

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A  
CYCLADIC IDOL



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Hello! My name is Viaggia. From the Italian word "viaggio" which means "travel" in the Italian language. My name didn't come by luck, it is history. I was made in Greece 3.000 years ago, by a sculptor of that age. I was made for religious use, but when the local people changed their religion, they threw me away in the sea. I stayed there more than four hundred years. Suddenly a boat came in the sea where I was "sleeping". They took me to their boat, and to their country. This country, where they took me, was Italy, and specifically in Ancient Rome, in the Roman Empire, I lived there the most years of my life. After hundreds and hundreds of years, during the W.W.1, a smuggler took me from Rome to Vienna. I lived there for some years, until the collapse of Austrohungarian empire (in 1918). Then, another smuggler took me to France and specifically to Paris. I lived there for 30 years in the Louvre museum. When W.W.2 began, some French people took me to Spain, for my safety. But unfortunately Spain had dictatorship. When the dictatorship and W.W.2 ended, the Spanish took me back to Greece, my birthplace. I lived many events of the world history: I have traveled a lot and that's why my name is Viaggia. If you notice, you can see that right under my left eye are drawn the colours of the countries that I have been. I'm proud of my history, my birthplace, I have lived many difficulties and I know from first hand what is like to be far from your country. But hey! This is life! You struggle for the best, Always. Now I'm living in the Acropolis Museum in Athens, and thousands of tourists come to see me every year!