Magical gem in a mount: Lion-headed figure with the head of Medusa, voces (A) Anguipes, voces (B) various figures (C)

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References	Michel, DMG, no. 28.11_4; Mastrocinque, SGG II, no. Fi 44
Material	jasper, green to black
Dimensions	32 x 24.1 x 5 mm
Iconography	figure, lion-headed; figure, donkey-headed; figures, unidentified (3); whip; weapon: shield; weapon: armour; Anguipes, cock- headed; snake; scarab; Gorgoneion; weapon: dagger; clothing: kilt; tabula ansata; torch
Divine Names & Voces	Άβλαναθαναλβα, palindrome; voces, unidentified; δαρυγκω, variants



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Description: Upright oval, both faces flat. Shape 8-9. Green jasper. Chipped on the edge. A: Lion-headed figure in a kilt, with a snake around the neck, coiling down on the left. He stands on a tabula ansata, holding a dagger in his right hand and the head of Medusa in his left hand. To the left of the figure: a scarab, crawling to top. Inscription in the tabula ansata: τιχιαυ, above it: υβι. Around the figure: ι ινιι λ αυγ αα \rightarrow unidentified voces. Along the edge: σημαι ακαντευκοντευκ[---]γευκεριδευδαρυνκωλυκυξ \rightarrow voces including δαρυγκω.

B: Cock-headed Anguipes wearing an armour, with a whip in the right hand and a round shield in the left hand. Greek inscription in the free field: $\nu|\iota\omega\alpha \eta\iota\alpha \gamma\iota|\nu$ characteres $|\alpha\beta\lambda\alpha\nu\alpha\theta|\alpha\nu\alpha\lambda\beta|\alpha \rightarrow \nu\alpha$ vocales and voces including the $\lambda\beta\lambda\alpha\nu\alpha\theta\alpha\nu\alpha\lambda\beta\alpha$ -palindrome.

C: Snake, unspecified figure with raised arms, scarab, donkey-headed figure with dagger and snake-like tail, unidentified figure with raised right hand, torch, unidentified figure.

Bibliography

<u>Michel, DMG</u>, 28.11_4. <u>SGG II</u>, 49–50, Fi 43.

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