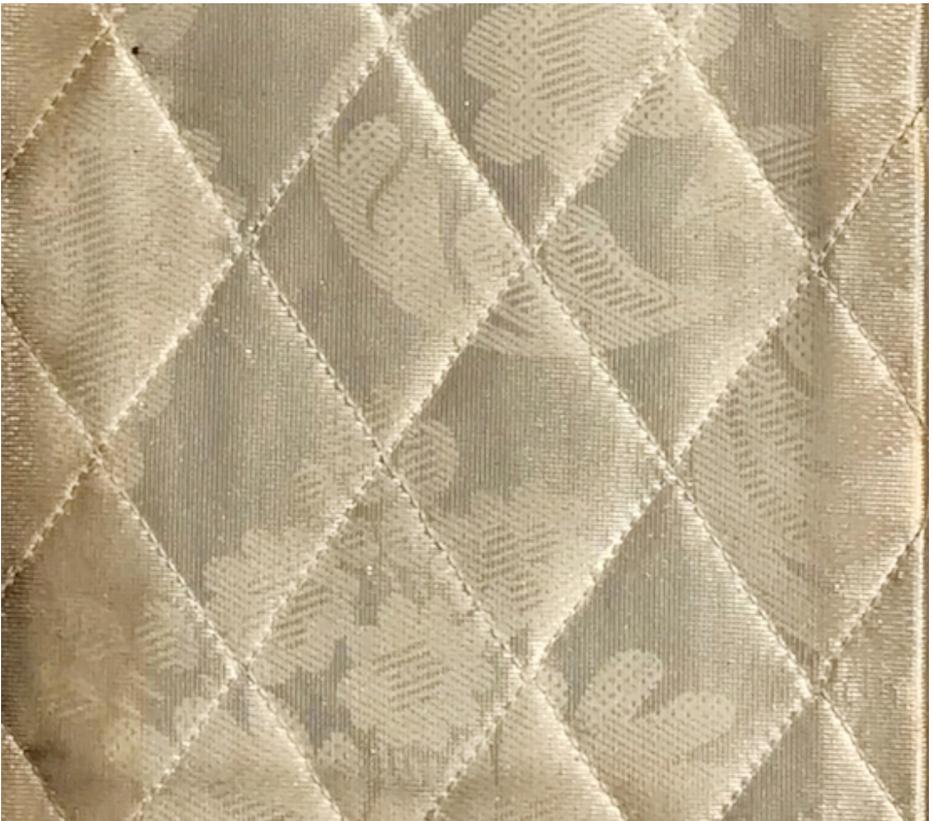


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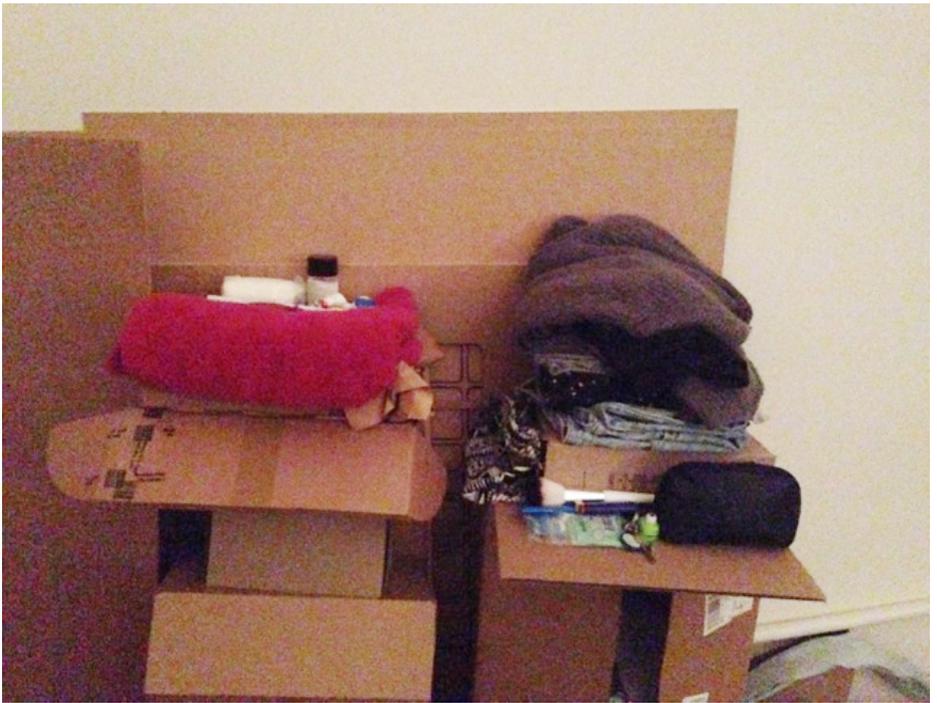


















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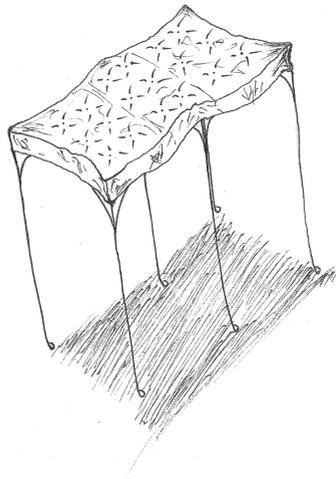
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APPENDIX

n: I drove to Ikea last night and bought
the cheapest mattress. Finally!

g: Finally!!!

n: No bed bugs! YEEEEESSSSSSSSSS!

g: oooooo fancy!

okay here things we should write about
for this thing, from our prev conversation:

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n: Hmm...What about Airbnb?

g: Cant afford that man. Unless we're 5
and we share?

n: I dropped half of my clothes off
GoodWill today. I need the carry-on
for my books. and had to move my
plants to studio last week.... They
died today.

g: We did have our artist house rubbed in the south and we were looking seriously to live in airbnb for a bit altogether. Still ended up being so expensive tho we never did that.

n: What happened then?

- n: They cover food and travel expenses. Accommodation is the artist's responsibility.
- g: EXACTLY! In summer we applied for this travel funding and they made us go through sooohhhh much correspondance man, just to reimburse 'only' the ticket much later on. And then u end up looking for fucking cheap hostels the whole time around.
- n: This is where not being allowed to leave the country helps! Lol! Sry. Bad joke!

n: Did I ever tell you that I did the residency at GCAC just because of the housing? I mean I didn't know anything about them and was practically homeless and secretly living in my studio. One of my mentors introduced me and they gave me a unit for free.

Downtown Santa Ana.

I got my first big show in NY after that.

n: I don't know how long I would be staying here. I can't commit to long-term lease. Hold on...BRB

g: I do have the same feeling! Now I have this REALLY longterm contract for this house after so many years, and it is so weird that I think I am not even able to digest it.

Like what does it mean to have housing for such a long time? After 9 months it still is so so so surreal to me. I don't think we are managing to understand it really even yet

But also u know, i feel like we are unable yet to even conceptualise settling down just because we got this place. The trauma lives on i guess? If that's not too dramatic lol

: I was reading 'The Century of the Bed' on issuu today. and here's a screenshot lol:



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THE CENTURY OF THE BED

g: You know the time I went to venice to prepare our show for the biennale, I stayed in a hostel in this other town away from the biennale venues and stuff. It was this student camp thing, with a laaahrge building for rows of shared showers and bathrooms. And then I got to the space I rented which I realised was a mattress in a 4 sqm container shared with 3 other ppl!!!

I'd dress up my fancy clothes take a long ride to venice and be proper, then say bye to everyone come back to this camp wagon shit in the evening and crawl in the moist damn mattress.

Omg now that im saying this memories i blocked out is coming fucking rushing back to me damn!

g: Now im remembering i had really long talks with you on the phone when i was there! U remember anything?

n: Oh I remember! You were surrounded by aristocrats of the business. We had no sponsor. No money. I was faking MFA critics to jump on skype with our crew. There was no point of presenting that project in art school anyway, so I kept faking random sculptures. Lol!

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: Today, I've learned that we have a name. Thy call us "Residency Bitch"!!
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