



Fine Netsuke & Sagemono (NE1021)

Fri, 29th Oct 2021

Lot 102

Starting price: €1000

Estimate: €2000

GYOKUSAI: A FINE WOOD SHUNGA NETSUKE OF MAN ON HAMAGURI CLAM

By Gyokusai, signed Gyokusai 玉哉

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

Gyokusai is credited as the originator of this humorous netsuke parody of the seduction of feminine wiles. Here the hapless male is caught by his fundoshi within the lips of a clam, the Japanese archetypal symbol of the female sex. Well-carved, the surface finely patinated. Himotoshi and signature GYOKUSAI underneath.

HEIGHT 4 cm

Condition: Excellent condition, minor surface wear.

Provenance: US private collection, Florida.