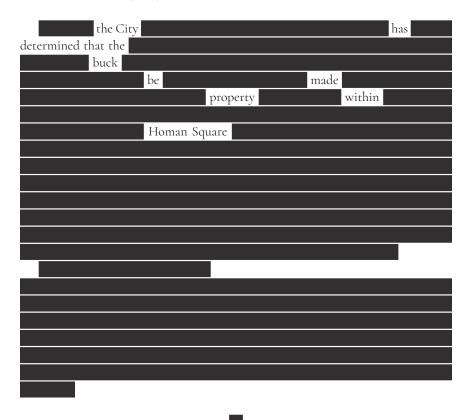
From The Homan Square Project*

If slavery persists as an issue in the political life of black America, it is not because of an antiquarian obsession with bygone days or the burden of a toolong memory, but because black lives are still imperiled and devalued by a racial calculus and a political arithmetic that were entrenched centuries ago. This is the afterlife of slavery...

-Saidiya Hartman, Lose Your Mother: A Journey Along the Atlantic Slave Route (2008)



*Homan Square, a covert detention and interrogation center in West Side Chicago, operates under the Chicago Police Department, hidden from public view and scrutiny. Established in the early 2000s as a black site, it has become infamous for human rights abuses, including torture and unlawful detentions without formal charges. As calls for police abolition grow, Homan Square exemplifies the dangers of unchecked governmental power and systemic racial bias in law enforcement. The long-form poem "The Homan Square Project" is in part an erasure of the memorandum of agreement between the City of Chicago, Illinois, and Westside Affordable Housing Limited Partnership, which is among the limited publicly available documents relating to Homan Square.

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