

Synopsis of *Silk Road, Flower Rain*

The Sanwei Mountain is blessed with thousands of Buddha and the Mogao Grottoes is lit by holy lights. The Asparas are casting flower rain as a blessing for the people while telling the beautiful story happened long long time ago...

Curtain-raiser

In the Tang Dynasty, Shenbizhang, the painter, and his daughter saved the dying Yunus, the Persian businessman, in the desert along the Silk Road. However, they encountered robbers on the way, and the painter's daughter, Yingniang, was kept as a hostage while protecting Yunus.

Act I

Several years later, Shenbizhang finally found his long-missed daughter in the Dunhuang Market, where was full of silk business and dance shows. However, Yingniang now was a geisha. Yunus spent a lot of money to redeem Yingniang back to her family.

Act II

Shenbizhang started to paint on the walls of the Mogao Grottoes with the archetype of his daughter, achieving the representative work of Dunhuang frescos of joyful Apsaras playing Pipa on the back. To avoid putting his daughter into hell, Shenbizhang sent Yingniang to Persia with Yunus. The mayor of the city is irritated by this behavior and ordered him to paint for the Mogao Grottoes as penalty.

Act III

Yingniang developed a good relationship with the Persians gradually. Yunus was sent to the empire of Tang on a diplomatic mission, and meanwhile took Yingniang back to her country. Yingniang offered sacrifices to the Heaven and Earth with wines,

and said goodbye to the Persians, who have already become her countrymen.

Art IV

In the Mogao Grottos, Shenzhang was playing Pipa while thinking of his daughter. He dreamed that Yingniang had come back and got fascinated by his paintings. Suddenly, the strings broke off, which was like an ill omen. He scratched gravel for the boarder...

Act V

Outside the boarder, under the beacon, the mayor of the city instigated the robbers to rob the Persian caravan. Shenzhang lighted the beacon to save the caravan. He saw his daughter, however, it was their last sight for each other.

Shenzhang held up his painting pen and questioned the God. He lived forever through the Dunhuang frescos.

Act VI

During the Friendly Alliance Party of 27 countries held in Dunhuang, Yingniang dressed up as a dancer and stated the accusation of the mayor in front of the Military Governor and all the guests. The Military Governor eliminated his anger by killing the potential trouble maker on the Silk Road.

End

“The long Silk Road conveys friendship, the flower rain dances with the rainbow.”

Wish long-lasting vitality to this ancestor of friendship between Chinese people and people from abroad.