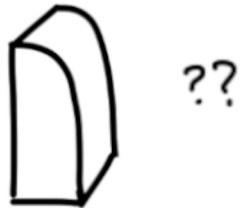
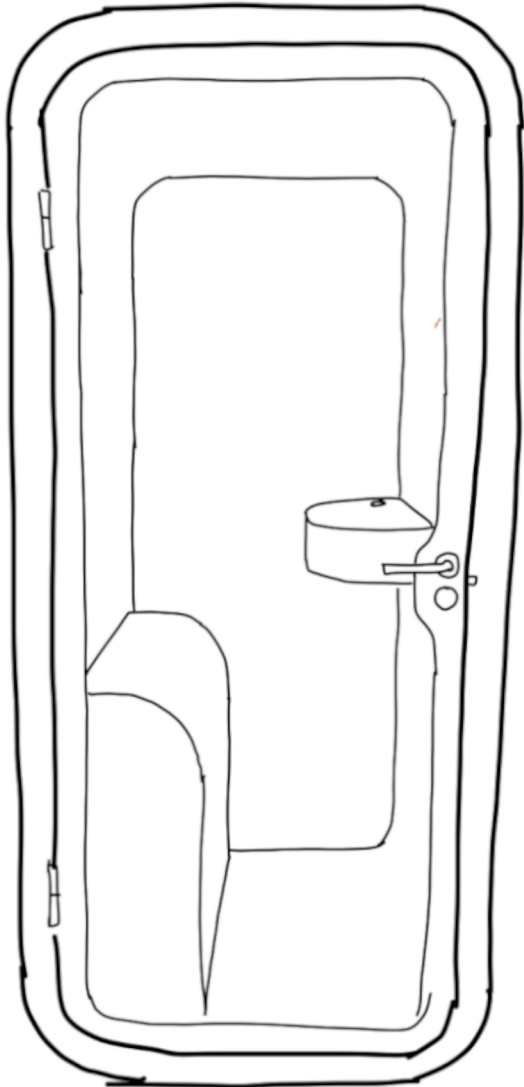




Please be seated.

At work, we have these phonebooths for people to take meeting calls.

The seating situation in this sleek & contemporary Framery O + Herman Miller collab production is... perplexing.



Over the course of their ~1 hour long Zoom sessions, people pursuing comfort end up in fun positions.

Intended Design (?):
Lean in Comfort



because that's unrealistic:
The Knee Brace

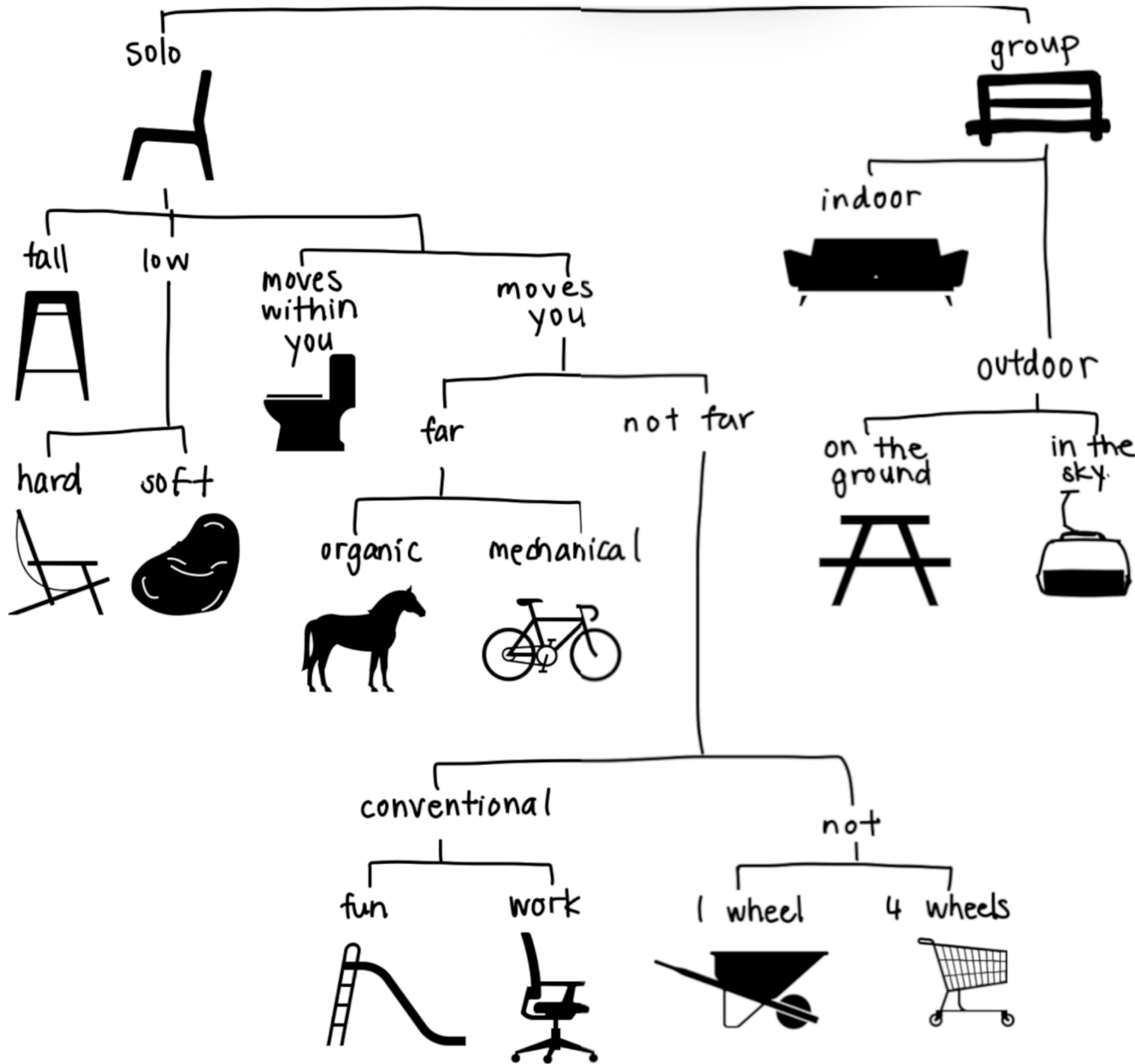


When your shin starts hurting:
The Lever Leg



to give your back a break:
Tall Boy Diagonal





For as long as ever, my sister Lisa has sat on her feet. Recently, her friend shared a video of a BBQ they were hosting, and you can see her seated at the table in the same pose I remember her always in when we were growing up.



① 'Zuo mei zuo xia!'; Dad would tease. Then, young Lisa would roll her eyes and drop her leg back to the floor... often for it to sneak back up later. I was granted the role of the good-posture little sister then, and I took my noble duty of reminding her to ting xiong seriously. ②

① 'zuo mei zuo xia' roughly translates to 'sit that can hardly be called sitting', with a playful teasing tone.
② 'ting xiong': 'chest up', 'sit straight' or any other variant of posture with nobility.

Then in 2014 we went to China to visit extended family. The stream of us all bringing bowls of home-made food from the kitchen pooled into aunts, uncles and cousins fit hip-to-hip at the large table in Nai Nai's dining area. The kids, we finished earliest and left to play with the candies and toys in the living room from overseas. The adults slowly bring out bai jiu and sunflower seeds and playing cards and settle into evening gaiety.

If you were to glance around the room then, as teen Lisa did, you might notice, there at the head of the table, Nai Nai sat...

③ Nai Nai: grandma on Dad's side. Matriarch of our family
④ bai jiu: distilled clear rice wine, truly foul smelling in my opinion but it gets the adults ruddy & raucous.



... exactly the same way.