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THIS WELL CARVED SOLID MODEL OF A BIRD REPRESENTS THE LEGEND OF THE 'TONGUE-CUT-SPARROW' AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE AS A JAPANESE SYMBOL OF GOOD FORTUNE RESTS ON THE HOMONYM 'FUKU' WHICH MEANS BOTH GOOD LUCK AND TO SWELL UP.

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