

Rectangular Base of Statue with Feet and Lower Legs, from the series The Invisible Enemy Should Not Exist

Date

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Primary Maker

Michael Rakowitz

Medium

Middle Eastern food packaging, Arabic-language U.S. newspapers, and glue, with accompanying didactic information

Description

Inventory number: Unknown Excavation number: Kh. IV 308 Provenance: Khafaje Dimension(s): 4.3 x 3 x 2.9 cm
Material: Limestone Date: Early Dynastic II–III (ca. 2600–2400 bce) Description: Rectangular base of statue with feet and legs; dowel hole in center Status: Unknown We also have some good number of items seized in neighboring countries: 38 pieces in Kuwait, 18 in Saudi Arabia, 1,250 in Jordan, 360 in Syria. We have 300 in Italy and over 600 in the United States. They have surfaced in those countries and been seized by the authorities there. Our museum is very close to Haifa Street, where we have incidents almost daily. We believe this is not the right time now to have [the pieces] back. Since we know all about them and are promised them back whenever we want them, it is better to keep them in these countries. —Donny George

Dimensions

Overall: 1 3/4 x 1 3/8 x 1 3/8 in. (4.4 x 3.5 x 3.5 cm)