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## Bryce 2nd draft

The Suspended Inflatable is folded along its main axis and draped along the Curvilinear Limb, creating angular flaps that flank the Vertical Rod. Composed of a flexible exterior and rigid core dusted with iron oxide deposits, the limb traces a semi-circular arc, joining an opposing curve at its peak.

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The Perforated Sheet is stuffed with a mass of Coiled Shaving and its surface is inscribed in a rounded, linear laminate of markings that define a criss-crossed structure.

Half buried, the Connecting Filament – encrusted in cushioned, pliable fins – tethers the inflatable and the cloth *as if* the nine components and three pieces arranged along the active, undulatory sand dune floor are held together by an invisible monofilament, extruded from a morass of congealed and conflicting ideas and materials.

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#### Alternate version:

The Suspended Inflatable is folded along its main axis and draped along the Curvilinear Limb.

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"Suspended inflatable, curvilinear limb, vertical rod" Inflatable, plastic, tubing, threaded rod, aluminum hardware, rope, nylon, polyurethane Dimensions variable 2021

"Cloth body, rigid receptacle, bendable appendage"
Fax machine parts, polyester, plastic, steel rings, polyurethane, nylon
Dimensions variable
2021

"Perforated sheet, coiled shaving" Vinyl, PVC, adhesive, monofilament 40" x 6" x 7" 2021 Promo: link to video

Draft text

# Components

- 1. Suspended inflatable
- 2. Curvilinear limb
- 3. Vertical rod
- 4. Cloth body
- 5. Rigid receptacle
- 6. Bendable appendage
- 7. Connecting filament
- 8. Perforated sheet
- 9. Coiled shavings

### 1st Draft text

The suspended inflatable is folded along its main axis and draped along the curvilinear limb at two points, creating angular flaps that flank the vertical rod. The curvilinear limb is composed of a bendable exterior and rigid core with iron oxide deposits. The curvilinear limb traces a semi-circular arc, joining an opposing curve at its peak, and is attached to the vertical rod with a removable clip that regulates its height and orientation.

The cloth body is composed of nonwoven textile adhered to three rigid receptacles. The rigid receptacles provide the cloth body with its peaked, angular structure, and the cloth body determines the placement of the receptacles. The cloth body and rigid receptacles orient toward an intersecting point, tapered at one end and divided in peaks at the other to form a central crevice. The central crevice defines a cavity from which the bendable appendage extends. The surface of the bendable appendage is modulated by a film of irregular schematic ridges.

The connecting filament tethers the curvilinear limb to the bendable appendage in a linear extrusion encrusted with cushioned, pliable fins.

The perforated sheet is stuffed with a mass of coiled shavings that provide its volume. The surface of the perforated sheet is inscribed with a rounded, linear laminate of markings that define its criss-crossed structure.

## **Draft text rework**

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#### Promo:

(add link)

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