



Fine Netsuke & Sagemono (NE1021)

Fri, 29th Oct 2021

Lot 66

Starting price: €1000

Estimate: €2000

¥ AN OSAKA SCHOOL IVORY NETSUKE OF AN ONI TRAPPING SHOKI, ATTRIBUTED TO HIDEMASA

Attributed to Hidemasa, unsigned

Japan, Osaka, first half of 19th century, Edo period (1615-1868)

Finely carved as an oni pressing down against Shoki's large straw hat, the demon hunter visible underneath, amusingly flattened and looking defeated, his sword drawn and piercing through the hat but missing its mark, the oni grinning smugly as a result. The details are well-carved throughout and Shoki's eyes are inlaid in dark lustrous horn. The ivory bearing a fine and warm patina. Himotoshi underneath.

LENGTH 4.2 cm

Condition: Good condition with minor surface wear and natural age cracks. Some old tiny chips along the edge of the hat.

Provenance: French private collection.

Literature comparison:

A similar netsuke, by Hidemasa and signed Hide, depicting an oni on Shoki's hat, is illustrated in Meinertzhagen, Frederick / Lazarnick, George (1986) MCI, Part A, p. 139.