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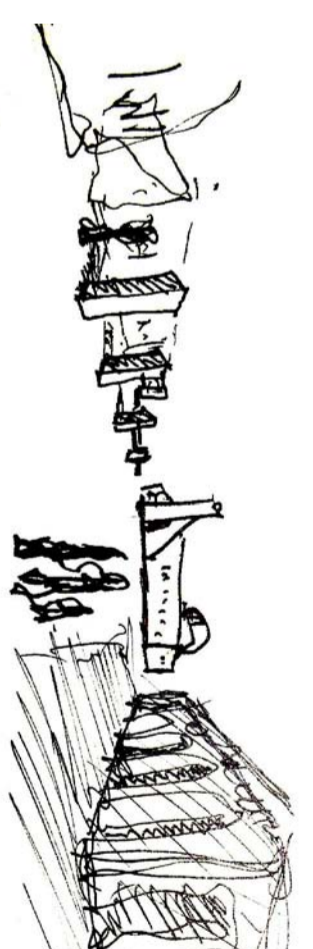
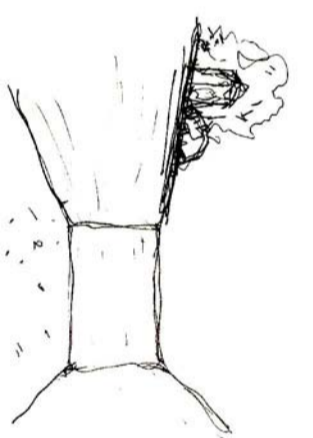
Halt, friends, and to you ruins cry.
 "Where is your habitant-to-day?
 Has Time untimely passed you by,
 Bequeathing nothing but decay?"
 An me, 'how desolate and drear,
 How naked stand they and apart!
 Were ever people dwelling here,
 Or dwell they only in my heart?"

"The Ring of the Dove" - Ibn Hazm

The architecture in New Gourna is excavated in the soil. Earth and air, full and empty, positive and negative. There is a formal simplicity, an original appearance that is not at odds with the complex soul of the spaces which contains. The light and the shade are the main tools of this architecture.

In spite of the short age of the village, there is a certain non-temporality. The state of neglect of the constructions gives it a character of inhabited ruin. The whole town is a Metaphysical landscape where the proposal tries to become a part of it, disappearing as a building, and becoming a concept.

view of the square



view from the patio

