

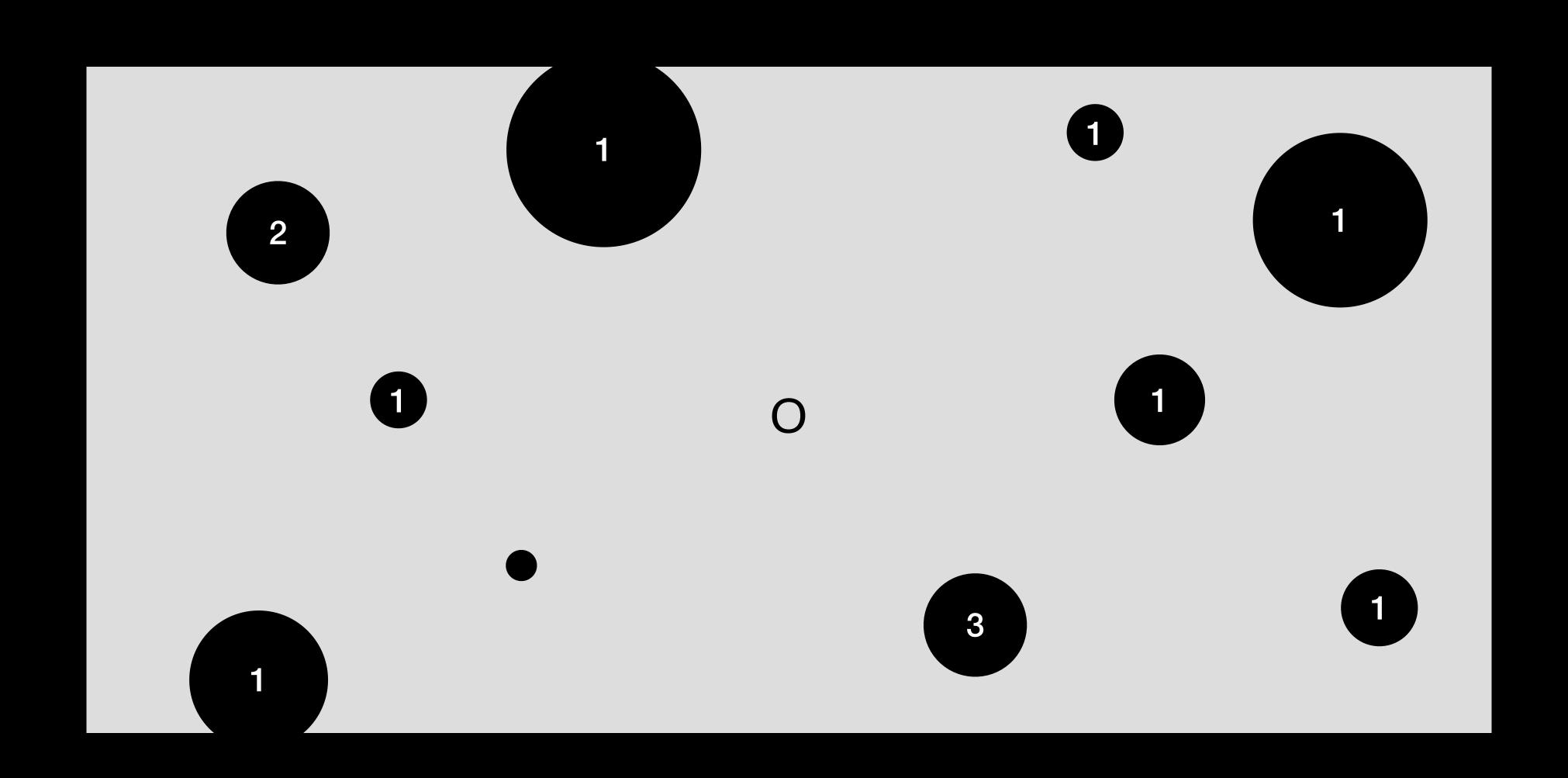
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Room. Space. Open stage. An extension of the body and a reduction of the world. My room, at the same time someone else's room, one body that calls bodies that is interwined inside. Every time, I end up returning to the same room. That space where all senses are stained white. A child is sitting in that space. The face of the child cannot be seen, covered by the light. I realize that this is a bathroom.





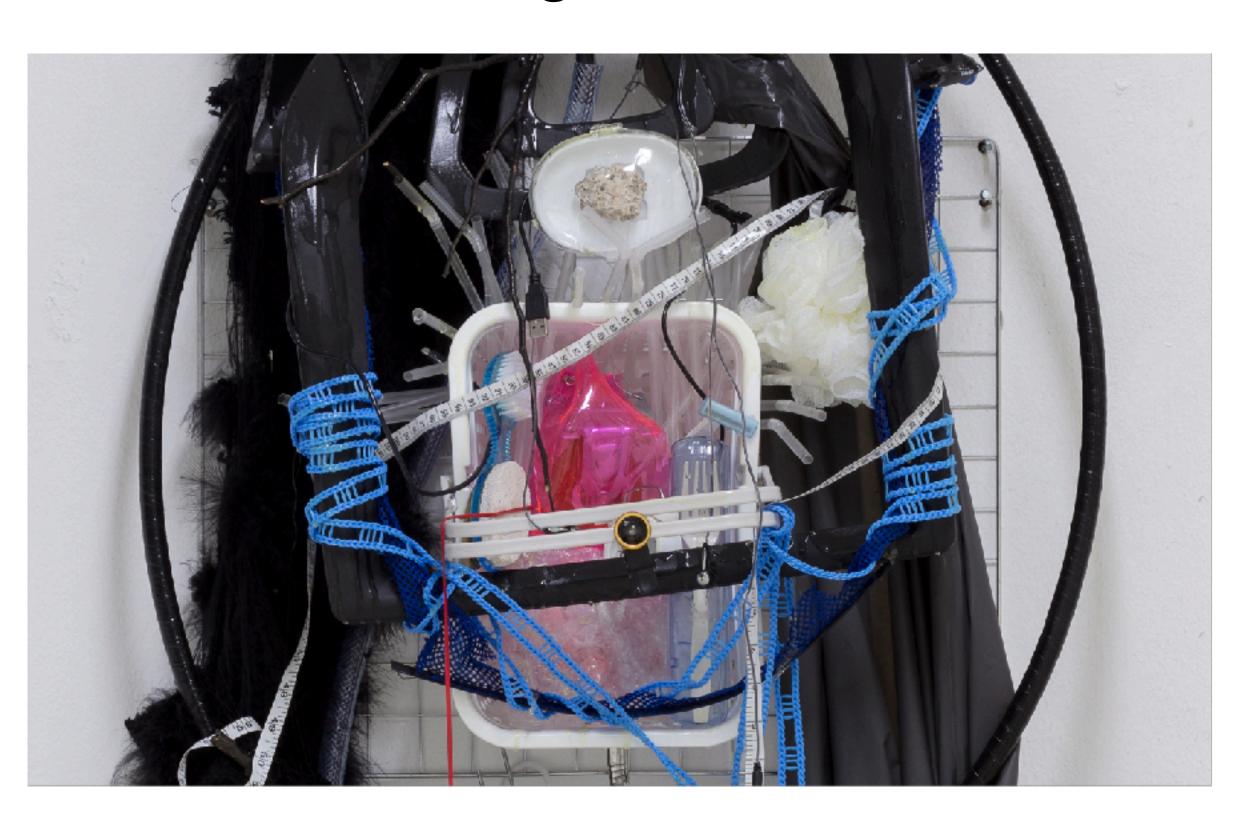
Space Plan







Hanged Bone

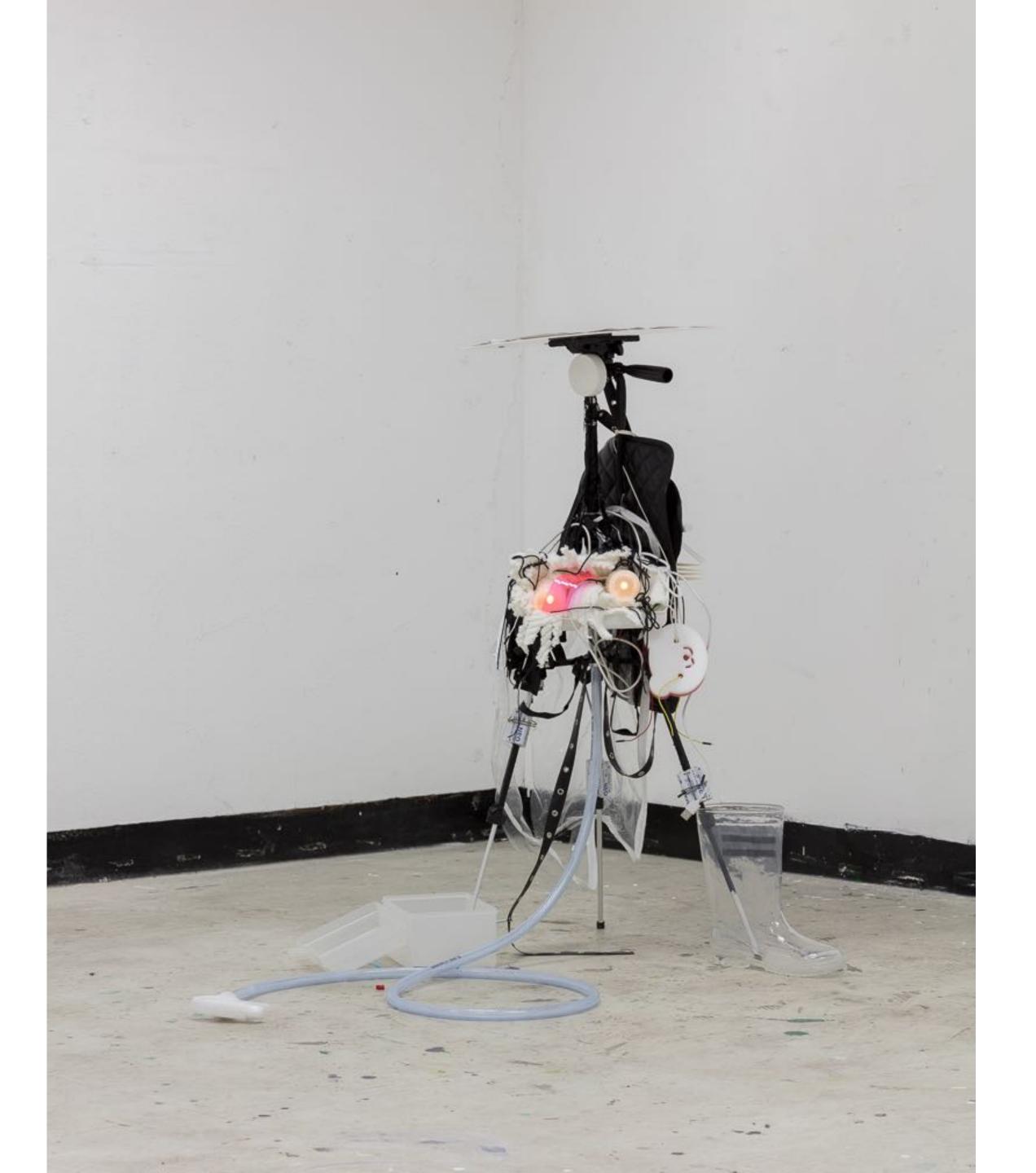


Birth. 2019. 3. 28. Height. 2m 43cm Mixed media

Tilted Bone



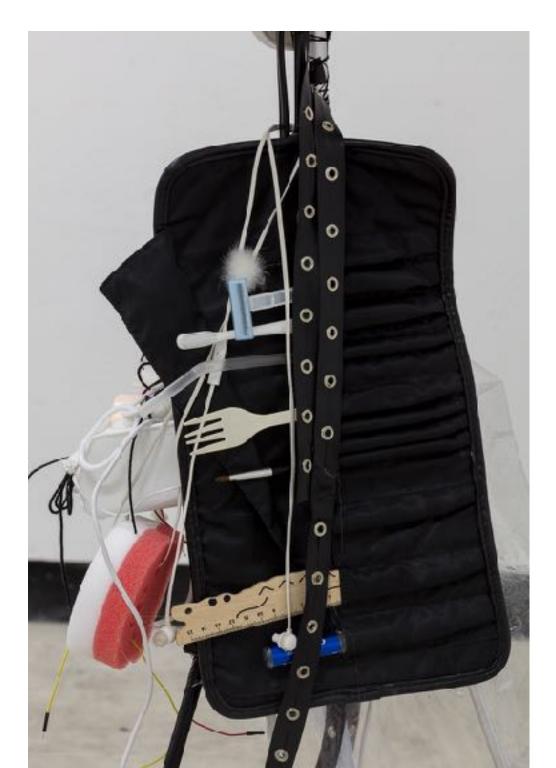
Birth. 2019. 4. 12. Height. 1m 23cm Mixed media





Twinkling Bone

Birth. 2019. 4.19. Height. 93cm Mixed media





Birth. 2019. 4.19. Height. 30cm Mixed media

Low Bone

High Bone

Close Bone



Birth. 2019. 5. 19. Height. ?cm Mixed media





Soft Bone



2. Prelude

Until the 1990s, bathrooms were not considered to be pleasant spaces or places of comfort and relax. The were simply places designated for "Washing" and often included a washing machine, toilet, and sink. Many TV shows and films featured scenes that show the showered at a similar height as the sink, people filling up their washbasins with water to wash their face, and one person hurrying along the person using the bathroom by knocking on the door. In contrast, the images of bathrooms that are displayed in the media in recent years present them as modern, pleasant, and refreshing, and closer to a private space. On TV shows, people who are suffering inner conflicts are often seen organizing their thoughts under the water pouring out from the shower, and celebrities on reality programs enjoy relaxing baths in marble bathtubs and wash their hands in sinks. Bathrooms have become well-designed, everyday spaces of consumption. In the medieval times, water used in ritual purifications or baptisms was considered to purify the soul and exorcise evil spirits. It seems that similar rituals are being revived in the modern bathroom. However, are these rituals closer to purification, or are they more of hidden rituals that well-designed to make people endure the fatigue that is to follow the next day?

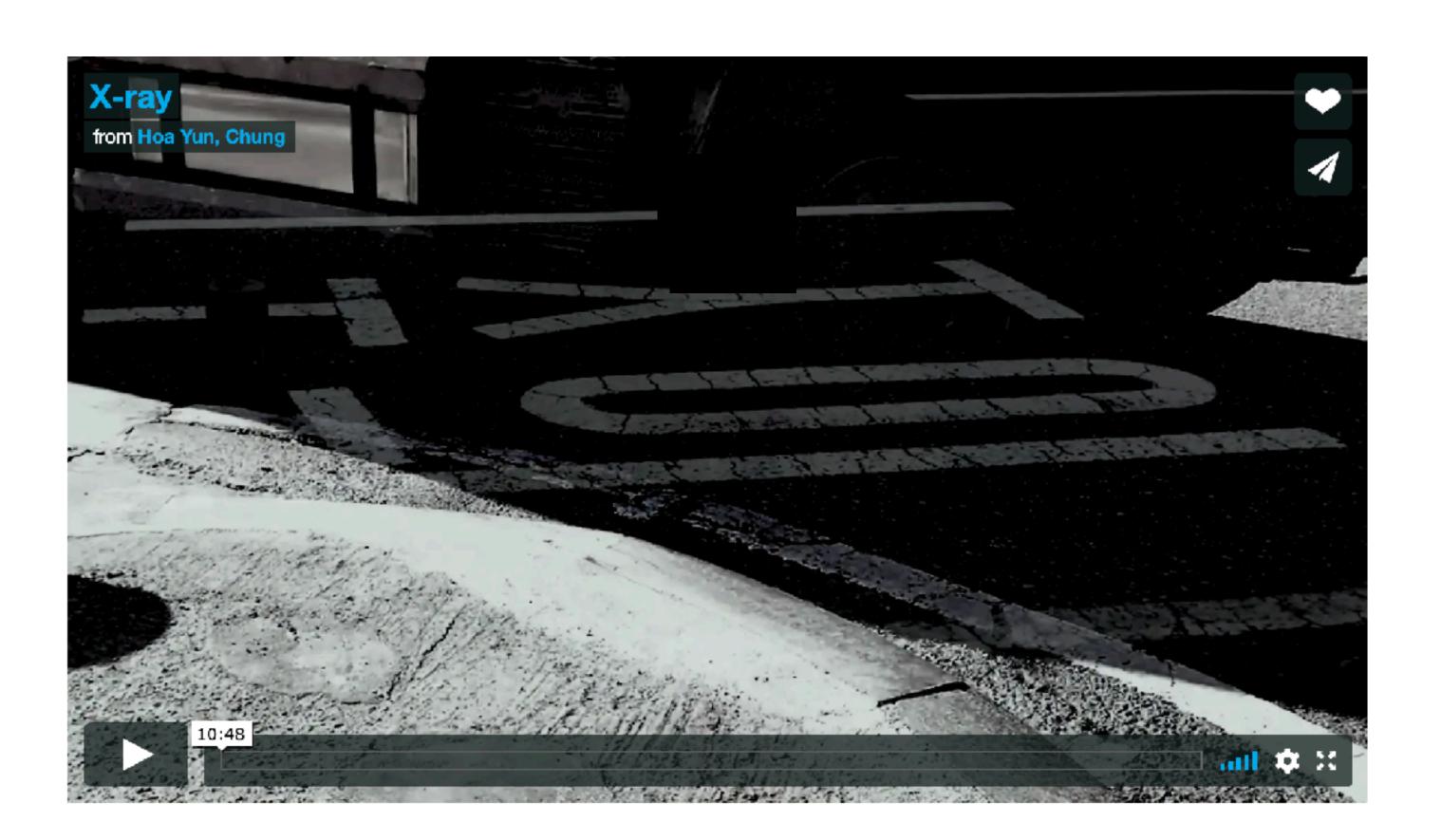
In the bathroom, people repeat the actions of cleaning and washing away everything that is filthy, messy, and unhealthy. They become a clean state with all of their uncomfortable thoughts gone. That is what is thought of as clean. New products to maintain sanitary appear every day. The image of cleanliness that is continuously renewed leads to more options and demands more effort to achieve it. What this multiplicity produces in turn is not more satisfaction, but more anxiety. There is an anxiety about the problem of how not to be unsanitary and the state of constant lack of cleanliness that can never be escaped. Images that are associated with cleanliness are images that are far-removed from the natural state of humans. Research findings that show that an appropriate quantity of germs and bacteria are in fact good for humans are no longer newsworthy. It is also clear that the production of hygiene products cause the destruction of the ecosystem. As such, this is a moment in which people need a new reason for cleanliness and bathrooms that enables it.

0. Time



X-ray (2019) Single Channel Video (roop)











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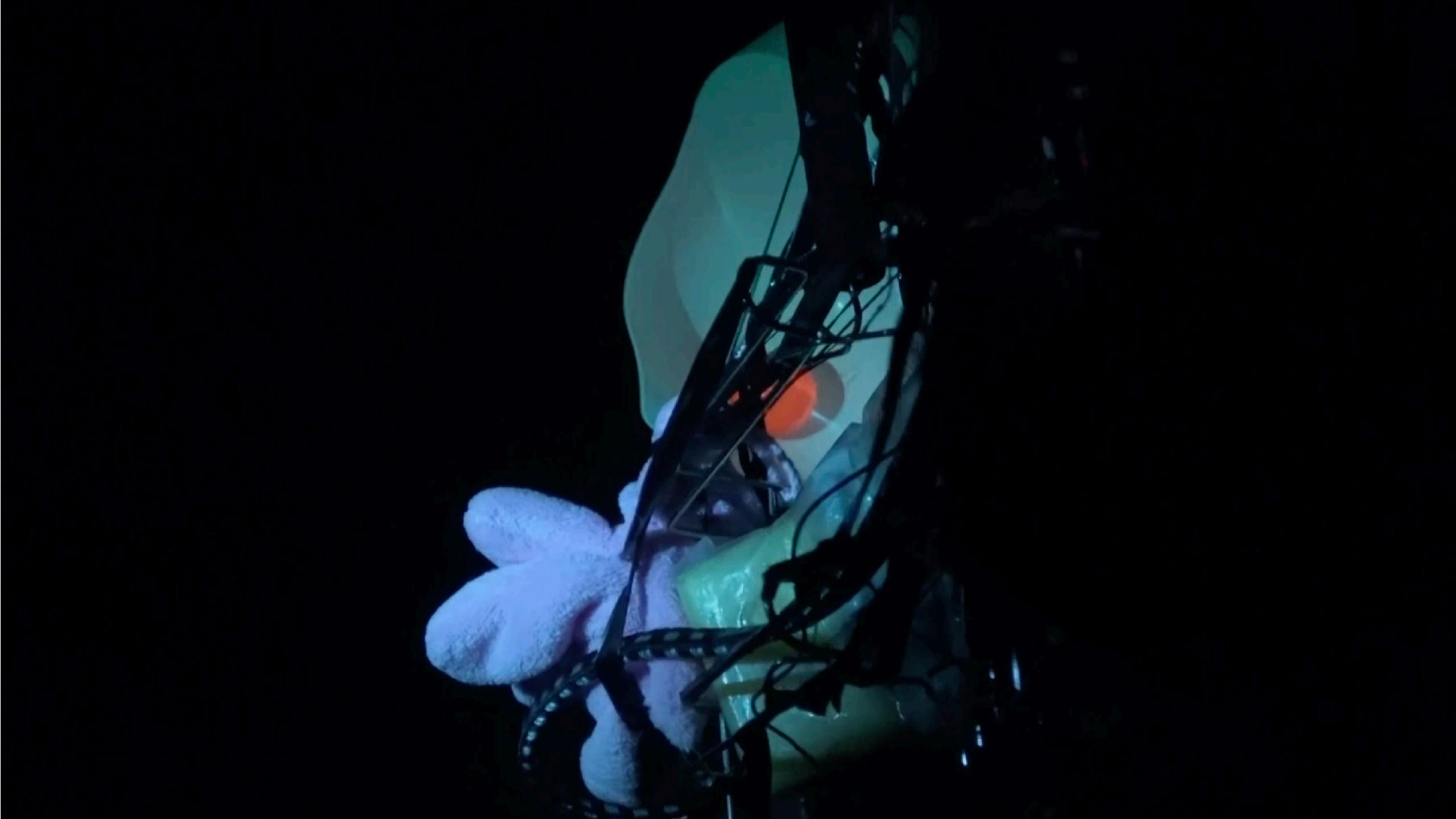














I remember a game that I used to play when I was young. I enjoyed watching the bubbles that came out of my mouth when I was submerged in the water, but I would run out of breath quickly. I would blow on soap mixed with water, to make soap bubbles, and watch them, mesmerized by those curious spheres of light that weren't exactly water and weren't exactly foam either. In those moments, I was in some other world, not the world of the strong scent of soap that is far from that of the human body, nor the world of water that led Narcissus to death. Wherever it was, it was there all along, very close to me.

