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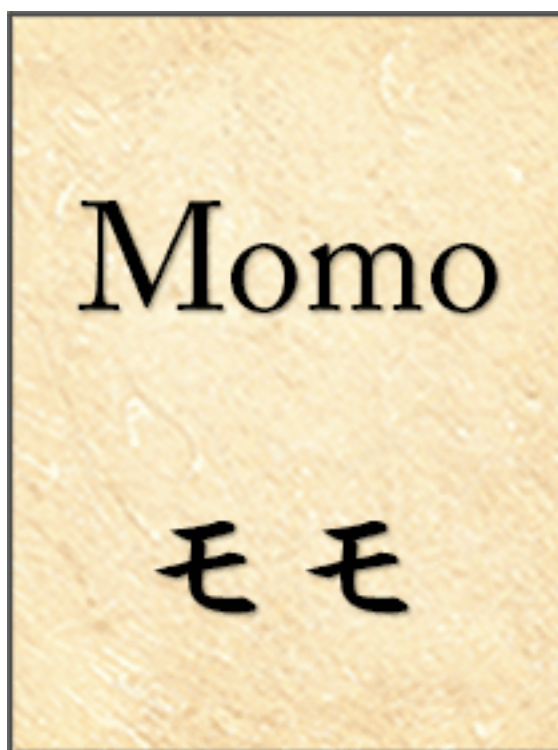
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76. Battleship Island



Momo went back to Japan after a long time in order to spend the Christmas holidays with Tanya and her mother.

Tanya brought Momo to Hashima Island in Nagasaki, also known as "Gunkan-jima" (meaning Battleship Island).

It was a component of "Sites of Japan's Meiji Industrial Revolution", which was newly listed in a World Heritage Site in 2015.

While approaching the island on the ship, Momo was thinking about the people living there in the past.

"Hey Momo, look at me!"

Momo was spoken to and looked back, when Tanya clicked the shutter of a digital camera.

It was such a strange face that the people on board were all laughing joyfully.



77. Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls



One day she was visiting the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls, a World Heritage Site.

While walking through the city, Momo met various people.

Those who was wearing white robes, women wearing black veils, men in black with long beards, etc.

Momo found a beautiful lawn and ran around there.

Due to the fine weather, Momo felt comfortable lying and rolling on the lawn.

As she was looking up at the Dome of the Rock in the sunlight, some women wearing scarves spoke to her gently.

According to them, it seemed that this had been the sacred place for people all around the globe to sincerely pray for world peace.

Momo too prayed that peace would continue.



78. Petra



One day she was visiting Petra, one of the World Heritage Sites in Jordan.

It was a gigantic ruin built thousands years ago in the dessert of southern Jordan.

It seemed that it once appeared in famous movies like the Indiana Jones series.

There were about one hundred meters tall cliffs facing each other.

At the bottom of them, the deep and narrow corridor ran 1.5 kilometers long.

Momo passed through the dim corridor and finally got to the elaborately-made monument named Al-Khazneh.

Near the entrance gate, Momo found camels sleeping comfortably.

When she tried to greet them, a camel sneezed so loudly that Momo was astounded.

"Phew ... It surprised me!"



79. Silk Road



One day Momo was walking in a desert belonging to the Silk Road, one of the World Heritage Sites, and met a caravan traveling with camels.

The people of the caravan showed Momo beautiful items such as embroidered fabrics, bracelets knit out of braided cords, and pierced earrings.

They said they were selling them at a next oasis.

At the night, the temperature dropped suddenly and chilly winds were blowing.

Momo was sensitive to the cold, so she was shivering.

But the people of the caravan invited Momo into their tent, so she could spent a warm and happy night.



80. Bamiyan Valley



One day she was visiting the Bamiyan Valley, a World Heritage Site in Afghanistan.

As Momo was looking up at a huge hollow of the stone cliff, some local people told her that a gigantic statue with no less than 55 meters height had once been standing in it.

However, the statue seemed to have been completely destroyed in the middle of human conflict and only the hollow was left there.

Imagining how marvelous such a giant statue looked, Momo felt sad because she couldn't see it any more ...



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81. Guaita Fortress



One day she was visiting the Guaita fortress in Republic of San Marino, located on the top of Mount Titano with about 750 meters height.

It seemed to be the oldest republic and the fifth smallest country in the world.

Momo took a lot amount of time to reach the tip of the fortress.

The beautiful panorama can be seen from there.

Now she was overlooking the world!

"What a marvelous scenery! But ..."

Suddenly, Momo was seized with fear and begun shivering because she was now standing at a high place near the sky.

"Veery scaaaary!!"

Brrr ... Brrr ...



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82. Plitvice Lakes National Park



One day she was visiting Plitvice Lakes National Park, one of the World Heritage Sites in Croatia.

While viewing the fantastic scenery of emerald green lakes, Momo was healed by listening to the murmuring of rivers and the voices of birds.

In the park, Momo met some rangers wearing very fashionable scarves.

Since Momo liked to collect beautiful fabrics, she asked them where they bought the scarves.

They kindly told Momo that the items were sold at the shops in Dubrovnik.

According to them, it seemed to be said that their habits of wearing scarves were the origin of neckties.

Shaking her curly tail, Momo had decided to do one thing.

"I'll look for a pink scarf there!!"

Pink is "momo" in Japanese, of course.



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83. Hollókő



One day she was visiting a beautiful village named Hollókő, one of the World Heritage Sites in Hungary.

It seemed that about 300 people lived in this small village.

Lovely houses with white walls were standing side by side.

Women wearing embroidered apron dresses were demonstrating their traditional folk dances for her.

Momo took their hands with her forelegs and was dancing together while turning around and around.

"Bowwow, the world is now revolving around me! Veerry fuuun!!"

But Momo was spinning so much that she felt dizzy in the end.



84. Stevns Klint



One day she was visiting a costal cliff named Stevns Klint, one of the World Heritage Sites in Denmark.

People told her that it stretched as long as 15 kilometers and it had originally been created by a meteorite from the space about 65 million years ago.

Not only its length but also its beauty of the white precipice impressed Momo so much.

To her surprise, the same meteorite seemed to be considered the reason why dinosaurs died out.

Although Momo loved looking up at the sky, she was worried if one of the stars in the galaxy would fall down to the earth some day ...



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85. Sanssouci



One day she was visiting a splendid palace in Potsdam, Germany.

Momo heard the palace named Sanssouci was one of the World Heritage Sites in this country.

It seemed that Frederick II, the king who had this palace built, was also the person who spread the cultivation of potatoes in this country.

Honestly, Momo loved eating boiled potatoes with butter and soy source.

Momo had decided to look for a restaurant which served potatoes with butter.

But she was worried about one thing.

"Do they have soy source there?"

Momo regretted not having brought soy source here.



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86. Rock Island



One day she was visiting Palau, an island country on the western Pacific Ocean, to see Rock Islands Southern Lagoon, a World Heritage Site.

While swimming in the lagoon, Momo was spoken to by the princess of dugongs.

The princess seemed to be loved not only in the kingdom under the sea but also in the world above the sea, where she was sometimes regarded by human as a mermaid.

Momo was really happy and honored to swim with her.

"Wow, what a beautiful world here under the sea!! I'm so moved!!!"



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87. Hoi An



One day she was visiting Hoi An Ancient Town, one of the World Heritage Sites in Vietnam.

Momo was walking through the old street filled with luminous lanterns, when a pleasant fragrance of wheat flour was in the air.

Allured by the aroma, Momo reached a street stand whose sign could read Cao Lau.

It seemed that Cao Lau were noodles offered with soup at the stall.

A middle-aged chubby woman who ran the stall kindly minced noodles so that Momo could easily eat them.

Cao Lau was moderately sticky like udon (Japanese noodles) and tasted very good.

"Mom, bow wow bow bowl? (Mom, can I have another bowl?)"



88. Orkhon Valley



One day she was visiting Orkhon Valley, one of the World Heritage Sites in Mongolia.

When walking through a vast stretch of (seemingly endless) meadow, Momo met a large family consisting of sheep, goats, and horses.

They told Momo that they seasonally moved from one grassy field to another while living in round tents named Yurt.

At the time, Momo heard a very familiar shout in Japanese.

"Hakkeyooooi, nokotta!!"

It was the call to declare the start of a sumo wrestling match.

She looked and found that boy sheep enjoyed sumo wrestling.

"Bowwow! Great match! Fight!"

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89. Sagarmatha National Park



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

This area was struck by the great earthquake occurred on April 25th, 2015.

People living here seemed to be gradually recovering the peace, though the restoration was still underway.

Momo well remembered the 2011 Tohoku earthquake and tsunami, the worst nightmare in Japan in modern times.

One man told Momo that Mount Everest, one of the tallest mountains in the world, was originally created by some movements of the continent like earthquakes.

Momo was so impressed by the wonder of nature and urged to climb Mount Everest to appreciate such a wonderful world.



90. Al Jahili Fort



One day she was visiting Al Jahili Fort, one of the World Heritage Sites in United Arab Emirates.

There was no shadow in the desert as far as Momo could see.

Walking under the scorching sun, she finally got to Al Jahili Fort.

The fort is located in Al-Ain, whose name seemed to mean "oasis" in Arabic.

Momo was so thirsty that she felt it was just like an oasis.

"Bowwow! This chilly water freshened me up!!"

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91. Victoria Falls



One day she was visiting Victoria Falls, one of the three greatest falls in the world.

Located at the border between Zimbabwe and Zambia, it seemed that it was listed as a World Heritage Site in the two countries.

People living around here called it "Mosi-oa-Tunya" in a local language.

In the past, Momo had already visited Iguazu Falls and Angel Falls, the other two of the three greatest falls. So, she felt a sense of achievement by visiting Victoria Falls, the final one, this time.

"Hey, Momo! Let's fly like a bird over the falls!"

A pilot invited her to get in a Cessna to fly.

The scenery from the high altitude in the sky was really astounding and overwhelming.

"What a great view!! But ... I'm a little scared of flying at such a high altitude ..."



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92. Archaeological Site of Leptis Magna



One day she was visiting Archaeological Site of Leptis Magna, one of the World Heritage Sites in Libya.

It seemed that this enormous city had been created a long long time ago.

There were a lot of relics such as a bathhouse, a theater, and a battle arena.

Momo dropped by the remainder of the bathhouse, which was huge enough to surprise her.

Momo imagined doing a dog paddle in such a colossal pool.

"I'm sure it must bow (be) fun!!!"

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93. Historic Center of Vienna



One day she was visiting Historic Center of Vienna, one of the World Heritage Sites in Austria.

Vienna seems to be known worldwide as the capital of music.

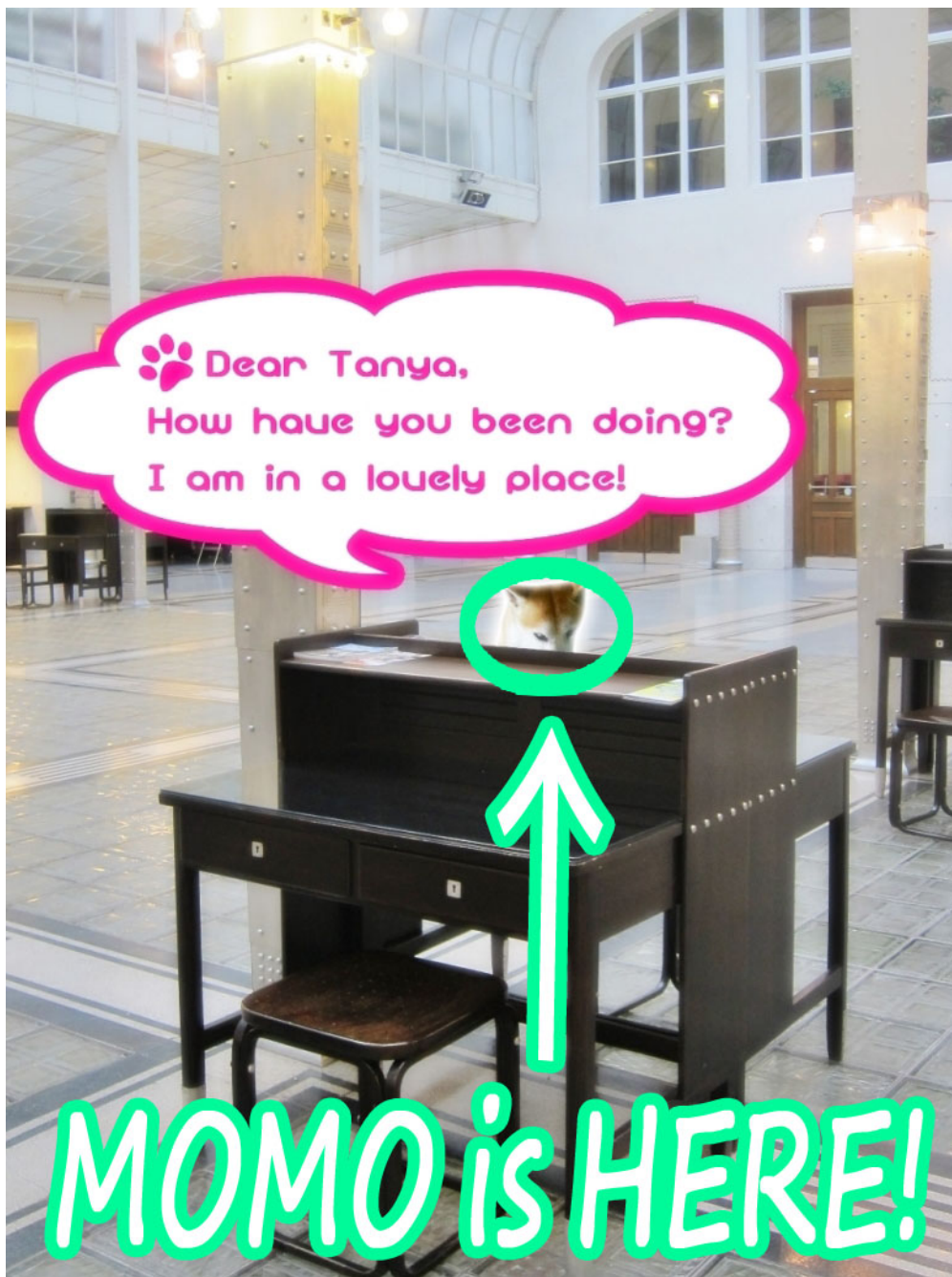
While walking through the city, Momo found a wide variety of classical music being played here and there.

Some of them were piano sonatas or minuets composed by Mozart or by Beethoven.

She was familiar with the tunes because Tanya often played them for her.

Then, she visited the Austrian Postal Savings Bank in the district.

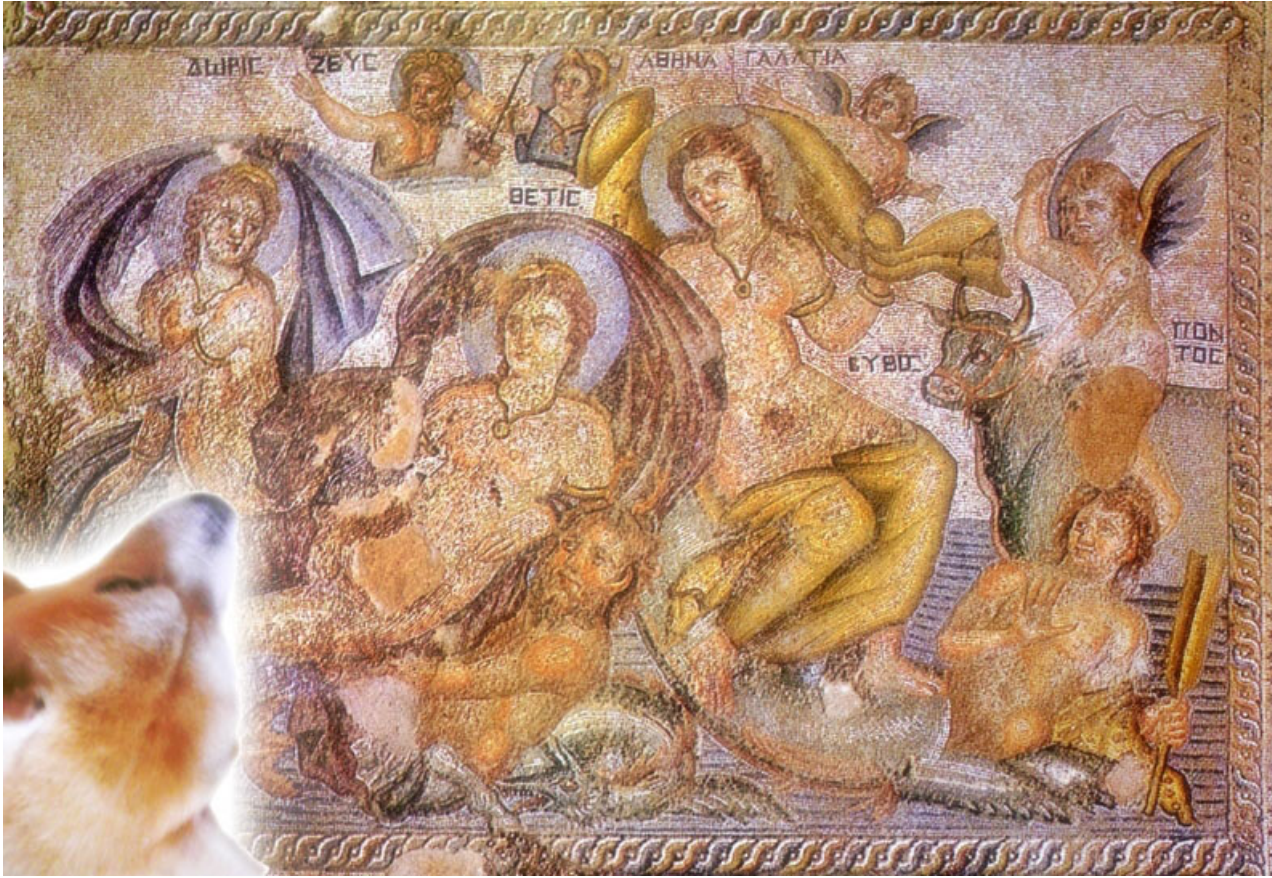
Momo came up with an idea to send a post card to Tanya.



Dear Tanya,
How have you been doing?
I am in a lovely place!

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94. Paphos Archaeological Site



One day she was visiting Paphos Archaeological Site, one of the World Heritage Sites in Cyprus.

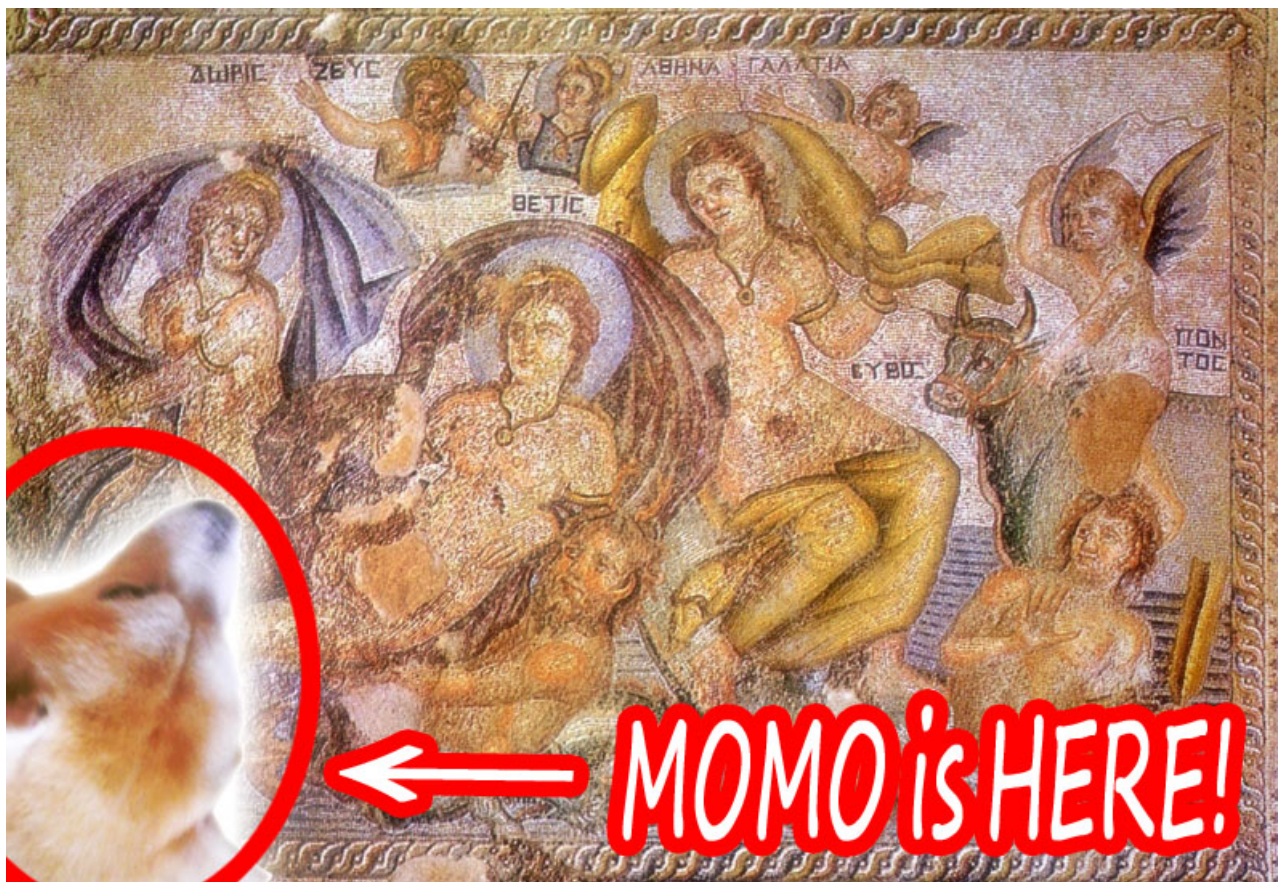
Entering the house of Aion, Momo found beautiful mosaics on the floor.

Especially, she was fascinated by the one featuring graceful goddesses.

According to a local guide, the mosaic described their beauty contests.

"The beauty contest of the goddesses?! Bow (How) gorgeous it is!!"

In her imagination, the goddesses began moving and looked more and more spellbinding.



95. Thingvellir National Park



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

In this country, there seemed to be the gigantic gap (named "Gja") on earth.

A local guide kindly brought Momo to Silfra, a vantage point, to see Gja.

The cliff was high enough to scare her.

But finally, she tried looking downward at the gap.

There was an emerald green, transparent water, in which a bunch of people enjoyed scuba diving.

It looked so exciting and amusing that Momo felt a strong urge to dive into it.

"I wanna experience that scubow diving!"



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96. Curonian Spit



One day she was visiting Curonian Spit, a World Heritage Site located at the border between Lithuania and Russia.

"Bowwow! What a long shoal (sandbank)! The road leads to where?"

It was difficult for her to walk quickly on the sand.

But she began thinking that the feeling of sand was somewhat funny.

As she enjoyed her own awkward steps, her paw-prints became a long and winding line before she knew it.

It was like her journey itself.



97. Rapa Nui National Park



One day she was visiting Rapa Nui National Park in Easter Island on the Pacific Ocean.

This place seemed to be listed in the World Heritage Sites.

Momo found hundreds of impressive stone statues here and there in the park.

They all featured human faces and often their upper bodies as well.

People called them "Moai".

"Hello, Moai-san. Why are you all seeing the same direction?"

Momo looked for something that Moai were seeing.

After all, she found nothing but the beautiful ocean.

Momo suddenly missed Japan, her home country, over the sea.

Tanya and her mother were waiting for Momo for quite a long time.

Momo began thinking about when to go back Japan.

Next time, she might be able to introduce the World Heritage Sites in Japan more minutely.



98. Santiago Island



One day she was visiting Santiago Island in the Pacific Ocean.

It seemed to belong to the Galapagos Islands, one of the World Heritage Sites in Ecuador.

While walking on a sandy beach, Momo met a girl marine iguana.

The new friend told her that she had recently enjoyed doing yoga under the bright sunshine.

Momo tried mimicking her by stretching her body toward the sun.

The posture seemed to be called "the pose of Downward-facing Dog".

"Bowwow! Doing yoga really makes me feel comfortable!!!"



99. Santiago de Cuba



She was visiting Santiago de Cuba, the second largest city in Cuba.

It seemed that the Castillo de San Pedro de la Roca, a fortress in the city, was listed in the World Heritage Sites.

When walking toward the fortress, Momo was drawn by the joyful sound from somewhere.

She neared the sound and found that women wearing flowery lace dresses were singing and dancing to the drum sound created by a group of men.

After the music stopped, the women took a rest and approached Momo with smiles.

"Hello, cute doggie. This dance and music is called Tumba Frances and listed as an Intangible Cultural Heritage. Did you enjoy it?"

Sure, of course. I wanna dance with you!

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100. Grand Canyon National Park



One day Momo took the Grand Canyon Railway she had admired and visited Grand Canyon National Park. Craggy mountains, lit by the bright sunshine, spread endlessly. Its broad scenery was breathtaking enough to make her speechless. Momo was really moved by the huge scale of the great nature. She was sure there were still lots of places to visit. But, it's about time she prepared to go back to Japan, her home country. Momo's travel on the globe was close to an end.



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101. Headquarters of UNESCO



One day Momo was visiting the headquarters of UNESCO in Paris, France.

Many national flags standing in a row were very colorful and looked brilliant.

After leaving Japan, Momo had visited 101 World Heritage Sites in 87 countries over the two years.

In the meantime, she experienced a number of memorable encounters with new friends and kindhearted people in various places.

All of them were the treasures in her life.

Then finally, Momo had decided to go back to Japan with a lot of episodes to talk with Tanya and her mother.

It would be not only a goal but also a start of her new adventure.

Momo now plans to visit World Heritage Sites in Japan again and is so excited by imagining that.



(To be continued to Momo's next adventure.)

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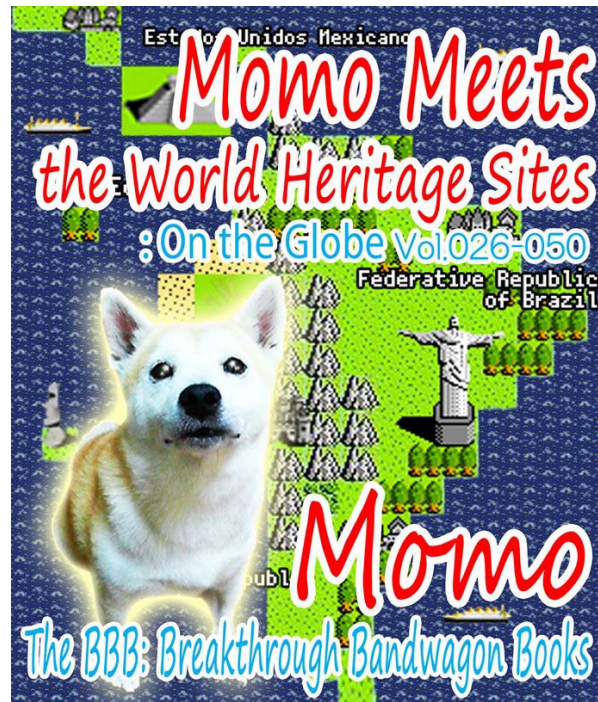
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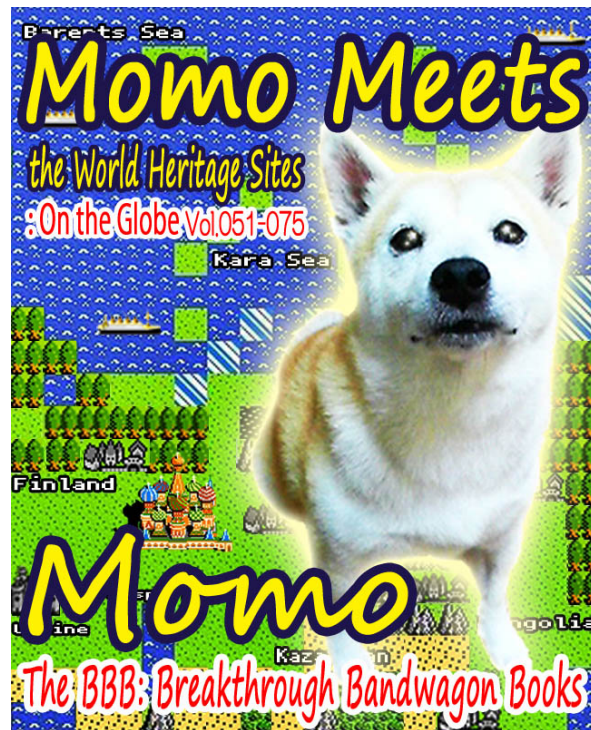
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