

# Magical gem: Heracles throttling lion (A) voces, characteres (B)

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<b>Collection</b>	GB_London, The British Museum
<b>Inventory</b>	G 256 (EA 56256)
<b>References</b>	Michel, BM, no. 390; Michel, DMG, no. 23.1. b_4
<b>Former Collections</b>	Rollin & Feuardent (auction house, 1867-1953)
<b>Material</b>	jasper, green and red
<b>Dimensions</b>	23 x 18 x 3 mm
<b>Dating</b>	3rd c. AD (Michel)
<b>Iconography</b>	Heracles wrestling lion; weapon: club; animal: lion; base
<b>Divine Names &amp; Voces</b>	κκκ; κολοκερ κολοφοσειρ and variants; σκυθουορ and variants



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A: Nude figure of Heracles, in profile to right, throttling the Nemean lion, raising the animal in the air with his right hand. In the free field behind Heracles: his club resting on a pedestal. Inscription at top right, above the lion: σκυθουορ.

B: Inscription and characteres in four lines: κολοκερ|κολοπο|σιρκκκ|characteres → voces including variant of κολοκερ κολοφοσειρ, κκκ and characteres.

## Bibliography

[Michel, BM on Cbd-761](#)

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