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Re-Purposed Treasures

Artist Statement

For this piece, I found inspiration in the story that accompanied my found object. The story tells the tale of an earring separated from its match, lost among the memories of a holiday in Sophia, Bulgaria. My found object, the earring, was beautifully described as a tangle of bronze in a web of lost earrings. I instantly imagined a spider that spins its web from this tangle of the lost earrings and decided to illustrate the story as such.



While in the story the earring becomes lost among the memories, I wanted it to be a central focus in my piece. I transformed the earring into the spider that spins the web, and the rest of the earrings became the background. The web is made from brass wire and between the web are various found earrings.

The golden colors of the web create a whimsical look of elegance and fantasy, maintaining the mystery behind the memories of all the lost earrings. I chose to work in brass wire to retain the intricacy of the lines of the original earring and the delicacy of all the vulnerable earrings that have lost their partner.

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The Story

I received a pair of earrings as a birthday gift from a dear friend, and I wore them on a trip to Europe. After an exquisite dinner in Sofia, Bulgaria, we stopped at a colorful café for homemade raspberry wine. A fellow traveler asked why I was wearing only one earring. I laughed and told her it was a fashion statement, then enlisted her to help me find its mate because I was worried. We looked everywhere—under every batik cushion. No luck.

Now I look closer at the remaining earring. The bronze tangle reminds me of a spider web, part of nature but still otherworldly, caught in the spell of Sofia. I like to think its mate has found a new purpose back in Sofia, just as this earring will find a new purpose here.