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In a sleepy town in Southern France
stands a mysterious structure.

Is it a fortress?
A giant labyrinth?
The castle of a long-forgotten king?



It is, in fact, the work of one person.
A mailman named Ferdinand Cheval.
Who built it alone.
With nothing but his bare hands.
His will.
And a few tools.
For 33 years.

Today, this structure is a national treasure.
But it was not always so.

This is the story of its creation.



Ferdinand Cheval was a solitary man who spent his days delivering mail and daydreaming.

Every morning, Monsieur Cheval set out with a bag of mail, destined for the farmers and villagers scattered throughout the French countryside.

Until one day...
when a rock...
on his path...
made him... stumble.

A “stumbling rock,” you could say.

Monsieur Cheval marveled at this rock, for it was nothing like he had ever seen before.

“Nature can create such beauty,” he thought as he dropped it into his mailbag. And there it sat until he returned home that evening, where he marveled at the rock some more.

