ETRUSCAN ALABASTER SARCOPHAGUS

As shown by the figure on the cover and by the inscription: Larthi, Marcnei, this sarcophagus belonged to a woman. The head and right arm of the sculptured figure have been at some time violently removed, partly by sawing, partly by breaking. The pendants of the necklace have also been split off. On the front of the coffin are three marine monsters and at the left an object and obscure interpretation, possibly a door (to the underworld?).

An inscription identical with the one on this sarcophagus is reported on an alabaster urn from Chiusi ("Corpus inscriptionum etrus= carum," No. 1306).

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