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MALE MINGQI SPIRIT ATTENDANT

\$480

Unknown • China • Ceramic • Collection #CESB042

W: 2.0" D: 1.25" H: 8.5"

Molded of earthenware, this petite sculpture is a type of centuries-old burial figurine known as míngqì. Such model figures were placed in tombs of individuals with high status to ensure a safe journey to the afterlife. Meant to depict the pleasures of daily life, common burial figures were warriors, dancers, male and female figures and animals.

This míngqì is of a male attendant dressed in a long gown, hands folded in front and topped by a towering coiffure or headdress. The sculpture is coated with a pale glaze and has now weathered from age, revealing the original ceramic form. Continued...



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The figure's head has broken off and has been re-adhered.



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