Pick an image *model* family for the job

The image model families as of October 2026, what each does well, and how to shortlist two or three for your brief.

GUIDE Step 1 · Learn

IN SHORT

- Narrow more than 750 models to two or three candidates, run them on your brief, and keep the winner.
- Answer three questions first: the job, what you start from and your budget. The model library's filters answer each one.
- Generate the same prompt with each candidate and compare the results with Compare Images; the price shows on Generate.

You need ✓ Any plan with credits

Scenario has more than 750 models, and the right one depends on the job. This lesson narrows them down with the filters of the model library, tests a new model against the one you used before with **Compare Images**, then finds a different model for a second job: the same character, in a new scene, made from his image.

As of November 2026

The models, settings and prices in this article are the ones Scenario offered in November 2026. New models and updates arrive often, so check the model library for newer options before you choose.

Quick version

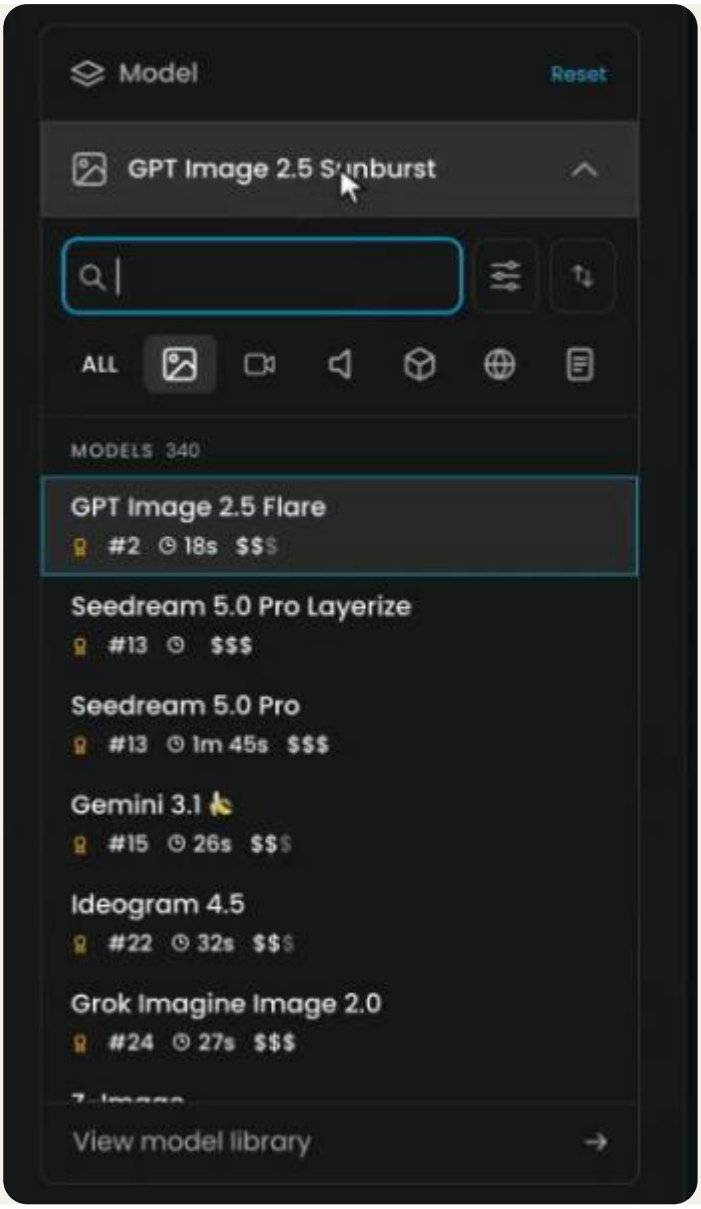
1. In the image panel, click the model's name, then **View model library**.
2. Tick the job under **Capabilities**, what you start from under **Input kind**, and set **Budget** and **Speed**.
3. Hover a model to read its details, then click **Use this model**.
4. Generate with the same prompt and size, select both images and click **Compare Images**.
5. For a new job, clear the filters and start again: the right model changes with the job.

Before you start

- **Have an image to compare against.** This lesson tests models on the character from Generate images, made with GPT Image 2.5 Sunburst. Any image you made with a known prompt works.
- **Where it lives: Create › Images** opens the image panel. The model sits at the top of the left column.
- **Three questions decide the model:** what the job is, what you start from, and what you can spend. The model library has a filter for each.
- **Change one thing at a time.** To judge a model, keep the prompt and the size the same, so only the model changes.

Step 1: Open the model library

In the image panel, click the model's name at the top, here **GPT Image 2.5 Sunburst**. A short list opens, with a search box, a row of icons to filter by what a model makes (images, video, audio, 3D and more), and each model's rank and typical time. At the bottom, click **View model library**.

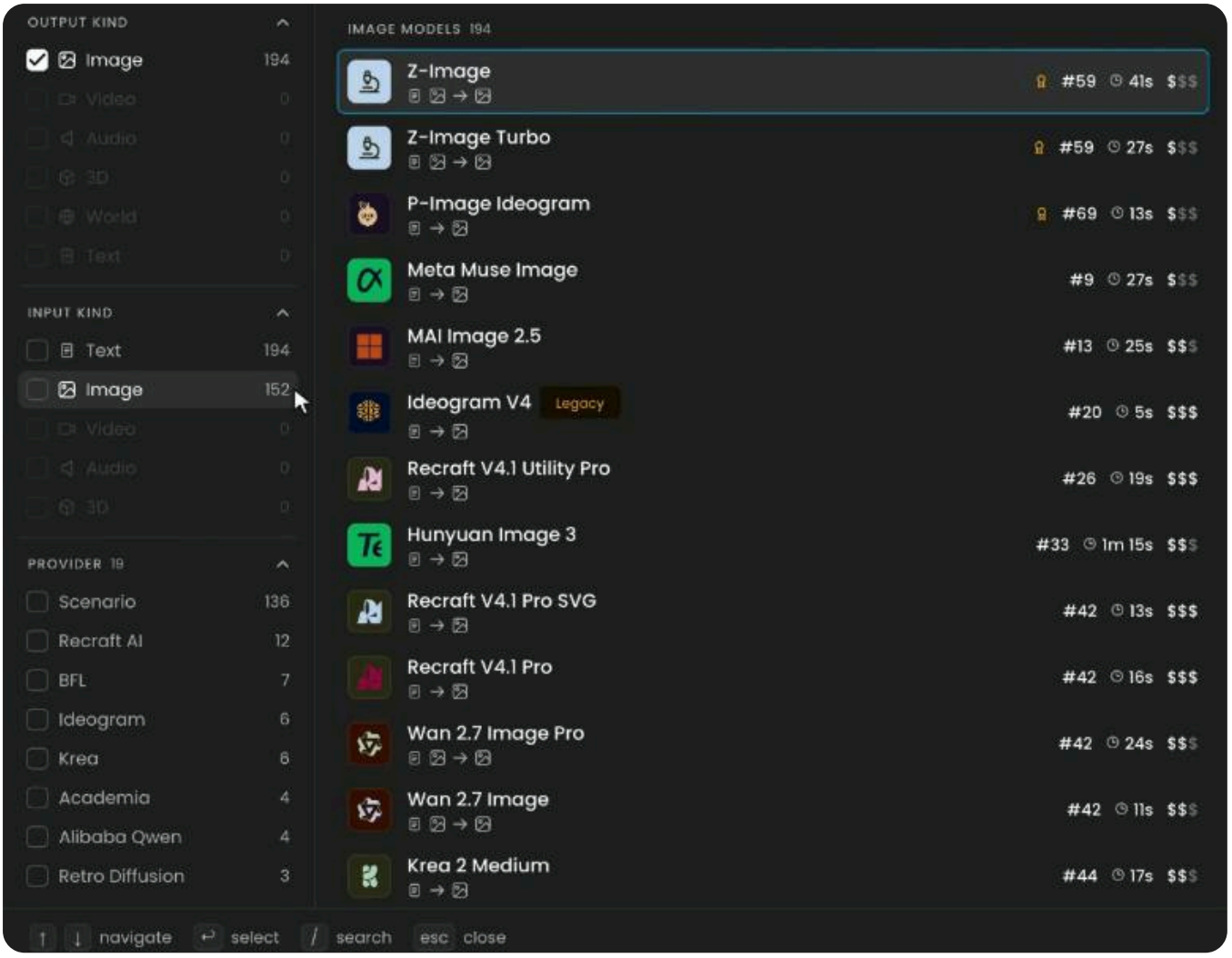


The library opens as **Choose a model**: every model in Scenario, from Scenario, partners and your team. The filters on the left answer the three questions.

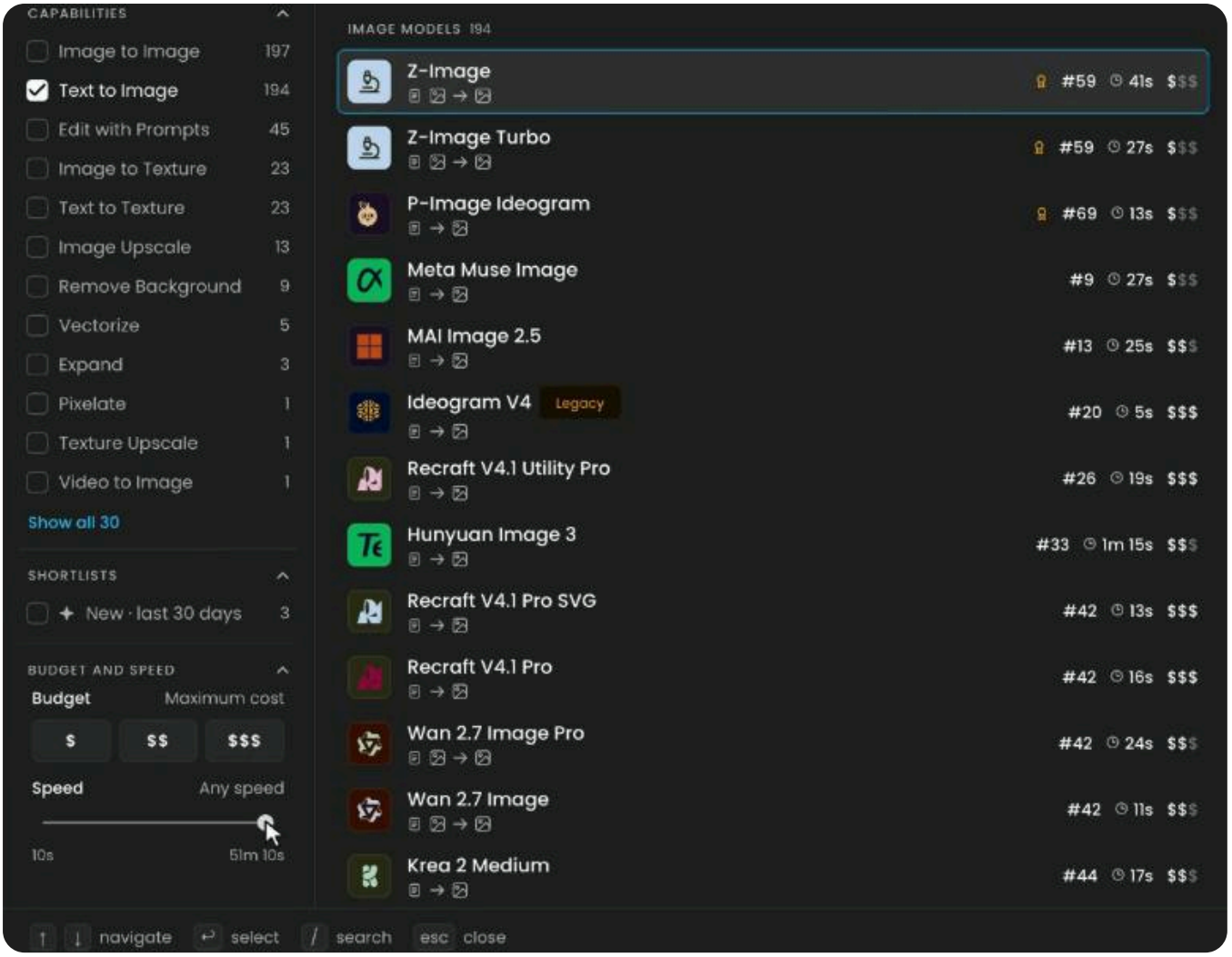
Step 2: Answer the three questions

What is the job? That's **Capabilities**: make an image from text, edit one, upscale it, remove a background, turn it into a vector, and more. Each capability shows how many models can do it. Click **Show all** to see the full list. The first job here is a character from a text prompt, so tick **Text to Image**.

What do you start from? That's **Input kind**. Here, just a prompt, so leave it. If you start from reference images, tick **Image**, then check in the model's details how many references it can use.



What is your budget? Under **Budget and speed**, **Budget** sets the maximum cost, from **$** to **$$$**. For one great image, you can spend more. For lots of images, a cheaper model keeps the cost down. The **Speed** slider below sets how long a model may take to make an image, from seconds up to **Any speed**.



Every filter you tick shows as a chip above the list, with the number of models left.

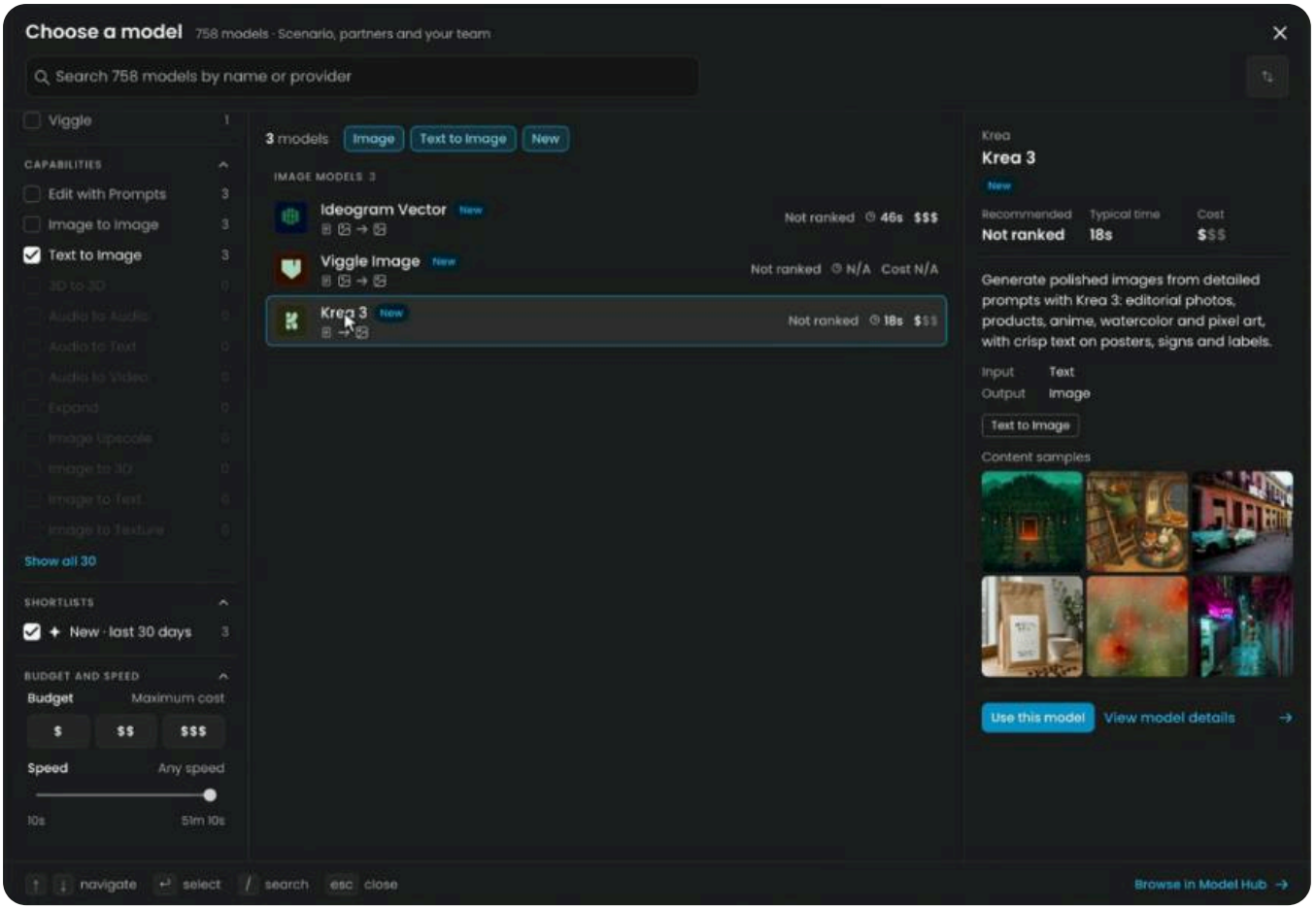
Step 3: Try a new model

To see the most recent image models, tick **New · last 30 days** under **Shortlists**. With **Text to Image** still ticked, three models are left. **Krea 3** is one of them.

Hover a model to see its details on the right:

- **Recommended:** its rank. New models may show **Not ranked**.
- **Typical time:** how long one image usually takes.
- **Cost:** its cost tier, from $ to $$$. The exact cost shows on the **Generate** button.
- A short description, its **Input** and **Output**, its capabilities, and **Content samples** made with it.

Krea 3 takes text only and makes polished images from detailed prompts, from editorial photos and products to anime, watercolor and pixel art. Click **Use this model**.

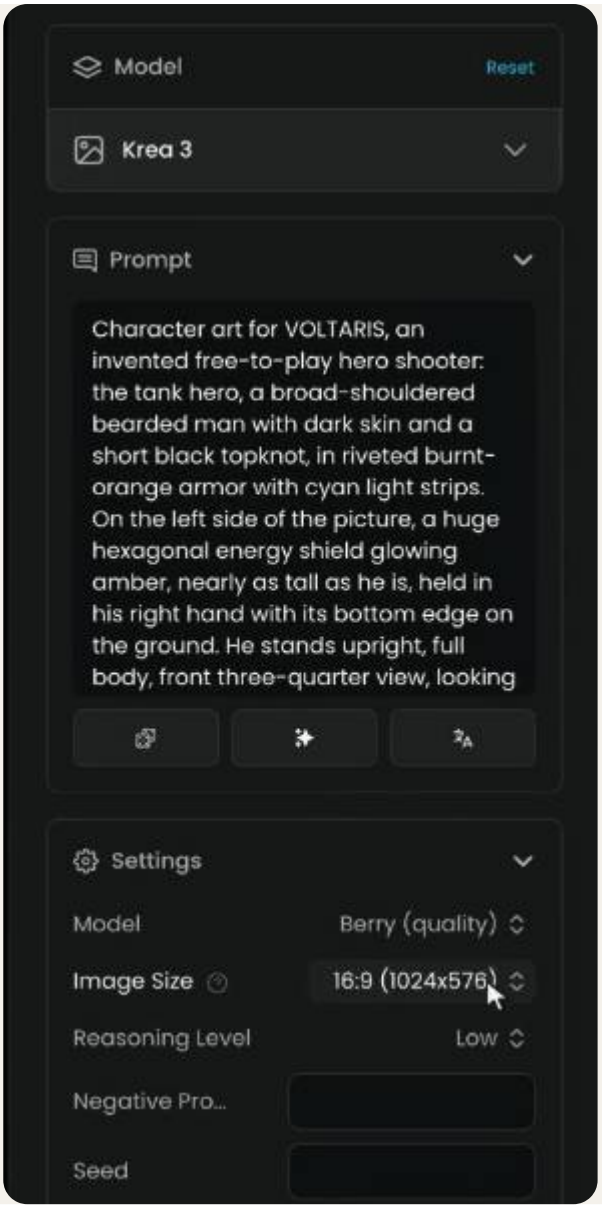


To read everything about a model before you pick it, click **View model details**, or **Browse in Model Hub** at the bottom of the library.

Step 4: Generate with the same prompt and size

The prompt stays in the panel when you switch models, so only the model changes. The settings do change: each model has its own. For Krea 3:

- **Model:** the engine. **Berry (quality)** is for quality, Jam for speed.
- **Image Size:** match the image you compare against. The first image was 16:9, so pick **16:9 (1024x576)**.
- **Reasoning Level:** leave it at **Low**. Raise it when a prompt packs in a lot of text or detail.
- **Negative Prompt** and **Seed:** leave them empty.



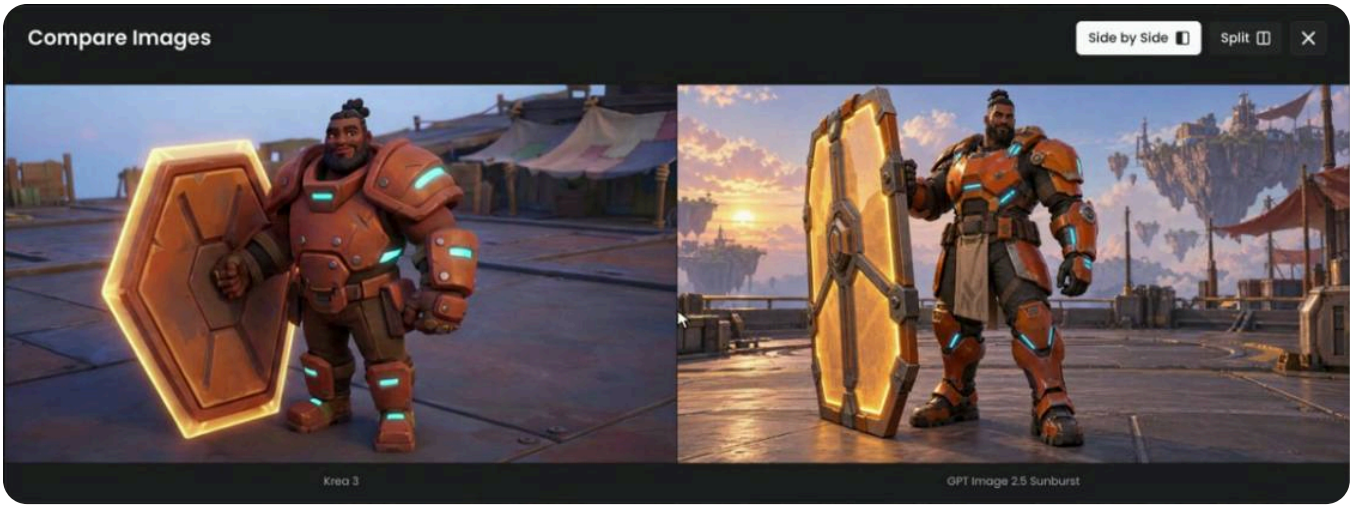
Click **Generate**. The cost shows on the button before you click.

Step 5: Compare the two images

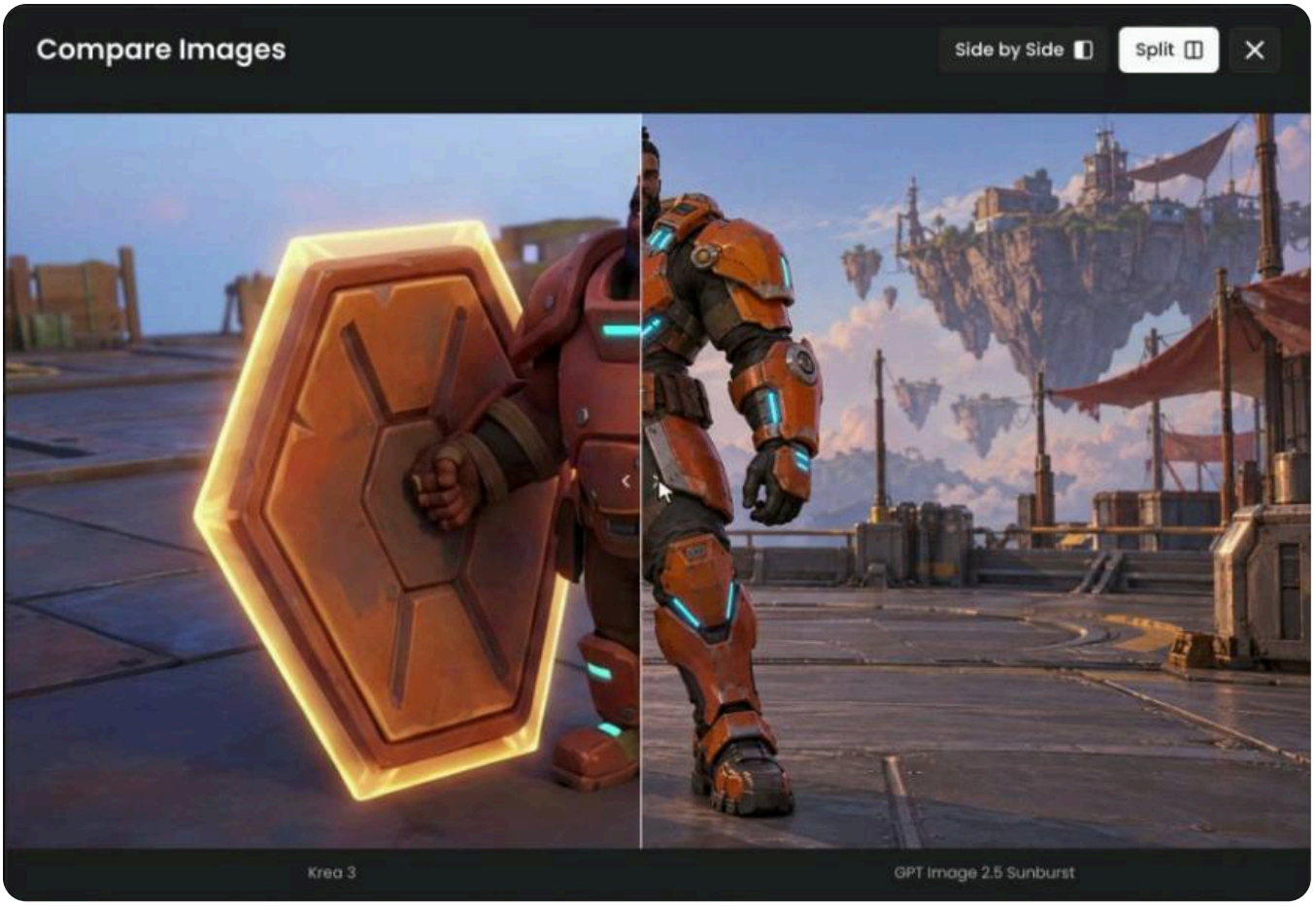
When the Krea 3 image is ready, select it and the image from before: click the circle in the corner of each one in the Session. A bar appears at the bottom with **2 selected**. Click **Compare Images**.



Compare Images opens on **Side by Side**, with each model's name under its image.



Click **Split** to lay one image over the other, then drag the line to see what each model did differently: the build of the character, the shield, the light, the background.



Here, Krea 3 made a chunkier, more cartoon-like character, and GPT Image 2.5 Sunburst a taller, more detailed one. Neither is wrong: the one that fits your brief wins.

Check before you accept

Accept when

the model follows every part of the prompt you care about (subject, pose, framing, style), at the size you need, within your budget and time.

Reject when

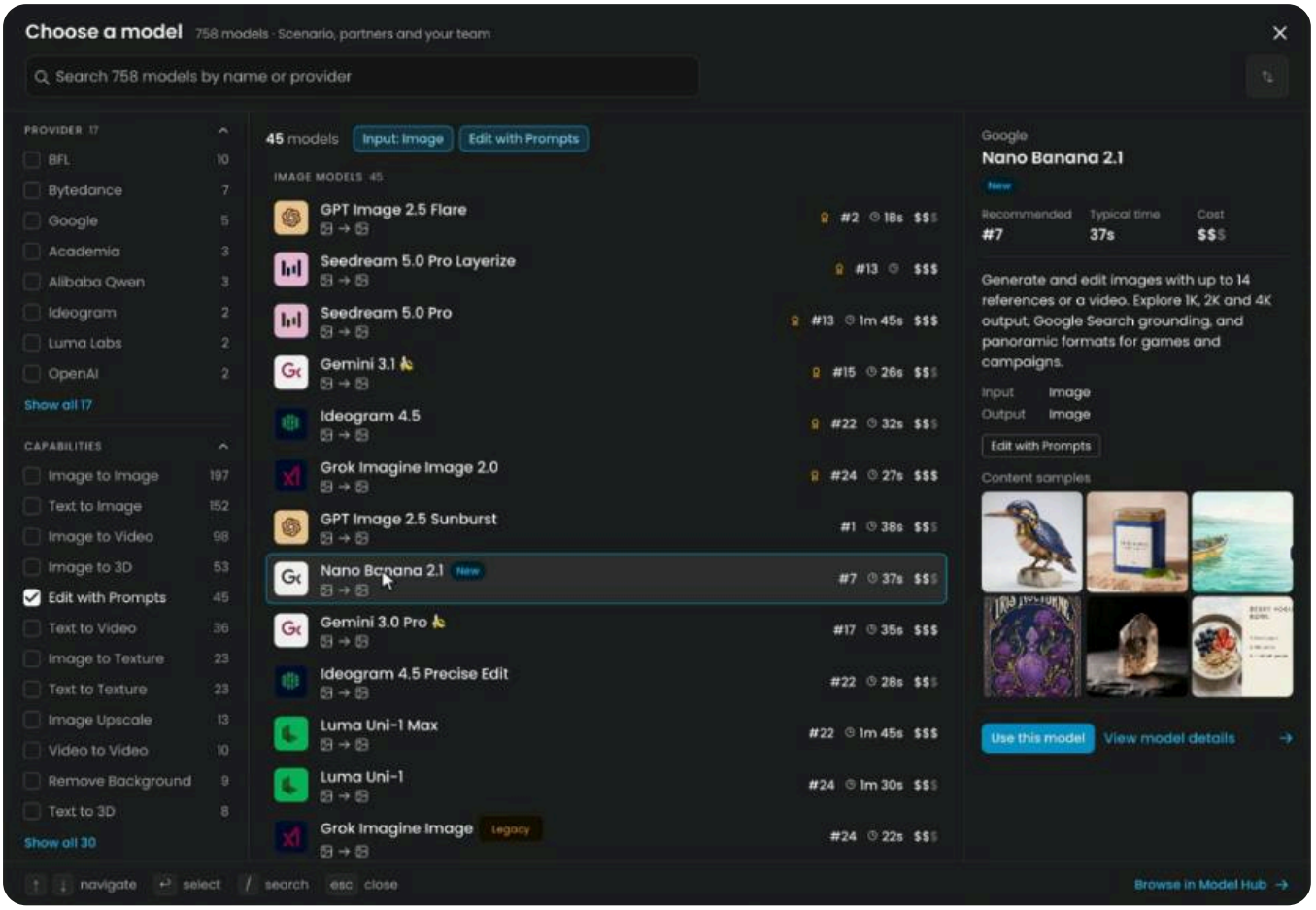
it drops or changes something the prompt asked for, its style doesn't fit the project, or it costs or takes more than the job allows. Try the next model on your shortlist.

Step 6: Find a model for another job

The second job is the same character in a new scene, made from his image. The job and the input have changed, so the model has to change too.

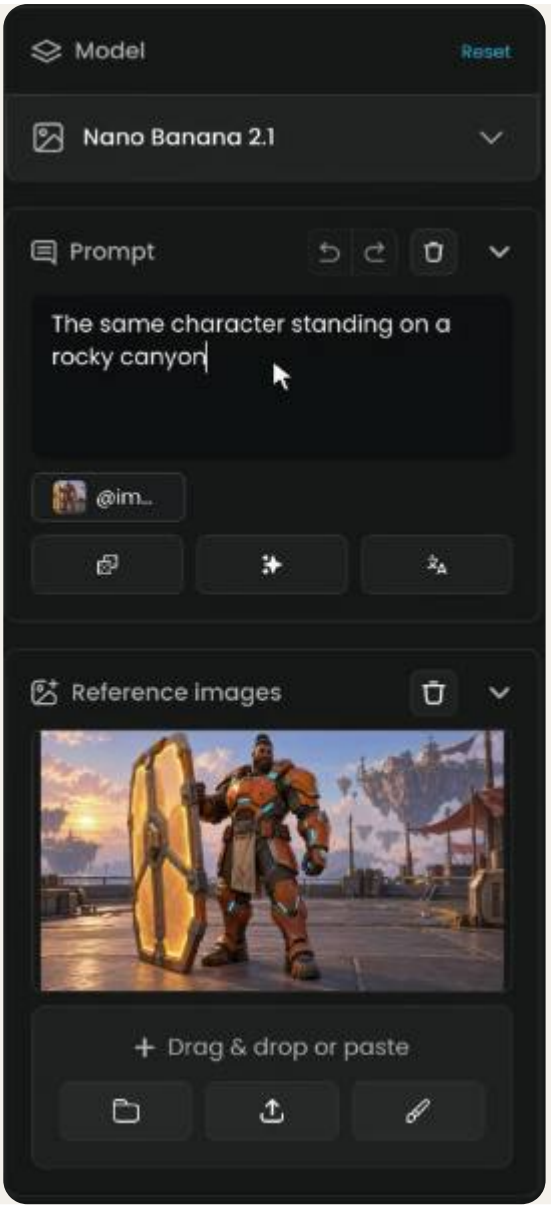
1. Open the model library again and clear the filters.
2. You start from an image: tick **Image** under **Input kind**.
3. The job is to edit it with a prompt: tick **Edit with Prompts** under **Capabilities**.

The list changes. Krea 3 is gone, because it only reads text. **Nano Banana 2.1** generates and edits images with up to 14 references, and it keeps a character as he is. Click **Use this model**.



Step 7: Add the reference and generate

1. Open **Reference images** and click **Select from Library**.
2. Pick the character from the first lesson and click **Confirm**. The image shows under **Reference images**.
3. Replace the prompt with what changes, and what must stay.

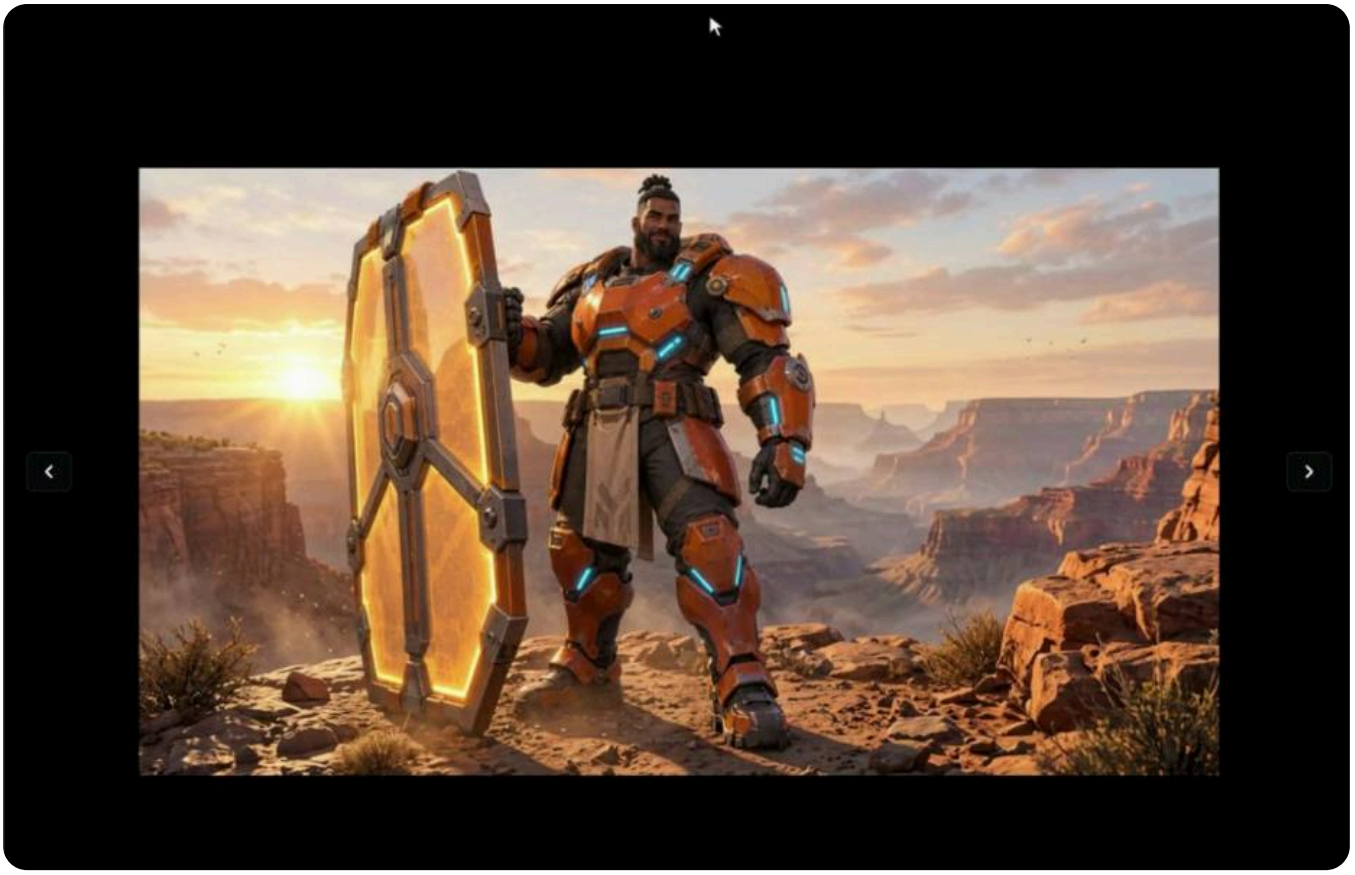


The prompt the film uses:

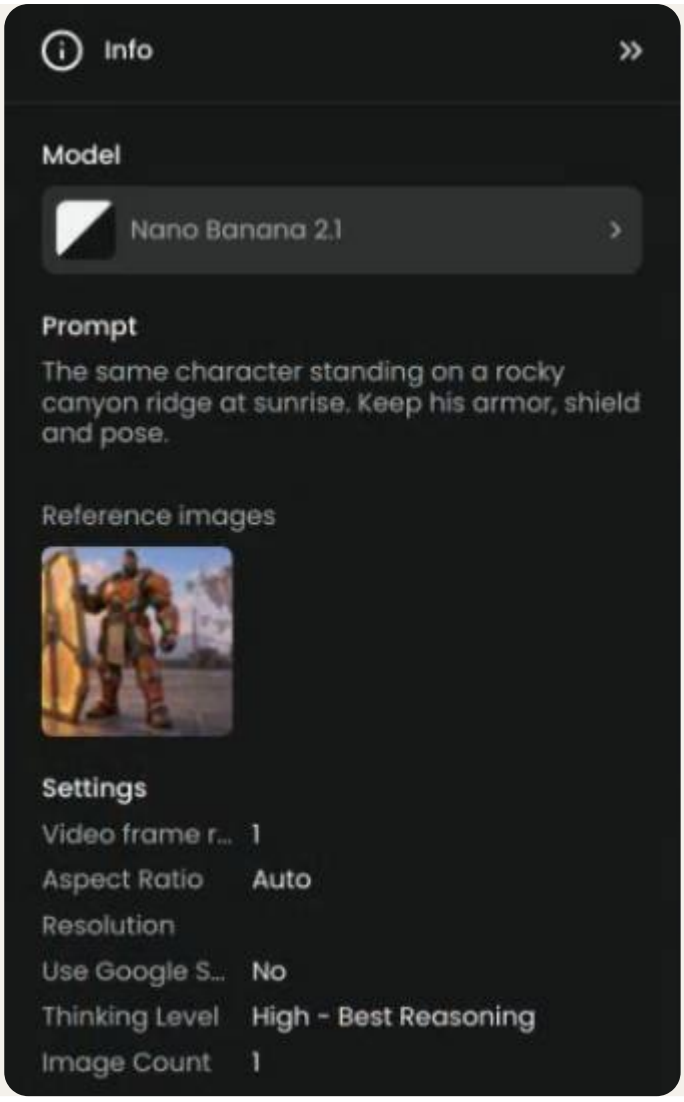
Text

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The same character standing on a rocky canyon ridge at sunrise. Keep his armor, shield and pose.
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Click **Generate**. The same character stands in a new scene.



The **Info** panel next to the image shows the model, the prompt, the reference image and every setting, so you can reload the setup for the next version.



The model library filters

Filter	What it answers	Example
Capabilities	What the model does	Text to Image, Edit with Prompts, Image Upscale, Remove Background, Vectorize, Pixelate
Output kind	What it makes	Image, Video, Audio, 3D, World, Text
Input kind	What you give it	Text, Image, Video, Audio, 3D
Provider	Who made it	Scenario, Recraft AI, BFL, Ideogram, Krea and more
Shortlists	A ready-made selection	New · last 30 days
Budget	The highest cost tier you accept	$, $$, $$$
Speed	The longest typical time you accept	From seconds to Any speed

The search box at the top finds a model by name or provider.

Image model families compared

These are the models this lesson meets, with what their details and the Knowledge Center say they do best.

Model	Starts from	Best for
GPT Image 2.5 Sunburst	Text or images	Detailed, precise images
GPT Image 2.5 Flare	Text or images	Fast, high-quality everyday content, from social posts to product shots and quick concepts
Nano Banana 2.1	Text, up to 14 references, or a video	Keeping a character or product as it is in new scenes; panoramic and very tall formats
Krea 3	Text only	Polished images from detailed prompts, with crisp text on posters, signs and labels
Ideogram 4.5	Text or images	Posters, logos and packaging with accurate text; edits with up to four references and a mask
Z-Image	Text or images	Photorealistic images, with text in English and Chinese
MAI Image 2.5	Text or images	Photorealistic generation and editing
Krea 2 Large	Text	Photograph-grade results with grain and motion blur
Krea 2 Medium	Text, style references	A chosen illustrated or anime look
Recraft V4 SVG and V4 Pro SVG	Text	Real vector files (SVG) for logos and icons
Retro Diffusion Plus	Text	Pixel illustrations, character portraits and scenes

Models come and go every month. Treat this table as a starting shortlist and check the library's **New · last 30 days** before a big project.

Tips for a fair test

- **Keep the prompt, the size and the image count the same.** Otherwise you compare settings, not models.
- **Test on your real brief,** not on the model's samples. A model that shines on landscapes may miss your character's details.
- **Shortlist two or three models,** not ten. Generate each once, compare, and keep the winner.
- **Start with a base model.** If none fits a project's style after a few tries, a trained model may be the answer. See Give a whole team one brand look.

- **Check what a model accepts.** The details show its **Input**; a text-only model ignores reference images.

Common problems

What you see	What to do
The model you want isn't in the list	A filter hides it. Clear the filters, or search by name
The library shows no models	Two of your filters exclude each other. Untick one
The new model ignores your reference image	It only reads text. Filter by **Input kind** › **Image** and pick another
The two images can't be compared fairly	Match **Image Size** and the prompt, then generate again
Compare Images doesn't show	Select exactly the images you want: the circle in each image's corner
The character changed in the new scene	Use a model built to keep a character, such as Nano Banana 2.1, and say what to keep in the prompt

What's next

You can pick a model for the job. Next, write prompts that get the most out of it in Write better prompts. For images with words in them, see Text and typography in images. To run a full model test for a team, follow Run a model shoot-out for your studio.

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