

# Better

**design  
suggestions  
for parks**



**by Make Space for Girls**

**The single best way to create a park which works for teenage girls is to talk to them.**

**Find out how they use the park, how it makes them feel and what would make it more attractive for them.**

**But it's hard for girls to imagine what might work, because they've probably never seen a space designed with them in mind.**

**Which is where these pictures come in.**

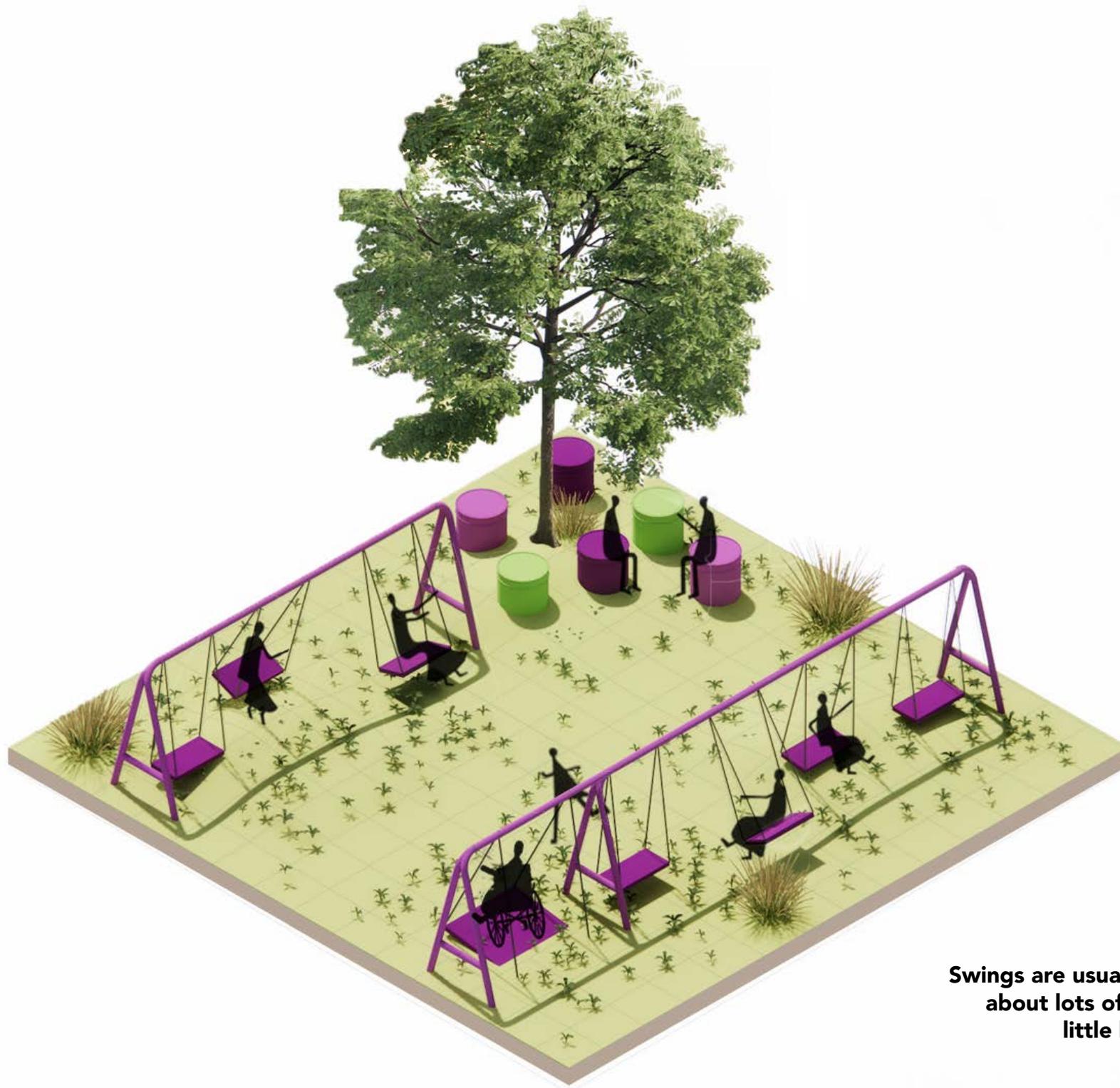
**The designs in this document are not design 'answers' but suggestions for prompting conversations and getting the process of consultation going. Although they've been inspired by other conversations, they are very much suggestions. Do the girls like them or hate them? What would they keep? What would they change?**



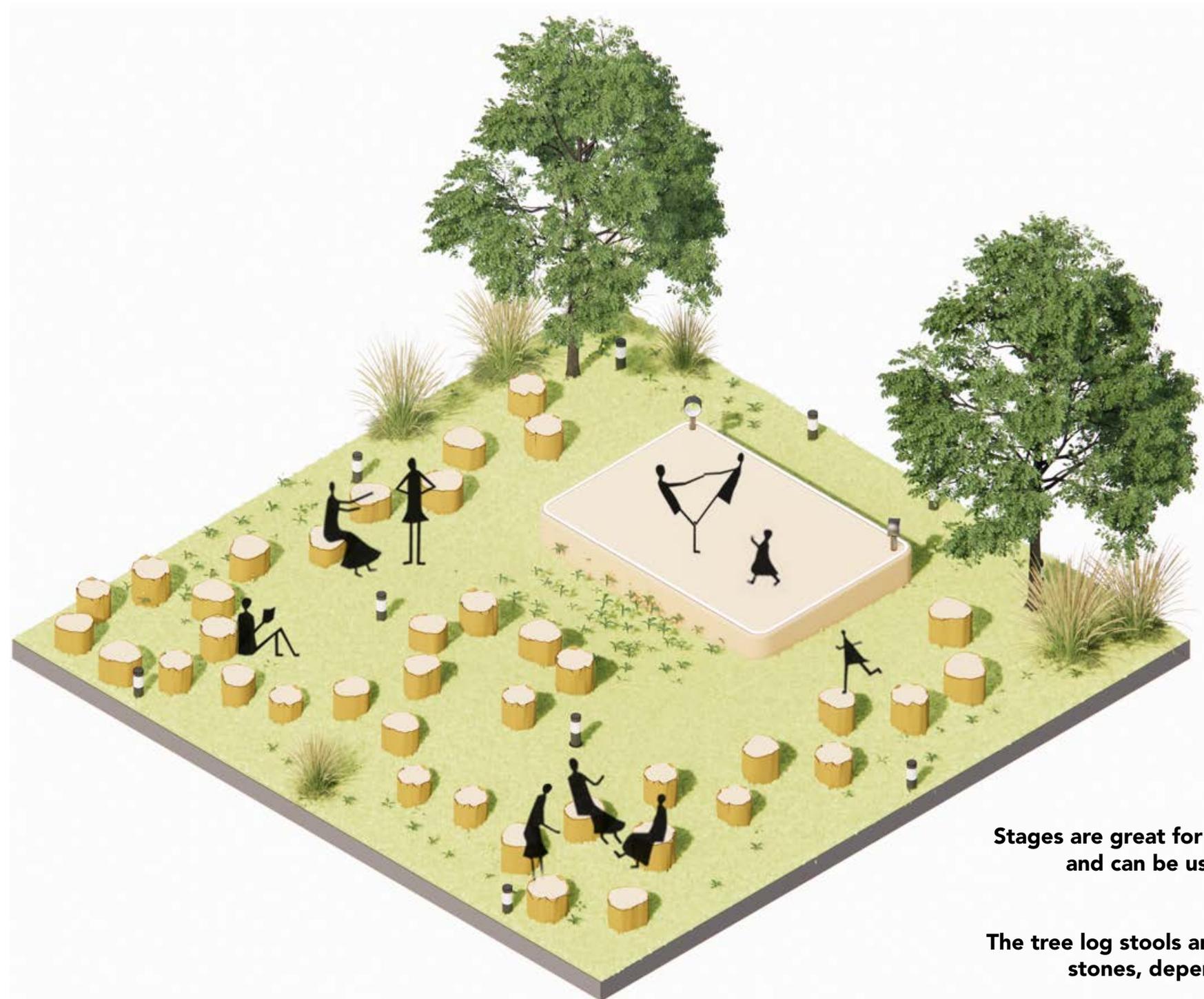


**Being up high is fun.**

**So how about some places to hang out up there, with scramble nets for access?**



**Swings are usually top of the wish list, so how about lots of them and well away from the little kids, with accessible ones too.**



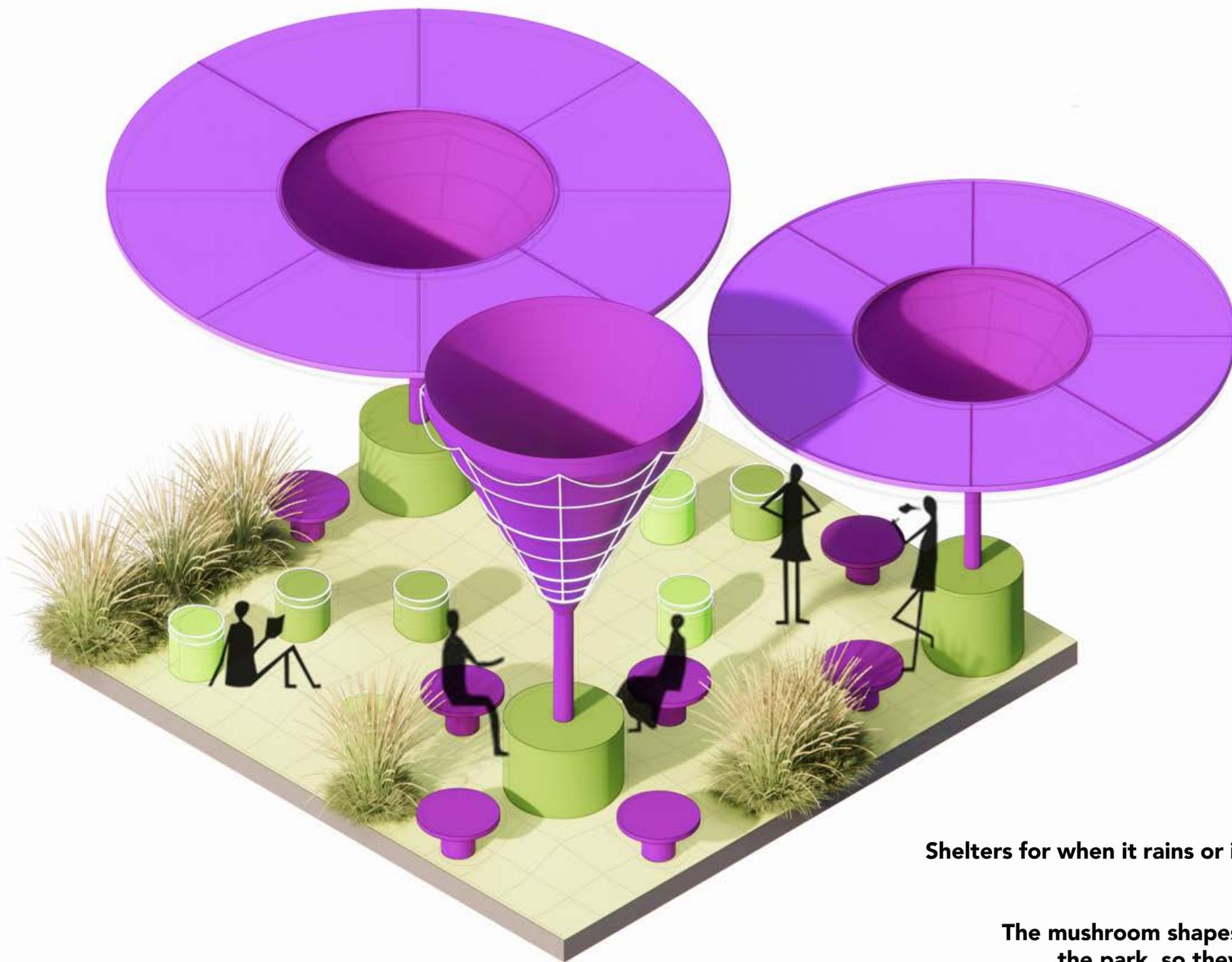
**Stages are great for performances of all kinds,  
and can be used by the community too.**

**The tree log stools are social space or stepping  
stones, depends how you feel that day.**



**Why does gym equipment in parks need to be in a row?**

**What about a space where you can chat and exercise at the same time?**



**Shelters for when it rains or if the sun is too much.**

**The mushroom shapes collect rainwater for the park, so they are eco-friendly too.**

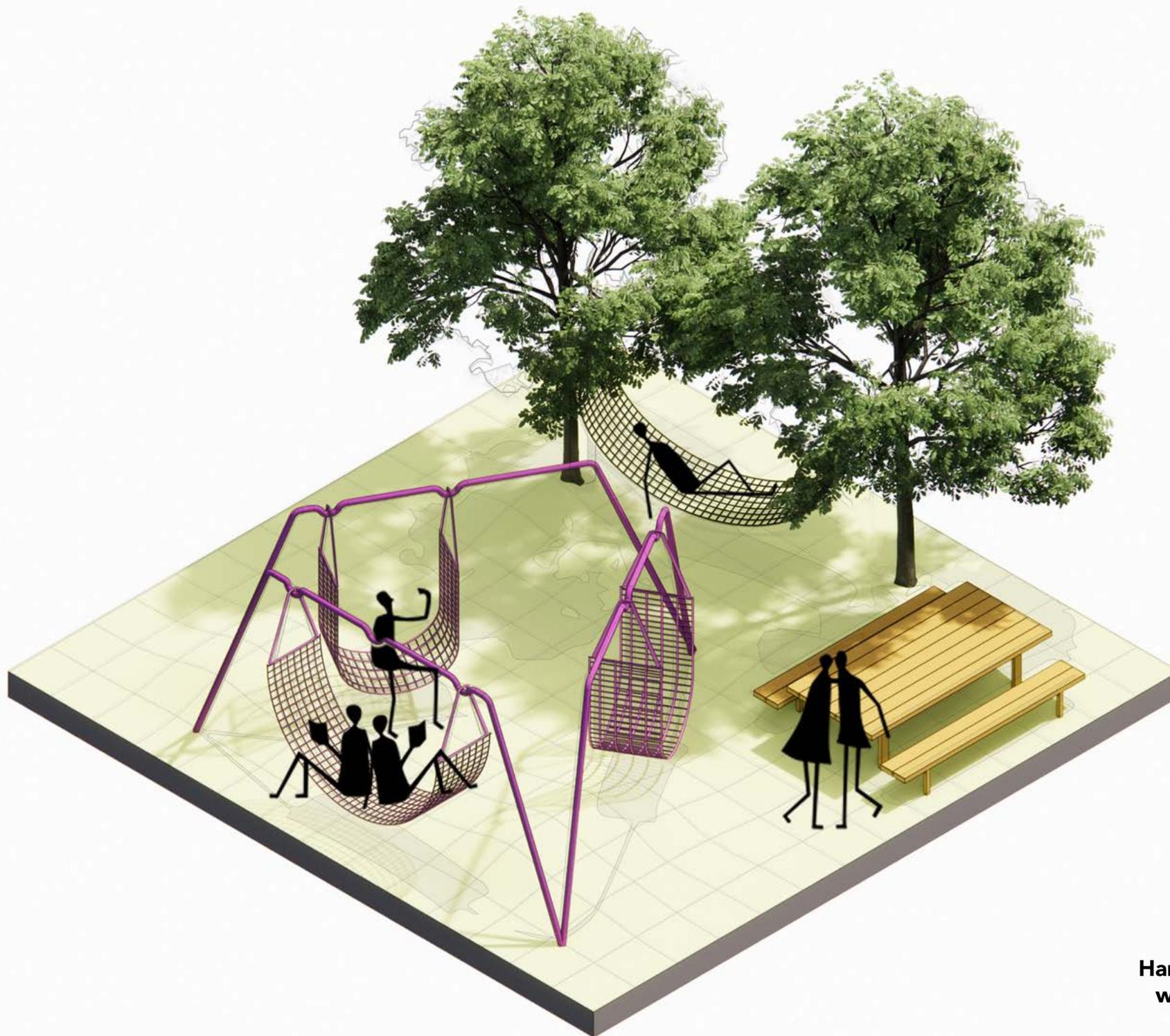


**If there's just one space  
or pitch, chances are that  
the boys will take it over.**

**Dividing it up gives everyone a change  
to play, and it can be a goal, a shelter,  
a space for TikTok dances too.**

**Oh and we put seats in it too.**

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**Hammocks are a great way to  
while away time in the park.**



**It's much more friendly to face each other when you chat, so curved benches make a much better social space.**

**And no one has to get a gravelly bum from sitting on the path.**