



Greek heroes enjoy moments of ease on this vase, decorated in Athens by Exekias and exported to the Etruscan city of Vulci. On one side, a helmeted Achilles plays a board game with his comrade Ajax; on the other, the Spartan champion Castor (center), a renowned trainer of horses, and his brother Polydeuces (far left), a prize boxer, are welcomed home by their parents. The artist relied as much on his incising tool here as on his brush, achieving rich details that stand out on the black figures.