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Arise from the Thin Air

June 5th, at Tiananmen Square

The project commemorates the Tiananmen Square Massacre in China. Within the memory of that event, is still people's underwhelming demands for a democratic society. This kept driving people protesting and eventually became a conflict between the people and their government.

In this project, I propose 6 inflatable membranes, arising from the thin air. It is so fast, and it will just happen, in 30 minutes.

China Protest Event Plot

Plot 5 Years



Democracy and human rights, as the major requirements that Chinese people ask for, has never been addressed. This is the reason why people are still taking reaction, to get the response, get the solution and get their future.



Suppression

Tiananmen Massacre
1989.06.04

Tiananmen Square protest was the largest event in China which Chinese people stayed together demanding for their rights of Democracy. Students, workers and intellectuals gathered in Tiananmen Square for almost two months until the crackdown initiated. The crackdown, with the help of Chinese armies and even the tanks, killed the spirit of democracy in China for almost 15 years till today.



Reaction

Today's Increasing Protests in China

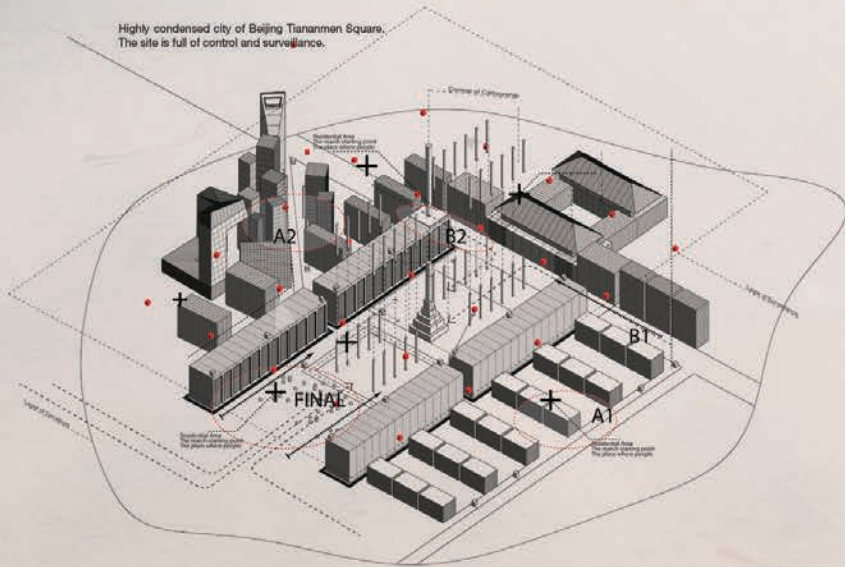
However, the demands for democracy have never ended. Due to increasing amount of corruption, pollution and unbalanced benefits between the people and the government, people are gathering again for their rights and benefits. Even if there is censorship, surveillance and control, people will go to the squares and streets to protest, to fight for their freedom and democracy, thus causing amounts of conflicts throughout China today. And conflicts will eventually become more and more severe.



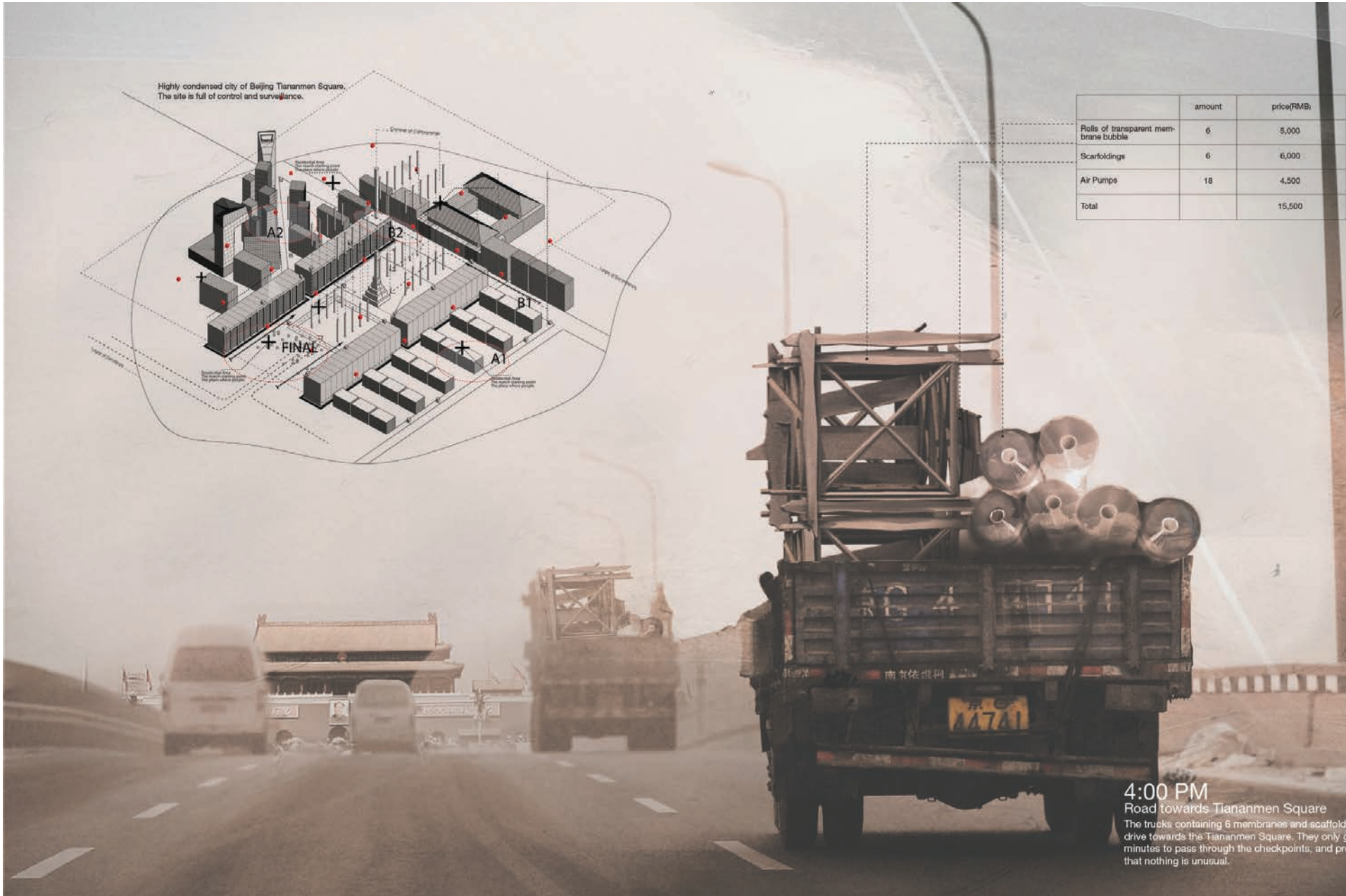


4:30 PM
Tiananmen Square

Highly condensed city of Beijing Tiananmen Square.
The site is full of control and surveillance.



	amount	price(RMB)
Rolls of transparent membrane bubble	6	5,000
Scarfoldings	6	6,000
Air Pumps	18	4,500
Total		15,500



4:00 PM
Road towards Tiananmen Square
The trucks containing 6 membranes and scarfoldings drive towards the Tiananmen Square. They only 5 minutes to pass through the checkpoints, and prove that nothing is unusual.



4:15 PM
Tiananmen Square

Once distributed, air pump will push the air inside of the membranes. People gather into the space within the transparent bubbles.



4:30 PM
Tiananmen Square

Policemen gather together to suppress the event. The huge bubble forms a fortress. Even if it looks so light and so weak, it is strong, and powerful, because it is a monument, and it unites the people.

Tiananmen Square Event Timemap

First Stage

4:00 pm

The starting setup of the scaffolding structure which distributes the membrane onto the Tiananmen Square

Step 1
distributing
scaffolding

Step 2
scaffolding setting
up

Step 3
distributing the
protecting
membrane

Step 4
connecting to the air
pump

Step 5
filing to the ground

Second Stage

4:15 pm

The intermediate expansion that allows protesters to occupy more space of the Tiananmen Square

Step 1
distributing
scaffolding

Step 2
scaffolding setting
up

Step 3
connecting to the
previous stage
bubble

Step 4
distributing the
protecting
membrane

Step 5
connecting to the air
pump

Third Stage

4:30 pm

The final occupy. This will happen, and people will gather inside of the membranes, and they will never be hurt by the policemen

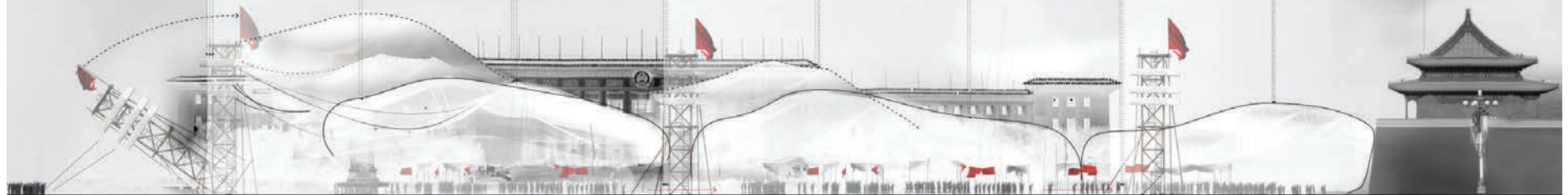
Step 1
distributing
scaffolding

Step 2
scaffolding setting
up

Step 3
connecting to the
previous stage
bubble

Step 4
distributing the last
protecting
membrane

4:40 pm





Arise from the Thin Air

Cairo's Tahrir Square, February of 2011

I believe there is always a tension between the peace and the strike. And it's achieved by the spirit of the protestors. It even feels like the pilgrimage in Mecca. Architecture itself transveres people

Therefore, my travel plan will be the place in the image - Cairo's Tahrir Square, Egypt. This is the place where I could witness the tension, the passion, and escape.