

The British Museum

ALEXANDER THE GREAT & THE GOLD OF BABYLON

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GOLD COIN OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT
BABYLON (MODERN IRAQ), 325-323 BC



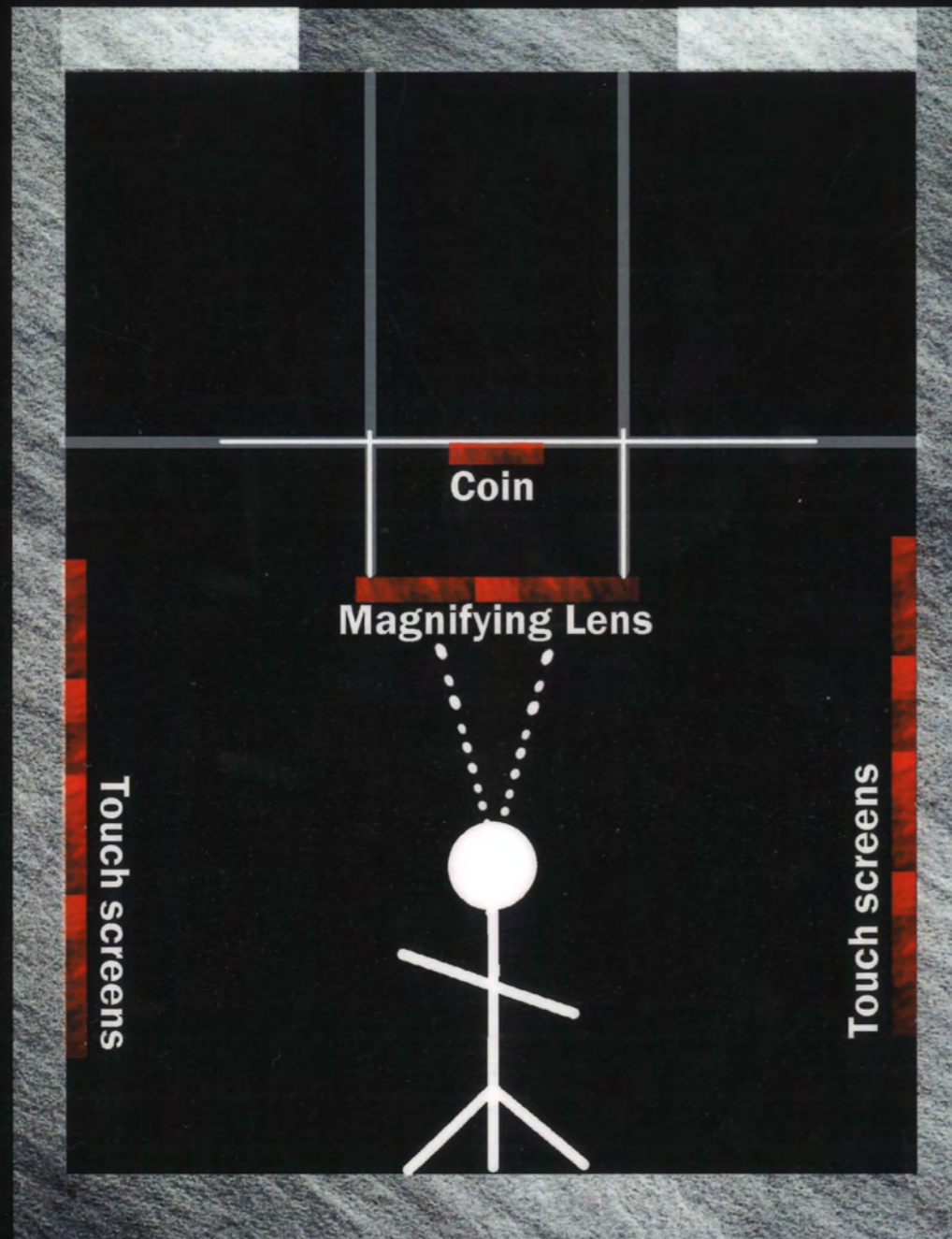
THIS COIN WAS MINTED IN BABYLON SHORTLY BEFORE THE DEATH OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT. BABYLON WAS A FORMER CAPITAL OF THE ACHAEMENID EMPIRE CONQUERED BY ALEXANDER. WHEN BABYLON FELL ALEXANDER SEIZED 4500 TONES OF GOLD AND SILVER, SOME OF WHICH WAS USED TO MAKE HIS COINAGE. THESE COINS WERE THEN USED TO PAY HIS SOLDIERS. THE FIGURE SHOWN ON THE COIN IS ATHENA, THE GODDESS OF WARFARE.

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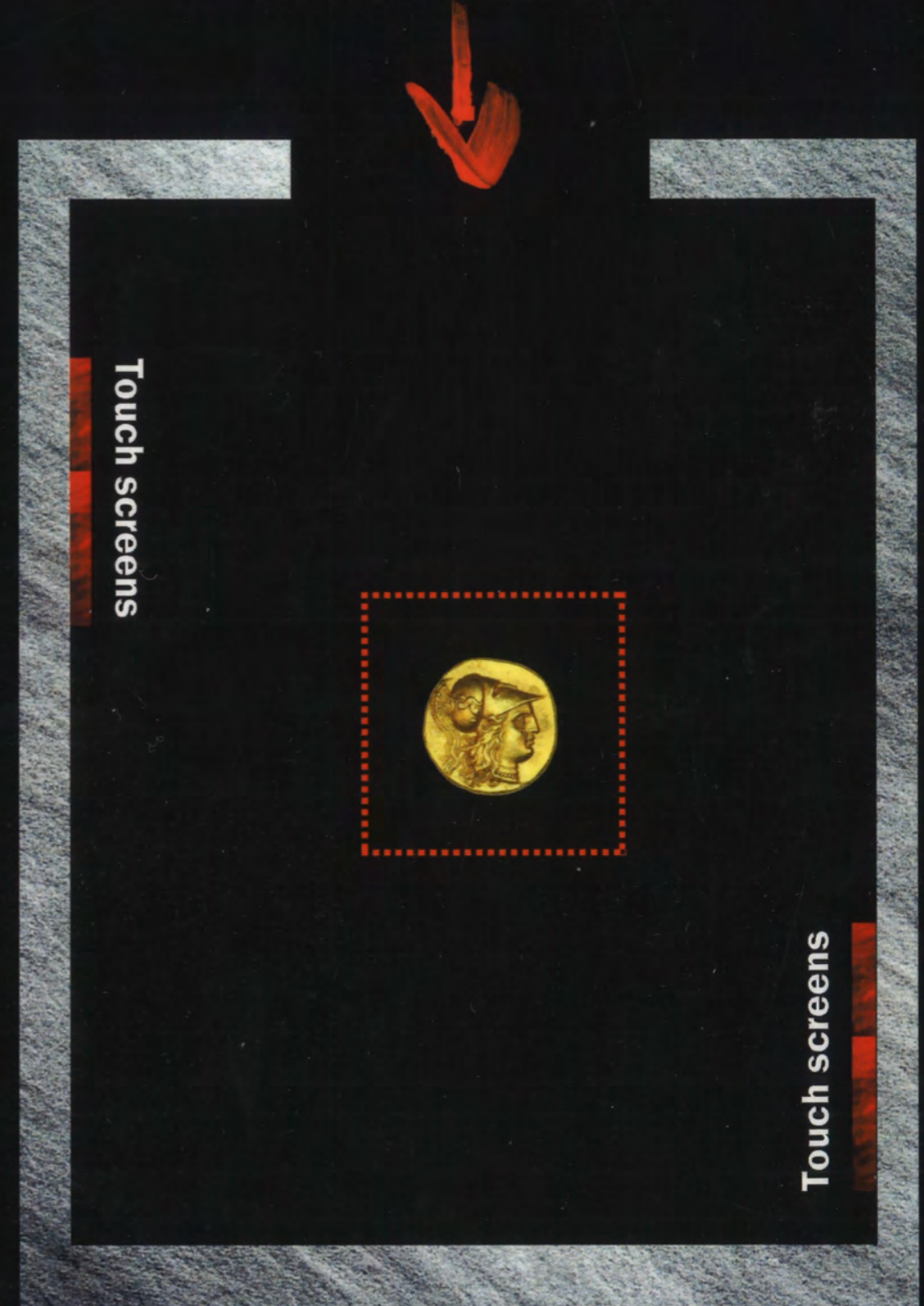


COIN DISPLAY



ROOM 3 SECTION DISPLAY

ROOM 3 ENTRANCE



ROOM 3 PLAN DISPLAY

ALEXANDER WAS DIFFERENT THERE-
FORE THE EXHIBITION DISPLAY
IS DIFFERENT

OBJECT DISPLAY



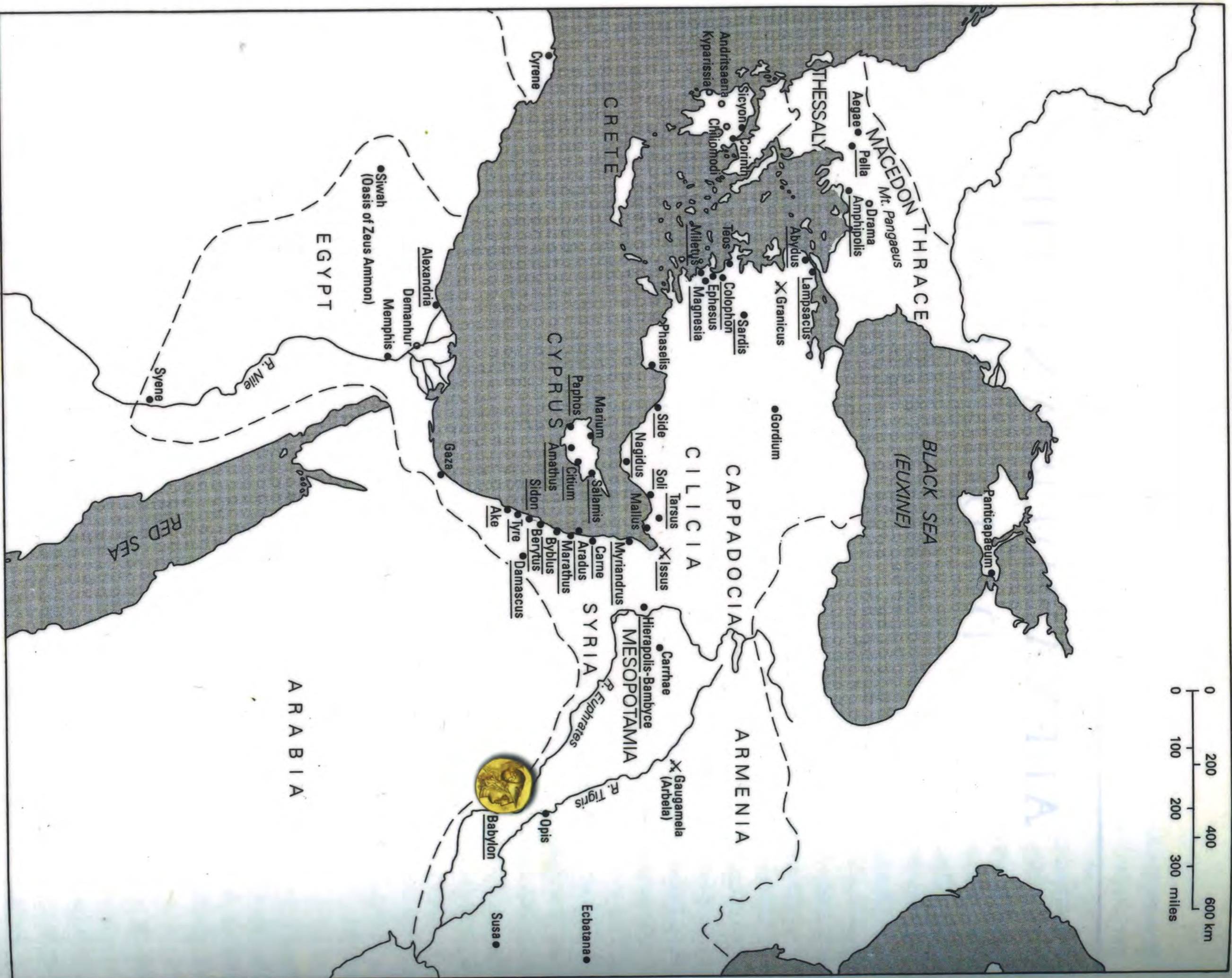
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PEOPLE FLOW
FREE FLOW OF PEOPLE

ROOM 3 ENTRANCE





Map 1. The mints of Alexander the Great

Alexander's mints are underlined. Hoards are indicated by hollow dots. For a map of Alexander's empire, see the front endpaper. Its eastern provinces are not shown here, since no mints of Alexander's lifetime seem to have existed east of Babylon, though a travelling mint may well have accompanied his army and struck coin when necessary.

ONE SMALL OBJECT
CAN TELL A REALLY
BIG STORY

