

**Development Luristan Finials  
Master of Animals Without Chicken Heads**

**Early Master of Animals Without Chicken**



Timeline  
2019



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Galeris Hafner



A rather unusual one. It is actually a pinhead and not a finial.

The figure looks female but that is because of what we perceive as hairdo. In reality those locks are what has been left of the ears the beasts are always after-

There are, however, a few females among the masters as indicted by breasts.



## Master of Animals With Chicken Heads



The first two examples show the typical chicken heads but also a cow or a goat. All domesticated animals, in other words. The cow is also strangling the beast and the men's ears are best heads. There are many additional heads and the whole thing looks overdone, Possibly a fake?

The following master of animals finials were collected over some time and their origin is often obscure (e.g. from Pinterest without a source). May be from auctions, quite a few from the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA), the Museum of Fine Arts (MOA) Boston, or the Metropolitan Museum New York.

In contrast to my usual practice I have included a few pictures that are less than crisp (like the one with the sheep on the left).



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