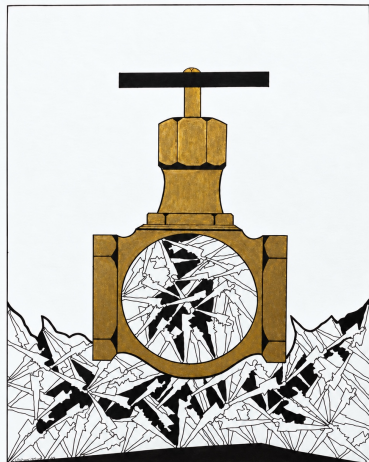


The Burdens of Memory

Mishaal Atheer

DRAWING & BRONZE



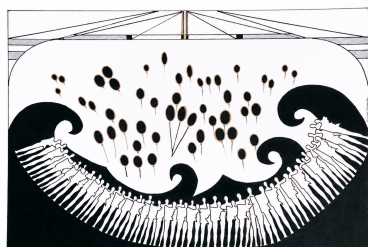
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The Price of Power
Marker and acrylic on paper
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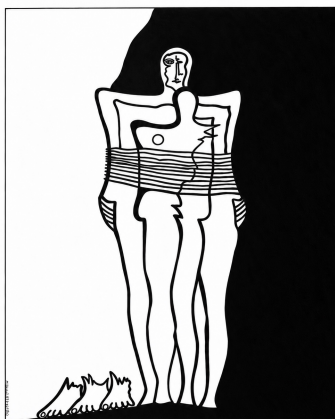
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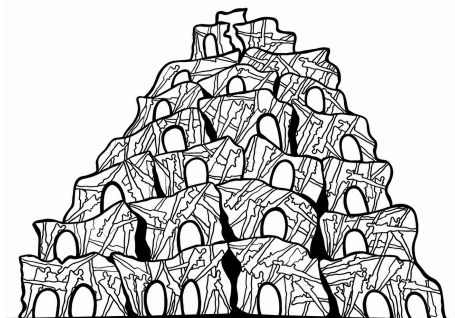
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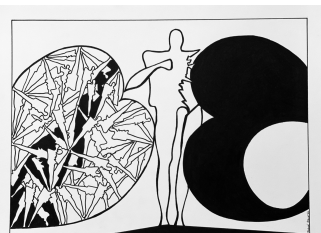
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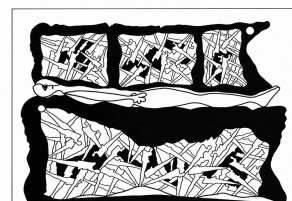
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A People's Choice
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One Root, Many Branches
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Between Earth and Sky
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Artist statement

Displacement changed my understanding of home. Born and raised in Iraq, I left and built a new life in the California Bay Area. Through bronze sculpture and drawing, I explore memory, loss, belonging, and the human need for connection.

My abstracted figures gather as couples, families, and communities, sometimes merging into a single body. Their strong legs anchor them, while their stillness suggests both resilience and confinement. Growing up under a dictatorship taught me that strength does not always mean freedom.

Inspired by ancient Mesopotamian art, I reinterpret Sumerian and Assyrian forms through contemporary experiences of displacement. Hills, rocks, mountains, and architecture emerge from the body, as though the figures carry the memory of the land. A recurring heart joins these landscapes with love and tenderness, expressing emotional connection across borders.

Bronze gives memory weight and presence; drawing reveals it through line, shadow, and layered forms. My work gives shape to the burdens we carry and asks how they might become sources of connection and strength.

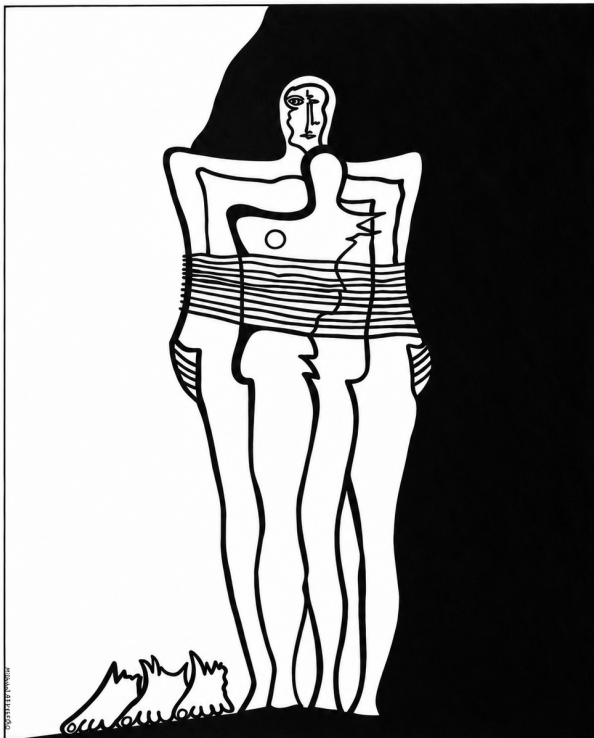
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Ten selected drawings

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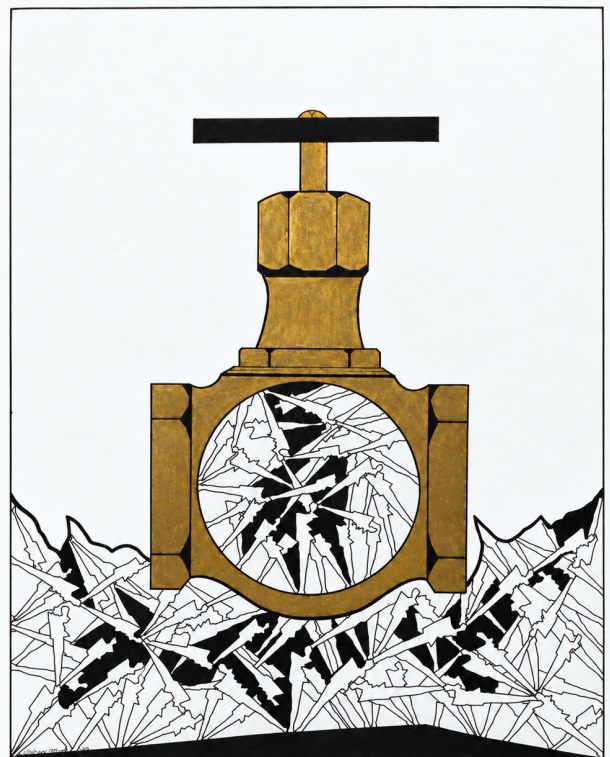
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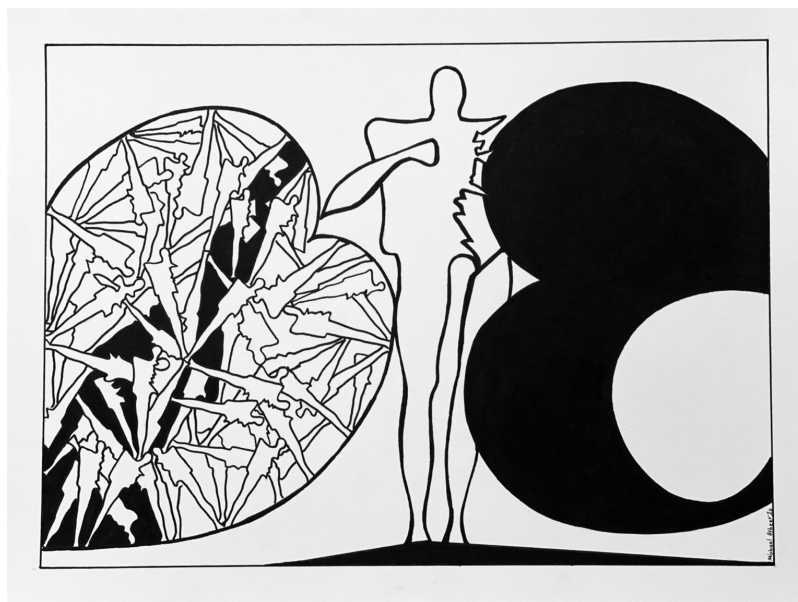


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Two Worlds

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A Fragile Unity
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18 x 24 inches

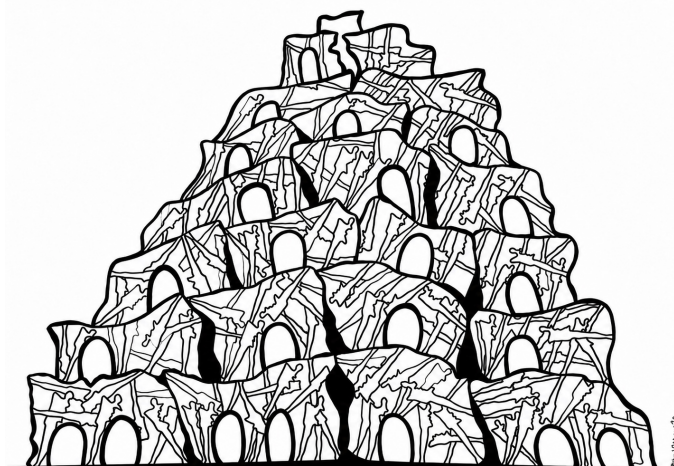
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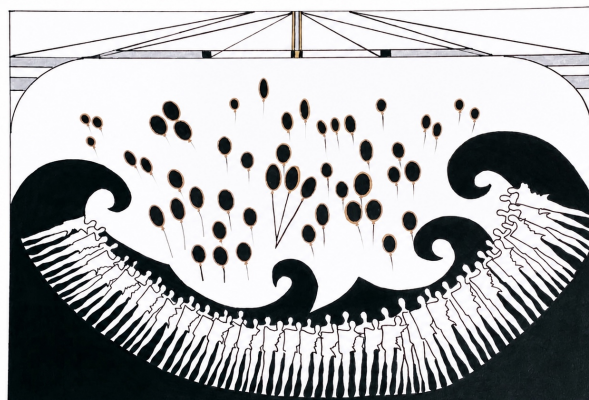
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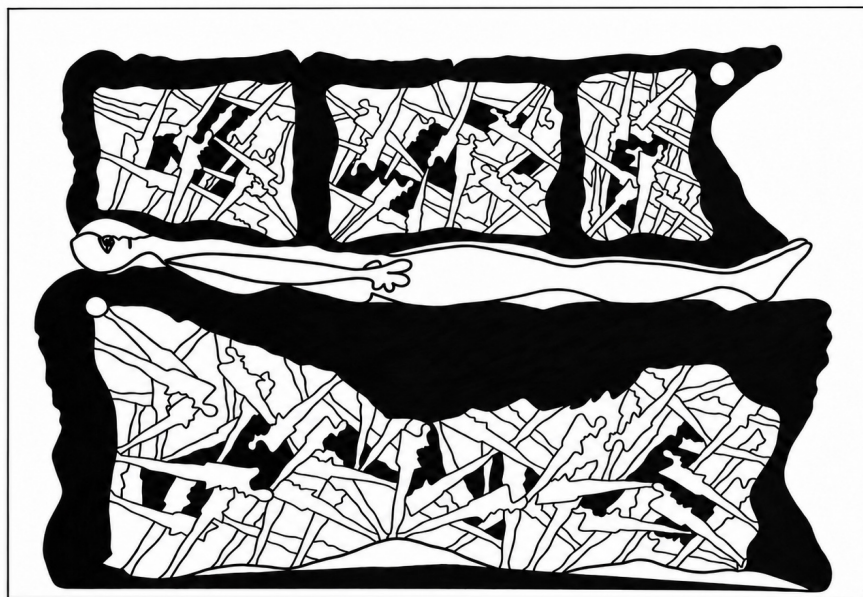
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