

DWARFS

In ancient times, dwarfs were noted in China for their wit and sagacity, and were frequently employed as jesters and court-fools. The figurine in the middle is a decidedly negroid type, as shown by his flat glabella and broad nose. Negritos from the Malay Peninsula were traded to China as slaves, and even Negroes were brought from the Somali coast by the Arabs. The figurine on the right is a female dwarf.

HONAN PROVINCE

T'ang Period

neg. 35886 (same arrangement as exhibits)

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