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Luristan Bronze Dagger



An ancient Luristan bronze dagger with elongated triangular blade embedded in a bifurcated openwork hilt with disk pommel.

Ca. 1500 - 800 BC.
Length: 10 1/4 in. (26 cm).

Luristan objects, including impressive and numerous decorative bronze horse trappings and weapons, are found mainly in western Persia. Luristan artifacts are most likely the work of the ancient Medes, an Indo-European group that eventually dominated Persia.

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