



1000 TONS OF ICE
A PROJECT PROPOSAL BY GER C. BOUT

INTRODUCTION

For a long time I have been working
with the "idea" of a house.
I played with the shape of a "house", the form,
the construction, the concept and the materials.

I made a number of project proposals.
Some have been realised.
Others will follow.

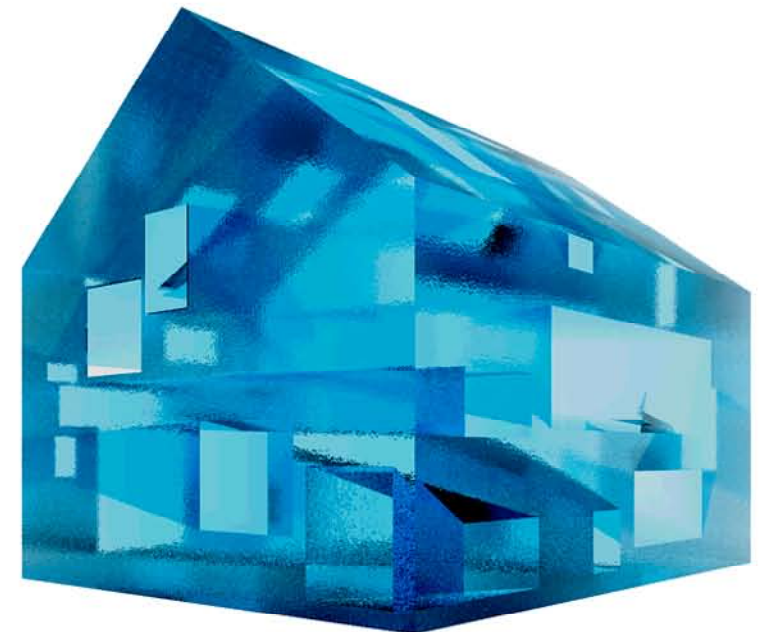
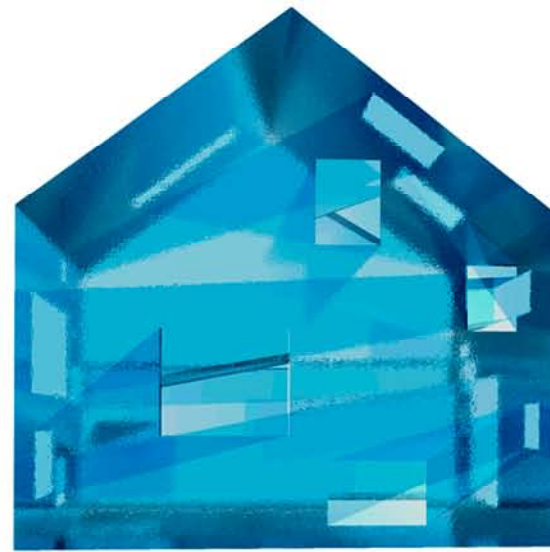
In Pori, Finland, in 1993,
a little wooden house was taken apart
and reassembled again
in a different order.
The house was still the same but
it looked different and
it was not very comfortable anymore.

Another "house", so to speak,
was realized in Turku, Finland, in 1996.
It was made of steel, completely transparent,
and very clearly a house.
For many it was a stimulating project
as it made them remember their childhood,
their fantasies and their dreams.

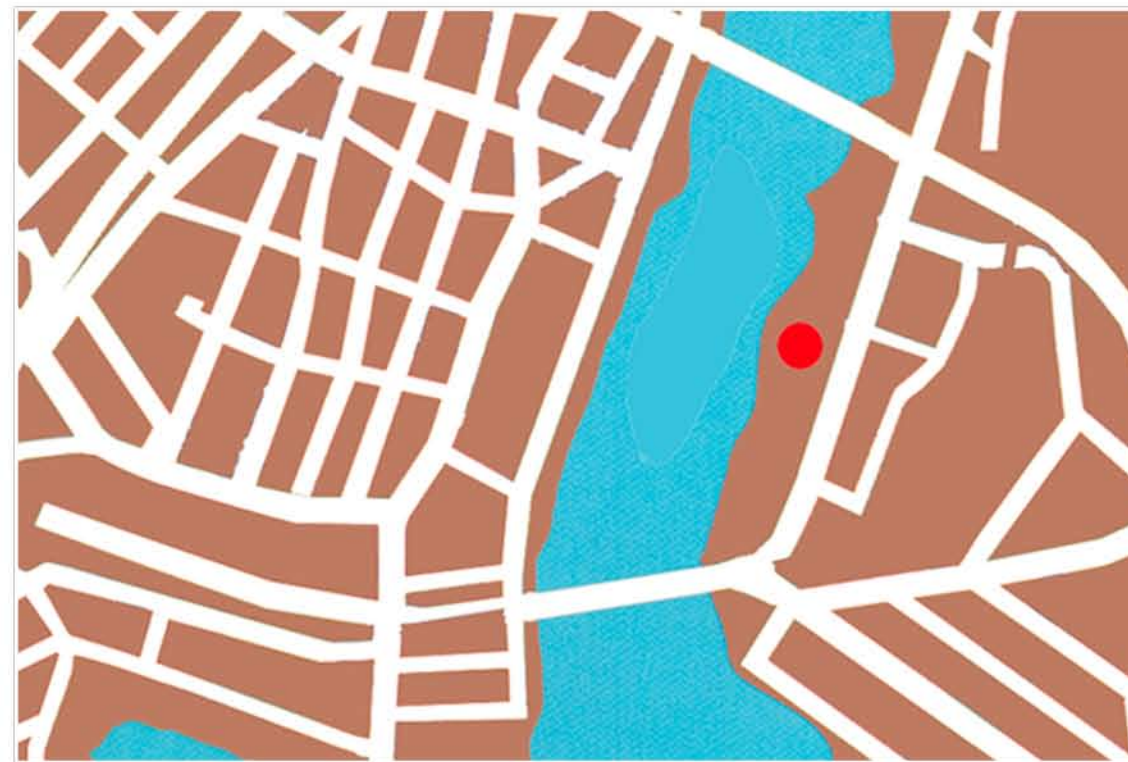
This proposal is about a "house"
of 1000 tons of ice:
made of blocks, sawn from the frozen river,
At the end of the winter,
just before spring
the ice is very thick.
As soon as the "house" is ready,
spring will start.
The ice of the house will melt,
leaving no trace,
except memories.

Since 1995,
this project has been presented
in Rovaniemi and Oulu, Northern Finland,
in Reykjavik, Iceland,
and in Asahikawa, Northern Japan.
In spite of all efforts,
the project has
not yet been realized.

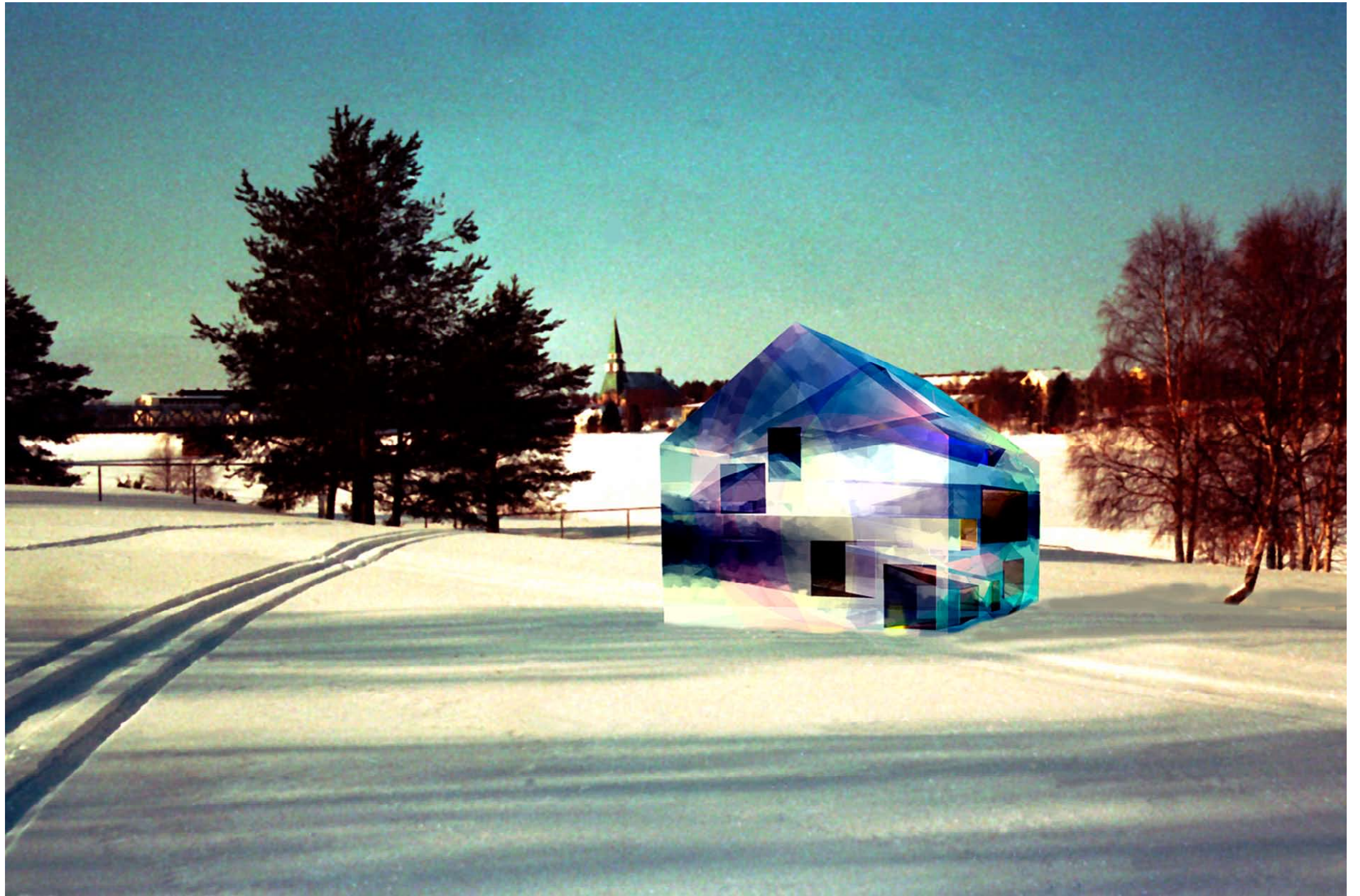
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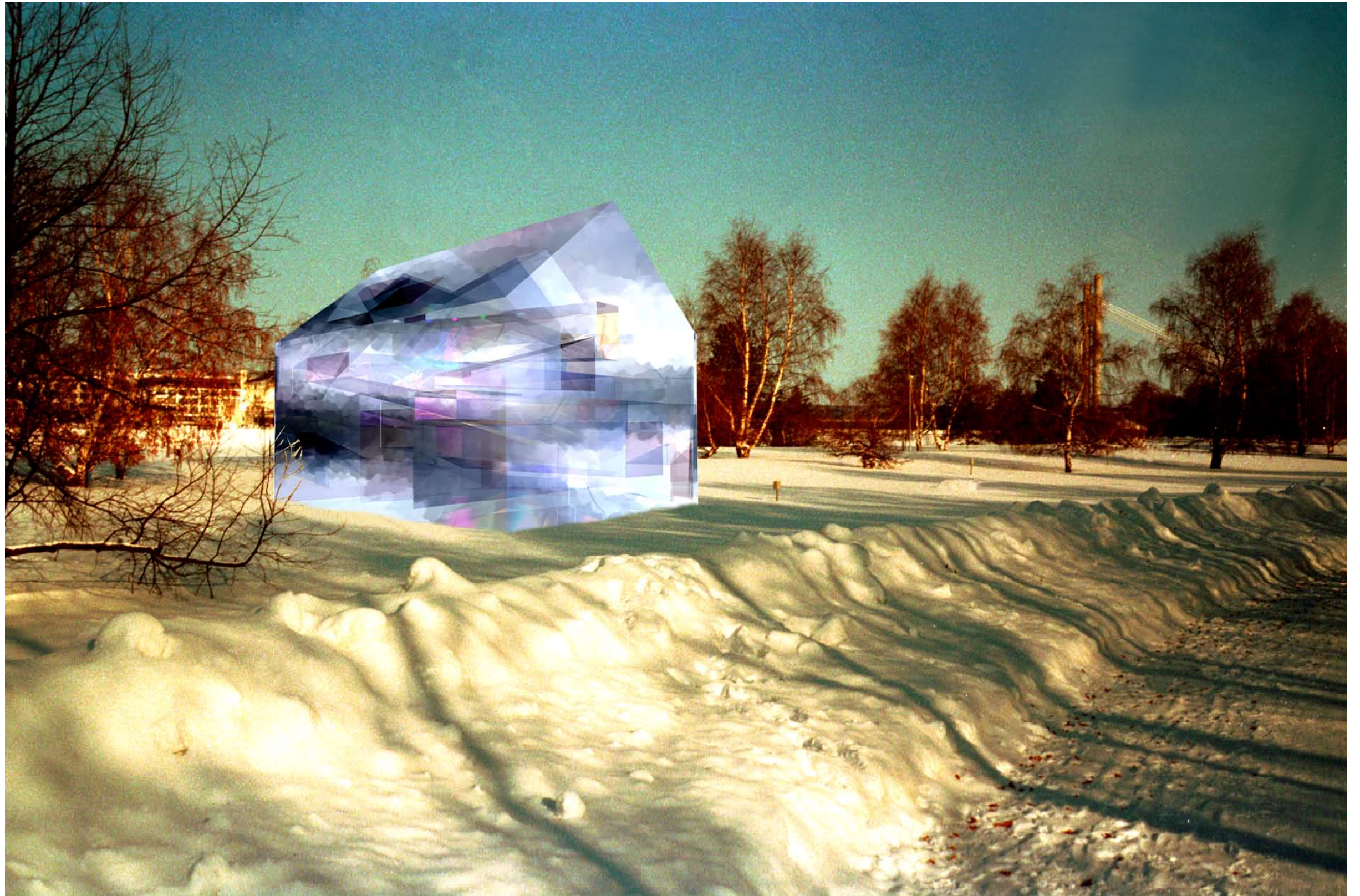


THE IDEA



A POSSIBLE SITUATION
IN ROVANIEMI, FINLAND







ABOUT THE ARTIST

This project
is an initiative of
Ger C. Bout

Ger C. Bout
initiated projects
in Belgium, Germany, Finland,
Iceland, Northern Ireland,
Israel, Japan
and
The Netherlands.

Each project is new
and involves
intense collaboration
with local participants,
local institutions,
local authorities,
and local resources.

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