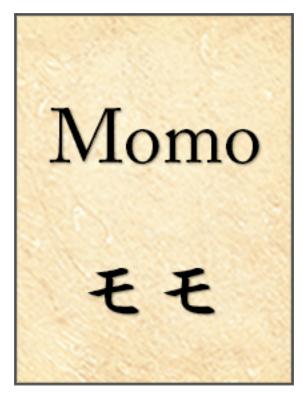


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51. Venice and Its Lagoon



One day she was visiting Venice and its Lagoon, one of the World Heritage Sites in Italy.

In Canal Grande, an S-shaped river through the city, came and went an array of gondolas.

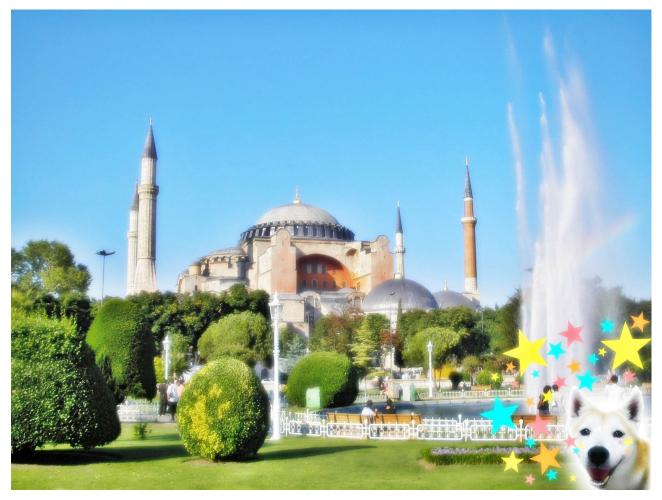
Momo heard boatmen joyfully singing barcaroles here and there.

As she tried mimicking them, singing "Ho, ho," a boatman praised her.

For some reason, a number of people were wearing masks and gorgeous dresses here at St. Mark's Square. Momo was a little surprised by their costumes but enjoyed having her picture taken with them.



52. Hagia Sophia



One day she was visiting Hagia Sophia, one of the World Heritage Sites in Turkey.

The streets in Istanbul were more like a labyrinth and Momo accidentally got lost.

But fortunately, lots of cats living here showed her the way to Hagia Sophia, a very famous building.

It was gigantic and marvelous enough to surprise and impress her.

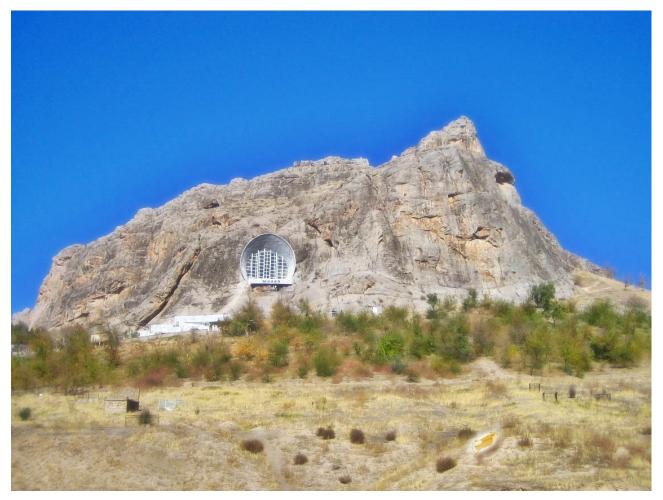
On the way, Momo saw many gorgeous carpets being sold at the Grand Bazaar.

Momo imagined herself to be lying down on it.

It must be so comfortable for her without doubt!



53. Sulayman Mountain



One day she was visiting the Sulayman Mountain, the only World Heritage Sites in Kyrgyzstan.

According to an ancient legend, you can talk with any plants as well as any animals by wearing the ring of prophet Sulayman (Solomon).

Momo imagined herself making various friends with the magical ring and wanted to find it.

This was the reason why Momo was heading for the sacred mountain with excitement.

Can she find the ring?

Momo's adventure was getting more and more interesting.



54. Lahore Fort



One day she was visiting the Lahore Fort, one of the World Heritage Sites in Pakistan.

This place was a very large park and a splendid fort was towering high.

The Sheesh Mahal, located in the northwest of the fort, was filled with beautiful mirror mosaic and deeply fascinated Momo by its brilliance.

She heard that the Sheesh Mahal was erected by the fifth Mughal Emperor who also built the Taj Mahal.

Momo still remembered the magnificence of the Taj Mahal very clearly because she had been really moved when viewing it.

She was sure she would never forget this experience.



55. Umayyad Mosque



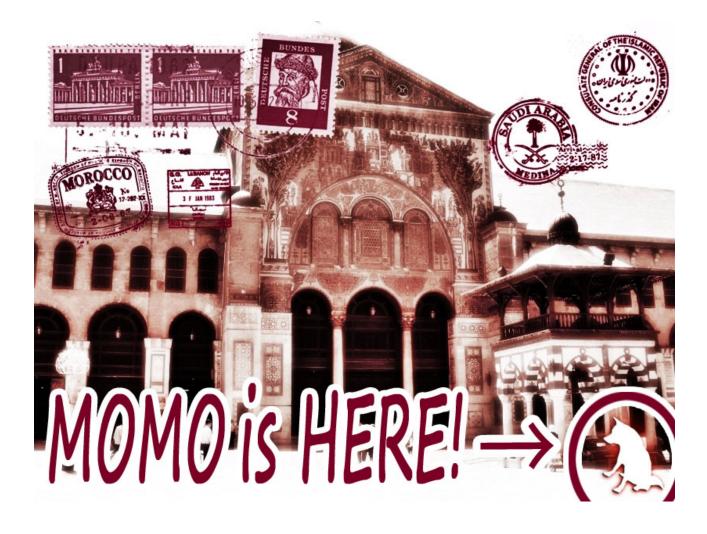
During her journey, Momo met a caravan and was invited to their dinner.

As a token of her appreciation, Momo told them about her ongoing adventure to visit World Heritage Sites.

When they knew Momo's next destination was Syria, they hastily warned her that entering the country was very dangerous for her under the current situation.

Momo was so sorry that the family of caravan kindly gave her a post card.

They told her that the building on the card was Umayyad Mosque, the World Heritage Sites in Damascus, the capital of Syria.



56. Socotra Island



One day she was visiting the Socotra island, one of the World Heritage Sites in Yemen.

Momo found odd trees named Dracaena draco here and there in the island.

Its unique appearance was somewhat similar to broccoli, which was Tanya's favorite vegetable.

For some reason, this island was enveloped by the pleasant fragrance.

People living here told her that it was the smell of Frakincense.

As she took a rest under a tree, Momo could make herself at home thanks to the scent.



57. Los Glaciares National Park



One day she was visiting Los Glaciares National Park, one of the World Heritage Sites in Argentina.

Since Momo was sensitive to the cold, she came here wearing her favorite winter coat.

Momo was surprised by a sudden, thundering sound and looked around in a panic.

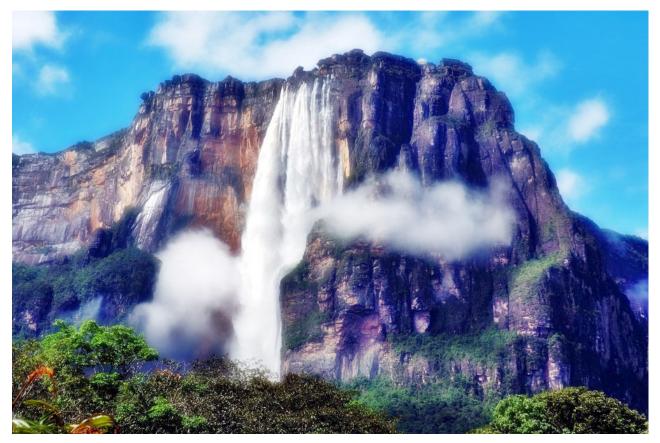
A giant ice wall was collapsing and sinking into the lake.

The grandeur of the glacier struck Momo and made her speechless.

What a magnificent nature!!



58. Canaima National Park



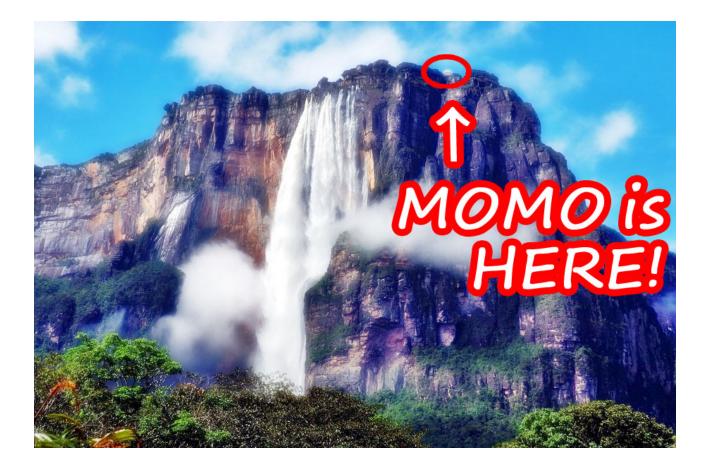
One day she was visiting Canaima National Park, one of the World Heritage Sites in Venezuela.

Momo looked up at a table mountain and saw a huge amount of water falling from there.

People living near here told her that it was called Angel Falls and had the height of 979 meters (the highest waterfall in the world).

During the rainy season (from June to November), the mountain is covered with thick clouds and it seems to look as if it were a floating island.

In order to appreciate the scenery, Momo had decided to climb the great mountain.



59. Ramiers National History Park



One day she was visiting Ramiers National History Park, the only World Heritage Sites in Haiti.

While Momo was walking toward the Sans-Souci Palace, some people told her that the ghost of Henry Christophe appeared there every night.

Momo was so easily frightened that she started shuddering and hesitated to enter the palace.

Should I go back now?!

Sooo scary!!



60. Skellig Michael



One day she was visiting Skellig Michael, one of the World Heritage Sites in Ireland.

In the ancient times, the first Christian monastery in Europe seemed to be built on this island.

People told Momo that the island's name meant "the rocky island of Saint Michael" in a native language.

A family of Atlantic Puffin, who traveled all over the world, kindly guided Momo around the island.

As they reached the edge of a steep cliff, Momo overlooked and appreciated the panoramic view of the Atlantic Ocean.



61. Kinderdijk



One day she was visiting Kinderdijk, one of the World Heritage Sites in the Netherlands.

This country is world famous for lots of picturesque windmills.

While appreciating vivid tulips around here, Momo was recalling the Japanese song Tanya had sung for her. "Tulips in bloom and bloom ..."

Momo hummed as Tanya did and was watching the fans of windmills for a long time.

Finally, she felt giddy and lost consciousness.



62. Rhaetian Railway



One day she was riding on the Rhaetian Railway, which connects Switzerland and Italy.

The breathtaking scenery alongside the railway line is listed as one of the World Heritage Sites in Switzerland and Italy.

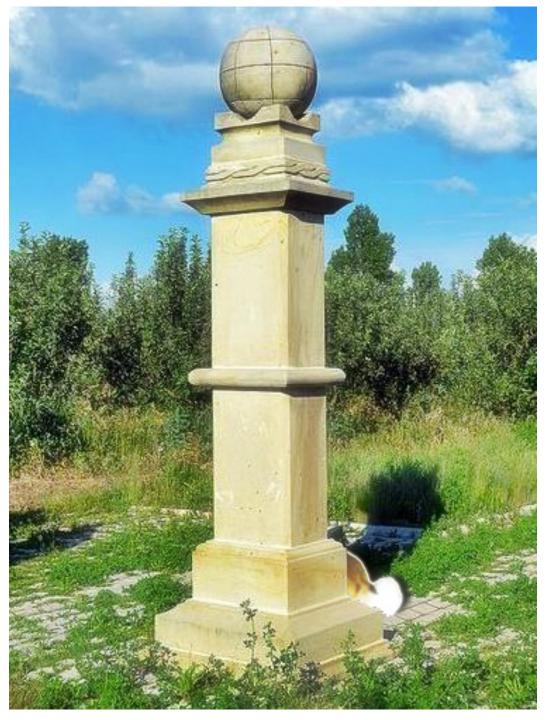
The red train that had a lovely appearance was going up the steep mountain.

When it reached at the Landwasser Viaduct, cheers arose from the passengers and Momo joyfully barked, too.

The magnificent view of the sheer cliff made Momo so excited and deeply fascinated her.



63. Rudi Geodetic Point



One day she was visiting the Rudi Geodetic Point, the only World Heritage Sites in Moldova.

This obelisk seemed to be one of the Struve Geodetic Arc, which had been set for triangulation in many countries around Europe during the 19th century.

Come to think of it, Tanya once told her that the earth is about 40,000 km in circumference.

Momo wondered how many times she needed to take a walk to cover 40,000 km.

While trying to solve the difficult calculation, Momo felt her brain gradually overheating and finally lost consciousness.



64. Ayutthaya Historical Park



One day she was visiting the Ayutthaya Historic Park, one of the World Heritage Sites in Thailand.

While walking in the park, she encountered an unbelievably huge statue of a reclining Buddha at Wat Lokayasutharam, a ruined Buddhist temple.

It seemed to be no less than 57 meters in length and about 8 meters in height, which meant it was hundreds of times larger than Momo was.

The statue was smiling calmly and peacefully.

Its expression made Momo feel so comfortable that she wanted to take a nap beside it.



65. Town of Luang Prabang



One day she was visiting Town of Luang Prabang, one of the World Heritage Sites in Laos. When she got to the town, Momo was warmly welcomed by girls wearing folk costumes. The people living here seemed to be called Hmong, which sounded similar to Momo's name. Momo told them she loved to appreciate and touch beautiful textiles like their costumes. So, the girls showed her embroidered fabrics made by their mothers or grandmas. Then, they were performing their traditional dances for her with very lovely smiles.



66. Sundarbans



One day she was visiting the Sundarbans, one of the World Heritage Sites in Bangladesh.

Momo met a family of Bengal tigers in a mangrove forest.

The mother tiger told Momo that the area's name "sundarbarns" meant "beautiful forest" in Bengali, a native language.

Did they pronounce it "shundorbon"?

Or, ... "syanderbarns"?

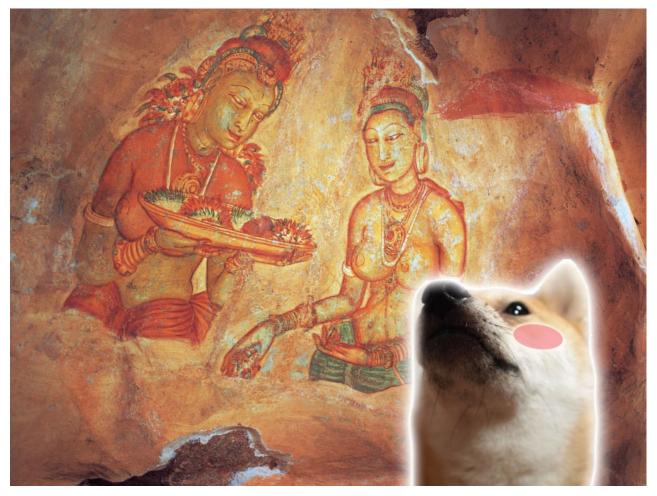
Shan? Syun?

Due to the confusion, Momo couldn't pronounce it well and bit her tongues several times.

Ouch!



67. Ancient City of Sigirya



One day she was visiting Ancient City of Sigiriya, one of the World Heritage Sites in Sri Lanka.

It seemed that the name "Sigiriya" was a native language and derived from "Lion Rock", a gigantic rock standing in the ruin.

After climbing up a spiral staircase equipped with the rock, Momo entered a hollow and found 18 Sigiriya Ladies painted on the wall there.

The ladies were beautiful enough to move her.

People told her that the key to Sri Lankan women's beauty was Ayurveda, a traditional system of medicine.

The useful information made Momo want to try yoga and Ceylon tea in order to become a more beautiful dog.



68. East Rennell



One day she was visiting Rennell Island, the southern most island of the Solomon Islands.

East Rennell, the eastern half of it, is listed in a World Heritage Site.

At Lake Te Nggano on this island, she met about a hundred people living here.

Surprisingly, half of them were teenagers and they all friendly guided Momo around the island.

They told her that it was the largest lake in the Pacific Ocean.

Momo was surprised that such a huge lake was on this solitary island in the distant sea.

While being rocked in a canoe, Momo dipped her paw into the lake.

It was cold but clean enough to make Momo feel comfortable.



69. Bikini Atoll

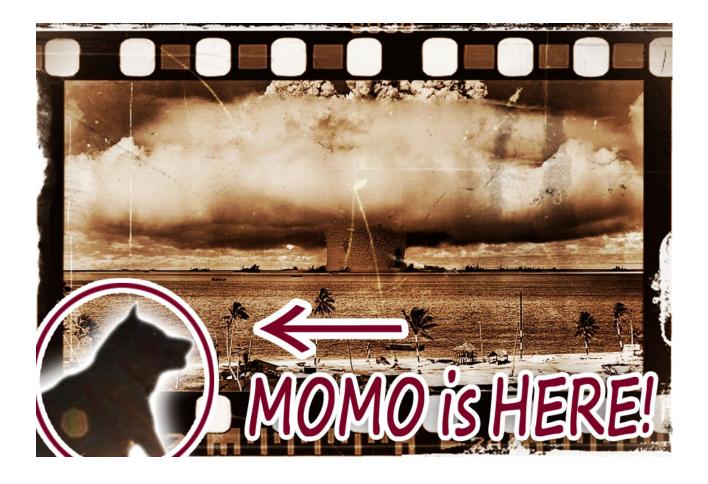


One day she was visiting Bikini Atoll, the only World Heritage Site in the Marshall Islands.

It was a small island surrounded by the beautiful ocean.

But Momo was told that nightmarish experiments were repeatedly conducted here.

While watching an information video, Momo was crying without realizing it.



70. Mount Kenya National Park



One day she was visiting Mount Kenya National Park, one of the World Heritage Sites in Kenya. Mount Kenya, the second tallest mountain in the African continent, was towering over the park. As Momo was looking up at the huge mountain, she was friendly spoken to by a boy elephant.

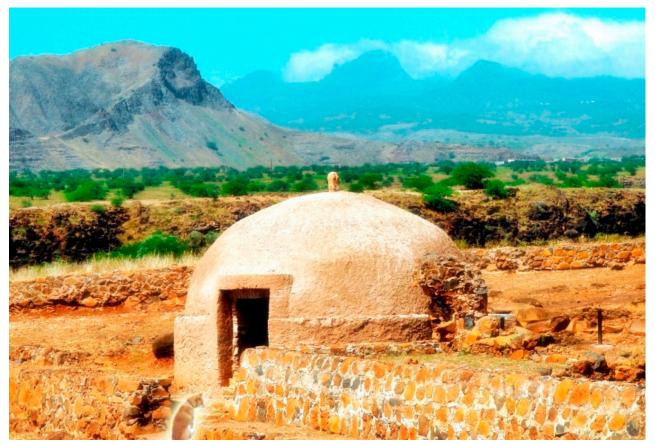
She felt as if he were as gigantic as the mountain.

Momo played tag with him for a while.

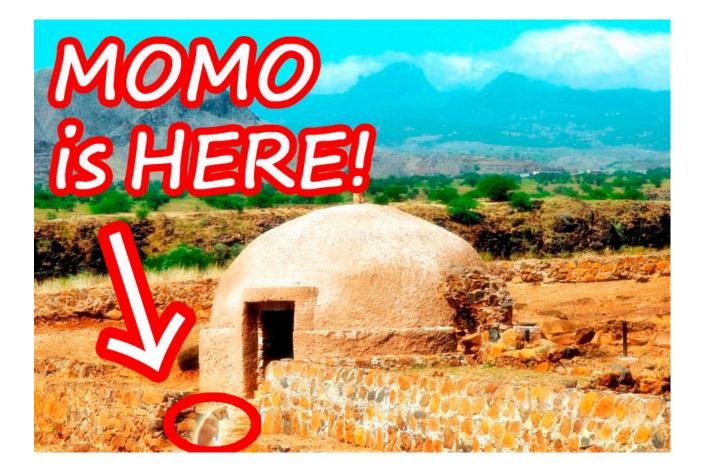
"My body is tiny, but the one who will win the race is ... me!"



71. Fort Real de São Filipe



One day she was visiting Fort Real de São Filipe in the Santiago island. It is the only World Heritage Sites in Republic of Cabo Verde. This fort seemed to be built in 1590, in the middle of the Age of Discovery. It was on a cliff of 120 meters above sea level, which was overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. Momo was told that the Portuguese name "Cabo Verde" meant "green cape" in English. As its name indicated, some green plants were seen around here. As Momo was standing on the cape, she felt the sea breeze was comfortable.



72. Medina of Marrakesh



One day she was visiting Medina of Marrakesh, one of the World Heritage Site in Morocco.

This old city area was 450 meters above the sea and surrounded by the 20-kilometer wall, which seemed to have been built for the defense of the city.

Momo enjoyed walking around the area and found a huge, bustling market named Jemaa el-Fnaa.

In the square, street performers were gathering a large audience.

She joined the crowd and watched the show for a while.

Some nice smell from street stalls lured Momo to start looking for her tonight's dinner.



73. Ngorongoro Conservation Area



One day she was visiting the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, one of the World Heritage Sites in Tanzania.

When Momo got to Naiobi, Maasai living there kindly guided her to a mountain named Ol Doinyo Lengai, which they worshipped.

From the place at 2,880 meters above the sea, Momo could see beautiful scenery of the natural conservation area, including Lake Natronand and the Serengeti National Park.

Large families of black rhinoceros, zebras, gnus, giraffes, were seen as if they had been as tiny as rice grains.



74. Luxembourg City



One day she was visiting Luxembourg City, whose old quarters and fortifications are listed in World Heritage Sites.

Very beautiful, historic buildings crowded on a hillside were overlooking the city center.

Momo saw a train like a toy running on a tall, stone bridge.

As she took a walk, she also found a huge Ferris wheel in the distance and some modern buildings with sleek design.

This city seemed to have a lot of places to entertain people.

"I wanna experience various things in this attractive city!"



75. Historic Center of Riga



One day she was visiting Riga, the largest city in the three Baltic states.

Momo heard that the historical center of Riga was listed as a World Heritage Sites in Latvia.

There were many majestic and historic buildings in this old city.

In the middle of a stone-paved street, Momo entered a beautiful house on a whim.

She found a spiral staircase inside and felt like climbing it.

Looking up from the stairs to the ceiling, Momo noticed mysterious pictures on there.

Gradually, she felt as if the ceiling was whirling round and round ...

"Umm ... Am I being spun by something?"



New Year's Card from Momo



One day Tanya helped Momo put on a furisode, a formal kimono (Japanese traditional clothing) for unmarried girls.

It was based on peach, Momo's favorite color.

She loves the color because it looks cute and peach is called "momo" in Japanese.

While traveling world heritage sites in many countries, Momo has been encountering lots of good friends to date.

Each memory is a treasure in her life.

Momo looked up at the night sky and prayed.

"May all of my friends in this globe be very happy in 2016!!"

Thank you all so much from the bottom of my heart.

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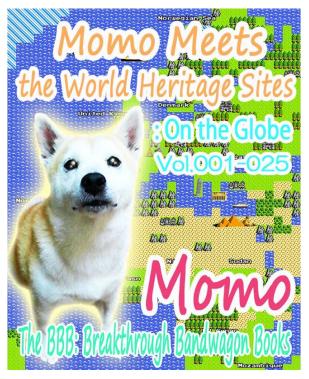
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