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CONSISTING OF ONE LARGE AND SIX SMALLER MINIATURE PAINTINGS
EARLY 17TH CENTURY
SIZE: 7.5CM HIGH, 13CM WIDE – 3 INS HIGH, 5 INS WIDE (MAX.)
TWO: 3.5CM HIGH, 8CM WIDE – 1¼ INS HIGH, 3 INS WIDE
FOUR: 3.5CM HIGH, 6CM WIDE – 1¼ INS HIGH, 2¼ INS WIDE

LITERATURE

THESE GOUACHE ARE MOST PROBABLY FROM A SMALL TABLE CABINET OF ARCHITECTURAL FORM, MANY OF WHICH WERE PRODUCED IN THE EARLY 17TH CENTURY. OFTEN MADE OF JET-BLACK EBONY, THEN CONSIDERED AN EXOTIC WOOD, THE CABINETS WOULD HAVE PANELS OF PIETRE DURE, CARVED IVORY OR OF PAINTED SCENES SUCH AS THESE. THEY WOULD PROVIDE A TALKING POINT WHEN PLACED BY A COLLECTOR UPON A TABLE.