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The Statue of Prometheus

On the campus of Brockport State College stands a beautiful sculpture. It is a statue of Prometheus. The statue was given to the college by the Soviet Union in 1979. It is made of thinly hammered copper and is 26 feet tall. The artist who designed it was Zurab Tsereteli. His picture is on the next page.
The pictures in this book show how the statue was moved to its site on the campus in 1979.
The Artist - Zurab Tsereteli 4 Prometheus
For many weeks the copper statue stood in a parking lot at the college.
It was waiting to be moved to a pedestal, just down the street.
This is the pedestal upon which the statue would be placed.
The time came to move Prometheus to his pedestal.
The workers gathered around to discuss how to move the gigantic sculpture.
Carefully they eased him out of the shelter.
They thought they would load him onto a truck.
The statue swung over a puddle...
and onto the bed of the truck, but...
for some reason, the workers changed their minds. Prometheus was removed from the truck.
A crane drove Prometheus down the road toward his pedestal. Workers guided the statue.
The short journey took a long time.
It seemed like a strange way for a Titan to travel...
but he did not complain. They were making progress.
Gently, gently...
Statue and man
Hand to hand.
Near the pedestal, the crane began to raise the statue.
Prometheus swung up and over the people
past the treetops
and was lowered onto his base.
The fire was placed in his hands. Then he was ready to meet the people of Brockport. Prometheus's gift of fire helps us remember man's need for the light of knowledge and the warmth of love.