

“To be left alone is the most precious thing one can ask  
of the modern world.”  
— Anthony Burgess

# The need & importance of Privacy in a Home

Privacy is approached by environment psychology as a changing self/ other boundary regulation process in which a person or group sometimes want to be separated from others and sometimes want to be in contact with others. It is a quality or condition of being secluded from the presence or view of others.

People often think of privacy in terms of, what have you got to hide? That privacy is about what you're ashamed of your flaws, your weaknesses, your negative sides, your secrets, your scandals, your fetishes. But it can be the best thing about oneself. The things you love, the things that are just yours and you don't have to share because you love them, where you have free space where you can make mistakes, think things that are wrong, try things out that don't affect your opportunities or life choices.

A house/ home should cater to privacy as a basic need of an individual. A home should be conceived as a space where people get together but also where any member may choose to be alone, pursue his own activities in comfort.

In India, the ratio of family members to number of rooms in a house is high and also culturally, shutting the door for doing any activity is not consider usual. So, it is important that architecture of the spaces is such that it allows one to have privacy because of its organisation, spatial quality etc.,

# Methodolgy of understanding the activities and characteristics of that space which could offer Privacy

The study was carried out by interviewing all Family members. of a House in order to understand the architectural characteristics of the space in the house , which allows the family members to achieve pivacy when required.

Interview included following set of questions:-

- Routine Schedule of each Family member and noting the time during which the member is present in the House.
- Hobbies of the Member and their nature.
- Freetime of the member and what would he/she like to do in the freetime?
- Any situation when the member felt the need to be alone or activities that he/she would like to do in privacy?
- The space in the House wich allows them to get privacy or perform activities that they don't want to do in front of others.

Along with these questions, examples of activities that I would like to de alone or situations when I felt the need to be alone were mentioned. For eg,. what would the person do when they felt like crying and where would he/she go.

Any place where they could mess up while playing and no one would bother them to ask to clean that space?

# Family 1

- Need privacy for office work
- Sometimes for listening music

Father



- Cooking
- Pooja
- Meditation
- Need privacy for emotional breakdown

Mother



- TV Series
- Sometimes need privacy to talk over mobile.

Daughter



- Volleyball
- Dance
- PUBG
- Sometimes need privacy to think about "How the day went?"

Son



A family of 4 with Father (50 yrs), Mother (47yrs), Daughter (19) and Son (15). They live in Hari park apartments (3 storeys), Ankur, Naranpura.



# Daily Schedule



6:00 am - Wakes Up  
 06:00- 07:30 - Freshen Up  
 07:30-10:30 - Office work at home  
 10:30 - Leaves for office  
 20:00 - Come back to home  
 20:00- 21:00 - Dinner  
 21:00-23:00 - Office work at home



06:00 - Wakes Up & Prepares Breakfast  
 06:00- 11:30 - Cooking, Cleaning, Bath  
 11:30- 12:15 - Pooja  
 12:15- 13:45 - Gym  
 13:45- 14:15 - Serving lunch to son  
 14:15- 18:30 - Meditation, Reki, Other house work  
 18:30- 20:00 - Preparing dinner  
 20:00- 21:00 - Dinner



06:30 - Wakes Up  
 07:30 - Leaves for College  
 19:30 - Come back to home  
 20:00- 21:00 - Dinner  
 21:00- 3:00 - Songs, Series, Reading, etc



06:30 - Wakes Up  
 07:10 - Leaves for School  
 14:00 - Come back to home  
 14:00- 15:00 - Lunch  
 15:30- 20:30 - Tution - (15:30- 17:00 on Tue, Thu & Sat  
 18:30- 20:30 on Mon, Wed & Fri,  
 20:00- 13:00 on Sun)  
 20:30- 21:30 - Dinner  
 22:30 - Bedtime

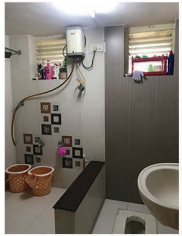
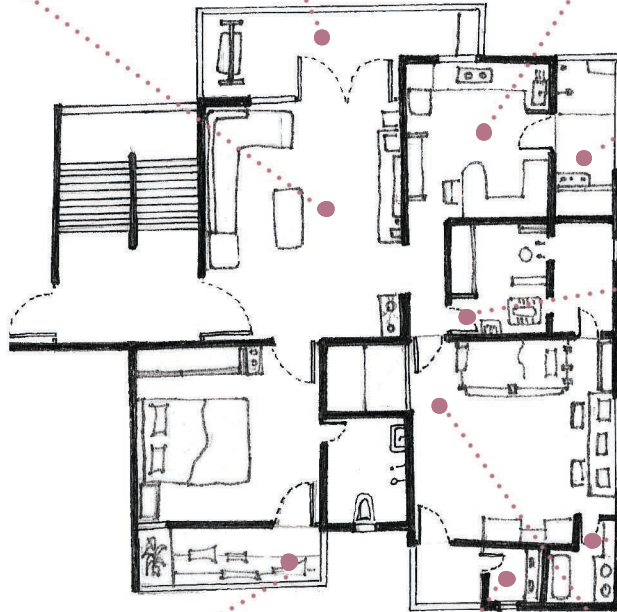


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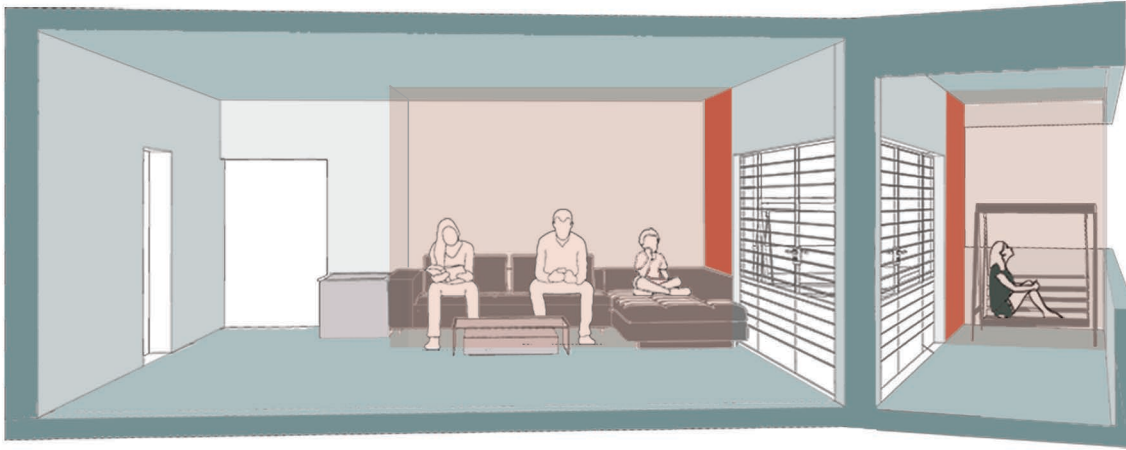
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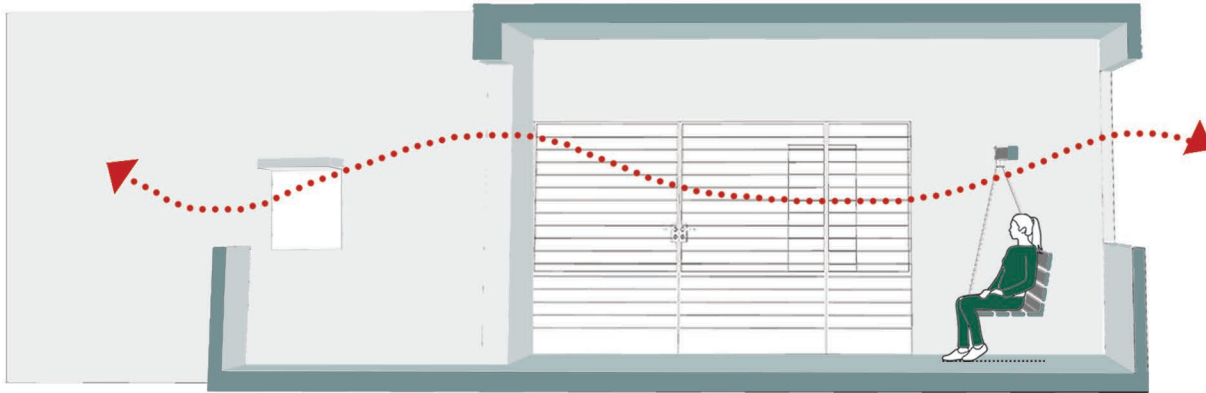
# Floor Plan



# Characteristics of spaces in House where one is able to experience Privacy

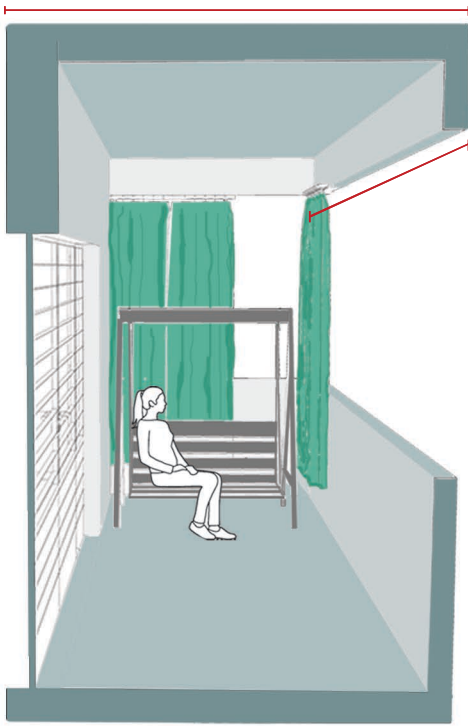


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the sitting area



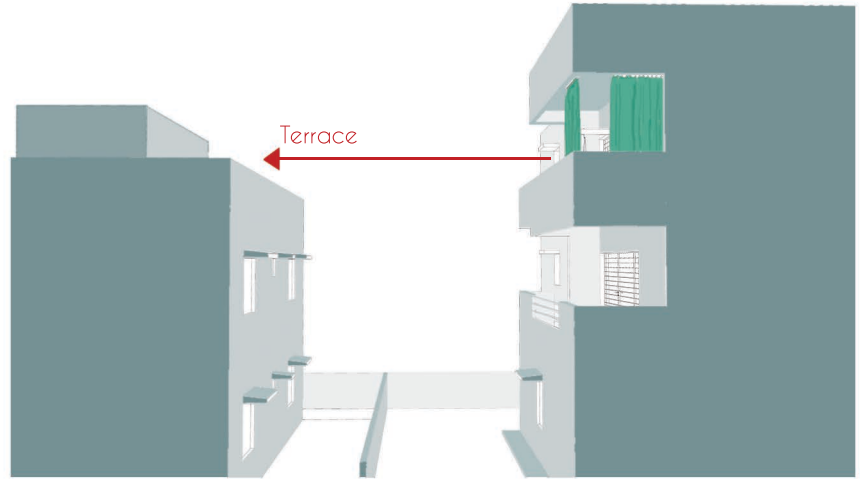
Semi-Open space  
So release from the interior





Curtains to provide shade from Sun

Proportion of Balcony is such that it allows only one person to spend time comfortably



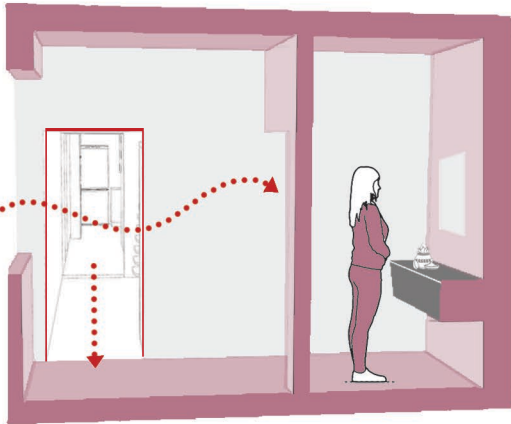
Building beside is 2 storey  
Ans so Terrace is less visited space.  
So more amount of privacy is achieved .





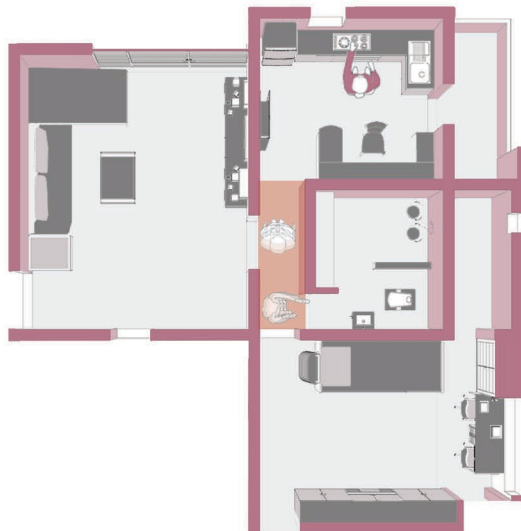
Parapet for separating  
WC & Bath area.

It gives the mother opportunity  
to spend time with herself when she  
has emotional breakdown.



Entry to the Pooja room is from  
bedroom through a Balcony.

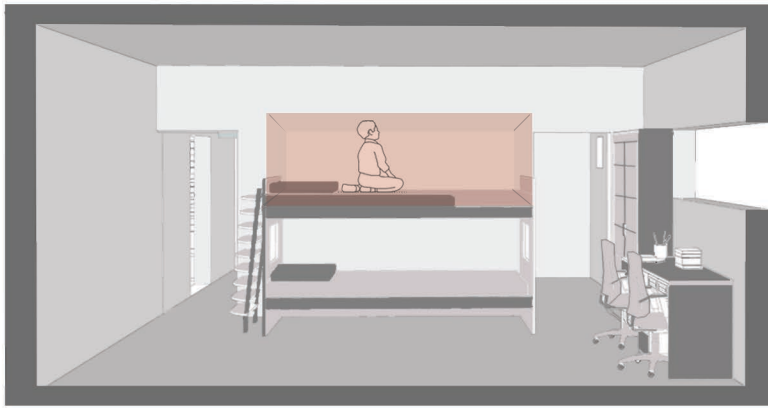
This helps Mother to disconnect  
from the family for some time.



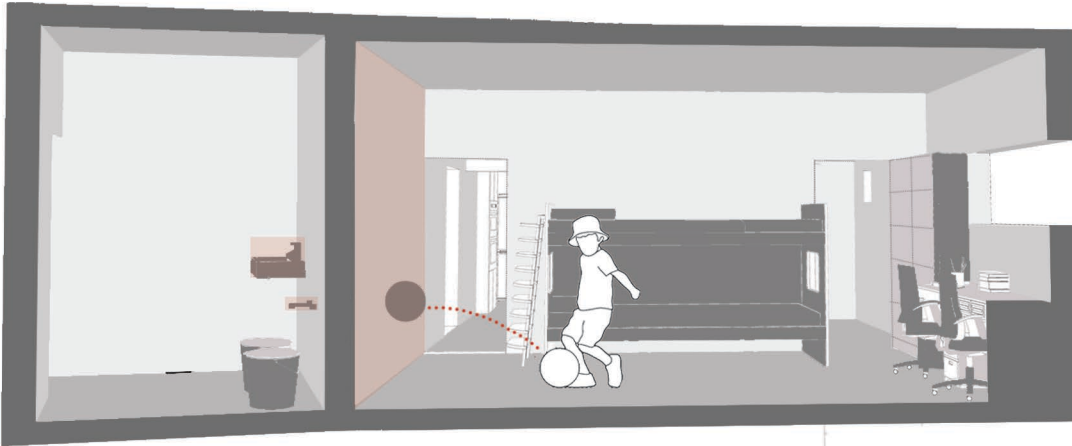
Kitchen is connected to a passage which is  
the space from where living and bedroom  
is accessed.  
So there is constant movement and hence  
less privacy to the mother while cooking.







Sitting on the top level of Bunk bed gives more privacy than on the lower level. Other people in the house won't disturb the person on the other level.



The blank wall allows him to play games with ball hitting on the wall.

The common wall is shared between a bedroom and the bathroom which is less used space and doesn't disturb other members.



## Family 2

-Need privacy for  
praying and for  
talking on phone with  
her sisters

Grand  
Mother



Uncle

-Need privacy for  
eating fried snacks.

-Need privacy for  
acting like a teacher  
while studying.

Me



Cousin  
Sister

-Need privacy for  
memorising and also  
sometimes for playing  
with sand and clay.

Grand  
Father

Mother

Cousin  
Brother

Aunt

Brother  
(Sibling)

A family of 9 with Grand Father (70 yrs), Grand Mother (65yrs),  
Uncle (44yrs), Aunt (41 yrs), Mother (35 yrs), Cousin Brother  
(14yrs), Cousin Sister (17 yrs), Me (13 yrs), Brother (6 yrs).

They live in Niranjan Society, Gurukul Road.

It is a 2 storey Bungalow with 4BHK.



# Daily Schedule



Grand Mother

6:00	- Wakes Up
07:00	- Pooja
08:15-09:30	- Temple
09:45	- Compound Cleaning
12:30	- Lunch
14:00	- Sleep
16:00	- Tea, Reading Book
19:30- 20:45	- Temple
21:00	- Dinner



Uncle

06:00	- Wakes Up
06:30- 08:30	- Cricket
08:30- 09:00	- Freshen Up
09:00	- Leave for Factory
09:00- 21:00	- Factory
21:00	- Dinner
2:30	- Sleep



Me

06:30	- Wakes Up
07:30	- Leaves for School
12:30	- Come back to home
13:00- 14:00	- Lunch
14:00- 16:00	- Sleep
16:00- 18:00	- Tutition
20:00	- Dinner
23:30	- Sleep



Cousin Sister

06:30	- Wakes Up
07:30	- Leaves for School
12:30	- Come back to home
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20:00	- Dinner
22:00	- Sleep

Members present in House



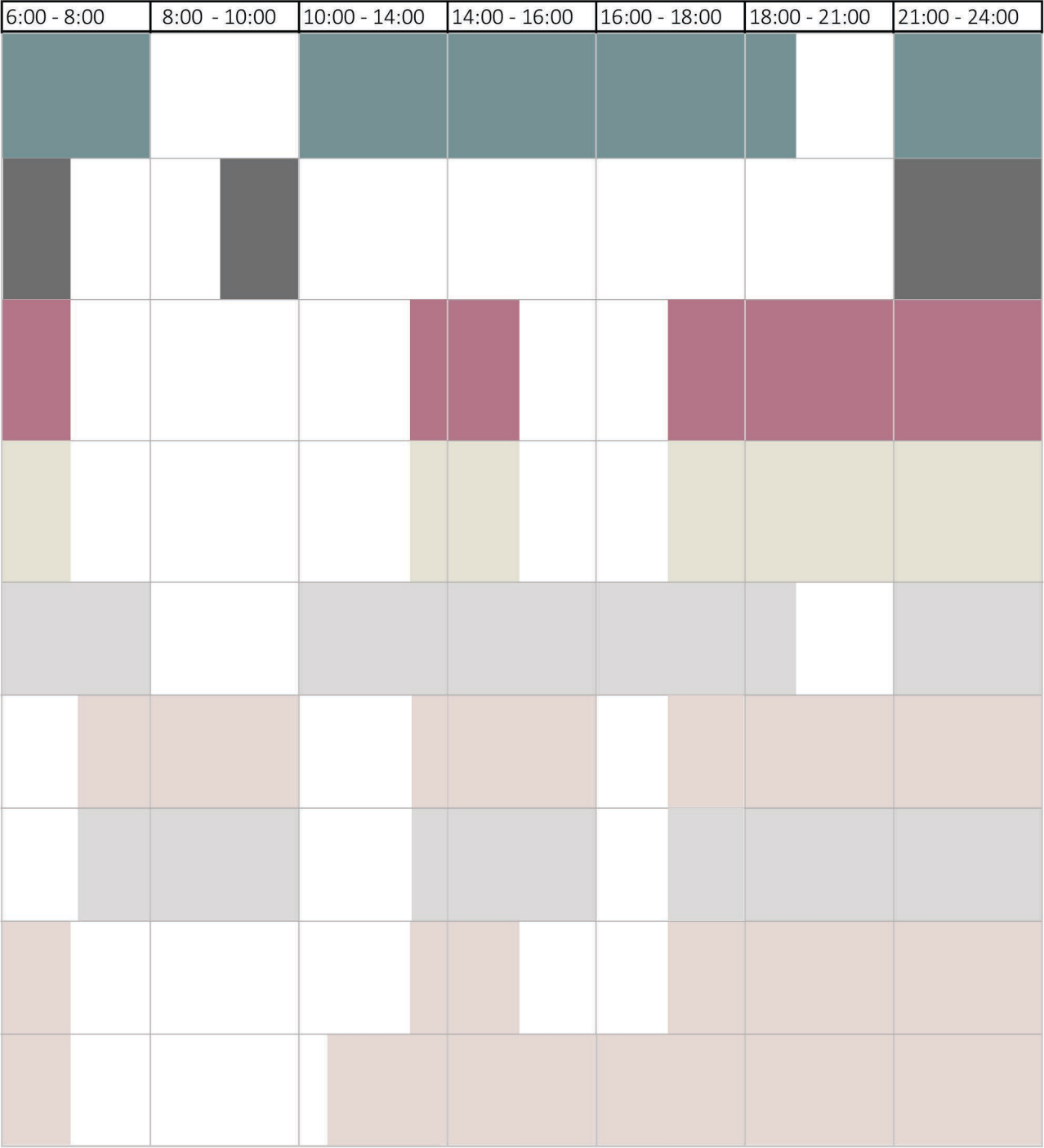
Grand  
Father

Mother

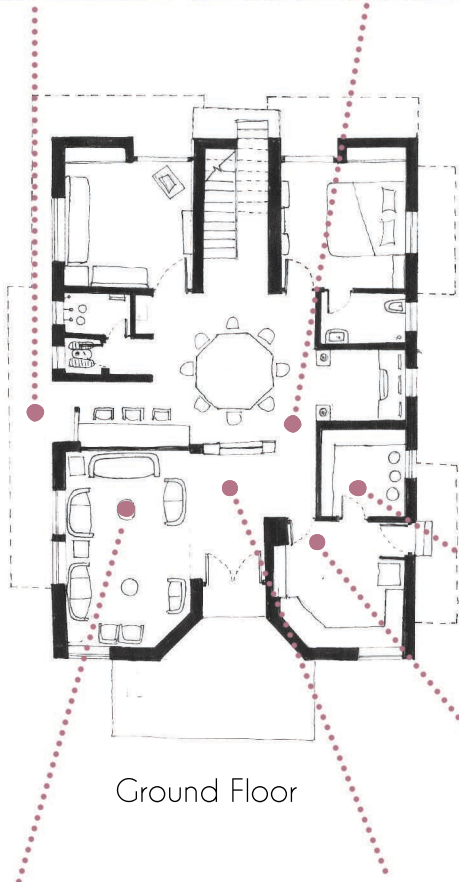
Aunt

Cousin  
Brother

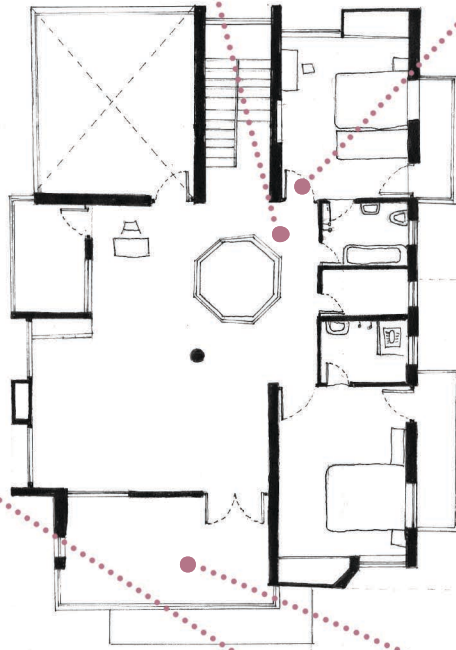
Brother  
(Sibling)



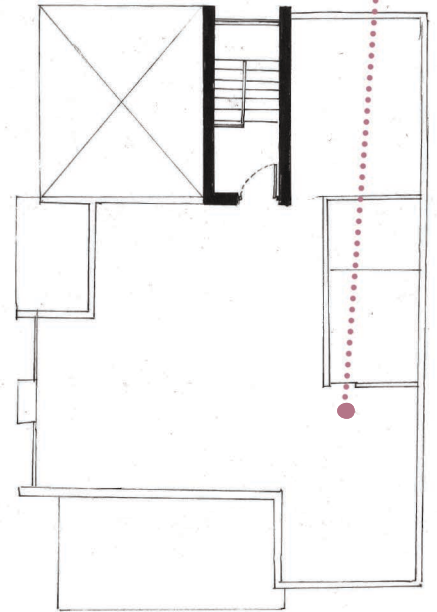
## Floor Plans



Ground Floor



First Floor



Terrace

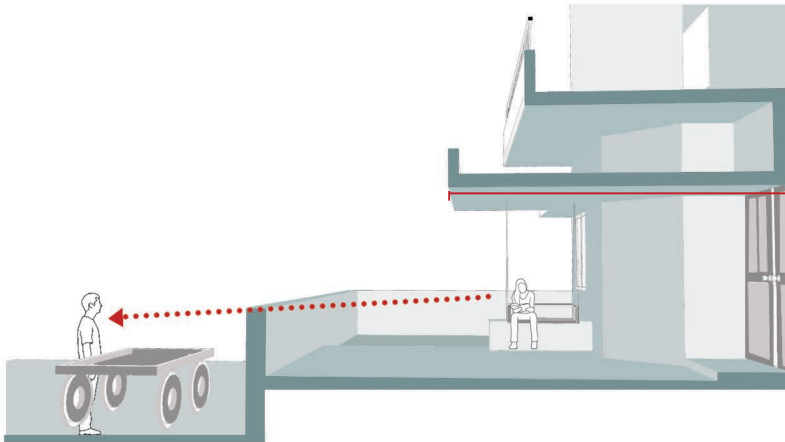


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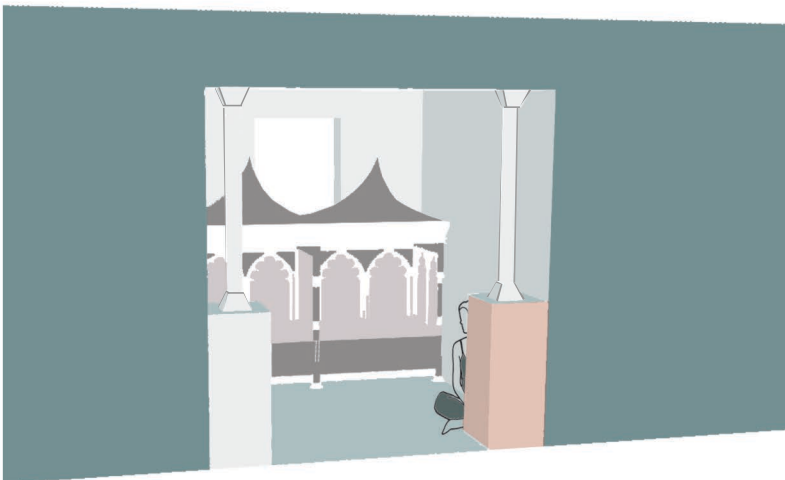
No opening connecting the space near swing and the inside

Flooring Material: Marble  
Could be easily maintained  
& so cleanliness

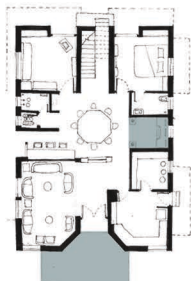


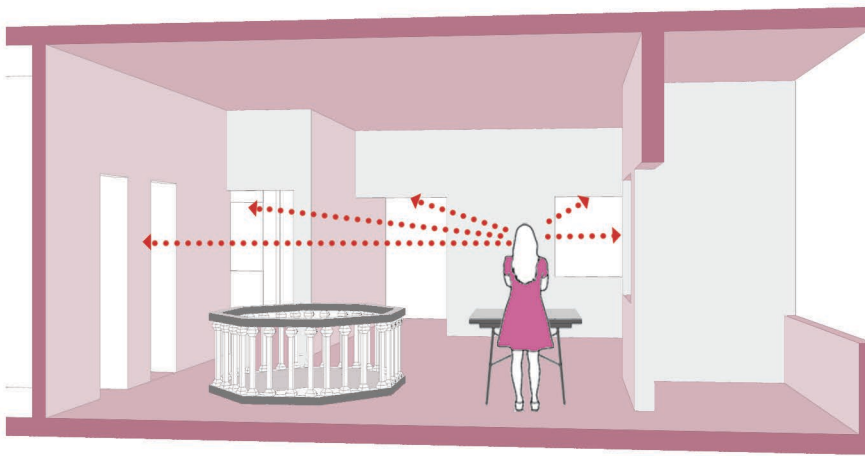
Long Overhang  
So provides shade at all time of the day

Visibility of the activities  
happenning in the street.  
Release from routine house  
activities.

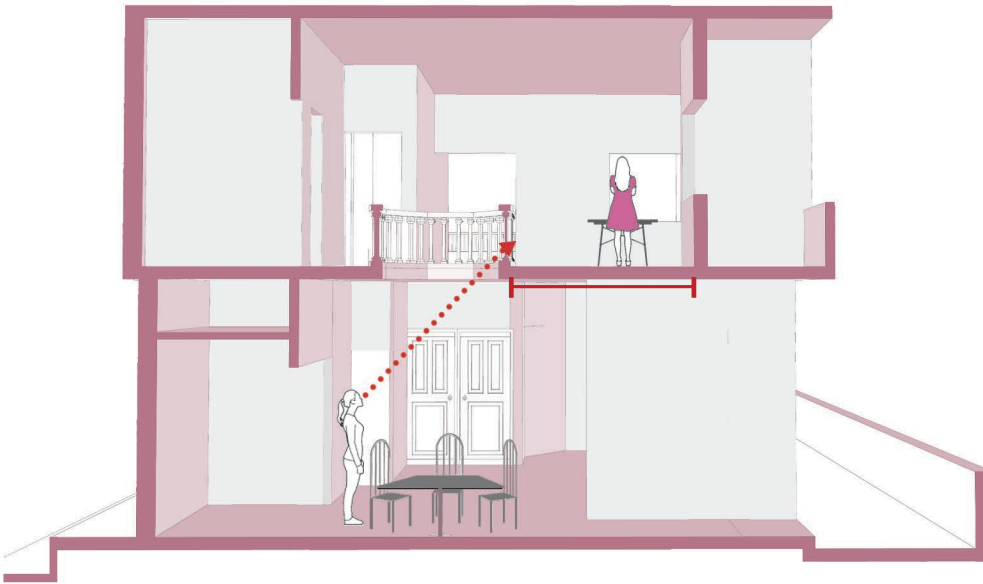


Reduces the visibility of the  
person sitting inside to  
pray.



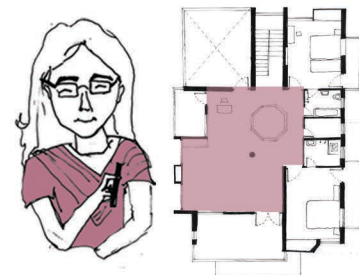


A large space with no furniture to break its volume and experienced from a corner, facing the whole space.



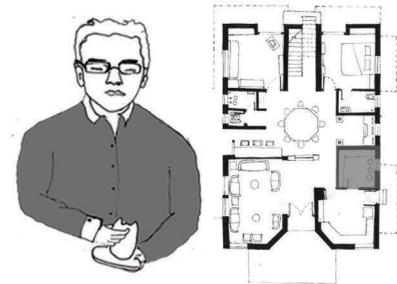
The depth of the space is such that (more) it doesn't allow a person from ground floor to see the person on first floor at the shown location.

The railing has less perforations which decreases the visibility.

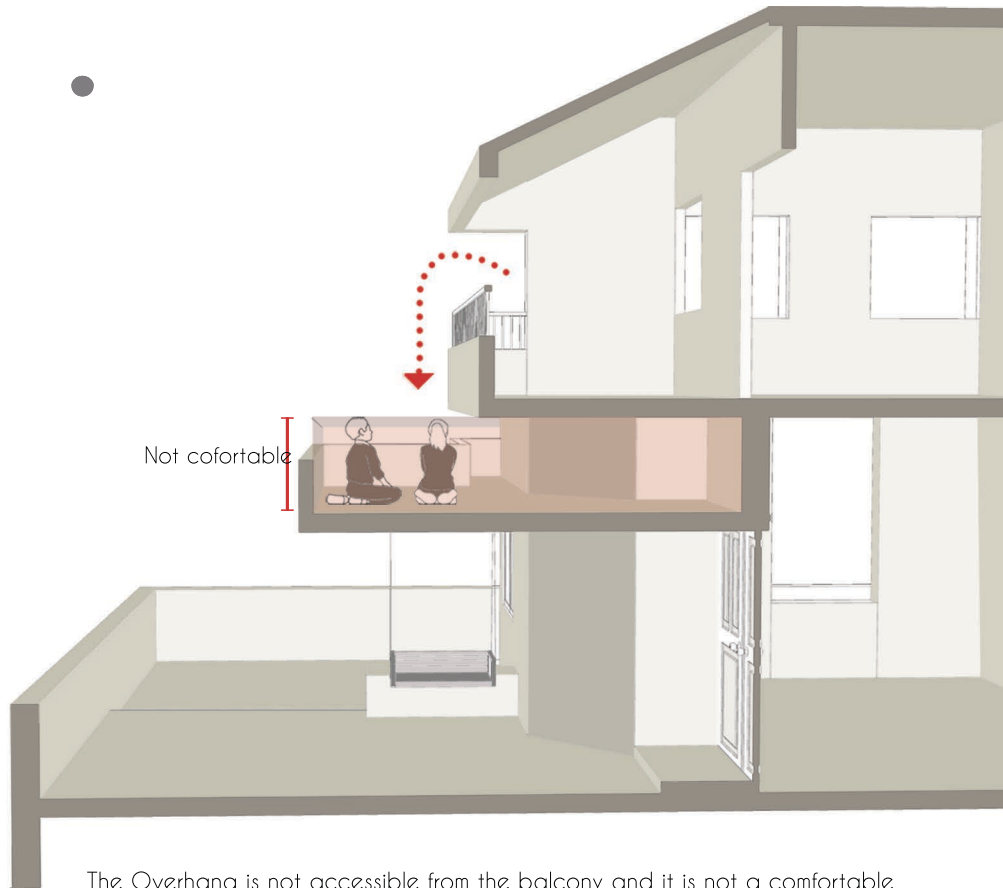




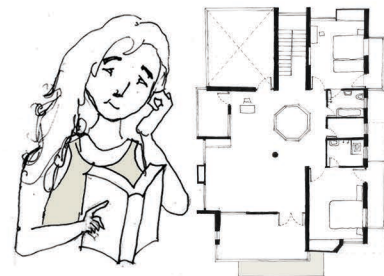
Person easily visible while eating junk food, if storage is in kitchen.  
 But less noticable if a separate store room is provided which has no visible  
 connection from other spaces.  
 Dark and small store room.



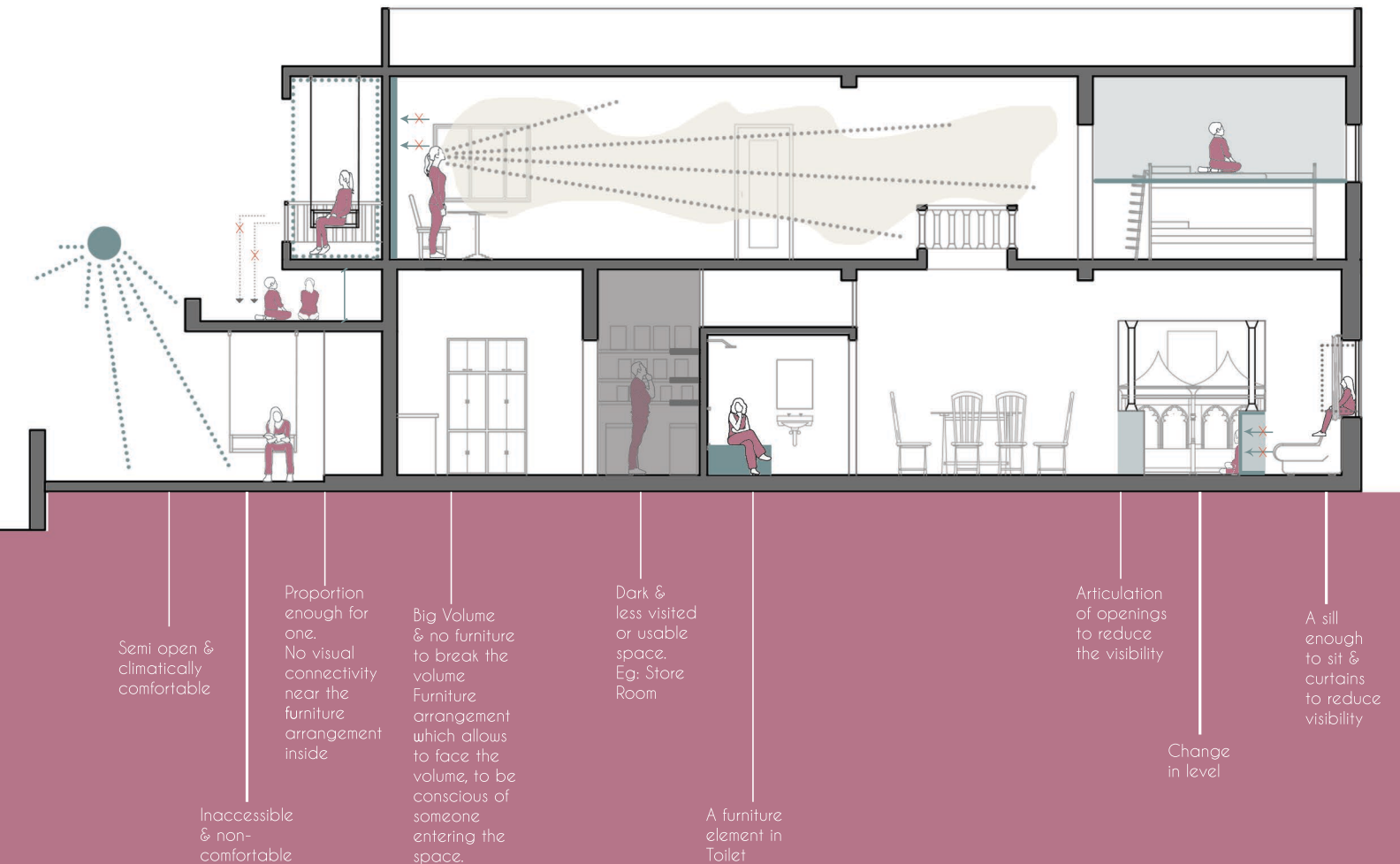




The Overhang is not accessible from the balcony and it is not a comfortable space and so less used or visited by other members.



# A House with all such spaces?



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