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Hello everyone. In Patrimonia. Today I'm here to visit the Ma Kuo Grotto at Dunhuang.



Early in the Qin Dynasty, the Ma Kuo Grotto at Dunhuang was created by many artisans' hard carving and painting.



And the Grotto has been one of the most important sacred land of Buddhism for more than 1000 years.



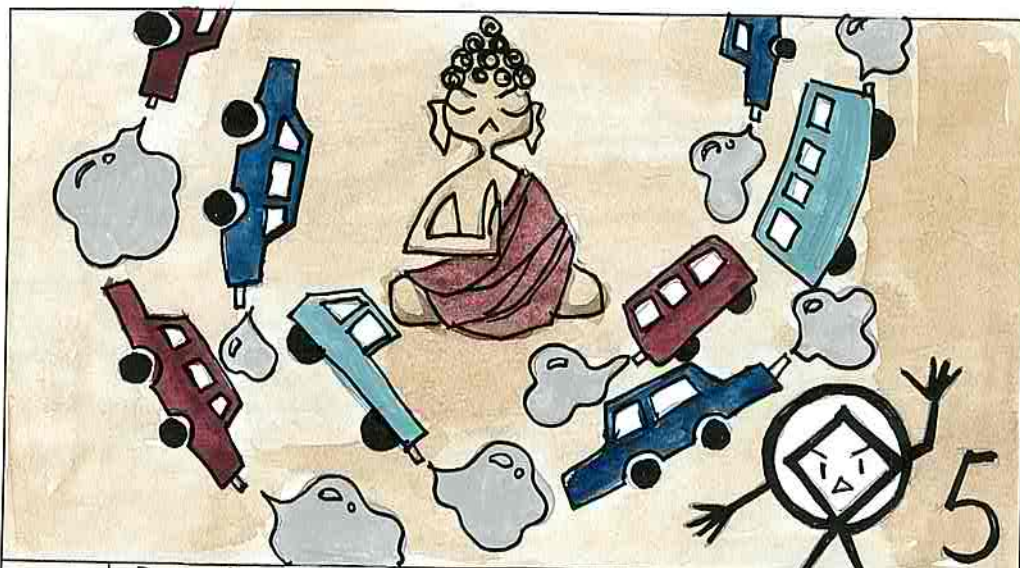
Experienced centuries of wind blowing and rain beating, the significance of the Grotto does not change.

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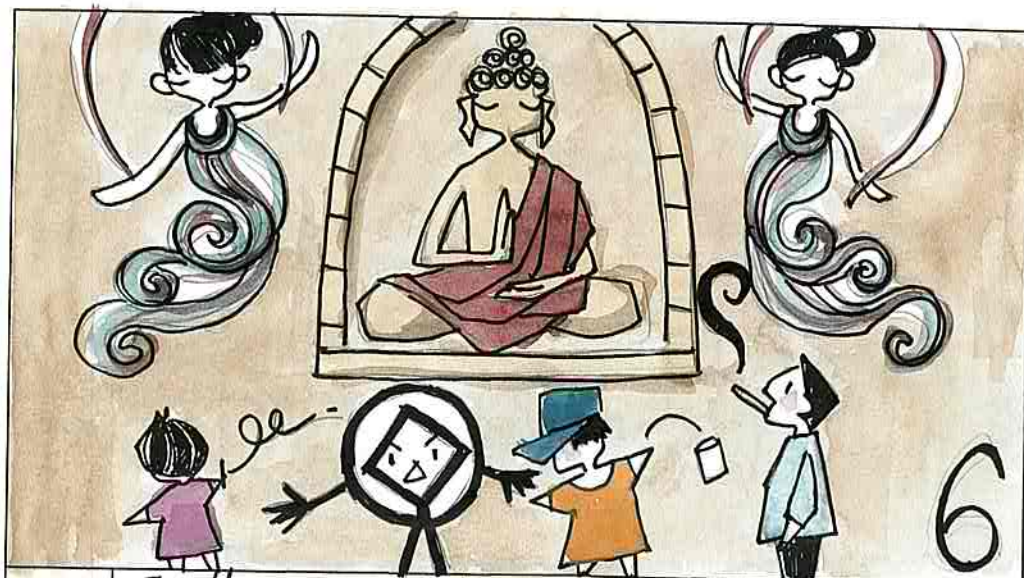
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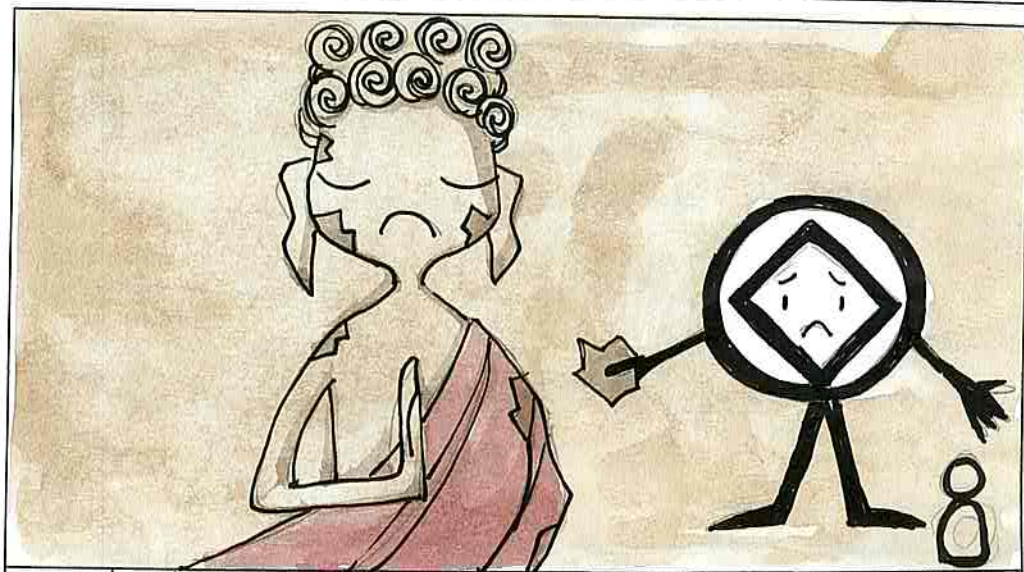
But when it comes to the modern time, the Grotto is troubled by new problems, such as the harmful emissions.



In addition, some people leave unrespectable imprint on the Grotto, like drawings, litter and smoke.



With these contributions, the Grotto is suffering from an unprecedented catastrophe.



The statues are eroded and the frescoes are broken into pieces.

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If we do not want the Grotto to disappear in the human history, some actions like planting trees are needed.



And collecting wastes.



Limiting the number of visitors.

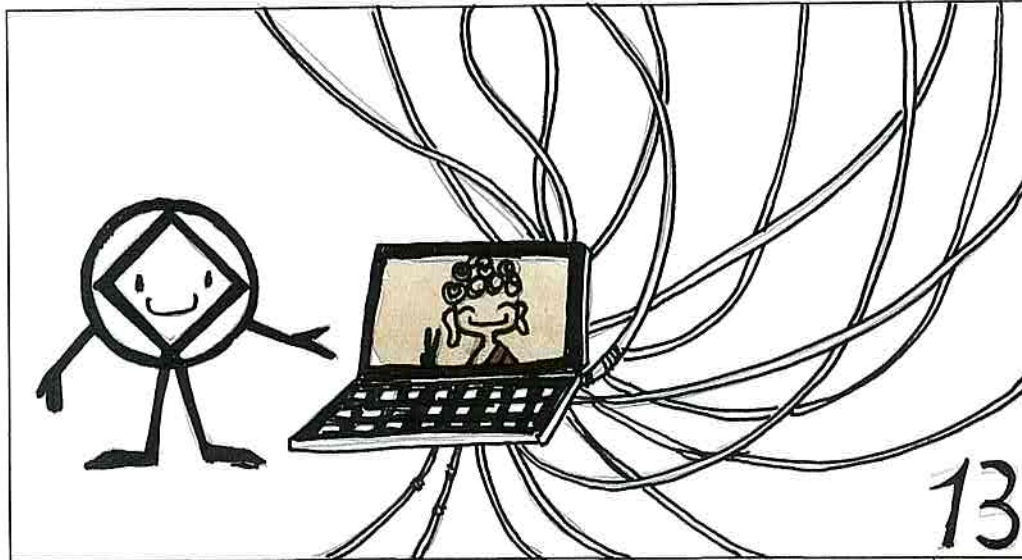


And sharing our visiting experience with others who do not have a chance to go in person are useful ways.

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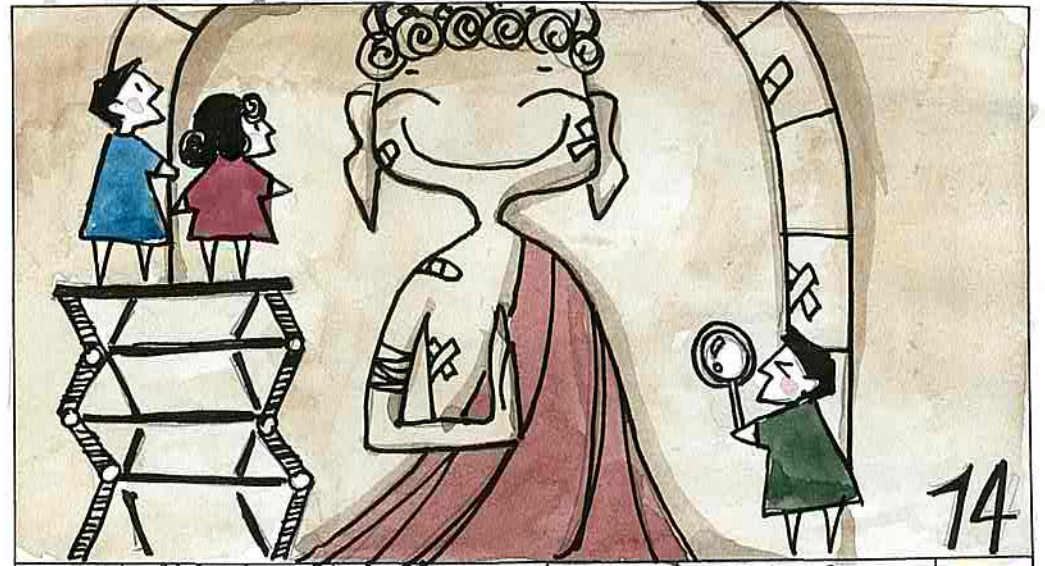
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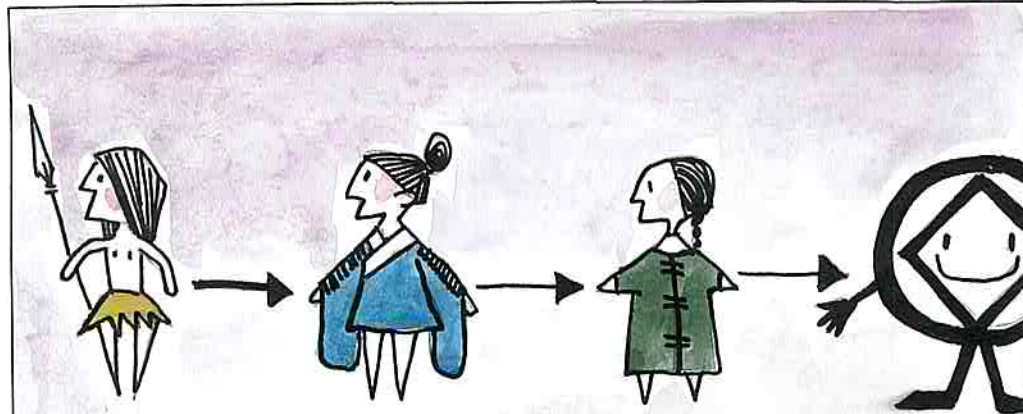
The meaning of this share is not only to propagate the culture, but also to make everybody know the importance of protecting.



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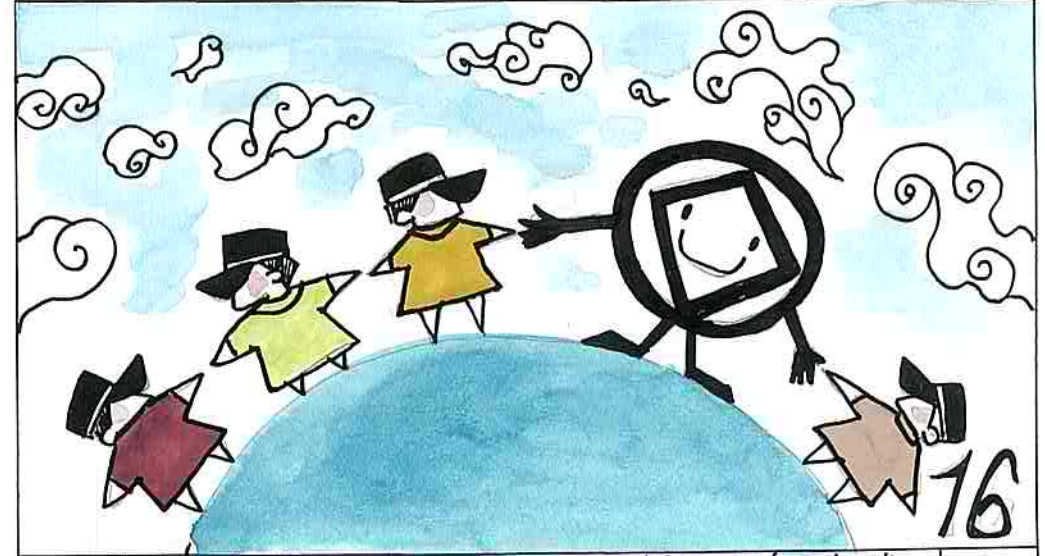
Although our descendants would repair the Mo Kae Grotto at Dunhuang, we still must protect it.



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Not only because the Grotto is the symbol of human civilization,



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but also because it is our responsibility to cherish all of the legacy of our humanity.

