

Magical gem: Caracteres, scorpion, crab (A) mummy (B)

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Collection	GB_London, The British Museum
Inventory	G 9 (EA 56009)
References	Michel, BM, no. 613; Michel, DMG, no. 39.8.b_5
Former Collections	Eastwood, George
Dimensions	42.5 x 32 x 7.5 mm
Dating	17th-18th c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	mummy; clothing: bandage; base; gesture, arms crossed; crab; scorpion; snake; star; snakes (4)



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A: In the upper segment, a large scorpion from above, crawling to top. Above, a six-pointed star; to the left, a hexagram (Michel: pentagram); to the right, a rectangular grid. In the lower segment, a large crab crawling to right. Between the two animals: one line of (Hebrew?) inscription, the second line transformed into a snake where the stone was broken.

B: Mummy standing to front on a pedestal, with snakes coiling at the feet. In the free field to the left and right of the mummy: initials or caracteres.

C: Four snakes biting each other's tails and encircling the image like an Ouroboros.

Bibliography

[Michel, BM on CBd-972](#)

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