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## Synopsis: The Battle of Crete – Kriti Thunder By: GrinOlsson & Paris Milaios Copyright © 2019

This is a story of a Cretan family's struggle of survival that required sacrifices and heroism to prevail in World War II after the Germans invaded Greece and finally attacked their island in the Battle of Crete on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 1940 until final victory over the Germans in 1945.

For many years the Georgiou family had befriend a German who came to their Inn on a yearly adventurous vacation to relax, explore and was an avid bird hunter. Little did they realize that this "friend" would eventually

become known as the "Butcher of Crete" who not only destroyed the dreams of Cretan families and their homes during the occupation, but had also returned seeking vengeance with savage brutality against the Georgiou family for being partisans of resistance against the German invasion of Crete.

Many years later, after destinies had changed, dreams destroyed, new beginning begun, the Georgiou family's youngest son married and was blessed by God with a new future and children.

Thirty years had gone by when the Georgiou family held a surprise wedding anniversary celebration for Dr. Paris Georgiou and his wife Nicole with hundred of family and friends in attendance.

In the ignorance of youth and the lack of knowledge of the horrible sacrifices their father and mother had gone through, their children asked a simple loving question of their father and how he'd met their mother envisioning a true love story between their father and mother.

Trembling, with his wife Nicole by his side, tears come to Paris' eyes, as the scars of life reappeared before his eyes, reminiscing about the horrible sacrifices during the war are relived as the story of The Battle of Crete is brought to life through his eyes in what had happened to him and his wife as the tragedy of their lives, showing what they had to endure changing destinies through heartbreak until a new beginning in life results in their greatest blessings of life; becoming a father and mother to their children.

As Paris begins his narration, the historical scenes begin with the happiness of his family just before the war and how he returned to Crete to marry the first love of his life.

His story progresses in vivid and explicit scenes of all of the Cretan people banding together as "Kriti Thunder" with the Greek and Allied soldiers to fight the Germans during the invasion of Crete. The Cretan people including men, women and children, were responsible for one-third of the German causalities during the invasion and battle of Crete.

Paris retells the sights of enduring terror, genocide, rape, beheadings and plunder of his people that are brought to life on the motion picture screen for the first time. In the end of the motion picture, Paris finally he retells how he took out his revenge he felt required of himself to perform as he privately avenged the losses and sacrifices endure to his loved ones, his family and his people as a doctor working with the Cretan resistance fighters during the German occupation of Crete.

In the finale of the screenplay as Paris Georgiou comes back into the present at his wedding anniversary celebration, his captivated audience has no words to describe the circumstances that were endured that resulted in bringing the marital relationship between him and his wife.

The family, friends, and workers in attendance of their anniversary are awestruck and mesmerized. They begin standing first beginning with one clap that transforms into a thunderous ovation of honor. Paris and his wife Nicole with torrential tears flowing down their cheeks, embrace each other in total devotion of each other.

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