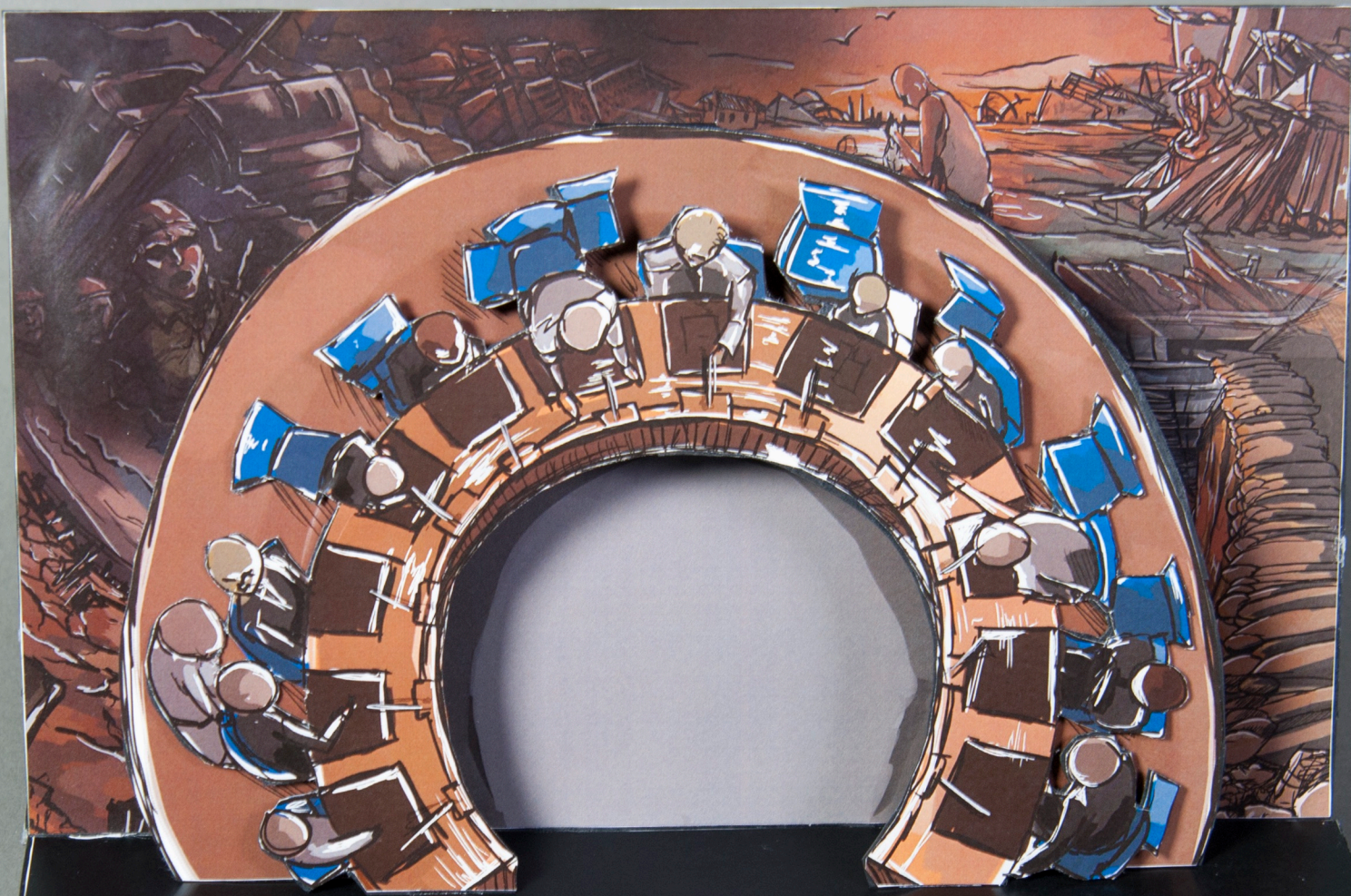


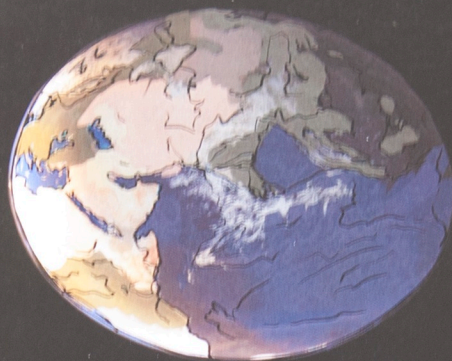


Without being formally recognized by international regulation, nor visible to the public, climate refugees are forced to flee towards more developed and geographically hospitable places--often moving across borders, and often times illegally.

already cramped cities, the stresses of migration have resulted in violence and persecution, and even precipitated war.



There is no definite solution to the climate refugee crisis, and many governments have yet to acknowledge their presence - and plight. Advocates now fight for climate refugees to be recognized by international law, and several lines of action are being taken by proactive governments. Some direct aid and infrastructure to critical areas, while others have made short standing agreements to accept displaced persons. Yet these are short-term, inadequate measures in the face of a growing and definitive crisis. And like other refugees in our volatile times, climate refugees are subjected to a huge loss of dignity and human rights.



The crisis of climate refugees speaks yet a larger issue. Our increasingly digitized, interconnected society has made it possible for us to chart the consequences of our actions around the world - yet the damage of our wasteful, industrial lifestyle, which includes the loss countless human lives and submerged cultures, has evaded our attention.

Pushed prematurely to the brink by human impact, our planet as we know it approaches the dusk of its lifetime. It is time - it is overdue - that we fundamentally change the way we consider the Earth and our fellow inhabitants.

