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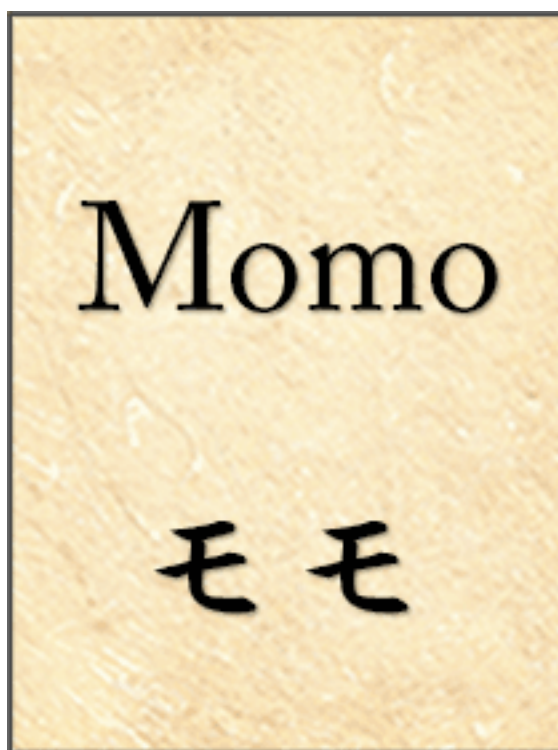
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001. Abu Simbel



After visiting all of the World Heritage Sites in Japan, Momo traveled to Abu Simbel in Egypt.

Momo was more stunned by the hugeness of the temples than by the scorching sunshine there.

Momo heard that the temples had been about to be submerged.

However, people all around the world saved them together, which became the origin of the World Heritage Sites.

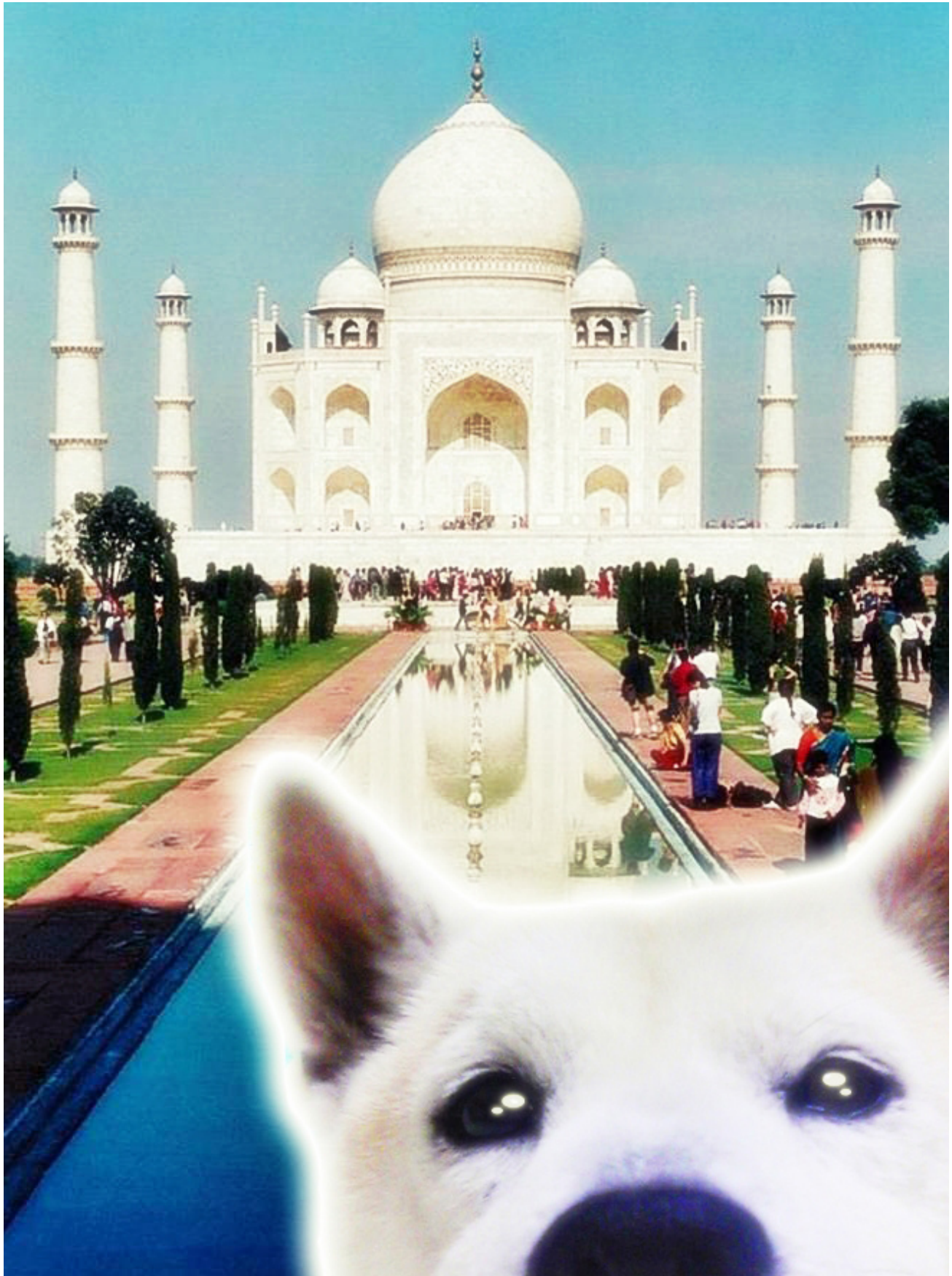
Pyramids and the sphinx were completely new to Momo and overwhelmed her.

When she was sipping the water in the Nile, local people said to her, "If you drink it, you will be invited by the river and probably visit here again."

Momo was so moved that she thought she would visit Egypt again.



002. Taj Mahal



One day she was visiting Taj Mahal in India.

Momo heard that a Mughal emperor had built this mausoleum about 500 years ago, mourning for his wife.

Everything here was so gorgeous, from the white palace to the mosques and gardens on the premises.

Momo was really impressed by the emperor's deep affection for his spouse.

Momo wondered if someday her prince would ever come ...

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003. Great Wall of China



One day she was visiting the Great Wall of China.

Momo heard that this wall-shaped fort had been built in preparation for a foreign invasion.

Local people showed Momo some history books to learn about the fort.

But unfortunately, she wasn't able to smoothly turn the pages over by her paw.

Momo thought she would ask Tanya to read it aloud for her after this travel.



004. Great Barrier Reef



One day she was visiting the Great Barrier Reef, one of the World Heritage Sites in Australia.

Dog-paddling in the sea, Momo was invited by yellowtail crownfishes to their home.

It was guarded by sea anemones, which would electroshock a sneak thief.

By the way, Momo's treasure is glittering satin.

She usually hides it in her secret place that even Tanya doesn't know.



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005. Kilauea



One day she was visiting Kilauea in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, one of the World Heritage Sites in the United States.

Kilauea is an active volcano and it was too burning for Momo to stay for a long time.

Generally, the places around volcanoes have hot springs.

Momo really loved hot spring bathing, so she decided to drop by one of these facilities on her way home.



006. Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks



One day she was visiting Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks, one of the World Heritage Sites in Canada.

Momo was told that Tanya used to visit Canadian Rockies several times and they were really memorable places for her.

Momo met a family of Grizzly bear.

As she followed the recommendation by the little bears, Momo drunk the glacier water.

It was icy cold and amazingly delicious.



007. Yellowstone National Park



One day she was visiting Yellowstone National Park, one of the World Heritage Sites in the United States.

Momo heard that it was also one of the 12 World Heritage Sites which UNESCO had first approved in 1978.

At a geyser named Grand Prismatic Spring, Momo was captivated by the scenery like a beautiful rainbow.

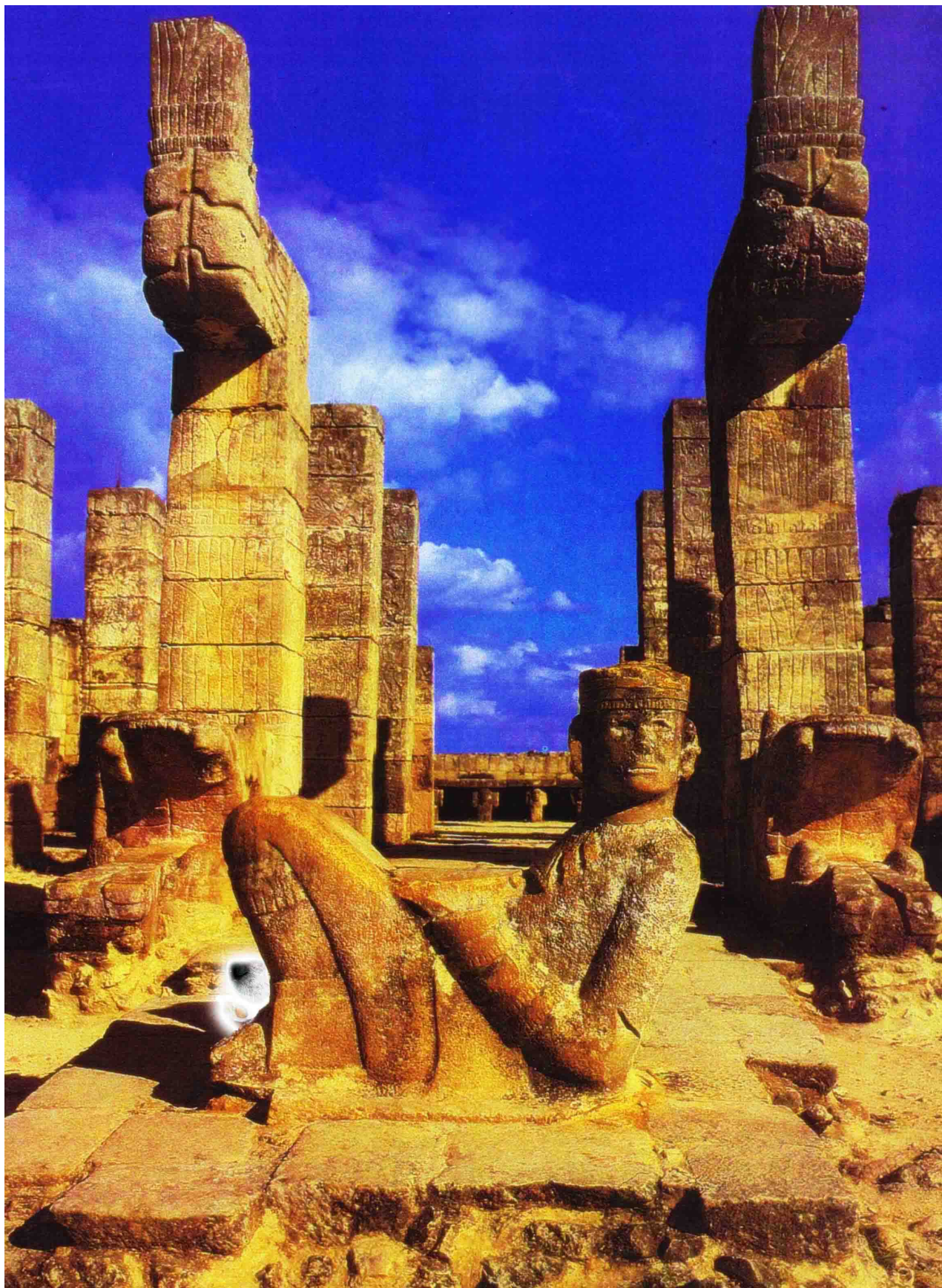
Wondering why the spring had a rainbow color, Momo enjoyed viewing the spring for a while.

But finally, its strong odor somewhat similar to a boiled egg was so stinky that Momo couldn't help but plug her nose.



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008. Chichen Itza



One day she was visiting Pre-Historical City of Chichen Itza, one of the World Heritage Sites in Mexico.

Momo was impressed by a pyramid-shaped stone structure named El Castillo.

She heard that ancient people had created it to know their special days such as the Vernal Equinox and the Autumnal Equinox.

For Momo, every day is special as she enjoys the really attractive World Heritage Sites.



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009. Iguazu Falls



One day she was visiting Iguazu Falls, the World Heritage Sites located at the border between Argentina and Brazil.

It often seems to be regarded as one of the three major waterfalls in the world, along with Victoria Falls and Niagara Falls.

While August is the middle of summer in Japan, the cold in Iguazu National Park surprised Momo.

The Great Dusky Swifts, having their nests inside the waterfall, told her that the southern hemisphere has the opposite seasons to Japan.

It was so cold that Momo missed a *kotatsu* (Japanese heated table).



010. Machu Picchu



One day she was visiting Machu Picchu, one of the World Heritage Sites in Peru.

It is located at a very high altitude in the Andes.

Momo had been climbing a steep slope known as Hiram Bingham Road and it took her three days from Cusco, the capital of the region, to Machu Picchu.

On her way, Momo had a headache and often felt dizzy.

Staggering with exhaustion, she finally got there.

The magnificent view relieved her fatigue in a moment.

A fantastic castle floating in the sky was there.

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011. Stonehenge



One day she was visiting Stonehenge, one of the World Heritage Sites in the United Kingdom.

As its name indicates, Stonehenge is a mysterious henge consisting of gigantic stones.

Some legends have it that magicians or giants made it in the prehistoric age.

Momo also heard that many mystery circles are in this country and many people believe apace aliens made them.

Momo was excited by imagining that space dogs might be somewhere in the outer space.



012. Sagrada Família



One day she was visiting Sagrada Família, one of the World Heritage Sites in Spain.

It is widely known as a masterpiece of Antonio Gaudí.

Momo heard that people started constructing this towering church more than a century ago and the work is currently scheduled to complete in 2026.

Although it is already gorgeous enough, Momo wondered how magnificent the finished building would be.

She was so thrilled by imagining the future.



013. Auschwitz



One day she was visiting Auschwitz concentration camp, one of the World Heritage Sites in Poland.

People here told Momo that this place had been full of tragedy during World War II.

Although people around Momo always treat her with love, she had once been shut into the sewage pipe with a chain-locked door by her ex-owner before Tanya adopted her.

Why could some human beings commit unbelievably brutal acts?

It was so sad that she was standing motionless with tears.



014. St. Peter's Basilica



One day she was visiting St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City State.

Momo heard that Vatican City State is the smallest country in the world and the whole area is listed as one of the World Heritage Sites.

The Pope, the Bishop of Rome, seems to live next to St. Peter's Basilica.

Momo would like to be granted an audience with the Pope.

She wondered if His Holiness loved a shiba dog.

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015. Varberg Radio Station



One day she was visiting the Varberg Radio Station, one of the World Heritage Sites in Sweden.

Momo heard that this radio station had been built in early 1920s in order to radio messages from Sweden to the United States over the Atlantic.

It seemed to be still working as a radio station.

Momo thought she wanted to appear on a radio program some day.

"Hello everyone. I'm your host DJ Momo coming to you from The BBB Radio ..."



016. Fortress of Suomenlinna



One day she was visiting the Fortress of Suomenlinna, one of the World Heritage Sites in Finland.

Finland is a more northerly country than Japan, so it's very cold for Momo.

When taking a walk in the island, an elderly couple spoke to her.

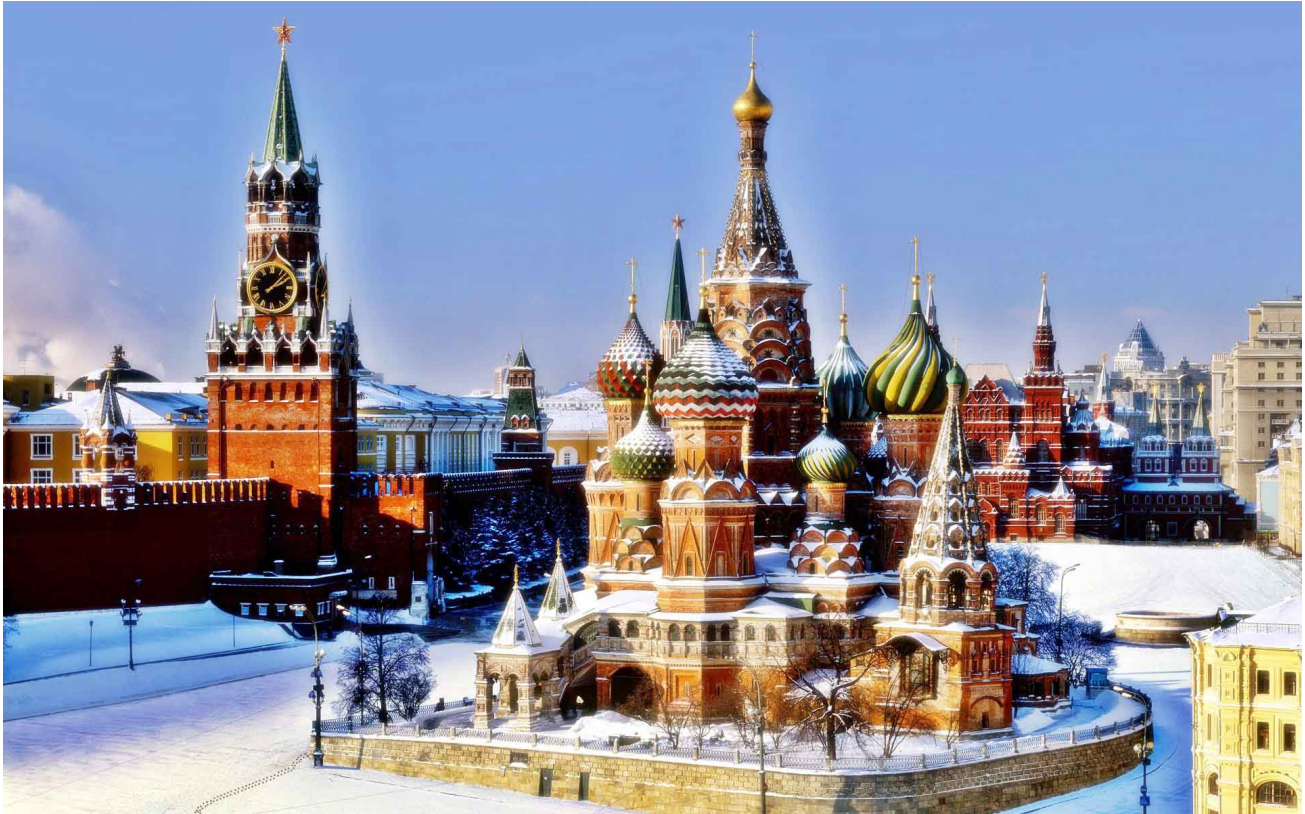
"There are kindly fairies named Moomintroll. They will be in hibernation in the winter, so you should meet them while in the autumn now."

The couple were kind enough to show Momo where Moominvalley was.

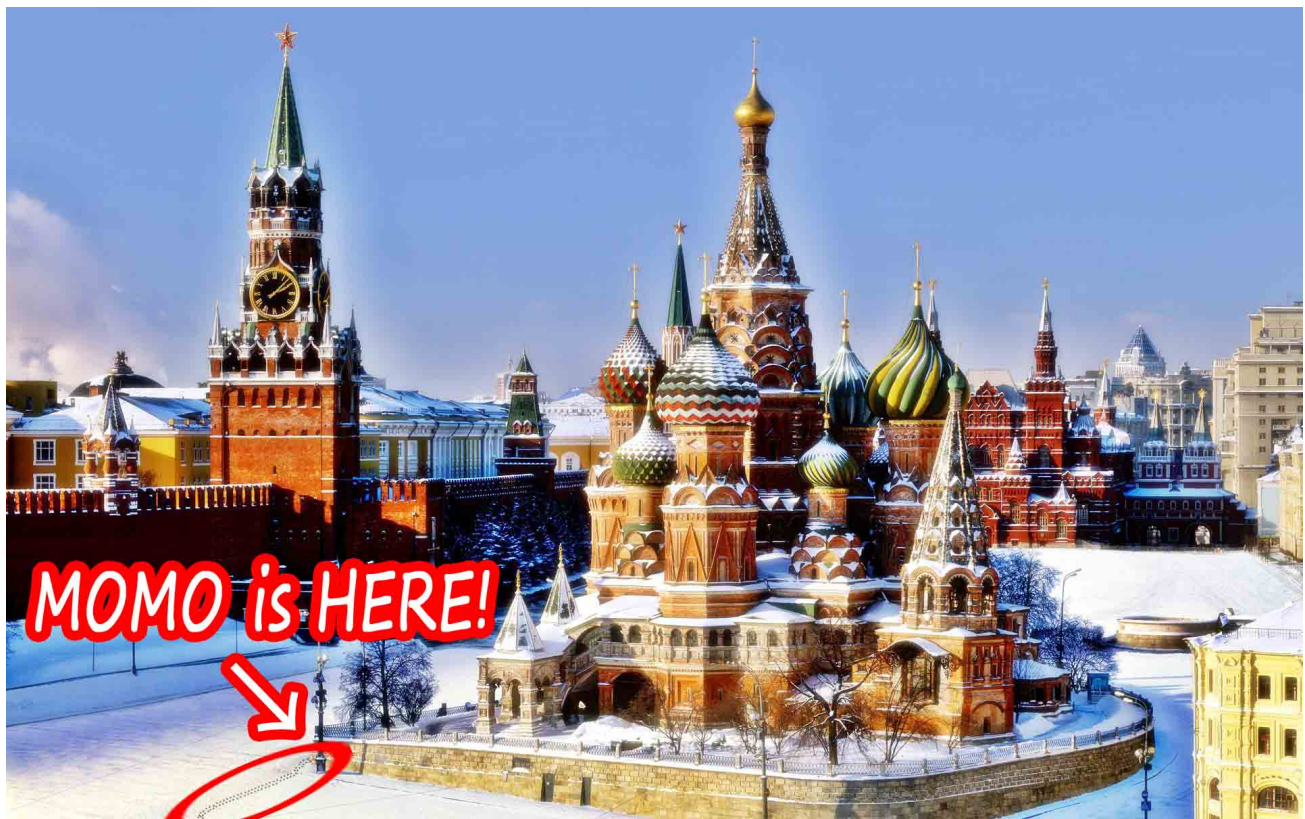
Momo left the island for the Lonely Mountain, a landmark to Moominvalley.



017. Moscow Kremlin and Red Square



One day she was visiting Moscow Kremlin and Red Square, one of the World Heritage Sites in Russia. When she saw Saint Basil's Cathedral for the first time, Momo found herself barking with excitement. Momo already knew it because she had watched Tanya playing Tetris, her favorite video game. Momo herself was not good at pushing a button on a controller by her paw. But, Momo liked to give her advice when Tanya was playing Tetris.



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018. Rila Monastery



One day she was visiting the Rila Monastery, one of the World Heritage Sites in Bulgaria.

When she entered inside the building, Momo was moved by the brightness and beauty of the overwhelming murals drawn on the whole ceiling and the walls.

By the way, on her way to the Rila Monastery, there was a sweet smell of roses.

Momo recalled Tanya's mother who grew roses in her garden and got a little homesick.



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019. Gračanica Monastery



One day she was visiting the Gračanica Monastery, one of the World Heritage Sites in Kosovo.

For some reason, Momo met lots of soldiers in uniform here, which scared her.

Especially, she was frightened at a tank as huge and intimidating as an elephant.

People living in Kosovo told Momo that many of the buildings in this region had been being destroyed by a long-running territorial dispute.

As Momo had been encouraged and inspired by the Worlds Heritage Sites, she hoped everlasting world peace would be realized by our appreciating these valuable sites.



020. Hypogeum of Hal Saflieni



One day she was visiting the Hypogeum of Hal Saflieni, one of the World Heritage Sites in Malta.

It seemed to be an ancient building constructed underground thousands years ago.

In order to conserve the structure, only 70 people a day were allowed to enter the site.

At the deep underground, many roads were there like a labyrinth and Momo was about to be lost.

By the way, Momo heard that an ancient grave for a dog made about 8,000 years ago was found in Japan.

So, she wondered if there might a grave for a dog in Hal Saflieni.



021. Lake Bikal



One day she was visiting Lake Bikal, one of the World Heritage Sites in Russia.

Momo heard that this crescent-shaped lake had the highest level of water transparency.

The water was a little too cold but amazingly delicious to her.

She met a large family of Baikal seal beside the lake.

Because she didn't have siblings, Momo envied them and missed Tanya and her mother waiting for her in Japan.



022. Virunga National Park



One day she was visiting Virunga National Park, one of the World Heritage Sites in Democratic Republic of the Congo.

When she was walking in a huge park, Momo met a mother and child of Mountain Gorilla.

The mother gorilla was very strong and easily carried her child and Momo on her back.

Momo recalled being carried by Tanya or Tanya's mother in her arms.

She loves to be carried in someone's arms or in someone's back.



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023. Site of Carthage



One day she was visiting the Site of Carthage, one of the World Heritage Sites in Tunisia.

Momo recalled that Tanya had once shown her an impressive drawing of the Site of Carthage.

If her memory was correct, it must have been painted by Mr. Turner something.

While walking around ancient baths of the site, Momo wondered one thing.

Mount Fuji is often painted on walls of Japanese public baths, whereas something was painted on the walls of the ancient baths?



024. Lower Valley of the Awash



One day she was visiting Lower Valley of the Awash, one of the World Heritage Sites in Ethiopia.

It seemed that a skeleton of about three million years ago had been found at a village near Awash River.

An employee of National Museum of Ethiopia kindly told Momo that the skeleton was generally called "Lucy".

In front of the museum Momo tried mimicking the statue considering something, but she dozed off and met the Beatles in her dream for some reason.



025. Pena National Palace



One day she was visiting the Pena National Palace, one of the World Heritage Sites in Portugal.

Momo heard that four young boys had once traveled all the way from Japan to Portugal no less than 430 years ago, led by missionaries of the Society of Jesus.

The voyage was to meet the Pope and the Monarchs of both Portugal and Spain back then.

Blown by the sea breeze, Momo gave full play to her imagination and enjoyed it.

Then, Momo had decided to head for Cabo da Roca, the west end of the Eurasian Continent.

(To be continued to the next volume.)









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