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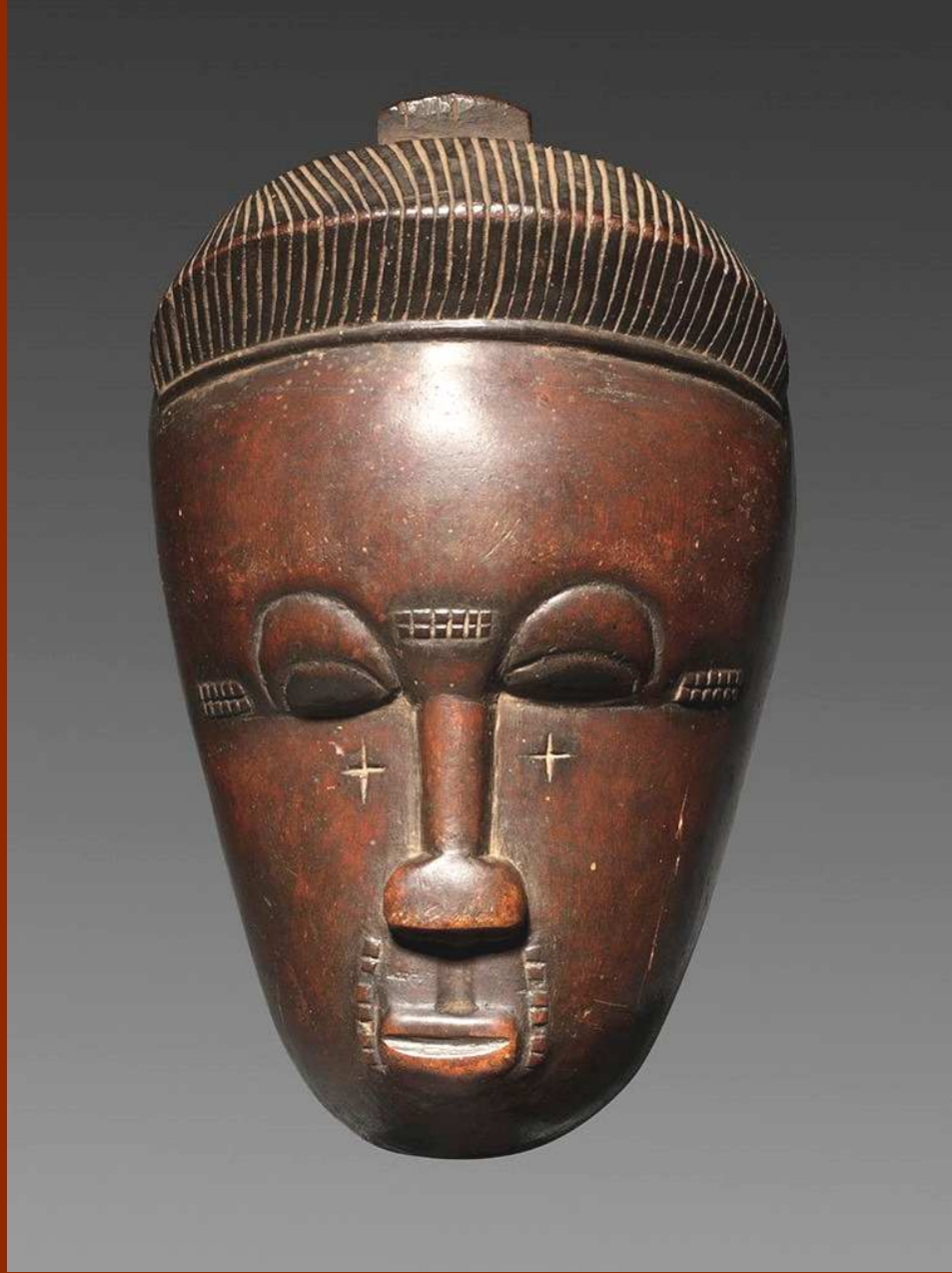
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Fiera Bergamo
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Stand n. 9
Padiglione A

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works



Djennenke

176Y

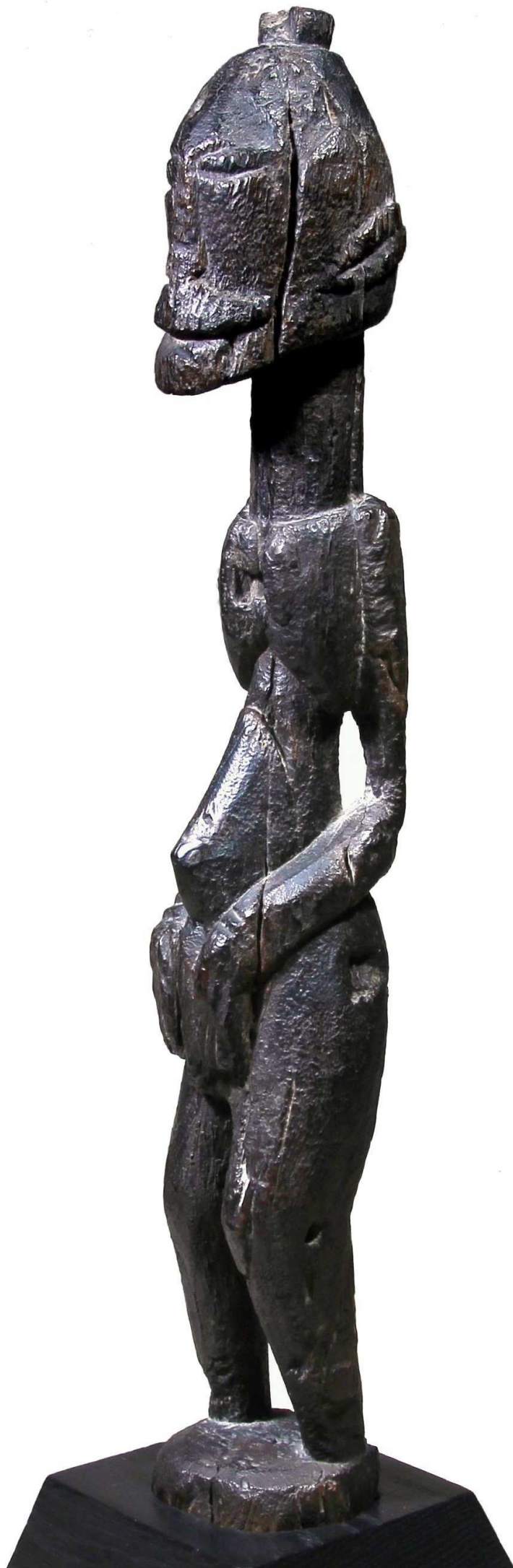
Large hermaphrodite figure.

14th / 15th century.
1380 - 1440 A.D. circa.
Radiocarbon C14.

H. cm. 51

Kevin Conru, London, Brussels.
Alfons Bermel, Berlin.
Stefan Herzog, Munich.
Adrian Schlag, Brussels.







Niongom / Bombou-Toro

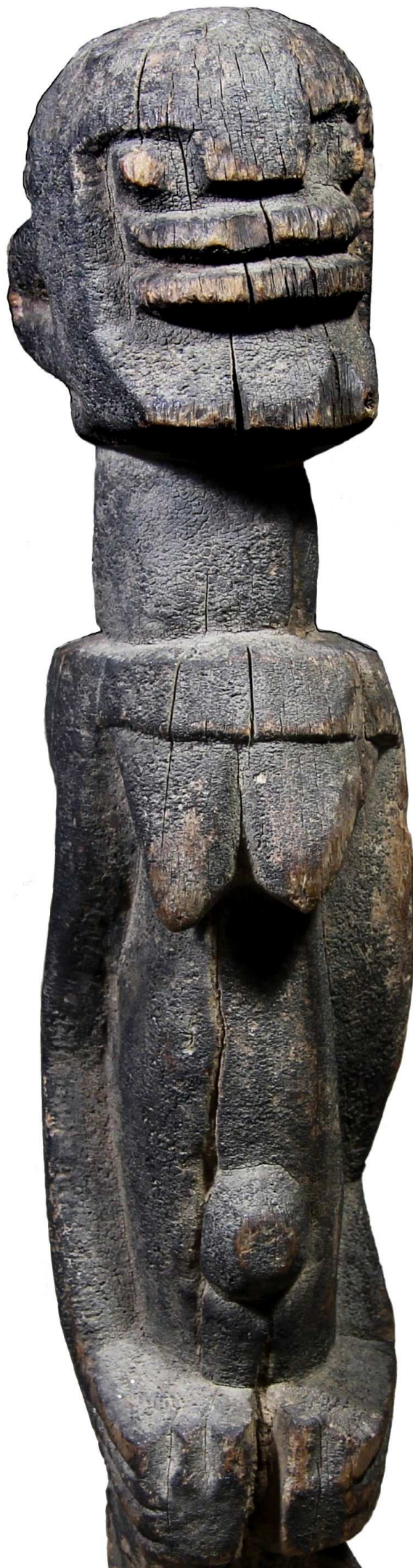
168Y

Very rare hermaphrodite
figure depicting
the *nommo*.

17th / early 20th century.
1680 /1935 A.D.
Radiocarbon C14.

H. cm. 40,5

*Collected, in Mali, by Pierre
Langlois, in the early 1950's.
French private collection
purchased at Langlois, in
Lille, in the 1950's.*





Dogon, Southern Nduleri

162Y

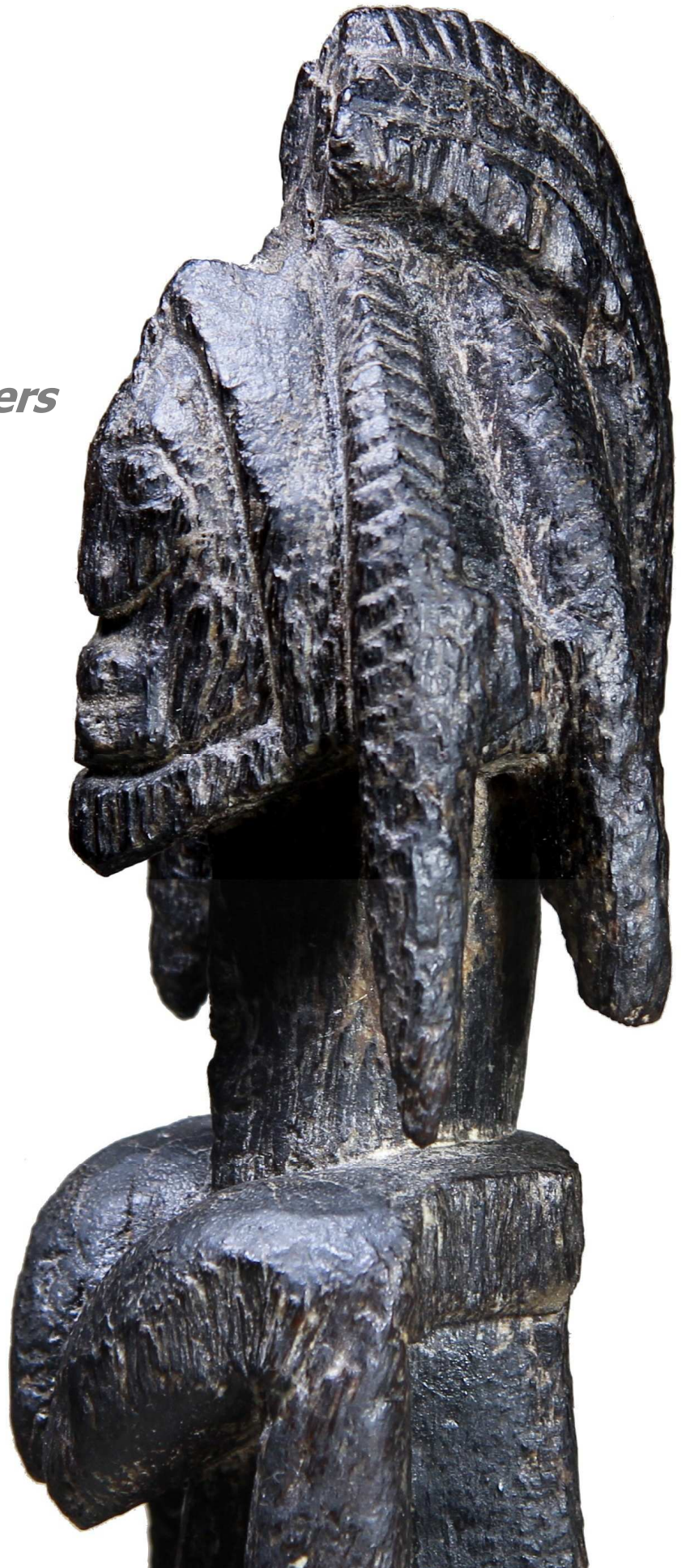
Very rare hermaphrodite figure for the cult of the sacrificed chameleon.

Workshop of the Masters of braided hairstyles
(Beppe Berna).

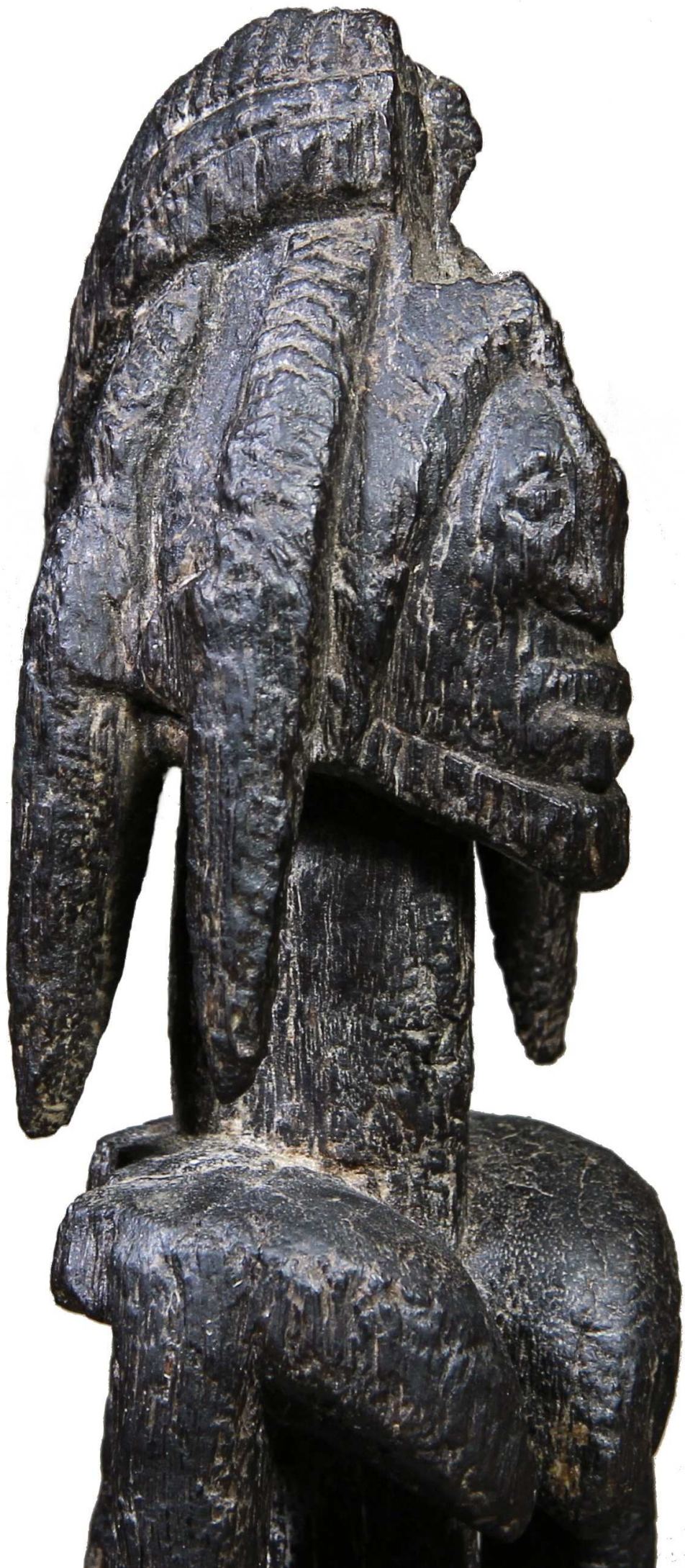
Late 19th / early 20th century.

H. cm. 41

Old Belgian collection.
Olivier Castellano, Paris.









Baule

169Y

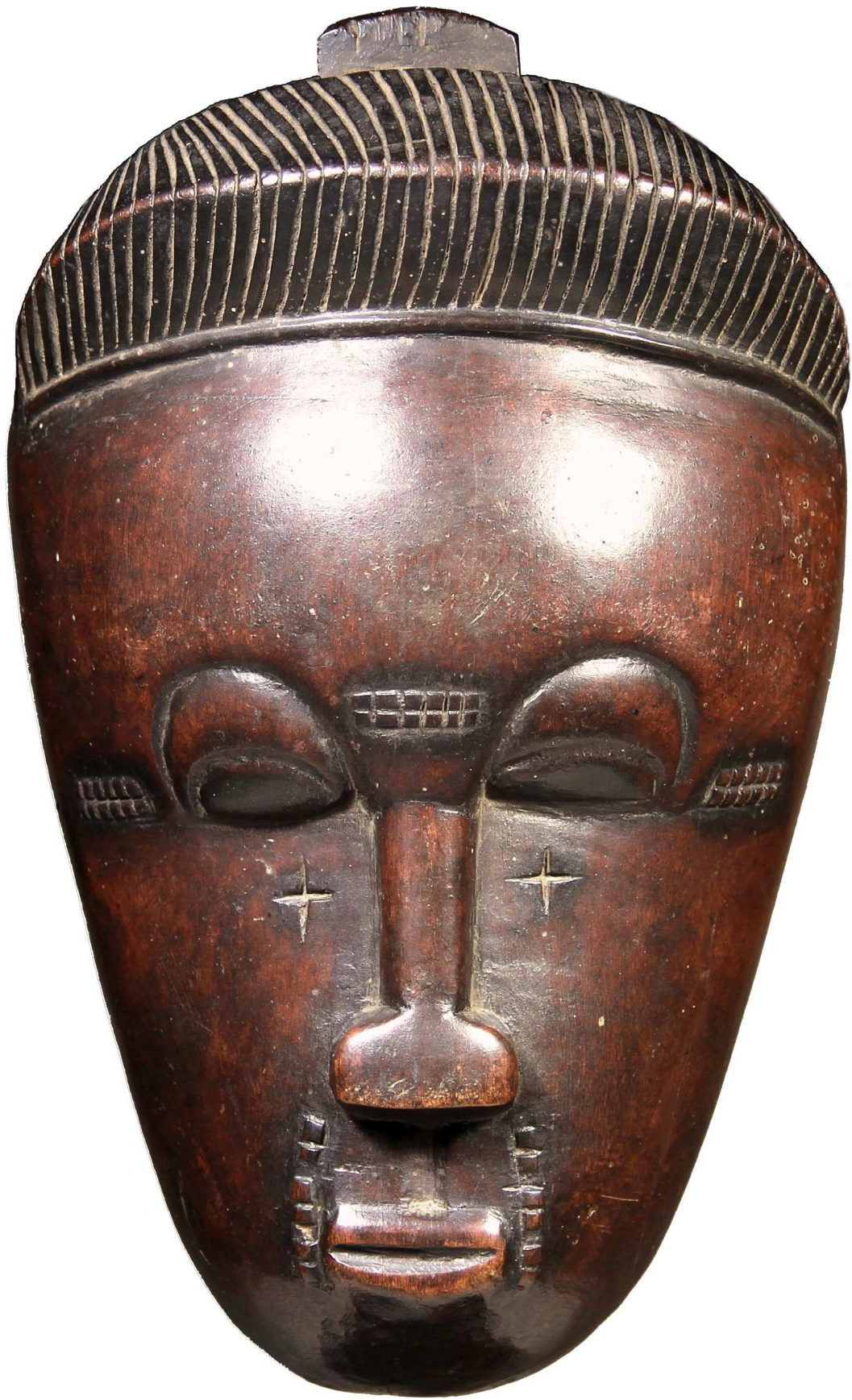
Superb *mblo*
'portrait' mask.

Late 19th / early
20th century.

H. cm. 21,5

*Emile Storrer (1917-
1989), Zurich.
French private
collection.*

*Mercedes and David
Serra, Barcelona.*





Senufo, Sikasso Region

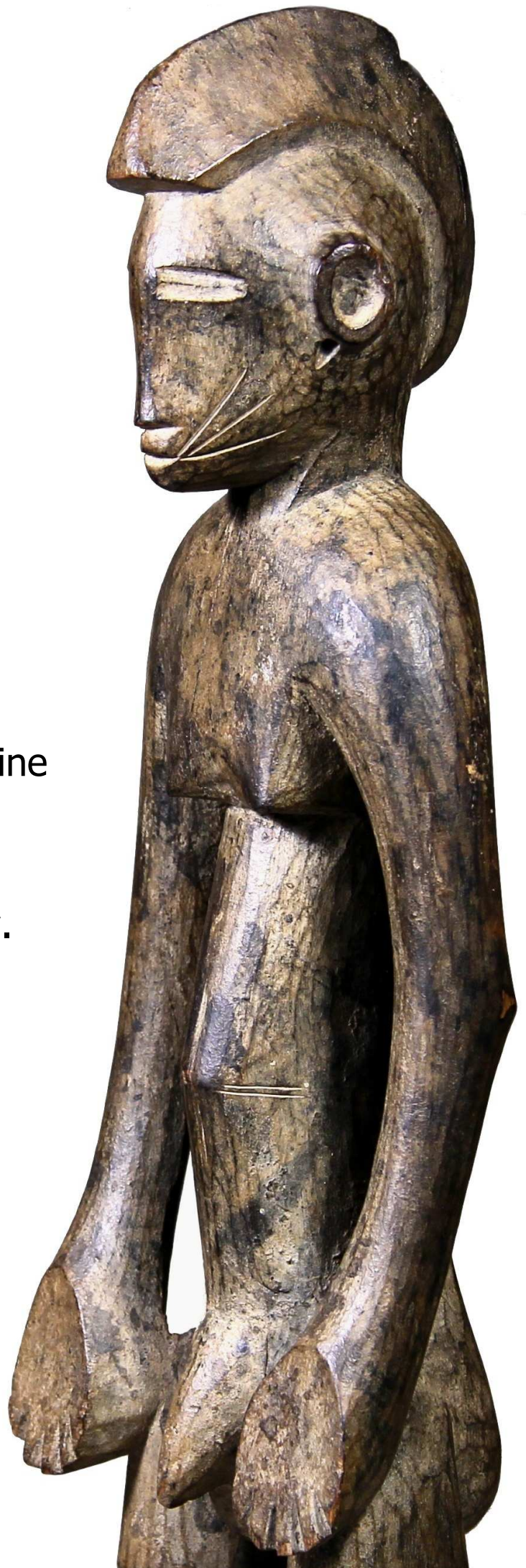
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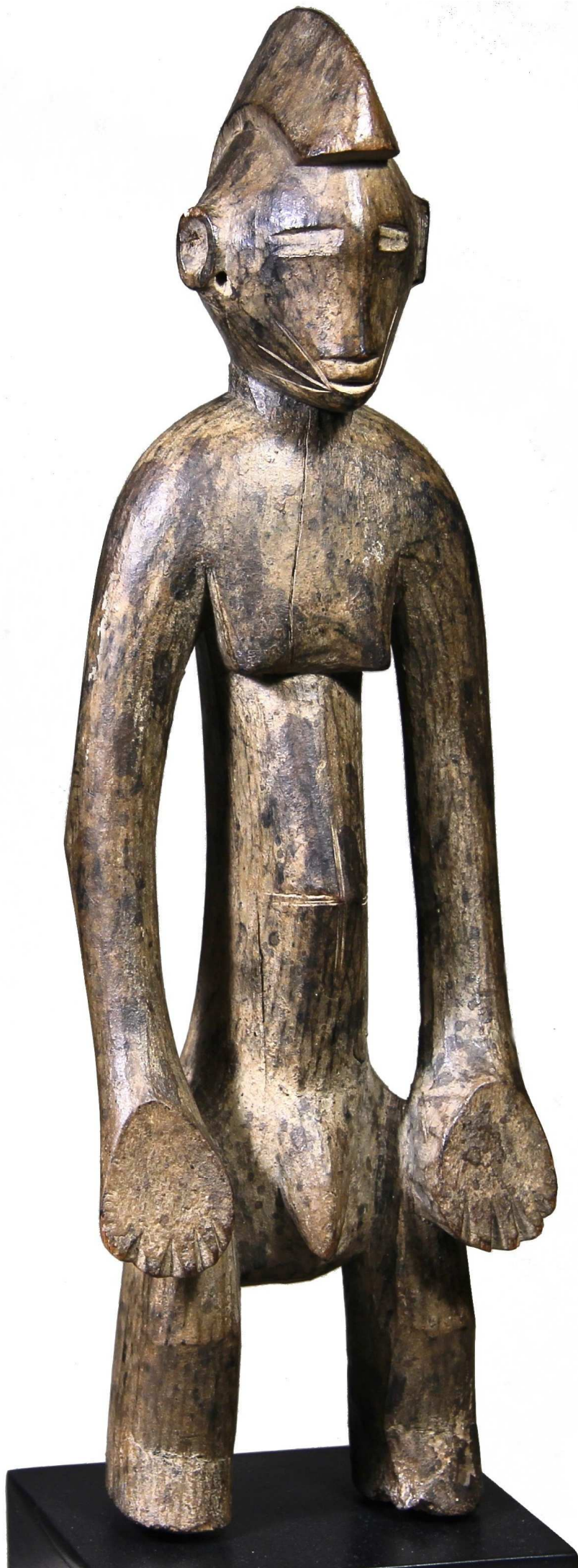
Superb *Tugubele* male figurine
of the “**Workshop of flat
hands**” (Beppe Berna).

Late 19th / early 20th century.

H. cm. 30,5

*Old collection (Southern France).
Olivier Castellano, Paris.*









**Southern Senufo,
between Boundiali
and Korhogo**

181Y

Tugubele male figurine.

1900 / 1930.

H. cm. 31,5

*Old English collection.
Spanish private collection.*







Senufo, Boundiali Region

166Y

Rare and exceptional
tefalapica ritual staff by the
“Master of the mask of the
Cleveland Museum”
(Beppe Berna).

Early 20th century.

H. cm. 17,5 (figure)
H. cm. 99

*American private collection.
Spanish private collection.*







Dan Kran

171Y

Very rare *bugle – dugle* mask.

H. cm. 22

*Hayden and Odette Wailing collection,
collected in Liberia between 1952 and 1954.*

Olivier Castellano, Paris.





Mochica IV

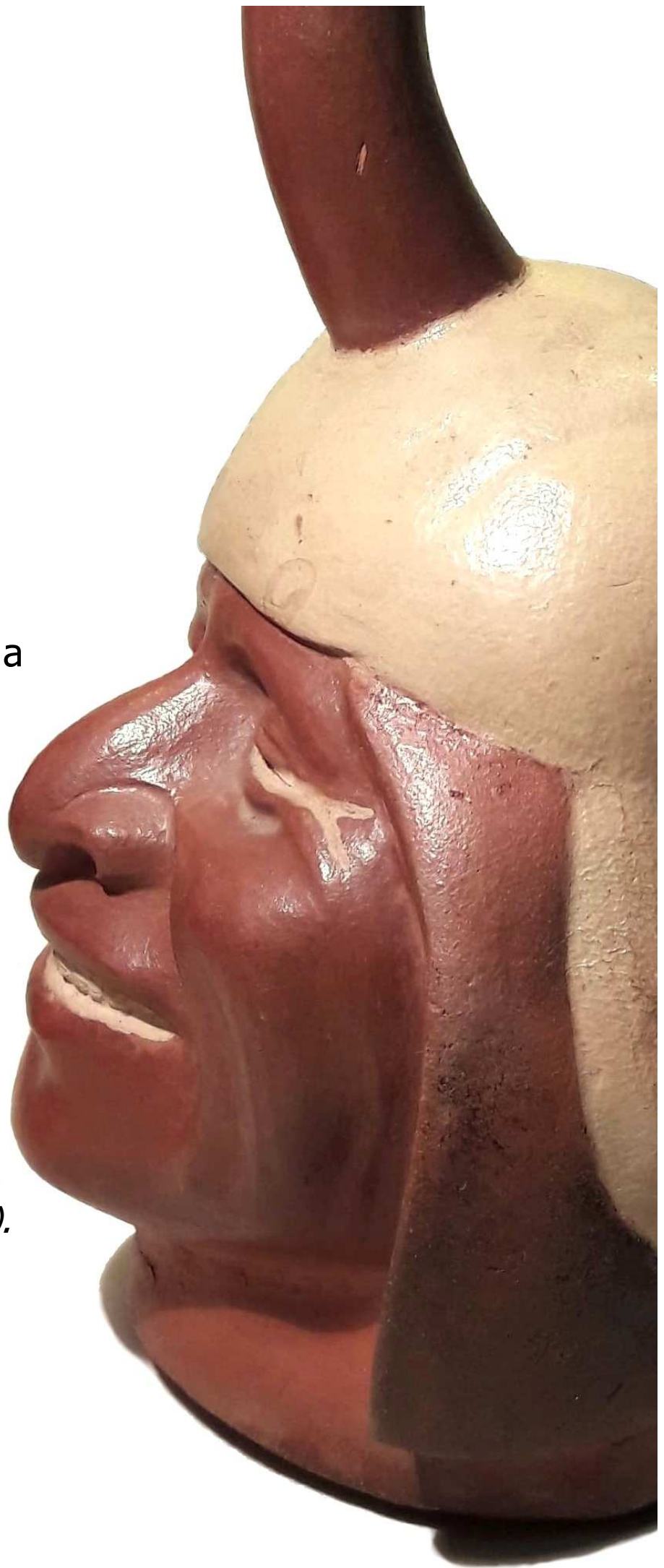
148Y (1015)

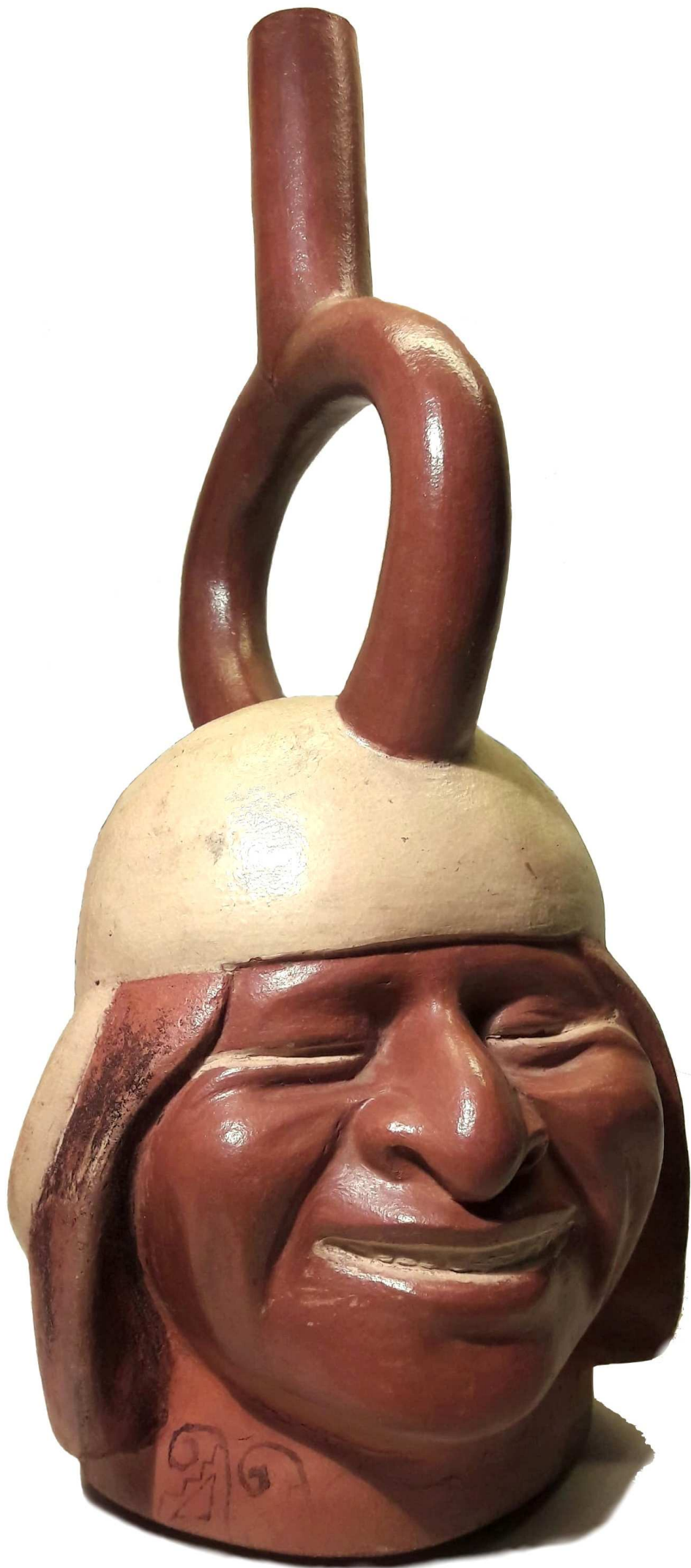
Superb vase portrait of a
sonriente dignitary.
Intact.

450/550 A.D.
Thermoluminescence
test.

H. cm. 27,5

*From the collection of a
French nobleman (1950's).
Berna Family Collection
until the late 1980's.
Denise and Beppe Berna,
Bologna (until 1992).
Italian private collections.*







Baule

179Y

Blolo bla by the **Master of the Baule Monti** (Beppe Berna).

Late 19th / early 20th century.

H. cm. 26

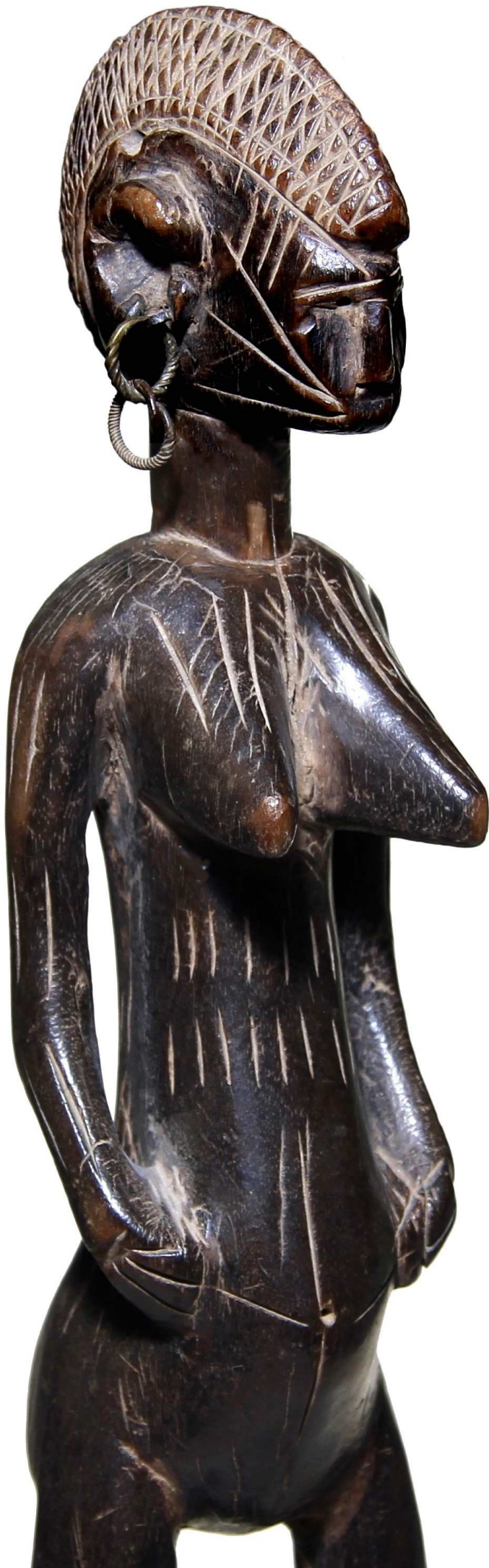
*Kurt Schindler, Mühlhausen.
Lucien Van de Velde, Antwerp (since
1980).
Private collection, Paris.*

*Publication:
"Miroirs de l'invisible: la statuaire
baoulé", Alain-Michel Boyer, Arts
d'Afrique Noire n. 44/45, 1982/1983,
pag. 27, second part.*









Mossi

178Y

Very rare female
figure *ninana*.

Early 20th century.

H. cm. 39,5

*Hélène Leloup, Paris.
Private collection, Paris.*







Kongo Vili

180Y

Magic - religious
nkisi statuette.

Late 19th / early 20th
century.

H. cm. 18,5

Old Spanish collection.





Dayak

183Q

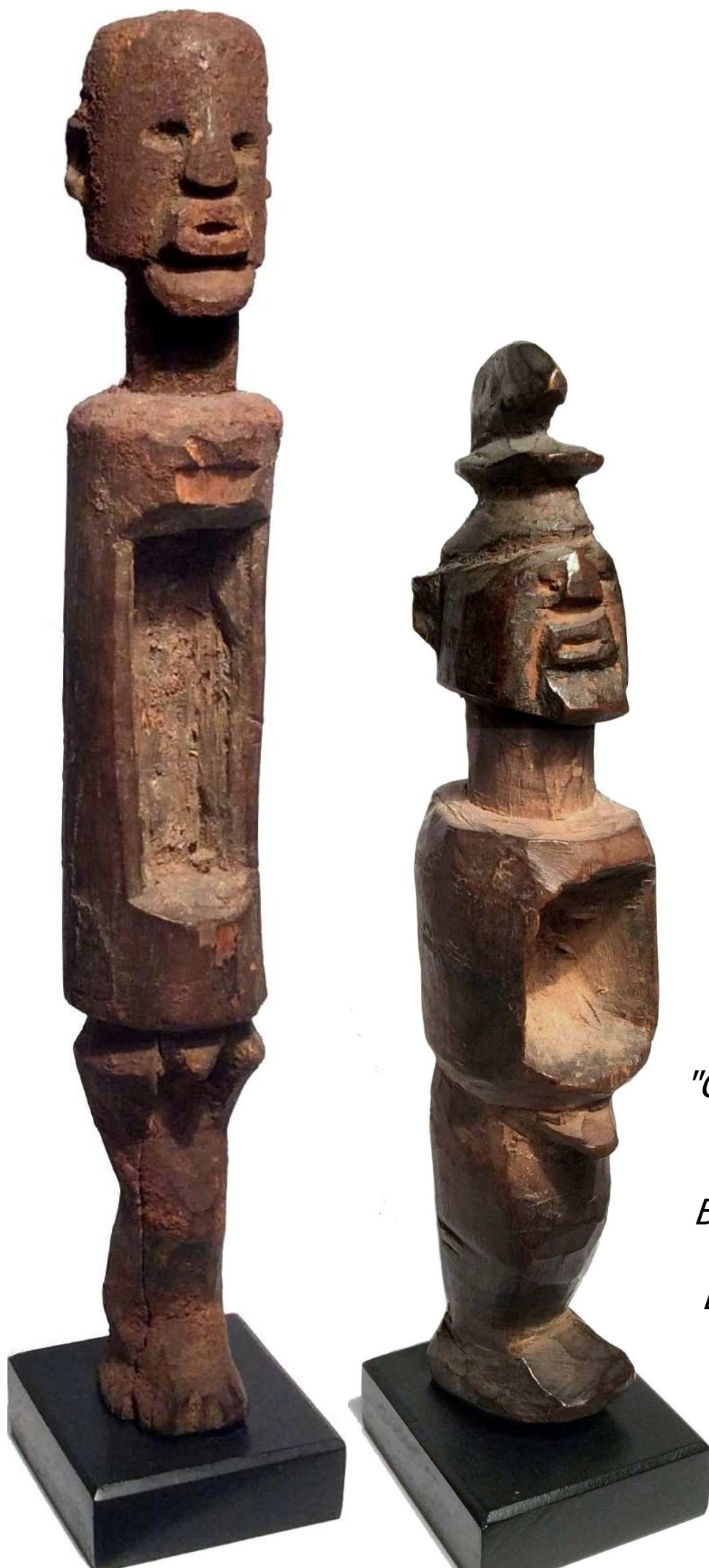
Container for medicinal leaves.

H. cm. 29,2

*Angelo Attilio Attili, Parma.
Denise and Beppe Berna, Bologna,
in the early 1980's.*







Teke

149 / 150

Magical figures for
hunting.

Late 19th / early 20th
century.

H. cm. 15,5 e 12

*Collected (verbal
declaration of his family)
by a member of the
"Croisiere noire Expédition
Citröen Centre-Afrique,
1924 – 1925".
Bernard Dulon and Olivier
Klejman, 1979.
Denise and Beppe Berna,
since 1979.*



Lari

519

Nkuomi magical figure for hunting.

Late 19th / early 20th century.

H. cm. 9

Collected (verbal declaration of his family) by a member of the "Croisiere noire Expédition Citroën Centre-Afrique, 1924 – 1925". Bernard Dulon and Olivier Klejman, 1979. Denise and Beppe Berna, since 1979.

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... *the shape*

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Egyptian vases, 3000/1314 B.C.

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