

An illustration of the Statue of Liberty on the left, standing on its pedestal. In the background, the New York City skyline is visible, including the Freedom Tower. The scene is set against a blue sky with stylized white and orange-tinted clouds. The water of the harbor is at the bottom.

The Statue of Liberty

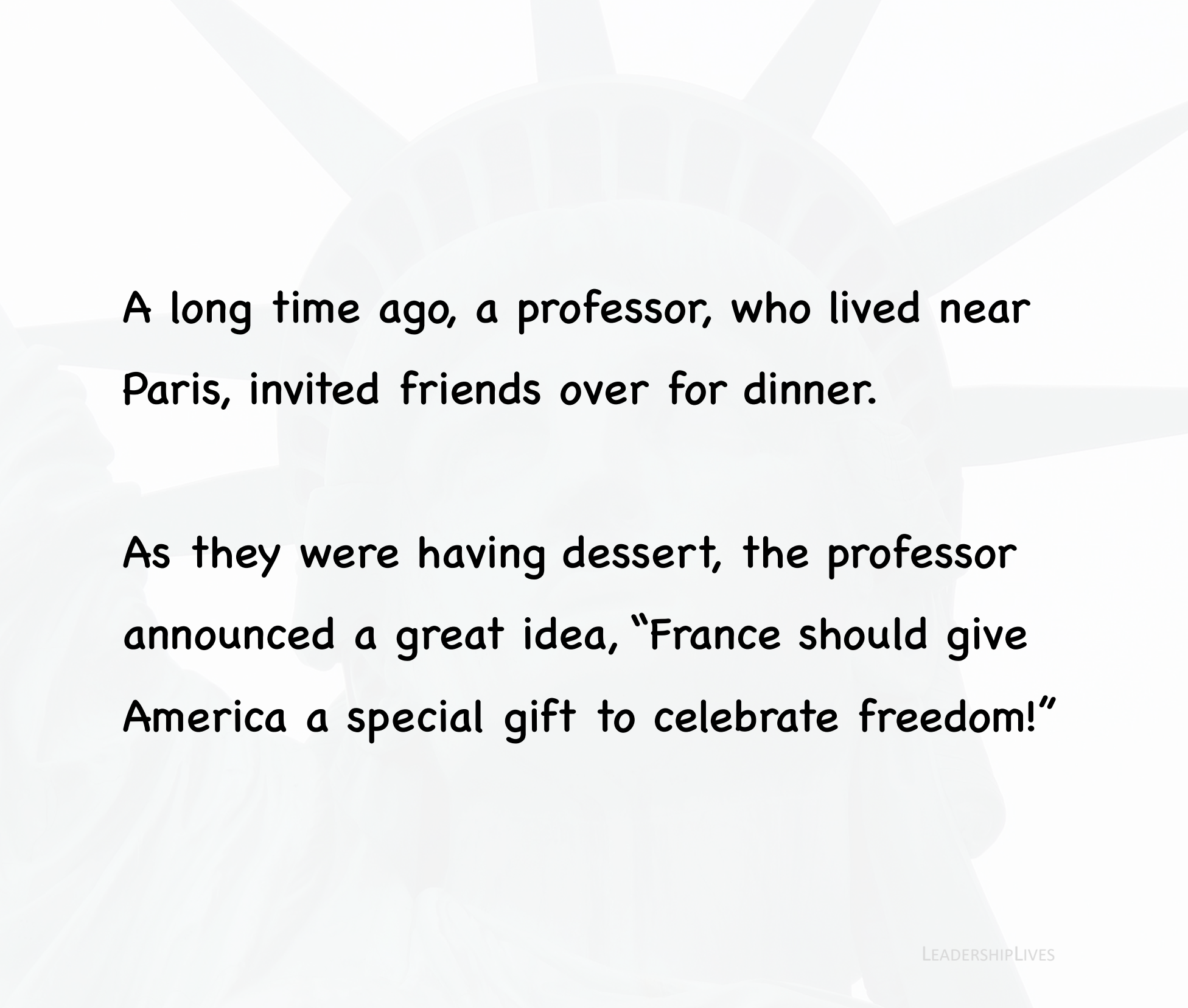
A Gift of Friendship

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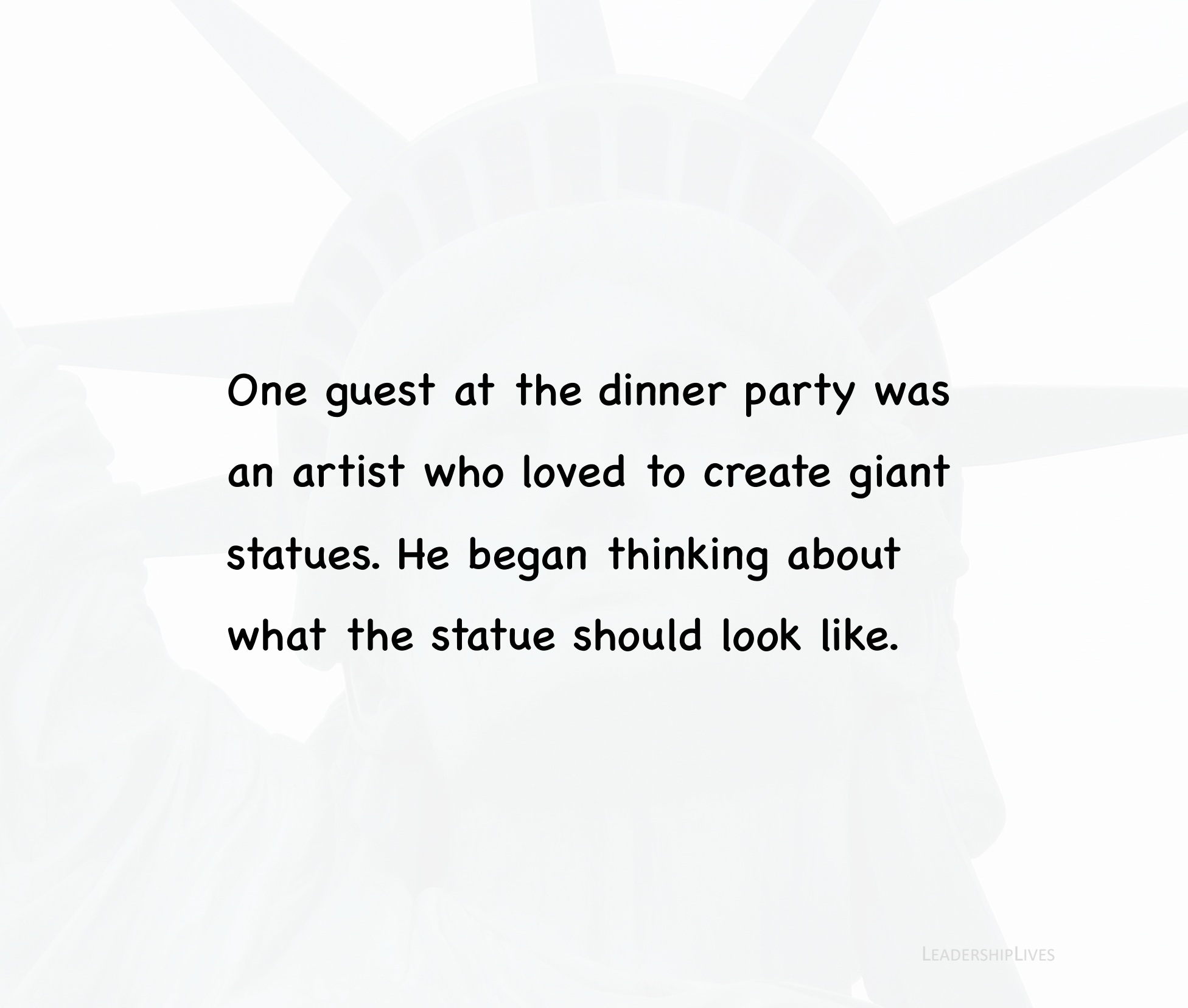




A long time ago, a professor, who lived near Paris, invited friends over for dinner.

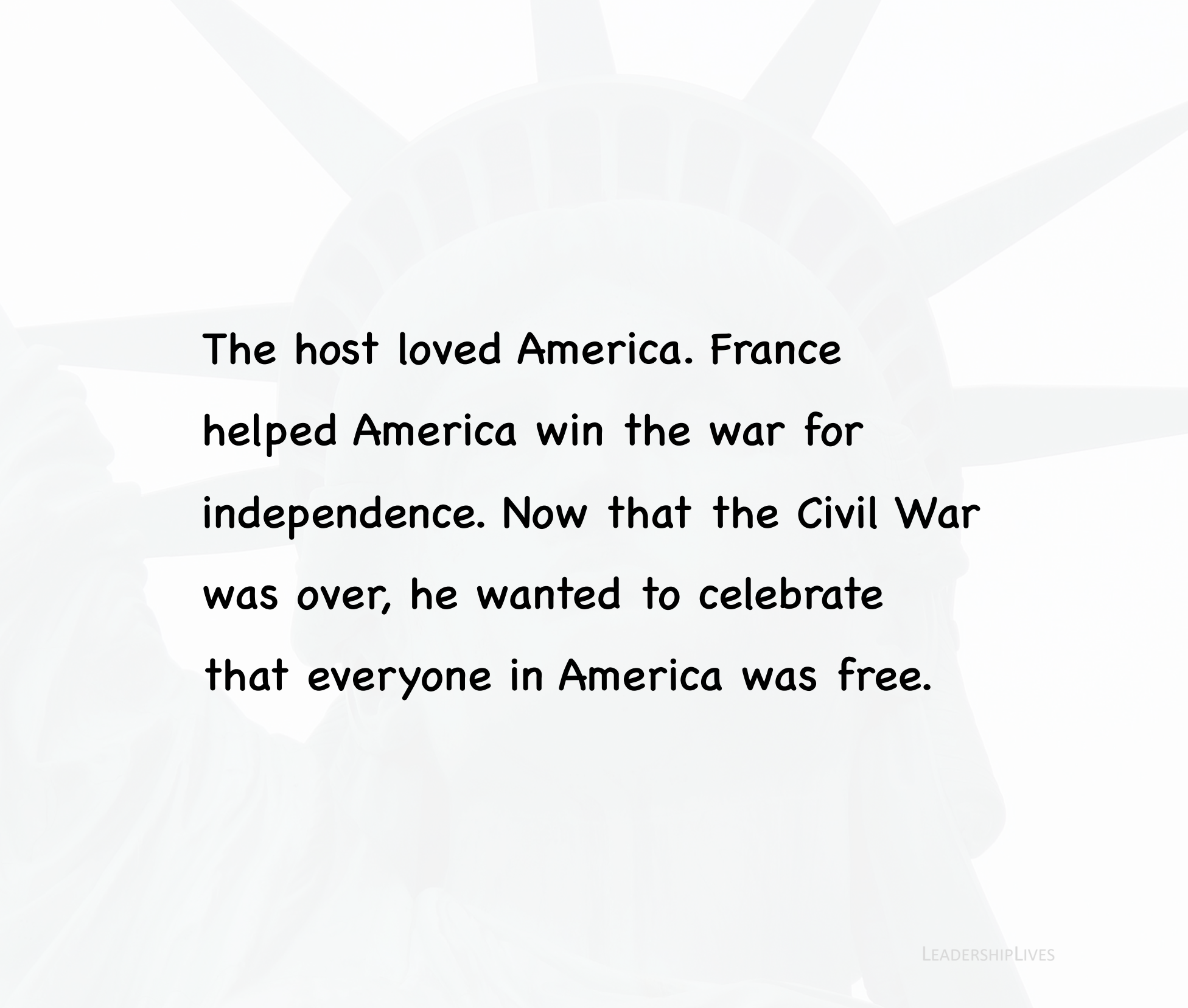
As they were having dessert, the professor announced a great idea, "France should give America a special gift to celebrate freedom!"





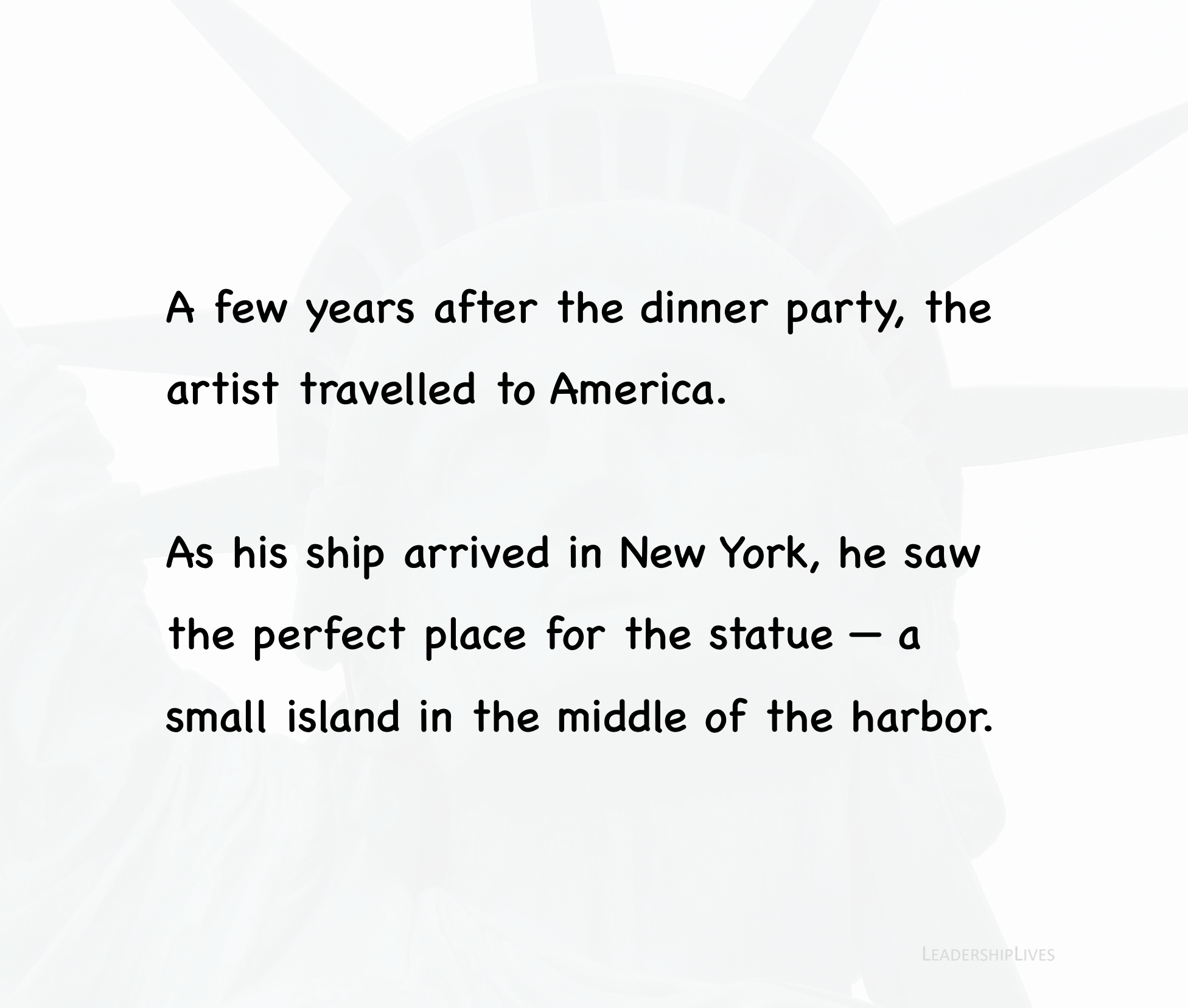
One guest at the dinner party was an artist who loved to create giant statues. He began thinking about what the statue should look like.





The host loved America. France helped America win the war for independence. Now that the Civil War was over, he wanted to celebrate that everyone in America was free.

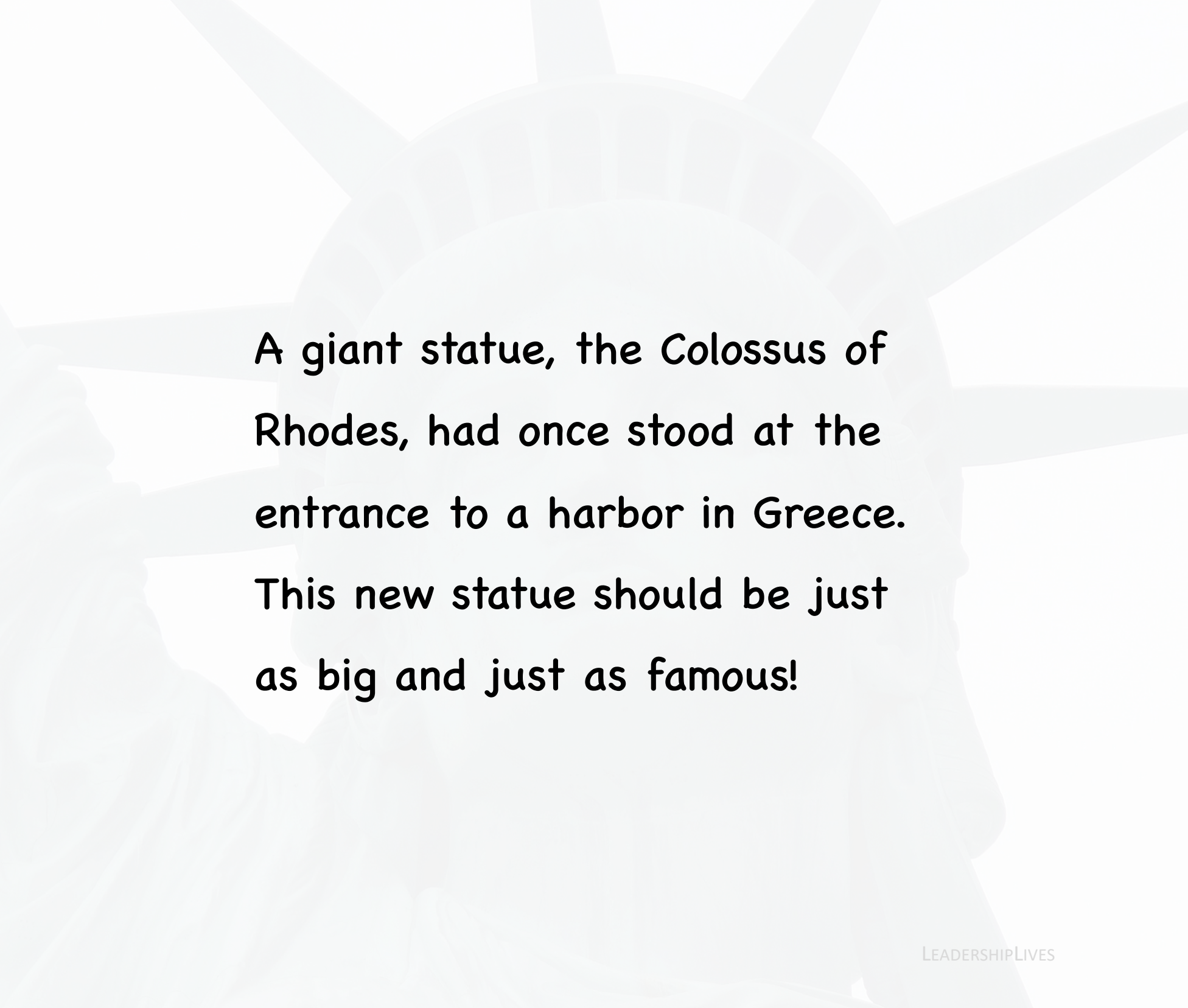


A faint, light gray background image of the Statue of Liberty, showing the crown and upper body, centered behind the text.

A few years after the dinner party, the artist travelled to America.

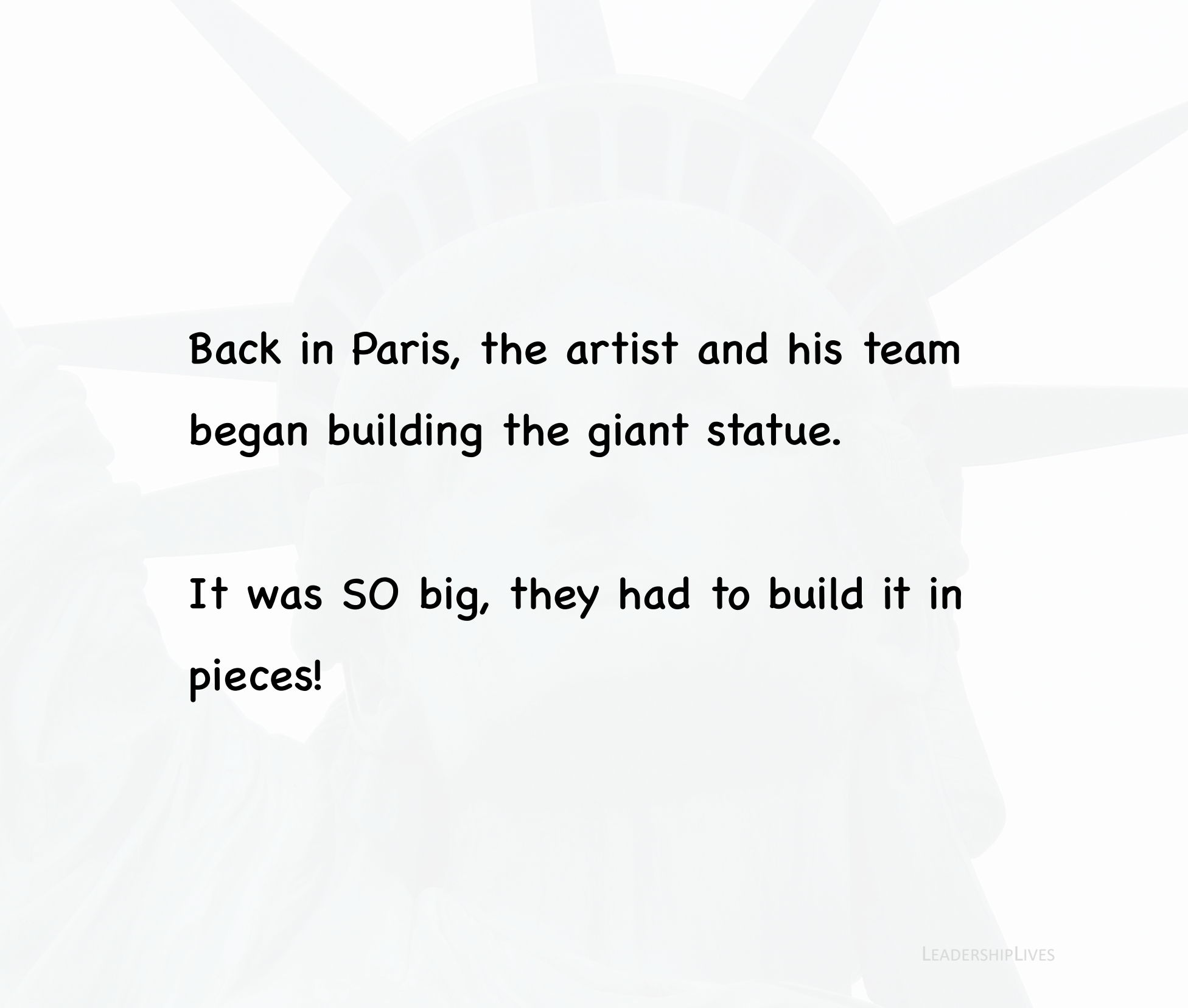
As his ship arrived in New York, he saw the perfect place for the statue — a small island in the middle of the harbor.





A giant statue, the Colossus of Rhodes, had once stood at the entrance to a harbor in Greece. This new statue should be just as big and just as famous!





Back in Paris, the artist and his team
began building the giant statue.

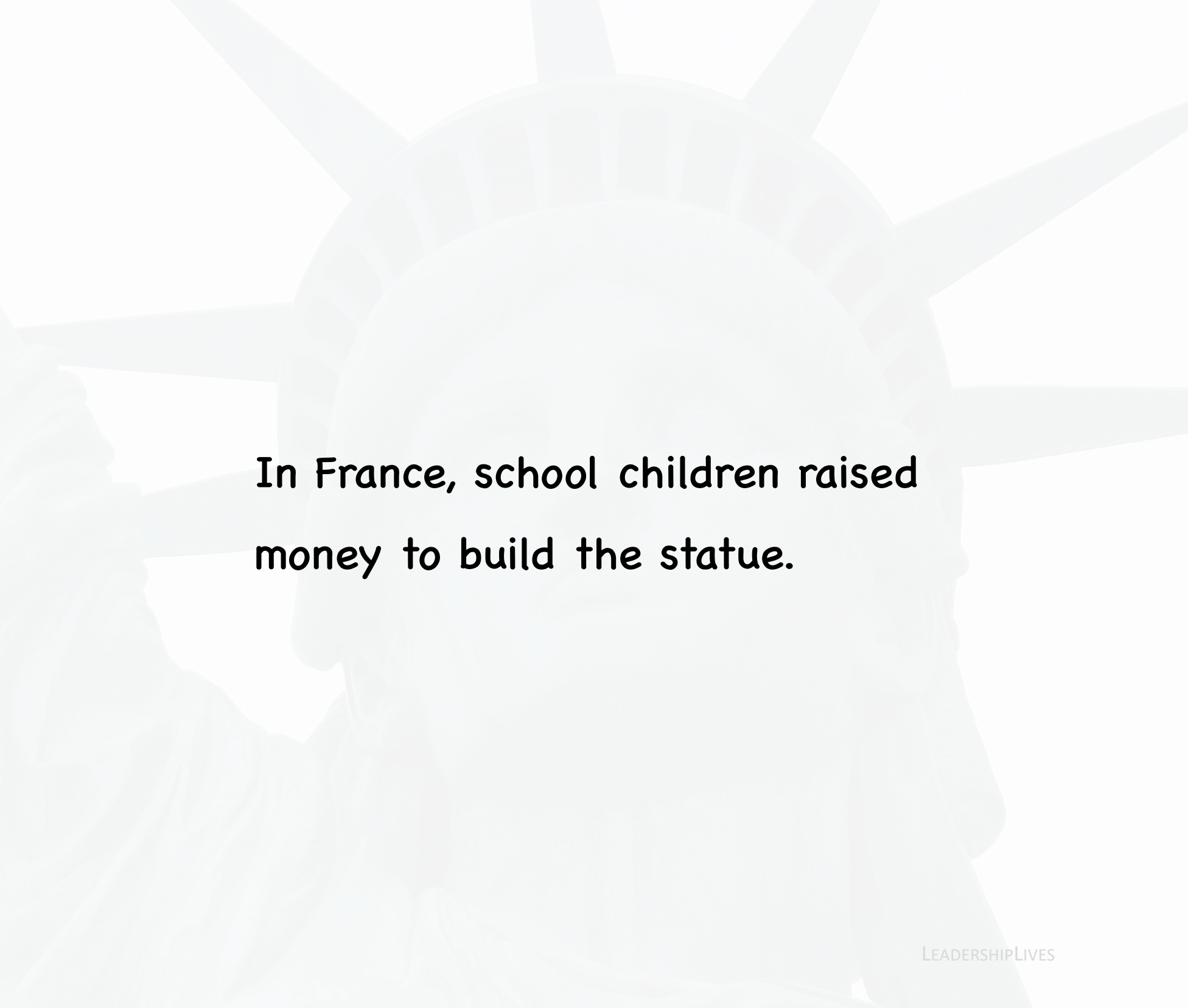
It was SO big, they had to build it in
pieces!





**They sent the torch to Philadelphia
to celebrate America's 100th birthday.**

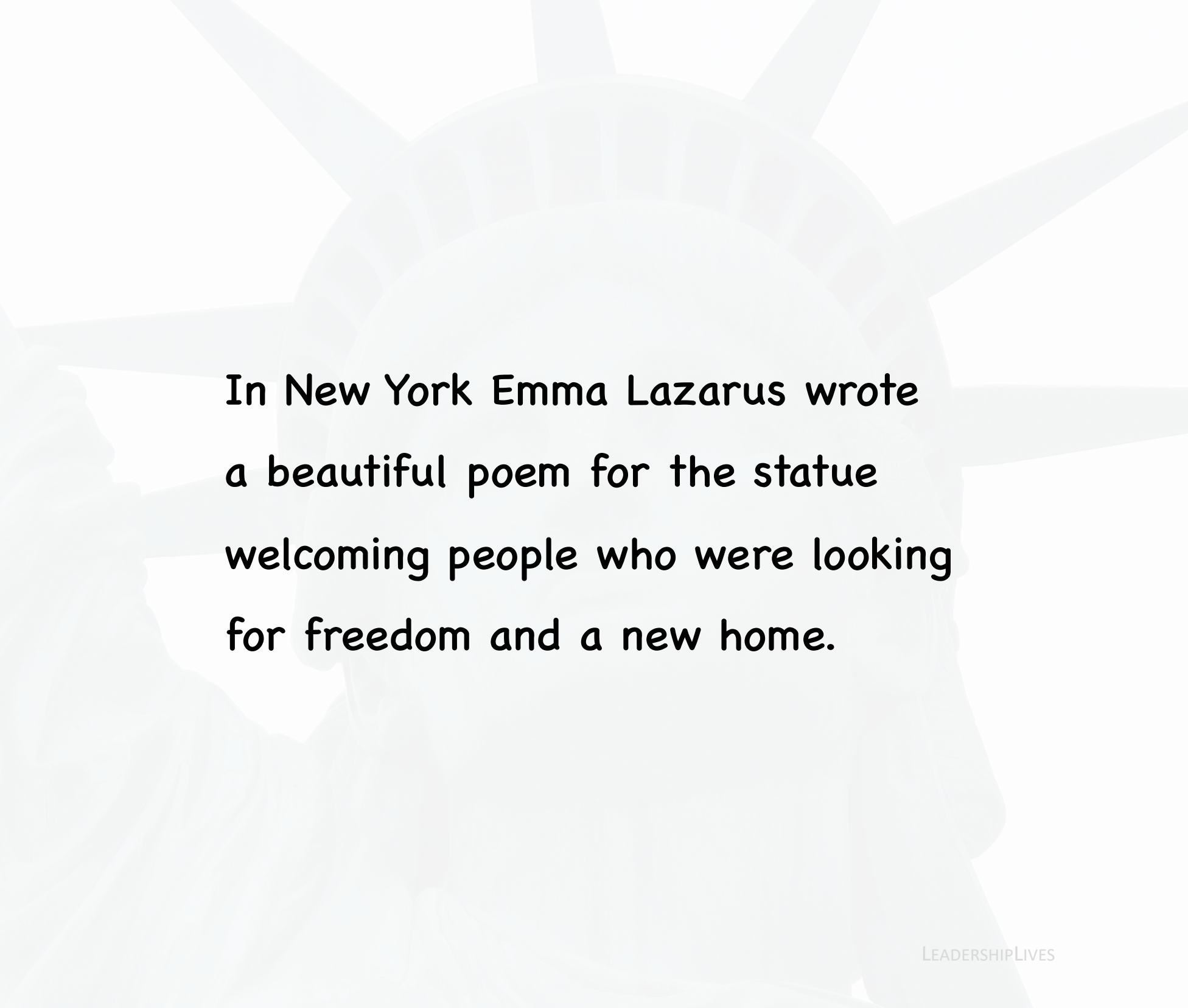




**In France, school children raised
money to build the statue.**

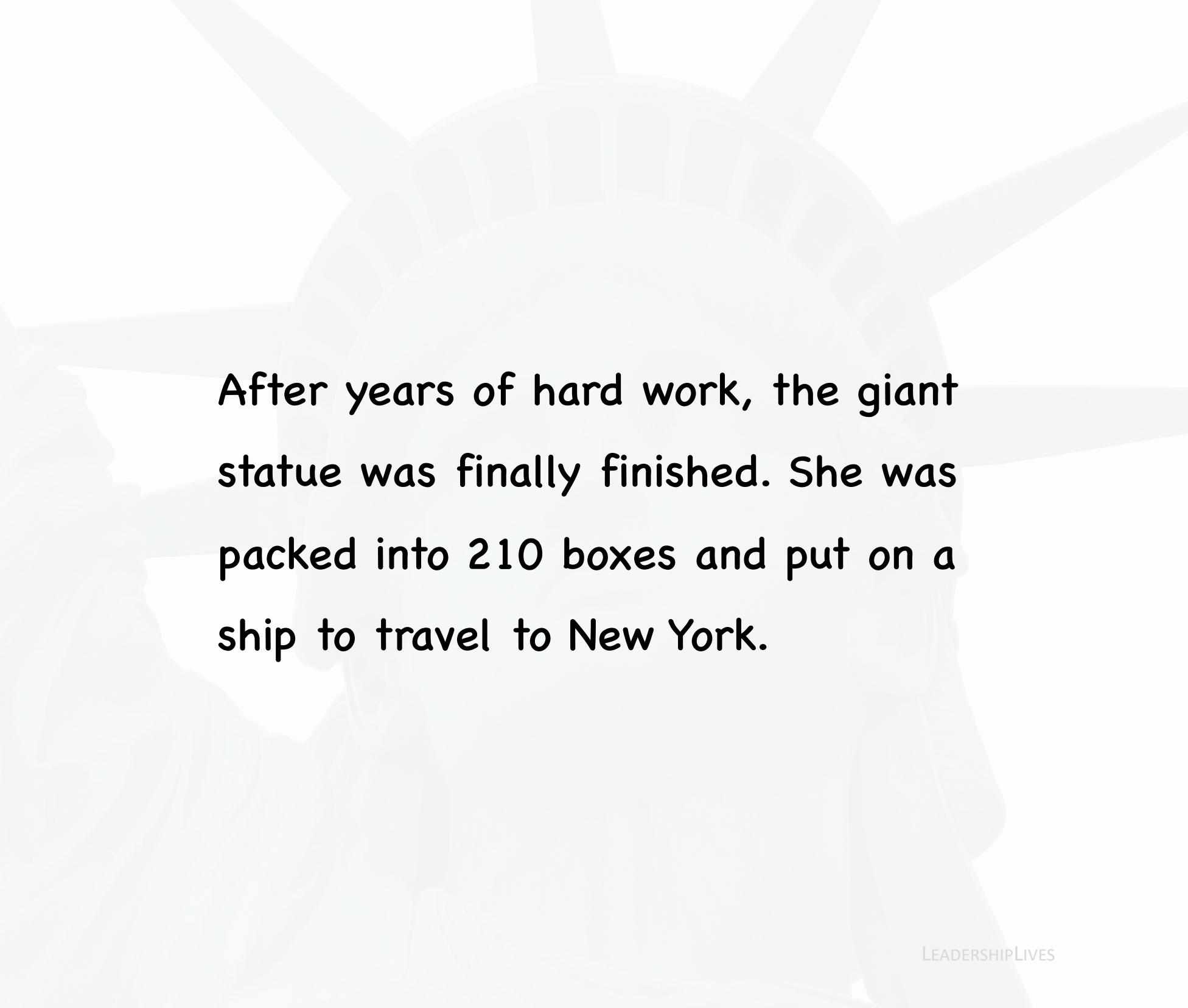


Pour la
Statue
de la
Liberté



In New York Emma Lazarus wrote
a beautiful poem for the statue
welcoming people who were looking
for freedom and a new home.





After years of hard work, the giant statue was finally finished. She was packed into 210 boxes and put on a ship to travel to New York.





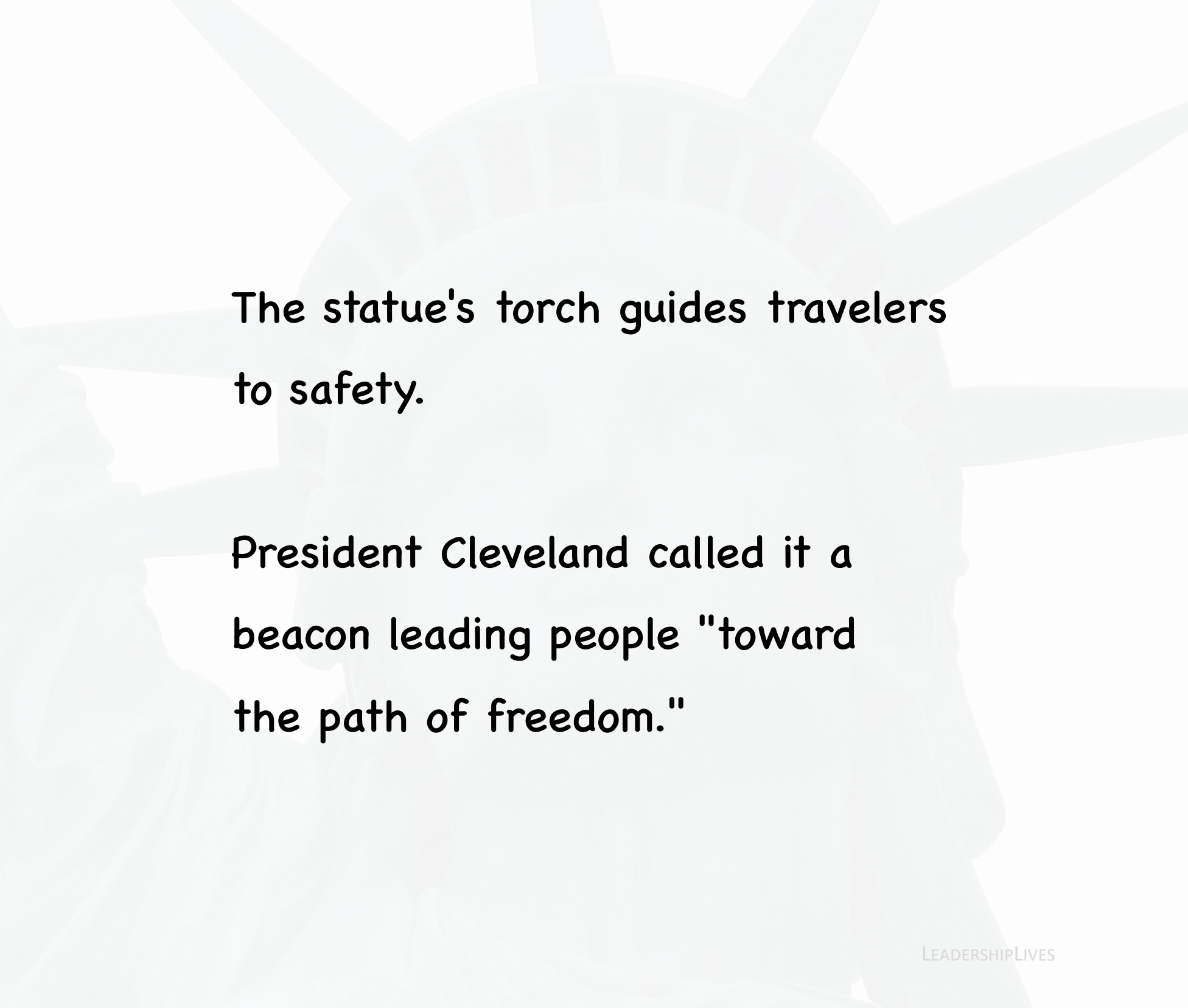
**Workers in New York put the statue
back together very carefully.**





Thousands of people celebrated
this wonderful gift with a parade
on Fifth Avenue.

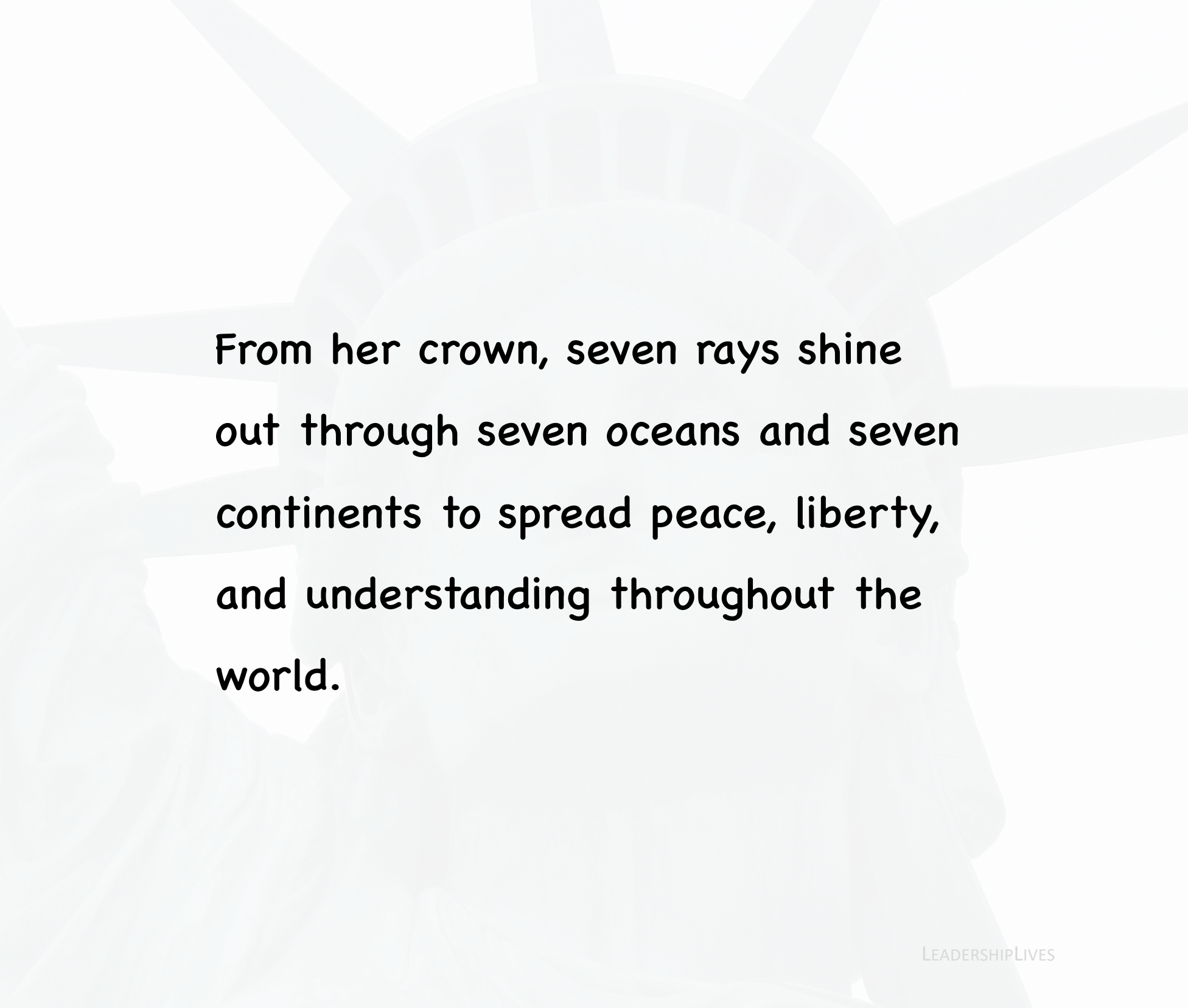




The statue's torch guides travelers
to safety.

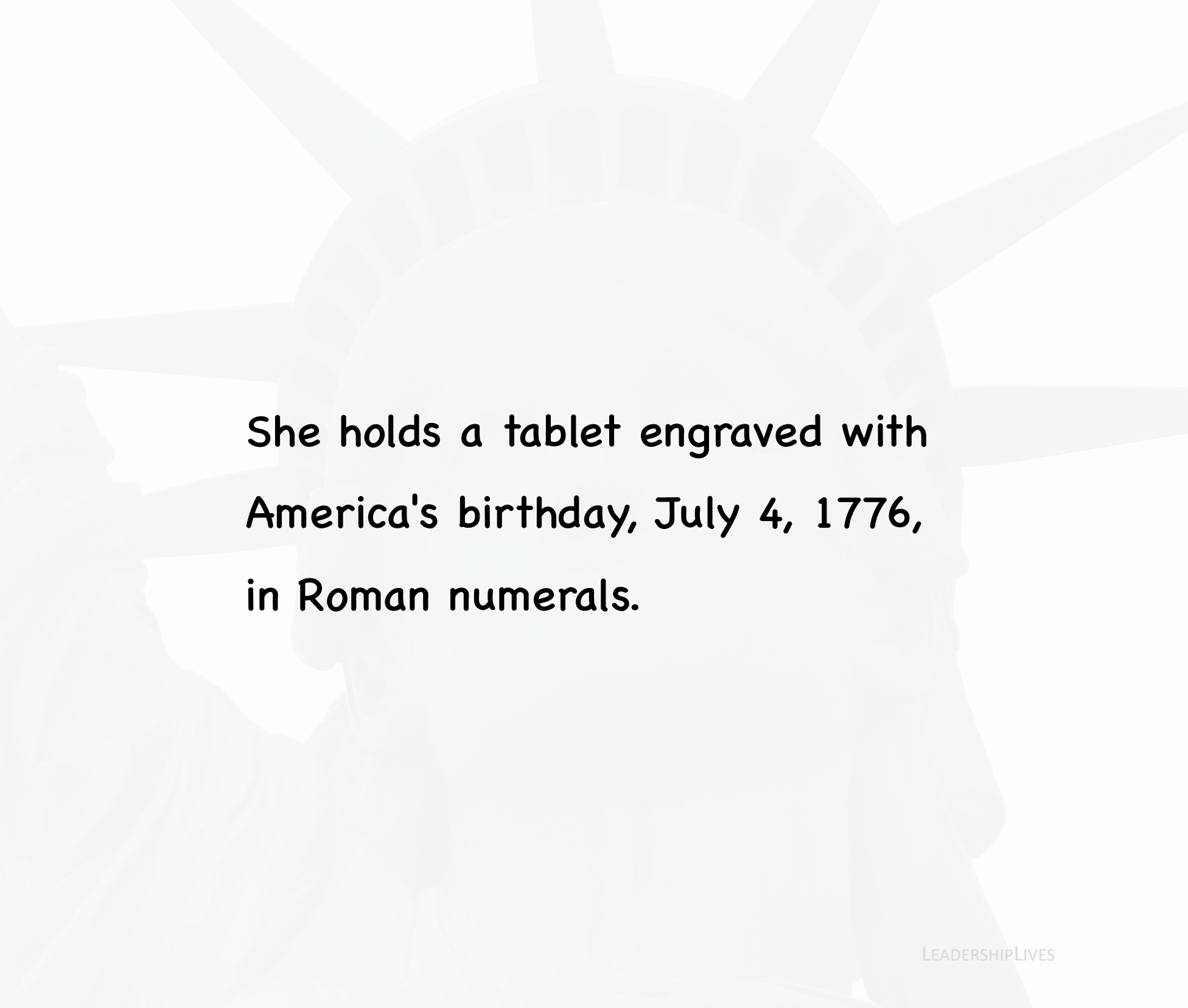
President Cleveland called it a
beacon leading people "toward
the path of freedom."





From her crown, seven rays shine
out through seven oceans and seven
continents to spread peace, liberty,
and understanding throughout the
world.

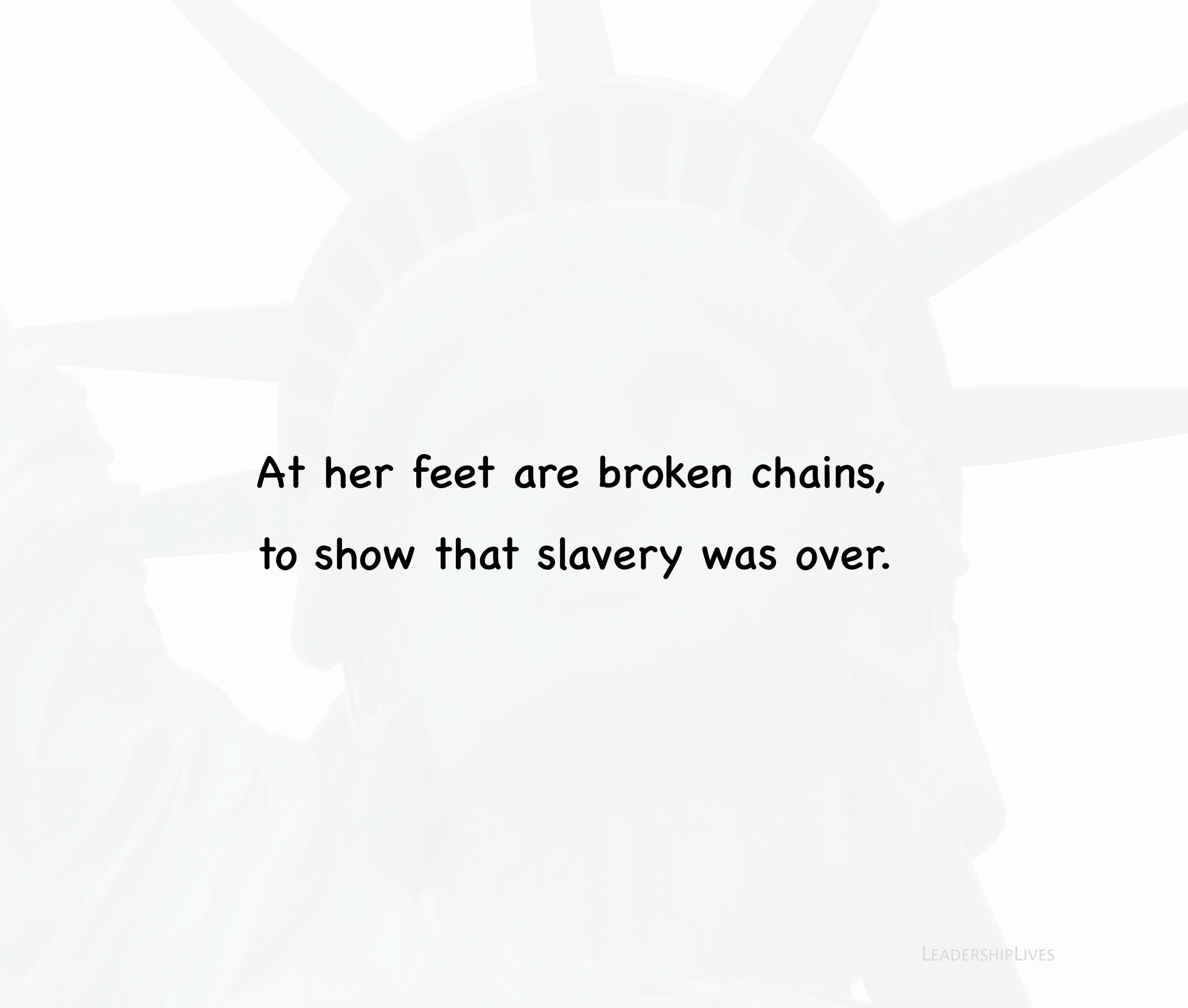




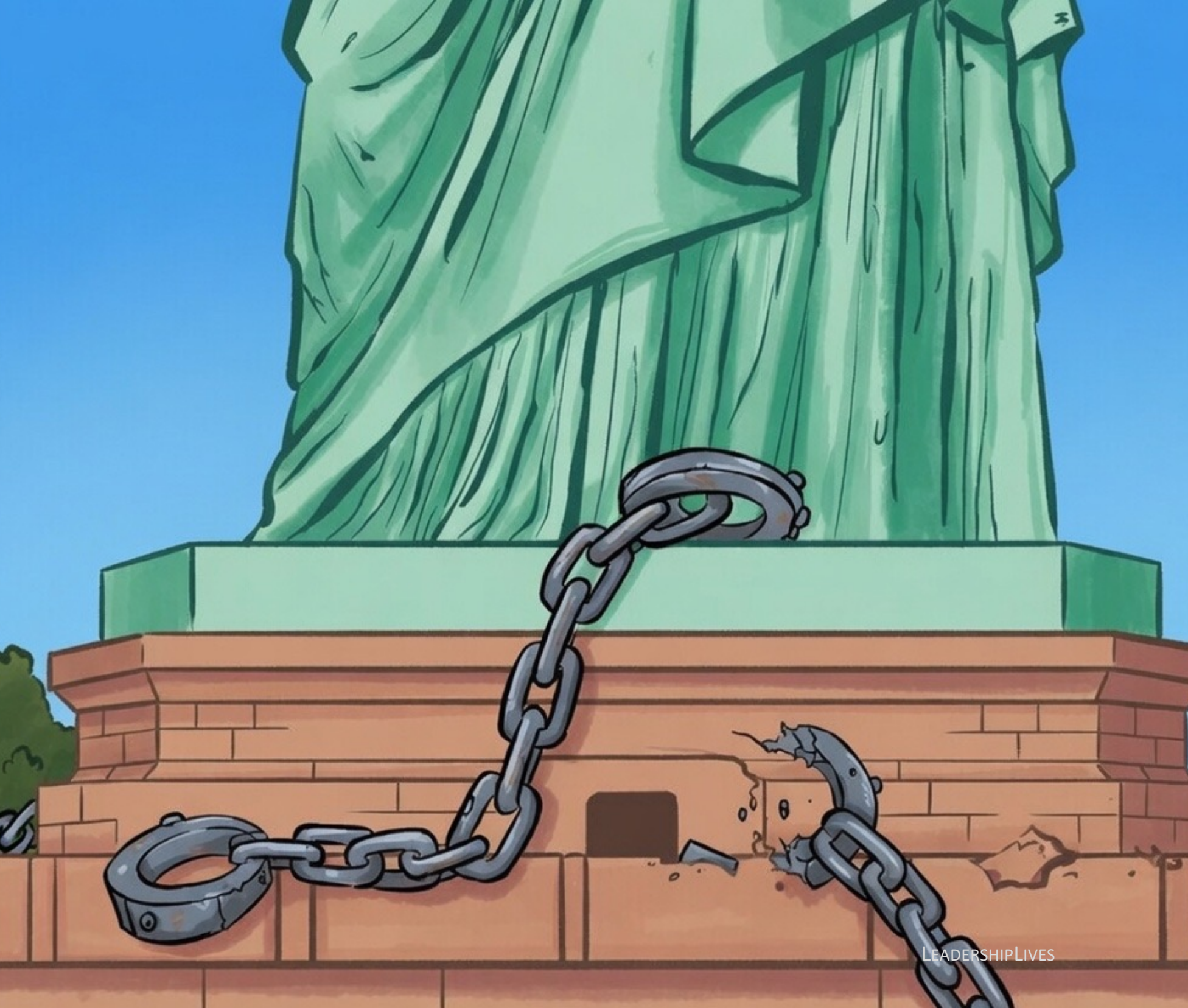
**She holds a tablet engraved with
America's birthday, July 4, 1776,
in Roman numerals.**

An artistic illustration of the Statue of Liberty's head and right arm. The statue is rendered in a vibrant green color with visible brushstrokes. She holds a rectangular sign with a wooden texture. The sign features the text 'JULY IV' in a large, bold, sans-serif font, with 'MDCCLXXVI' in a smaller, similar font below it. The background is a bright blue sky with soft, white, wispy clouds. The overall style is painterly and celebratory.

JULY IV
MDCCLXXVI



**At her feet are broken chains,
to show that slavery was over.**



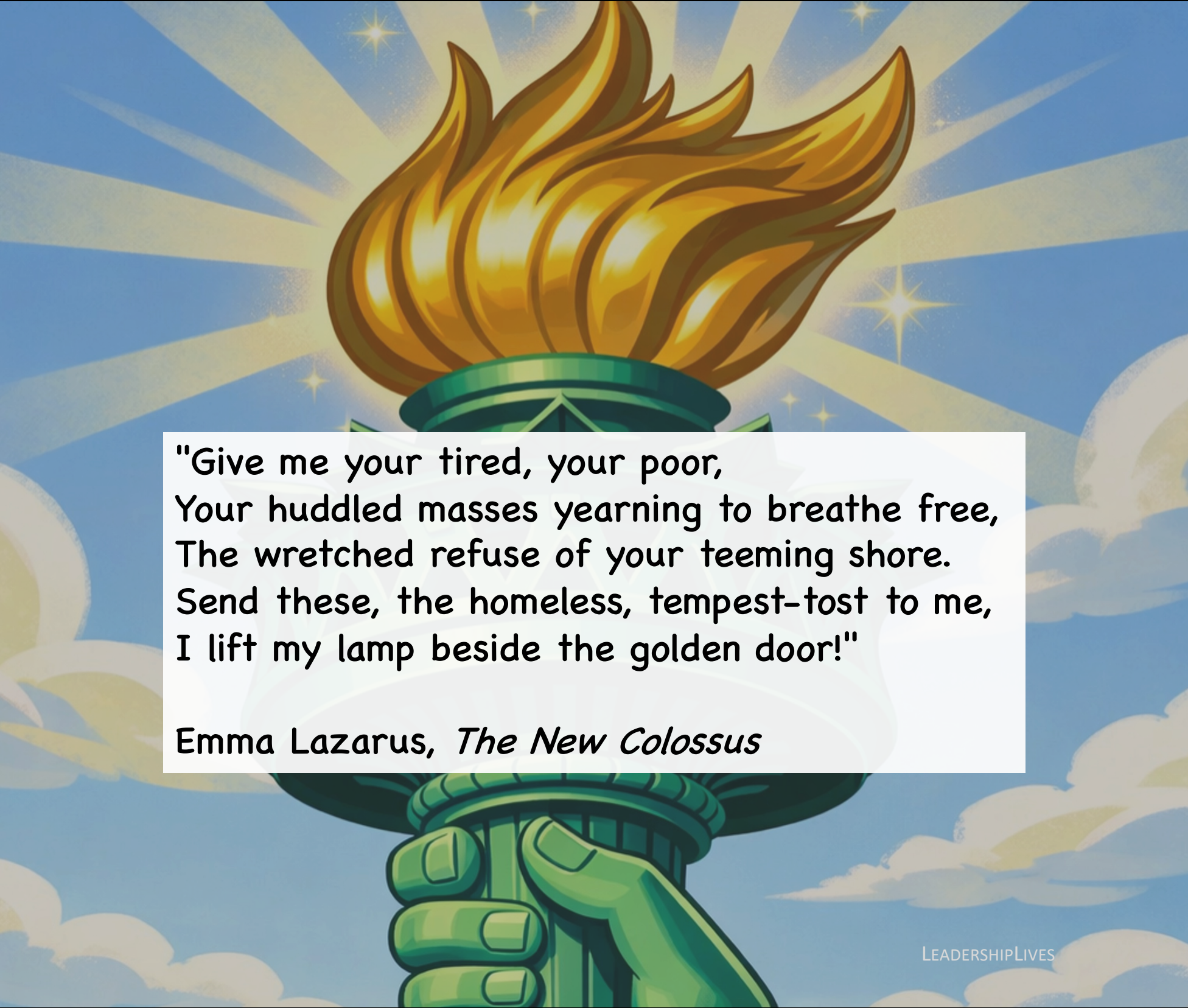


**And, every year, America celebrates
the 4th of July with fireworks at
the Statue of Liberty!**





The End



"Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

Emma Lazarus, *The New Colossus*

