

THE SLUM IN THE DUNGEON

LAM TEI #1

Across the road from the Miu Fat Buddhist Monastery is a less impressive and exclusive structure – a refugee slum financed by tax dollars through the endeavours of ISS Hong Kong.

For over three years 9 refugees from India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka have struggled against social and economic isolation. The replacement of power meters was a turn for the worse.

This is the kind of dark, dirty and dehumanizing environment that ISS claims refugees refuse to abandon. Who wants such dreadful homes unless denied access to something better?



Miu Fat Buddhist Monastery

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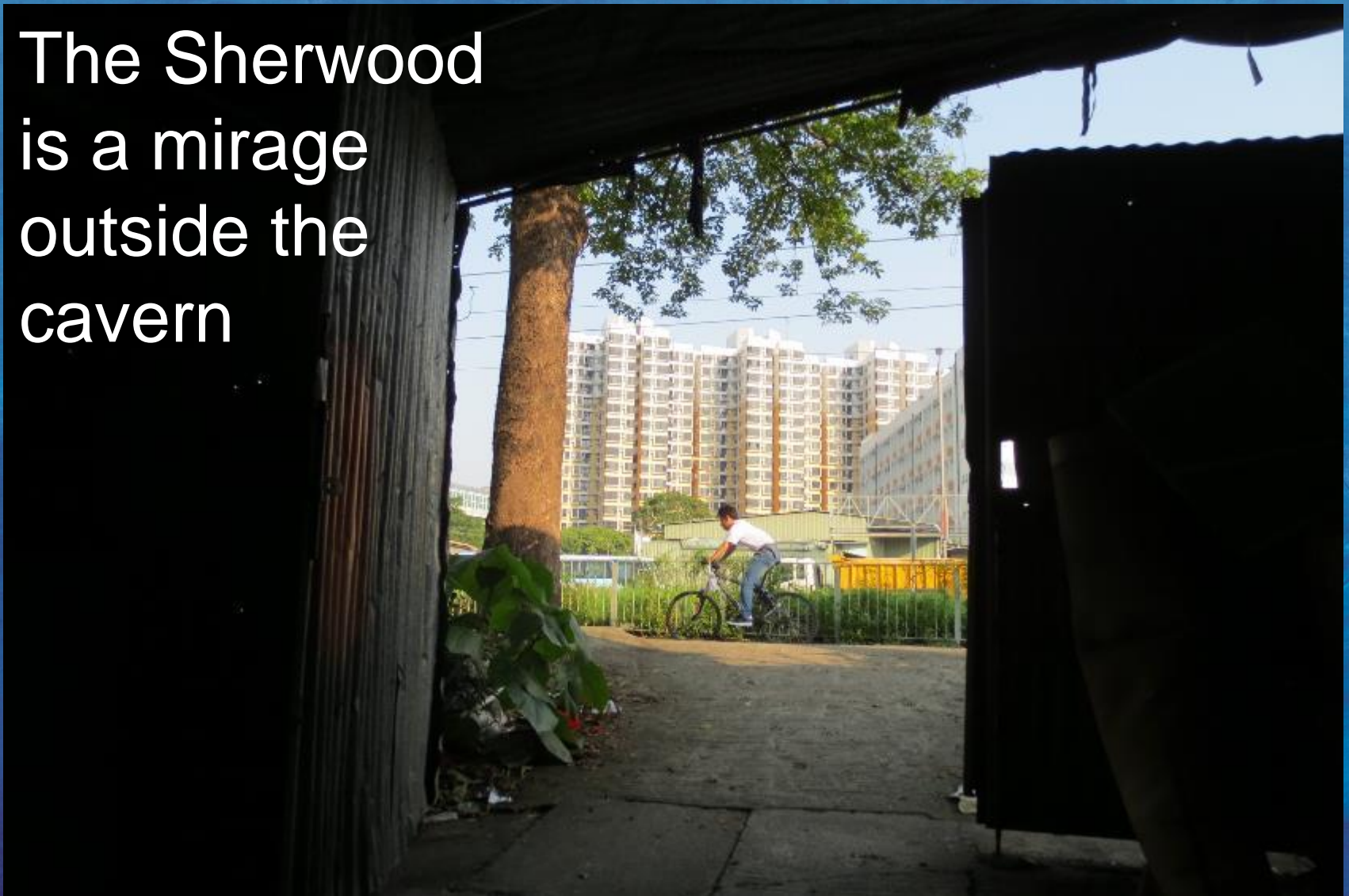


Enter the
mouth of the
dungeon

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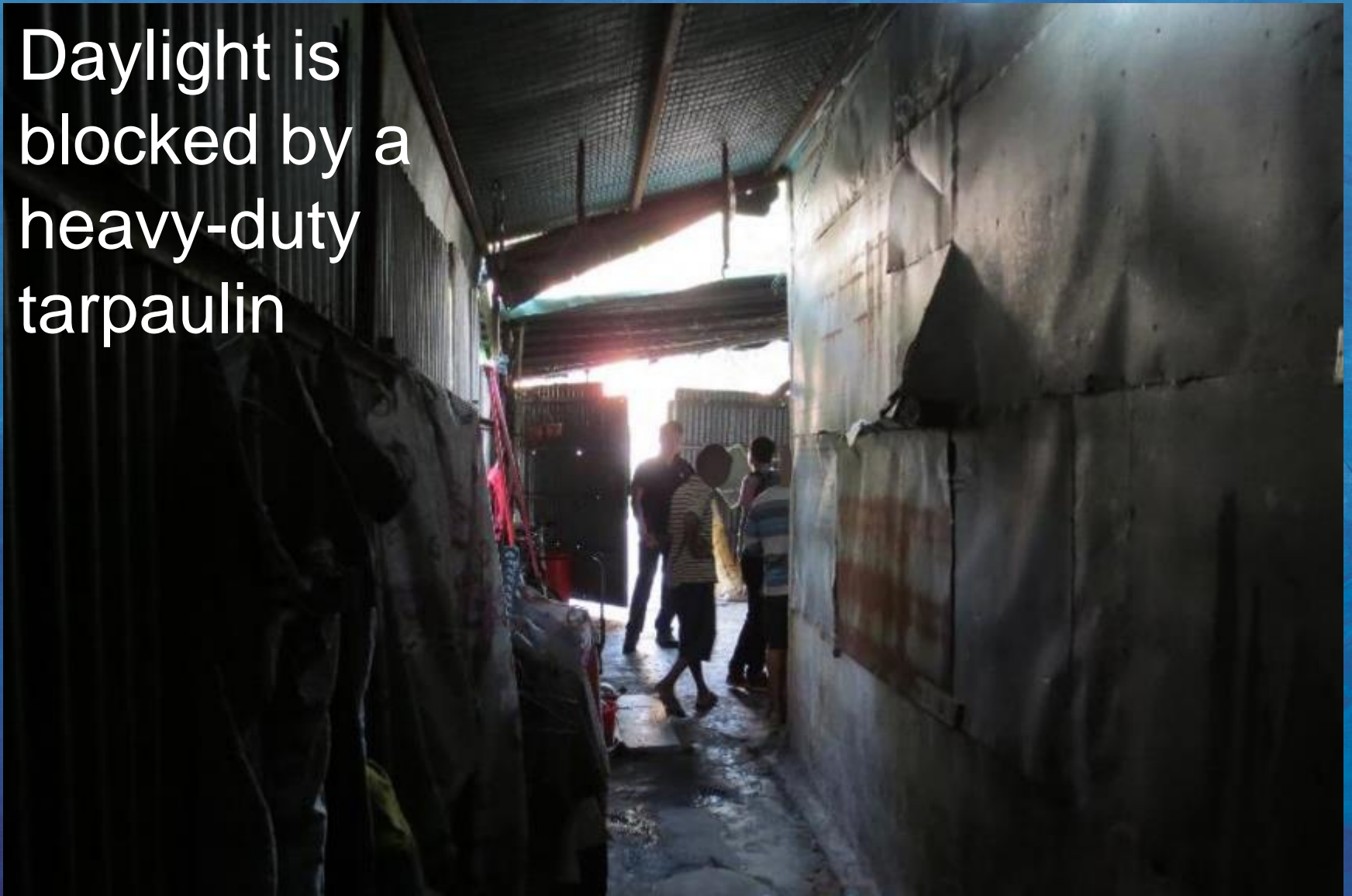
The Sherwood
is a mirage
outside the
cavern



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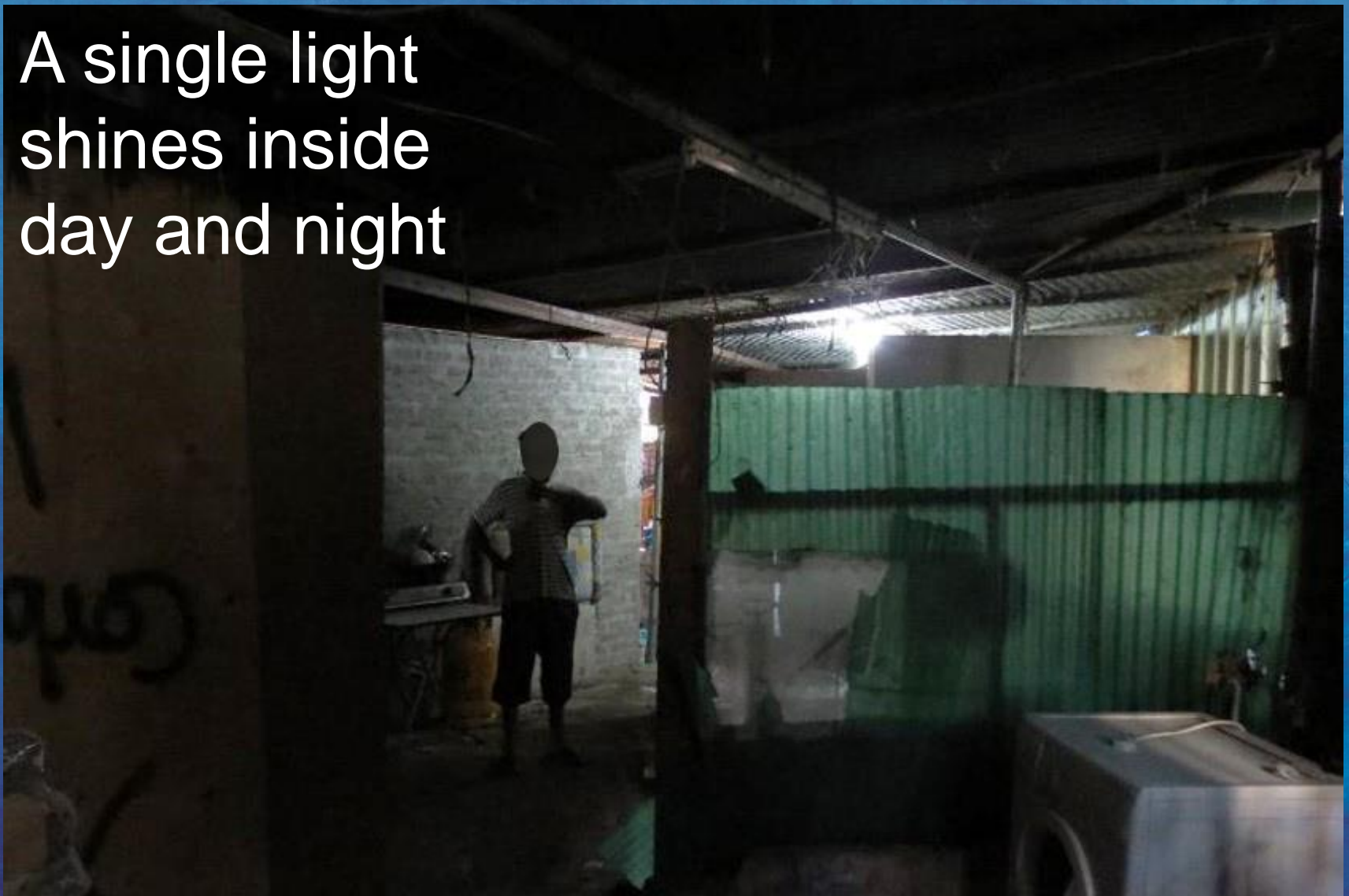
Daylight is
blocked by a
heavy-duty
tarpaulin



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A single light
shines inside
day and night



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At the back
a ventilation
opening

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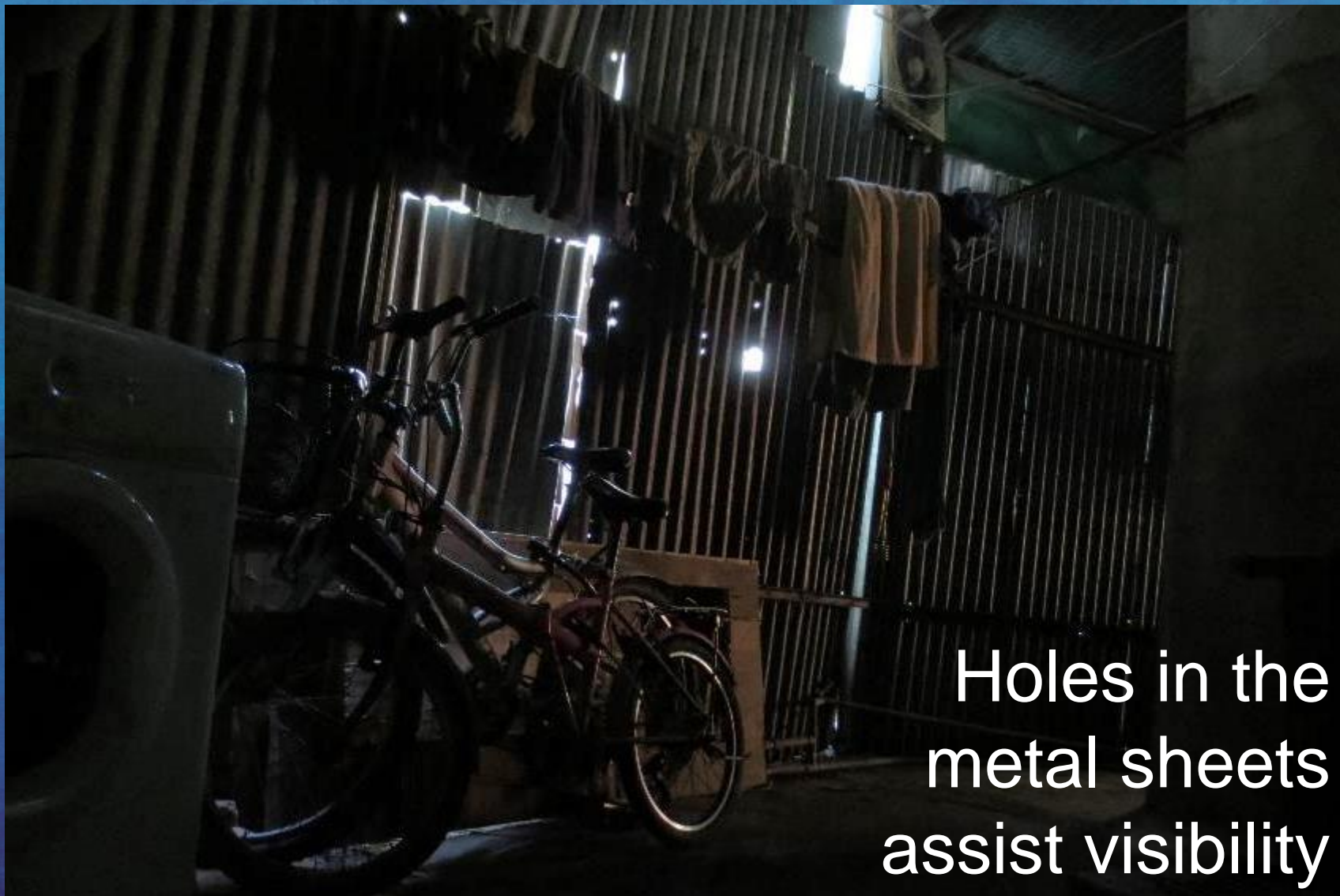
A tree is
incased
inside
attracting
snakes

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Holes in the
metal sheets
assist visibility


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Large
numbers
are more
visible in
the dark



A flash reveals
brick partitions
topped with wood

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The tarpaulin
fails to keep
out the rain

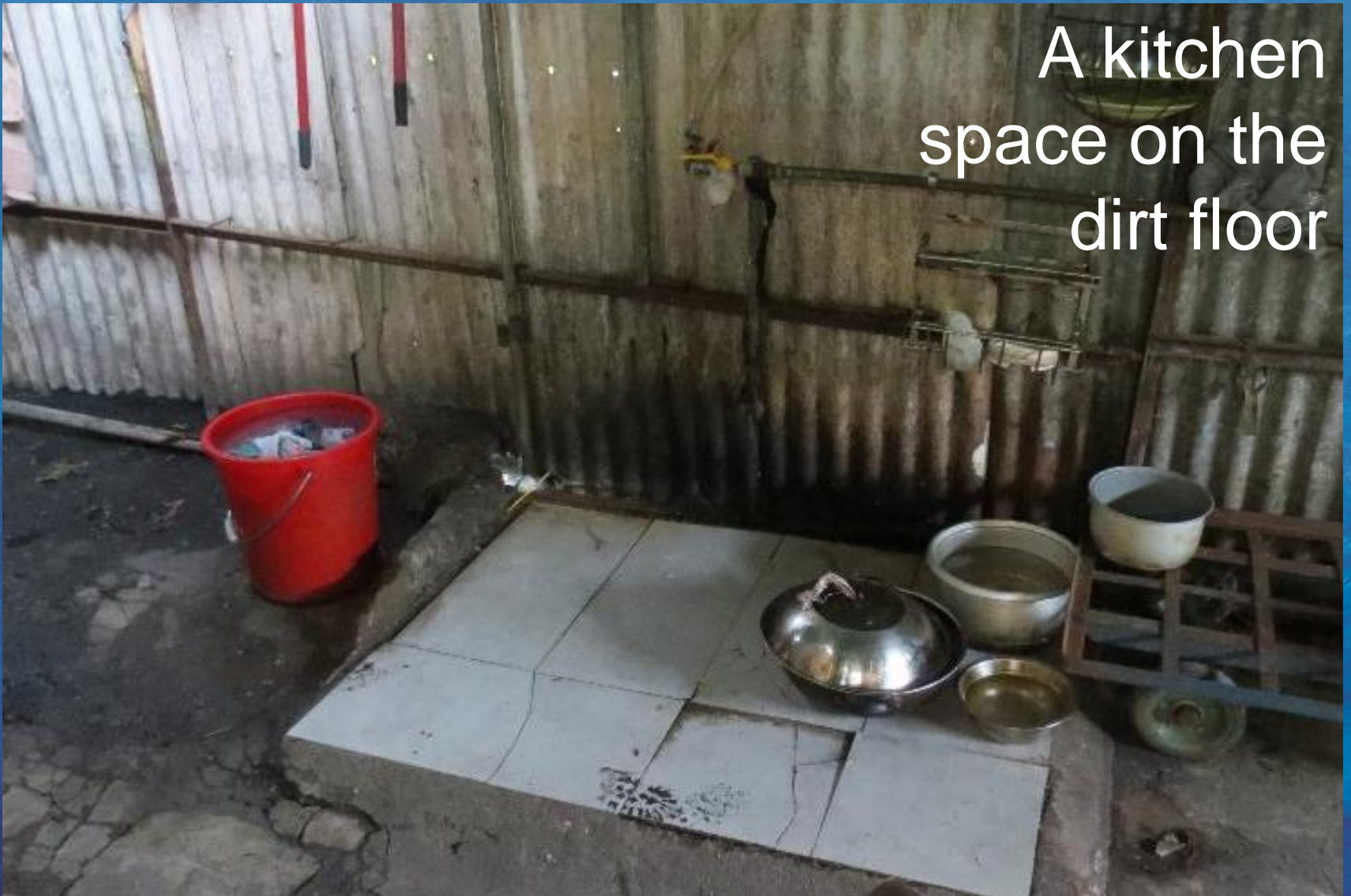
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A bare
kitchen
bench

A kitchen
space on the
dirt floor



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Refugees
constructed
this shower



A pit toilet
without
flushing



The broken
door to a
pit toilet

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One day
the meters
were
replaced



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130 send

TO: 22米 63 16/9

電費:

本月用電: 3992 度

—上月用電: 3282 度

共: 710 度

X) \$1.3

應繳電費: \$923

水費:

+500 (last month)

本月用水: _____ 度

—上月用水: _____ 度

共: _____ 度

X) \$13

應繳水費: \$

總額:

電費: \$1423

Water 水費: \$180

+) 租金: \$

應繳總額: _____

The landlord
closed the door
and the power
meters were
changed

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Then refugees
were charged
700\$ a month

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The police radio
crackled back:
“Not wanted!”

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Homeless,
he spends
the night
here



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Our visit was
welcome but
changes are
needed

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