Brooklyn Now Has A Giant Buddha Statue of Its Own and It's Made Entirely of Recycled Materials

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Queen Mother of Reality" is a 50-foot-long form that at first glance resembles a reclining deity like one you might see in Asia. Take a closer look though and you'll find that the Buddha-like figure has an umbrella for an elbow, gold electronics for a necklace and a nipple made out of a bushel. The enormous statue was also designed with an open back that acts as an inner room symbolizing a temporary shelter for the evicted mothers of New York. Althamer modeled the piece after Queen Mother Dr. Delois Blakely, an influential figure in Harlem who has been recognized for her social justice work in the community.

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