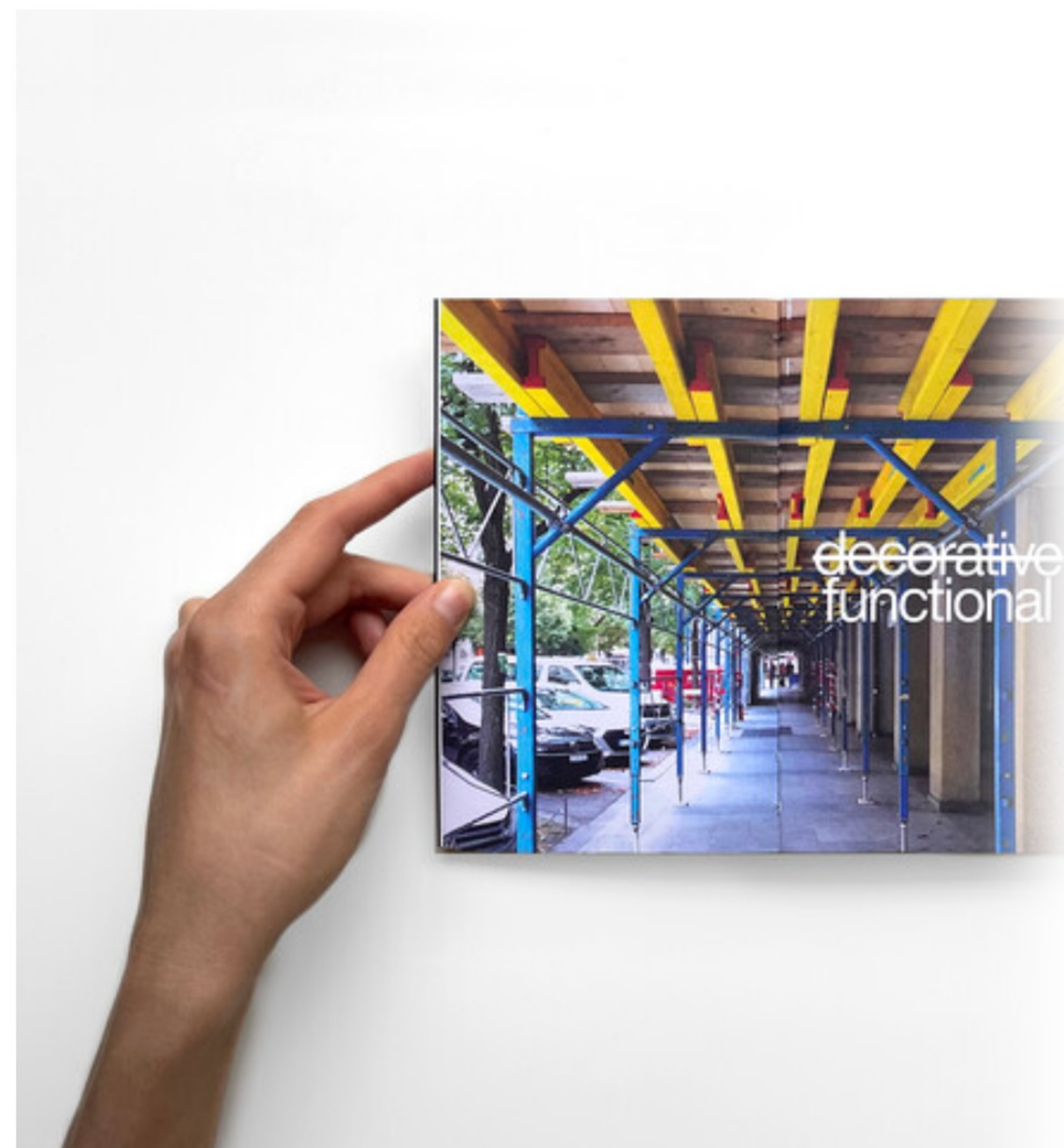
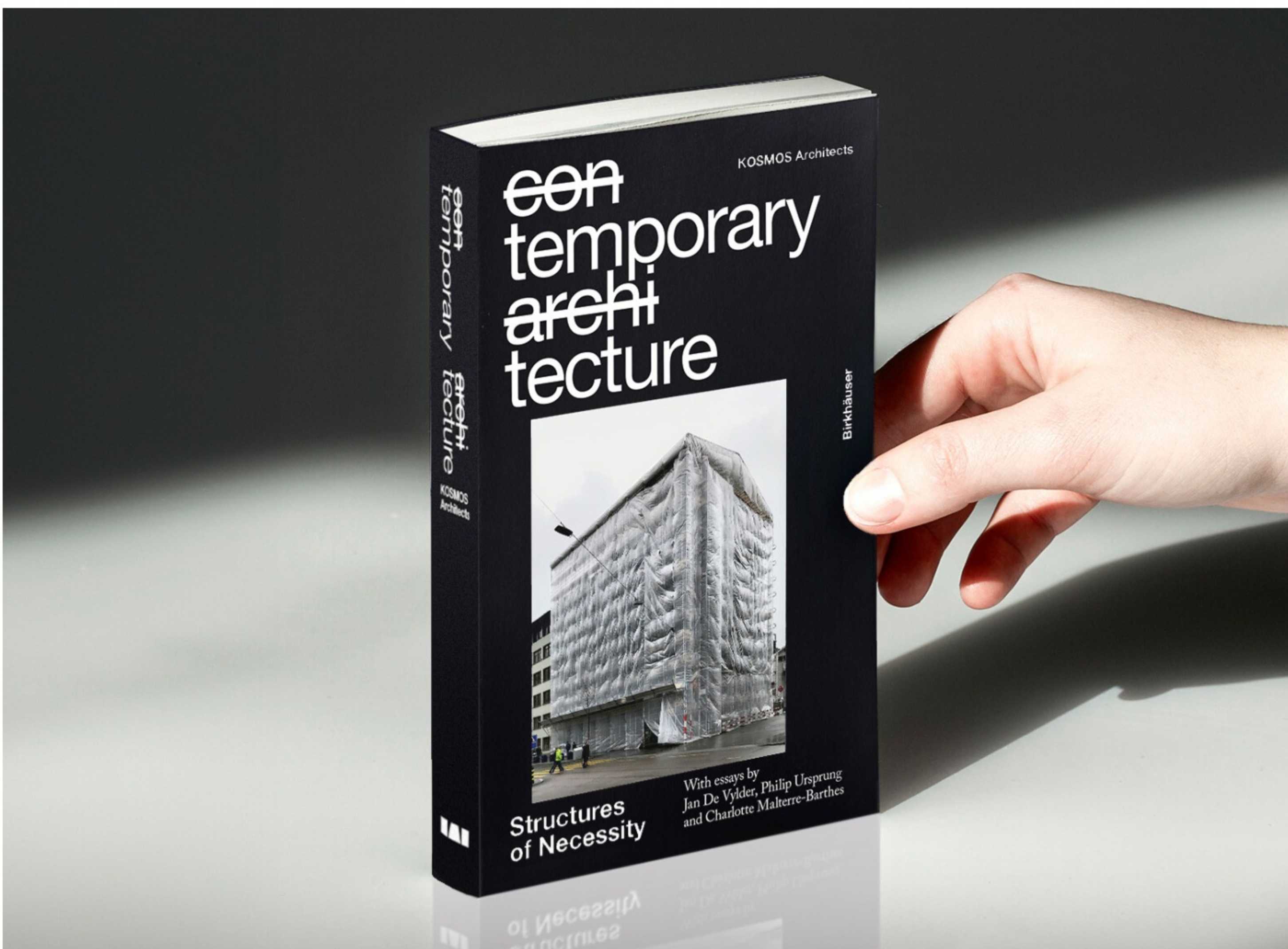


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By crossing out “Archi” in the “Architecture” and highlighting “Temporary” in the word Contemporary, the book emphasizes its focus on temporary structures that lack declared authorship and are characterized more as a practice rather than project. In this sense, these construction solutions can be perceived as a form of contemporary vernacular.

The book reveals the inherent ingenuity of these structures and their capacity to respond dynamically to immediate needs with minimal waste and maximum efficiency. This new approach shows that these “structures of necessity” offer an architectural language from which architects can learn—particularly in terms of adaptability, the use of local resources, circular economy principles, and conceptual radicalism—arguably pointing toward a new type of architectural order.

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The book has contributions by **Jan De Vylder, Charlotte Malterre-Barthes and Philip Ursprung**.

*(Con) Temporary (Archi) Tecture. Structures of Necessity* is available for pre-order now the official website of Birkhäuser Publishing House and on Amazon books.

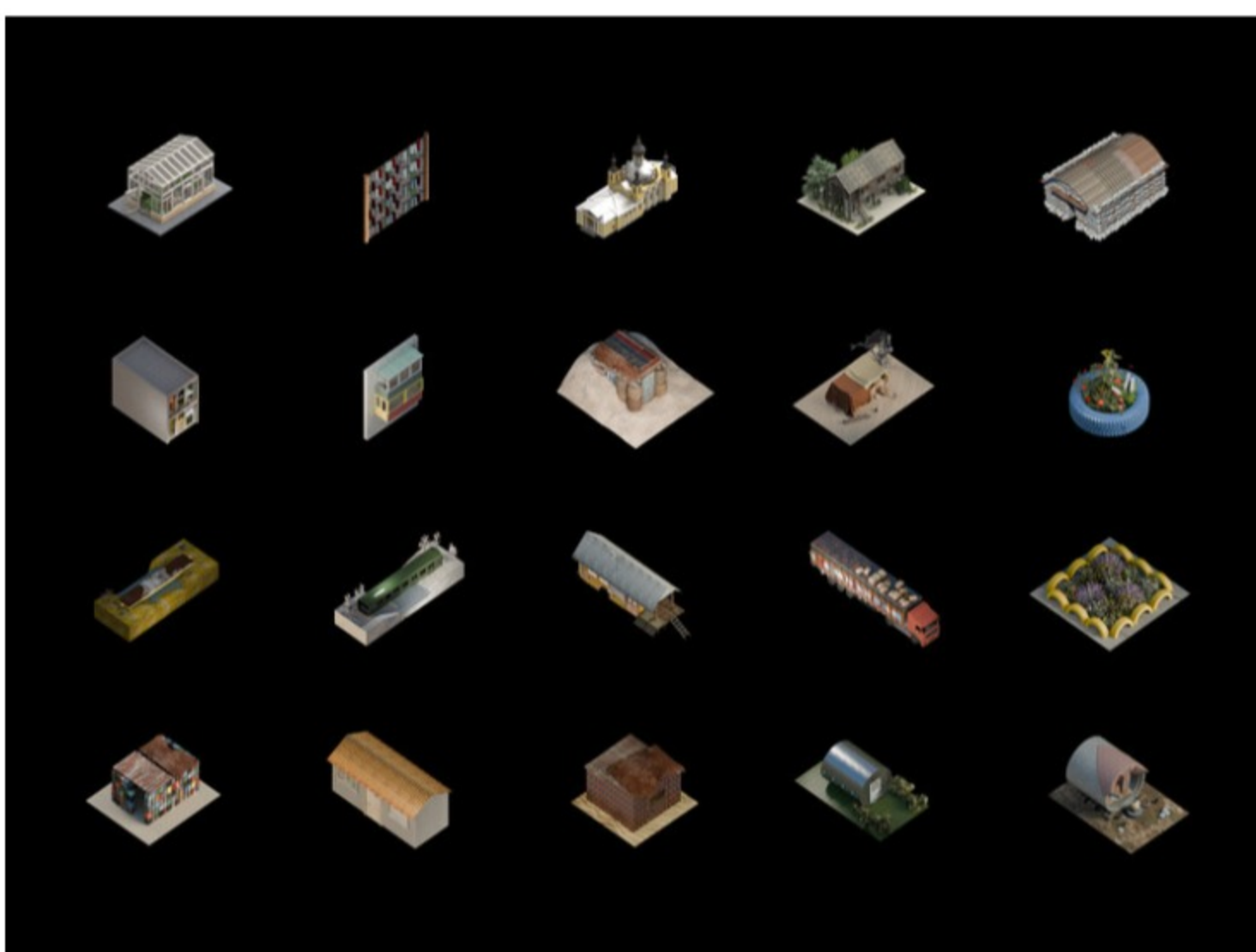
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