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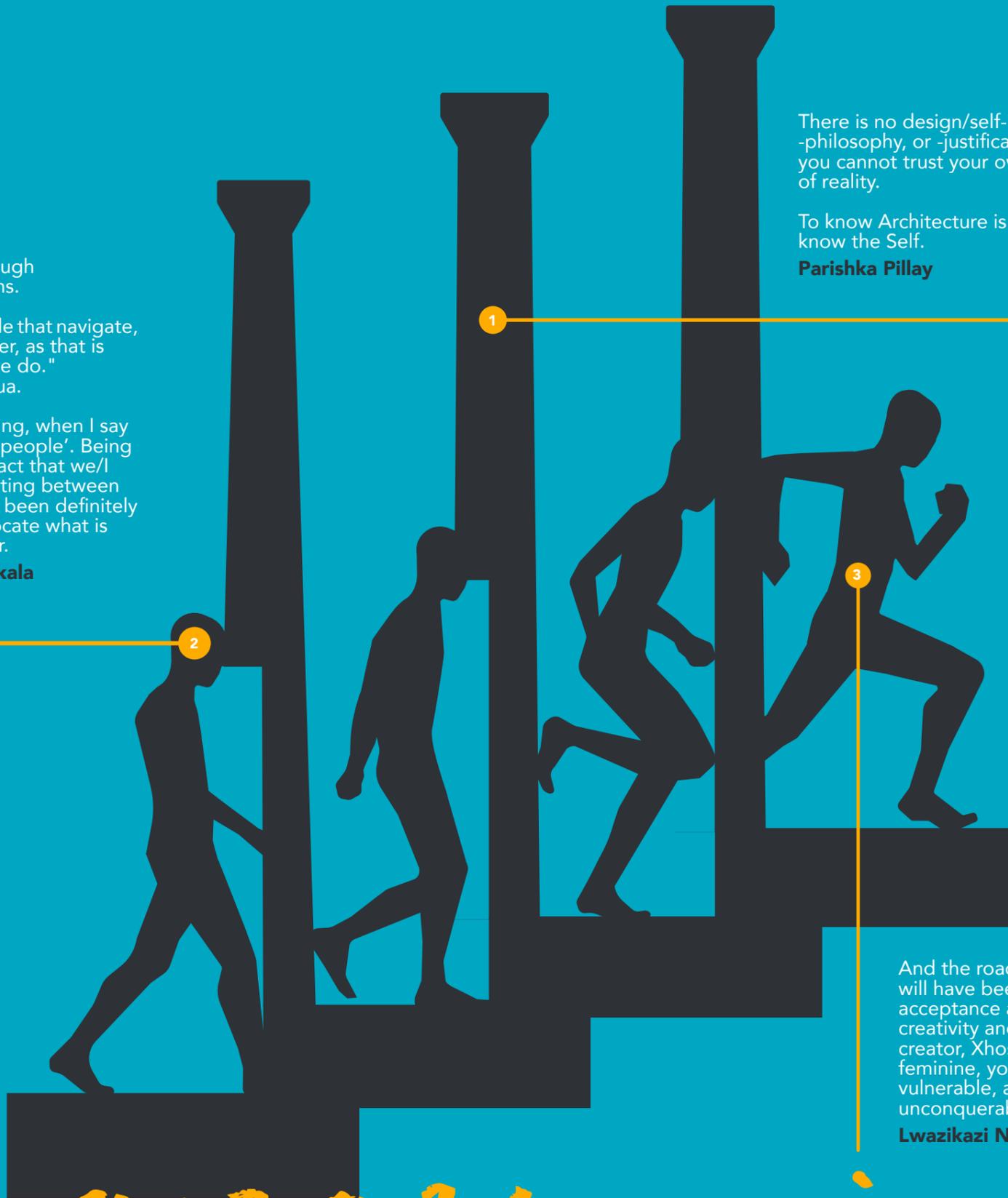
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Architecture is framed as belonging to the White Man. "I have to deny a part of myself to make Architecture make sense" colonial mental models.

Indian and African architecture use emotion and intuition. By rejecting divine feminine "black-ness" to survive, Indians reject themselves.

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A catalyst for what leads a generation to a level of frustration due to suffocation systems is access and only until one understands this term, HAE (Home), which is where it starts-rich with culture, however, are landscapes that exhibit the beginning of a people that are disempowered, and this then transitions into the education system and furthermore into the work environment and the broader institutions that frame architecture. Only until we disrupt and manipulate these institutions will we see a glimpse of hope.

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The terms angry black woman, help, too young, inexperienced, too vulnerable, too feminist, too strong, too weak and too much will have been wielded to discredit and disempower you.

Naming and deconstructing them will make them lose their power.

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