

Magical gem: Anguipes, stars (A) Greek inscription (B)

Cbd-Number	Cbd-993
ID-Number	GB-BM-MMEu_G 61, EA 56061
Collection	GB_London, The British Museum
Inventory	G 61 (EA 56061)
References	Michel, BM, no. 634; Michel, DMG, no. 3.A.1.n_8; Chifletius-Macarius, no. III 12
Former Collections	Towneley Collection
Material	carnelian, red to brown
Dimensions	20 x 14.5 x 5 mm
Dating	17th c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	Anguipes, cock-headed; weapon: armour; weapon: shield; whip; stars (6)
Divine Names & Voces	voces, unidentified; Ἰάω, variants



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A: Frontal view of cock-headed Anguipes in armour, head in profile to right. Right hand raised and holding a whip, left hand holding a shield, porpax visible. Around, in the free field, six eight-pointed stars. Below the figure: λλι → variant of Ἰάω? (S. Michel).

B: Inscription in mirror writing in four lines: γλα?]|ιχιλα?]|κγχ|σ → unidentified voces.

Probably designed after a gem in [Chifletius-Macarius, Abrasax](#), see [Cbd-2740](#).

Bibliography

[Chifletius-Macarius, Abrasax](#), III 12

[Michel, BM on Cbd-993](#)

[Michel, DMG](#), 363, Liste 3.A.1.n_8 Taf. 93, 634.

[The British Museum Collection database on Cbd-993](#)

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