

# Magical gem: Reaper cutting three stalks of grain (A) 'For the hips' (B)

<b>Cbd-Number</b>	Cbd-784
<b>ID-Number</b>	GB-BM-MMEu_G 227, EA 56227
<b>Collection</b>	GB_London, The British Museum
<b>Inventory</b>	G 227 (EA 56227)
<b>References</b>	Bonner, SMA D. 118; Michel, BM, no. 426; Michel, DMG, no. 47.1.a_5
<b>Former Collections</b>	Chester, Greville John (1830-1892)
<b>Material</b>	haematite (black)
<b>Dimensions</b>	20 x 24 x 4 mm
<b>Dating</b>	4th c. AD (Michel)
<b>Iconography</b>	clothing: cap; clothing: kilt; plant: tree; reaper; sickle; water hose?; shoes, unspecified; plant: stalks of grain (3)



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A: Reaper bending to right to cut grain with a sickle. He wears a kilt and a cap, shoes, upper body nude. Behind him, on the left, a tree with a water hose (?) hung on it.

B: Horizontal inscription:  $\sigma\chi\iota\omega\nu$  →  $\sigma\chi\acute{\iota}\omega\nu$ . 'For the hips'.

## Bibliography

[Bonner, SMA on Cbd-784](#)

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