

Mother got Sold



**Auwal Masjid,
Bo Kaap, Cape Town**

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"Hidden in Plain sight" : Captured by
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Parliament is just down the road from Bo Kaap. But do they realise
the plight of the Cape Malay people?

Cape Town is going through a problem few other cities have the misfortune of experiencing... Gentrification.

Gentrification is the process where lower income people (typically People of Colour) are replaced by those of a higher class. (Diaz-Parra & Jover, 2020). This process is a lot slower and subtle compared to the forced removals under the Apartheid regime. Because it starts off looking like "process". A museum here, an art gallery there. Then there's the "authentic cuisine" restaurant down the road, and an aunty selling bracelets on the side of the road.

Before you know it, tour buses are rolling through. Trendy cafes are opening, and tour guides are taking European, American, and Chinese tourists around your neighbourhood. And suddenly, you can't afford the rates in the area. So, you move out. Only for an Hans to buy your house.

Congratulations, your community is "quite decent" now.

Mommy, we have guests



"The West's watchful eye"

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"The King's Inspection"

By Lethukukhanya Zulu



"You don't have to afford it to build it" Captured by Lethukukhanya Zulu

Gentrification is always a contentious topic because it does not begin as economic removal or cultural erasure. From what can be observed in Bo-Kaap, gentrification starts becoming negative when cultural erasure begins to happen.

During my walk through the suburb, the thought of "I see why tourists love this place" couldn't depart from me. Which is a thought that disturbed my spirit, considering that this community was the home of Cape Malay slaves. Slaves whose descendants who later coloured their white houses in protest of the Apartheid regime that subjugated them (South African History Online, 2011). It is, then, understandable that their descendants would not take kindly to the concept of their community being reduced to "a beautiful place for photos".



"Oh, that's so cheap!" Captured by Lethukukhanya Zulu



"Development is good"

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Mommy, the guests are getting comfortable



The colourful houses in Bo Kaap were painted that way in celebration of freedom from slavery and rebellion of Apartheid. Under slavery, the houses all had to be white. (South African History Online, 2011)

This Hair & Beauty salon is white.





Auwal Masjid, SA's first mosque. Across from an art gallery & workshop.

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“For the low price of R3.3 Million”

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Mommy, they want to make **our home**
just like **Seapoint...**

But it feels **souless**



"Walks on the Prom"

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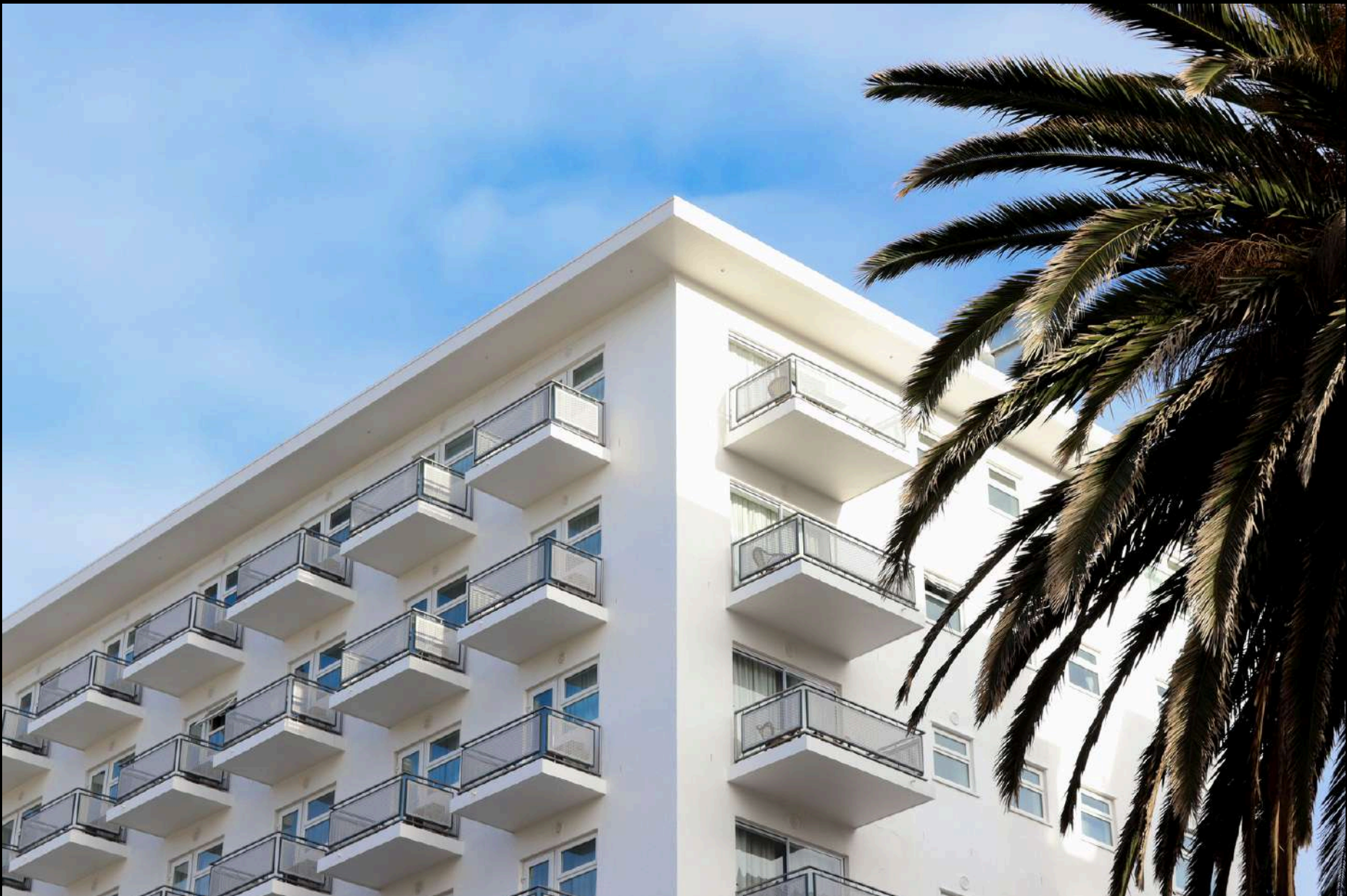
“Progress is good” 2

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“It’s such an eye soar”



“It’s basically Europe, in Africa”

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"South African things feel cheap"

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The 2nd Spur ever in SA is gone. And the building it was in will be converted into luxury apartments... How very Capetonian.

Gentrification has kicked into a higher gear in Sea Point. The Mom-and-Pop shops are long gone, so now its the 'cheap' stuff that's being replaced. Sure, the prostitutes and grafitti are long gone.

But, one can't help but feel that Sea Point is loosing its South Africaness



“Moments before death”

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“A rich future ahead”

Captured by Lethukukhanya Zulu



"The Board of ocupants"

Captured by Lethukukhanya Zulu



"The Board of ocupants" pt2

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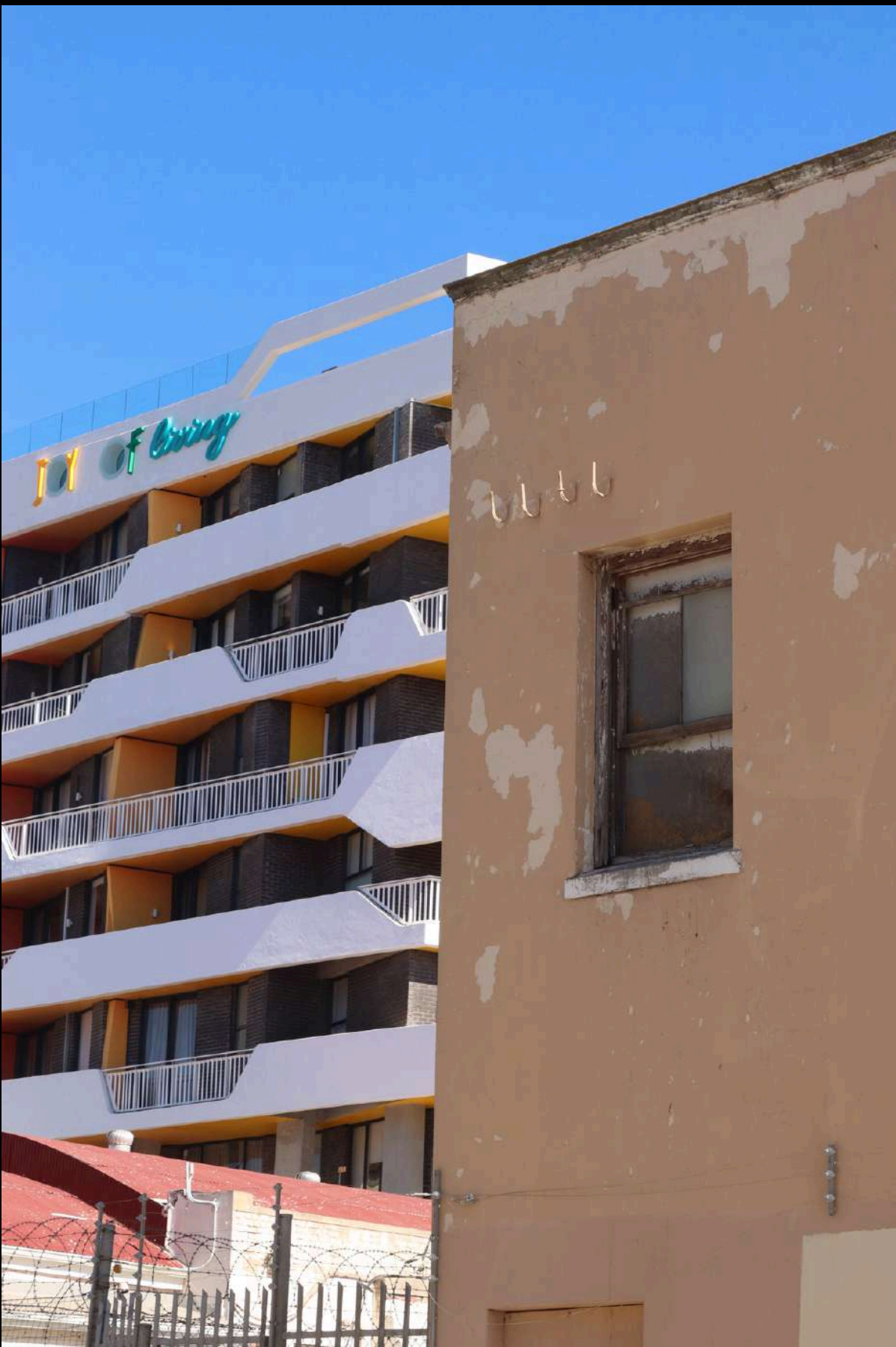
“Photo of a corpse”

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“Dry cleaners and Benz”

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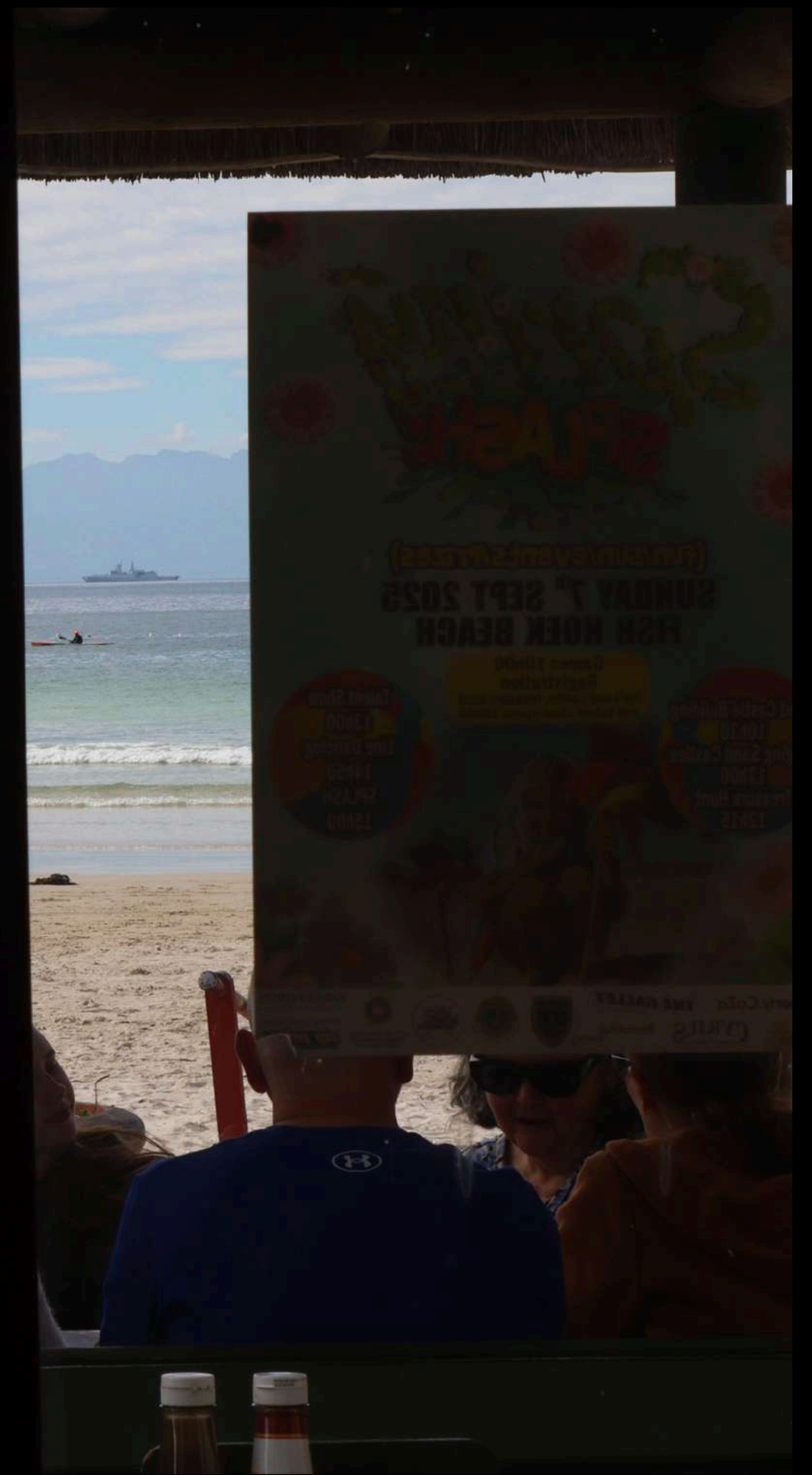


“The Joy of Living”

by Lethu Zulu



"The Galley"



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Meanwhile, in Fish Hoek. The ugly head of gentrification has made its way.

**And, it's made serious waves in the restaurant.
It's not that Mother wants you there.**

End.



"Every country is unequal"

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