

# Magical gem: Caracteres in Ouroboros (A) walking lion (B)

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<b>References</b>	Michel, BM, no. 255; Michel, DMG, no. 28.13.b_3
<b>Former Collections</b>	Praun and Mertens Collection; Eastwood, George
<b>Material</b>	carnelian (colour unspecified)
<b>Dimensions</b>	24 x 29 x 7 mm
<b>Dating</b>	17th c. AD (Michel)
<b>Iconography</b>	animal: lion; stars (2); Ouroboros



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A: Caracteres in five lines, enclosed by an Ouroboros decorated with zigzag motif.  
B: Lion striding to left. In the free field above and to the left: two eight-pointed stars.  
Based on the differences in the style of engraving, S. Michel has raised the possibility of the two sides having been created by two different stone-cutters.

## Bibliography

[Michel, BM on CBd-653](#)

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