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Other Sculpture



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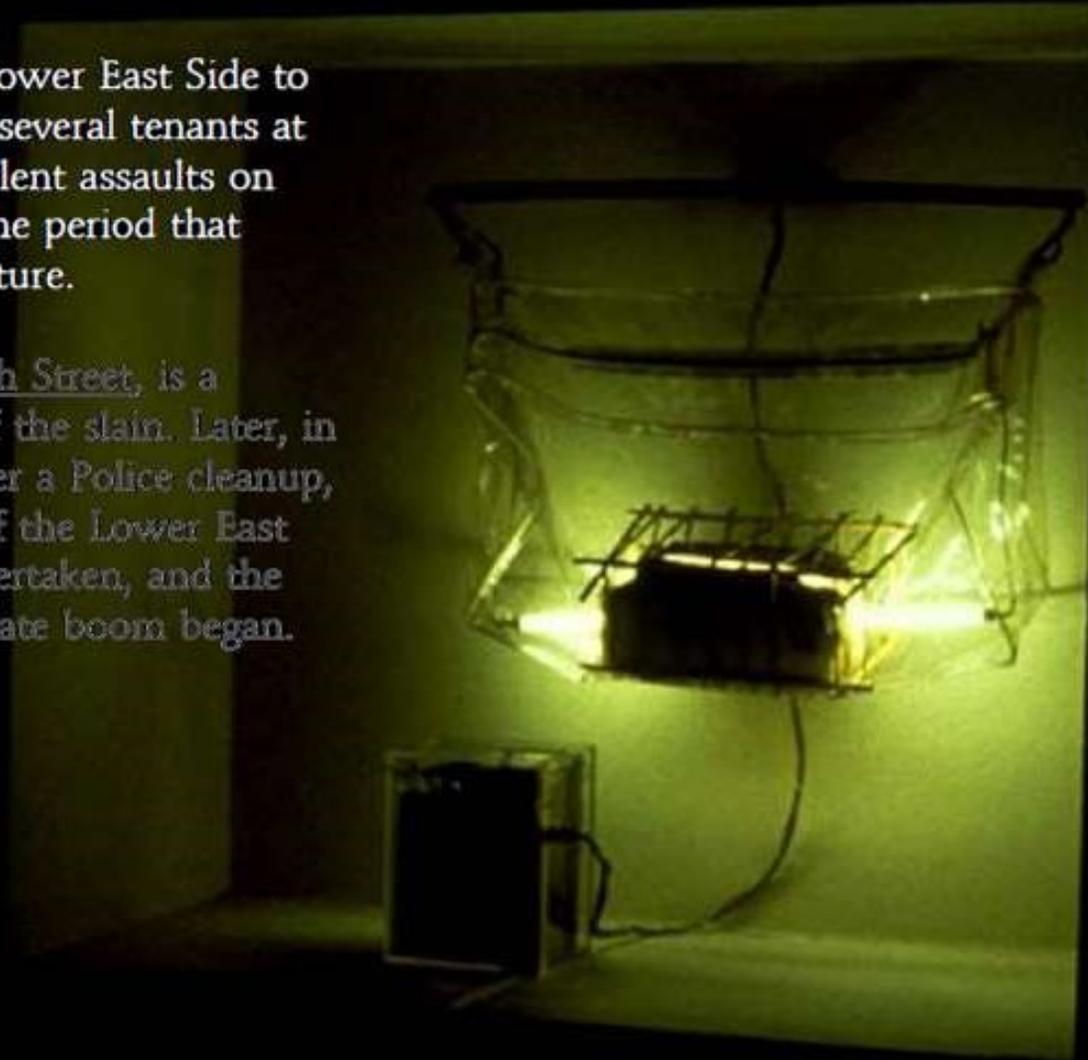
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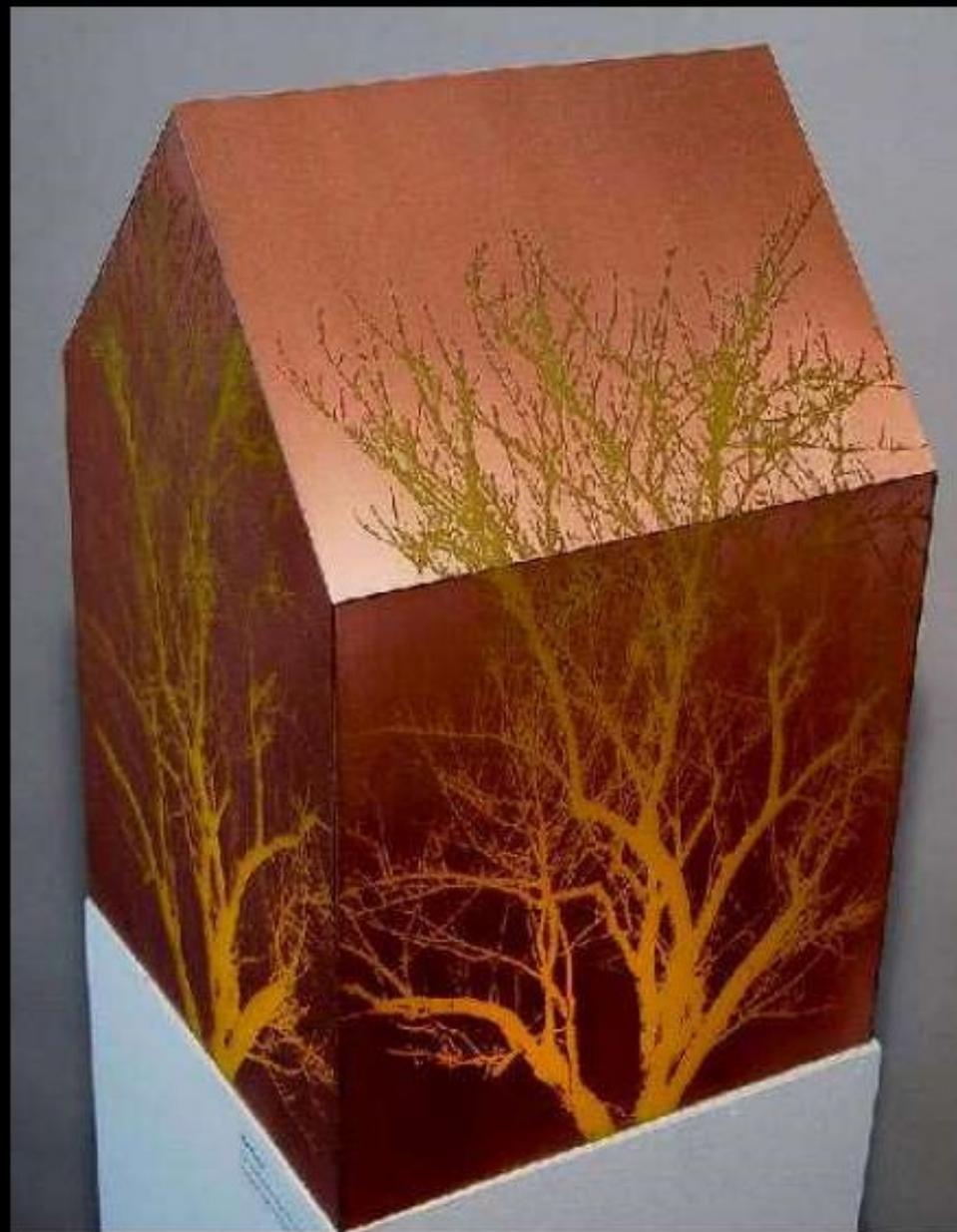


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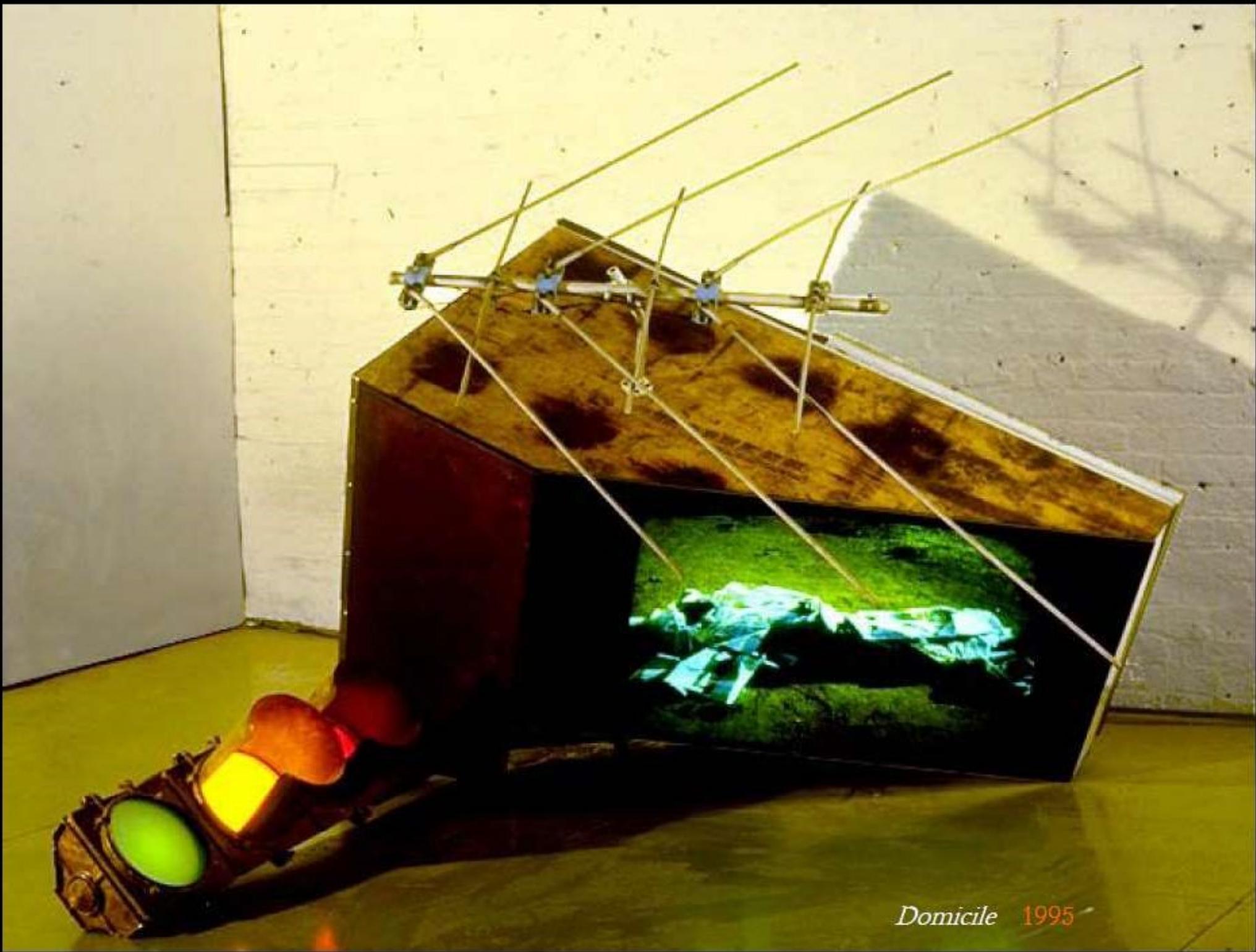




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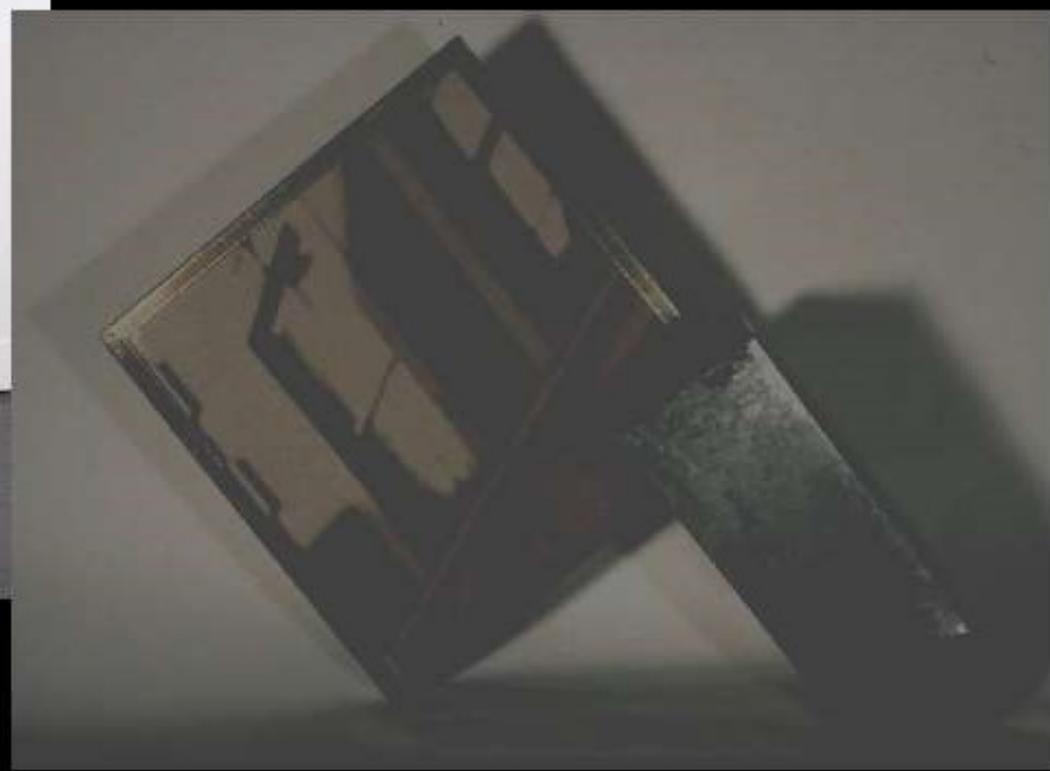
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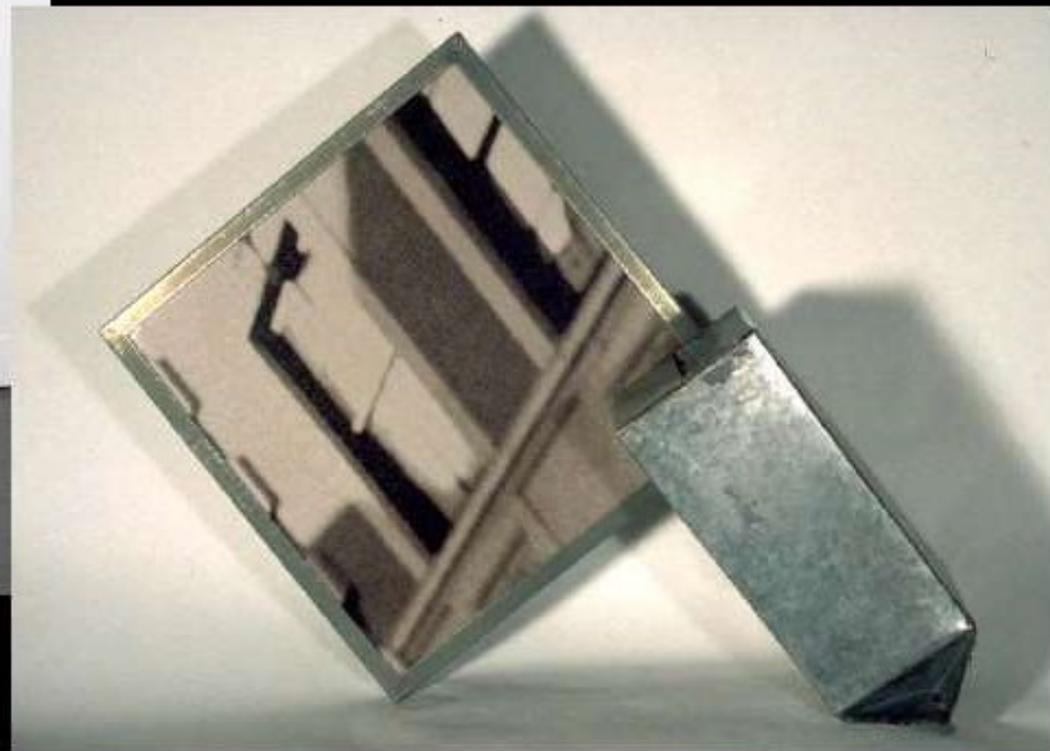
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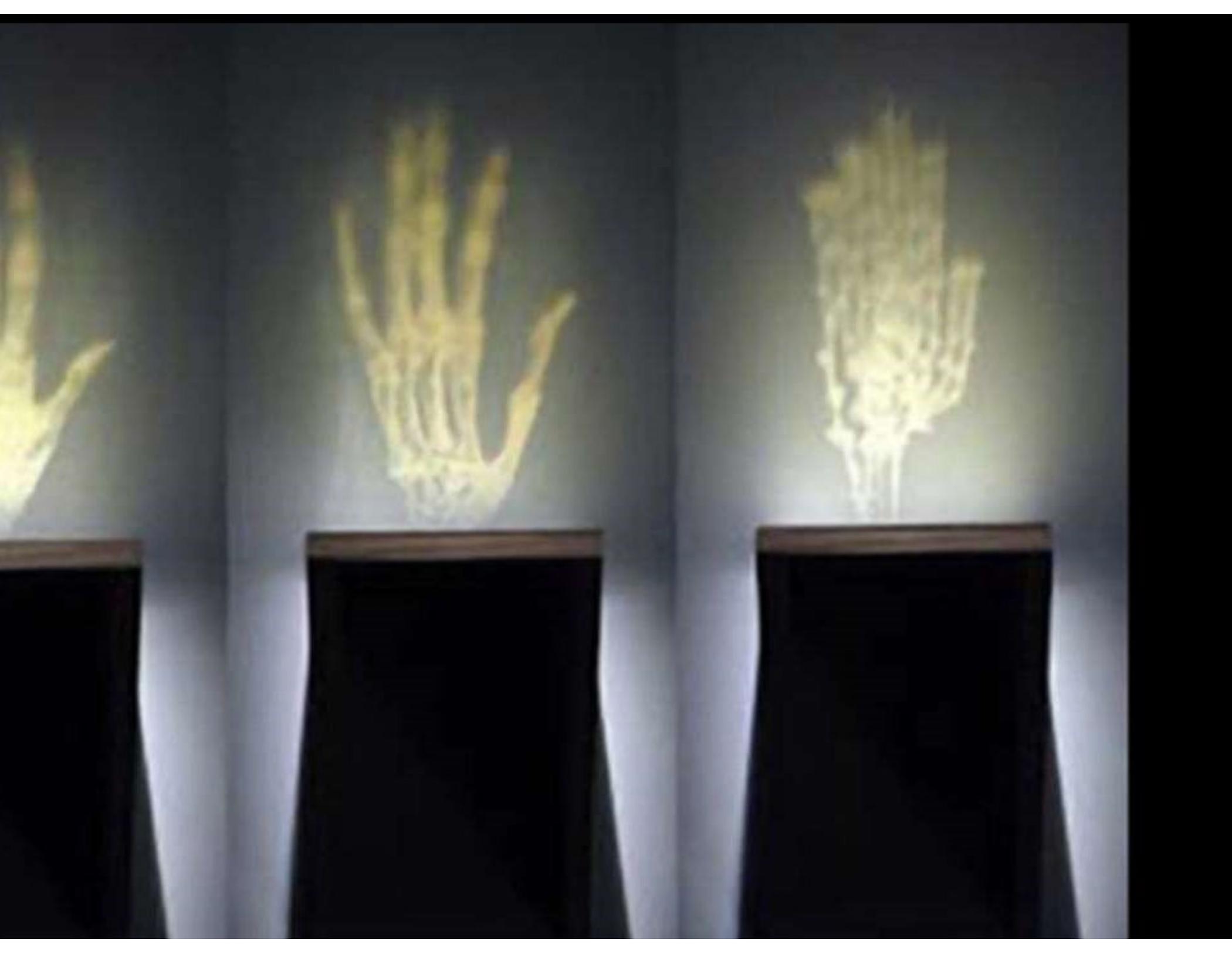
Progression 2001

Light installation with photo-etched bronze.













In the Domain of the Innocent. 1999



Container Series 1996

Work on What Has Been Spoiled 1994







Fish Magic 1982



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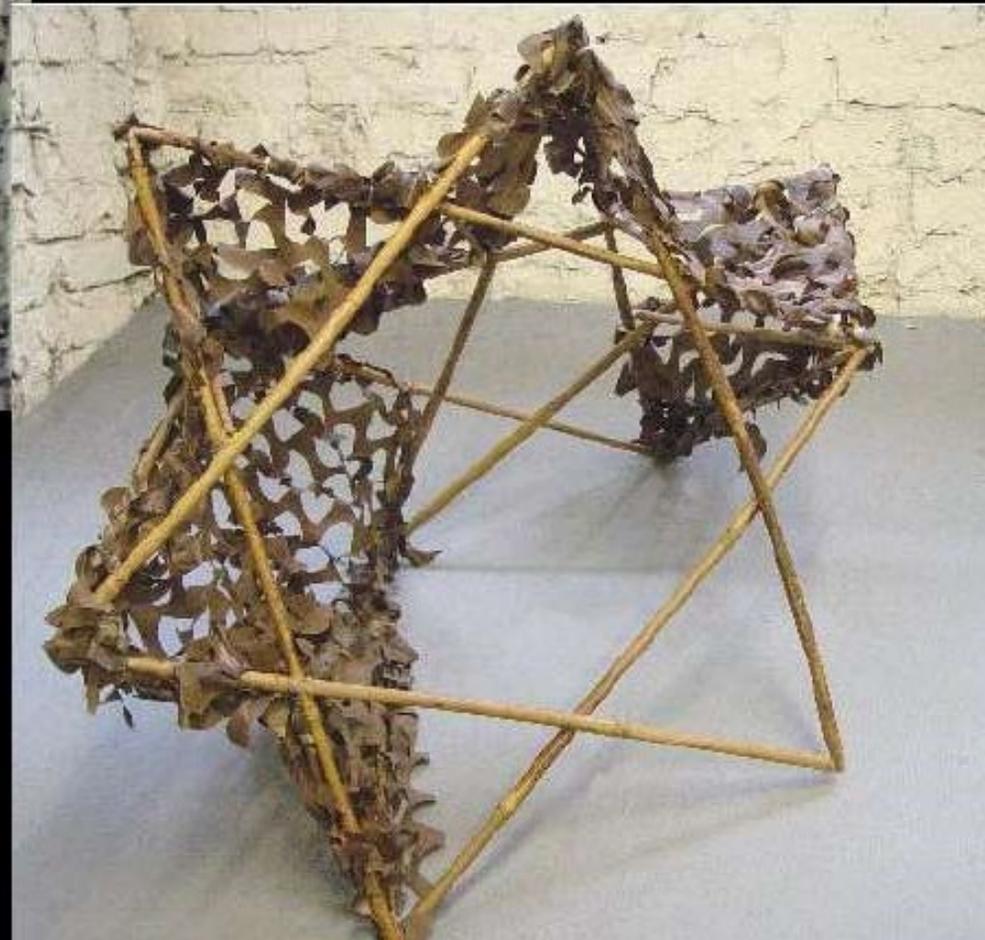
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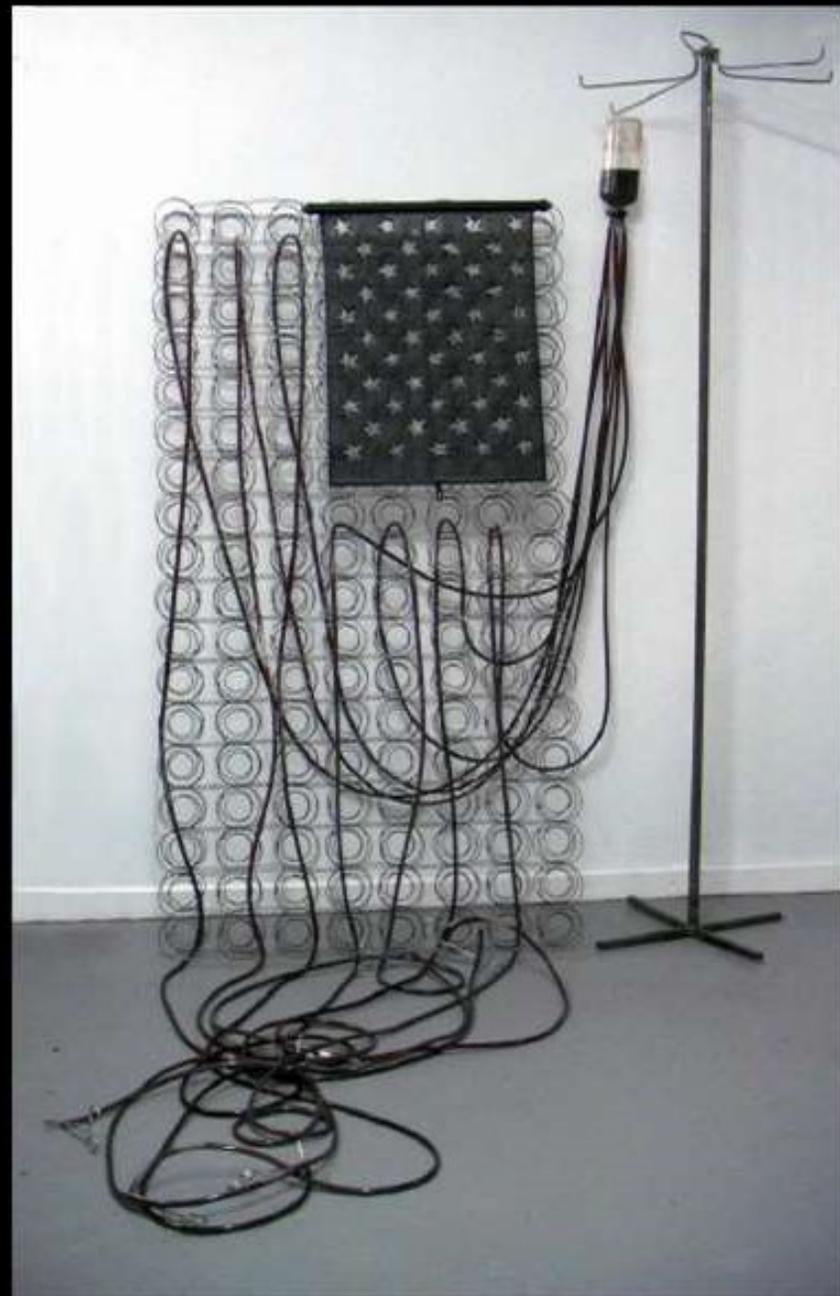
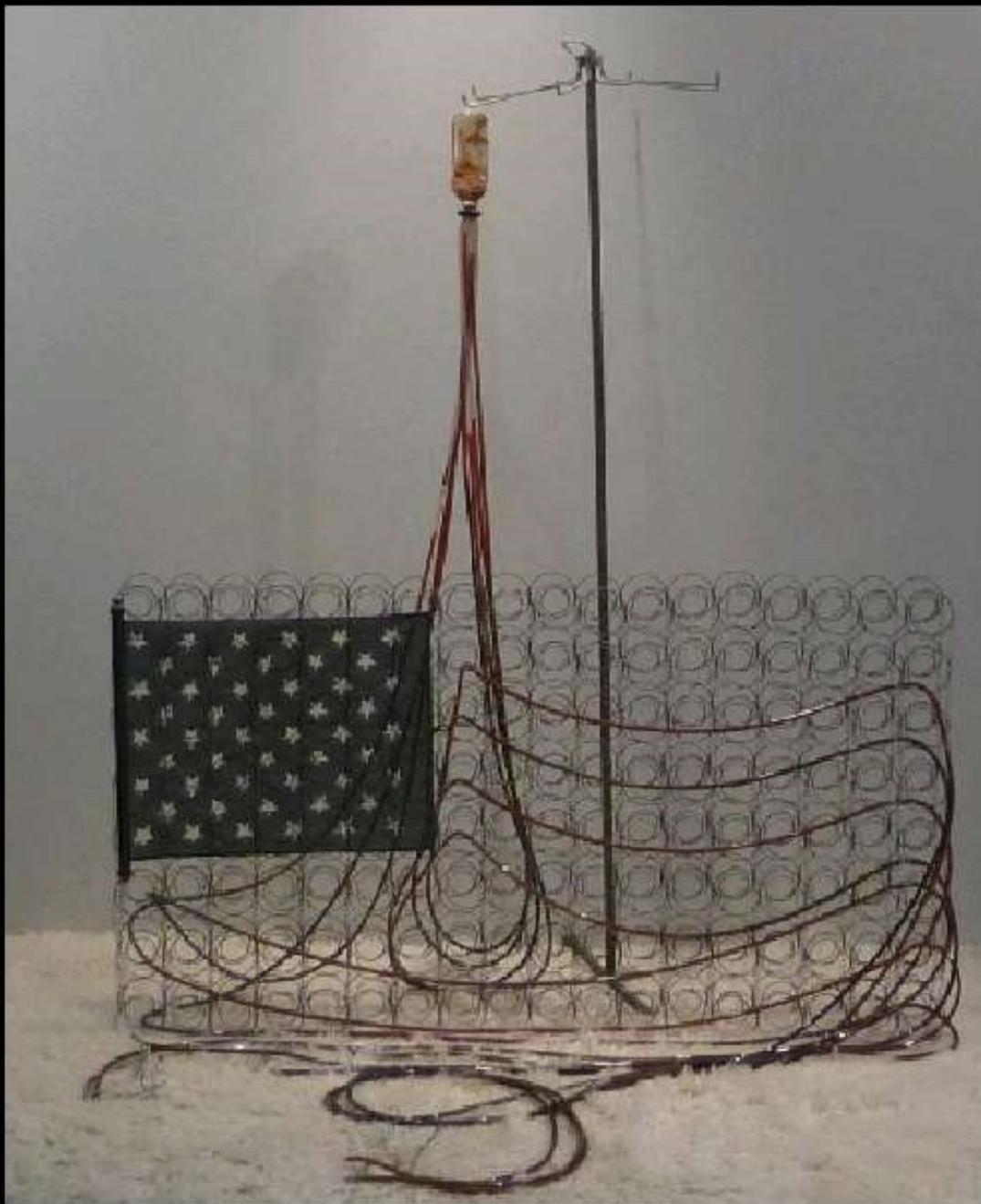
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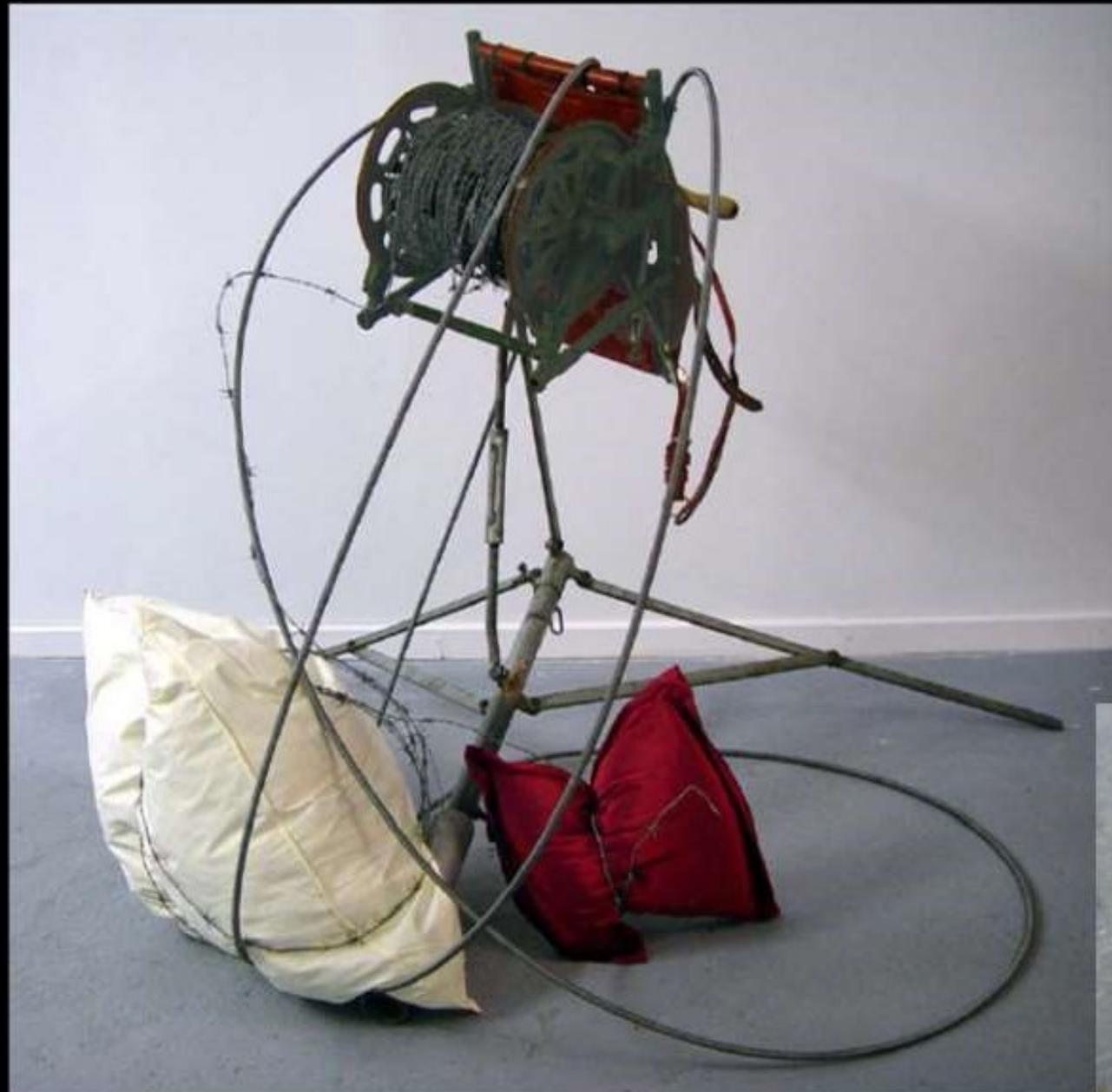
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StarBlind 2006



Bloody State 2007



The Sleepless Nights Left Behind 2007



Night Yearnings 2007

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Under the Umbrella of Homeland Security 2008