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INTRO

“The Illusion of Life” is an exhibition that moves through a symbolic cycle — from the self to society, from connection to escape.

Through everyday objects like mirrors, books, and glasses of wine, it exposes how identity, comfort, love, and time are all performances we repeat to make life appear whole.

QUESTION?

Are we truly living, or just sustaining the illusions that keep us alive?

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SYMBOLIC CYCLE

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LIST OF OBJECTS

Mirror – The Illusion of Self
Clothes – The Illusion of Belonging
Coffee – The Illusion of Purpose
Phone – The Illusion of Connection
Books – The Illusion of Knowledge
Music – The Illusion of Emotion
Love – The Illusion of Security
Alcohol – The Illusion of Escape
Bed – The Illusion of Rest
Clock – The Illusion of Time

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MIRROR — THE ILLUSION OF SELF

“We start by finding ourselves — or what we think is us.”

The reflection creates the illusion of identity and control. Who are we beyond the image?

COFFEE — THE ILLUSION OF PURPOSE

“We drink to wake up, to begin again — but what are we waking up for?”

The ritual that fuels our illusion of productivity and meaning.

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PHONE – THE ILLUSION OF CONNECTION

“Connected to everyone, but rarely to ourselves.”

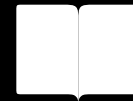
A portal of communication that deepens the silence within.



BOOKS – THE ILLUSION OF KNOWLEDGE

“We collect words as if they can save us.”

The comfort of stories — understanding without living.



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MUSIC – THE ILLUSION OF EMOTION

“We feel through sound what we cannot face in silence.”

Sound as emotion’s mask — we control feeling through rhythm and melody.



TABLE – THE ILLUSION OF ROUTINE

“Here, every day repeats itself.”

Where work, meals, and thoughts merge — the stage of the ordinary.



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ALCOHOL – THE ILLUSION OF ESCAPE

“We drink to forget, but end up remembering differently.”

An illusion of freedom that often becomes a cage.



ROSES – THE ILLUSION OF LOVE

We call it love, but often it's just the fear of being alone.



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BED – THE ILLUSION OF REST

“Where we return to disappear for a while.”

Dreams blur reality — rest becomes
surrender.



CLOCK – THE ILLUSION OF TIME

“Everything turns, and we call it life.”

The cycle closes, only to begin again.



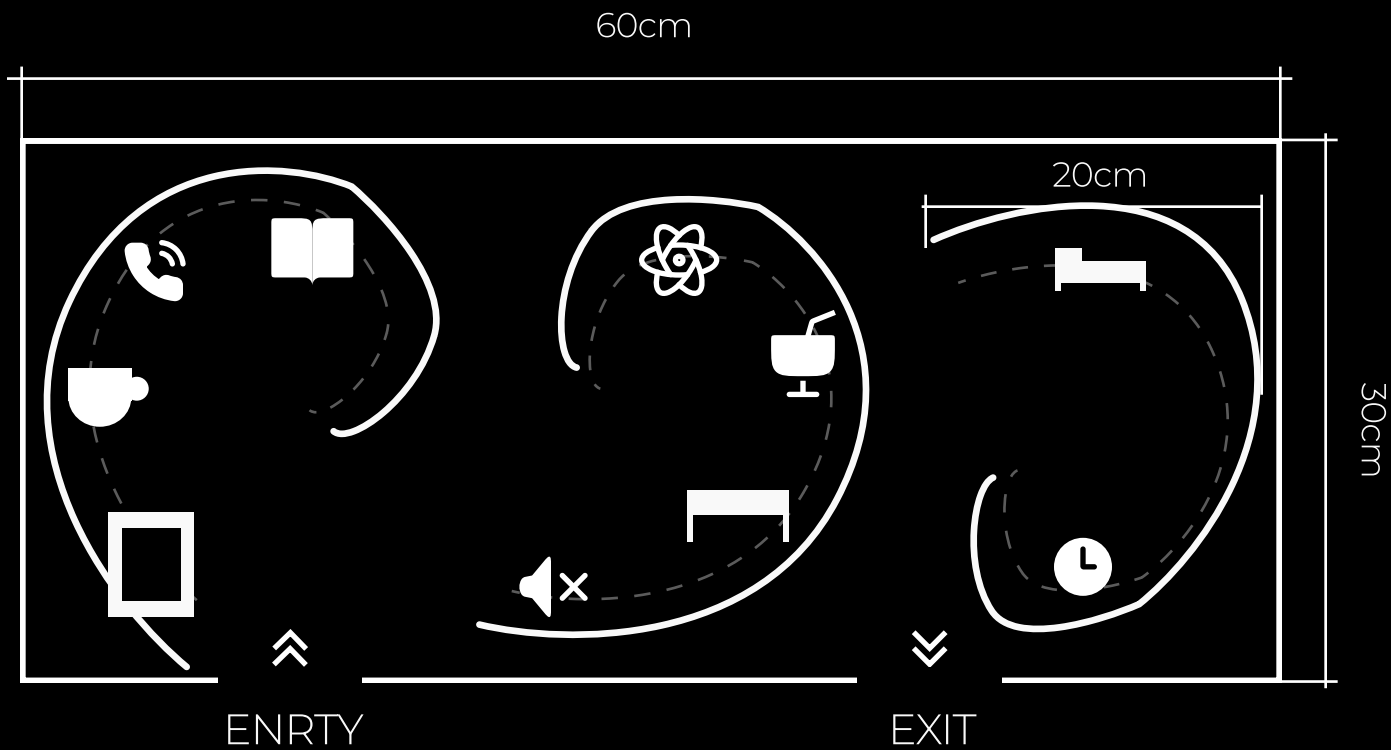
QUESTION

Do we actually have time?

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SCALE –

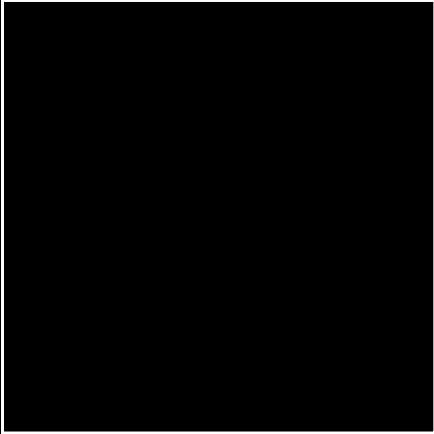
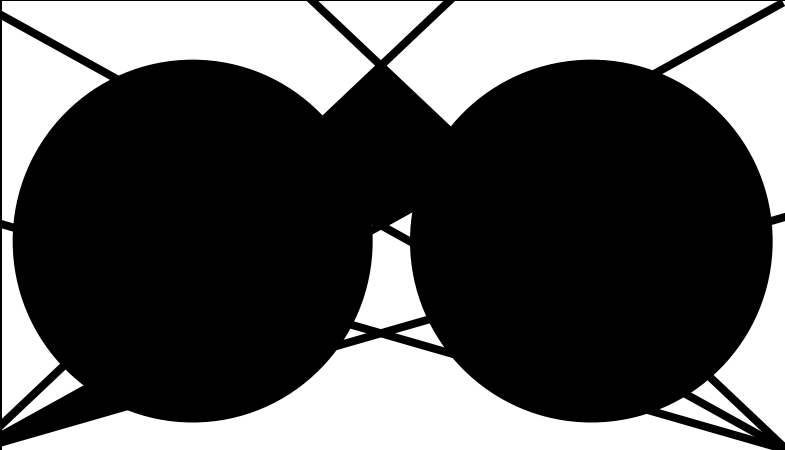
SKETCH-EXHIBITION SPACE



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PROPOSITION

MAIN WALLS

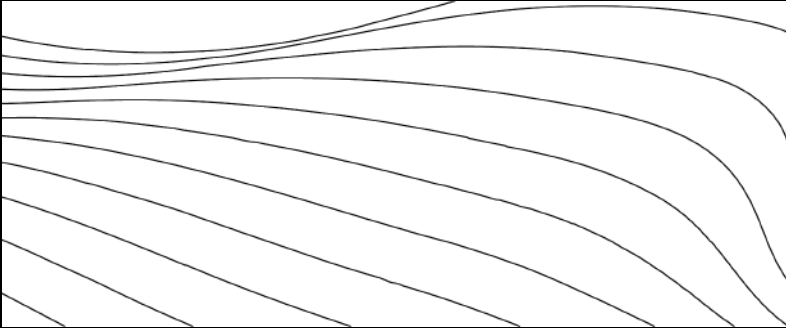
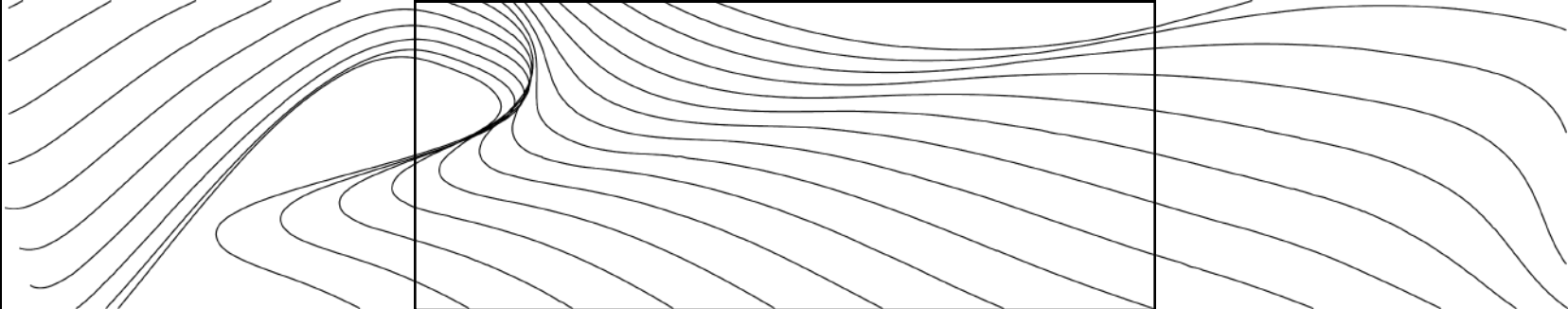


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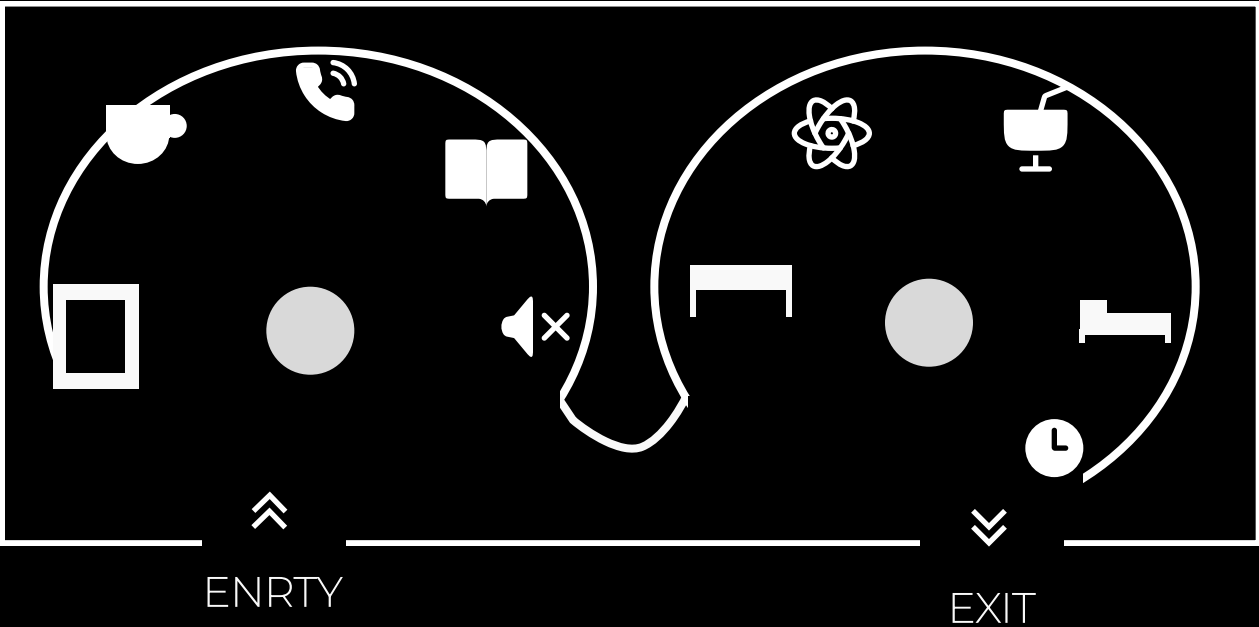
MAIN WALLS/FLOOR

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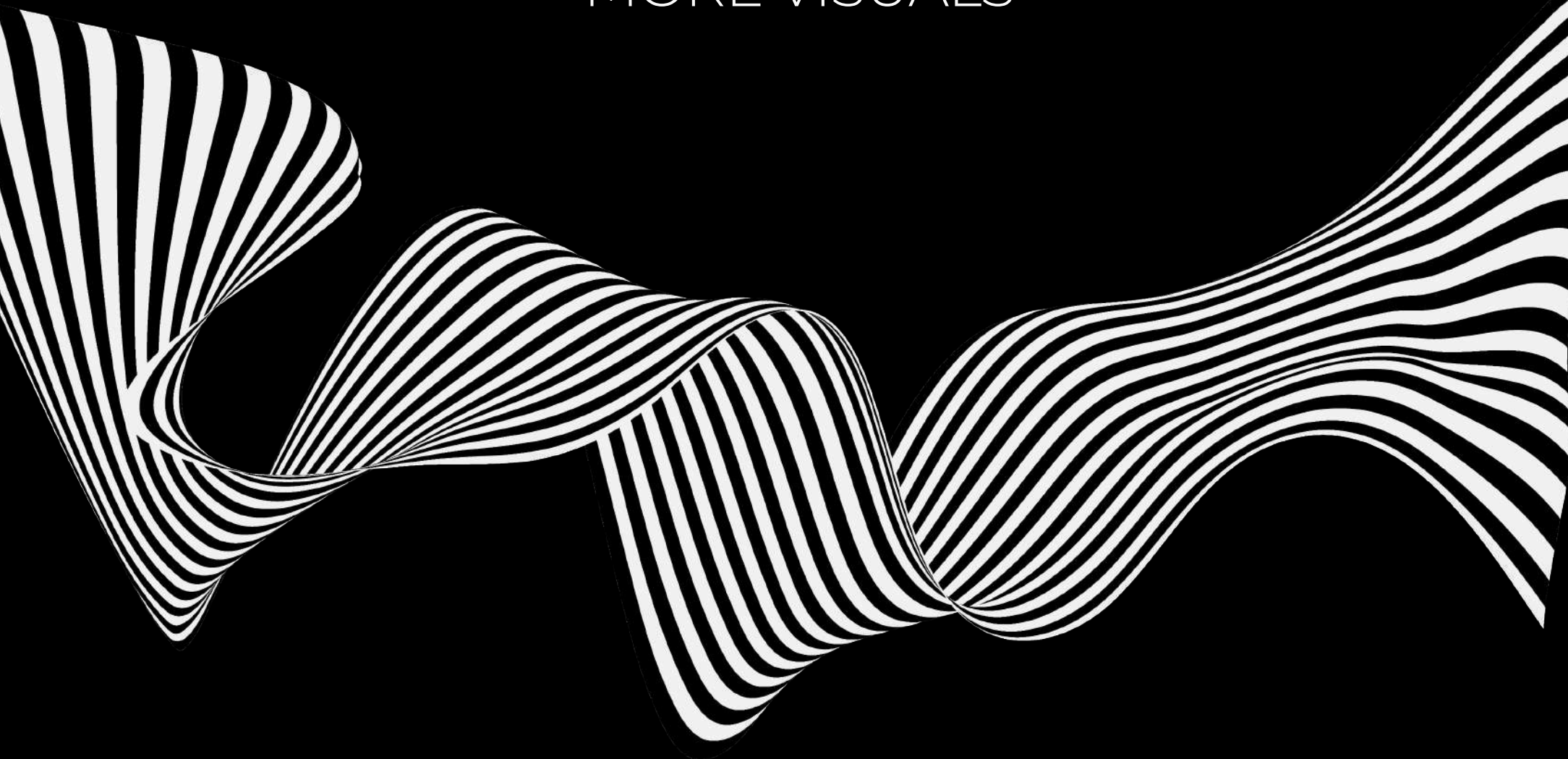
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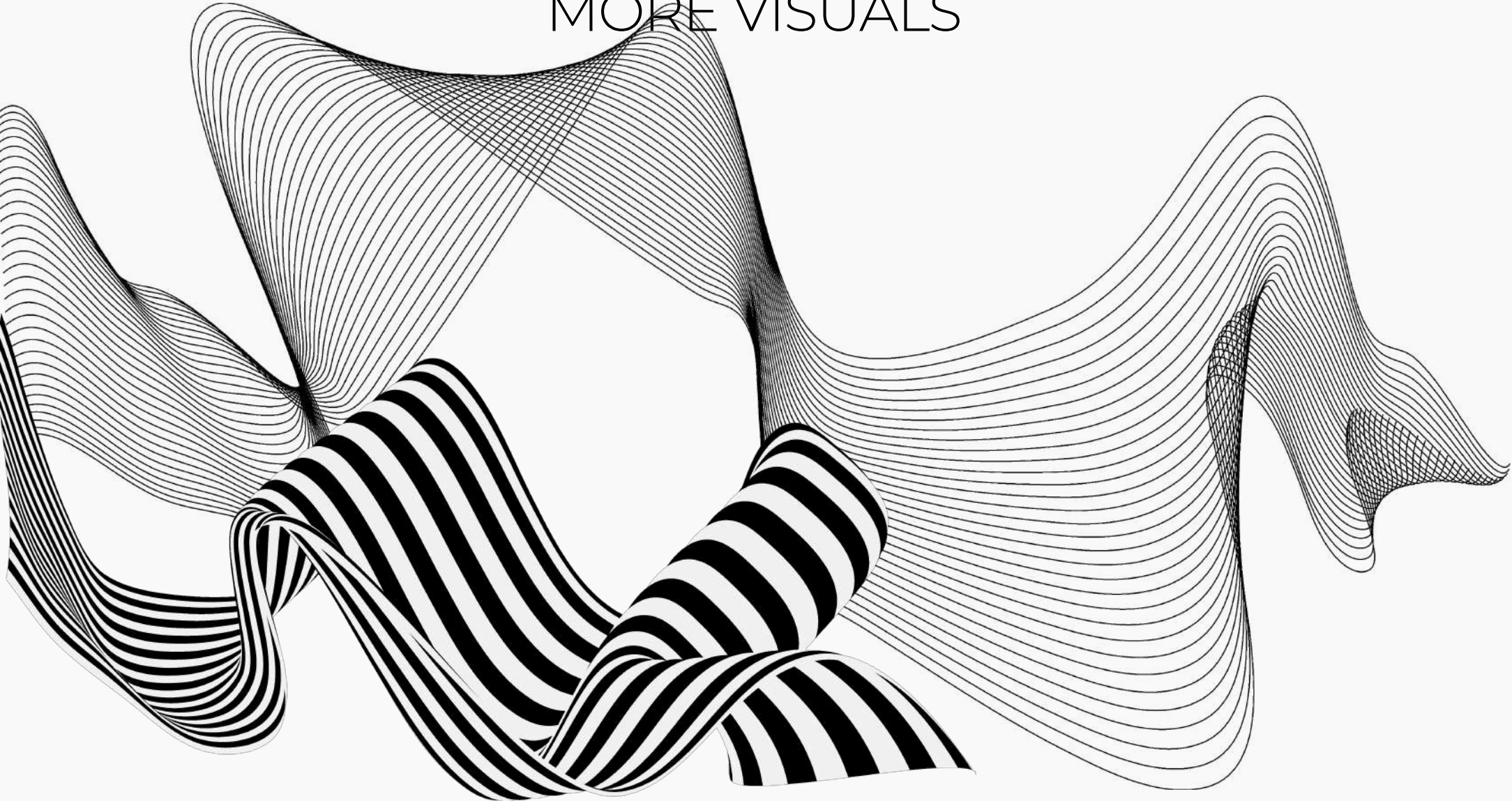
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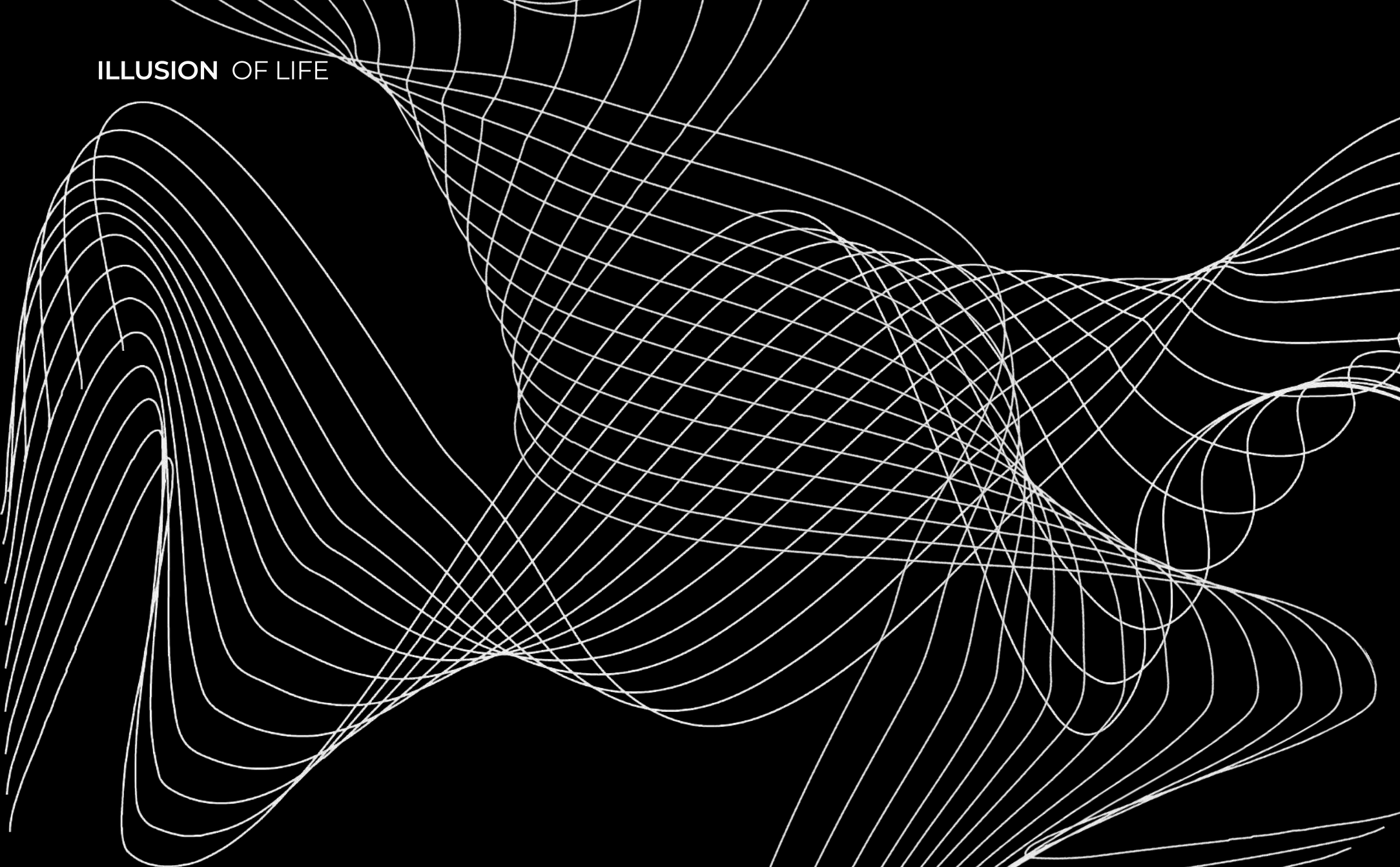


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IS THIS
REALLY YOU ?

ARE YOU
AWAKE NOW?

WHO'S REALLY
THERE?

DID YOU
LEARN ENOUGH?

DO YOU FEEL
BETTER NOW?

DO YOU FEEL, OR DO
YOU REMEMBER FEELING?

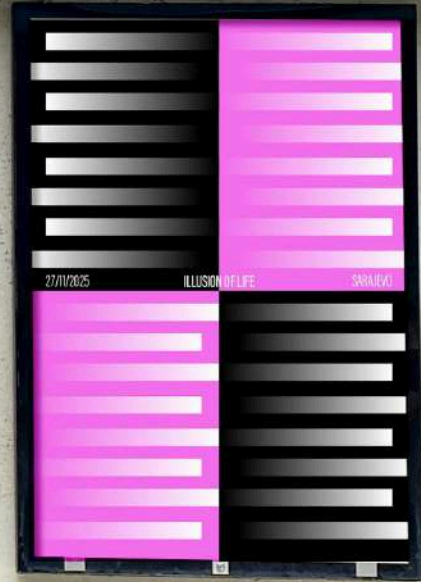
DOES LOVE FREE YOU,
OR KEEP YOU SAFE?

ARE YOU SHARING
OR JUST SITTING?

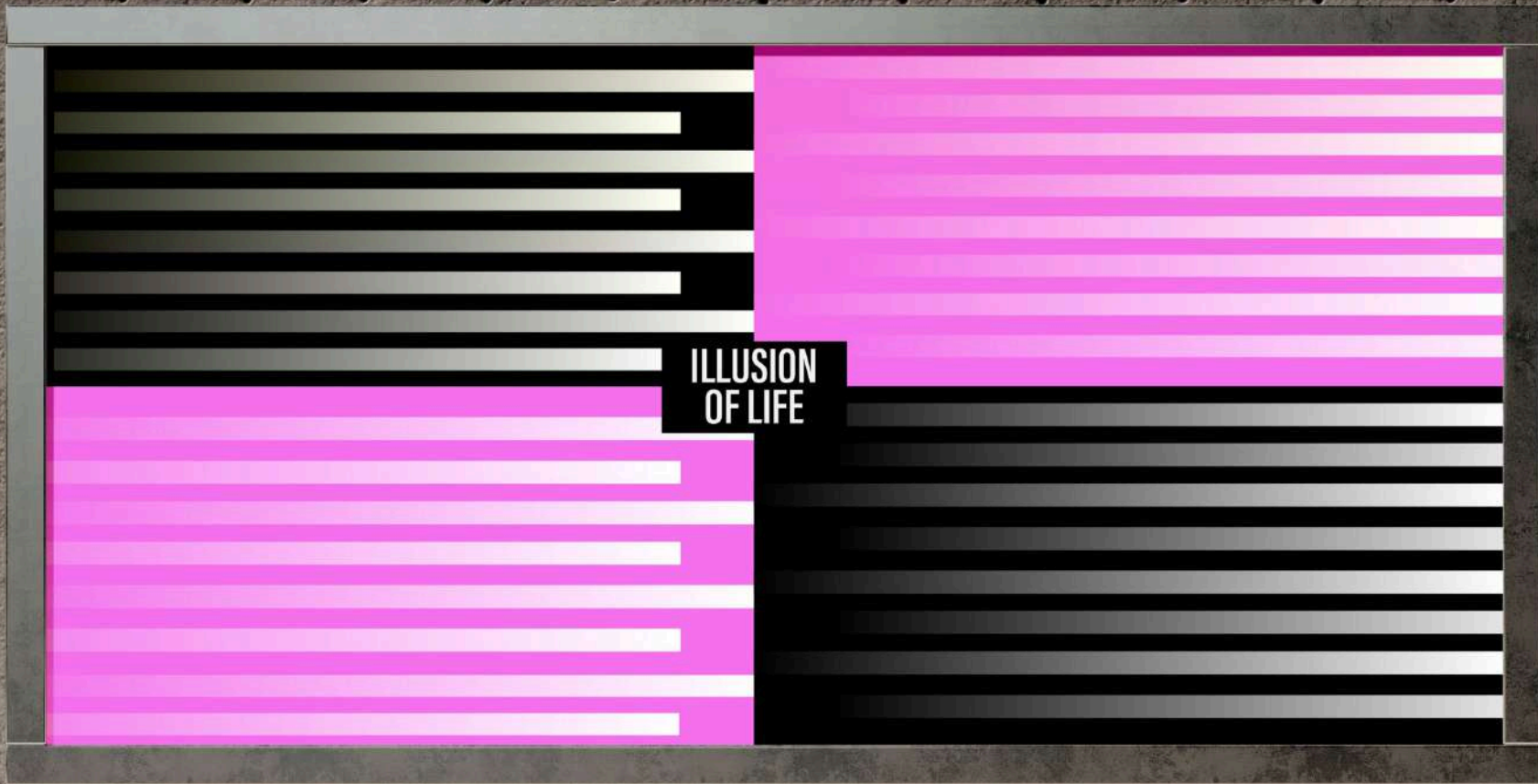
ARE YOU DONE
FOR TODAY?

DO YOU HAVE
TIME LEFT?
ARE YOU
AWAKE NOW?

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REAL LIFE MODEL



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