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"LOTUS POD BOYS" FOLK PAINTED PANEL

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c. 1850 • Northern China, China • Ink • Collection #M084D

W: 28.0" D: 1.25" H: 15.0"

This folk hand-painted panel, laden with meaning, was once an interior panel of a large cabinet. The whimsical boys are dressed in traditional aprons. One is holding a lotus pod, which represents a parent's wish for "the heavenly powers to send a son." Most children depicted in Chinese art are boys. Prior to 1949, only male heirs could inherit their parent's lands and perform ancestral rights that were very important in Chinese households. We acquired this from a large collection of painted panels found outside of Beijing.



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