

## Magical gem: Griffin (A) Greek letters (B)

<b>CBd-Number</b>	CBd-685
<b>ID-Number</b>	GB-BM-MMEu_G 36, EA 56036
<b>Collection</b>	GB_London, The British Museum
<b>Inventory</b>	G 36 (EA 56036)
<b>References</b>	Michel, BM, no. 299; Michel, DMG, no. 40.2_4
<b>Material</b>	rock crystal
<b>Dimensions</b>	36 x 55 x 7.5 mm
<b>Dating</b>	16th-17th c. AD? (Michel)
<b>Iconography</b>	griffin; gesture, lying; figure, male; gesture, orant; plant: palm branch
<b>Divine Names &amp; Voces</b>	voces, unidentified



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A: Cock-headed griffin standing to left over a nude figure lying face down on the ground, arms held as in prayer. On the left, a smaller human figure standing, also nude, handing a large palm branch over to the griffin with arms raised above his head. Inscription above the griffin in one line: αραβα. On the left, in front of the griffin's beak: θυ|ωο|υ; below its belly: λε|λισ → unidentified voces.  
B: Letters in one line: ωσξ.  
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### Bibliography

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