

Que représente la construction d'un mémorial dans un espace public? Par quelle iconographie faire mémoire du Grand Incendie de Londres? Quelles ont été les idées et les acteurs de la reconstruction de Londres? La publication contient les propositions architecturales imaginées et rejetées, pour la construction de The Monument, le monument errigé en mémoire du Grand feu de Londres. Au fil des pages, on découvre les différentes conception qui aurait pu être, du mémorial, d'une statue à l'éfigie du Roi Charles II à Un phoenix renaissant de ces cendres.

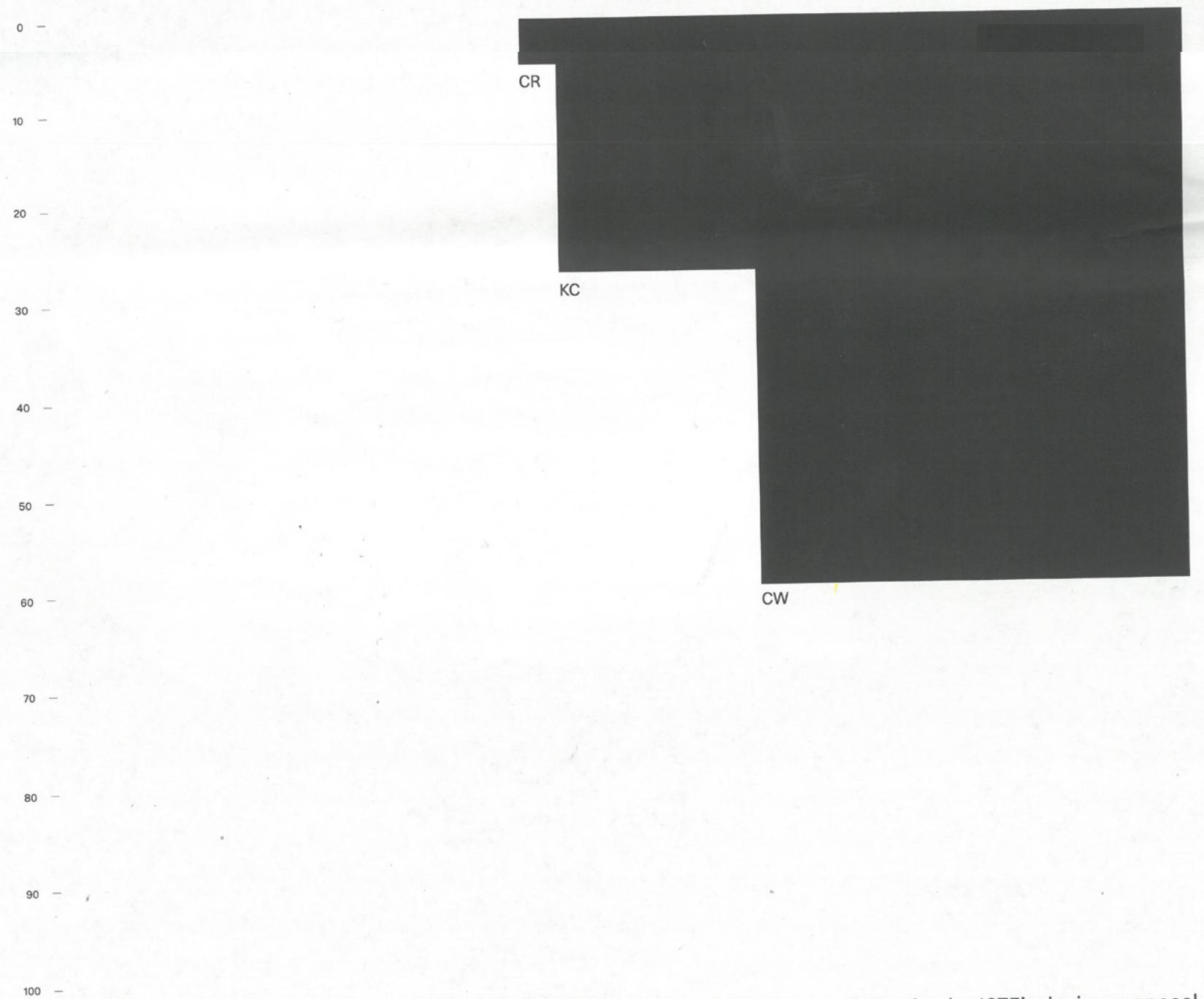


# 1675

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## Phoenix rising

Involvement of the various actors of the rebuilding in the 1675's proposal (%)

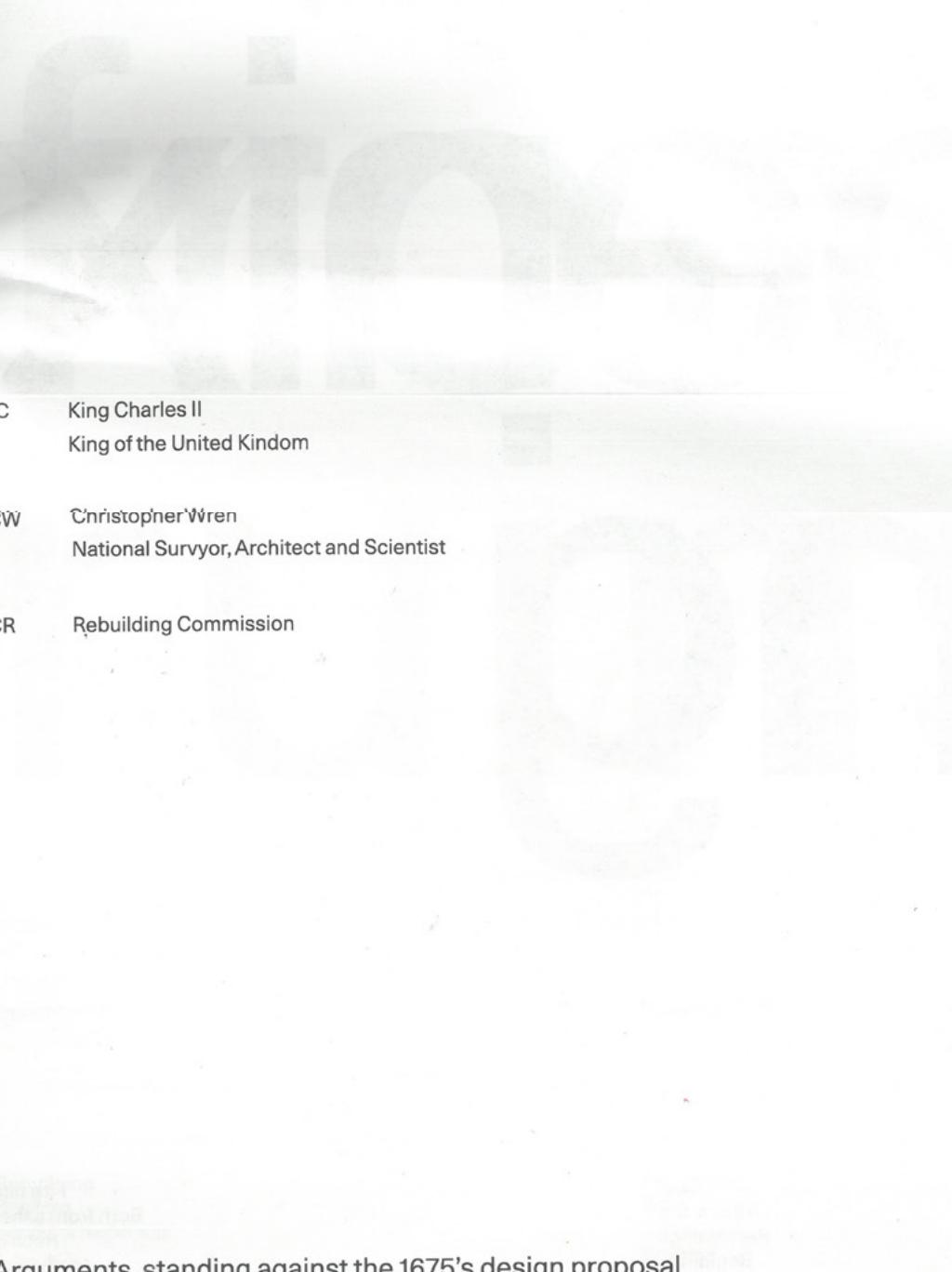


**Pros** A phoenix statue was designed but never truly proposed to the Committee. Nonetheless, preliminary drawings existed, representing a Phoenix rising. The strength of this proposal resides in its spectacularity, its great sense of dramaturgie.

Arguments standing for the 1675's design proposal

## from the ruins

Actors and their function



KC King Charles II  
King of the United Kingdom

CW Christopher Wren  
National Surveyor, Architect and Scientist

CR Rebuilding Commission

Arguments standing against the 1675's design proposal

**Cons** Wren did not recommend this scheme to the Commission because 'it will be costly, not easily understood at that height, and worse understood at a distance and lastly dangerous by reason of the sayle, the spread winger will carry in the wind'

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# phoenix rising

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Ashes

Ember

Ashes  
After a fire  
Remainings  
Beginnings  
Wood

Coal



# phoenix from rising

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Ashes

Ashes  
After a fire  
Remainings

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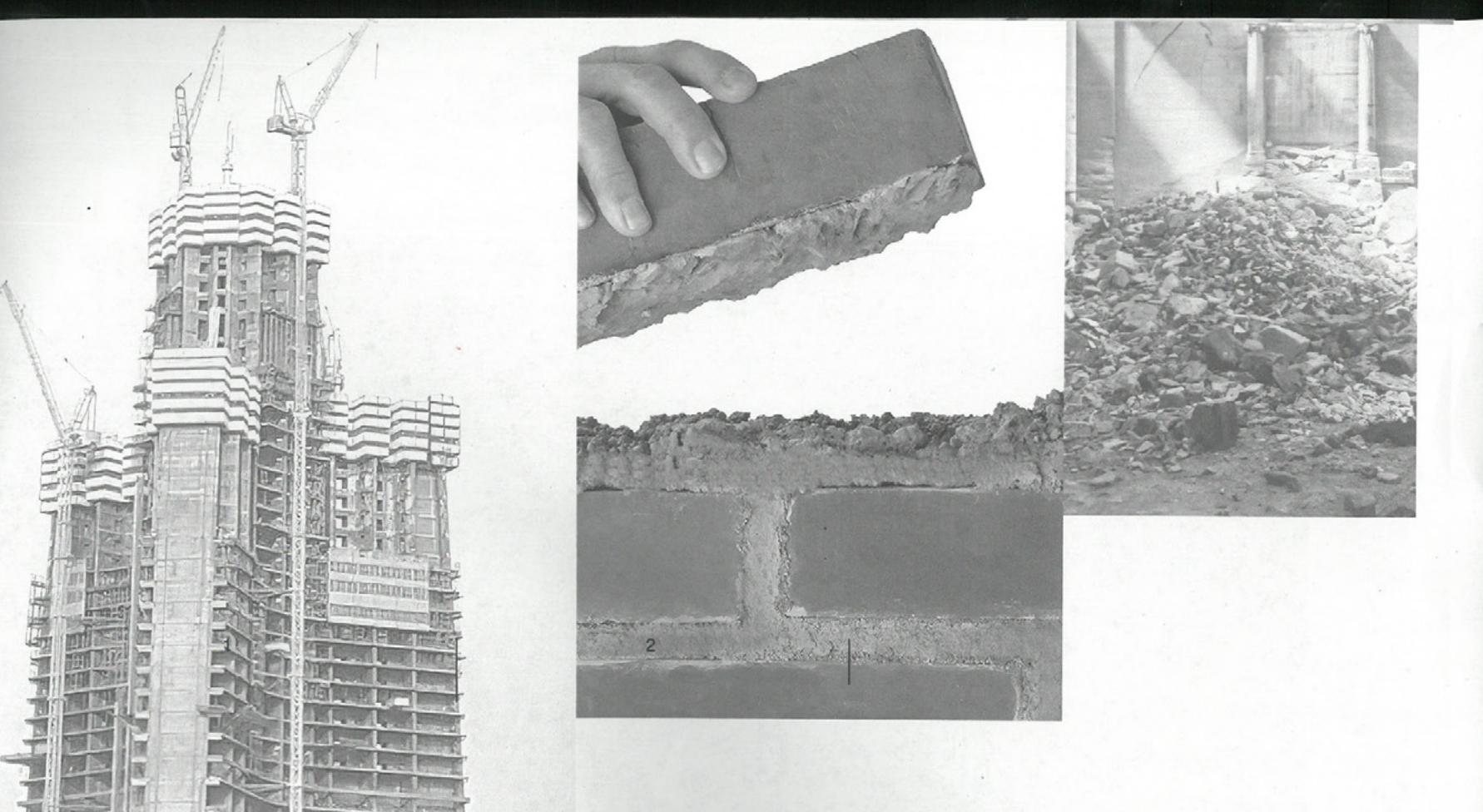
Ember

Coal  
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Remainings  
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Wood

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Phoenix

Fire bird  
Born from ashes  
Rebirth  
Mythology  
Creature  
Strength  
Rising  
Going up



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Building site

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Brick assembly

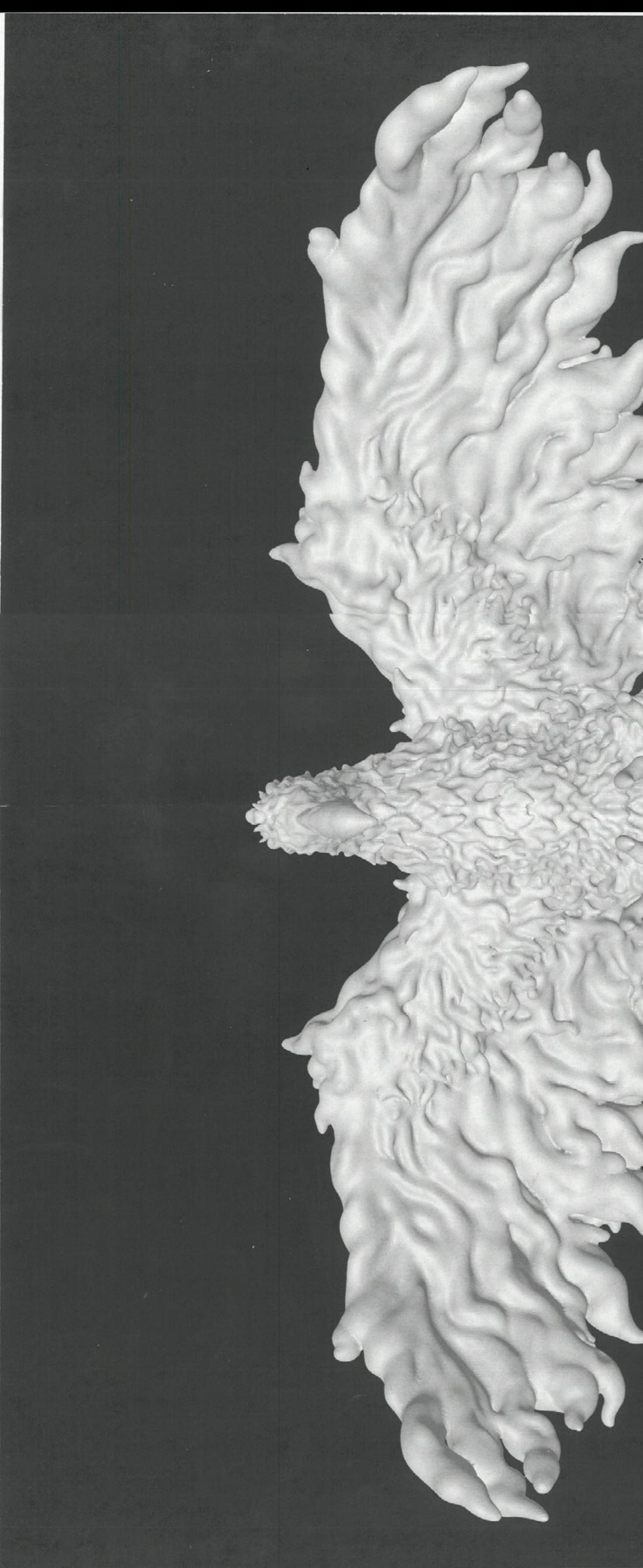
Rebuilding  
Scaffold  
Sense of hightness  
Concrete  
Functional  
Strong  
Rising

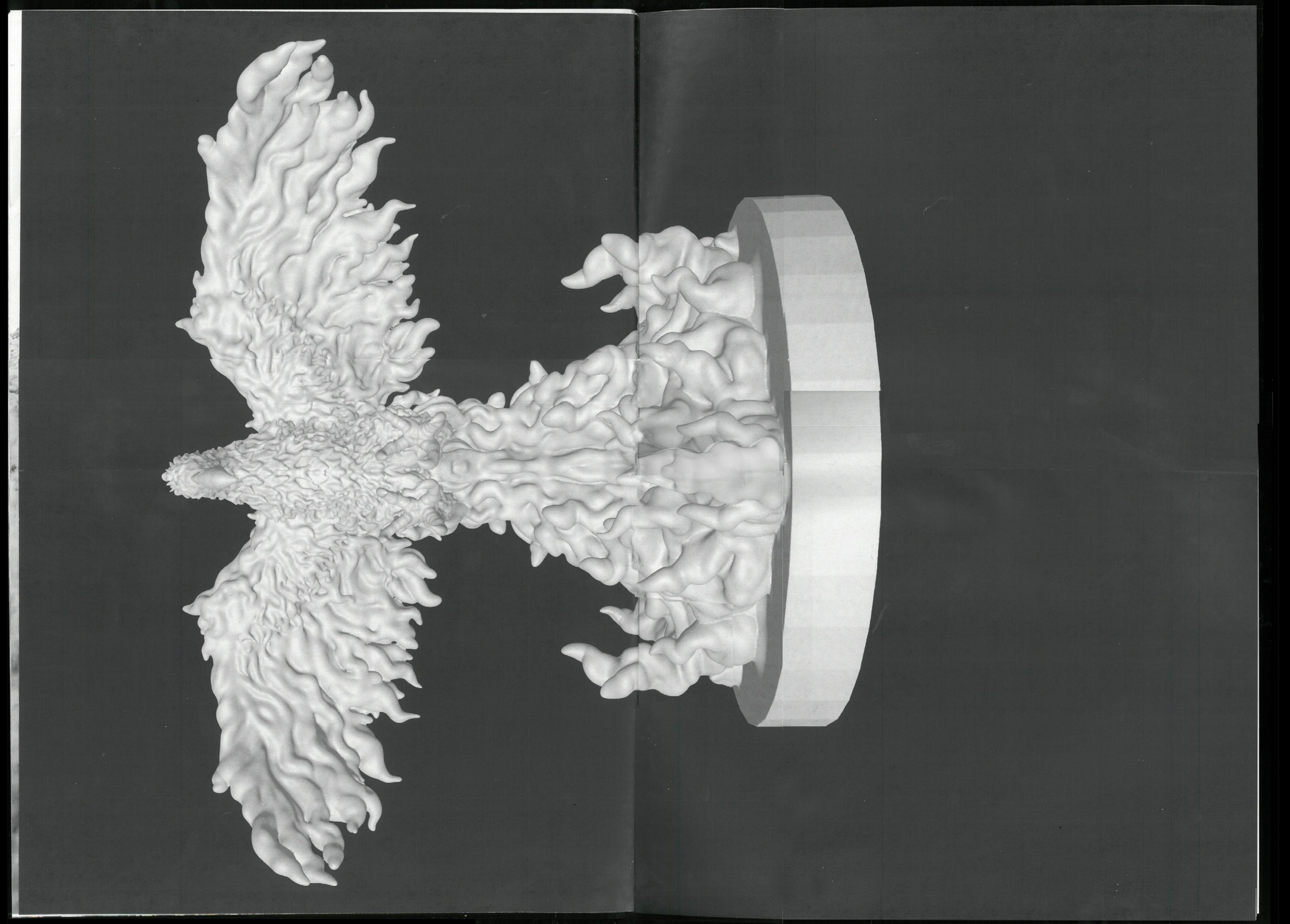
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House ruins

Destruction  
Mass  
Fragments  
Details







flame  
running

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Fire tornado

Tree burning  
from the insideFlames clim  
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Verticality  
Fire  
Powerfull  
Alive  
Organic  
Lightness  
Sculptural  
Dramatic  
Remaining  
Strong  
Counter-form  
Detail

Verticality  
Fire  
Tree  
Trunk  
Organic  
Inside  
Structure  
Remaining  
Strong  
Counter-form  
Detail

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