

Sketch for 'Innocence' - pen and ink with gouache by Thomas Cooper Gotch (1854 - 1931)

£1,450



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Height: 40.5 cm (15.9")

Width: 33.5 cm (13.2")

Description

Depicting a child encircled by a dragon. 'Innocence' is a portrait of Gotch's daughter, Phyllis Maureen Gotch (later Marquise de Verdieres), 'standing alone and unafraid in the innermost, horriddest home of the Dragon, called the World, who is powerless against her innocence'. She was often the model for his colourful depictions of young girls. Other studies by Gotch of this subject were titled 'The Child in the World'.

Signed 'T.C.G.' lower left.

England, circa 1900

Gotch trained at Heatherley's Art School before entering the Slade in 1879. He moved to Newlyn in 1887 and became a leading figure amongst the core Newlyn School painters, soon abandoning their 'rural realist' narrative painting style for a more stylised 'Pre-Raphaelite' approach.

His work has been exhibited at the Royal Academy, Royal College of Art and the Paris Salon, and is held in public and private collections worldwide.