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NETSUKE OF ASHINAGA AND TENAGA.

Origin: Japan.

Date: 18th c.

Technique: Ivory, on the back with amber yellow patina. Eyes of the octopus inlaid with dark horn.

Description: Ashinaga carries Tenaga on his back and the latter holds an octopus with his long arms, which has its tentacles wrapped around Ashinaga's right leg. Both are dressed in loincloths, their hair and beard engraved with fine lines rubbed out in black. While Tenaga has straight hair, that of Ashinaga is curled.

Measurement: H.9cm.

Condition A/B.

Provenance:

-German private collection.

-Acquired at Sotheby's "Japanese Works of Art" 20th June 2002, lot 466.

Literature:

-J. Earle: Netsuke: Fantasy and Reality in Japanese Miniature Sculpture. 2002. Comp. P.59, No. 24.

Estimate: 1.200 € - 1.500 €; Hammer: 950 €
