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A RARE AND SUPERBLY CARVED LOANGO IVORY TUSK FROM THE KONGO OR VILLI PEOPLES , LOANGO COAST , ANGOLA
OUTSTANDINGLY CARVED WITH THE UNUSUAL IMAGERY OF ANIMALS , ANTHROPOMORPHIC FIGURES AND CARICATURES
OF COLONIALS THIS IMPRESSIVE TUSK IS WORKED IN A MARKEDLY DIFFERENT STYLE FROM THOSE DEPICTING THE
MORE USUAL TRADING ACTIVITIES THAT TOOK PLACE ALONG THE LOANGO COAST IN THE 19 TH CENTURY . IT IS POSSIBLE
THAT THESE IMAGES WERE COPIED FROM A CONTEMPORARY EUROPEAN PRINT OR BOOK AS MANY EARLIER
PORTUGUESE COLONIAL IVORY CARVINGS WERE , AND THE TUSK MAY HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY COMMISSIONED BY A
COLONIALIST RETURNING HOME .