The Cretan way of war: status, violence and values from the Classical period to the Roman conquest

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Appendix: Grave stelae depicting Cretan archers

- 1. Atticizing grave stele from the 5th century BC found on the Dion promontory west of Herakleion depicts, in bas relief, a young archer with a quiver over his shoulder. Heraklion Museum inv. Γ145.
- 2. From Knossos, 2nd century BC. Two figures shaking hands; one of them depicted as an archer; inscription at ICI viii 31. Heraklion Museum inv. Γ 16.
- 3. From Kerch Strait. Two figures, a man and his wife. Man identified in inscription as a Cretan, Diodotos, carrying small bow in left hand, and shield slung over his back. 1st c. BC; inscription: *SEG* xlv 987. Taman Museum, Russia. Blavatskaja 1993.
- 4. From Kantanos, 3rd or 2nd c. BC, depicts two archers shaking hands: line drawing and inscription in *IC* II vi 7.
- 5. From Demetrias, Thessaly, for Chaironedes son of Eikadios of Lyktos: Volos Archaeological Museum inv. Λ8. Two figures: the deceased in centre, holding a small bow in crook of left arm; slave to one side, carrying shield. Hellenistic. Sekunda 2001.
- 6 From Demetrias, Thessaly. Stele for Thersagoras of Polyrrhenia, depicted with bow in left hand; the relief is rough and unfinished. Volos Archaeological Museum inv. Λ 61. Hellenistic. Sekunda 2003.

Images are provided here of nos. 1, 2 and 3 only, with special focus on the archer figures in 2 and 3, since good publications of the iconography of 5 and 6 exist in Sekunda 2001 and 2003, whilst the general appearance of 2 and 3 can be seen in *IC* I viii 31 ad loc. and Blavatskaja 1993 respectively. Unfortunately, 4 has been missing since WWII and the line drawing at *IC* II vi 7 ad loc. is the only image of this stele preserved, to my knowledge.

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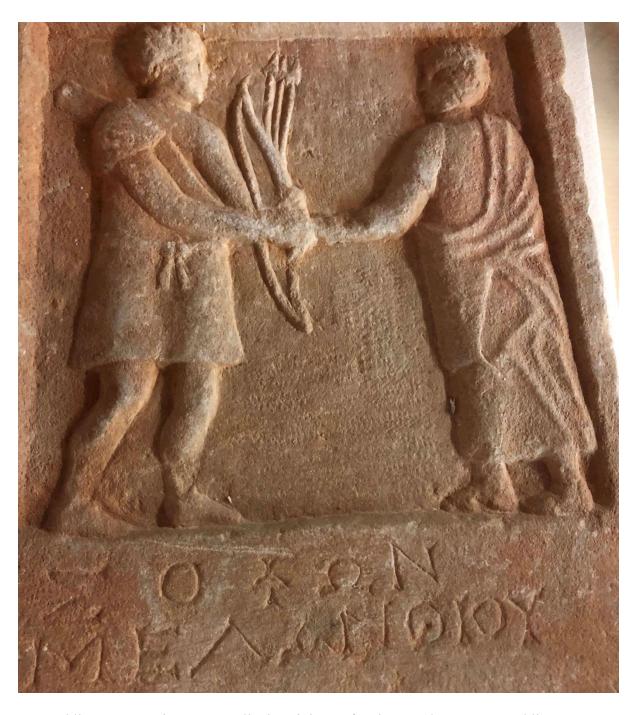
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