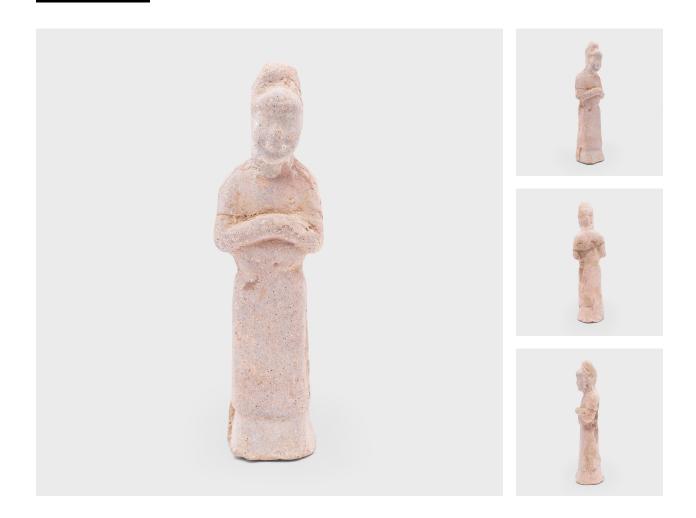
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## MALE MINGQI SPIRIT ATTENDANT

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Unknown • China • Ceramic • Collection #CESB047 W: 3.0" D: 2.5" H: 10.25"

Molded of earthenware, this petite sculpture is a type of centuries-old burial figurine known as míngqì. Such model figures were placed in tombs of individuals with high status to ensure a safe journey to the afterlife. Meant to depict the pleasures of daily life, common burial figures were warriors, dancers, male and female figures and animals.

This míngqì is of a male attendant dressed in a long gown, hands folded in front and topped by a towering coiffure or headdress. The sculpture is coated with a pale glaze and has now weathered from age, revealing the original ceramic form.