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Present

The Other Volcano
By Nelly Ben Hayoun

First created in September 2010, the aim of interactions designer Nelly Ben Hayoun's *The Other Volcano* project was to build a series of semi-domesticated volcanoes that could be housed for several weeks in the living spaces of volunteers. The supernatural volcanoes are large, imposing and extremely inconvenient – erupting dust and gloom in to the living rooms of the volunteers, seemingly at random.

“In order to make myself recognised by the Other, I must risk my own life”, said Sartre. *The Other Volcano* creates an imagined love-hate relationship, a sleeping giant in the corner of a domestic environment, with the power to provoke excitement and fear in its hosts. It is a project that domesticates the most violent of natural processes, addressing and reinterpreting nature in all its unpredictable glory.

Nelly Ben Hayoun is adamant that design must be engaging and is particularly interested in questioning its set up. Her installations are built as a set to facilitate and encourage surreal interactions. “Design should be embedded in a physical experience, something that lasts in your memory similar to seeing a painting and remembering the tone of it”, she says.

In order to achieve these experiences Ben Hayoun often collaborates – with both experts and amateurs – carefully adapting things and situations. *The Other Volcano* was developed with explosives designer Austin Houldsworth and in consultation with volcanologist Dr Carina Fearnley from The Hazard Research Centre, Earth Sciences Department University College London.

Space In Between are pleased to present *The Other Volcano* on the original carpet taken from Ben Hayoun's living room, with all the remnants and debris of its unpredictable eruptions. This is shown alongside *The Other Volcano* video and *Home Land: A series of possible experiences* – nine newly commissioned drawings*.

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