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THE MONKEY AND THE HUMAN

$20,000.00

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Maya Art Space

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About the artwork

When I was a teenager,
I read an article saying that humans and chimpanzees share almost the same DNA.
The idea stayed with me.
Years later.
it returned as a sculpture.
Here we see a figure standing between two worlds.
He has become conscious.
He has built civilizations.
He has changed the planet.
Yet he still carries a tail.
A reminder of where he came from.
The way he stands,
he seems ready to jump at any moment.
As if part of him still belongs to nature.
And part of him does not.
In his hands, he holds a head.
Not a mask.
A head.
He studies it carefully.
As if wondering whether it still belongs to him.
He knows that somewhere along the way we crossed our limits.
We learned how to change the world before learning how to control ourselves.
Now he faces a simple question.
Should he keep the head he has, or look for another one? And the question becomes ours.
Who is refusing the change?
The upgraded monkey. or the enlightened human?

Medium:	Sculpture
Materials:	Bronze
Size:	65 × 55 × 50.00 Centimeters (cm)
Frame:	Not Framed
Availability:	Available
Classification:	Limited Edition
Signature:	Signed