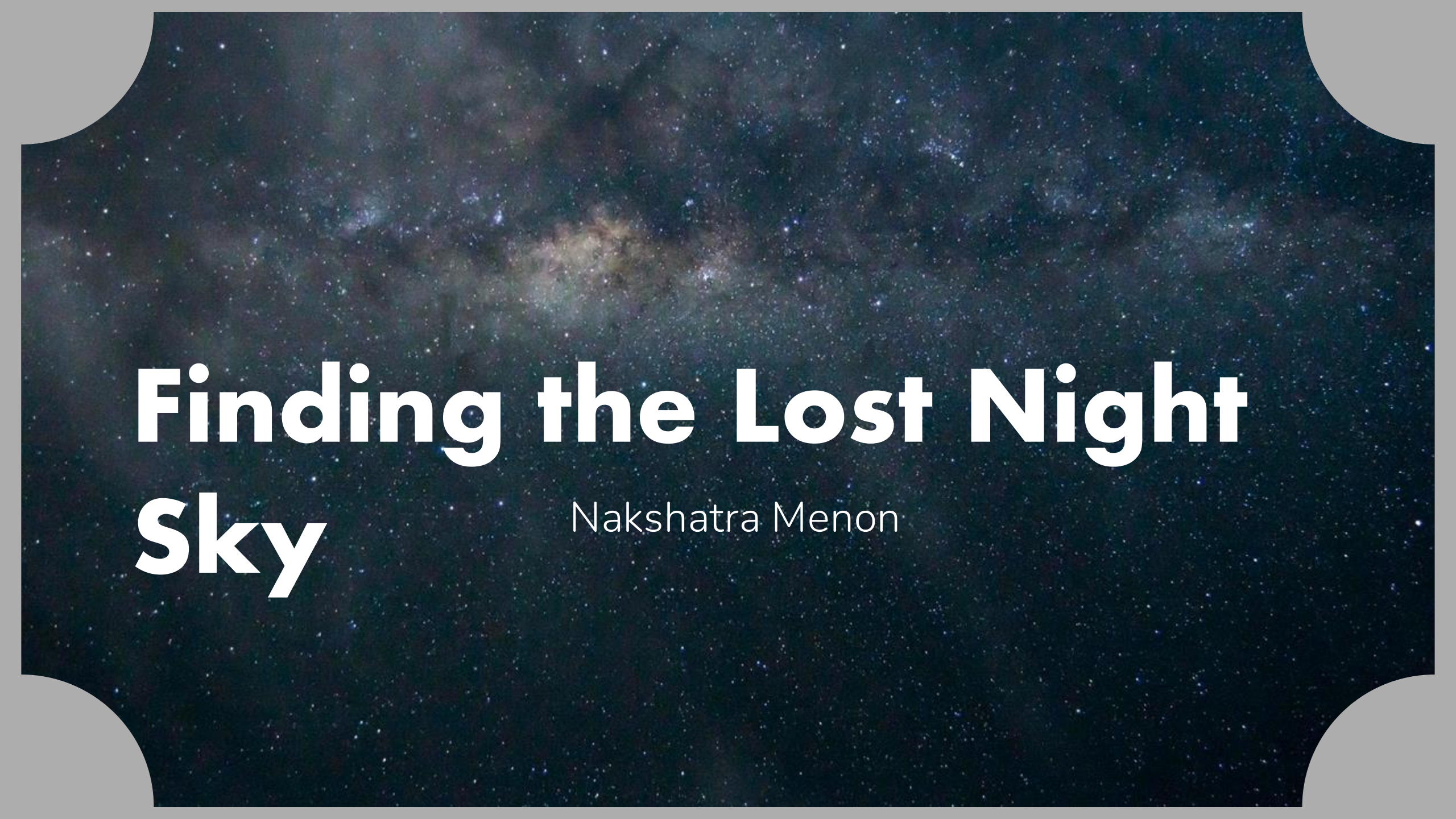




Finding the Lost Night Sky

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Light Pollution

Artificial light that emits up and goes into the night sky



(Sriram Murali)

Sacrificing the Night Sky

- Feeling of safety
- Being able to work at late times
- Continuing day time tasks during the night



“Imagine walking through a dark alleyway in the middle of the night. Wouldn’t you feel a rising sense of dread and apprehension with every step? Now, if you were walking through a well-lit street late at night, you wouldn’t be so worried, would you? That is what light can do. It can make things feel better and less scary.” - Brandon Industries

Sacrificing the Night Sky

The general public wouldn't be willing to give up feeling safe and being able to continue day tasks just to be able to see the night sky

Interview

Q: If your town proposed a bill to combat light pollution would you be for that?

A: Outside the area it's not safe so I don't know if i would be for that, if it's darker outside i would feel less safe to walk, but I would be ok with driving. I would rather have the lights outside and see where I am going rather than enjoy the stars.

Reputation



Daytime = Good
Nighttime = Bad

Sacrificing the Night Sky

“Humans (and most animals) can see in the “dark” only if there is some starlight or, better, moonlight.”

(Cornell)

Sacrificing your Health

We need to tell people that it is actively impacting their health and its affecting each person.

Increases risk of

- cancer
- heart disease
- type two diabetes
- depression

(OxfordSparks)

If we tell people light pollution is covering the night sky

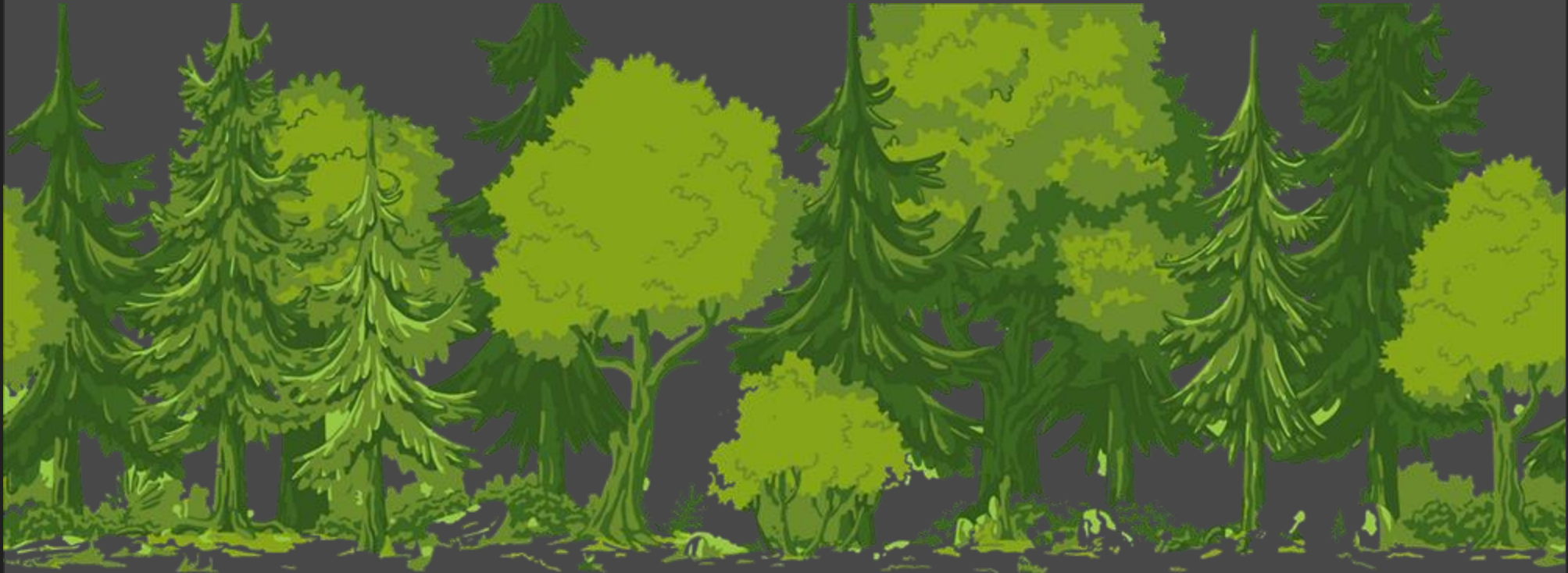
- “I rather work and feel safe rather than see the stars”

If we tell people that its causing some issues for the animals

- Some people might feel bad but most people would be inclined to favor convenience.

Installation

The installation is a path that aims to show the environment without light pollution.

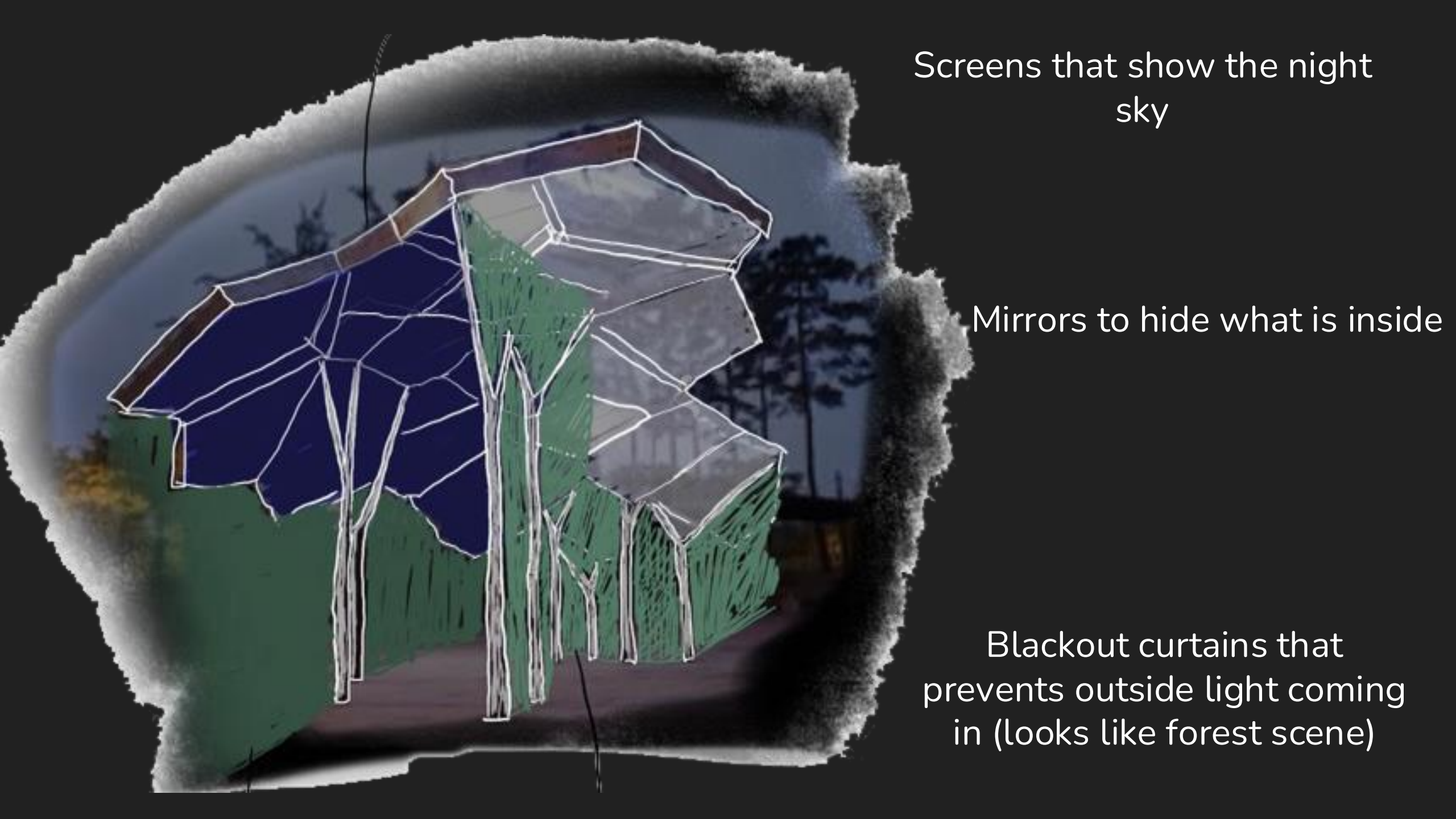


Inspiration



(postscares)

Use this as a module and repeat them to create a path of trees on both sides.



Screens that show the night sky

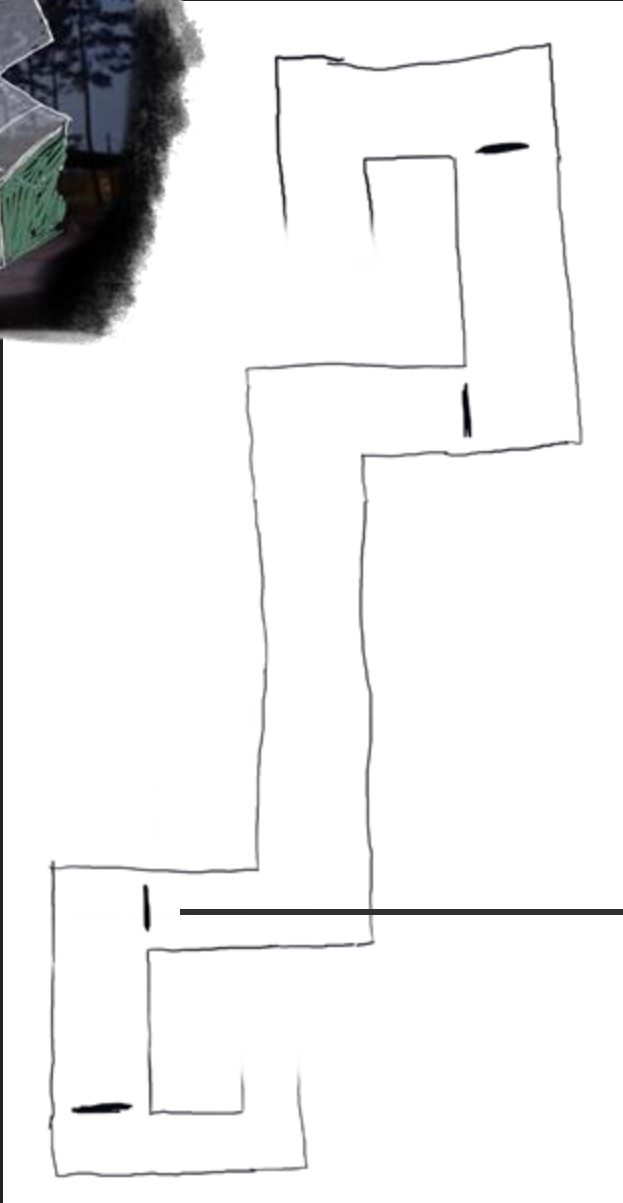
Mirrors to hide what is inside

Blackout curtains that prevents outside light coming in (looks like forest scene)



Pathway

Reduce the amount of light that enters without doors



(MSD)

Walls to block light



(OxfordSparks)

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