

Magical gem-cameo: Portrait of Commodus (A) Anguipes (B)

Cbd-Number	Cbd-1436
ID-Number	US-NY-MMA-ESDA_38.150.15
Collection	US_New York, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Department of European Sculpture and Decorative Arts
Inventory	38.150.15
Former Collections	Marlborough Collection; Weil, Milton Collection
Material	onyx (banded)
Dimensions	63 x 51 mm
Dating	16th c. Anguipes, cock-headed; weapon: armour; weapon: shield; whip; portrait, Commodus
Iconography	



Credits:
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A: Frontal view of a cock-headed Anguipes in armour, head to left. Right hand raised high and holding a whip, left hand hid behind a round shield. Inscription around the edge, beginning at bottom left: αρδου γενναι ωδεμενι βασιλισκωσ (*pace* Boardman: βασιλισκωι) → Greek text?
B: Portrait of Commodus (MMA website: Marcus Aurelius).

Bibliography

[Draper 2008](#), 25, no. 46.

[Boardman 2009](#), 63, no. 77.

[The Metropolitan Museum Collections website on Cbd-1436](#)

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