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Neoclassical School (c. 1800) - "oh, Wretched Phaeton!"



3 200 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Oil painting

Description

- Oil on canvas. Original canvas.- O wretched Phaeton, that presumptuous youth whose blind ambition dared to claim the reins of the Sun God himself. Contemplate the tragic beauty of this neoclassical painting, in which the rigor of Enlightenment reason barely manages to stifle the tragic breath of a rediscovered mythology: there stands the young charioteer, standing upon the golden chariot, enveloped in a halo of solar radiance and escorted by the genii of the ether. But this serene, almost statuesque posture is merely the moment before the abyss, the fragile calm that precedes the cataclysm. A victim of audacity born of inexperience and that unconscious recklessness characteristic of imprudent youth, Phaeton believed he had the strength to tame the frenzied race of the divine

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steeds, unaware that the sun's fire demands the
hand of a god and not the vain whim of a mortal.
The insolent beauty is still unaware that the reins
he holds so proudly today will slip from his grasp
tomorrow, that the heavens will plunge into
chaos, and that his tragic fate--plunged into the
abyss of the Eridanus by Jupiter's vengeful
lightning -- will remain etched forever as the
most striking and searing lesson on human
hubris.- Dimensions of the unframed artwork: 72
x 85 cm / 86 x 99 cm with an exclusive,
custom-made frame.