

Antheus

Antaeus (ἄντιαιός, ἄντιαιός,) in Greek mythology was a giant, the son of Poseidon and [Gaia](#), whose wife was Tinjis. Greeks of the sixth century BCE, who had established colonies along the coast, located him in the interior desert of Libya. He would challenge all passers-by to wrestling matches, kill them, and collect their skulls, so that he might one day build out of them a temple to his father Poseidon. He was indefatigably strong as long as he remained in contact with the ground (his mother [earth](#)), but once lifted into the air he became as weak as other men. Heracles, finding that he could not beat Antaeus by throwing him to the ground, as he would regain his strength and be fortified, discovered the secret of his [power](#) and, holding Antaeus aloft, crushed him in a bearhug. The story of **Antaeus** has been used as a symbol of the [spiritual](#) strength which accrues when one rests one's faith on the immediate fact of things. The struggle between Antaeus and Heracles is a favorite subject in ancient and Renaissance sculpture. (Wikipedia)

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