

## Radical Elements

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*Cold Message, 2013, 24" x 13" x 13" (with base)*

### Unpacking, Assembling, and Repacking Instructions

1. Open the big cardboard box and remove the items inside. Unwrap the bubble wrap and cloth from around the circular base. Set the base face up (the side that has the Mylar on it). Set the journal aside.
2. Peel blue tape from long interior cardboard box. Lift top. To remove foam cradle and piece from box, gently pull on the tabs marked "pull." Once the cradle starts coming out, you can gently work it out the rest of the way, pulling a little here and there until it comes loose.



3. Once the cradle is out of the box, stand it right side up with the figure inside. Gently peel off the blue tape from around the center of the cradle.

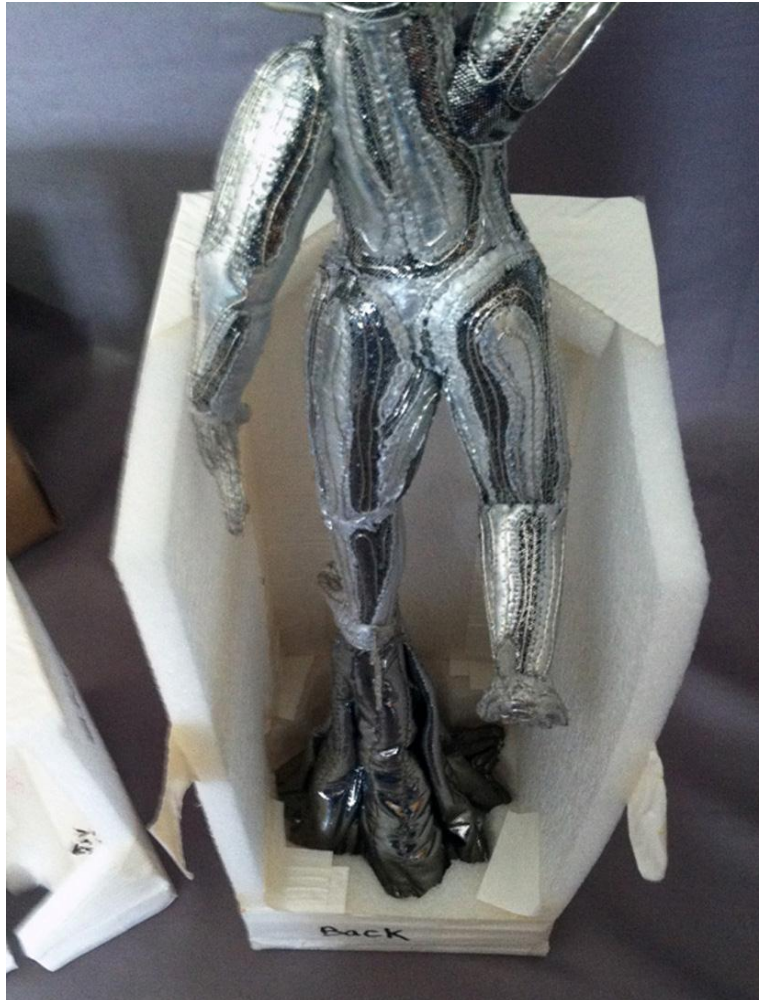


4. The top portion of the cradle (labeled "A") is flexible enough that you will be able to spread it apart to remove it from the piece, as shown here.



5. Once cradle A is off the piece, grasp the figure gently around the waist and pull upwards, rocking slightly back and forth, to remove it from cradle

B. Be careful not to grab the hair or the little wings on the head and feet. (If something does get pushed out of place, gently push it back into position. If you need to set the figure down at this point, be sure to position it lying face down.)



6. Holding the figure by the waist, position it above the hole in the base. Insert the screw at the bottom of the figure into the hole.



7. Still holding the waist, rotate the figure clockwise to screw it into the base. Help the rotation by pushing gently on the "hill" the figure stands on. Avoid touching the wings on the feet. When the bottom of the hill is flush

with the Mylar "pool," you will start to feel a little resistance and you can stop turning.



8. This photo shows the correct alignment of figure and base, and there are also alignment arrows on the bottom of each element. (Note the signature location on right side.)



9. Reverse the process to disassemble and repack.

Good luck!