

Her Right Foot Excerpt

But there is one thing that you might not know, and this is the central point to this book—a point the author apologizes for taking so long to get to. The point is that even if you have seen a picture of the Statue of Liberty, or many pictures of the Statue of Liberty, or even hundreds of pictures of the Statue of Liberty, you probably have not seen pictures of her feet.

And even if you have seen pictures of her feet, you probably have not seen pictures of the back of her feet. In particular, her right foot.

What do you notice when you see this picture?

That's right! She is going somewhere! She is on the move!

Let's pause here and collect ourselves, and think about this. Let's discuss this. Let's think about and discuss the fact that this is the largest sculpture in all the land, and the most iconic symbol of the United States of America. Let's talk about the fact that this statue has welcomed millions of visitors and immigrants to the USA.

People talk about her unusual headwear. They talk about her gown, which seems a very heavy kind of garment, and would likely result in serious lower back issues. They talk about her beautiful torch, and the severe look on her face.

But no one talks about the fact that she is walking! This 305-foot statue is going somewhere!

Every time we see the Statue of Liberty in pictures, or any time we imagine the Statue of Liberty, we see her standing still. Very still. Like, well, a statue.

But she is moving. She weighs 450,000 pounds and wears a size 879 shoe, and she is moving. How can we all have missed this? Or even if we saw this, and noticed this, how is it that we have seen and noticed a 450,000-pound human on her way somewhere and said, *Whatever. Just another another 150-foot woman walking off a 150-foot pedestal?*