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JEAN-PAUL SARTRE

Working alone, never connected for very long with any movement and with neither followers nor imitators, Alberto Giacometti has created a body of work that is extraordinary for its beauty and insight. Despite the many different forms his art has assumed, its essential validity has long been recognized if seldom defined.

This book, the catalog of a comprehensive exhibition of Giacometti's work organized by The Museum of Modern Art, brings together an unprecedented richness of illustration with the artist's own explanation of his aims and intentions in an autobiographical letter to his friend and agent Pierre Matisse. The letter, reproduced in facsimile as well as in translation in order to include the many explanatory drawings of the original, reveals how intensely personal Giacometti's approach to form has been. As Peter Selz writes in his critical introduction, Giacometti's "linear paintings, nervous mobile drawings, and sculptures of 'petrified incompleteness' testify to a great artist's struggle to find an equivalent for the human phenomenon."

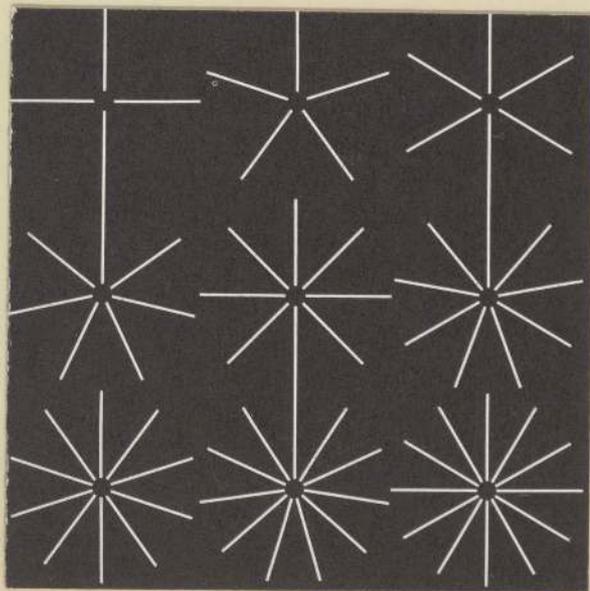
A full chronology by Irene Gordon identifies the major events in Giacometti's career, and a selective bibliography includes the most useful and informative published works about him. The 112 illustrations, sixteen of them in color and many reproducing photographs of exceptional beauty by Herbert Matter, constitute a pictorial record of Giacometti's activity and accomplishment in all the media he has explored.

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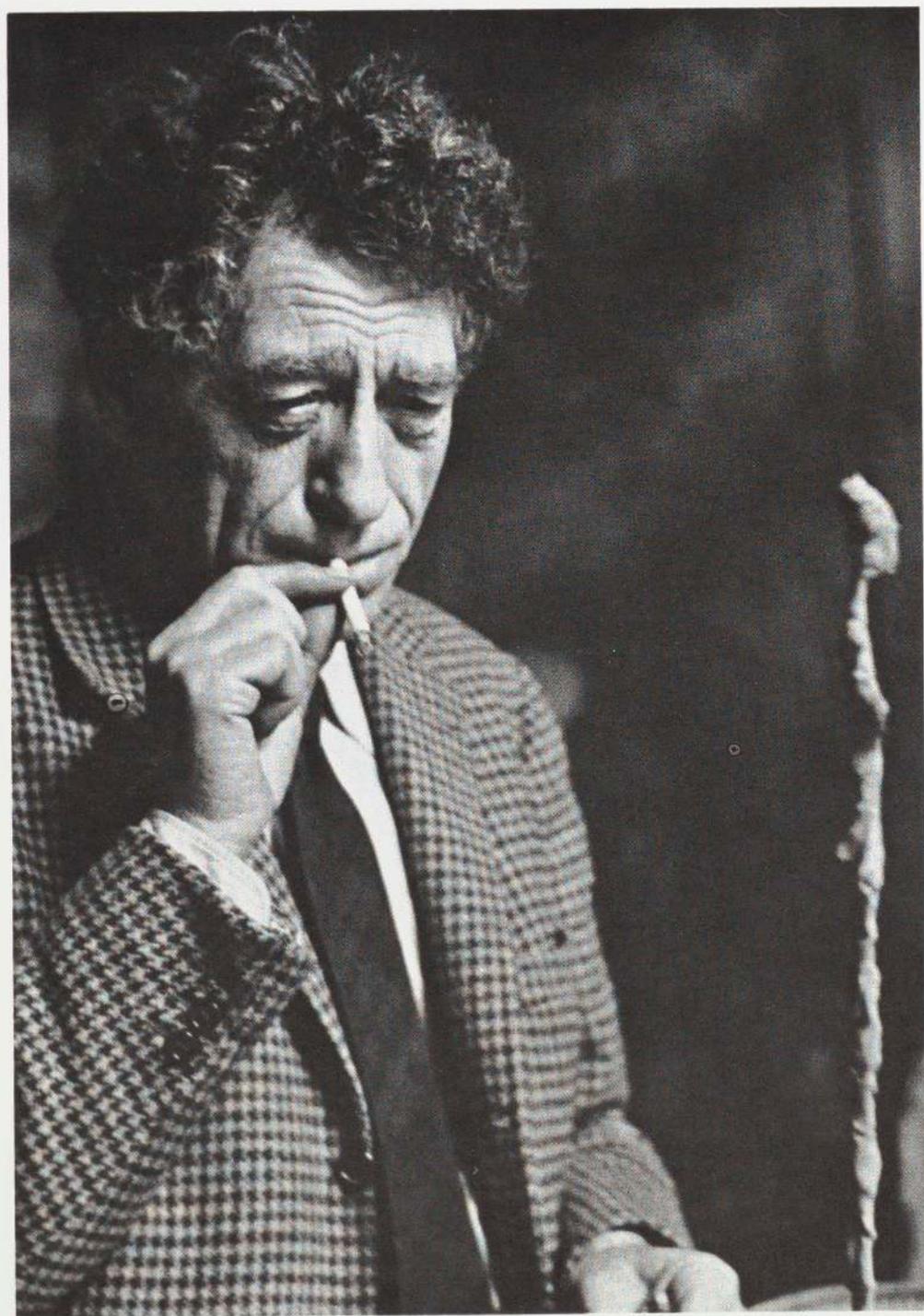
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For young painters and sculptors Alberto Giacometti occupies a position apart from that of all other living artists. His work, neither imitated nor slandered, is out of competition. Like a saint, he is placed in a niche by himself. "It is still possible to work like Giacometti," his younger colleagues say, taking comfort from his integrity as they proceed about their own business. Although his work, changing relatively little over a period of almost twenty years now, is very familiar, its resources are inexhaustible and the impact of his approach is ineluctable.

On behalf of the Trustees of The Museum of Modern Art, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and the San Francisco Museum of Art, I wish to express my greatest gratitude to Alberto Giacometti himself for his gracious co-operation and the many hours he has given to me in Paris, in St.-Paul-de-Vence, and in Stampa. It is a pleasure to record my thanks to the museums and individuals (listed on page 120) who have graciously consented to part with their sculptures, paintings, or drawings for so long a period.

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Peter Selz
Director of the Exhibition

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

by Peter Selz

"To render what the eye really sees is impossible," Giacometti repeated one evening while we were seated at dinner in the inn at Stampa. He explained that he could really not see me as I sat next to him—I was a conglomeration of vague and disconnected details—but that each member of the family sitting across the room was clearly visible, though diminutive, thin, surrounded by enormous slices of space. Everyone before him in the whole history of art, he continued, had always represented the figure as it is; his task now was to break down tradition and come to grips with the optical phenomenon of reality. What is the relationship of the figure to the enveloping space, of man to the void, even of being to nothingness?

The philosophical and emotional implications of the problem he poses do not overly concern him. The loneliness of his figures, that elusive quality upon which all his critics and admirers—it seems impossible to be one without being the other—have commented, is, in so far as he is concerned, the effect of *his* retinal vision. His friend Jean Genet, for example, has Giacometti's objects saying, "I am alone, I am transfixed in a necessity which you cannot disturb. As I am what I am, I am indestructible. Being what I am and without reservation, my solitude knows about your solitude." His figures may indeed evoke this feeling of loneliness and alienation, but this is by no means the artist's purpose. He strives to discover the visual appearance and to render it with precision—not the reflections of light which occupied the Impressionists, nor the distorted view of the camera which fails to register distance, but the object as it is contained in space, as seen by the human eye, the artist's eye.

The eye is man's miraculous instrument: it is both the mirror of self and its means of communication. Giacometti stares at people's eyes, hoping thus to understand them. He says that the blind seem to think with their eyes, and that the difference between a living person and a corpse is the gaze. In his painting and his sculpture he concentrates on the eye. "It should be enough to sculpt the eyes," he has said. In his painted portraits all the lines converge intensely on the eyes. If he could render a single eye correctly, he maintains, he would have the head, the figure, the world.

Jean-Paul Sartre has declared that "after three thousand years, the task of Giacometti and of contemporary sculptors is not to enrich

the galleries with new work, but to prove that sculpture itself is still possible." Giacometti is aware of this predicament, and his attempts to resolve it have led him to the problem that absorbs him today—to render precisely what he sees at a given distance. This distance—which creates the space containing the object—has become absolute: it is about nine feet, the distance from which his glance, focusing on the model's eye, can organize the whole. The result is a pervasive presence. The figures—in his paintings, his drawings, his sculpture—become clearest when we focus on them least. A standing nude female figure or a head of Diego, becomes increasingly vague as we approach it. At close range, the nose, chin, breasts do not reveal themselves: they disintegrate and we are left only with a vital surface of light flickering over the rough bronze—crater-like surfaces which remain witnesses of the artist's struggle. But the figures retain their integrity. They do not allow us to come into intimate contact with them. They remain unreachable and can only be seen at the distance from which they were modeled or painted. Within the space that contains them, they become real. To be in a room with a figure by Giacometti is not to enjoy an object but to experience a presence.

Giacometti is constantly at work. His hands never rest but move up and down modeling the clay on the armature, drawing figures and hands on paper napkins, envelopes, table tops. His work is continuous. He draws, builds, destroys, paints, models—one activity leading into the other without interruption. Nothing is ever finished. When painting, he builds up, paints over, makes changes, and finally stops, hoping to achieve the goal next time. He may turn his clay models over to his brother Diego for casting, but when he sees the plaster he is likely to hack away at it and when confronted with the bronze, to paint on it, in a constant process of growth, or rather, search, that will never end. Like other artists of his generation he is engaged more in the adventure than concerned with the result. Each work is a step for him, a study for new work, for the task of achieving the impossible: to render reality truly as it appears to the eye and yet to make a sculpture or a painting which, somehow, can find its place in the history of art.

All his life he has copied works of the past, hoping thereby to find a path in his search: Egyptian (page 105), Cycladic and African sculpture, the Roman portraits of the Faiyum, and Byzantine mosaics; he has done copies of the work of Cimabue and Giotto, Conrad Witz and Albrecht Dürer, Tintoretto, Rubens and Callot, Corot and Cézanne, as well as of his contemporaries. But he believes, finally, that the task of art has always been insurmountable, that all the achievements of the past were only tentative efforts, and that only his own work can lead him toward a greater understanding of the nature of reality.

The subject, although repetitious, is not a matter of indifference. He depicts his brother and his wife and his intimate environment. The landscapes at Stampa remain the same, as do the interiors and

still lifes. The figures, the standing females, hands on hips, who seem to be offering themselves in their elusiveness, the male heads, or walking men, hardly ever vary. They do not have much individuality; nothing, in fact, would interest Giacometti less than a psychological interpretation of the individual. Indeed, the longer a person sits for him, the more unknown, almost terrifying, he becomes. It is the basic structure of the head, not the personality of the sitter, that concerns him, not man's individuality but, rather, his universality. In this respect he recalls his important Swiss predecessor, Ferdinand Hodler, whose "parallelism" was the stylized symbolic expression of human solidarity.

Giacometti is convinced that this expression of universality can be achieved only by means of the most painstaking study of nature. He first modeled a head from nature in 1914 when he was a young boy—a head, he points out, that was the same size as those of his current endeavors. He studied first with his father, the well-known Impressionist painter Giovanni Giacometti, then in Geneva, and finally with Bourdelle in Paris. As he explains in his autobiographical letter (pages 14-29), he soon gave up his hope of being able to work from nature, so he abandoned the model and, about 1925, began working from memory and imagination. For ten years he engaged in a series of highly original experiments. Subject to various influences, primitive and archaic carving as well as then-current Cubist sculpture (the work of Laurens and Lipchitz was of considerable interest to him), he yet affirmed a personality entirely his own. This became apparent as early as 1926 when he exhibited his *Couple* (page 33) at the Salon des Tuileries, at Bourdelle's invitation. These bizarre and amusing monoliths and the monumentally concave *Spoon Woman* (pages 30, 31) combine a powerful plastic confrontation with symbolic erotic content. Of great importance was a series of heads with oval indentations (page 32) which had become flat during the working process without the sculptor's intention. Soon he felt the need of opening his forms and made undulating or static grill-like forms (pages 34, 35), and then open cages where he was able to analyze the object from the inside. Caves and enclosures dominate his memories of childhood—no wonder then that sculpture for him was to become the hollowing out of space. The cages, to which he turned around 1930, reach their climax in the fantastic *Palace at 4 A.M.* (page 45) which was completely realized in his mind in all its absurd precision before it was made.

Constantly searching for new sculptural concepts, he was also interested in the possibilities of obtaining actual kinetic movement and constructed his *Suspended Ball* (page 36) in which a cloven sphere, held by a thread, can be made to slide along a crescent-shaped object. His frank erotic symbolism, the near-abstraction of his work, his exploitation of the dream and reliance on the unconscious, brought him into close contact with the Surrealists, and for a brief time he took part in their exhibitions and wrote for their publications. But

whereas they seemed satisfied once they had found a certain style and imagery, Giacometti continued to experiment, discovering new forms and symbols, such as the frightening *Hand Caught by a Finger* (page 37), a fiendish system of gears which, if they did function, would grind the hand to bits. The violent and destructive aspects of his imagination and an obsession with sexual murder is revealed most clearly in the *Woman with Her Throat Cut* (page 38), a nightmarish image, part woman, part animal, part machine. In the *Invisible Object* (page 43), on the other hand, his frightened self and his perpetual fear of the void find a mysterious climax. Simultaneously with work of this Surrealist nature, Giacometti also explored the solidity of objects, making his remarkable *Cubist Head* (page 40), which once again shows his fascination with man's glance.

But all the time he was aware that the day was not far off when he would once more have to sit down before a model and come to grips with the visible world. This became clear to him while he and Diego were engaged in the design and manufacture of vases, lamps, chairs, and tables for a fashionable Paris decorator. He realized that he was working on vases the same way he worked on sculptures, and he decided that a clear distinction had to be made between the manufacture of a fine object and the mystery of sculpture.

He went back to working from life, expecting, as he recalled in his letter to refresh his eyes for two weeks; instead he was to work all day for five years. There was a time when the human form became no bigger than a pin (page 47) and, reduced almost beyond its ultimate minimum, was barely able to withstand the onslaught of the void. Then, slowly, after the war, new figures began to emerge, elongated effigies rooted to their bases with enormous feet, superbly arresting in their immobility.

The reduction that had taken place was not only in the almost ascetic thinness of the figure. The compelling *Hand* of 1947 (page 48) is more powerful in its effect than the caught hand of fifteen years earlier, precisely because it has abandoned all paraphernalia and exists with a mysterious power and contained violence. In the late forties he created unforgettable group compositions, of men passing each other in anxious search of their loneliness (page 56), or standing straight and detached like trees in Alpine forests (page 54), or separated from the viewer by an insurmountable chasm of space (page 60).

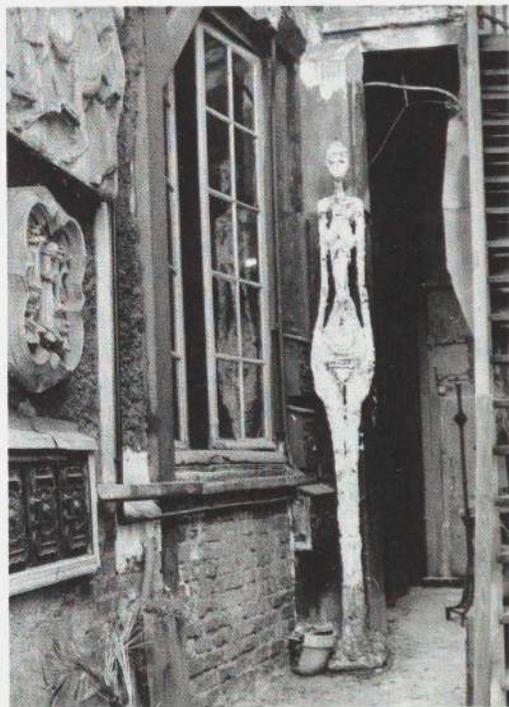
In his paintings, which begin again after the war, the problem of distance is also dominant: the repeated framing device isolates the sitter into an environment that is remote and uncertain. These grisaille paintings with their restrained colors seem out of place in a time when our sensibilities are constantly blunted by the brilliance of fresh and garish color. But colors, Giacometti feels, adhere to surfaces, and his problem—the problem of the sculptor as painter—is to grasp the totality of the image in space. His linear painting, nervous mobile drawings, and sculptures of “petrified incompleteness” testify to a great artist's struggle to find an equivalent for the human phenomenon.

CHRONOLOGY

Compiled by Irene Gordon

- 1901 Alberto Giacometti born October 10 in Stampa (Grisons), Switzerland, a small village near the Italian border, to Annetta and Giovanni Giacometti (1868-1933), a well-known Impressionist painter.
- 1910- Begins drawing from nature at the age of nine.
- 1914 Paints his first picture, of apples, in 1913; in 1914 makes his first sculpture, a bust of his younger brother Diego, which he still owns. Uses other members of his family as models.
- 1915- Attends secondary school in Schiers (Grisons),
- 1918 where he is interested in literature (the German Romantics, Goethe, Hölderlin), the natural sciences, and history. Continues to draw, paint, and sculpt.
- 1919 Takes a three-month leave from school to consider what he wants to do and decides to devote himself to art. Leaves the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Geneva after three days because he is not permitted to draw what he wishes and enters the Ecole des Arts-et-Métiers where he studies sculpture.
- 1920- Accompanies father, commissioner of the Swiss pavilion at the Biennale, to Venice. Is attracted to the mosaics in San Marco and to Bellini's paintings, forms a passionate love for the works of Tintoretto but is even more impressed by Giotto's frescoes which he sees on a trip to Padua. Visits Florence and Assisi, where he is overwhelmed by Cimabue's paintings; lives in Rome for nine months where he is fascinated by the Egyptian collection in the Vatican museum, admires Baroque art (Borromini) and Early Christian mosaics. Knows the work of the Futurists. Copies many works of art, paints portraits and landscapes. Begins two sculptured busts but for the first time experiences difficulty working from the model and destroys them before leaving Rome.
- 1922- Arrives in Paris, January 1, 1922. Enters the
- 1925 Académie de la Grande-Chaumière, where he stays for three years in Bourdelle's class.
- 1925- Takes his first studio, on the rue Froidevaux,
- 1926 which he shares with his brother Diego. The difficulties experienced in Rome in working from life recur and he begins to work from his imagination—a practice that he will follow almost exclusively for the next 10 years. The first works are of a Cubist nature (*Torso*). Influences from African art, Cycladic sculpture, and the work of Laurens and Lipchitz lead at first to solid, compact structures (*The Couple, The Spoon Woman*) and thin, tablet-like works. Begins to exhibit at the Salon des Tuileries.
- 1927 Moves into the studio on the rue Hippolyte-Maindron which he still occupies, to which Diego's workrooms are adjacent.
- 1928 Continues to develop the tablet-like sculptures and begins to make openwork structures (*Three Persons Out Of Doors, Man and Woman*). Meets Tériade, André Masson, and Michel Leiris, who becomes one of his closest friends. Also meets the dissident members of the Surrealist group: Queneau, Limbour, Desnos, Prévert. Knows Miró and Calder.
- 1929- Development of the transparent constructions
- 1930 (*Reclining Woman Who Dreams, Standing Man*). Makes his first "cage" sculpture (*Suspended Ball*). Meets Aragon, Breton, and Dali. Joins the Surrealists and becomes a participant in the group's activities, publications, and exhibitions. To earn their living he and Diego make chandeliers, vases, chairs, and other furnishings for the interior decorator Jean-Michel Frank, which they will continue to do for many years. Exhibits objects with Miró and Arp at the Galerie Pierre.
- 1931- Dislikes sculpture that gives an illusion of
- 1934 movement and begins to make sculptures with movable parts (*Hand Caught by a Finger, No More Play*). The cage sculptures, which had consisted of single units, culminate in the more complex *Palace at 4 A.M.* Dissatisfaction with the objects he has been making begins to lead him away from abstract pieces toward more figurative sculptures, and the 10-year period of working from the imagination ends with such works as *Walking Nude, 1 + 1 = 3, The Invisible Object*, and a series of skull-like heads. Has first one-man show in 1932 in Paris at the Galerie Pierre Colle; participates in the Surrealist exhibition at the Galerie Pierre Colle in 1933; in 1934 has his first one-man show in New York at the Julien Levy Gallery.
- 1935 Begins to make sculptures from nature again. Is officially expelled from the Surrealist group. From now on will work from both life and imagination, at times adhering to one method or the other for a period, more often following both practices concurrently on different works in hand. Friendships with Balthus, Gruber, and Tal Coat. Frequently sees André Derain whose work interests him enormously. Has 3 works in the exhibition *Thèse-Antithèse-Synthèse* held at the Kunstmuseum, Lucerne.
- 1936 Has 8 works in the *International Surrealist Exhibition* held in London at the New Burlington Galleries; 3 works in the exhibition *Fantastic Art, Dada, Surrealism* at The Museum of Modern Art, New York.
- 1938 Is run over by a drunken motorist; spends months in the hospital undergoing painful treatment for his injured foot, while under constant threat of amputation.

- 1948- Continues making elongated figures whose
1950 bronzed surfaces appear scarred and eroded; begins to paint some of them. Creates a series of skeletal figures in motion (*City Square, Three Men Walking, Walking Quickly Under the Rain*) and of figures located precisely in space (*Chariot, Four Figurines on a Base*). The desire for less rigidity is fulfilled, by accident, by compositions made by grouping a number of figures, each of which had been created independently (*Composition with Seven Figures and a Head*). Major exhibitions at the Pierre Matisse Gallery, New York, in 1948 and 1950; included in group exhibitions in Amsterdam (1948) and Bern (1950); shares a two-man exhibition with André Masson in Basel (1950).
- 1951 Makes sculptures that are apart from the recurrent themes of standing figures and portrait busts (*Horses* [destroyed], *Dog*). First exhibition at the Galerie Maeght, Paris.
- 1952- Makes a series of small, stubby figures in plaster
1953 and bronze (*Standing Nude*); elongated figures and busts also become more rounded. Becomes interested in printmaking, especially lithography. Included in group exhibitions in Basel (1952), at The Museum of Modern Art, New York (1952); one-man exhibition of 26 works at the Arts Club, Chicago.
- 1954- Commissioned by the French Mint to make a
1955 medal of Henri Matisse, he makes many drawings of the aged artist shortly before Matisse's death. Meets Jean Genet. Exhibitions in New York at the Pierre Matisse Gallery and in Paris at Galerie Maeght (1954); large retrospectives held at the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, and by the Arts Council of Great Britain in London (1955).
- 1956 Exhibits a series of monumental female figures at the Biennale, Venice; large one-man show at the Kunsthalle, Bern.
- 1940- Abandons working from a model and begins
1942 again to work from his imagination, which leads to a series of minuscule figures. Sees Picasso often, becomes friendly with Sartre.
- 1942- Lives in Switzerland, primarily Geneva. Meets
1945 Annette Arm who will become his wife. Contributes drawings and articles—on Laurens, Calot—to the magazine *Labyrinthe* published by Skira. The problem of the tiny figure continues, and when he leaves Switzerland to return to Paris his entire production of these years is said to fit into 6 matchboxes. One-man show in New York at Peggy Guggenheim's Art of This Century gallery includes 9 earlier works.
- 1945- Returns to Paris. The difficulty of the tiny
1947 figure is resolved through drawing, and the figures become larger, but now they satisfy him only when they are tall and slender (*Man Pointing*). Begins painting again, from nature: still lifes, landscapes, and especially portraits.
- 1957- Monumental figures (*Walking Man I, Tall
1961 Figures I-IV*) conceived in connection with an outdoor project (1960). Concentration on elongated figures and busts continues, but surfaces begin to become more fluid, forms more rounded, resulting in more approachable figures (*Monumental Head, Bust of Annette*). His paintings, too, achieve greater realism (*Caroline*). Included in many group exhibitions in Europe and the United States; exhibits fairly regularly at his galleries in Paris and New York; large exhibitions at Galerie Klipstein & Kornfeld, Bern (1959), World House Galleries, New York (1960). Wins sculpture prize at the International Exhibition of Contemporary Painting and Sculpture, Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh (1961).
- 1962- Awarded the grand prize for sculpture at the
1963 Biennale, Venice (1962); large retrospective exhibitions at the Museum of Fine Arts, Zurich (1962) and Galerie Beyeler, Basel (1963).
- 1964 Opening of the Fondation Marguerite et Aimé Maeght in St.-Paul-de-Vence in which his works occupy a prominent place; chandeliers and many furnishings for the museum made by Diego. Announcement of a plan to establish a foundation in Zurich to house and add to a large collection of sculptures, paintings, and drawings. Wins the Guggenheim International Award in an exhibition sponsored by the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York.



Plaster study for *Tall Figure*. 1960.
Outside the studio.

A LETTER FROM ALBERTO GIACOMETTI
TO PIERRE MATISSE, 1947

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Here is the list of sculptures that I promised you, but I could not make it without including, though very briefly, a certain chain of events, without which it would make no sense.

I made my first bust from life in 1914, and continued during the following years throughout the whole period of my schooling. I still have a certain number of these busts and always look at the first with a certain longing and nostalgia.

At the same time, and for many years before, I was drawing a great deal and painting. In addition to drawing from nature and illustrating the books I read, I often copied paintings and sculptures from reproductions. I mention this because with only short interruptions I have continued to do the same thing up to the present.

In 1919 I went to the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Geneva for three days, and then to the Ecole des Arts-et-Métiers in the same city to study sculpture. I painted watercolors in the countryside and at the lake shore, and did oil paintings at home.

In 1920-21 I lived in Italy. In Venice first, where I spent my days looking mostly at the Tintoretts, not wanting to miss a single one.

To my great regret, on the day I left Venice, Tintoretto was a little dethroned by the Giotto in Padua, and he in turn some months later by Cimabue at Assisi.

I stayed nine months in Rome where I never had enough time to do all I wanted. I wanted to see everything, and at the same time I painted, figures, somewhat pointillist landscapes (I had become convinced that the sky is blue only by convention and that it is actually red), and compositions inspired by Sophocles and Aes-

Voici la liste des sculptures que je vous ai promise, mais je ne peux la faire qu'en y introduisant un certain enchaînement, d'ailleurs très sommaire, sans cela elle n'aurait aucun sens.

J'ai fait mon premier buste d'après nature en 1914 et continuai les années suivantes pendant toute l'époque du collège. Je possède encore un certain nombre de ces bustes et je regarde toujours le premier avec une certaine envie et nostalgie.

En même temps et bien des années avant déjà je dessinais beaucoup et je faisais de la peinture. A côté des dessins d'après nature et des illustrations de livres que je lisais, je copiais souvent des tableaux et des sculptures d'après des reproductions. Je cite ceci parce que j'ai continué la même activité avec de très courtes interruptions jusqu'à présent.

En 1919 j'étais pendant à ^{3 jours} ~~peine une année~~ à l'Ecole des Beaux-Arts à Genève. ~~J'avais de l'aversion pour celle-ci~~ ^{et après à l'école de Arts et métiers de la même ville pour la sculpture} et je faisais surtout des aquarelles dans les environs et au bord du lac et de la peinture chez moi.

En 1920-21 j'ai vécu en Italie. A Venise d'abord où j'ai passé les journées à regarder les lintoret surtout, ne voulant pas qu'il y en ait un seul qui m'échappe.

Lintoret fut un peu détrôné, à ma grande peine, le jour même où je quittai Venise par les Giotto de Padoue, et celui-ci, à son tour, quelques mois plus tard, par Cimabue à Assisi.

Je restai neuf mois à Rome où le temps me manqua toujours pour faire tout ce que je voulais. J'avais envie de tout voir et en même temps je faisais de la peinture, des figures, des paysages un peu pointillistes (j'avais acquis la conviction que le ciel n'est bleu que par convention mais rouge en réalité) et des compositions d'après

chylus whom I was reading at this time *The Sacrifice of Iphigenia, The Death of Cassandra, The Sack of Troy, etc.*).

I had also begun two busts, one of them small, and for the first time I could not find my way, I was lost, everything escaped me, the head of the model before me became like a cloud, vague and undefined. I ended by destroying them before I left. I spent a lot of time in museums, in churches, in ruins. I was particularly impressed by the mosaics and the Baroque. I can recall each sensation in front of each thing I saw. I filled my notebooks (a marvelous sketch by Rubens comes to mind this very moment and the mosaic in Saints Cosmas and Damian, and this is followed immediately by thousands of other things, but I must hurry).

In 1922 my father sent me to Paris to attend the academy. (I would have preferred in a way to have gone to Vienna where living was cheap. At this period my desire for pleasure was stronger than my interest in the academy.)

From 1922 to 1925 and later I was at the Académie de la Grande-Chaumière, in Bourdelle's studio. In the mornings I did sculpture and the same difficulties I had had in Rome began again. In the afternoons I drew.

I could no longer bear sculpture without color and I often tried to paint them from life. I kept some of these for years, and then, mostly to make room, I had them taken out and thrown away.

Impossible to grasp the entire figure (we were much too close to the model, and if one began on a detail, a heel, the nose, there was no hope of ever achieving the whole).

Sophocle et Eschyle que je lisais à cette époque (Le Sacrifice d'Iphigénie, La Mort de Cassandre, L'Incendie de Troie, etc.).

J'avais commencé aussi deux bustes, un petit, et, pour la première fois, je ne m'en sortais pas, je me perdais, tout m'échappait, la tête du modèle devant moi devenait comme un nuage, vague et illimité. Je finis par les détruire à la fin de mon séjour. Je passais une grande partie du temps dans les musées, les églises, les ruines. J'étais surtout attiré par les mosaïques et le Baroque. Je me rappelle chaque sensation devant chaque chose que j'ai regardée. Je remplissais des carnets de copies (Une merveilleuse esquisse de Rubens qui me revient à la mémoire en cet instant et la mosaïque de St. Cosme et Damian, et celle-ci est suivie immédiatement par mille autres choses, mais il me faut aller vite.).

En 1922 mon père m'envoya à Paris pour fréquenter l'Académie. (J'aurais préféré d'un certain côté aller à Vienne où l'argent valait peu. A cette époque mon désir de plaisir était plus fort que mon intérêt pour l'Académie).

De 1922 à 1925 et plus j'étais à l'Académie de la Grande-Chaumière, chez Bourdelle. Le matin je faisais la sculpture et les mêmes difficultés qu'à Rome recommencèrent. L'après-midi je dessinais.

Je ne pouvais plus supporter une sculpture sans couleur et très souvent j'ai essayé de les peindre d'après nature. J'en ai gardé quelques-unes pendant des années et puis, pour faire de la place surtout, je les ai fait ^{enlever et jetés} détruire.

Impossible de saisir l'ensemble d'une figure (nous étions beaucoup trop près du modèle et si on parlait d'un détail, d'un talon ou du nez, il n'y avait aucun espoir de jamais arriver à un ensemble).

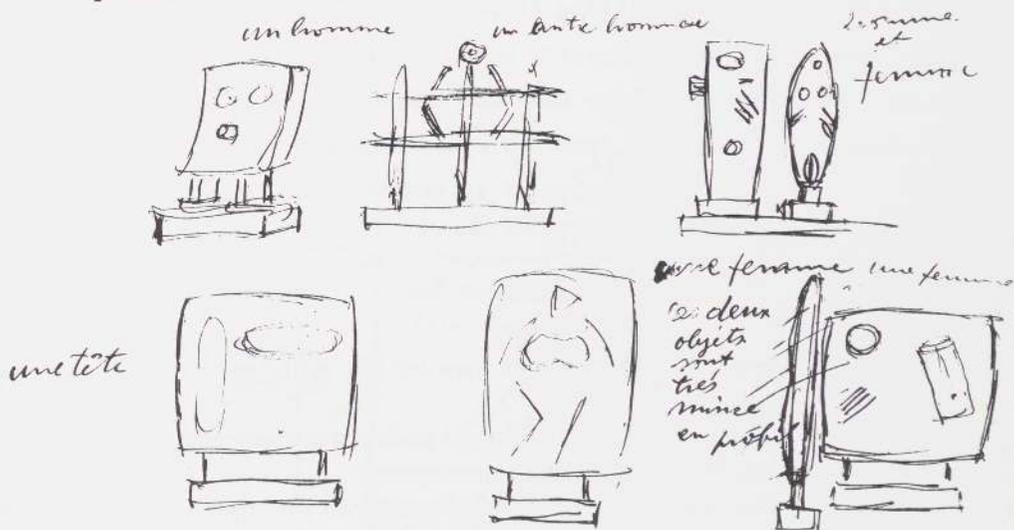
But if, on the other hand, one began by analyzing a detail, the end of the nose, for example, one was lost. One could have spent a lifetime without achieving a result. The form dissolved, it was little more than granules moving over a deep black void, the distance between one wing of the nose and the other is like the Sahara, without end, nothing to fix one's gaze upon, everything escapes.

Since I wanted nevertheless to realize a little of what I saw, I began as a last resort to work at home from memory. I tried to do what I could to avoid this catastrophe. This yielded, after many attempts touching on cubism, one necessarily had to touch on it (it is too long to explain now) objects which were for me the closest I could come to my vision of reality.

This gave me some part of my vision of reality, but I still lacked a sense of the whole, a structure, also a sharpness that I saw, a kind of skeleton in space.

Ma^{Si} par ~~malheur~~ ^{contre} on commençait par analyser ^{un détail} le bout du nez, par exemple, on était perdu. On aurait pu y passer la vie sans arriver à un résultat. La forme se défait, ce n'est plus que comme des grains qui bougent sur un vide noir et profond, la distance entre une aile du nez et l'autre est comme le Sahara, pas de limite, rien à fixer, tout échappe.

Comme je voulais tout de même ^{réaliser un peu} faire ce que je voyais, j'ai commencé, en désespoir de cause, à travailler chez moi de mémoire. J'ai tâché de faire le peu que je pouvais sauver de cette catastrophe. Ceci a donné, après quantité d'essais qui touchaient au cubisme, on devait forcément y toucher (c'est trop long à expliquer maintenant), des objets qui étaient pour moi ce que je pouvais faire de plus proche à ~~la réalité.~~ ^{de ma vision de la réalité,}



Ceci donnait pour moi une certaine partie de la vision de la réalité; mais il me manquait ce que je ressentais pour l'ensemble, une structure, un côté aigu que j'y voyais aussi, une espèce de squelette dans l'espace.

Figures were never for me a compact mass but like a transparent construction.

Again, after making all kinds of attempts, I made cages with open construction inside, executed in wood by a carpenter.

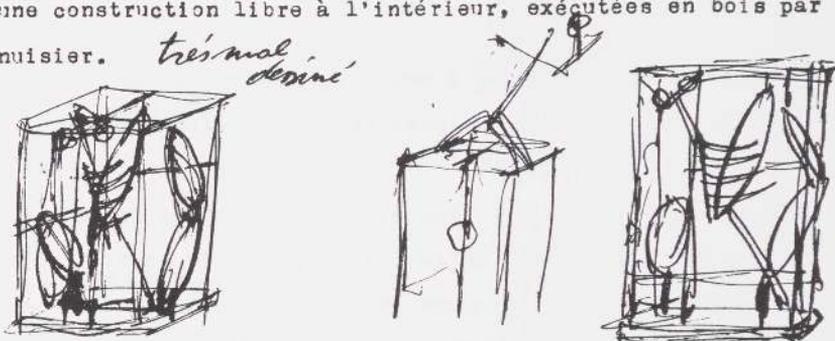
There was a third element in reality that concerned me: movement.

Despite all my efforts, it was impossible for me then to endure a sculpture that gave an illusion of movement, a leg advancing, a raised arm, a head looking sideways. I could only create such movement if it was real and actual, I also wanted to give the sensation of motion that could be induced.

Several objects which move in relation to one another.

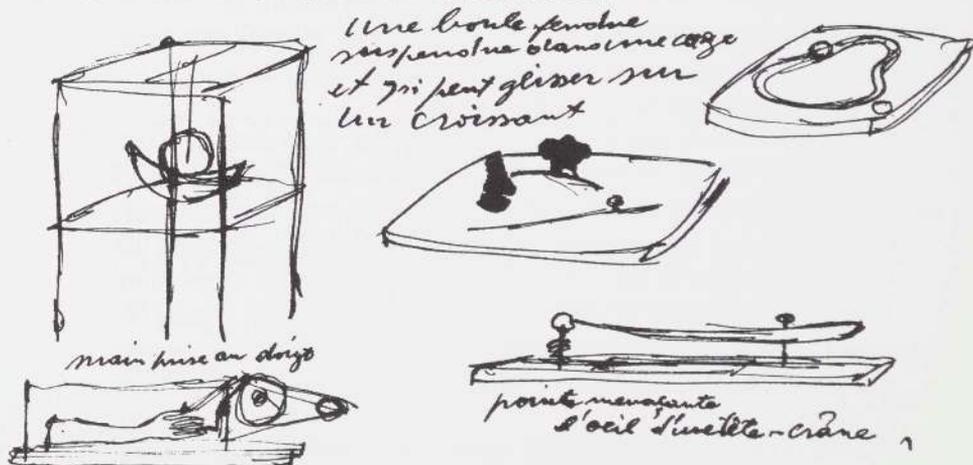
Les figures n'étaient jamais pour moi une masse compacte, mais comme une construction transparente.

Après de nouveau toute espèce d'essais, j'ai fait des cages avec une construction libre à l'intérieur, exécutées en bois par un menuisier. *très mal dessiné*



~~Mais~~ il y avait un troisième élément qui me touchait dans la réalité: le mouvement.

Malgré tous mes efforts, il m'était alors impossible de supporter une sculpture qui donne l'illusion d'un mouvement, une jambe qui avance, un bras levé, une tête qui regarde de côté. Ce mouvement, je ne pouvais le faire que réel et effectif, je voulais donner aussi la sensation de le provoquer.



Plusieurs objets qui bougent l'un par rapport à l'autre.

But all this took me away little by little from external reality, I had a tendency to become absorbed only in the construction of the objects themselves.

There was something in these objects that was too precious, too classical; and I was disturbed by reality, which seemed to me to be different. Everything at that moment seemed a little grotesque, without value, to be thrown away.

This is being said too briefly.

Objects without pedestals and without value, to be thrown away.

It was no longer the exterior forms that interested me but what I really felt. (During all the previous years—the period of the academy—there had been for me a disagreeable contrast between life and work, one got in the way of the other, I could find no solution. The fact of wanting to copy a body at set hours and a body to which otherwise I was indifferent, seemed to me an activity that was basically false, stupid, and which made me waste many hours of my life.)

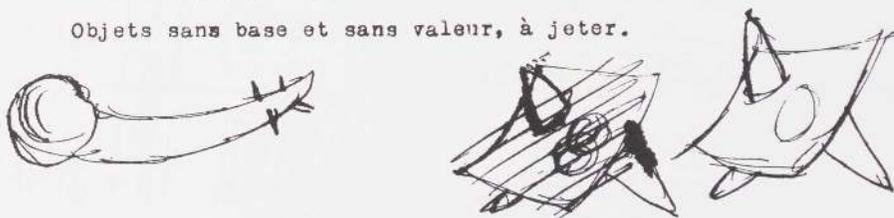
It was no longer a question of reproducing a lifelike figure but of living, and of executing only what had affected me, or what I really wanted. But all this alternated, contradicted itself, and continued by

Mais tout ceci m'éloignait peu à peu de la réalité extérieure, j'avais tendance à ne me passionner que pour la construction des objets eux-mêmes.

Il y avait dans ces objets un côté trop précieux, trop classique; et j'étais troublé par la réalité qui me semblait autre. ^{dans elle, à ce moment là} Tout ~~me~~ semblait un peu grotesque, sans valeur, à jeter.

Ceci est dit d'une manière trop sommaire.

Objets sans base et sans valeur, à jeter.



Ce n'était plus la forme extérieure des êtres qui m'intéressait, mais ce que je sentais affectivement dans ma vie. (Pendant toutes les années précédentes (époque de l'Académie), il y avait eu pour moi un contraste désagréable entre la vie et le travail, l'un empêchait l'autre, je ne trouvais pas de solution. Le fait de vouloir copier un corps à heures fixes, et un corps qui m'était par ailleurs indifférent, me semblait une activité fautive à sa base, bête, et qui me faisait perdre des heures de vie).

Il ne s'agissait plus de présenter une figure extérieurement ressemblante, mais de vivre et de ne réaliser que ce qui m'avait affecté, ou que je désirais. Mais tout ceci alternait, se contre-

contrast. There was also a need to find a solution between things that were rounded and calm, and sharp and violent. It is this which led during those years (32-34 approximately) to objects going in directions that were quite different from each other, a kind of landscape—a head lying down; a woman strangled, her jugular vein cut; construction of a palece with a skeleton bird and a spinal column in a cage and a woman at the other end. A model for a large garden sculpture, I wanted people to be able to walk on the sculpture, to sit on it and lean on it. A table for a hall, and very abstract objects which then led me to figures and skull heads.

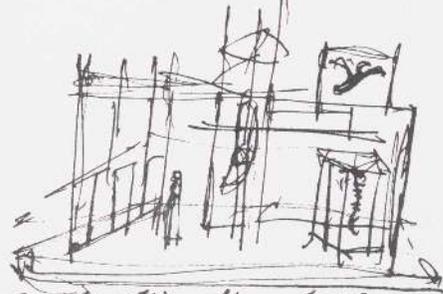
disait et continuait par contraste. Désir aussi de trouver une solution entre les choses pleines et calmes et aiguës et violentes. Ce qui donna pendant ces années là (32-34 a peu près) des objets allant dans des directions assez différentes, une de l'autre,



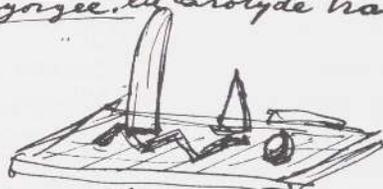
Espèce de paysage - tête couronnée,



Objet très mal dessiné ou peu difficilement le donnee en dessin femme en sténis égorgee, la carotide tranchée



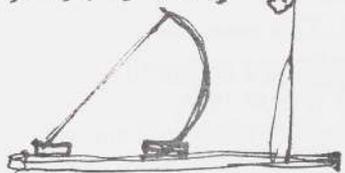
Construction d'un prolais avec squelette d'oiseau et épine dorsale dans une cage et une femme a l'autre bout,



maquette pour une grande sculpture dans un jardin, je voulais qu'on puisse marcher sur la sculpture s'y appuyer et s'y appuyer,

et des objets très abstraits

une table pour un couloir



très mal obtenu je ne me souviens plus exactement

qui m'amenaient par contre aux figures et a des têtes crânes



I saw anew the bodies that attracted me in reality and the abstract forms which seemed to me true in sculpture, but I wanted to create the former without losing the latter, *very briefly put*.

A last figure, a woman called $1 + 1 = 3$, which I could not resolve.

And then the wish to make compositions with figures. For this, I had to make (quickly I thought; in passing), one or two studies from nature, just enough to understand the construction of a head, of a whole figure, and in 1935 I took a model. This study should take (I thought) two weeks, and then I could realize my compositions.

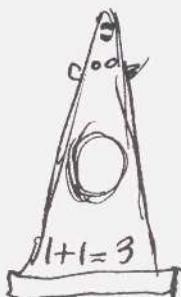
I worked with the model all day from 1935 to 1940.

Nothing was as I had imagined. A head (I quickly abandoned figures, that would have been too much) became for me an object completely unknown and without dimensions. Twice a year I began two heads, always the same ones, never completing them, and I put my studies aside (I still have the casts).

Finally, in order to accomplish at least a little, I began to work from memory, but this mainly to know what I had gotten out of all this work. (During all these years I drew and painted a little, and almost always from life.)

Je voyais de nouveau les corps qui m'attiraient dans la réalité et les formes abstraites qui me semblaient vraies en sculpture, mais je voulais faire cela sans perdre ceci très sommairement dit

Une dernière figure, une femme qui s'appelait $1 + 1 = 3$
dont je ne me sortais pas.



Et puis le désir de faire des compositions avec des figures. Pour cela il me fallait faire (vite je croyais, en passant) une ou deux études d'après nature, juste assez pour comprendre la construction d'une tête, de toute une figure, et, en 1935, je pris un modèle. Cette étude devait me prendre (je pensais) une quinzaine de jours, et puis je voulais ^{valoir} construire mes compositions.

J'ai travaillé avec modèle toute la journée de 1935 à 1940.

Rien n'était tel que j'imaginai. Une tête (je laissais de ^{très vite} côté les figures, ç'en était trop) devenait pour moi un objet totalement inconnu et sans dimensions. Deux fois par an je commençais deux têtes, toujours les mêmes, sans jamais aboutir, et je mettais mes études à côté (donc j'ai encore les moules).

Enfin, pour tâcher de les réaliser un peu, je recommençai à travailler ^{mais ceci surtout pour} de mémoire, ~~pour~~ savoir ~~surtout~~ ce qui me restait de tout ce travail. (Pendant toutes ces années j'ai dessiné et fait un peu de peinture) ^{et presque toujours d'après nature.}

But wanting to create from memory what I had seen, to my terror the sculptures became smaller and smaller, they had a likeness only when they were small, yet their dimensions revolted me, and tirelessly I began again, only to end several months later at the same point.

A large figure seemed to me false and a small one equally unbearable, and then often they became so tiny that with one touch of my knife they disappeared into dust. But head and figures seemed to me to have a bit of truth only when small.

All this changed a little in 1945 through drawing.

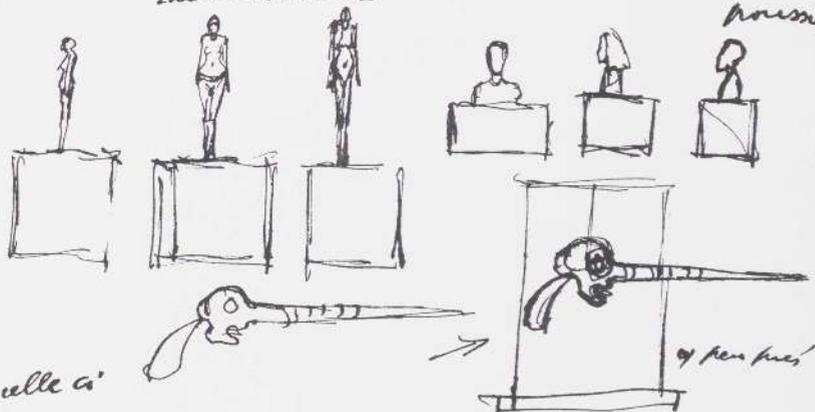
This led me to want to make larger figures, but then to my surprise, they achieved a likeness only when tall and slender.

And this is almost where I am today, no, where I still was yesterday, and I realize right now that if I can draw ancient sculptures with ease, I could draw those I made during these last years only with difficulty; perhaps if I could draw them it would no longer be necessary to create them in space, but I am not sure about this.

And now I stop, besides they are closing, I must pay.

Mais voulant faire ~~de~~ mémoire ce que j'avais vu, à ma terreur, les sculptures devenaient de plus en plus petites, elles n'étaient ressemblantes que petites, et pourtant ces dimensions me révoltaient et, inlassablement, je recommençais pour aboutir, après quelques mois, au même point.

Une grande figure était pour moi fautive et une petite tout de même intolérable *et puis elles devenez si minuscules que souvent avec un dernier coup de ciseau et disparaissaient*
mais têtes et figures n'étaient un peu vraies que minuscules. *la*
ne me semblais *provision*



à si elle ci
Tout ceci changea un peu en 1945 par le dessin. *plus*
Clucia m'amena à vouloir
Je voulais à tout prix faire des figures ~~ou au moins~~
~~pas absolument minuscules~~, mais alors, à ma surprise, elles n'étaient ressemblantes que longues et minces.

~~Mais aujourd'hui, je ne peux plus les dessiner.~~

Et ~~par~~ *la* c'est à peu près où j'en suis aujourd'hui, ~~pas plus~~
non, ou ~~ou~~ j'en étais hier encore, et je m'aperçois à l'instant que si je

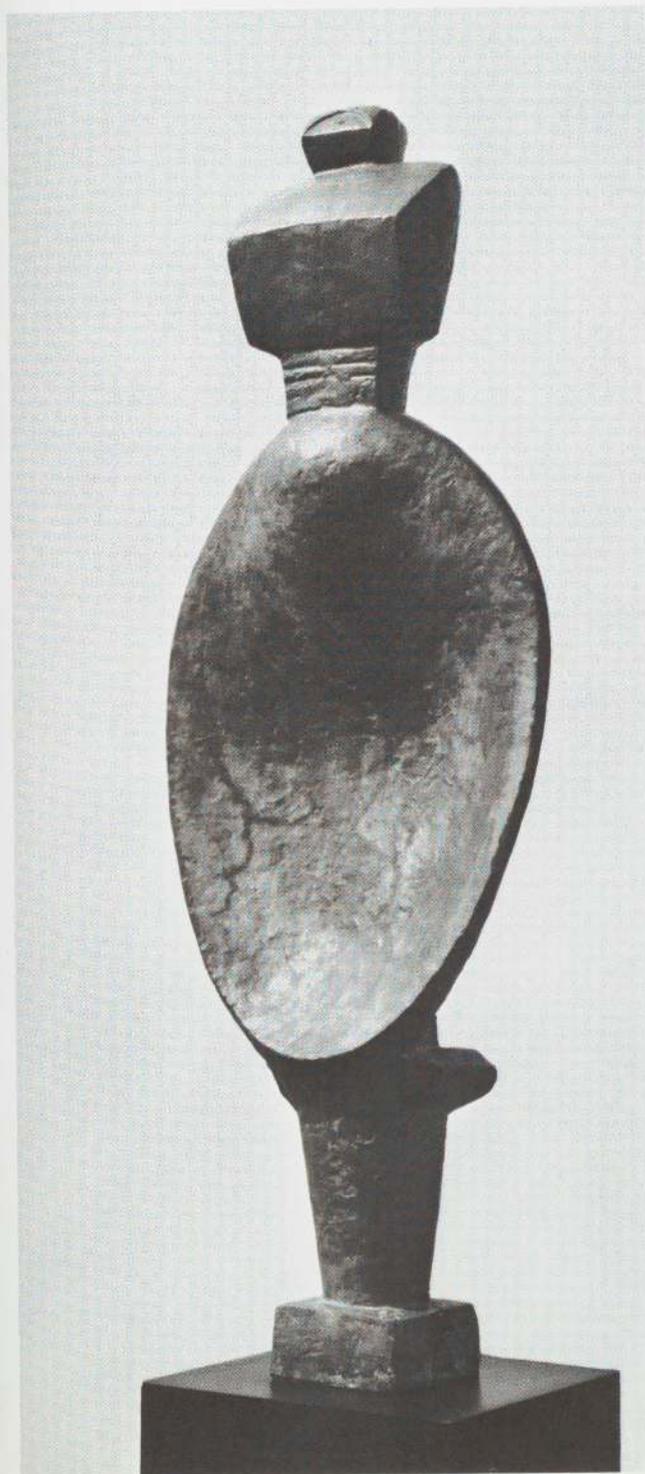
que différemment peux facilement dessiner les sculptures anciennes, je ne ~~peux pas~~ *pourrais*
dessiner celles que j'ai faites les dernières années. *pendre que n'est* Si je pou-
vais les dessiner, il ne serait plus nécessaire de les faire dans l'espace *mais je ne suis pas sûr de ceci*

~~Et~~ je m'arrête, d'ailleurs on ferme, il faut régler.



opposite: *The Spoon Woman*. 1926. Plaster, 47¼" high.

below: *The Spoon Woman*. 1926. Bronze, 57¼" high. Collection Mr. and Mrs. Arnold H. Maremont.



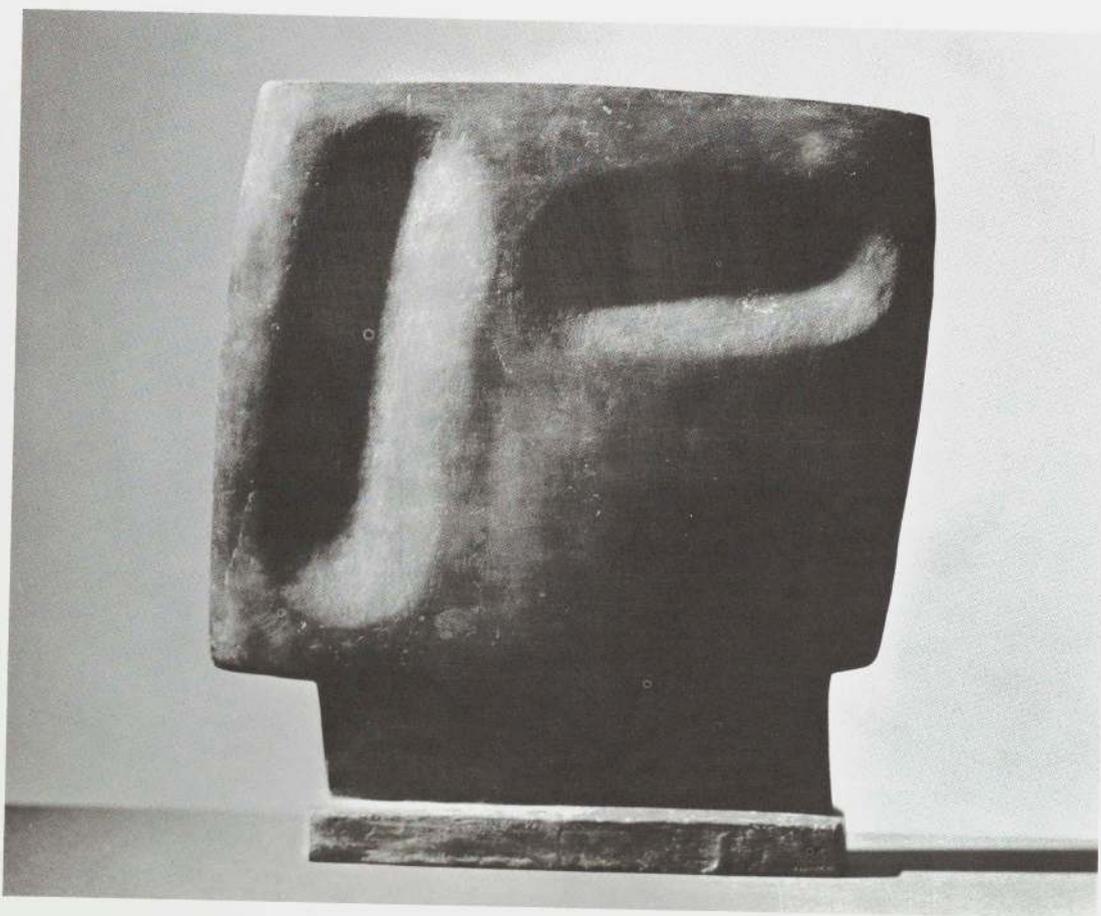
Torso. 1925. Bronze, 22½" high. Museum of Fine Arts, Zurich.
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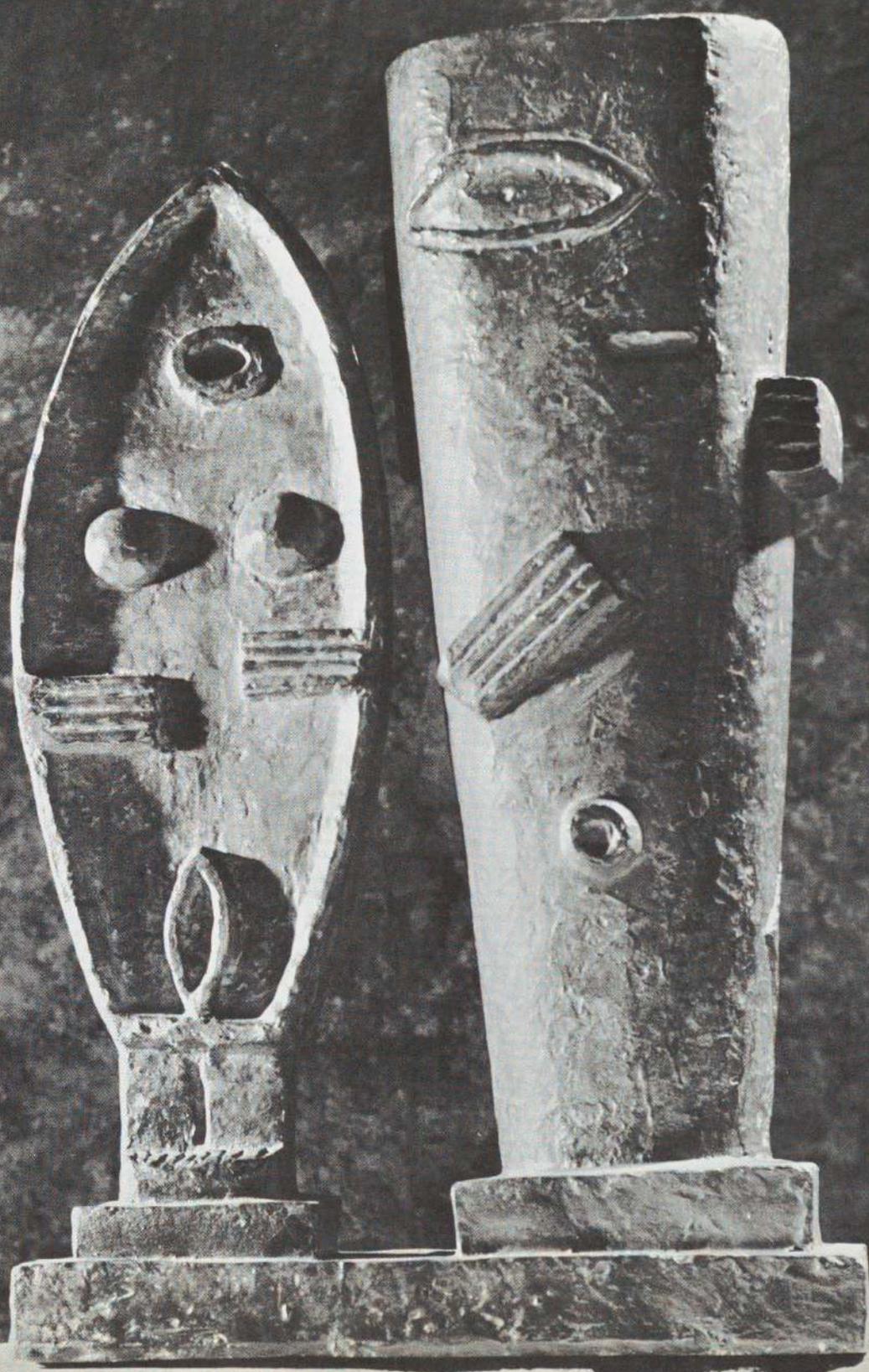


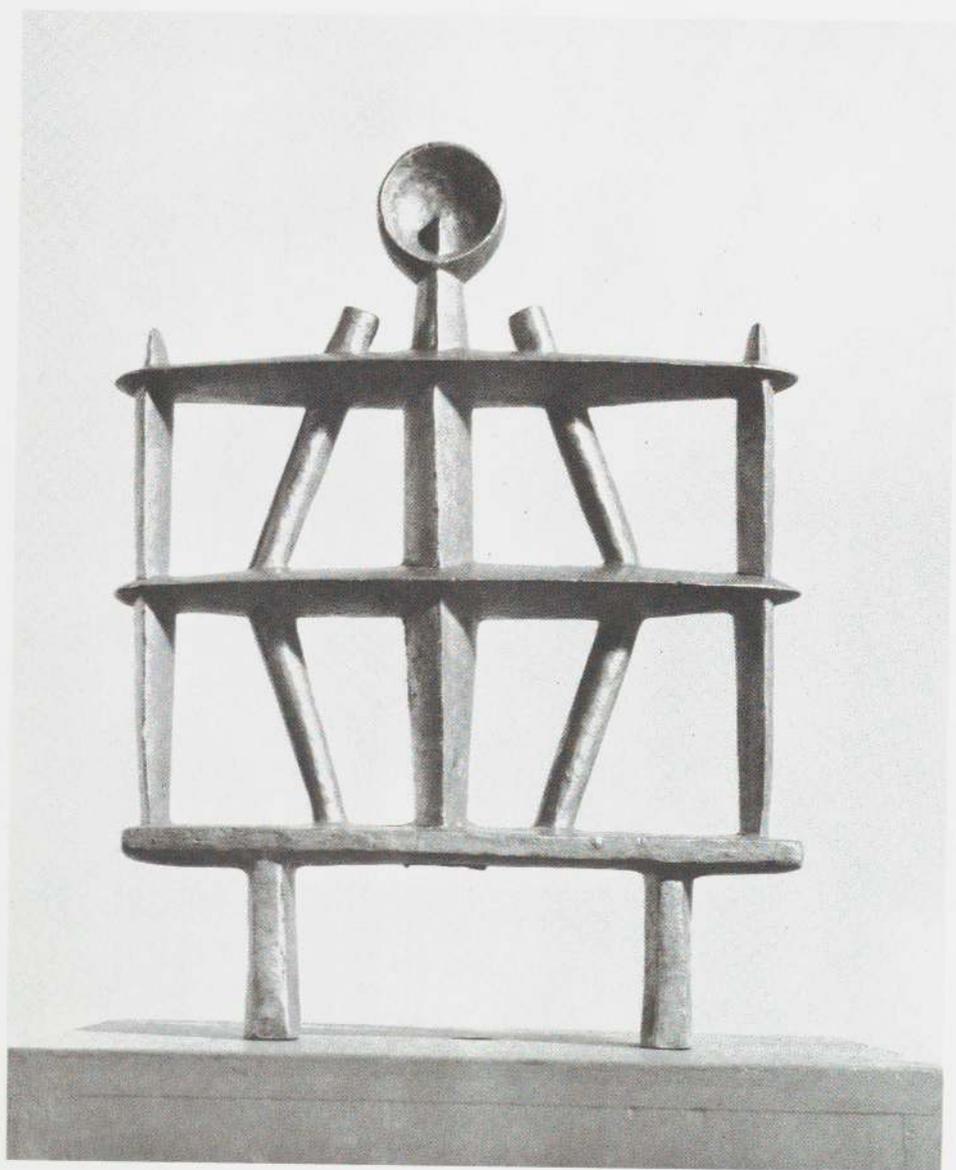
left: *The Artist's Mother*. 1927. Plaster, 11¼" high.

below: *Head*. 1928. Bronze, 15⅝" high. The Florene May Schoenborn and Samuel A. Marx Collection.

opposite: *The Couple*. 1926. Bronze, 23½" high. Museum of Fine Arts, Zurich.
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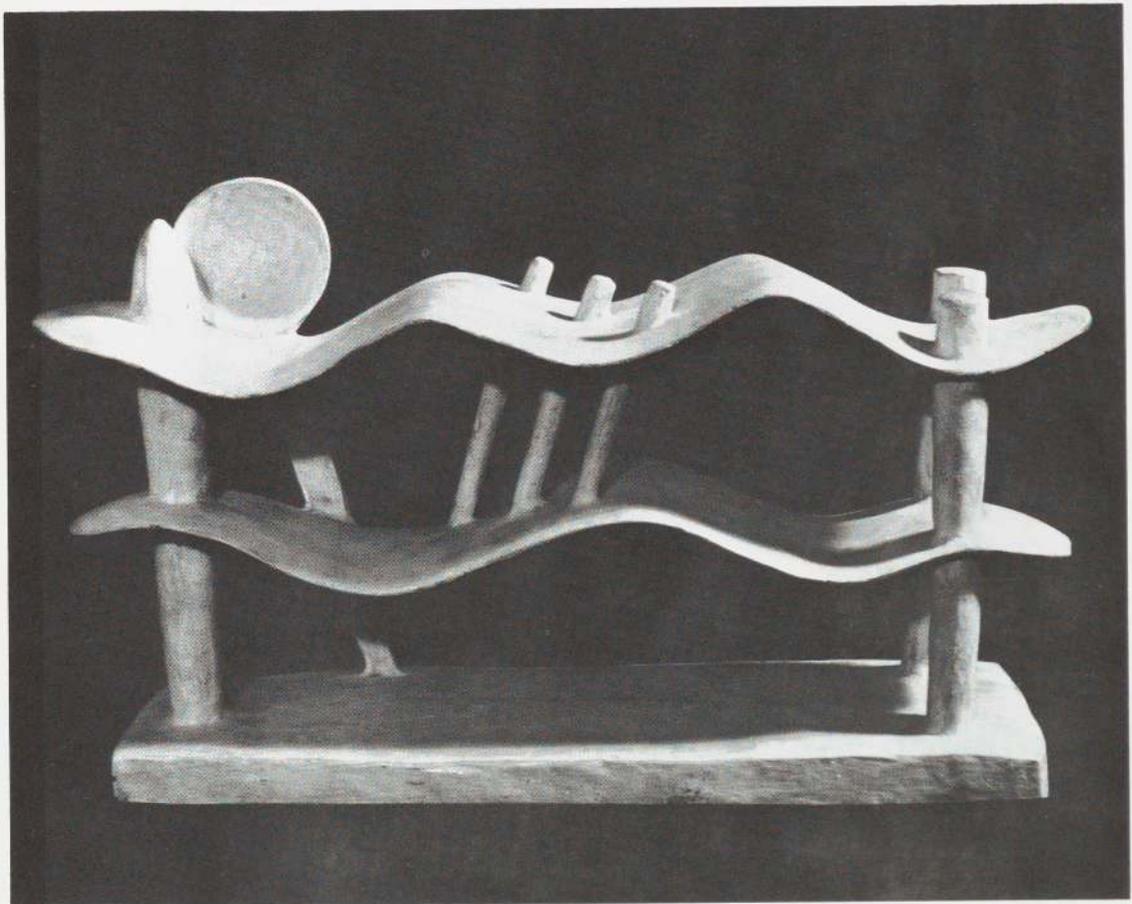






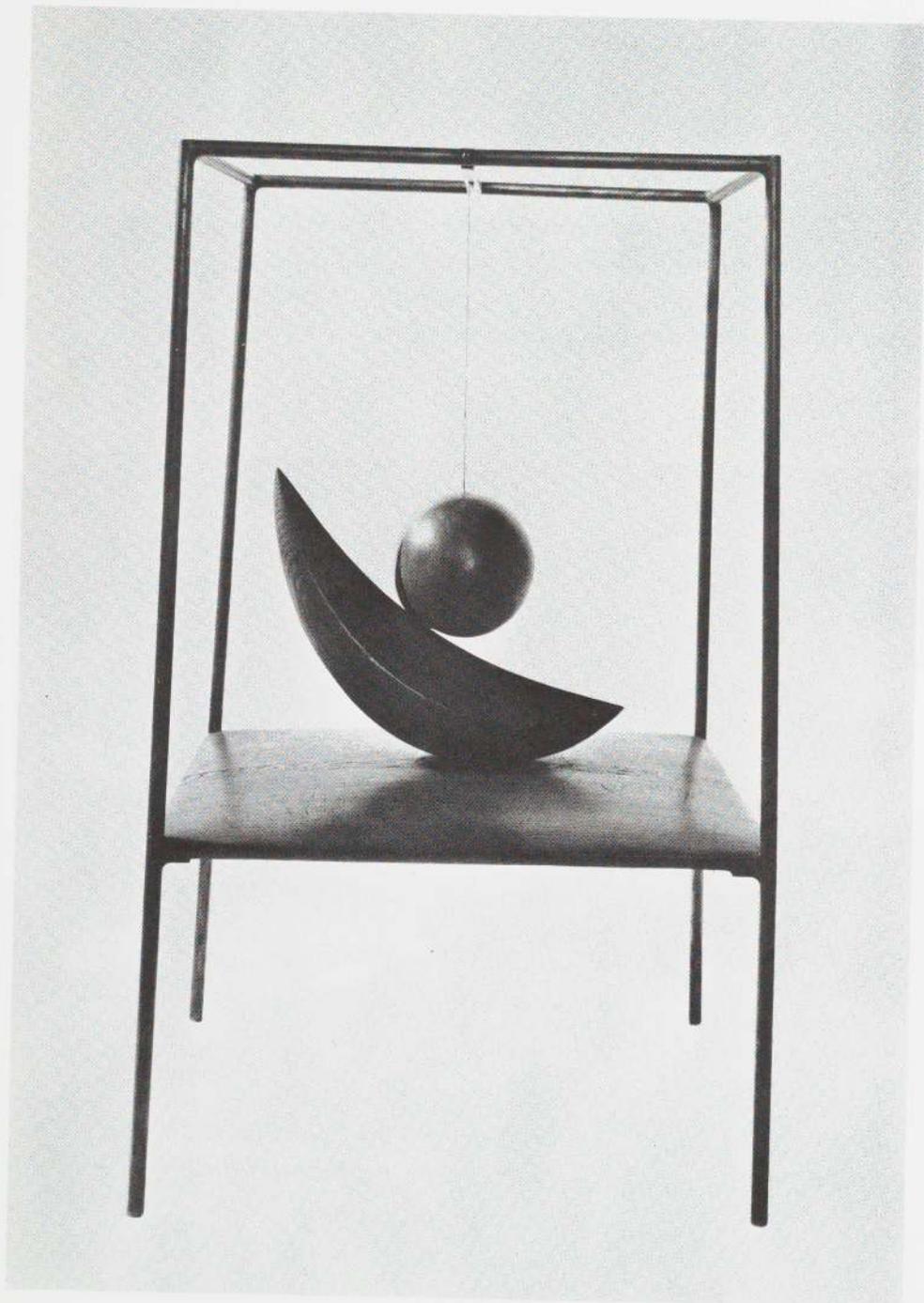
Man. 1929. Bronze, 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ " high. Collection Dr. and Mrs. Frank Stanton.

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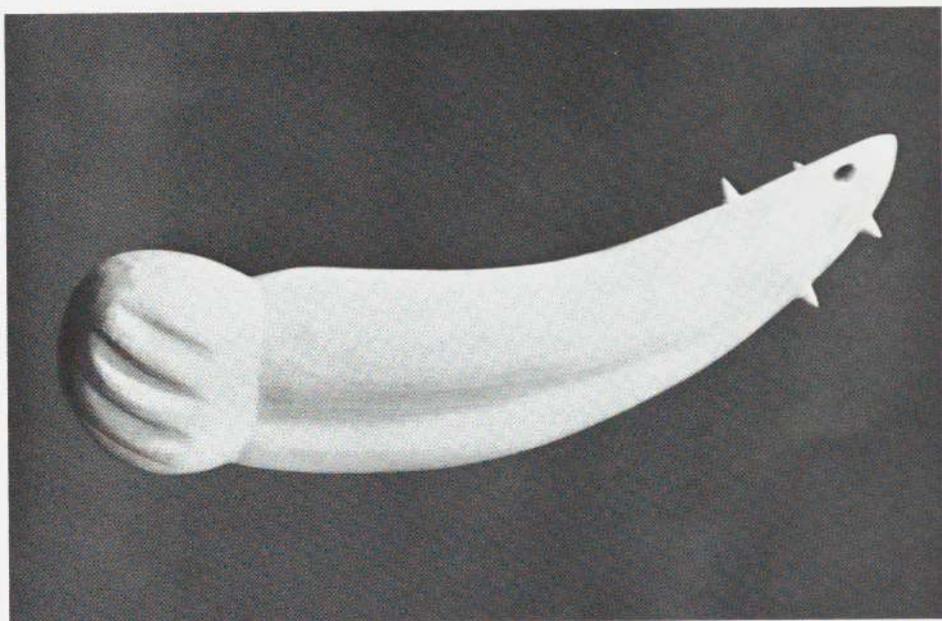
Reclining Woman Who Dreams. 1929. Painted bronze, 15 $\frac{3}{8}$ " long. The Joseph H. Hirshhorn Collection.

Despite all my efforts, it was impossible for me then to endure a sculpture that gave an illusion of movement, a leg advancing, a raised arm, a head looking sideways. I could only create such movement if it were real and actual. I also wanted to give the sensation of motion that could be induced.



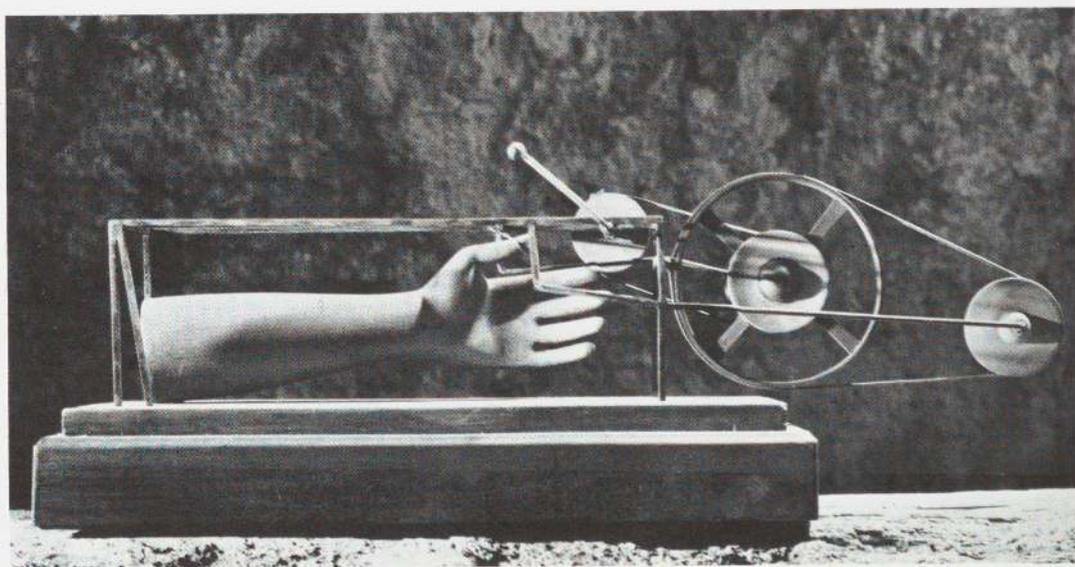
Suspended Ball. 1930-31. Wood and metal, 23 $\frac{3}{8}$ " high. Private collection.

Objects without pedestals and without value, to be thrown away.



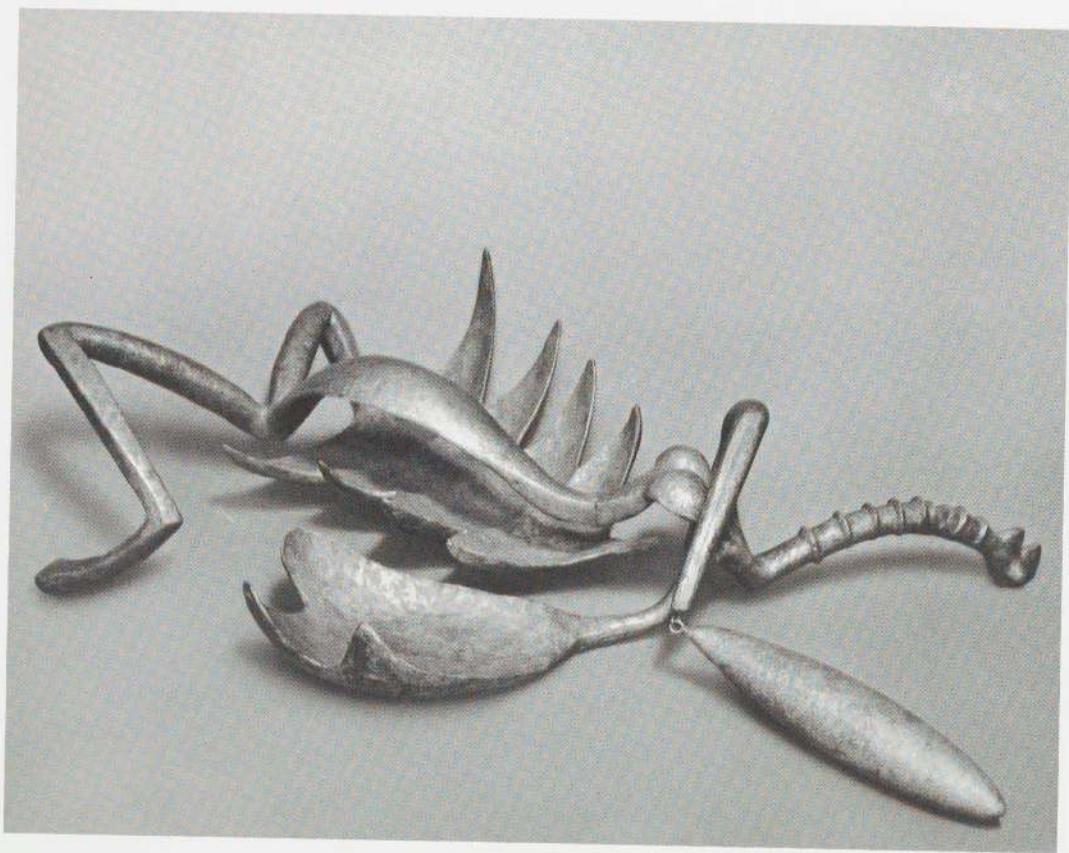
Disagreeable Object. 1931. Wood, 19" long. Collection Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson Swenney.

Several objects which move in relation to one another.

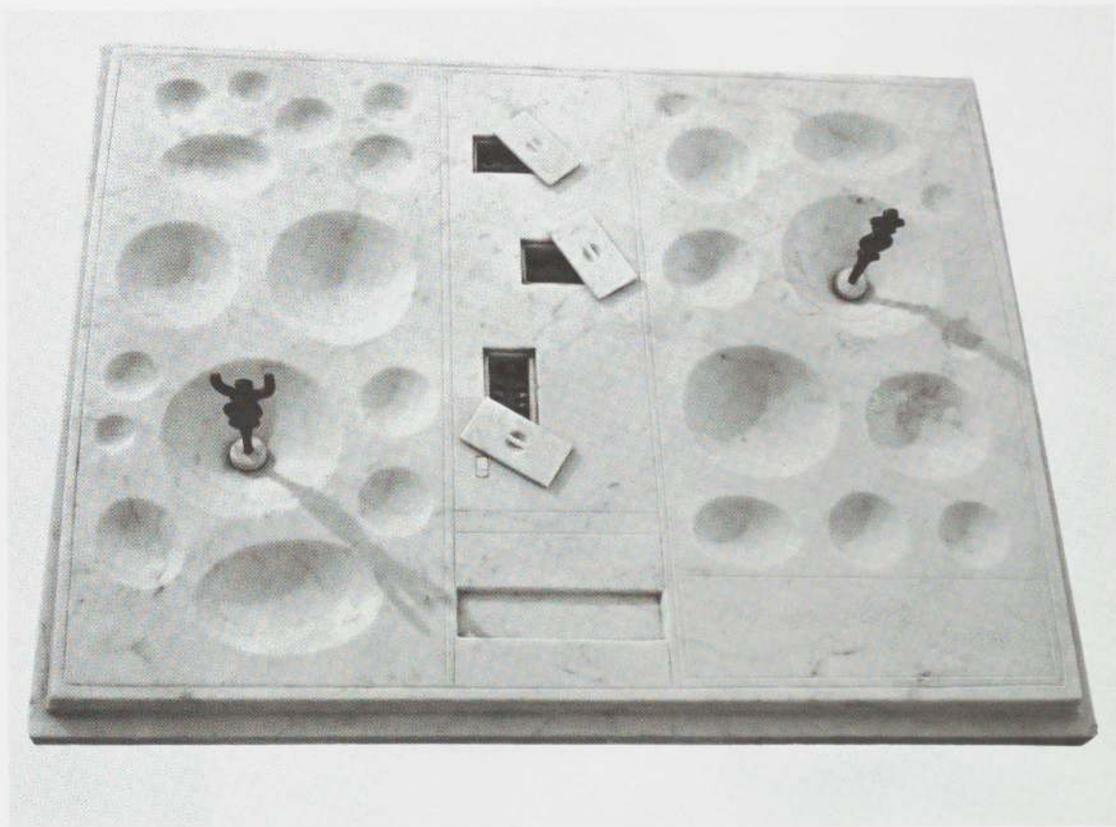


Hand Caught by a Finger (Main prise). 1932. Wood and metal, 23" long. Museum of Fine Arts, Zurich.

It was no longer a question of reproducing a lifelike figure but of living, and of executing only what had affected me, or what I really wanted. But all this alternated, contradicted itself, and continued to conflict. There was also a need to find a solution between things that were rounded and calm, and sharp and violent. It is this which led during those years (32-34 approximately) to objects going in directions that were quite different from each other . . . a woman strangled, her jugular vein cut . . .

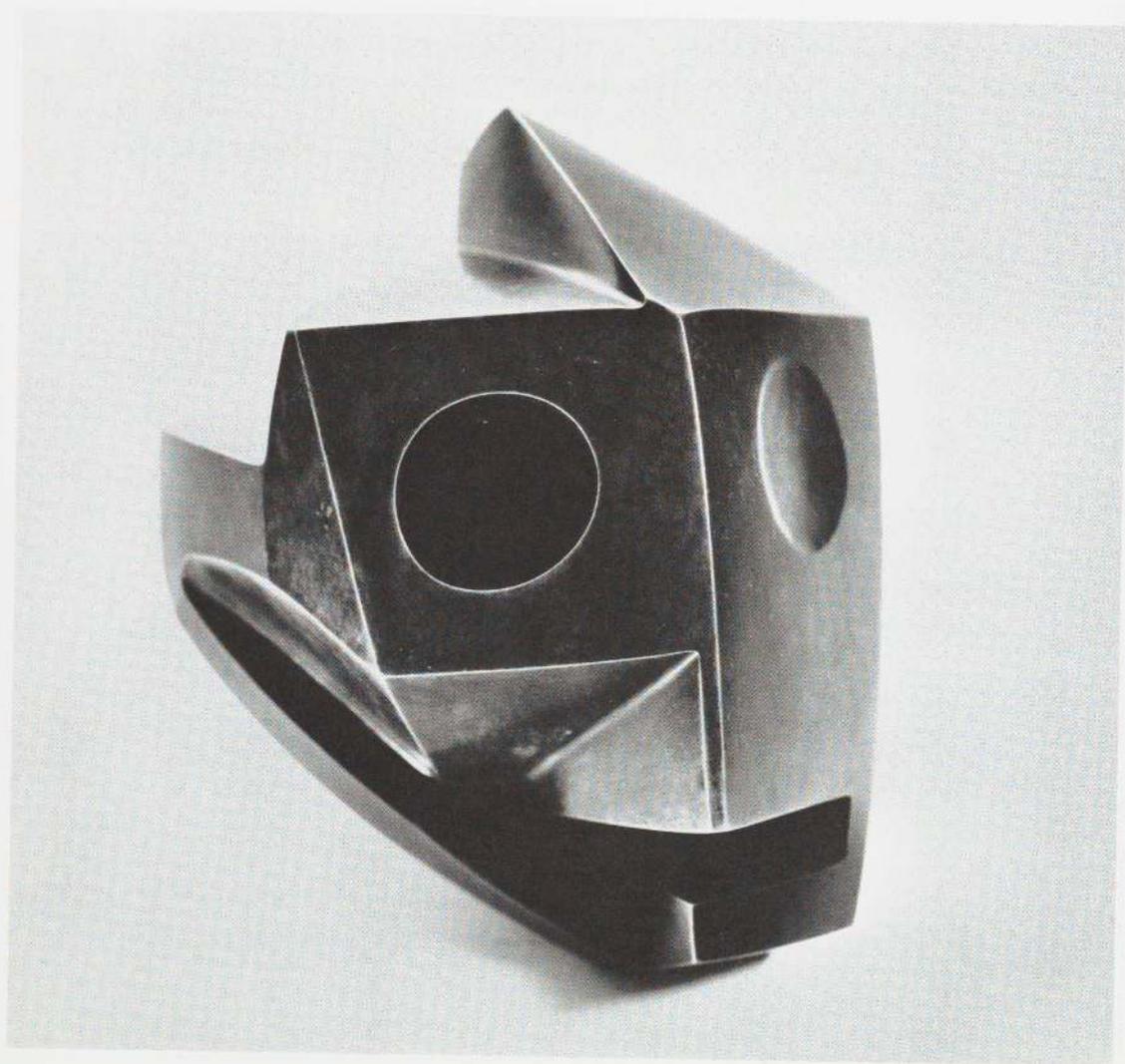


Woman with Her Throat Cut (Femme égorgée). 1932. Bronze, 34½" long. The Museum of Modern Art, N.Y.



No More Play. 1933. Marble, wood, bronze, 23 x 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Collection Mr. and Mrs. Julien Levy.

Head (detail of *Man Pointing*, 1947). The Museum of Modern Art, New York.



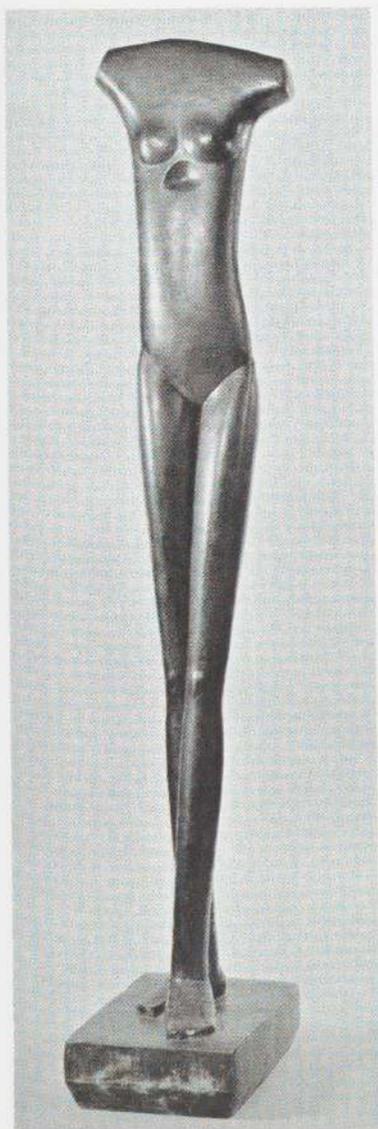
Cubist Head. 1934-35. Bronze, 7" high. The Joseph H. Hirshhorn Collection.



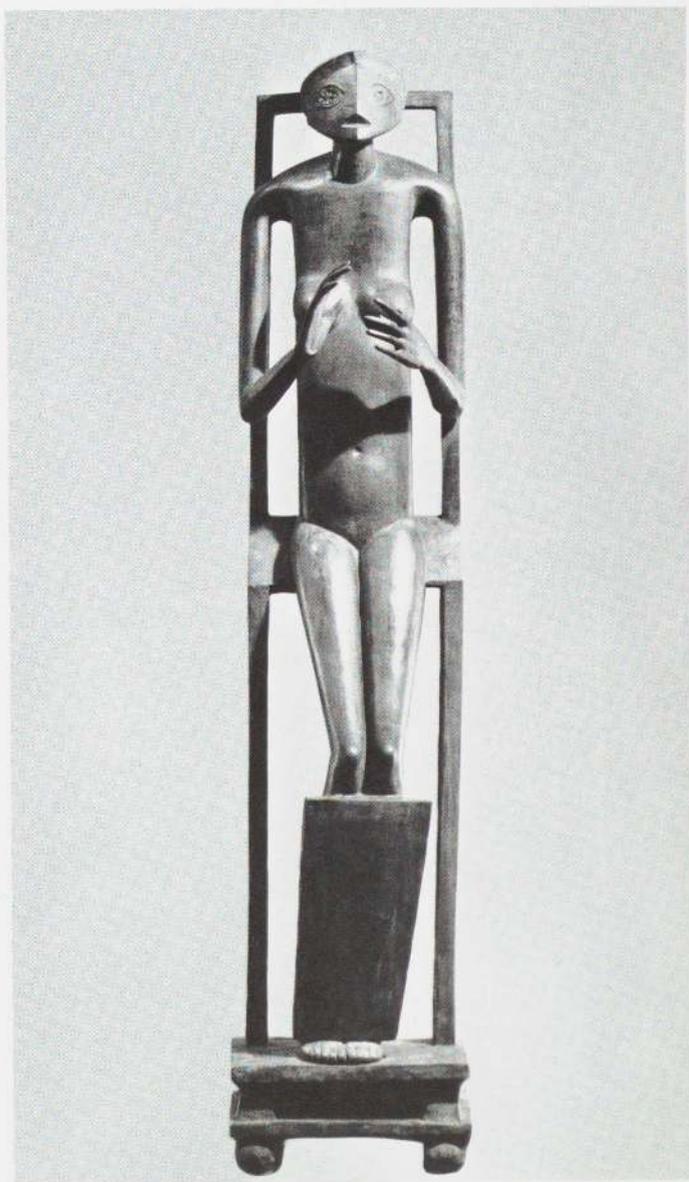


opposite: *Tall Figure, Half-Size*. 1947. Bronze, 52" high. The Florene May Schoenborn and Samuel A. Marx Collection.

I could have destroyed it. But I made this statue for just the opposite reason—to renew myself. Perhaps this is what makes it worthwhile.



Nude (Femme qui marche). 1933-34. Bronze, 59" high. Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.



Invisible Object (Hands Holding the Void) 1934-35. Bronze, 61" high. Collection Mr. and Mrs. Lee A. Ault.

This object took shape little by little in the late summer of 1932; it revealed itself to me slowly, the various parts taking their exact form and their precise place within the whole. By autumn it had attained such reality that its actual execution in space took no more than one day.

It is related without any doubt to a period in my life that had come to an end a year before, when for six whole months hour after hour was passed in the company of a woman who, concentrating all life in herself, magically transformed my every moment. We used to construct a fantastic palace at night—days and nights had the same color, as if everything happened just before daybreak; throughout the whole time I never saw the sun—a very fragile palace of matchsticks.

At the slightest false move a whole section of this tiny construction would collapse. We would always begin it over again.

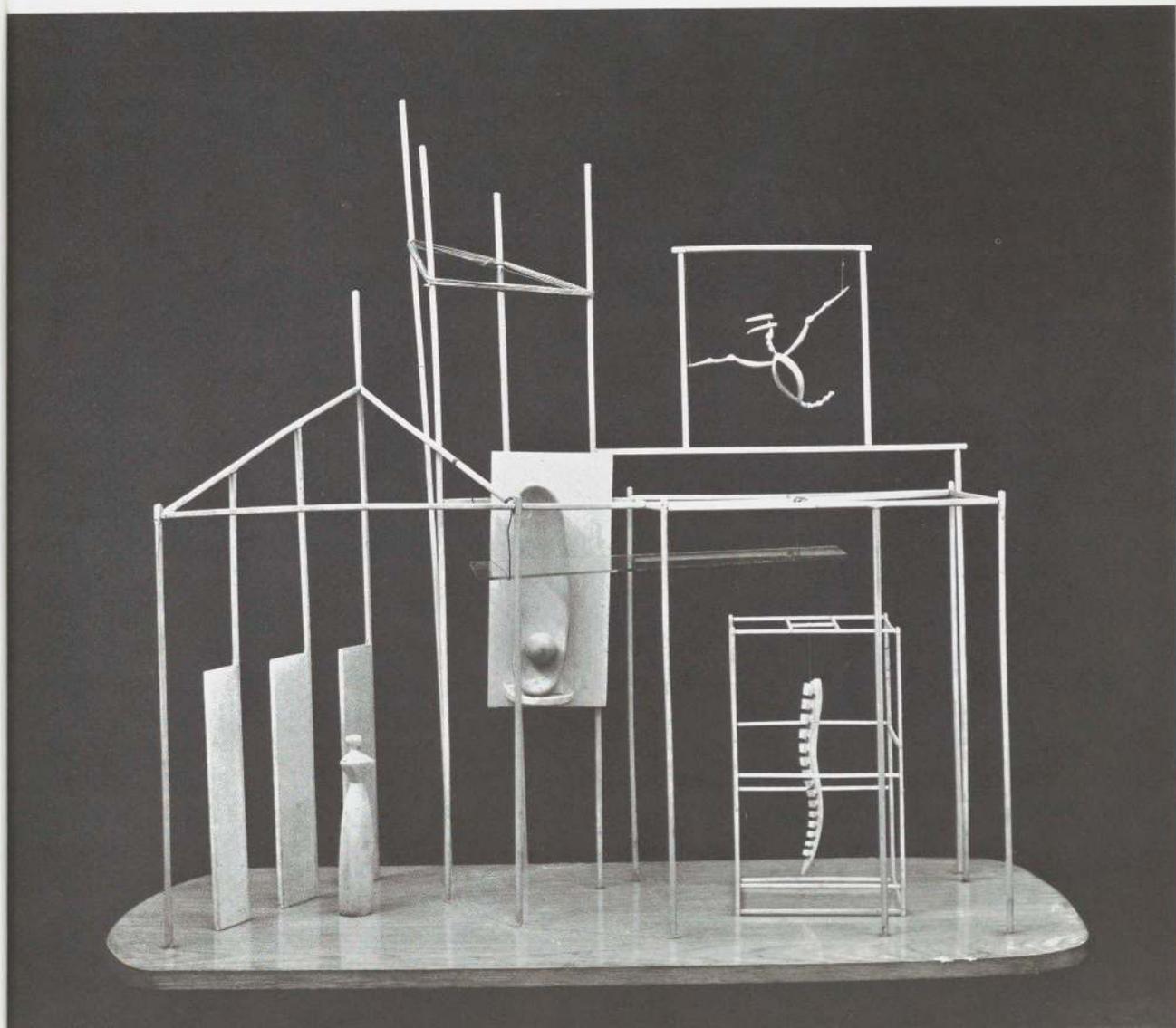
I don't know why it came to be inhabited by a spinal column in a cage—the spinal column this woman sold me one of the very first nights I met her on the street—and by one of the skeleton birds that she saw the very night before the morning in which our life together collapsed—the skeleton birds that flutter with cries of joy at four o'clock in the morning very high above the pool of clear, green water where the extremely fine, white skeletons of fish float in the great unroofed hall.

In the middle there rises the scaffolding of a tower, perhaps unfinished or, since its top has collapsed, perhaps also broken.

On the other side there appeared the statue of a woman, in which I recognize my mother, just as she appears in my earliest memories. The mystery of her long black dress touching the floor troubled me;

it seemed to me like a part of her body, and aroused in me a feeling of fear and confusion. All the rest has vanished, and escaped my attention. This figure stands out against the curtain that is repeated three times, the very curtain I saw when I opened my eyes for the first time

I can't say anything about the red object in front of the board; I identify it with myself.

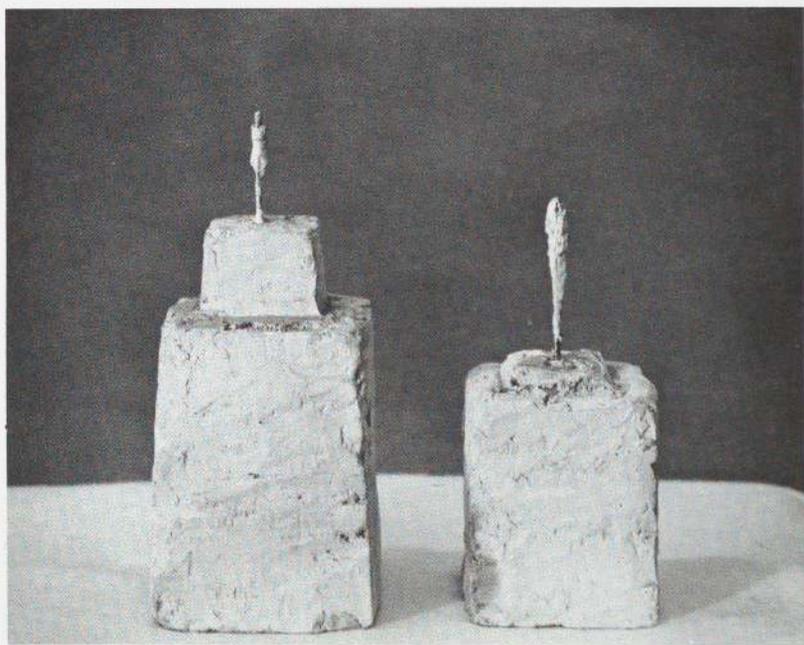


The Palace at 4 A.M. 1932-33. Wood, glass, wire, string, 25" high. The Museum of Modern Art, New York.



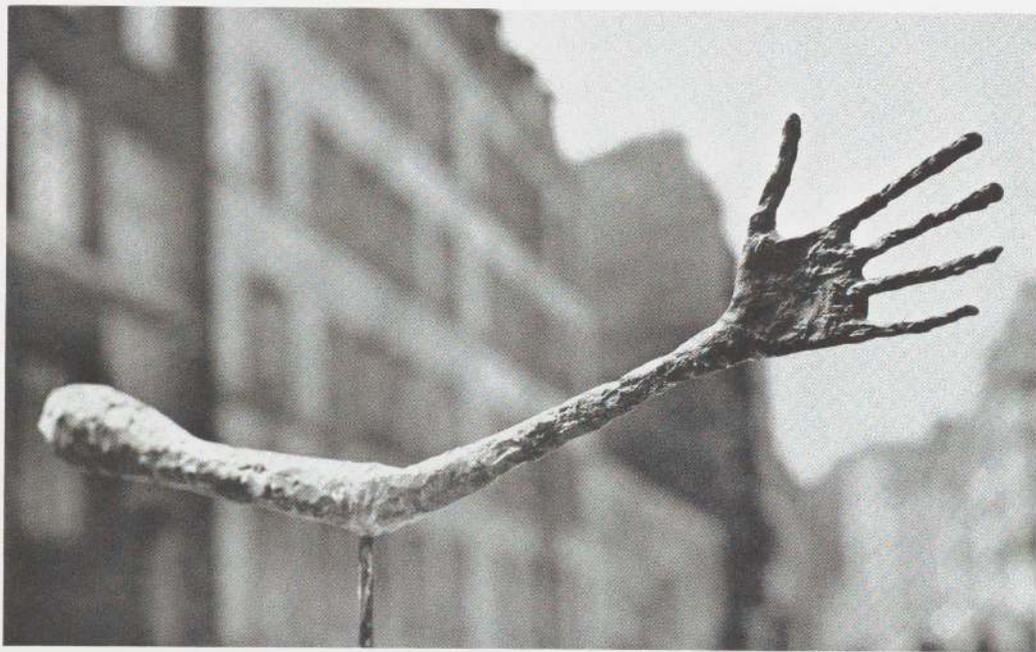
... I began to work from memory again . . . to my terror the sculptures became smaller and smaller, they had a likeness only when they were very small, yet their dimensions revolted me, and tirelessly I began again, only to end several months later at the same point.

A large figure seemed to me false and a small one equally unbearable, and then often they became so tiny that with one touch of my knife they disappeared into dust. But head and figures seemed to me to have a bit of truth only when small.



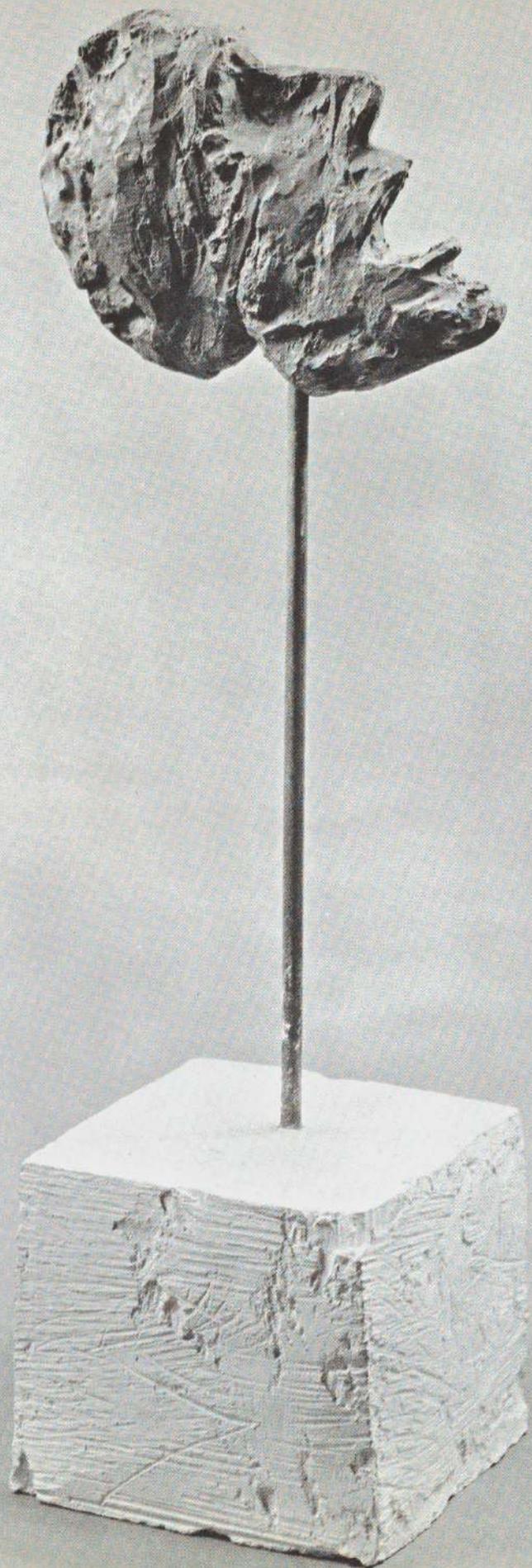
Figurines. c. 1945. Plaster over metal. Left, 4 $\frac{3}{8}$ " high; right, 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ " high, including plaster bases. Collection Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Hess.

Man Pointing. 1947. Bronze, 70½" high. The Museum of Modern Art, New York.
Gift of Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, 3rd.



Hand. 1947. Bronze, 28¾" long. Collection Mr. and Mrs. Paul Peralta-Ramos.





page 52: *Head of Diego*. 1954. Bronze, 13¼" high. Collection Mr. and Mrs. Charles Zadok.

page 53: *Bust of Diego*. 1957. (Detail). Bronze, 24½" high. The Joseph H. Hirshhorn Collection.

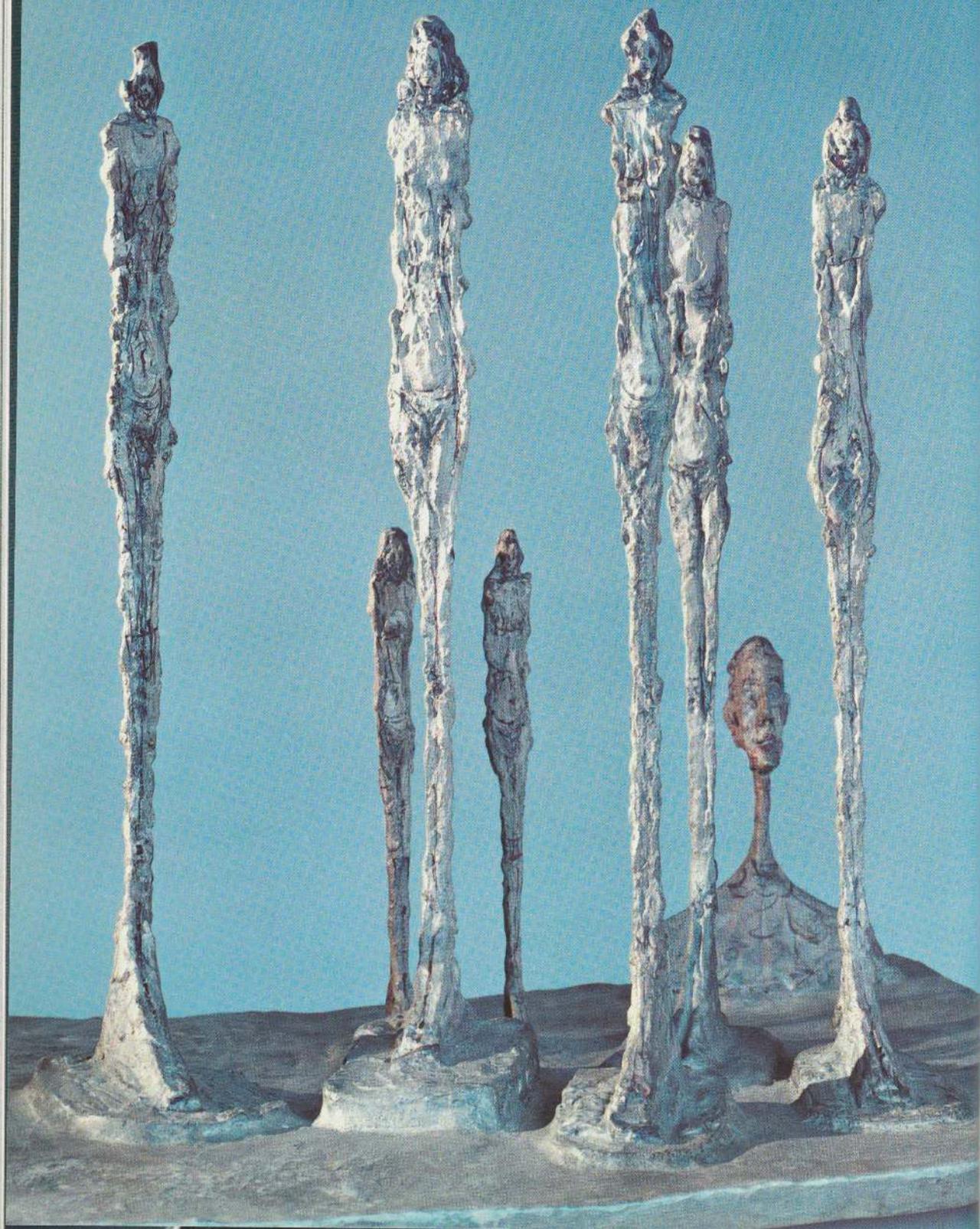
opposite: *Head of a Man on a Rod*. 1947. Bronze and plaster, 21¼" high. Collection Mr. and Mrs. William N. Eisendrath, Jr.

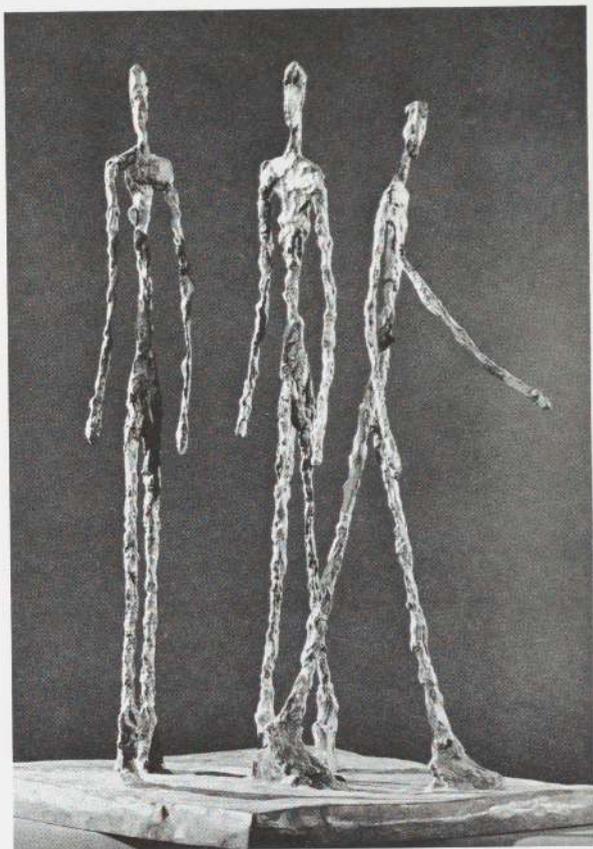
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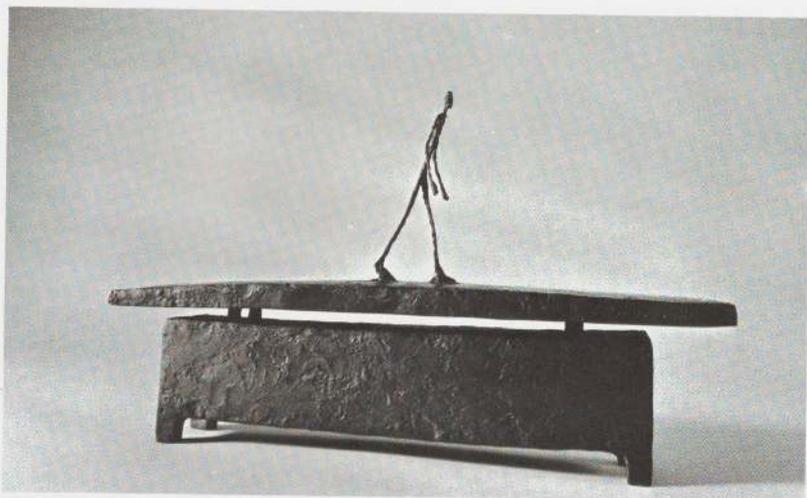


Three Men Walking. 1949. Bronze, 28¾" high. Private collection, Paris.
(Cast in exhibition, Collection Mr. and Mrs. Burt Kleiner)

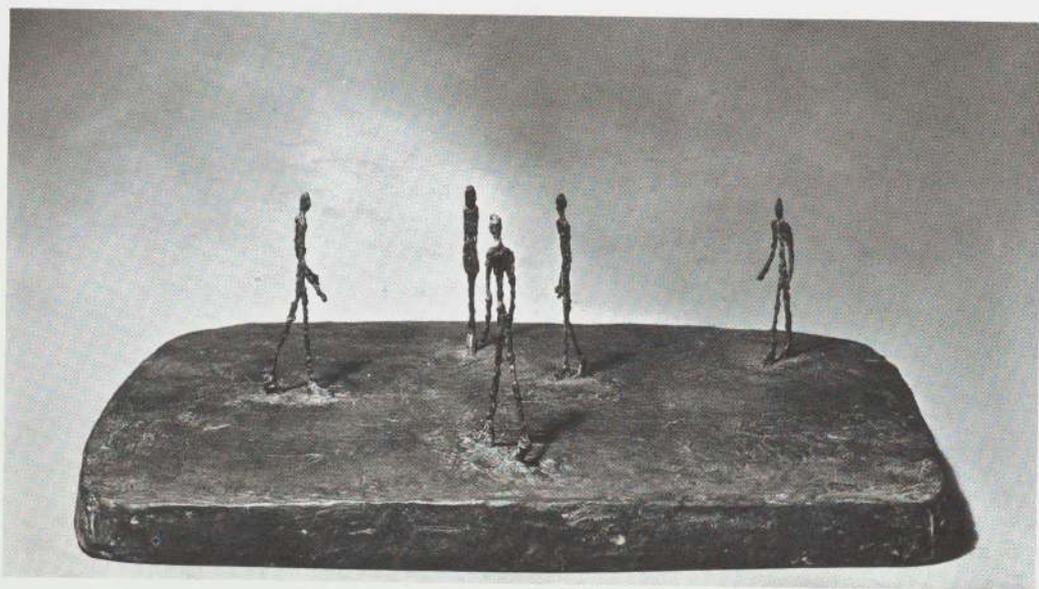
Composition with Seven Figures and a Head (The Forest). 1950. Painted bronze, 22" high.
The Reader's Digest Association.

The . . . seven figures one head . . . was also done by chance, as if involuntarily I came to realize impressions felt long before and which I saw in the sculpture only when done . . . I saw again a precise location where the head takes the form of a stone, there are blocks of granite isolated among the trees, but I dreamed of doing these same heads almost twenty years ago The composition with seven figures reminded me of a forest corner seen for many years (that was during my childhood) and where trees—behind which could be seen granite boulders—with their naked and slender trunks, limbless almost to the top, had always appeared to me like personages immobilized in the course of their wanderings and talking among themselves.

*... a street during the rain and the figure was me....
Me scurrying down a street in the rain.*



Walking Quickly under the Rain. 1949. Bronze, 32" long. Collection Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bunshaft.

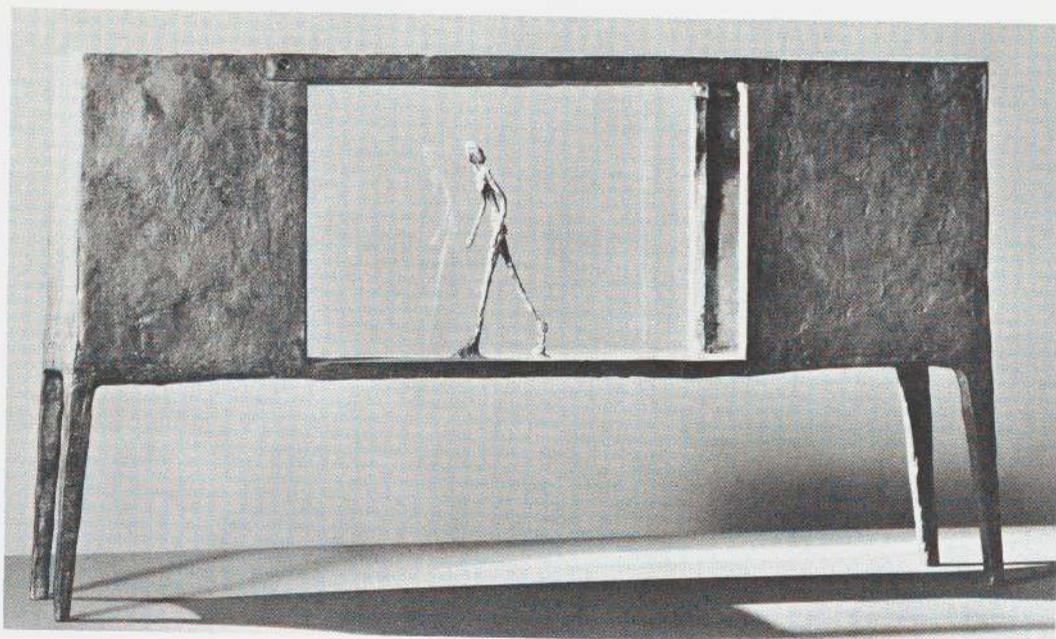


City Square. 1948. Bronze, 8½" high, 25⅜" long. The Museum of Modern Art, New York.

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A small figure in a box between two boxes that are houses.

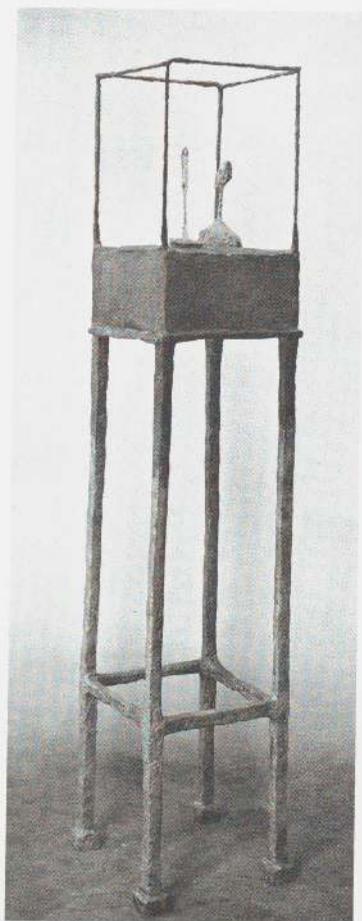


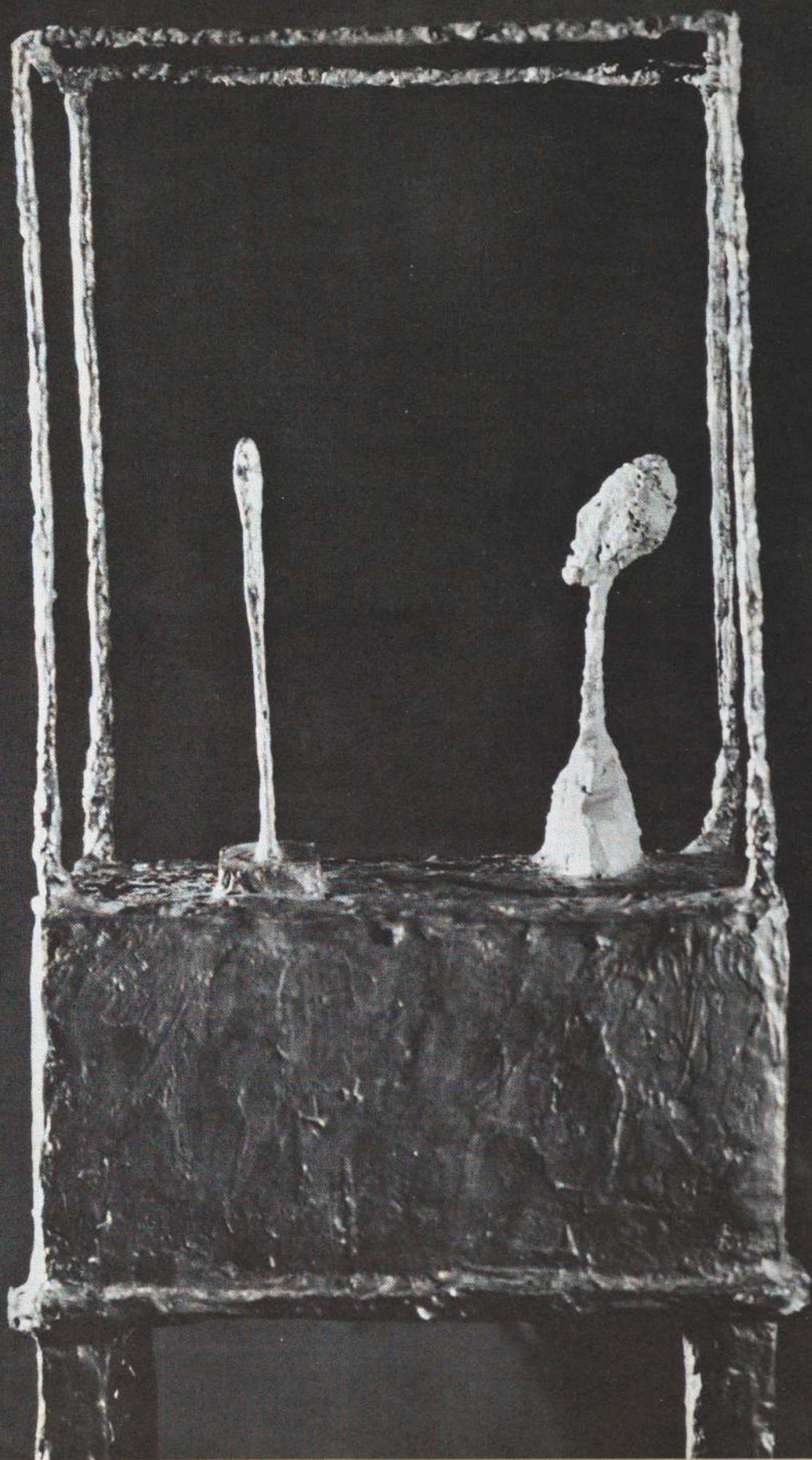
Between Two Houses. 1950. Bronze and glass, 20" long. Private collection, Paris.
(Cast in exhibition, Collection Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Marcus)

*I see this room, I even see the curtains beside the women
(which is still not exactly the effect I wanted)
.... at the same time it's another problem, the desire
to abolish the base, trying to have a limited space to further
realize a head and a figure
I saw this composition in its form and color before I started
it, but the figure had raised arms and open hands.
This quickly became unbearable....*

The Cage. 1950-51. Bronze, 67" high. Collection Aimé Maeght.

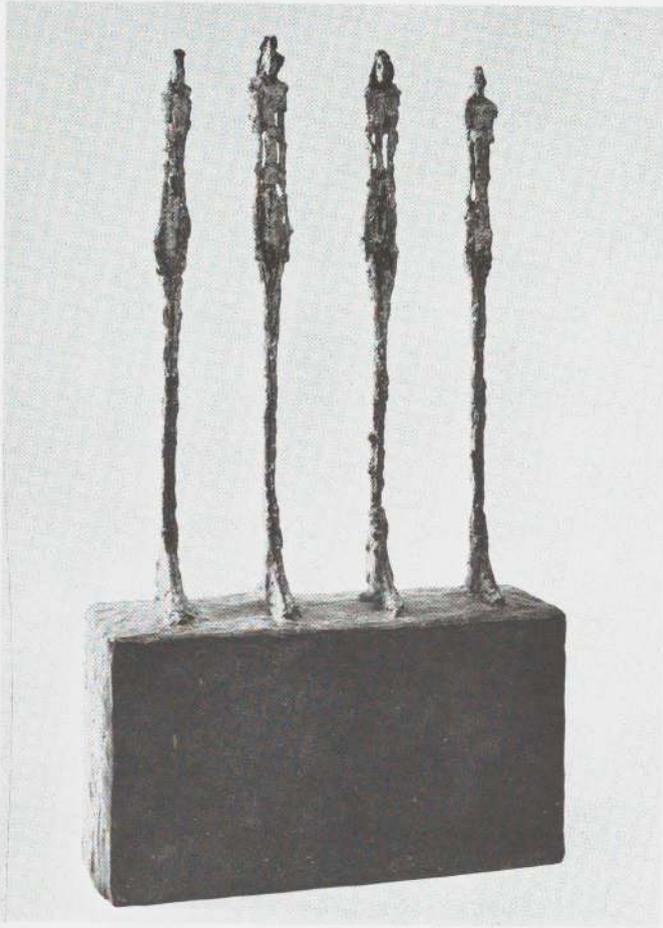
opposite: *The Cage.* Painted bronze. (Detail).





Several nude women seen at the Sphinx while I was seated at the end of the room.

The distance that separated us (the polished floor), which seemed impassable despite my desire to cross it, impressed me as much as the women did.



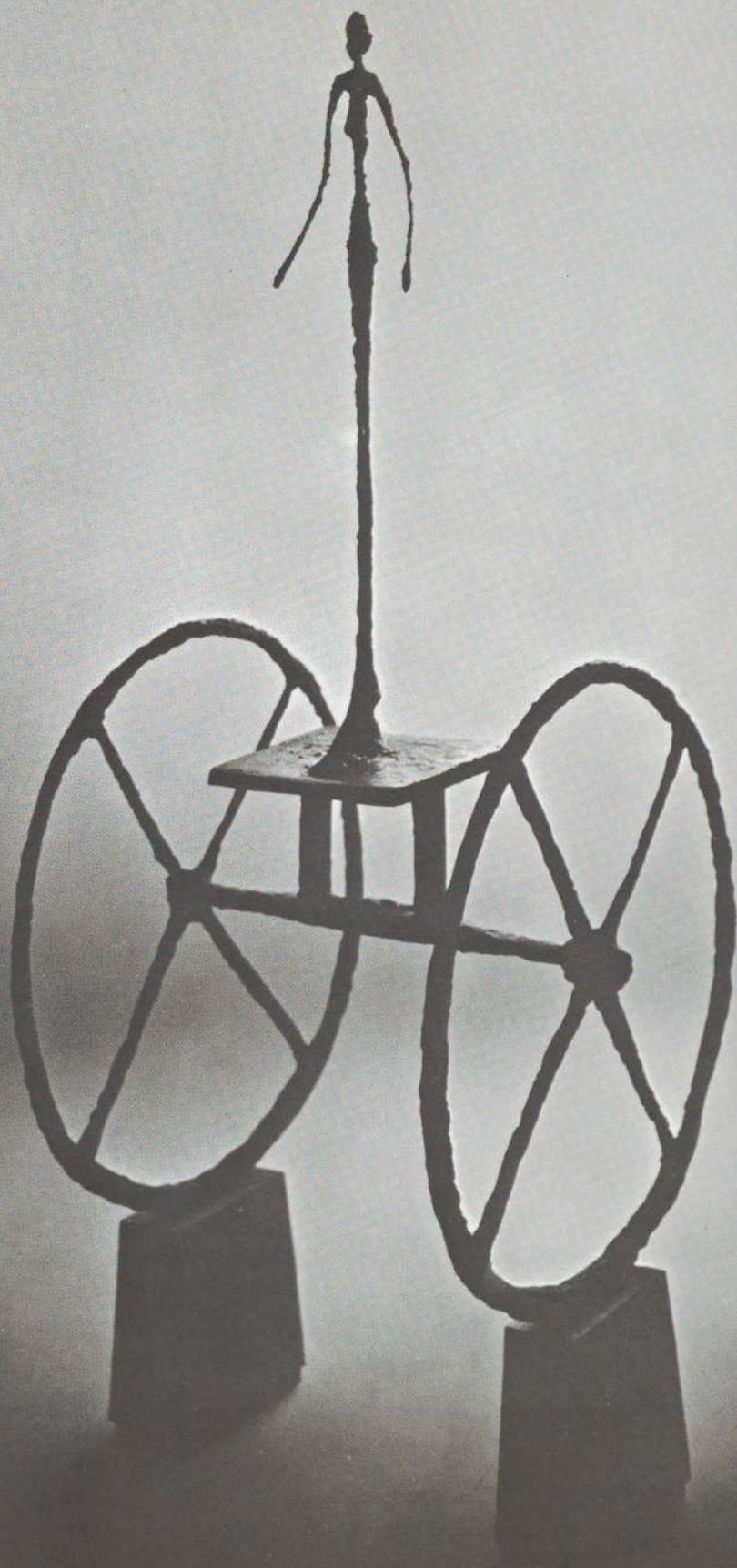
Four Women on a Base. 1950. Painted bronze, 31" high. Museum of Art, Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh.

I could also name the Chariot "The Pharmacy Wagon," because this sculpture comes from the glittering wagon that was wheeled around the rooms of the Bichat hospital, which astonished me in 1938. . . . In 1947 I saw the sculpture before me as if it were finished, and in 1950 it became impossible for me not to make it, even though for me it was already in the past

(this is not the only thing that prompted me to make this sculpture).

. . . The Chariot was created by the necessity again to have the figure in empty space in order to see it better and to situate it at a precise distance from the floor.

Chariot. 1950. Bronze, 57" high. The Museum of Modern Art, New York.

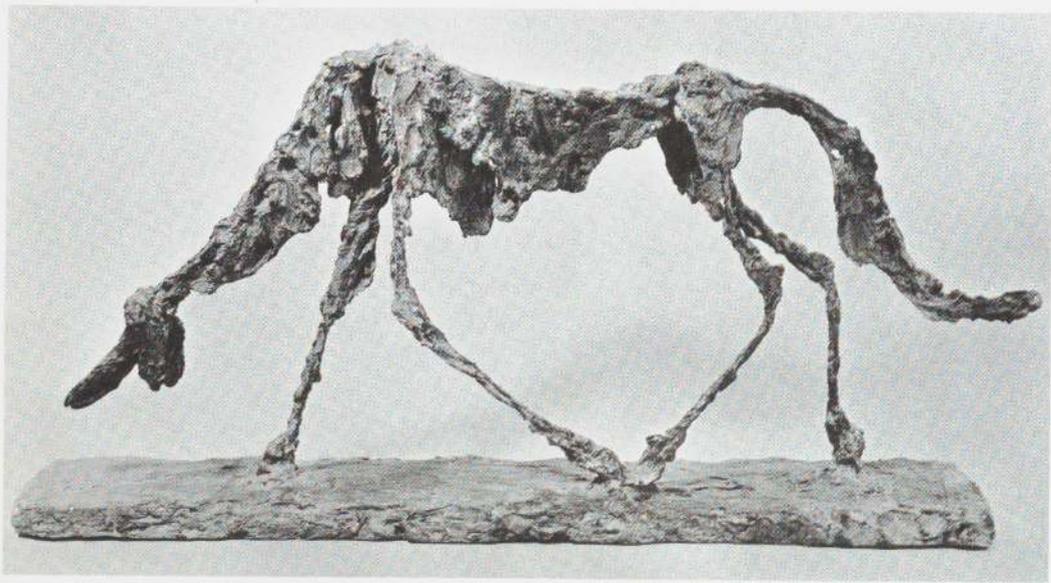


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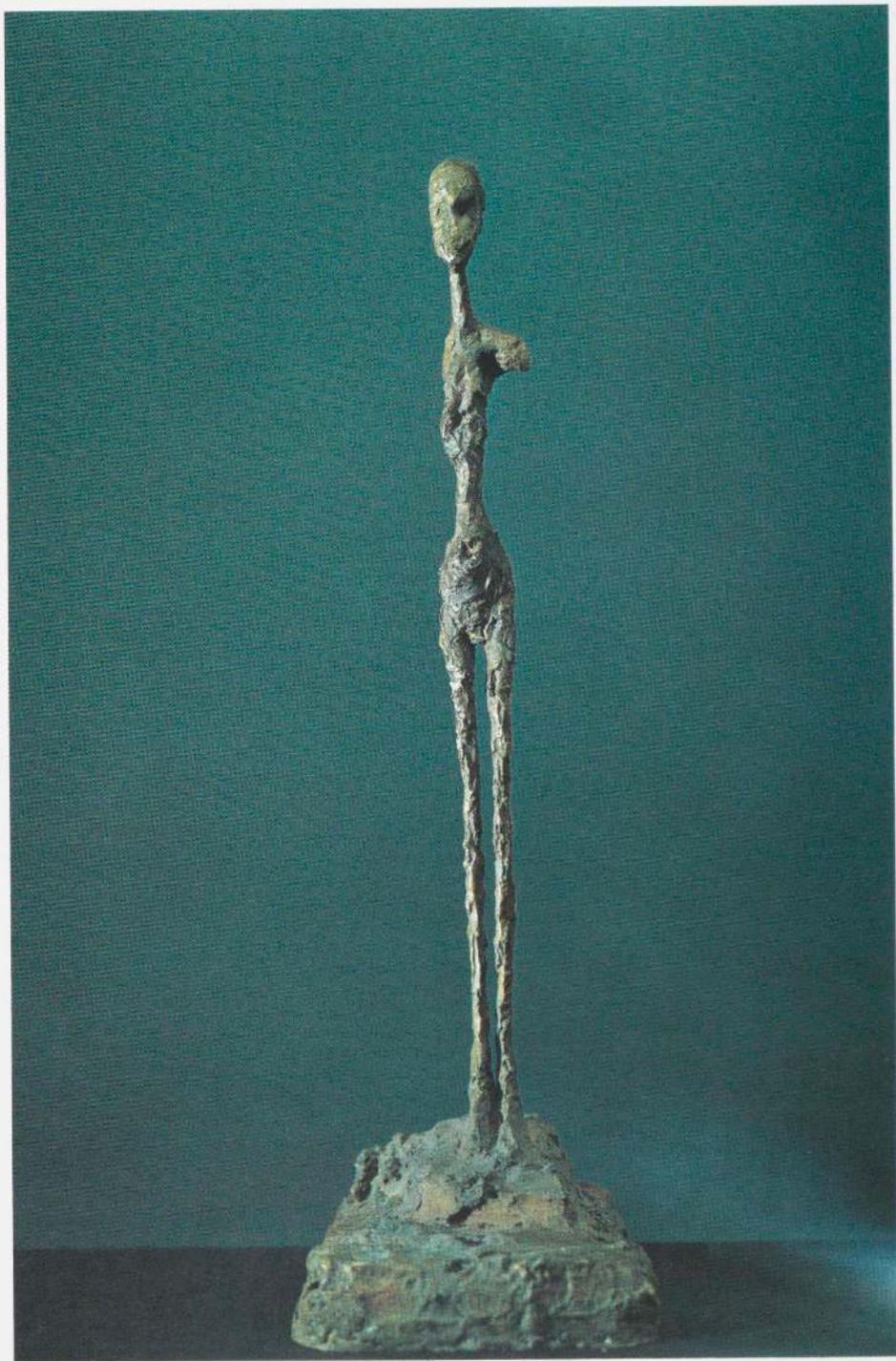
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It's me. One day I saw myself in the street just like that. I was the dog.



Dog, 1951. Bronze, 18" high. The Museum of Modern Art, New York. A. Conger Goodyear Fund.

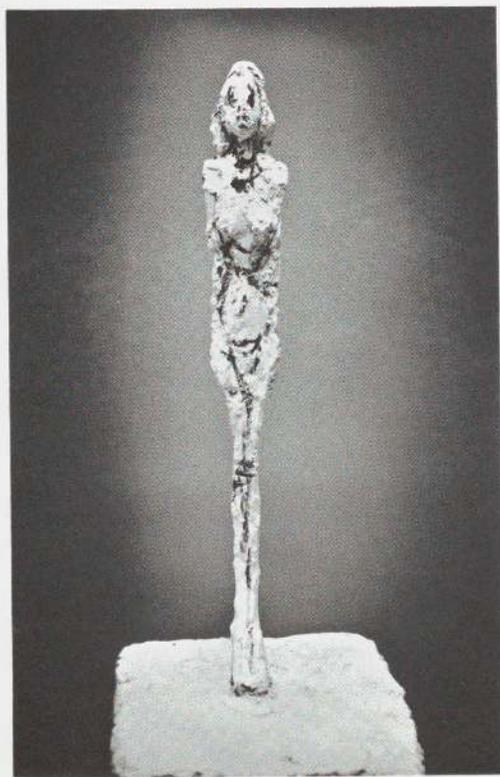


Woman, Shoulder Broken (Femme, épaule cassée). 1958-59. Bronze, 27½" high. Collection Dr. and Mrs. Leo Chalfen.

Bust of Annette IV. 1962. Bronze, 22½" high. Collection Sylvan and Mary Lang.



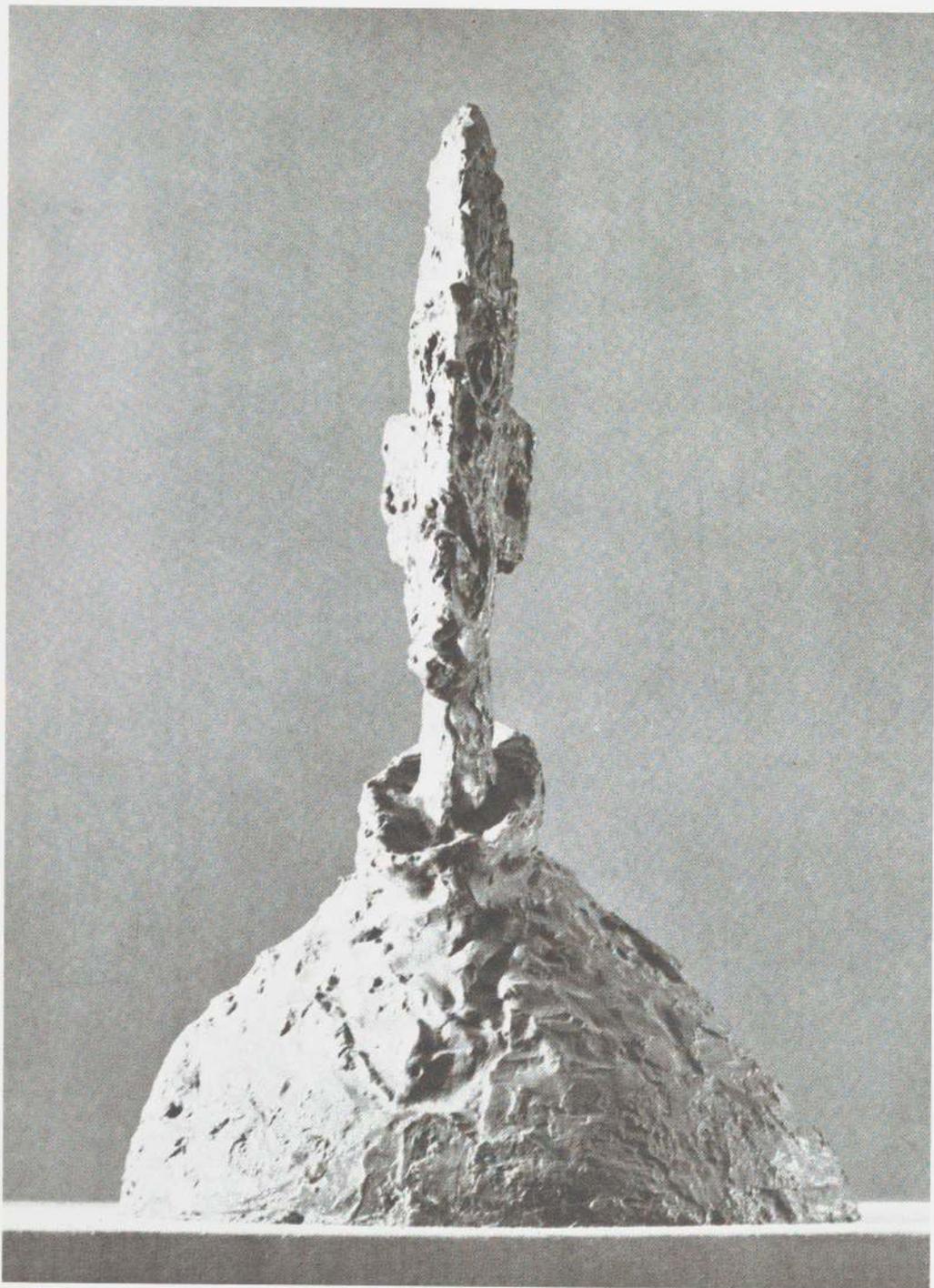
Bust of Diego. 1955. Plaster, 7½" high. Collection Mr. and Mrs. James W. Alsdorf.



Standing Nude. 1953. Painted plaster, 8¾" high. Private collection.



Woman. 1953. Bronze, 19¼" high. The Joseph H. Hirshhorn Collection.



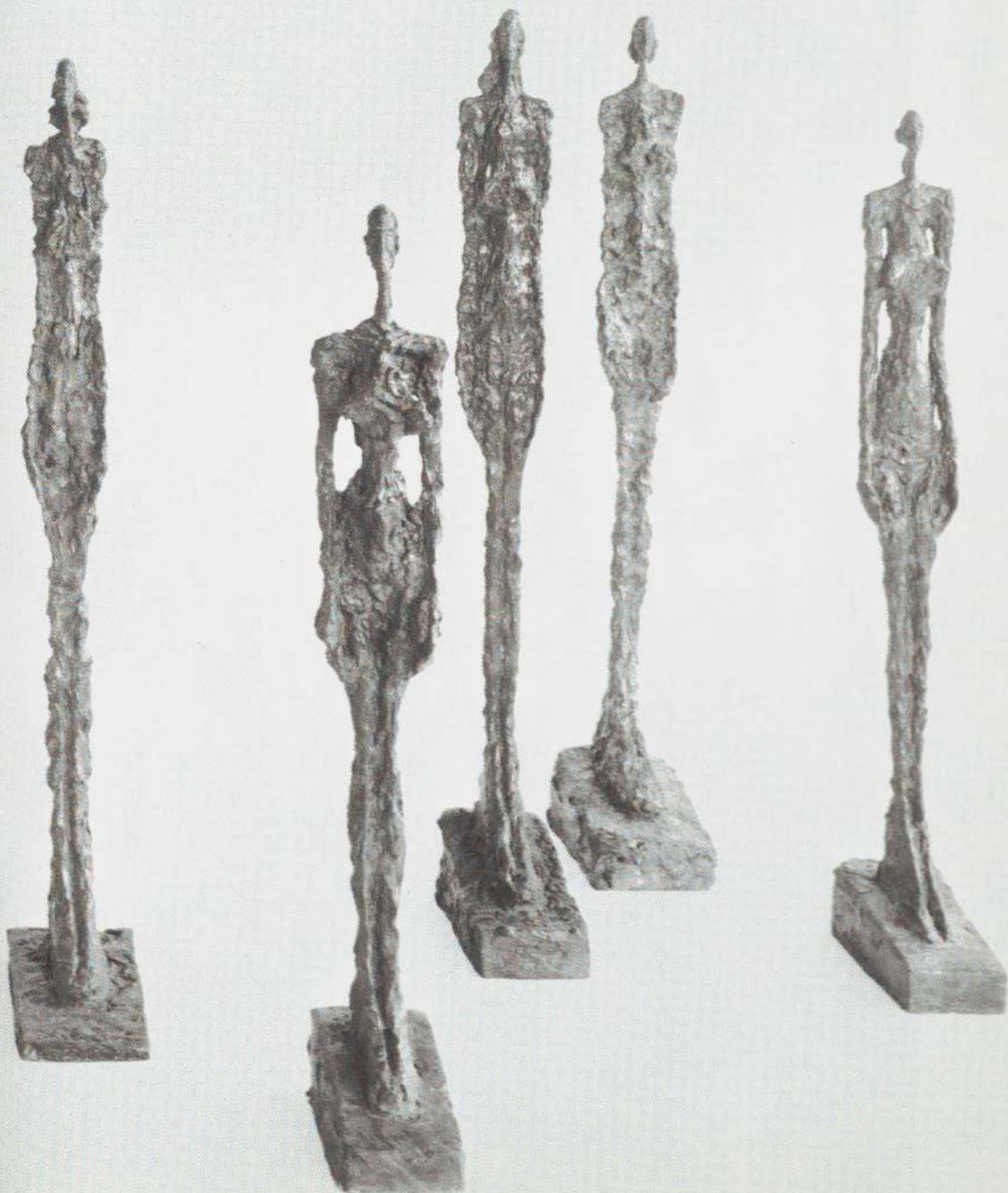
Head of Diego. 1954. Bronze, 26½" high. (Casts in exhibition, Collection Mr. and Mrs. Sidney F. Brody; Mr. and Mrs. Richard K. Weid)

pages 68-69: *Nine Standing Figures (Venice)*. 1956. Average height 45". Pierre Matisse Gallery.
left to right: Numbers 2, 4, 6, 9, 7, 1, 8, 3, 5.



Head. 1952. Bronze, 15" high. Collection Aimé Maeght.





Leg. 1958-59. Bronze, 7' high., Pierre Matisse Gallery.

opposite left: *Head of Diego on Stele I.* 1958. Bronze, 63½" high. Pierre Matisse Gallery.

opposite right: *Head of Diego on Stele III.* 1959. Bronze, 65½" high. (Cast in exhibition, Collection Aimé Maeght)



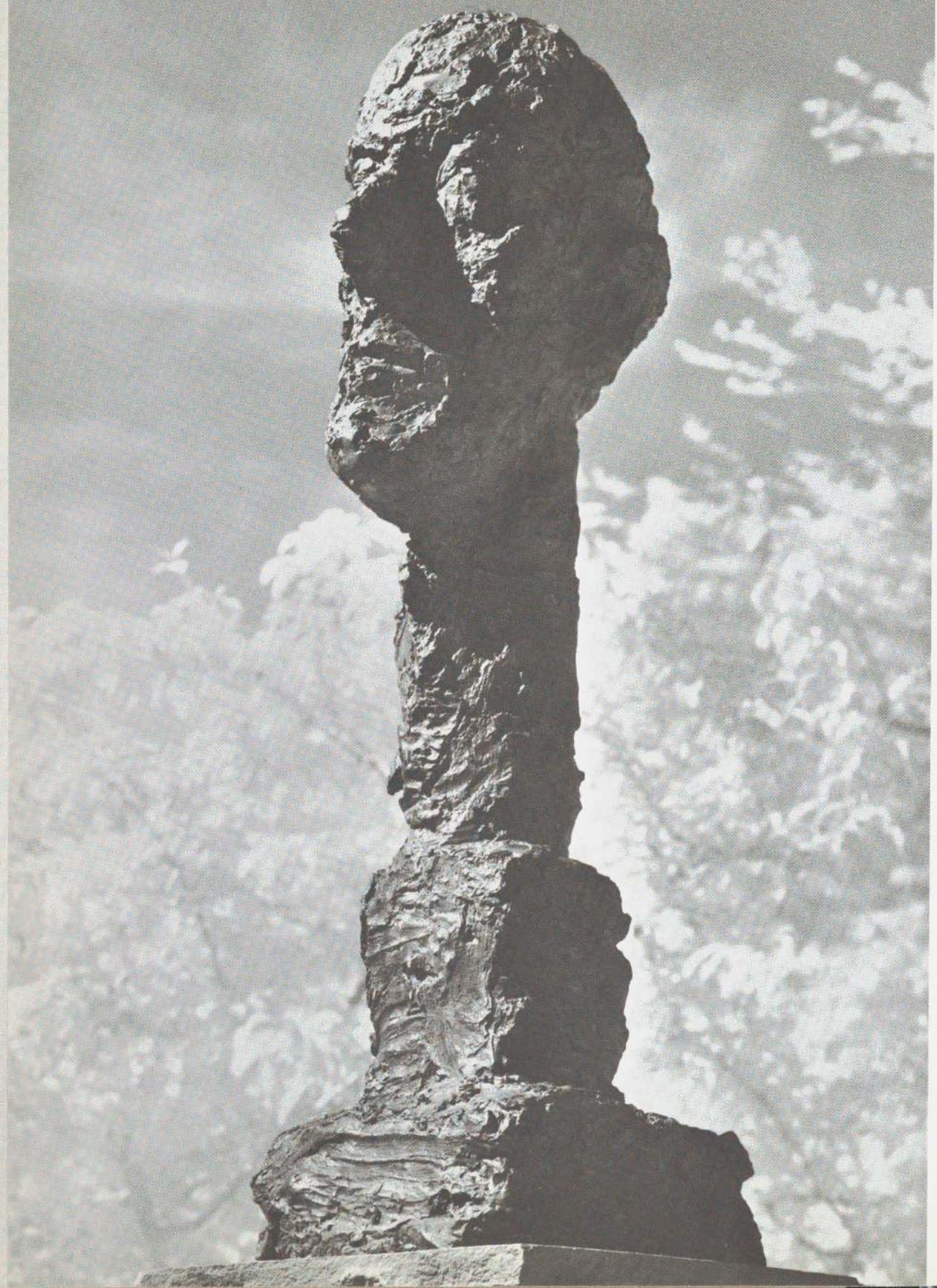




Tall Figures. 1960. Bronze. left to right: *Number I*, 8'10¼", Pierre Matisse Gallery; *Number III*, 7'9", Collection Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bunshaft; *Number II*, 8'1½", Private collection; *Number IV*, 8'10½", Pierre Matisse Gallery.

Walking Man I. 1960. Bronze, 71¾" high. Museum of Art, Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh.





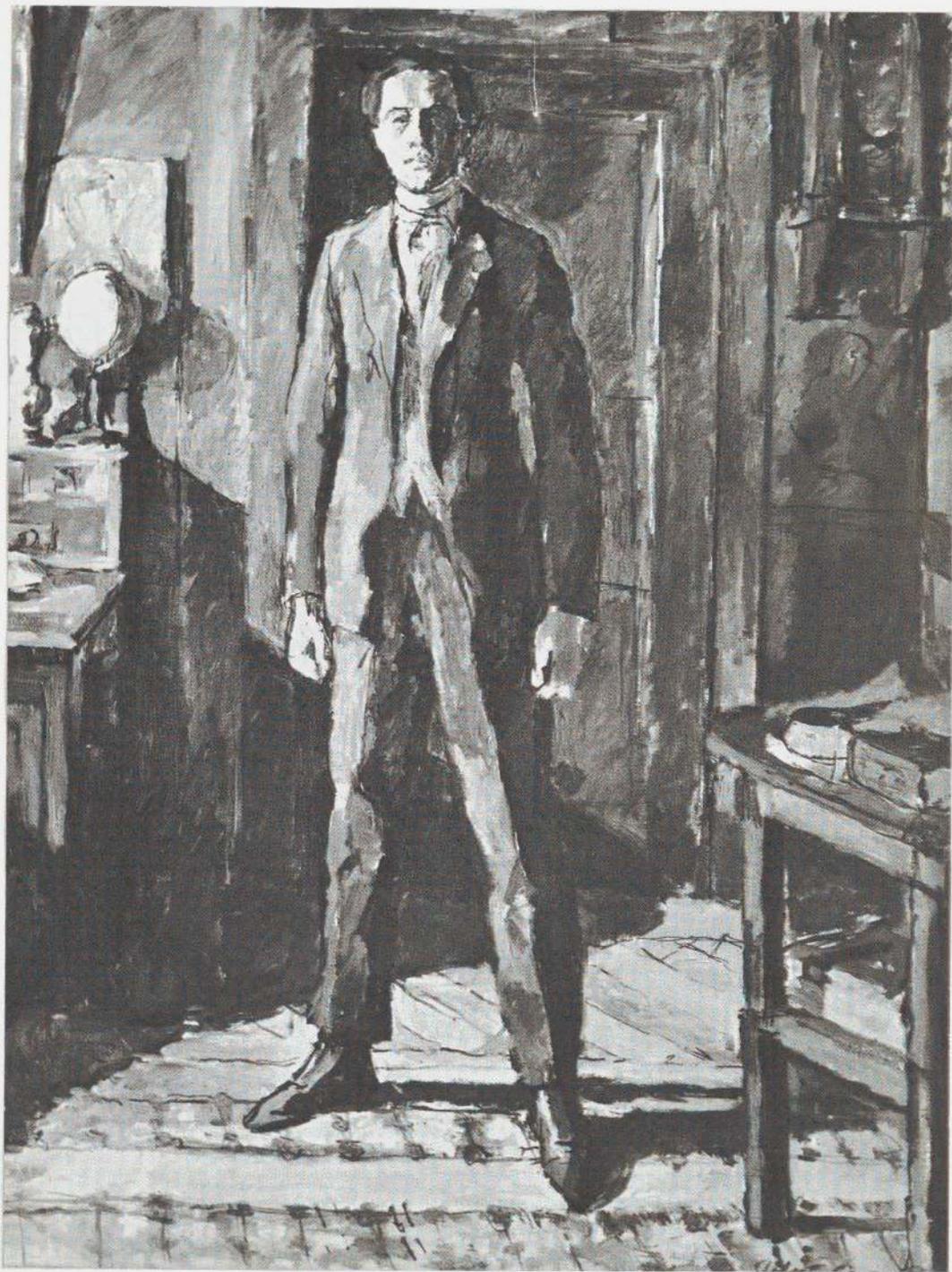
Monumental Head. 1960. Bronze, 37½" high. The Joseph H. Hirshhorn Collection.



Bust of Annette. 1962. Painted bronze, 18½" high. Private collection.



Figure Standing (13). 1964. Bronze, 26½" high. Pierre Matisse Gallery.



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The Artist's Mother. (1951). Oil, 36¼ x 28¾". Collection Aimé Maeght.



The Studio. 1950. Oil, 25¼ x 18¼". Collection Mr. and Mrs. James W. Alsdorf.



Scene from Studio Window. 1950. Oil, 21¼ x 13¼". Collection Mr. and Mrs. James W. Alsdorf.



Landscape. 1952. Oil, 18 x 20". Collection Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Sherwood.



Study of Heads. 1954. Oil, 31 $\frac{1}{8}$ x 23 $\frac{3}{8}$ ". Collection Louis Clayeux.



Figure. (1951). Oil, 43 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Collection Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bissett.



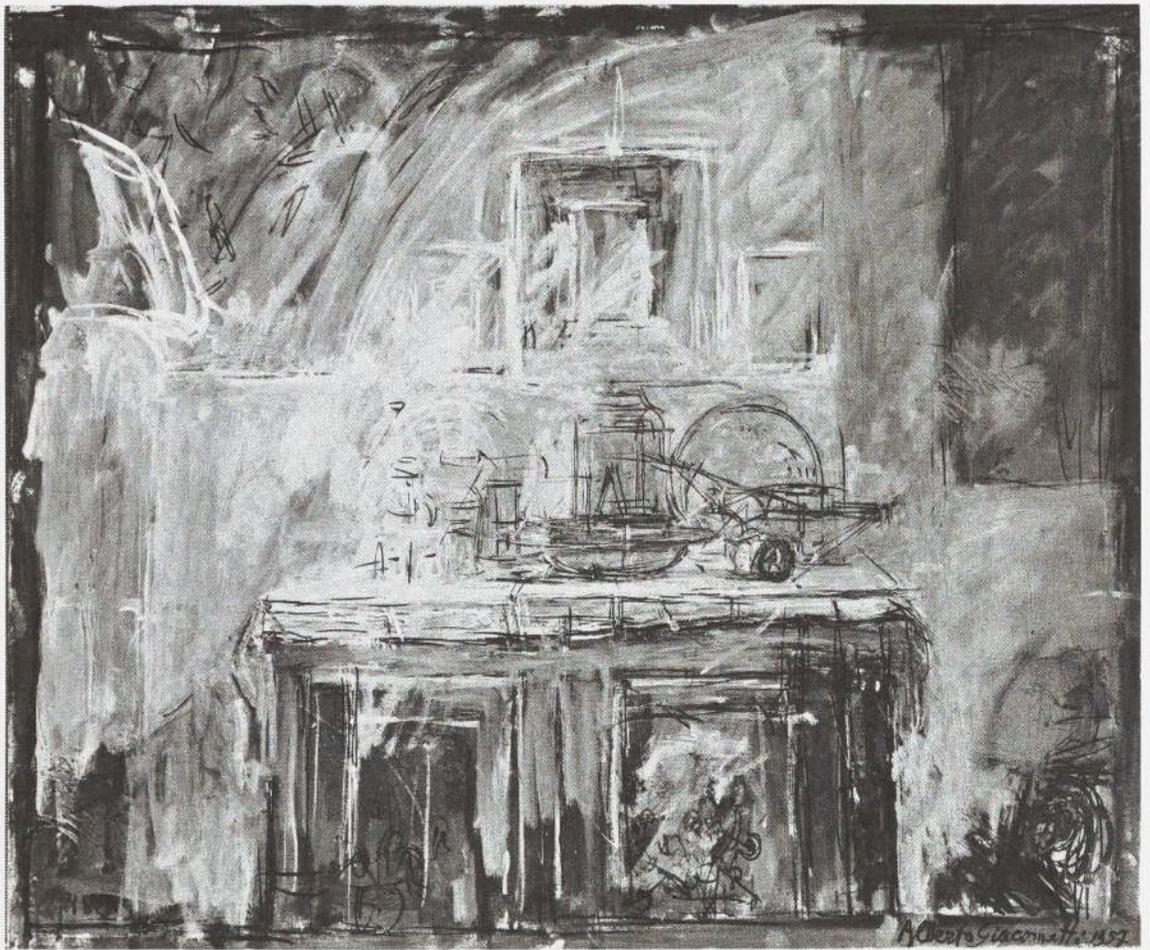
Mr. Study after the *City Square*. 1951. Oil, 24 x 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Collection Mr. and Mrs. Andrew C. Ritchie.



Annette. (1954). Oil, 25½ x 21". Collection Mr. and Mrs. Arnold H. Maremont.



Annette. (1961). Oil, 45 ¼ x 35". Collection Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Gelman.



Sideboard (Le Buffet). 1957. Oil, 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 24". Collection Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Tucker.



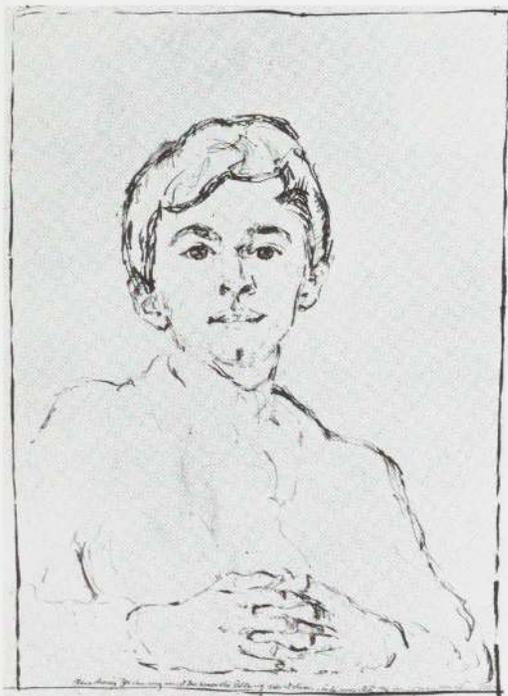
Caroline. 1961. Oil, 45 3/4" x 35". Frank and Ursula Laurens Collection.



Head of a Man. (1961). Oil, 19 x 16". Collection Mr. and Mrs. Sidney L. Solomon.



Head. (1962). Oil, 36¼ x 28¾". Collection Aimé Maeght.



Portrait of Simon Bérard. (c.1918). Pen and ink, 12¼ x 9¼". Collection James Lord.



Self-Portrait. 1937. Pencil, 19¼ x 12¼". Collection Pierre Matisse.

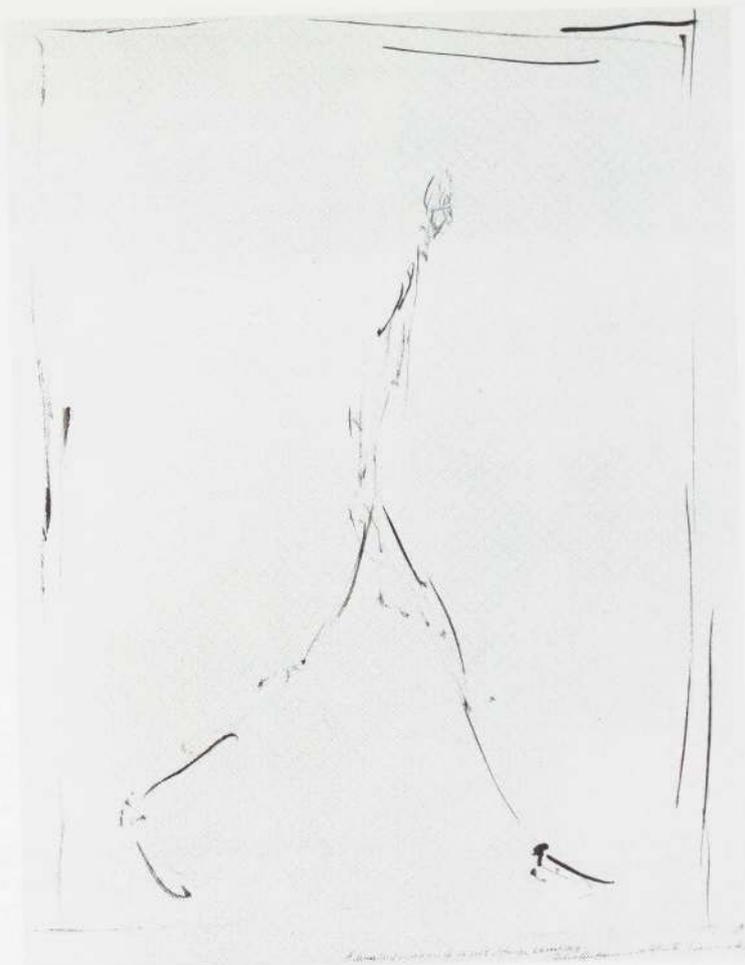


Head of a Woman. 1946. Crayon, 19½ x 13¾". Private collection.

Standing Nude. (1947). Oil on paper, 24¼ x 13½". Collection Eleanor Ward.



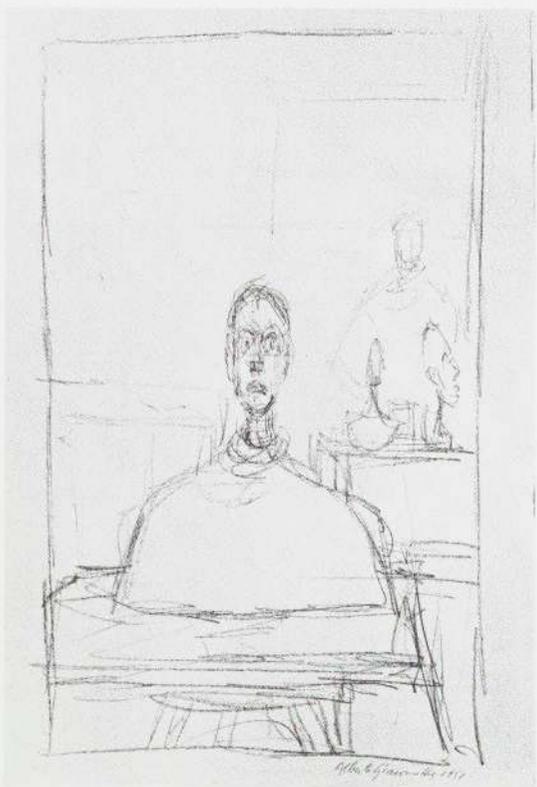
Figures on City Square. 1947. Pencil, 12⅞ x 20". Collection Gene R. Summers.



Walking Man. (c.1950). Oil on paper, 26¼ x 20". Collection James Lord.



Annette in the Studio. 1956. Pen and ink, 14 x 9½". Collection Mr. and Mrs. James W. Alsdorf.



Bust on Sculpture Stand. 1951. Crayon, 22 x 14¾". Collection Ruth and Hermann Vollmer.

The Dormer Window. 1957. Pencil, 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".
Courtesy The Museum of Modern Art.



Interior. 1951. Pencil, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Private collection.





Vase of Flowers. 1959. Pencil, 19 $\frac{1}{8}$ x 12 $\frac{3}{8}$ ". Private collection.



Bottles. 1956. Oil, 25½ x 21¼". Collection William Inge.



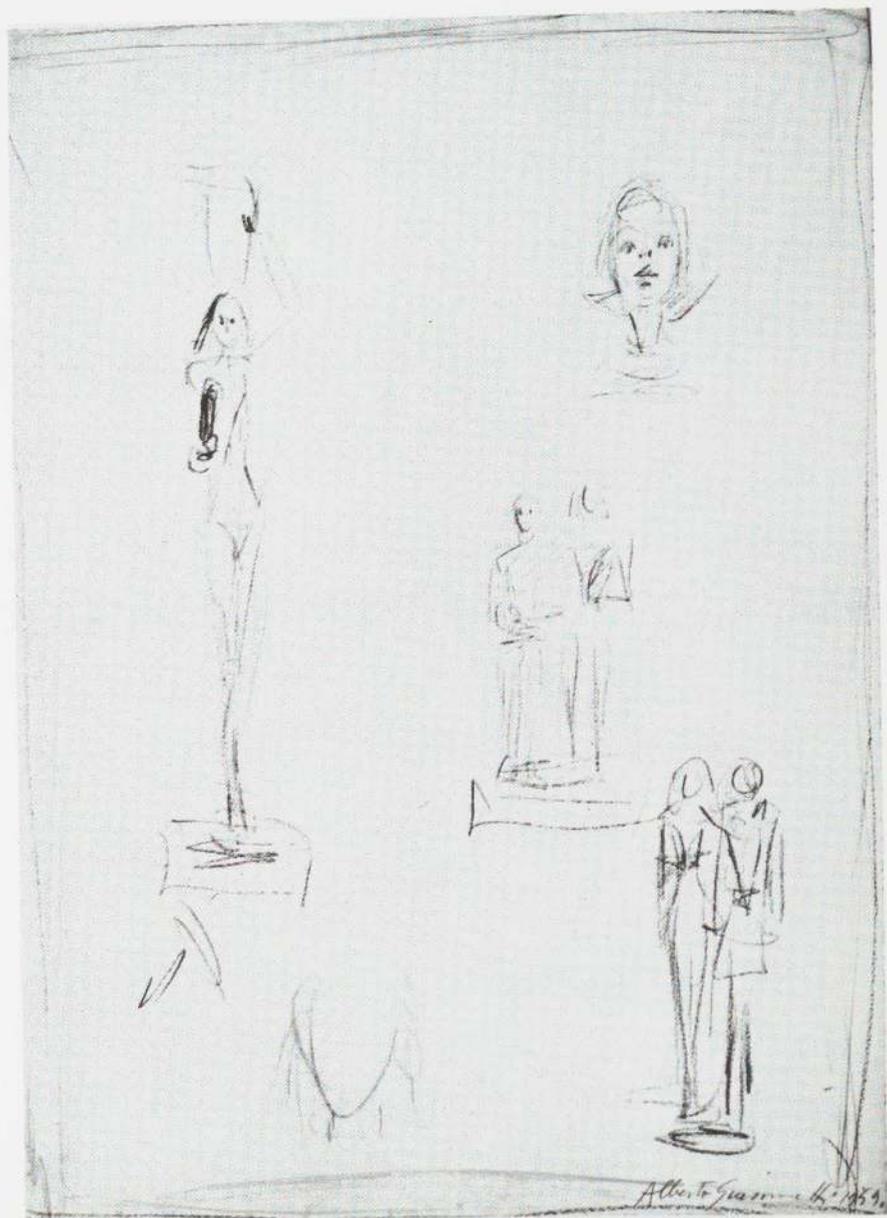
Portrait of David Sylvester. 1960. Oil, 45 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 35". Collection Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pulitzer, Jr.



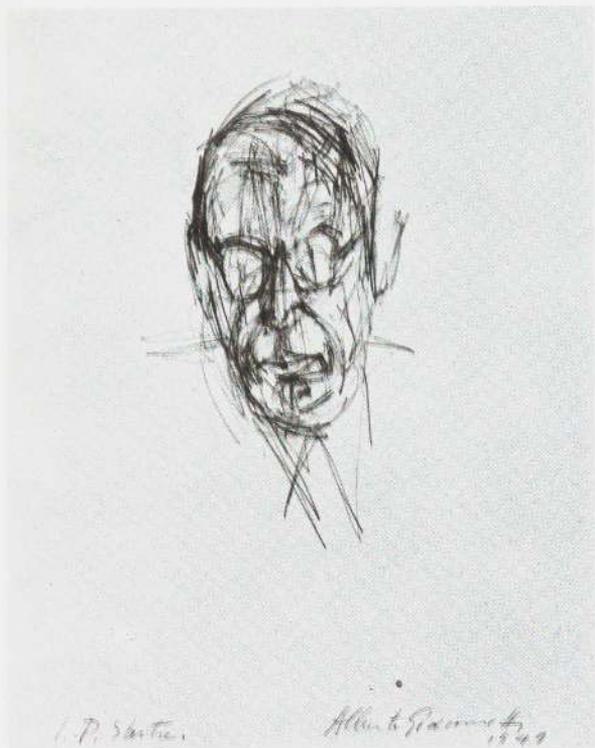
Annette. 1961. Oil, 21 $\frac{3}{8}$ x 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". The Joseph H. Hirshhorn Collection.



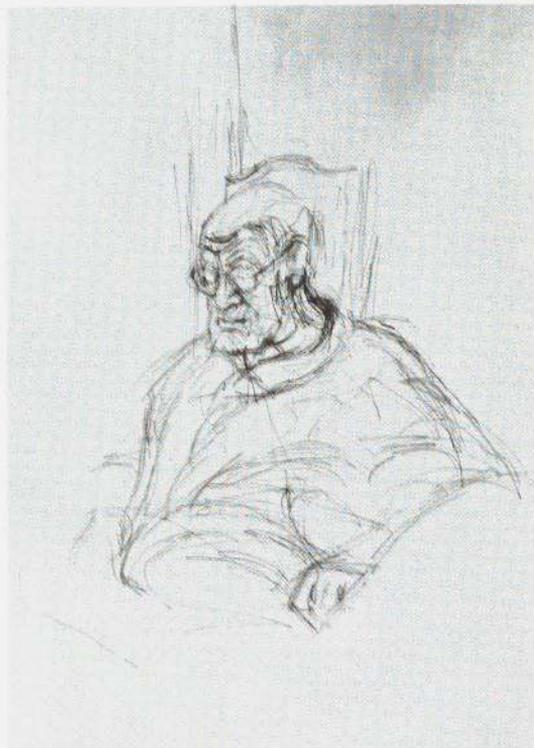
Caroline. 1962. Oil, 39¼ x 32". Collection Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Mayer.



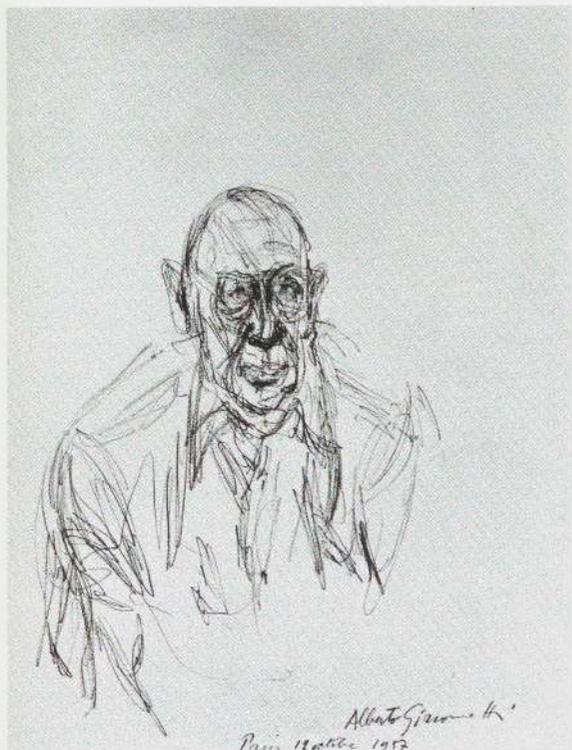
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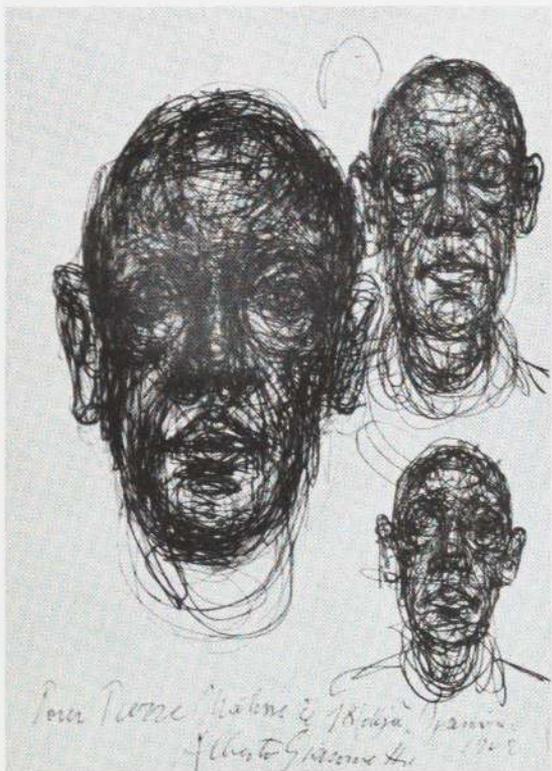


Tree. 1952. Pencil, 20 x 13½". Collection Mr. and Mrs. James W. Alsdorf.

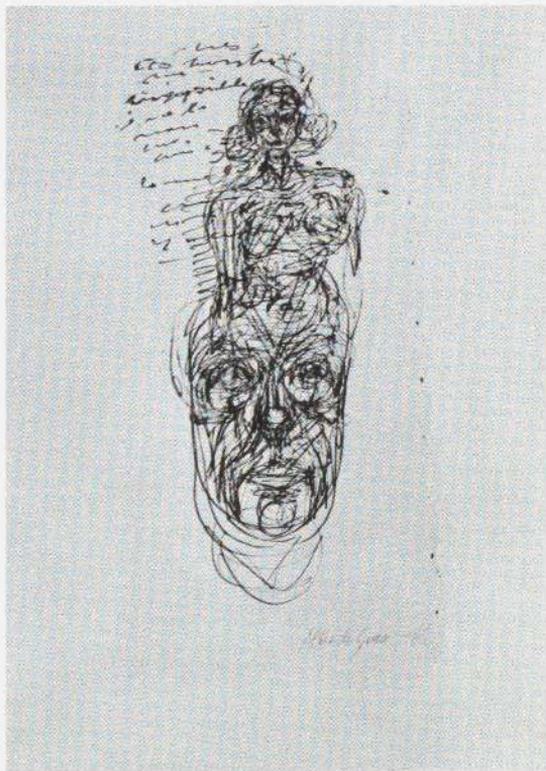
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The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York.



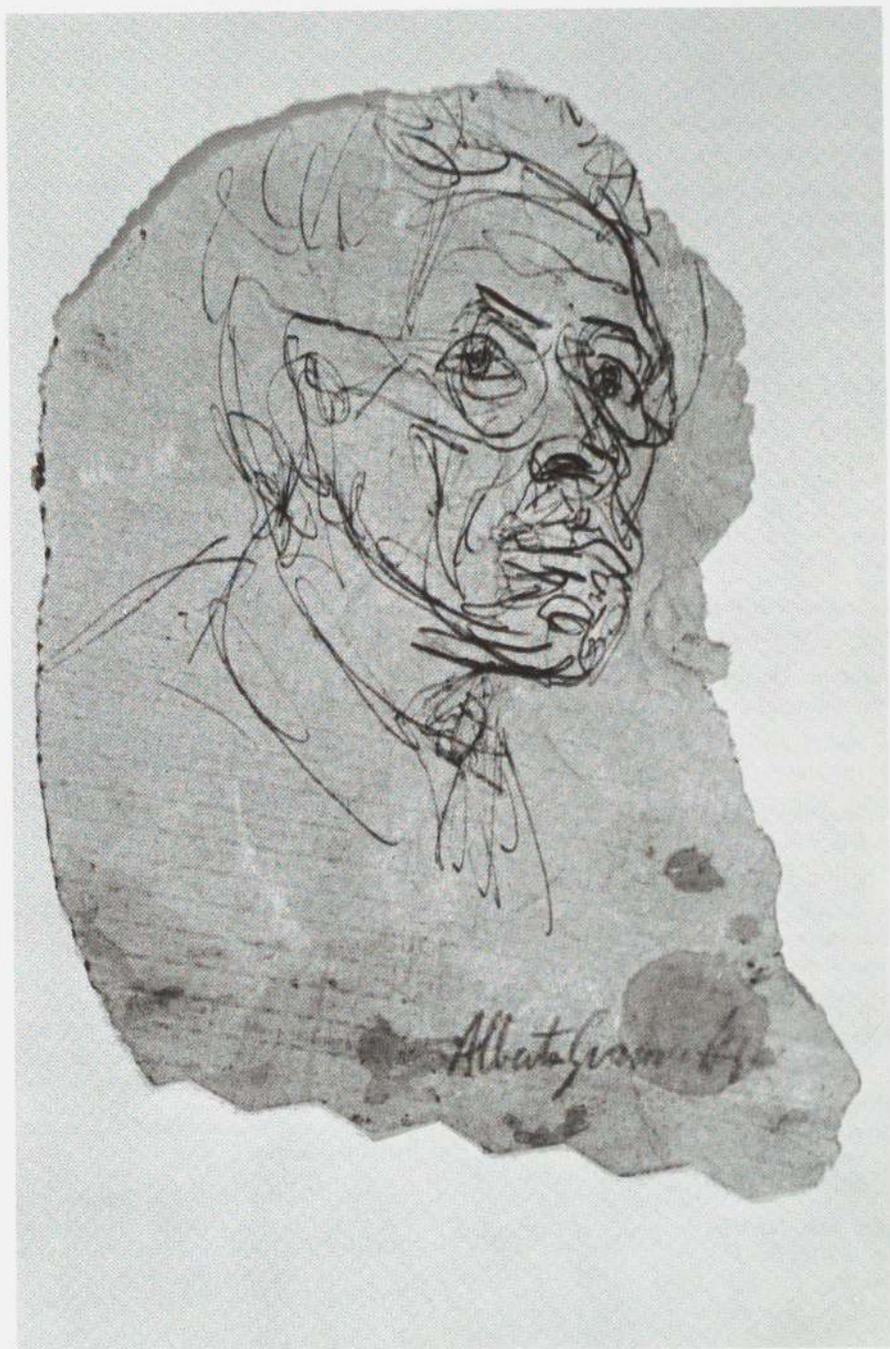
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Three Heads. 1962. Ball point pen, 8½ x 6".
Collection Pierre Matisse.



Head of a Man and Torso of a Woman. (1962). Ball point pen on paper napkin, 9¾ x 4¾", irregular. Collection Ruth and Hermann Vollmer.



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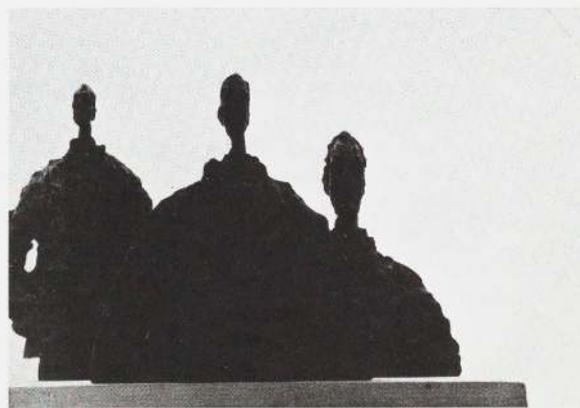
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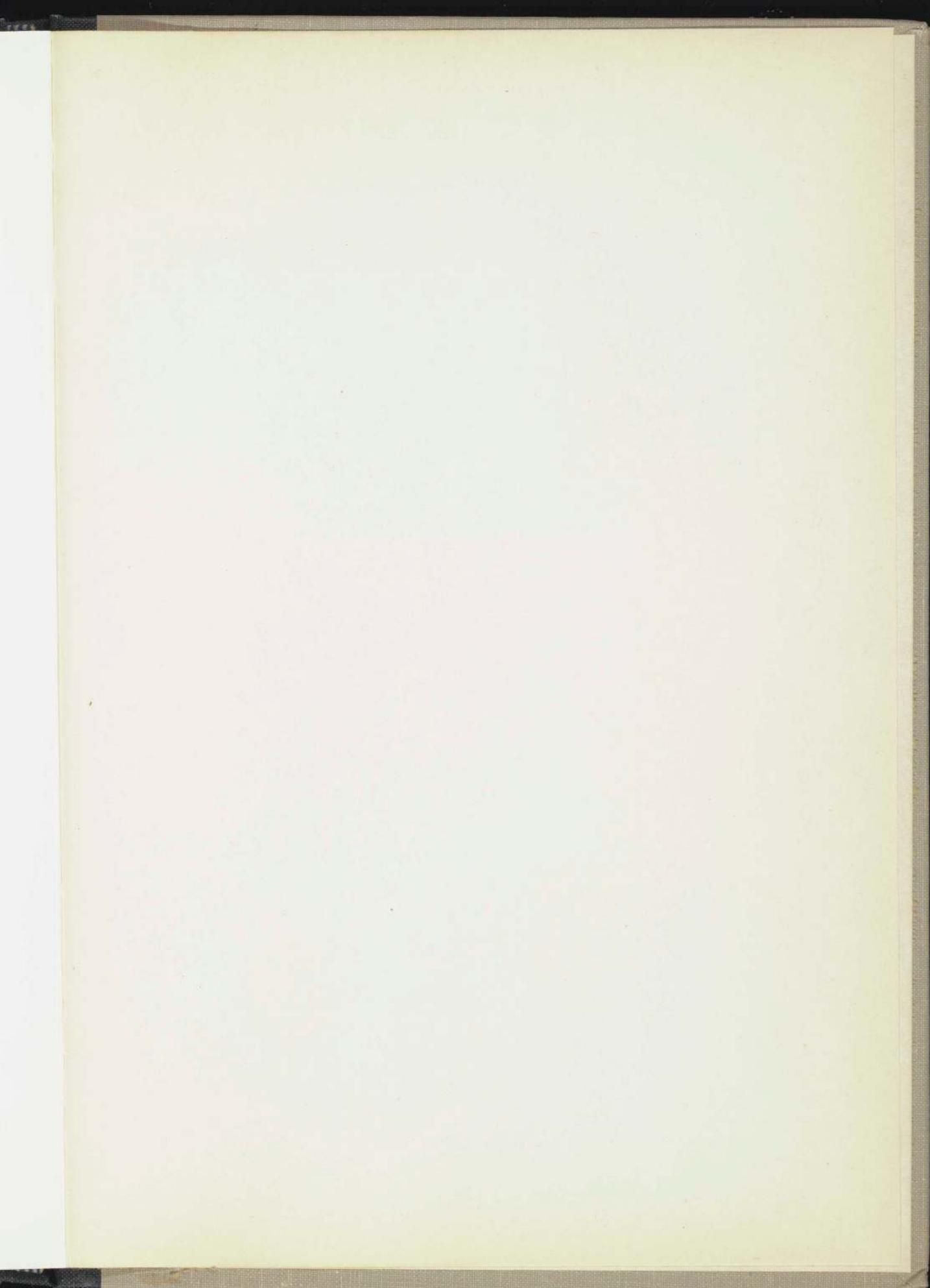
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