

# The project

Heroes of Bronze is a one-man project born out of the love for ancient Greece and the period of Greco-Persian wars. It wants to bring these events to life, in a historically correct yet engaging manner, mixing fictional and historical characters.

The short film "The Memory" serves as an intro to a bigger animated project and the related stories, which are going to be published as novels and short stories.

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"I grew up watching Gladiator and 300, which, despite its many faults, was a very cool movie to watch.

The more I learned about ancient Greece, though, the more I realized how much cooler the actual reality was.

With "Heroes of Bronze" I am trying to build a whole universe set in ancient Greece to tell this story."

#### **MARTIN KLEKNER**

# The Memory

An animated short film set in ancient Greece (5th century BC). It's the story of an Athenian boy living in the shadow of his father's exploits, with the threat of a second Persian invasion looming over Greece.

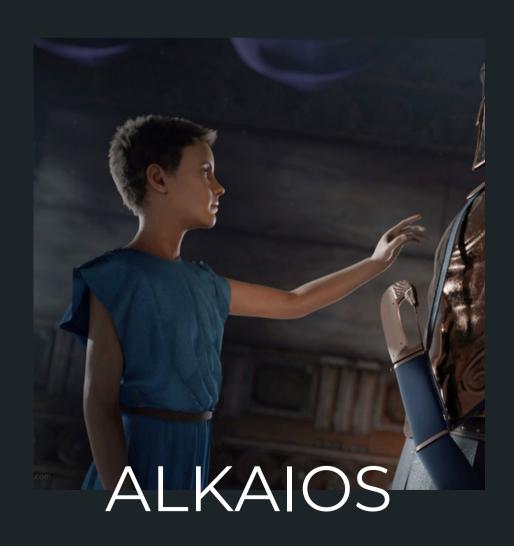
The creation took 4 years, working in spare time. The preiere was in January 2023 on YouTube.

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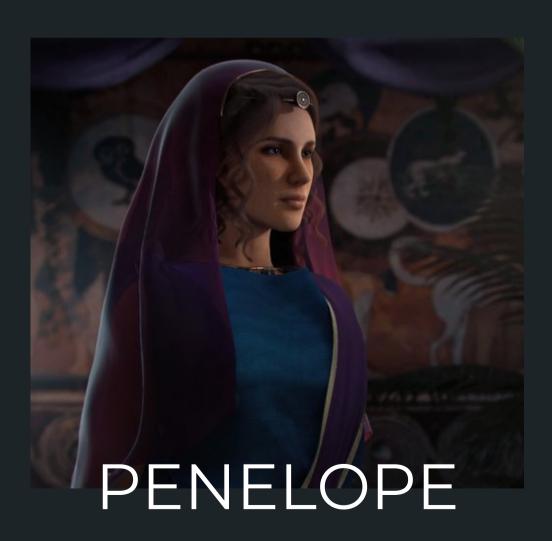


### Characters

"I chose to put fictional characters in the forefront.
I wanted this slightly more 'regular' Athenian family to serve
as an introduction to the world"







### Credits

#### CREW

DIRECTOR: Martin Klekner

WRITER: Martin Klekner

CAST: Abigail Rice, Heath Douglas,

Richard Antony

PRODUCER: Martin Klekner

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY:

Martin Klekner

MUSIC: Richard Albert

#### SPECIFICATIONS

COUNTRY: Czech Republic

YEAR: 2023

LANGUAGE: English

**RUNTIME:** 6 minutes

### Accolades

WINNER

FINALIST

FEATURED



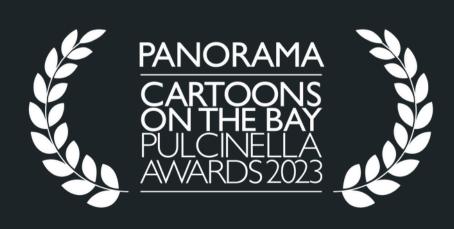












### Feedback

"As an exploration of war, the film packs an emotional punch that truly leaves a mark while inspiring viewers with its tales of valor and selflessness."

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"What an amazing achievement, and what a great tale!
I've rarely seen hoplites looking as awesome as this."

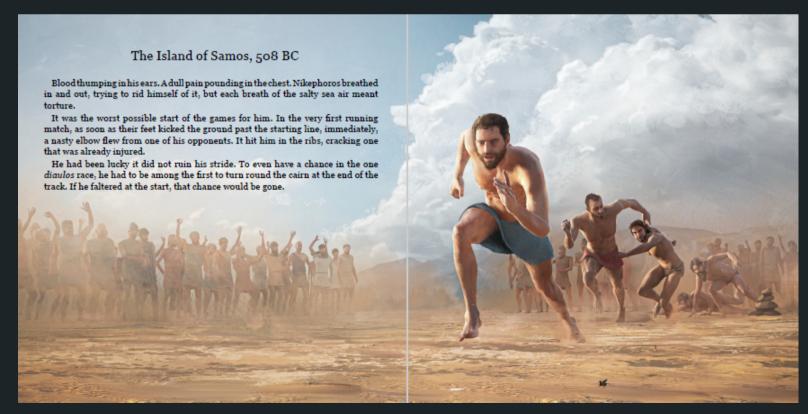
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# Short stories

Stories are the backbone of *Heroes of Bronze*'s universe. They serve as a basis for all the images and videos of the project and gradually introduce characters, settings and events to the audience.

The first short story "A Few Steadfast Friends" is already available on Gumroad. Others are in progress.

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### About author

Martin Klekner is a freelance cinematic director and CG tutor from Czech Republic. He studied cinematography, but he found his true calling in 3D. He worked as a VFX freelancer, director of cinematics for the AAA game Kingdom Come Deliverance. Now he teaches CG animation and is making his own animated project, *Heroes of Bronze*.

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## Socials and data

"THE MEMORY"



+ 700.000 views for *The Memory* (YouTube only)



1 victory and 5 nominations to international festivals



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55.500 subscribers



13.700 followers



5.100 followers



894 followers

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