



The Everyday |

This project started as an exploration of an everyday that exists beneath the gloss of Singapore architecture and urban spaces. In this context, the project sets out to investigate the everyday life in Little India, one of the more authentic areas of Singapore that has not been gentrified and is able to retain its rich flavour of local living.

In Little India, it is revealed that many activities are tactical in nature, where users appropriate indeterminate spaces according to their intentions and subvert the planned meaning of the spaces. The prevalent recycling activities in particular demonstrate a repertoire of appropriation tactics. And at the bottom of these recycling activities are the scavengers, destitute individuals who roam the streets scavenging for discarded items, without any reprieve from a permanent shelter. The project thus seeks to design a repository for these scavengers, a collective place to facilitate their everyday activities, while adopting in the design process appropriation tactics observed in Little India. Inferring from these tactics, the intent is to generate strategies in the design process. It is also an allusion to the tactics of the scavengers, where appropriation is part and parcel of their everyday activities. For one, vacant buildings and empty plots become opportunities for appropriation, where they become venues for the expression of new meanings through the individuals and groups who appropriate these spaces.

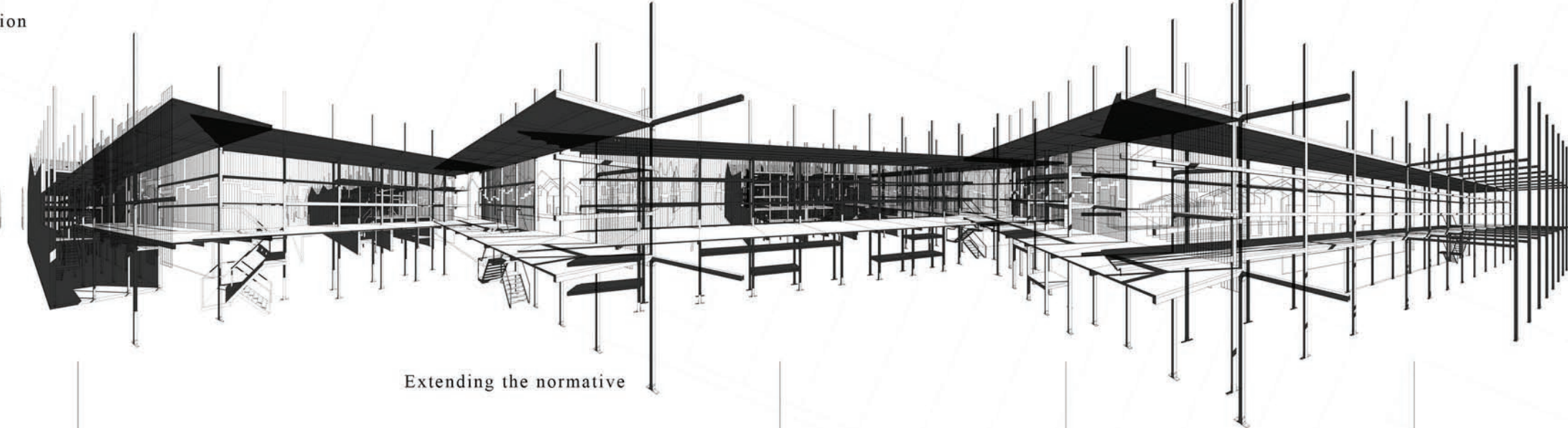
The project ultimately aims to demonstrate how an honest display of life in its most ordinary can actually be the richest representation of Singapore reality.



| Repository



| Appropriation



Extending the normative

normative

usurpation



adaptation



addition



territorialization



dissection



compartmentalization



addition



adaptation



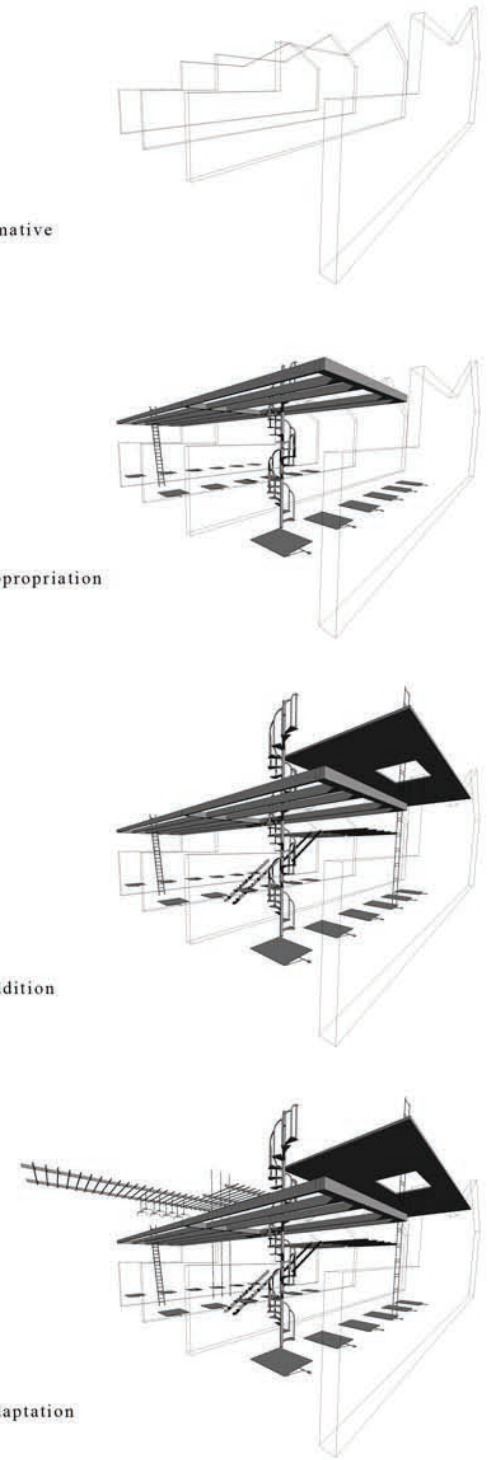
| Concept Diagram

normative

+ appropriation

+ addition

+ adaptation



lvl +1.2 m

lvl +4.8 m

1 collection area

2 workshop

3 living quarters

4 gallery

5 loading deck

1 temporary stalls

2 workshop

3 permanent storage space

4 living quarters

5 transaction area

6 categorisation area

7 flea market | temporary stalls

8 loading bay

9 disposal area

10 parking shed

hindoo road

scale 1:250

Repository | Scavengers