

Workshop: making pop-up cards

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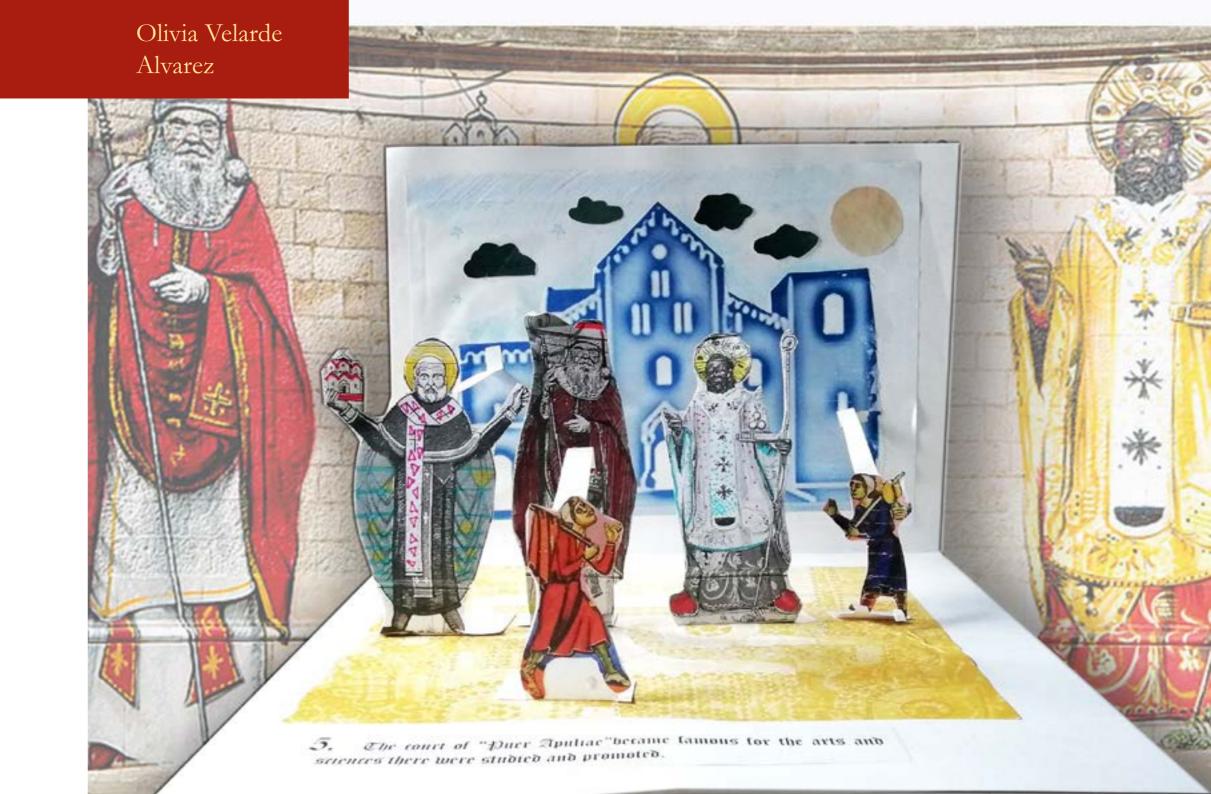
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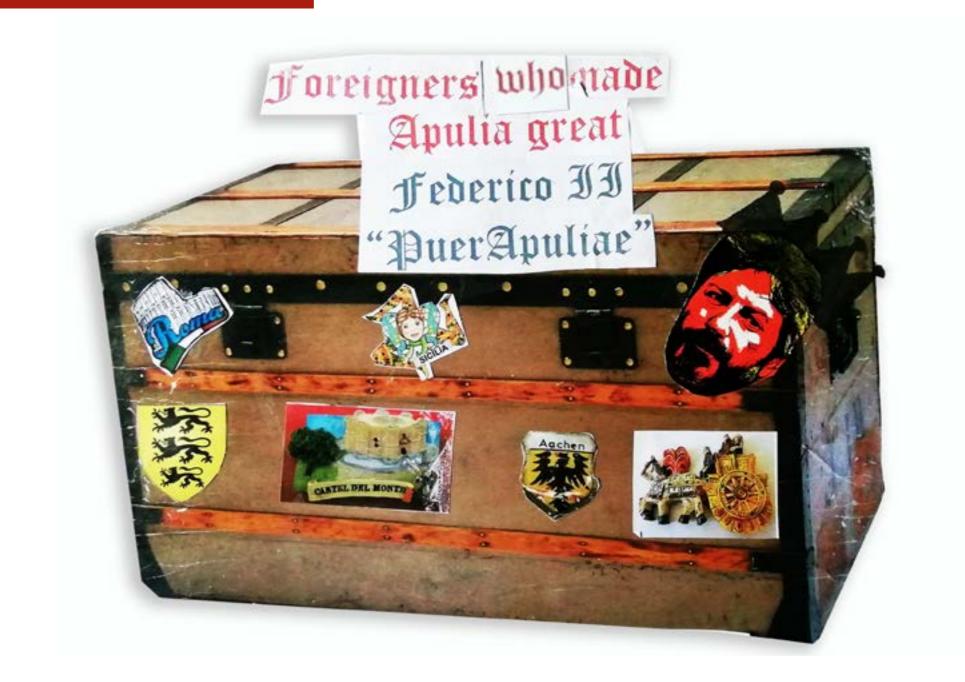
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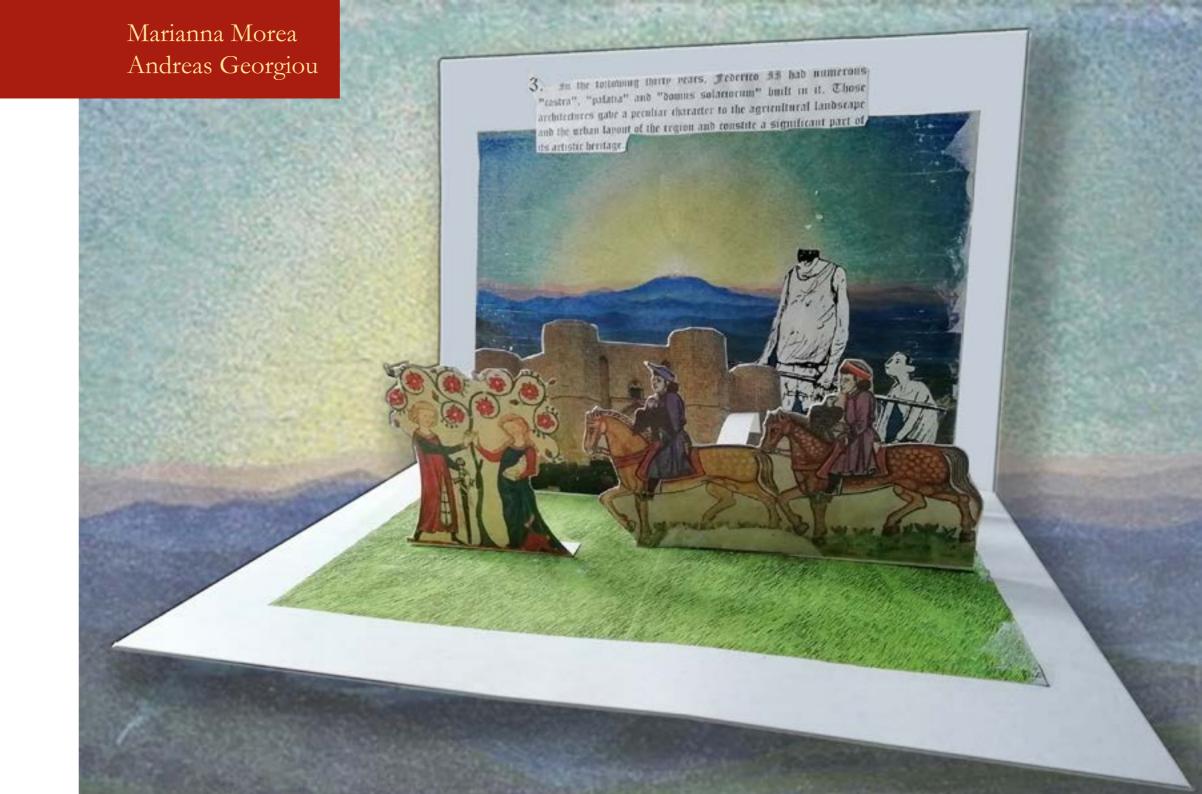
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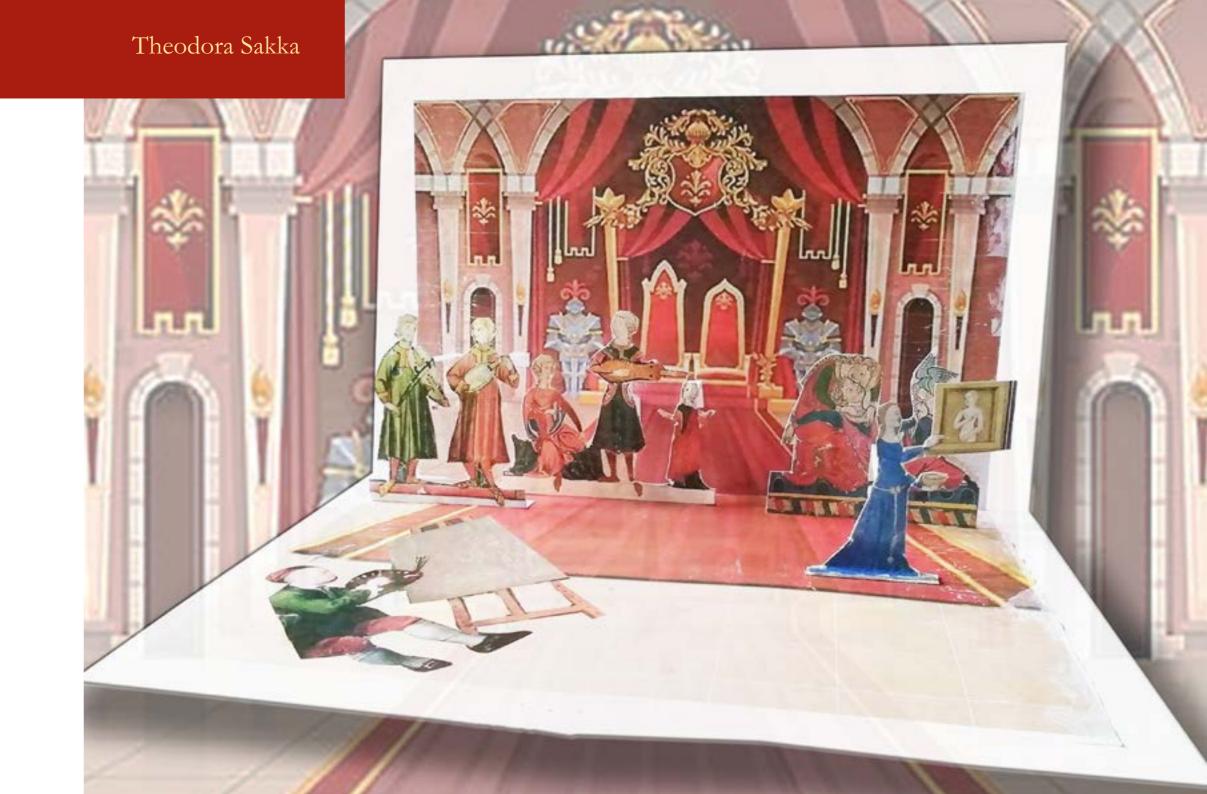


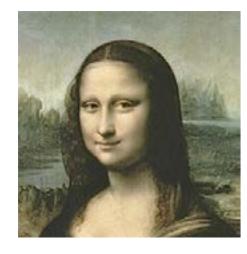
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The court of the "Puer Apuliae" became famous for the arts and sciences which were studied and promoted by the emperor.





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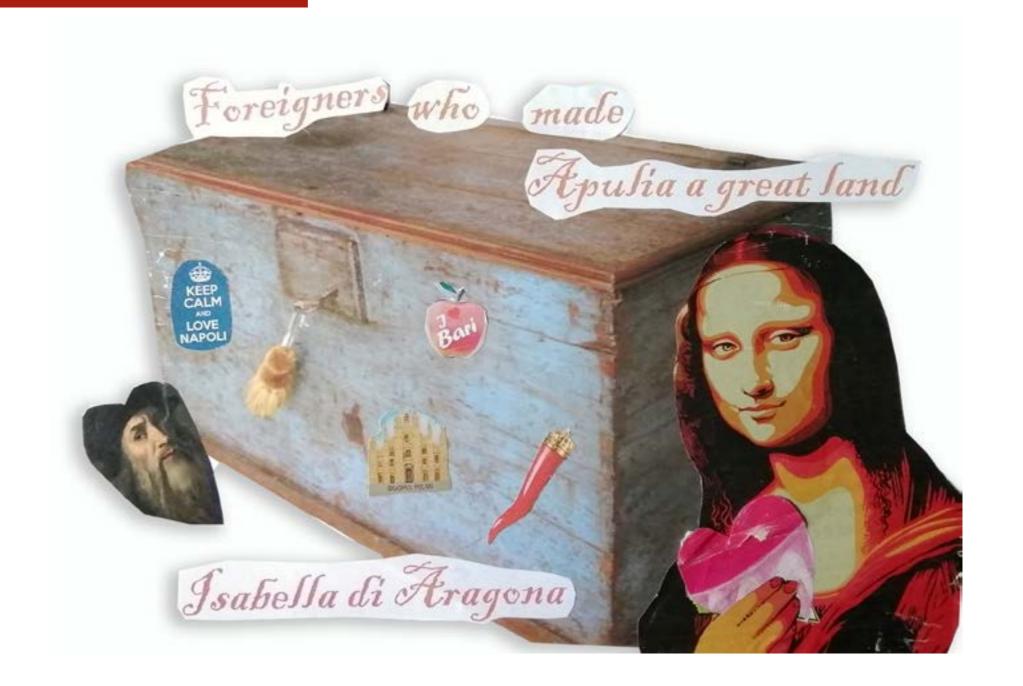
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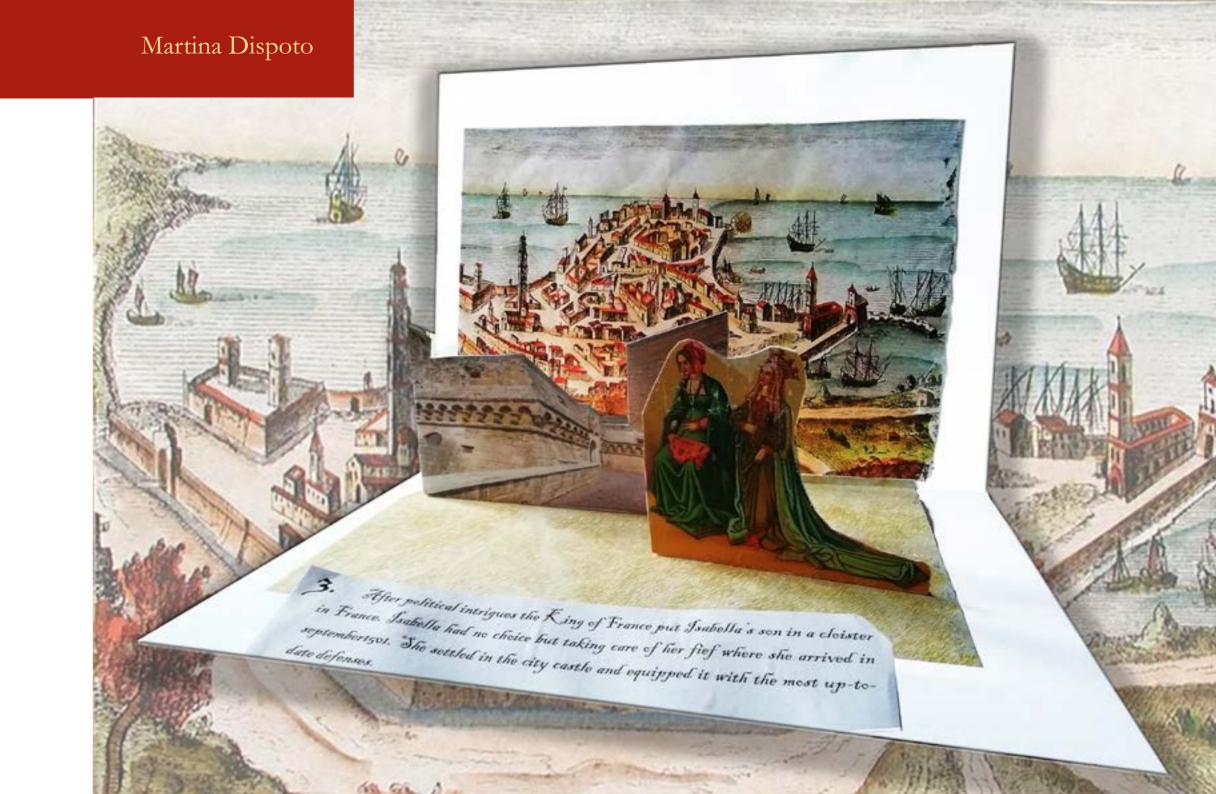
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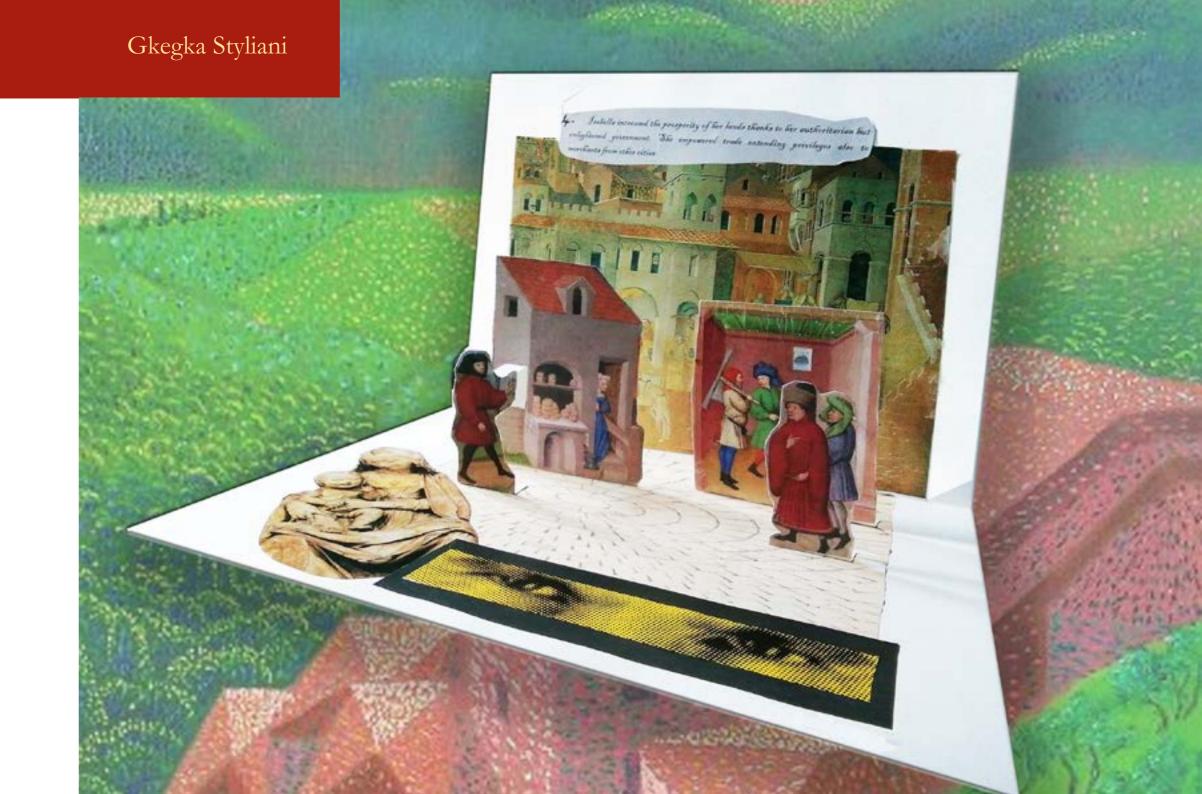


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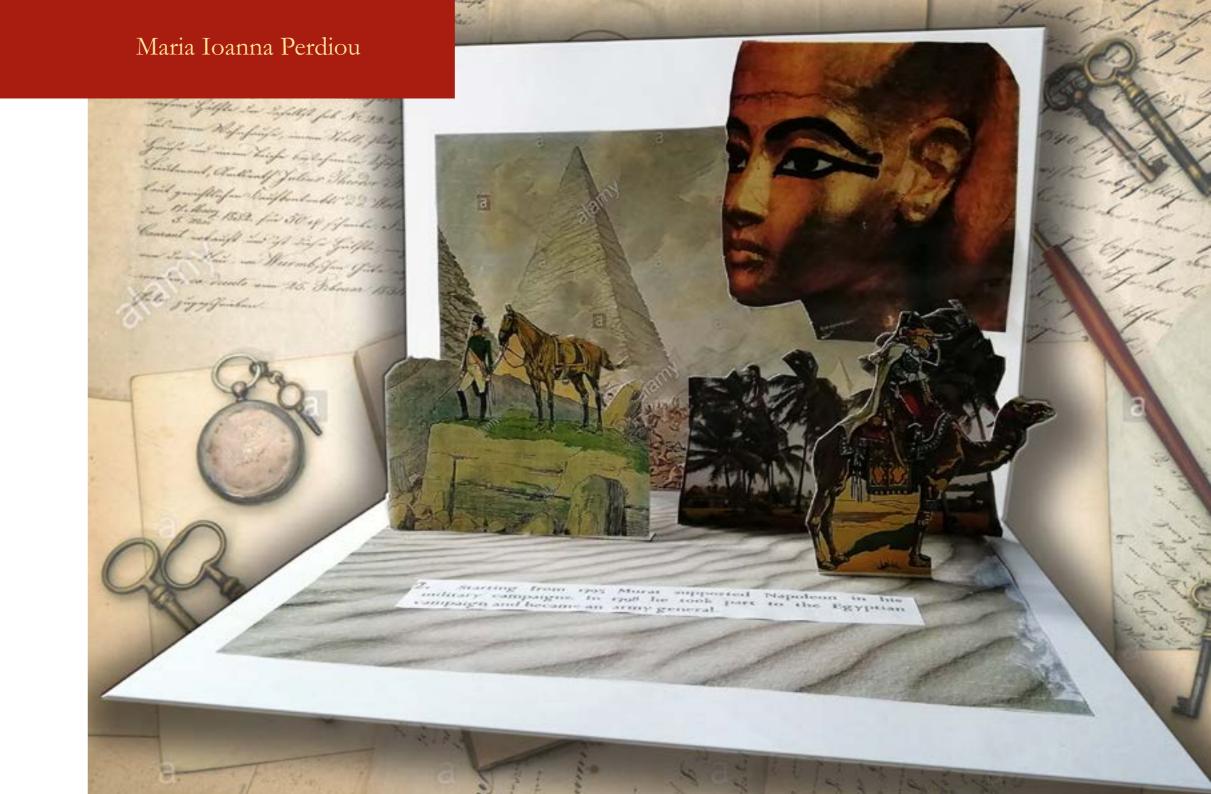


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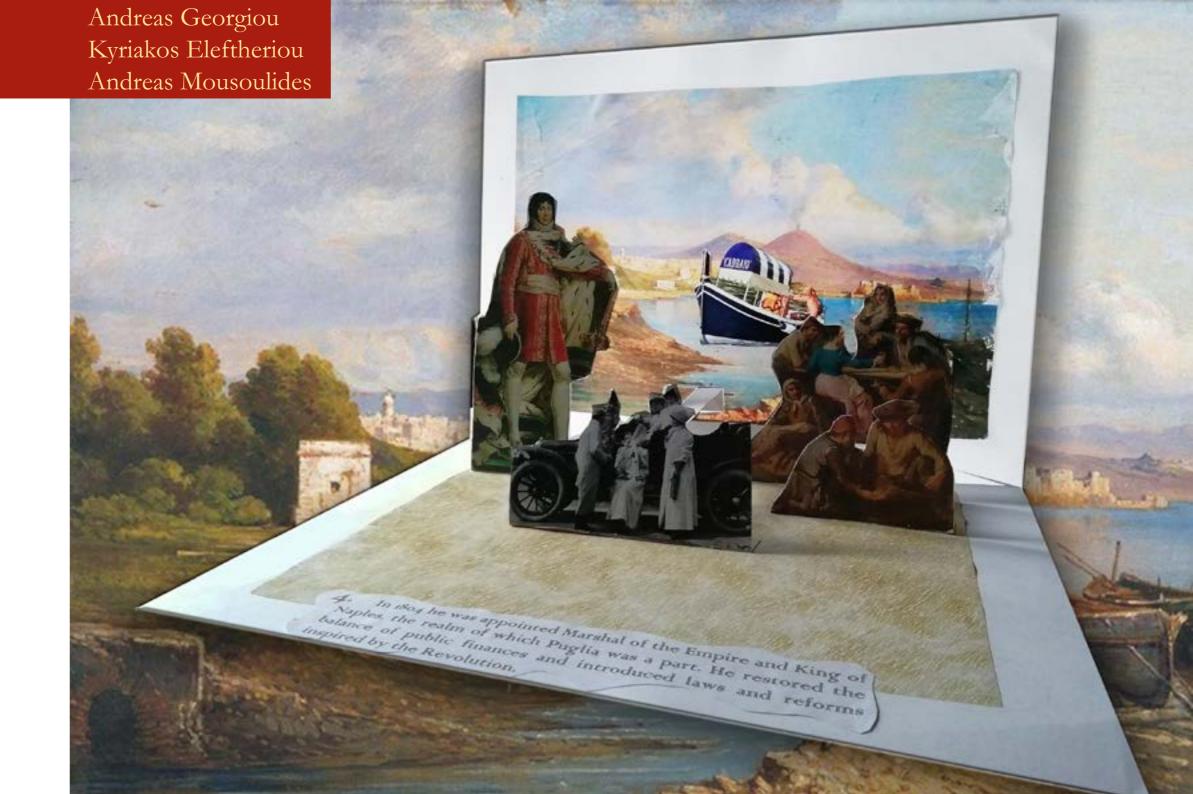
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