

# Magical gem in a modern gold mount: Headless figure (A) Anguipes (B)

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<b>Collection</b>	US_New York, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Department of Greek and Roman Art
<b>Inventory</b>	95.15.1
<b>References</b>	Goodenough, JS, III, no. 1205; Bonner, SMA D. 152; Michel, DMG, no. 3.A.3.h_8
<b>Material</b>	jasper, green and red
<b>Dimensions</b>	28 x 20 x 3 mm
<b>Dating</b>	ca. 2nd–3rd c. AD (MM Coll. website) / post-antique(?) (Michel, DMG - CBd)
<b>Iconography</b>	Anguipes, cock-headed; clothing: kilt; clothing: tunic; figure, headless; hands, severed; head, severed; shoes: boots; weapon: armour; weapon: shield; whip
<b>Divine Names &amp; Voces</b>	Ἀβλαναθανάλβα, palindrome; Ἄβρασάξ; Ἄκραμμαχαμαρεῖ and variants; Ἰάω



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A: Headless and handless man standing to front, with blood sprouting from the neck and the wrists. He is wearing a tunic, kilt and boots. Amputated hands represented in the free field near the wrists, severed head in the upper right segment. Inscription beginning at bottom left: ἀβλαναθα[. ]λβααβρα[. ]ξ → Ἀβλαναθα[να]λβα, Ἄβρα[σά]ξ;. Letters near the legs: ιαω → Ἰάω.

B: Frontal view of the cock-headed Anguipes, head to right, in armour. Right hand raised high and holding a whip, left hand held beside the body and holding a round shield, porpax visible. Inscription around the edge, beginning at bottom left: ἀκραμμαχαμαρευουσαω → Ἄκραμμαχαμαρε<ί>, vocales. Mounted in a post-antique gold setting with suspension loop.

## Bibliography

[Bonner, SMA on CBd-1111](#)

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