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# Sustainability Is Shrinking

Sustainability  
Is Shrinking  
no little steps?

*Why?*

# Lock-In- Effect

*How to get out of this  
“prison for our imagination”?*

Hacking

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**Repurpose**

# Why Hacking Cities?

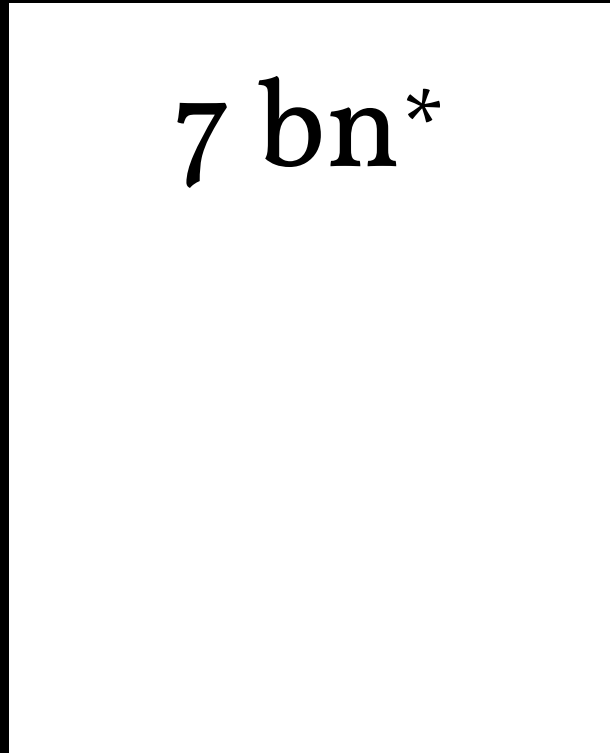
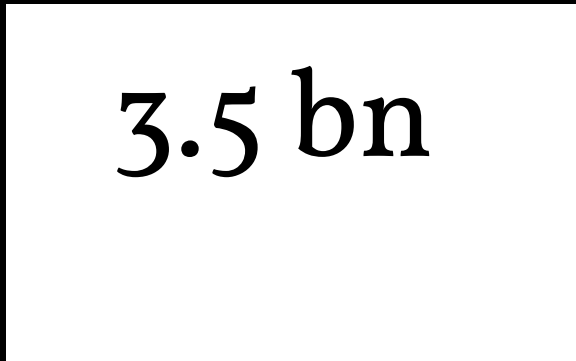
# *People living in Cities*

Today

2050\*

3.5 bn

7 bn\*



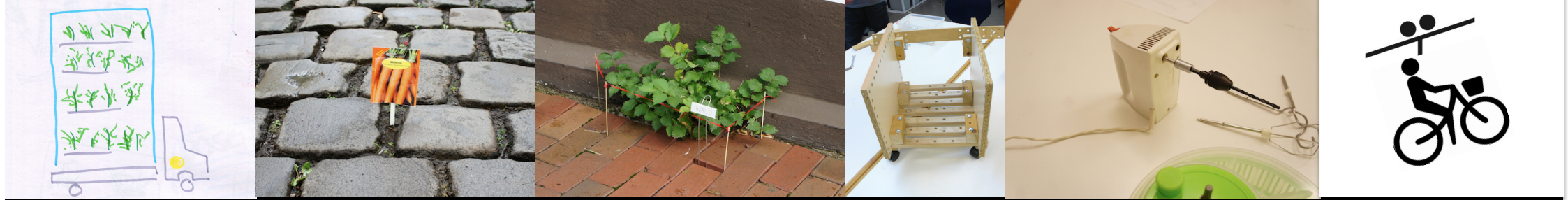
We have to work with  
**what is already there!**

This is where **our**  
**creativity** needs to be!

# Hacking Cities

Can we use the unsustainable  
-linear- city like a sustainable,  
future fit, circular one?

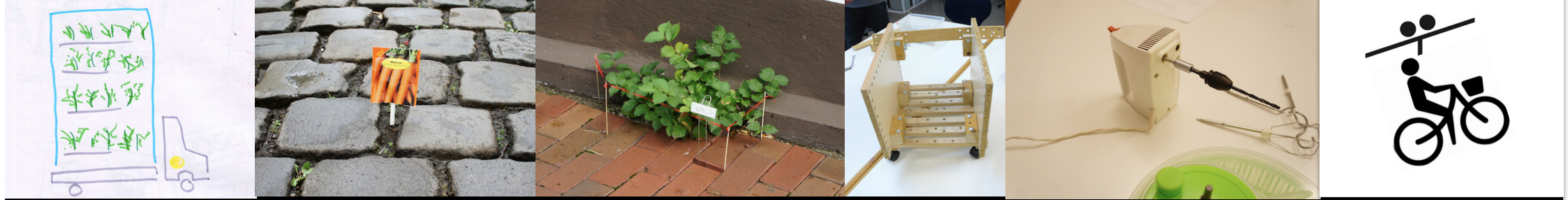




*City Hacking Project*

# The City Is Open Source





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\* Born out of street art



# *Examples*

More: [thecityisopensource.de](http://thecityisopensource.de)

# Nature & Food

City Hacking Lesson I:

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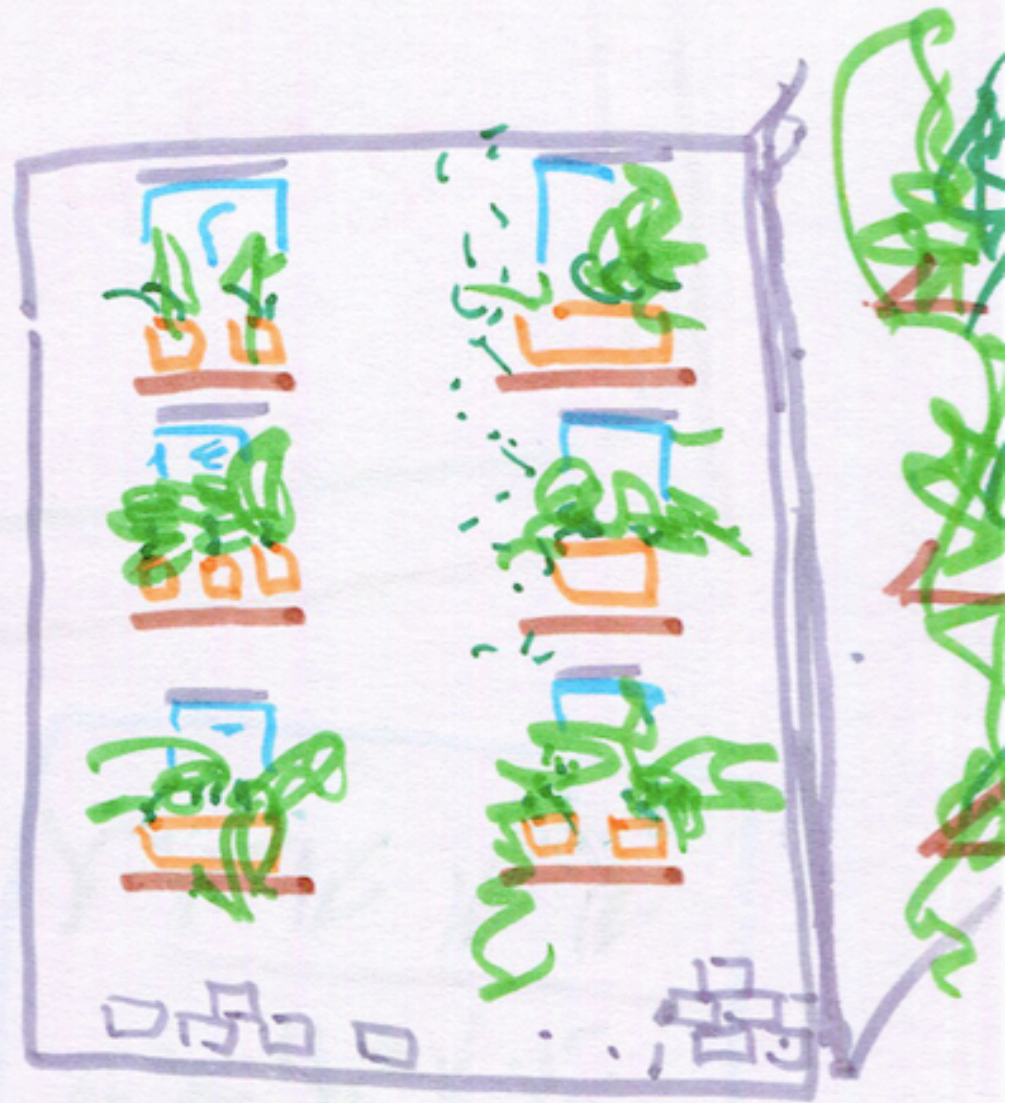
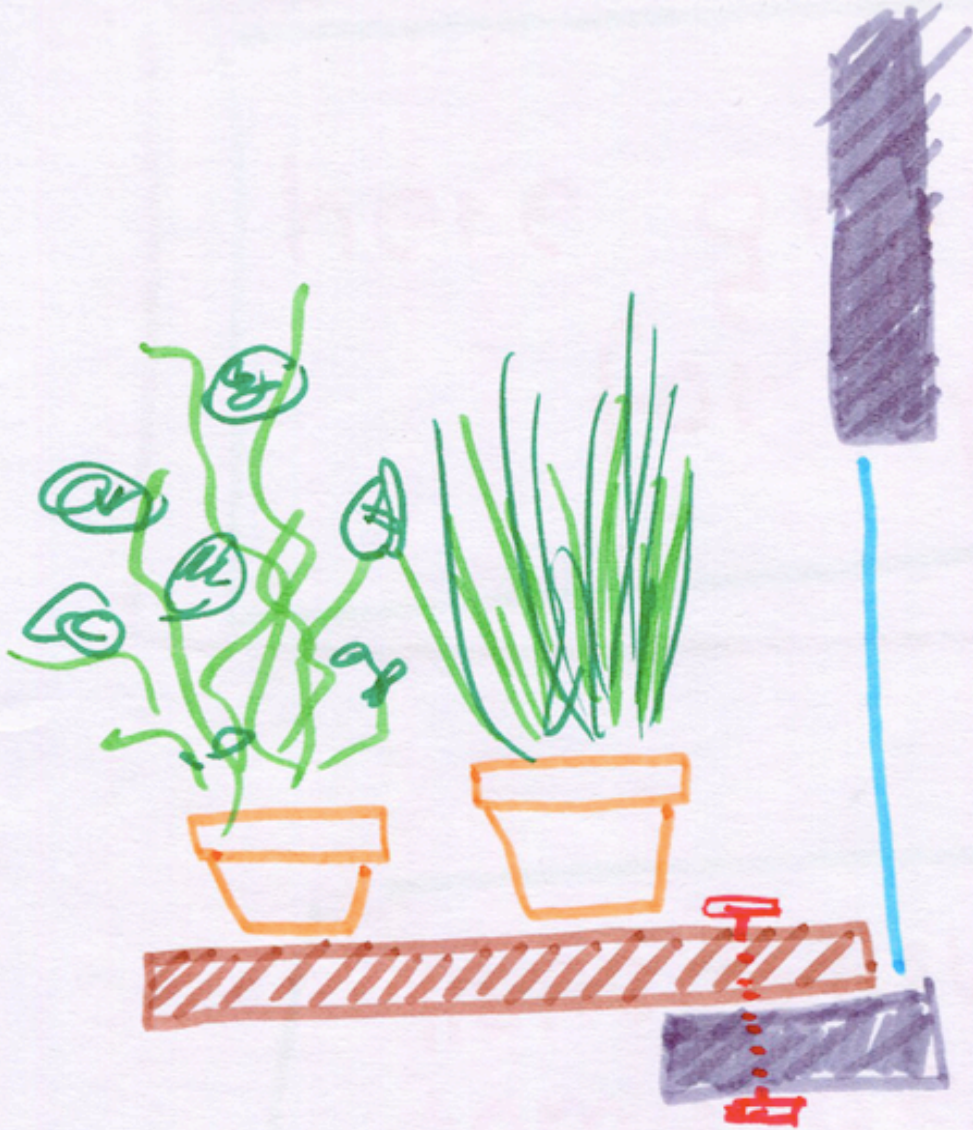
**Garden/Farm**



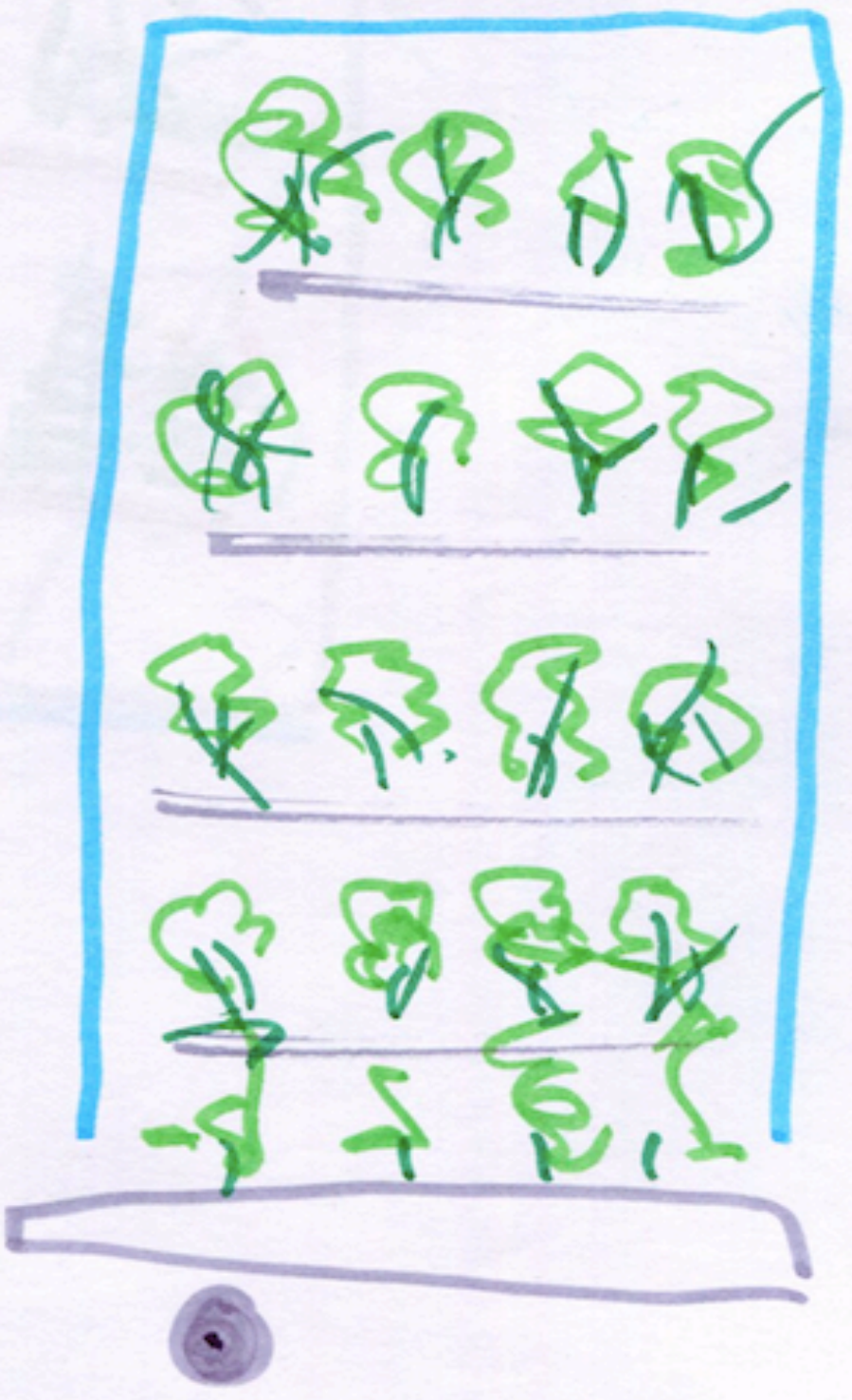
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Turn every building into a „farmscraper“

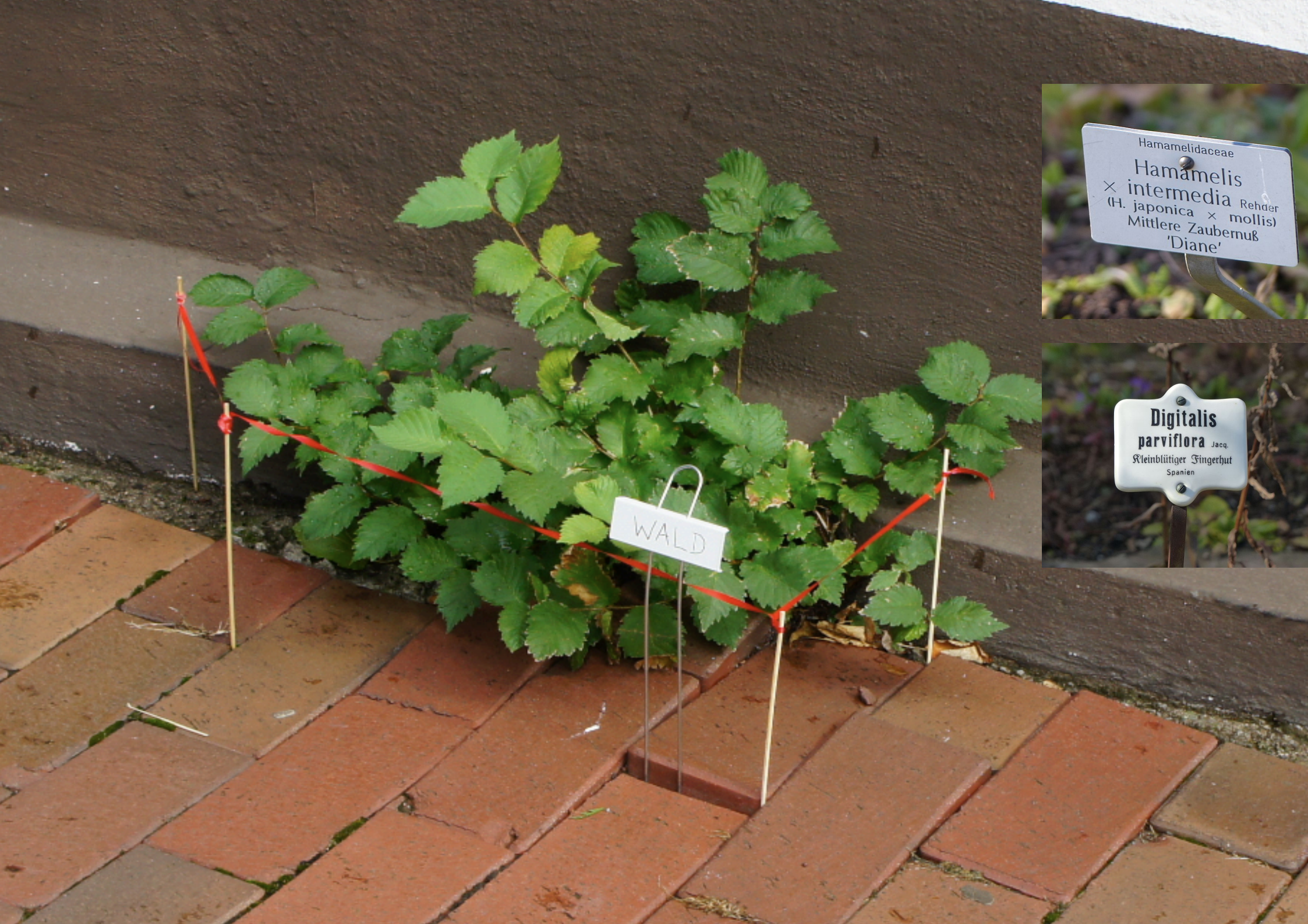


*What if the City was a ...*

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**Botanical Garden**

*or Nature Protection Zone*





*What if the City was a ...*

*What if the City was a*

**Playground**

*or gym*



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Seen in **Viersen**



Social LIFE

*Less cars and less pollution but more space,  
playgrounds, food, nature & social life?*

Imagine the (cost) effects on physical  
and mental health and resource use.

*Mobility*



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*Picknick*



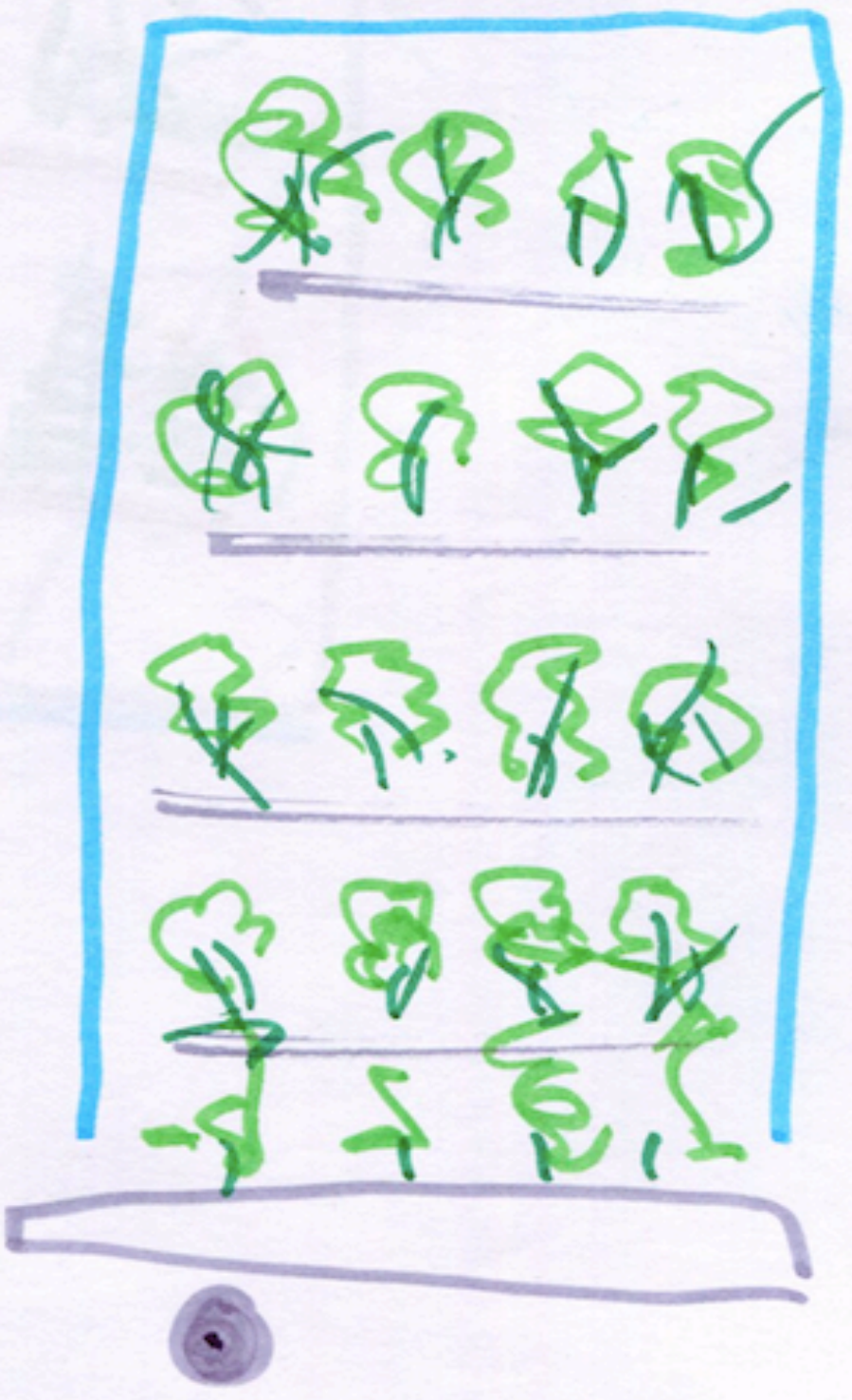




Mention Parking Day

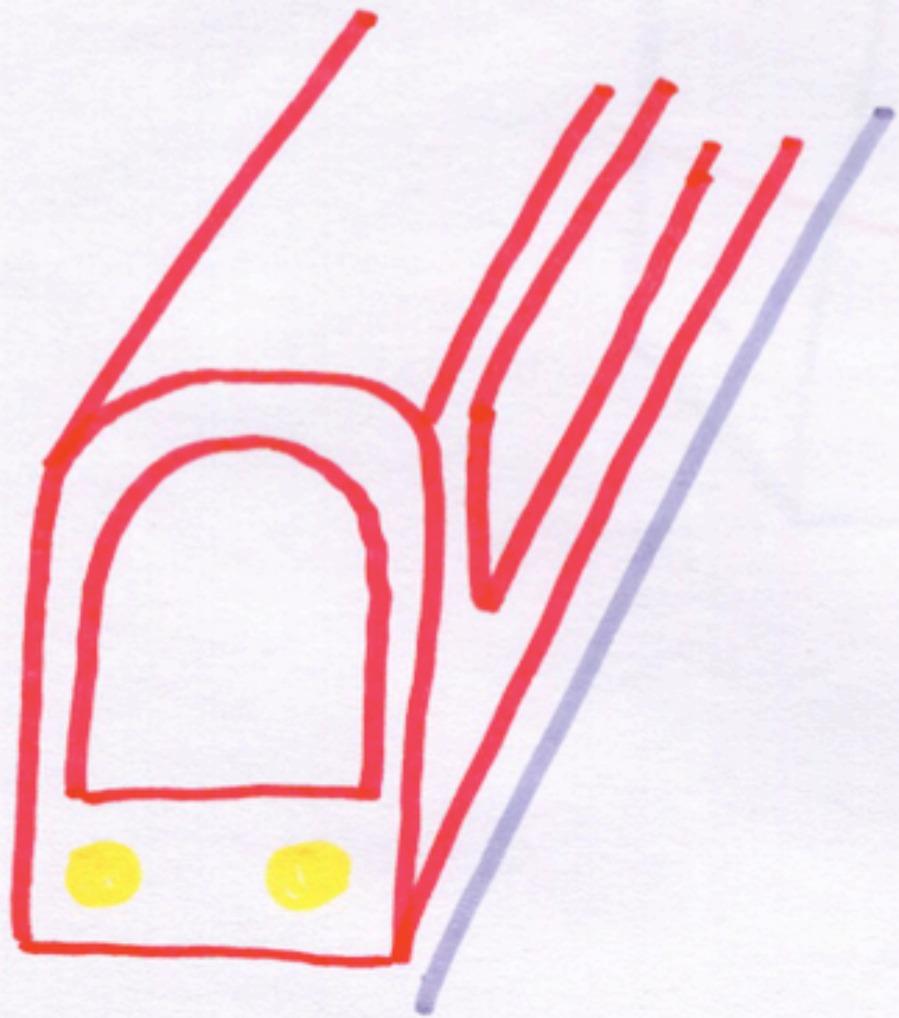


*Reduce the need for mobility*





Seen in Bremen





MÖBEL, TRENDS & KÜCHEN



by Michael Busch  
trendwerk



Ads for Repair

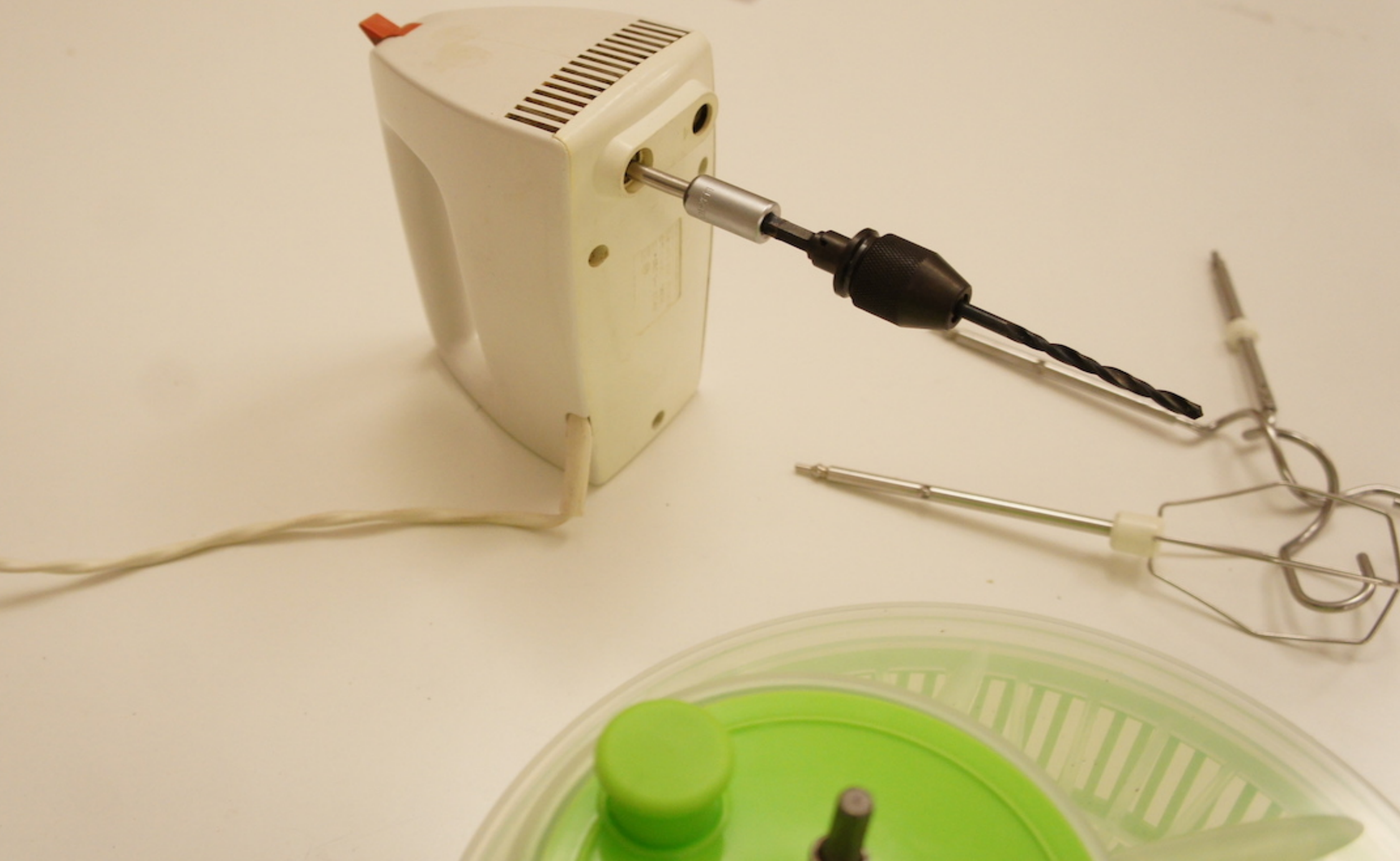
Use billboards to instruct repairing

[...]

*More Modularity*

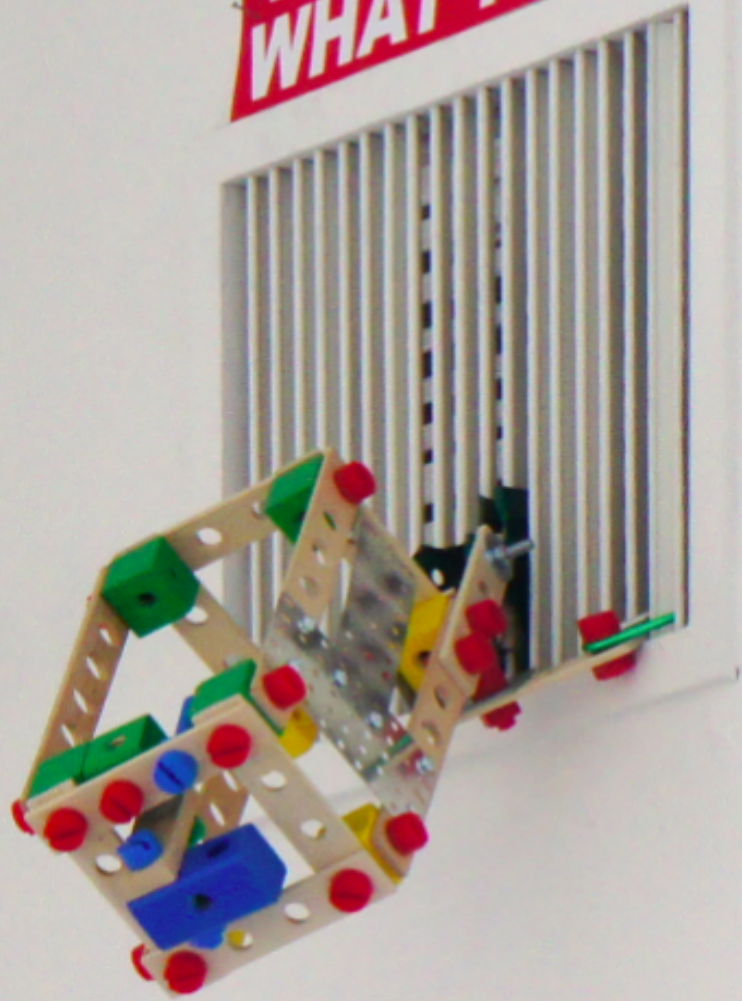


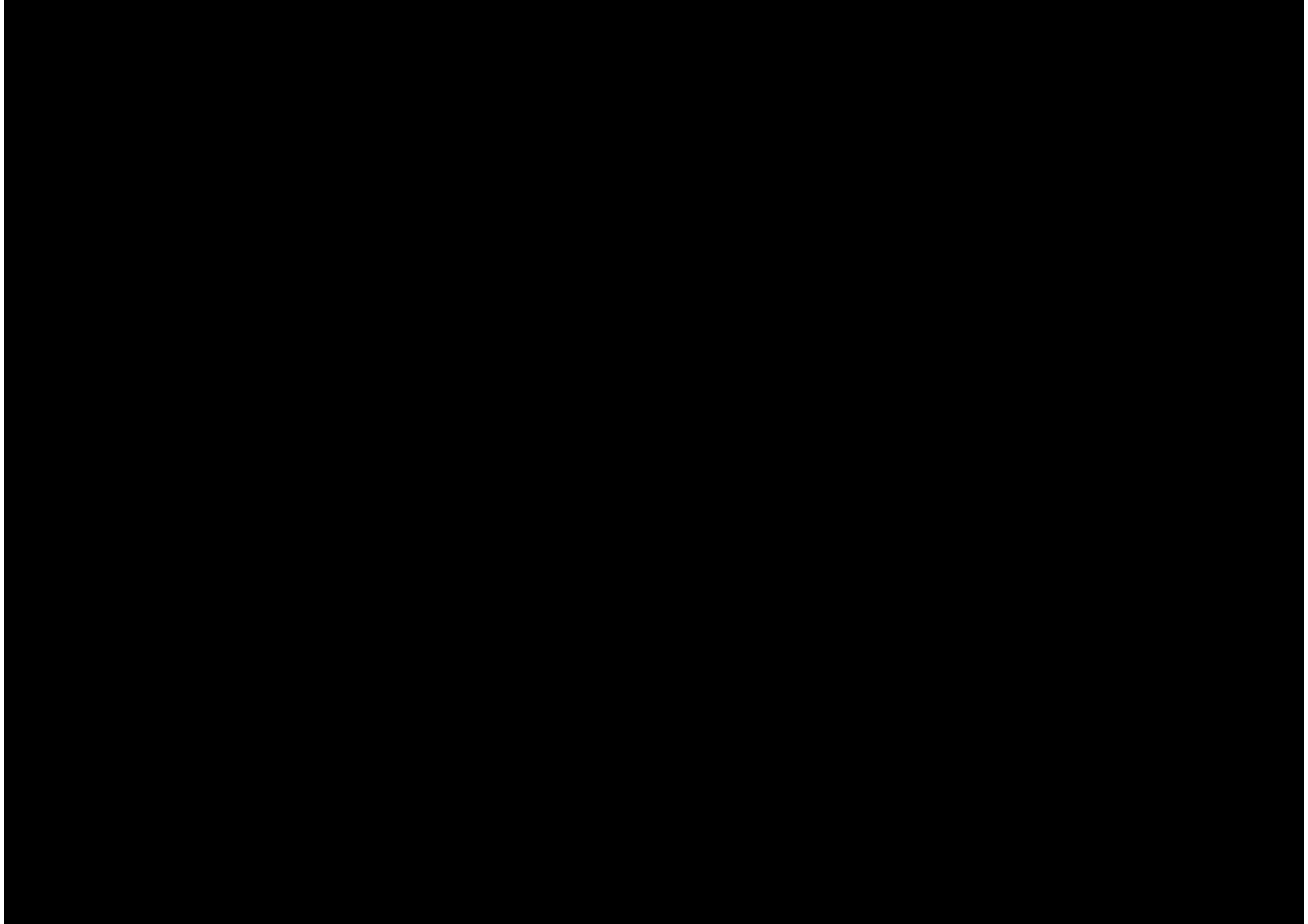




# Surveillance

**TELLING ME  
WHAT TO DO**





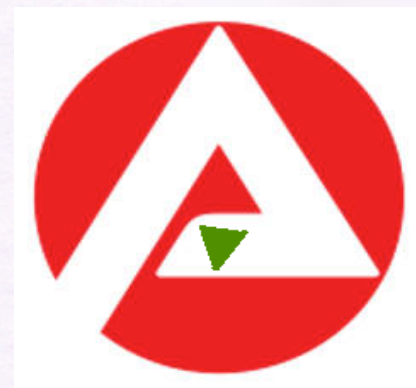
Futuring

**Sidewalk Labs is reimagining  
cities to improve quality of  
life.**

# Time & Funding

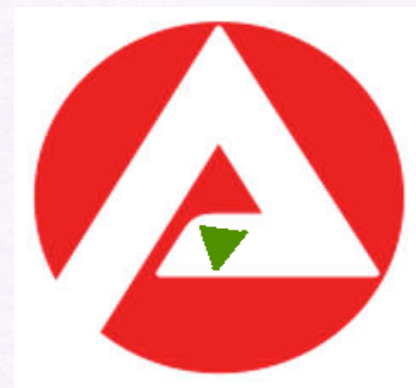


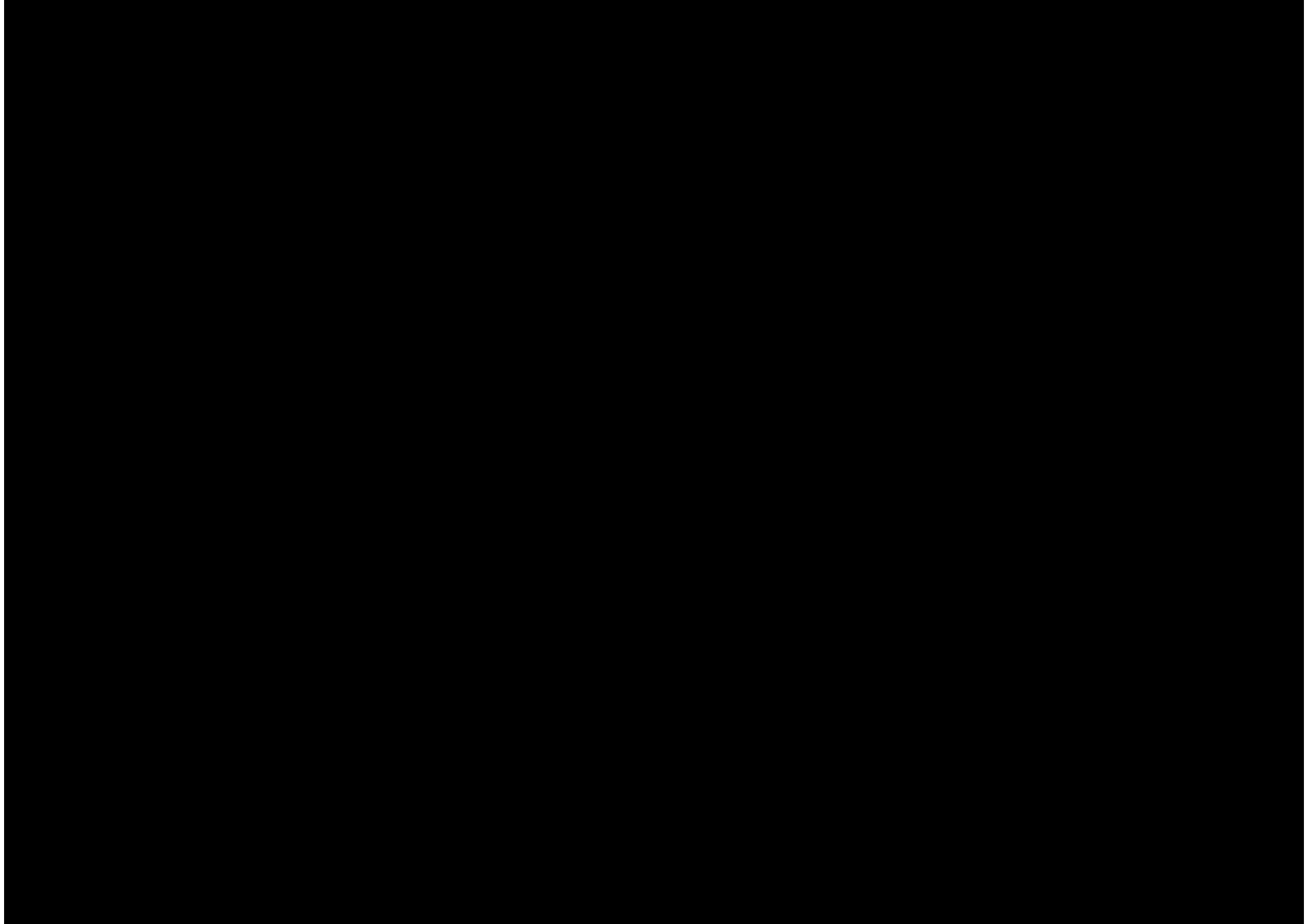
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