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Venetian School, Late 18th Century - Hercules Vanquishing A Drakaina



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Signature : Entourage De Giovanni Domenico Tiepolo (venise
1727 - Madrid 1804)

Period : 18th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Paper

Length : 23,5

Width : 18,5

Description

Venetian School, late 18th century

Hercules Vanquishing a Drakaina

Pen and dark-brown ink with grey wash on laid
paper

23.5 × 18.5 cm (oval)

Provenance

Private collection, France

In this small cabinet oval, Hercules raises his club
and crushes a hybrid monster--half woman, half
serpent--an exceptionally rare iconography that
departs from the usual depictions of the Hydra or
Antaeus. The deliberately broken outline, the
broad grey washes, and the foliage sketched in
quick looping strokes link the sheet to the
Venetian decorative manner of the 1780s, close to
the circle of Giuseppe Bernardino Bison, a late
heir to the Tiepolo style. The rarity of the subject,

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the freshness of the wash, and the intimate format make this drawing a valuable witness to Venetian mythological inventiveness on the eve of the 19th century.