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Venice and water enjoy a historic symbiosis, so this project for a water purification plant on Sant'Erasmo Island in the northern part of the lagoon has a special local resonance, even though the water is nowhere to be seen. The building consists of two parts: a large subterranean chamber that contains the purification plant and an above-ground housing for maintenance equipment and the supply of electricity.

Four hefty walls of reinforced concrete are set parallel in the landscape, enclosing and defining the surface structure. The rough, untreated concrete is coloured with red oxide pigment and the massive walls, each one metre thick, are inset at intervals with slatted iroko panels for ventilation. Echoing the military structures that are now part of an adjacent park, the plant has a heroic, monumental quality, like an abandoned gun battery, elevating a simple industrial container into something more curiously alluring. C. S.

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WATER TEMPLE

This industrial installation has a stark, monolithic presence.

The industrial monolith.

Parkland context.

Iroko panels ventilate the structure.



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