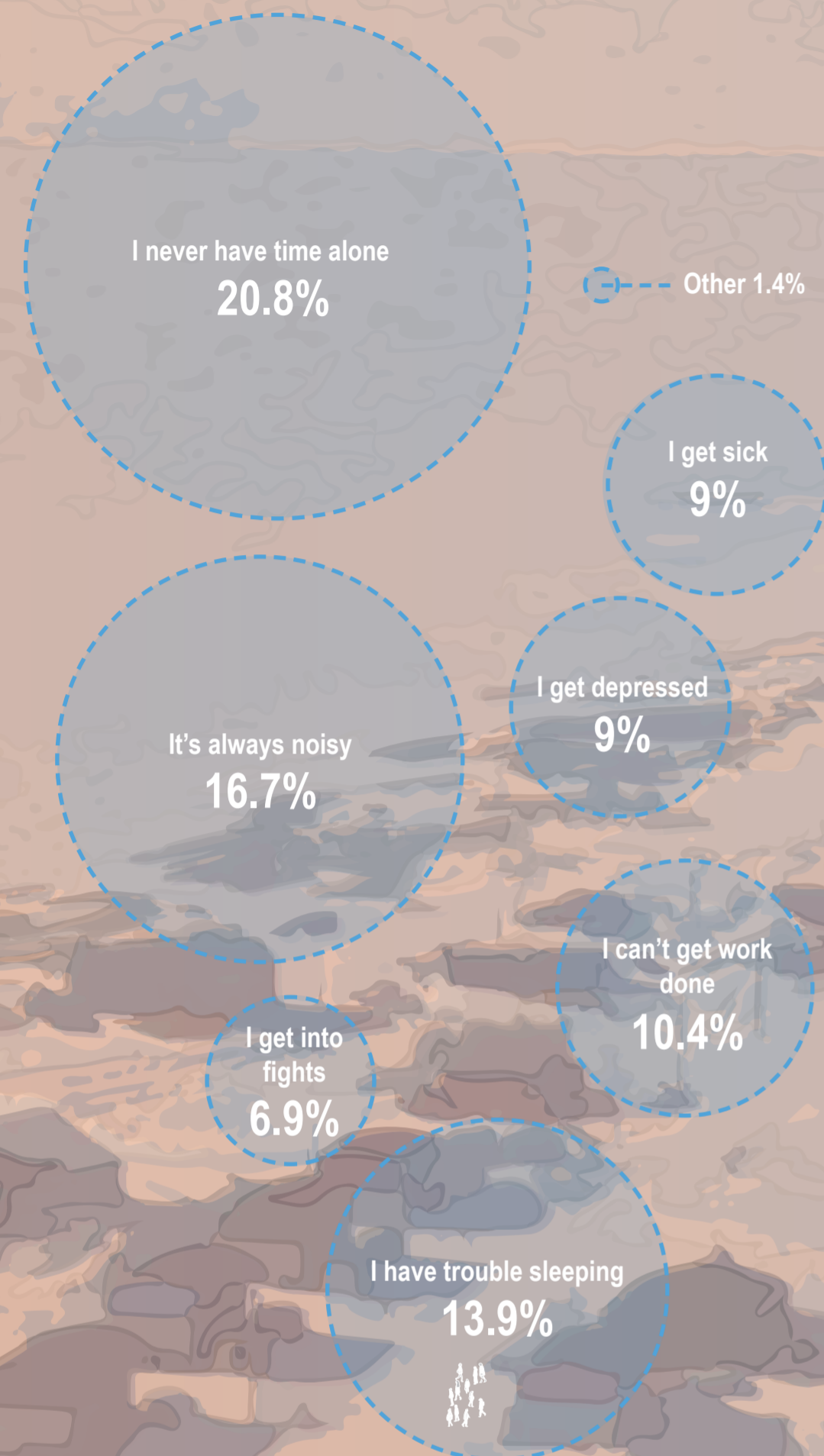


# HOT HUBS - NORDIC UTOPIAS

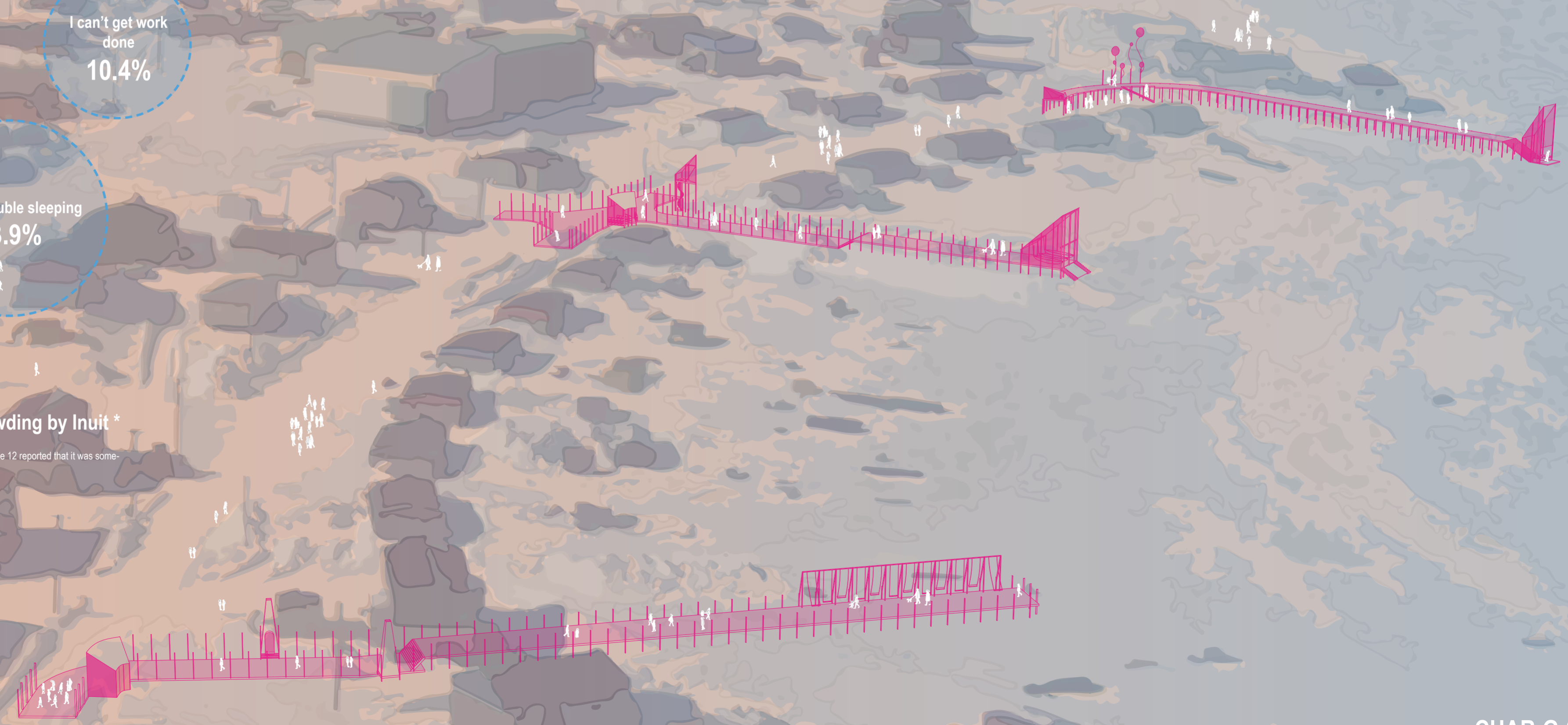
The Great North of Quebec faces multiple housing issues that impede on its social and cultural maintenance and growth. In these northern territories, the situation is further aggravated by the retreat of the federal government funds. Although homelessness is predominant in Nunavik, it has taken on the form of "couch-surfing" due to the extreme weather conditions. Thus 54% of Inuits live in overcrowded conditions and are on year long wait lists to access social housing.

As the population in Nunavik faces these conditions, we decided to create a new landscape of fun and entertainment within the Akulivik community on the Western edge of the territory. By introducing community interventions acting as "hot hubs" we imagine ephemeral and temporal moments that are available to all the inhabitants, to be able to escape into nordic utopias for momentary solitudes.



## Problems attributed to Overcrowding by Inuit \*

\* Thirty one Inuit indicated that their house was always crowded, while 12 reported that it was sometimes crowded. The total number of responses was 144.  
Source: Tester (2006b, 46)



- 1 School
- 2 Old Hotel
- 3 Warehouse Coop
- 4 Coop Hotel
- 5 Anglican Church
- 6 Corner Store

