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Herodotus was twenty years of age when it was ordained that he should leave his father's house at Halicarnassus, and pay a visit to the two Ionian islands of Samoa and Chios. Kinsmen of his father resided in both places. In Chios, which was the furthest off, lived a namesake, who was well known as Herodotus the son of Basilides, and who had taken an important part in the late Persian war. In Samos lived Theodoras, a descendant of the famous Samian artist of the same name. The reader must now be made acquainted with the reason which induced Lyxes to send his son upon such a voyage. Lyxes was a man of considerable wealth, and of great influence at Halicarnassus; and it had been arranged between the families that Herodotus was to be married to the fair Phaedra, a granddaughter of the old queen Artemisia. At the present time, however, Phaedra was only eight years old, and Herodotus was not at all sure that he had ever seen her. It was therefore necessary, in the first place, that some ten years should elapse before the intended marriage could be celebrated. In the second place, Lyxes had noticed strong evidences of talent in his son, and hoped that this marriage would enable him to take a prominent position in Halicarnassus....

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