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Minogame - Antique Japanese Silver-inlaid Bronze Turtle, Meiji Period, 1868-1912

225 EUR



Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Bronze

Length : 11 cm

Height : 4 cm

Description

The Minogame (??) is a turtle in Japanese culture. Some Minogame are said to live up to 10,000 years. The most famous Minogame is from the legend of Urashima Taro. Urashima Taro legend It was a normal day, when Taro sees a group of kids hurting a turtle on a beach. Taro runs to rescue the turtle and releases it to the ocean. The next day Taro walks down the beach and a Minogame pops out of the ocean, and says that Taro saved the daughter of the emperor of the sea (Ryujin), and says that the emperor wants to see and thank Taro. The Minogame magically gives Taro gills and takes him to the bottom of the sea where they enter the Palace of the Dragon god. Taro meets the emperor and the turtle, who is now a beautiful princess. Taro stays there for 3 days, but when it's time to leave the princess gives him a mysterious

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box (tamatebako). She says that the box would protect him from harm but he can't open it. When Taro gets back, everything is different. His home is gone, his mom has vanished, and everything and everyone he knew is gone. He asks a man that is near him, "Do you know any one who is called Urashima Taro?" The man says, "I have heard that a man named that vanished into the sea long ago." Taro discovers that 300 years have passed since he left. Taro gets angry and opens the box, and then he suddenly grows older and hears the voice of the Princess from the ocean. "I told you to not open the box. In it was your age."

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Condition - Good
condition
Measurement - Height 4cm Length 11 cm
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