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(18th dynasty, circa 1400 B.C.) are identified in classical times with the
Greek hero Memnon. Research in 1971 and 1972, supported by the Na-
tional Geographic Society, showed that each statue weighs 720 metric
tons and stands 14.3 meters above its pedestal block. The material was
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