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## AN EXCEPTIONAL & HIGHLY RARE EROTIC 'SPRING PALACE' SNUFF BOTTLE Daoguang Period (c. 1840)

Price

**GBP 3,500**

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**Item Reference: SA1209519****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 7.1 cm (2.8")

## Description

AN EXCEPTIONAL & HIGHLY RARE EROTIC 'SPRING PALACE' SNUFF BOTTLE Featuring Moulded Relief Ornamentation – Daoguang Period (c. 1840) Dimensions: 7.1 cm (Height) | 64.5 g (Mass) Region: Imperial-quality Civilian Kilns, Jingdezhen This is a remarkable survival of mid-19th-century Chinese "hidden" art. While many snuff bottles feature benign landscapes, this specimen belongs to a strictly limited tradition of erotic porcelain produced for the private amusement of the Qing Dynasty elite. The Rarity of the Subject The "Mating" Scene: The bottle features a candid and masterfully hand-painted erotic encounter. In the 1840s, such subject matter was considered "underground." Owning a piece that combines this explicit narrative with complex moulded relief is incredibly rare; usually, one would sacrifice texture for the painting, but this bottle offers both. Artistic Detail: Unlike later "tourist" reproductions, the figures here possess distinct facial expressions and anatomical "life." The use of the double-line technique on the faces and the layered cobalt wash on the garden furniture elevates this from a mere novelty to a genuine piece of fine art. Advanced Sculptural Featu...

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