

Bowl, Billah Ware, from the series The Invisible Enemy Should Not Exist

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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: Unknown Provenance: Nineveh Dimension(s): Height approx. 9 cm
Material: Baked clay Date: Early Dynastic I (ca. 2800 bce) Description: Fragment of bowl with monochrome painting and geometric designs (Billah ware); foot broken Status: Unknown Let me say one other thing. The images you are seeing on television you are seeing over, and over, and over, and it's the same picture of some person walking out of some building with a vase, and you see it 20 times, and you think, "My goodness, were there that many vases?" [Laughter.] "Is it possible that there were that many vases in the whole country?" —Donald Rumsfeld

Dimensions
Overall: 3 3/4 × 6 5/8 × 6 5/8 in. (9.5 × 16.8 × 16.8 cm)