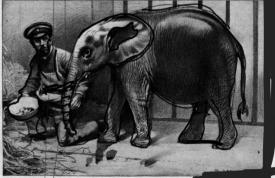
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Junger Elefant aus Kamerun, nach dem Leben gezeichnet von Paul neumann.

fully decoded space

a reminiscence about love, space and time in a 25 square meter room provided for daily adventures.

an excursus in empirical substantiation







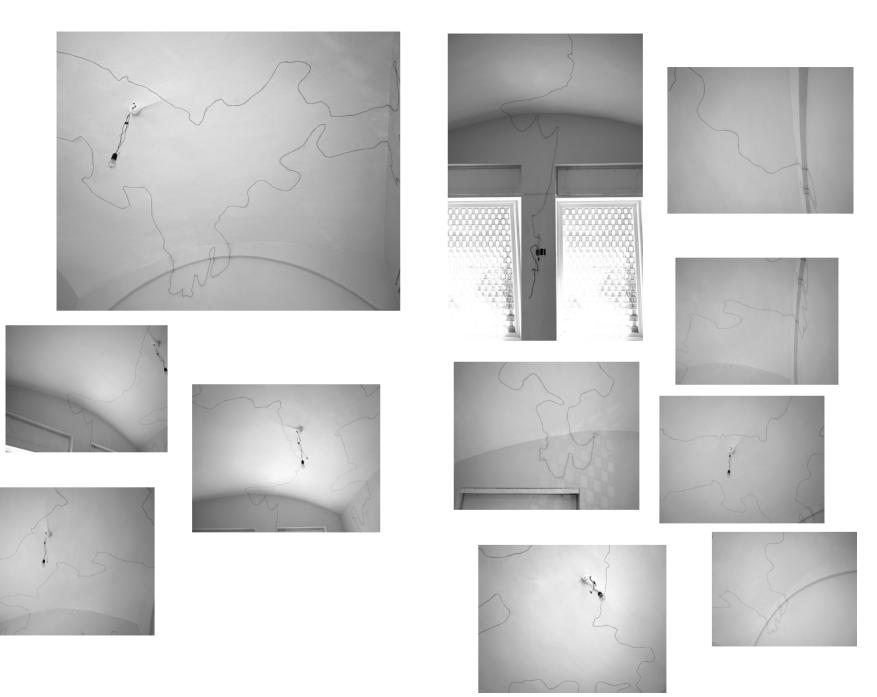


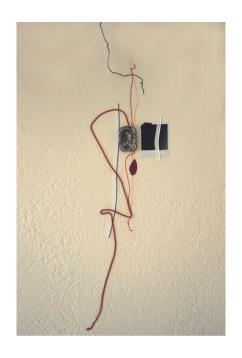






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