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This large ceramic pot, excavated from an ancient disposal pit in Igbo-Ukwu, Nigeria, showcases the artistry of the Igbo people. The pot, measuring 40.6 cm in height, features handles designed to resemble basketwork, while the space between the handles is adorned with intricate motifs. These include two snakes, a ram's head, and a chameleon, reflecting the cultural and symbolic significance of these animals. This artifact represents the Igbo people's advanced craftsmanship and their ability to combine functionality with artistic expression. It is preserved at the National Museum, Lagos, as a testament to Nigeria's rich cultural history.

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