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## Rare cast iron statuette of a boy on the beach, by Kasli, dated 1982.

Stands 9 ½" tall, the plinth is of an irregular shape, approx. 3 ½" x 3 ½". As light as the statuette looks, it weighs almost 3 lbs. 8 oz. The artwork is by sculptor V. Murashov who entitled it "Too Long in the Water", depicting a boy hurriedly pulling his pants back on to warm up after spending too much time in cold water. The statuette is listed on p. 190 of Cast Iron Casting (1920 - 2009) by A. Zak, with the rarity rating of 2 (1 being the most rare). There is a raised maker's mark and year on the bottom of the plinth.

In excellent condition. There is very minimal deterioration of the black coating (called "Dutch soot" by the Kasli masters) on the right side of the statuette, mostly in its lower part. It is slightly more prominent on the plinth but none of it is really detractive. The screw fastening the statuette to the plinth is very tight.

Kasli was, and remains, one of the finest manufacturers of cast decorative works in Russia and survived from Imperial times through the Soviet Era to today. The Kasli Factory of Architectural and Artistic Casting, as it is now called, is located in the city of Chelyabinsk in the Urals Region of Russian Federation.

Please note that the penny in our photo is for size reference.

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