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Buddhist Women in Indian Art

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Māyā



Sujātā



Āmrapālī

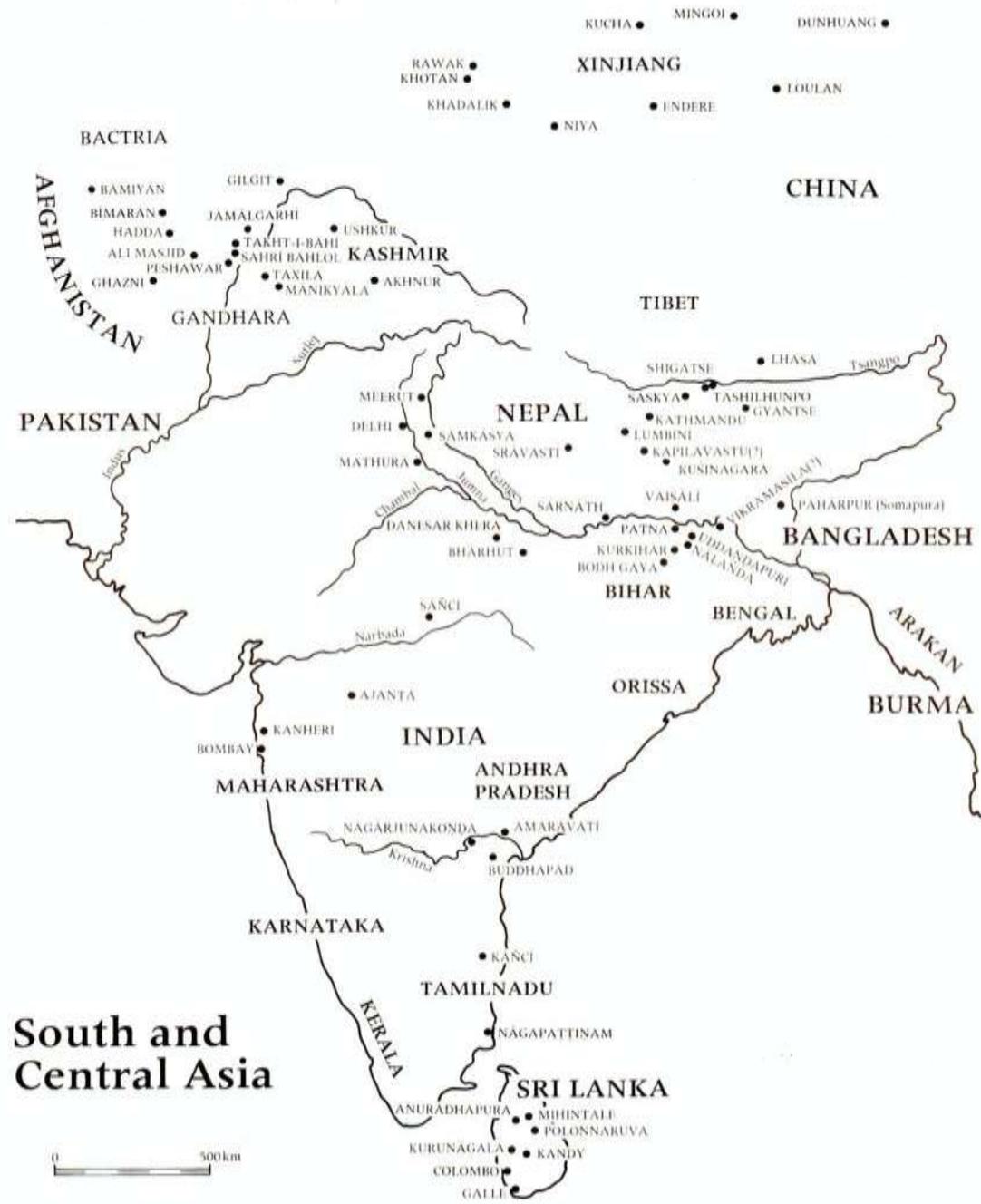
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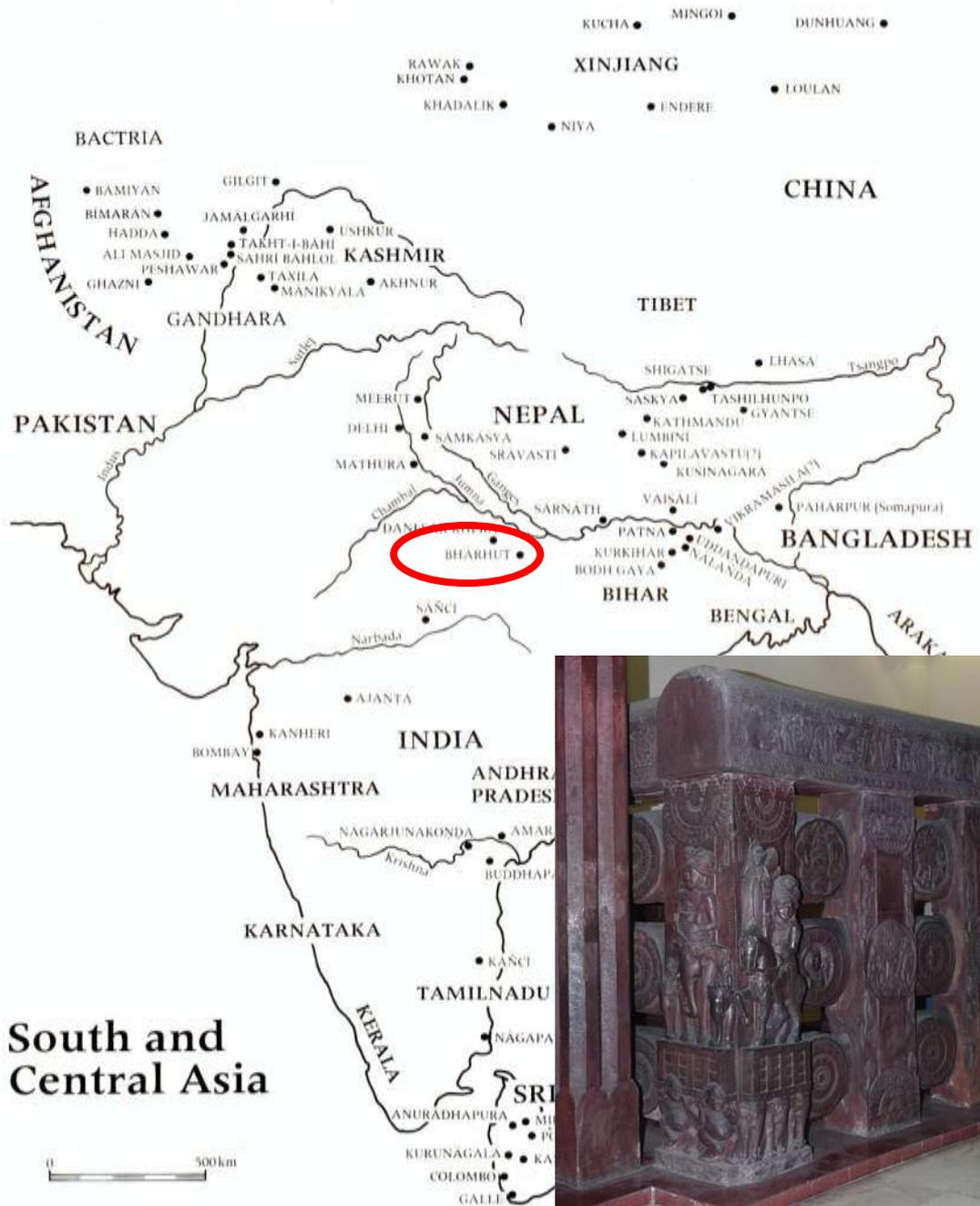
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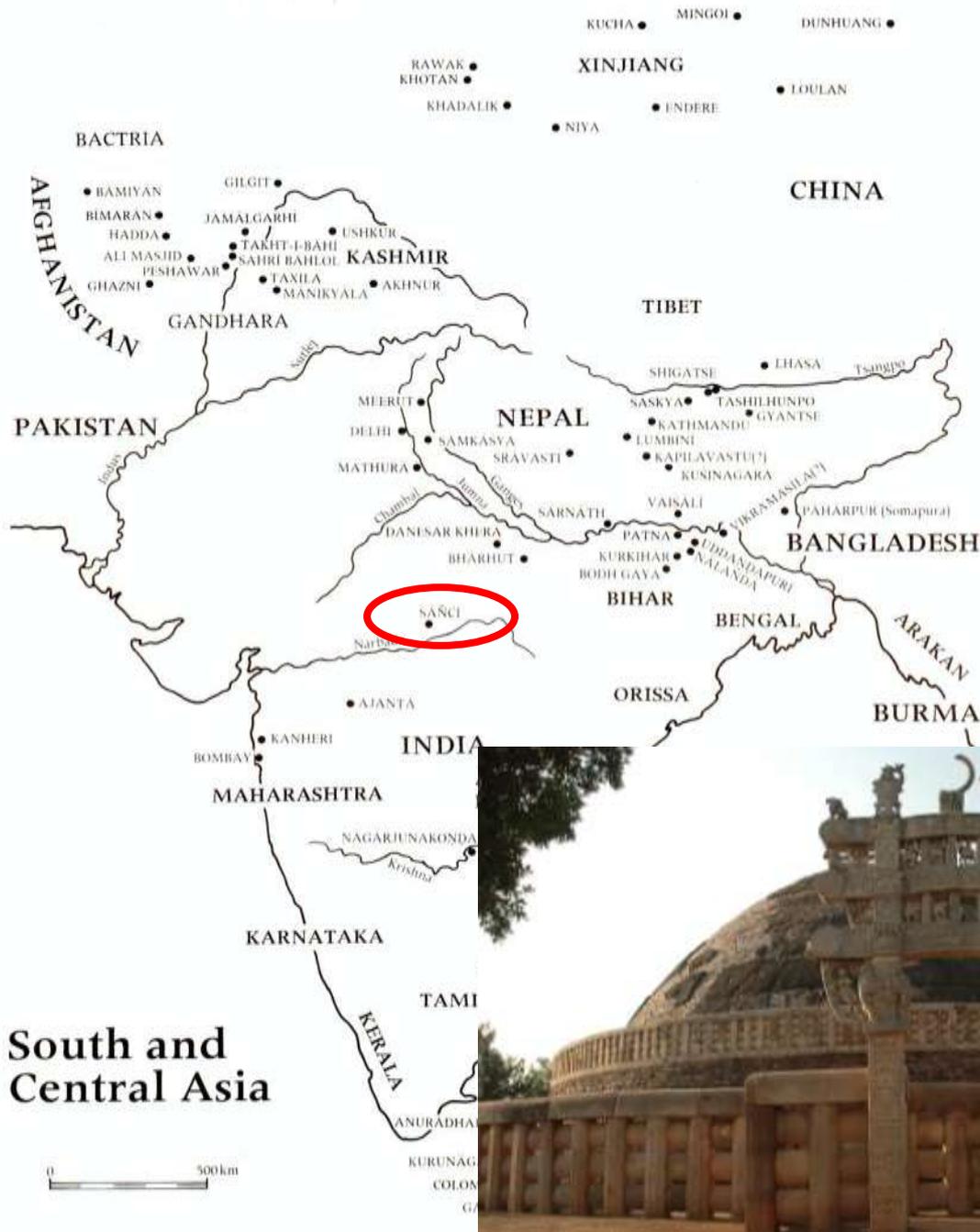
South and Central Asia





stūpa in Bharhut
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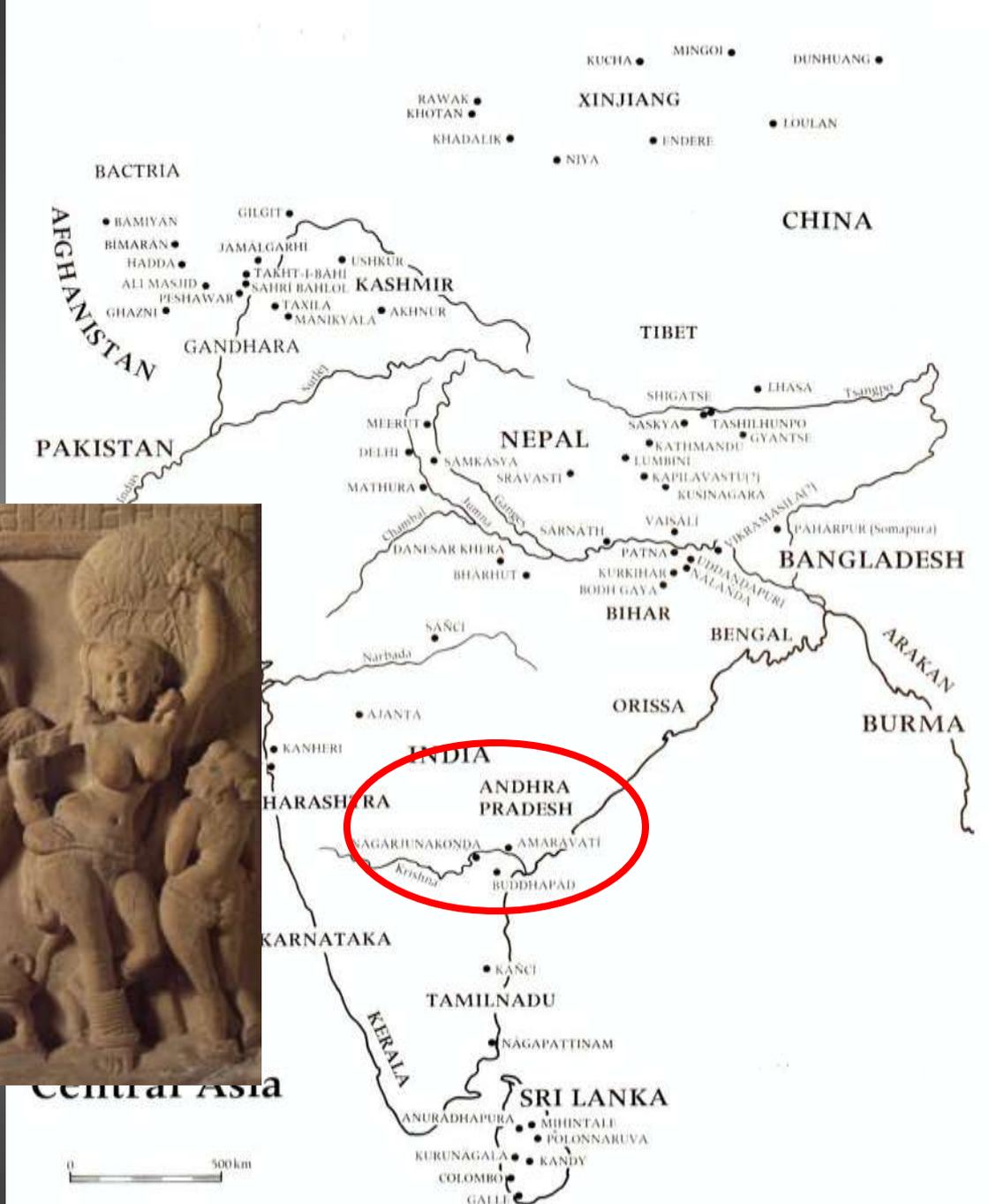




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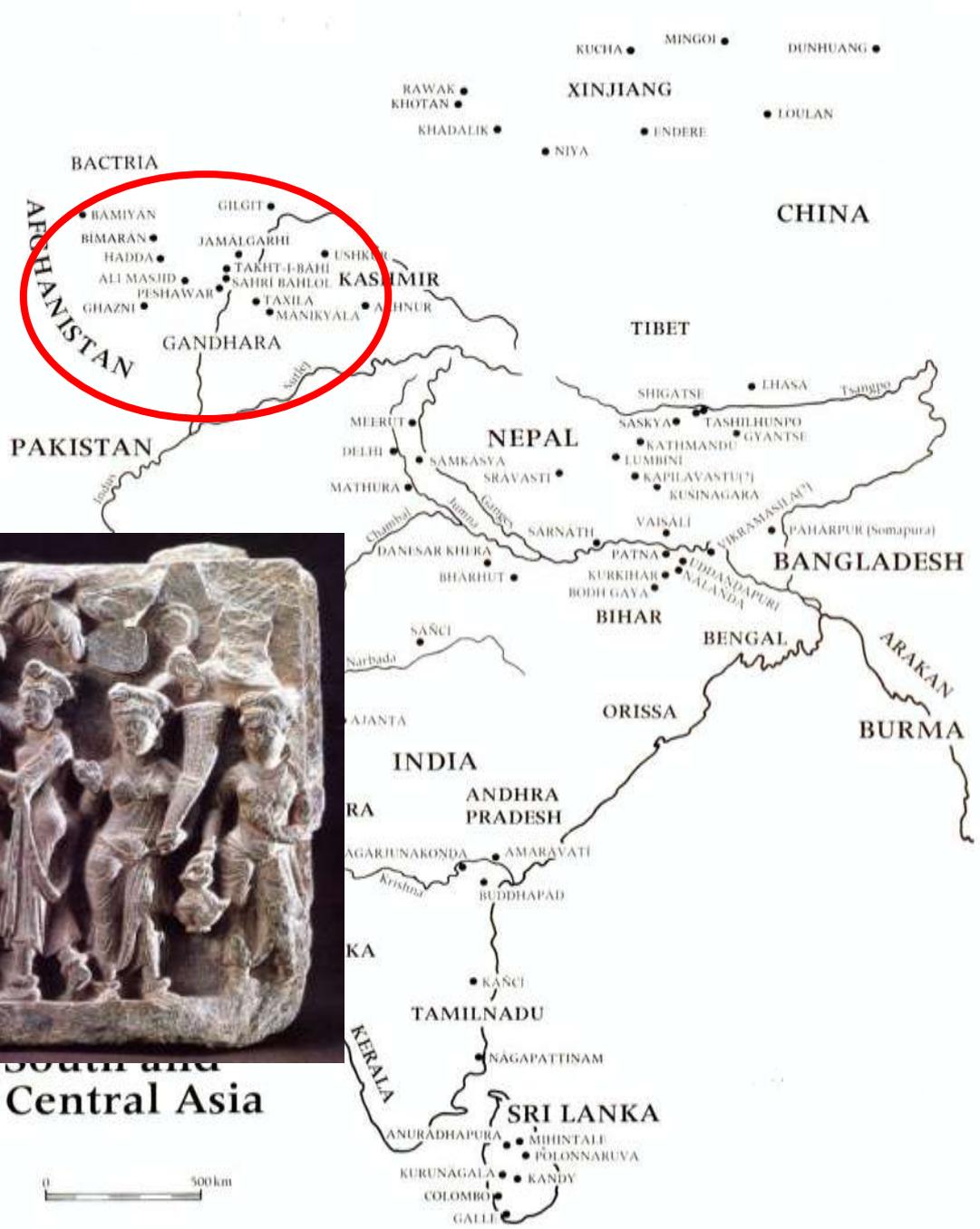
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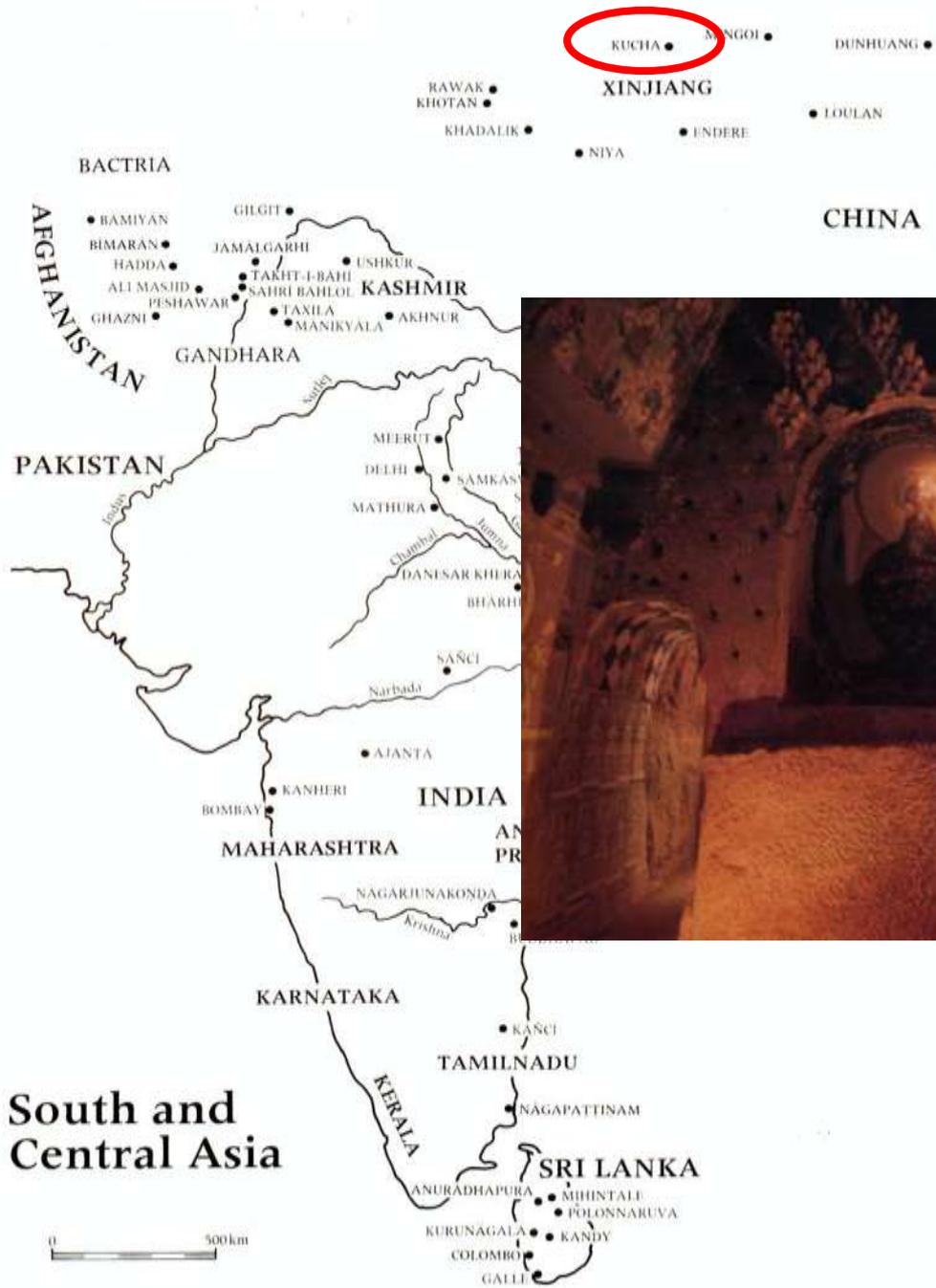
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Gandhara,
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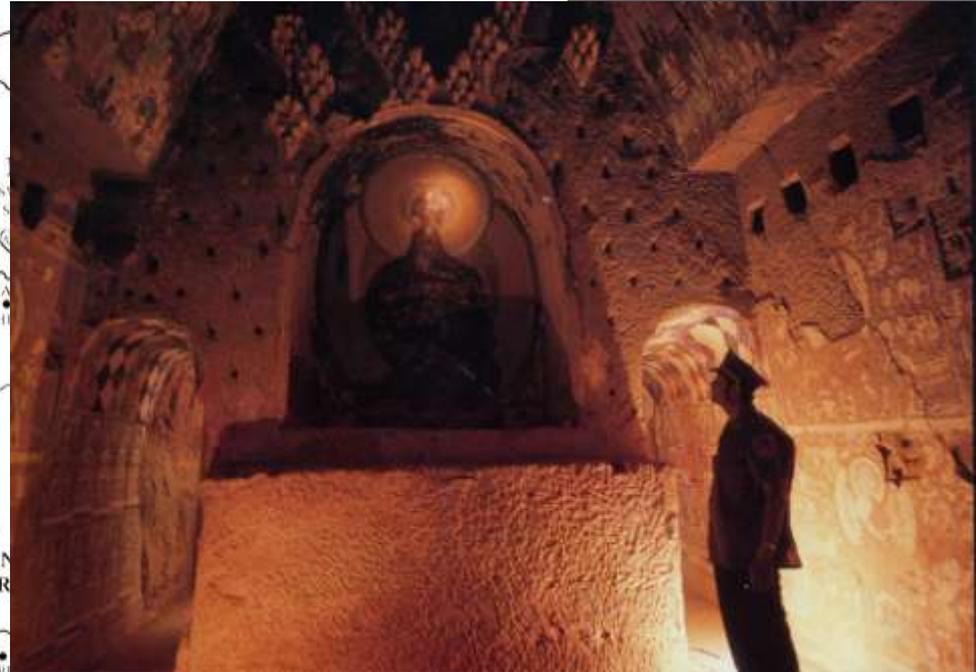


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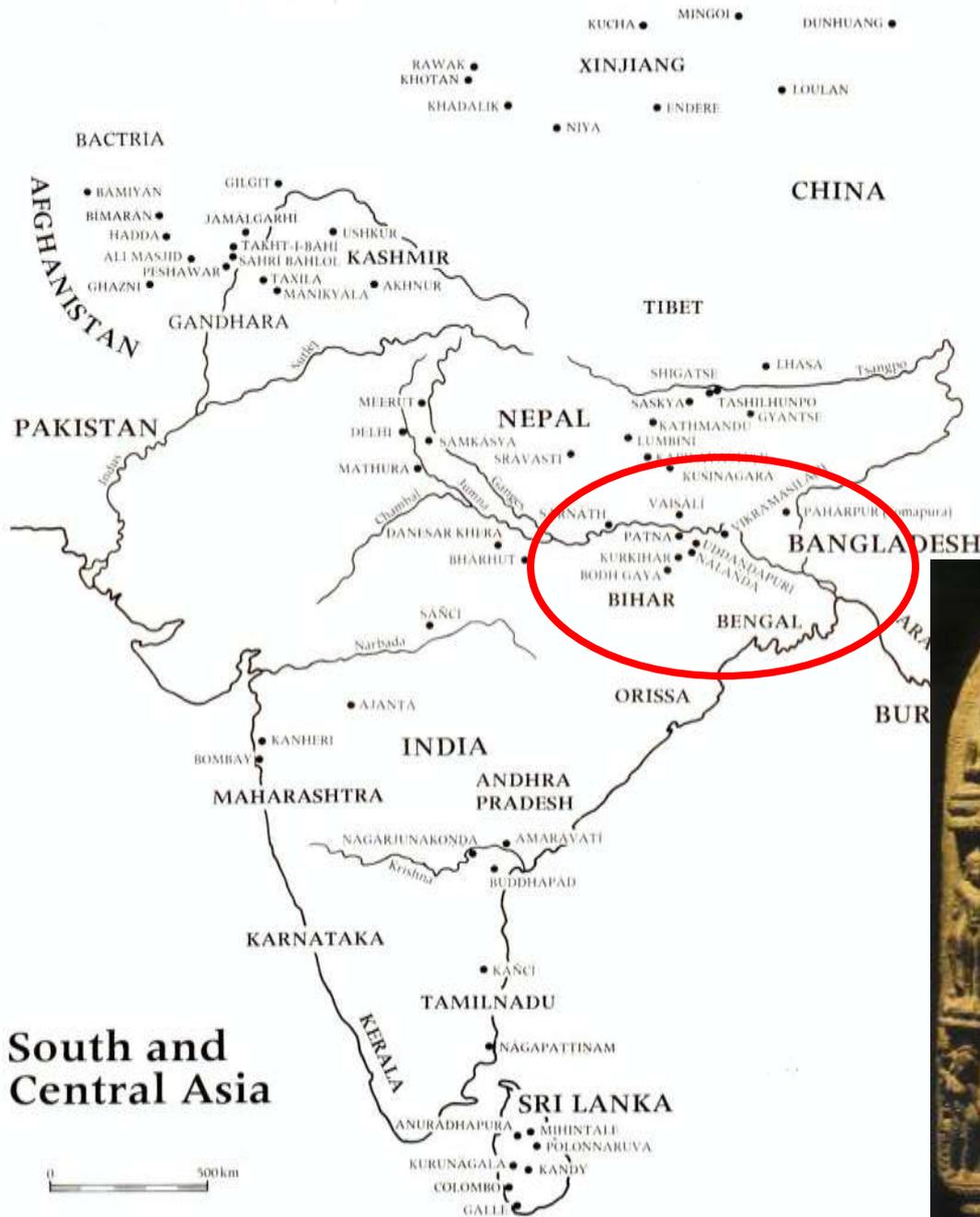


Northern Silk Road, Kizil in Kucha

5th – 7th c.



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“Pala-Sena” Art,
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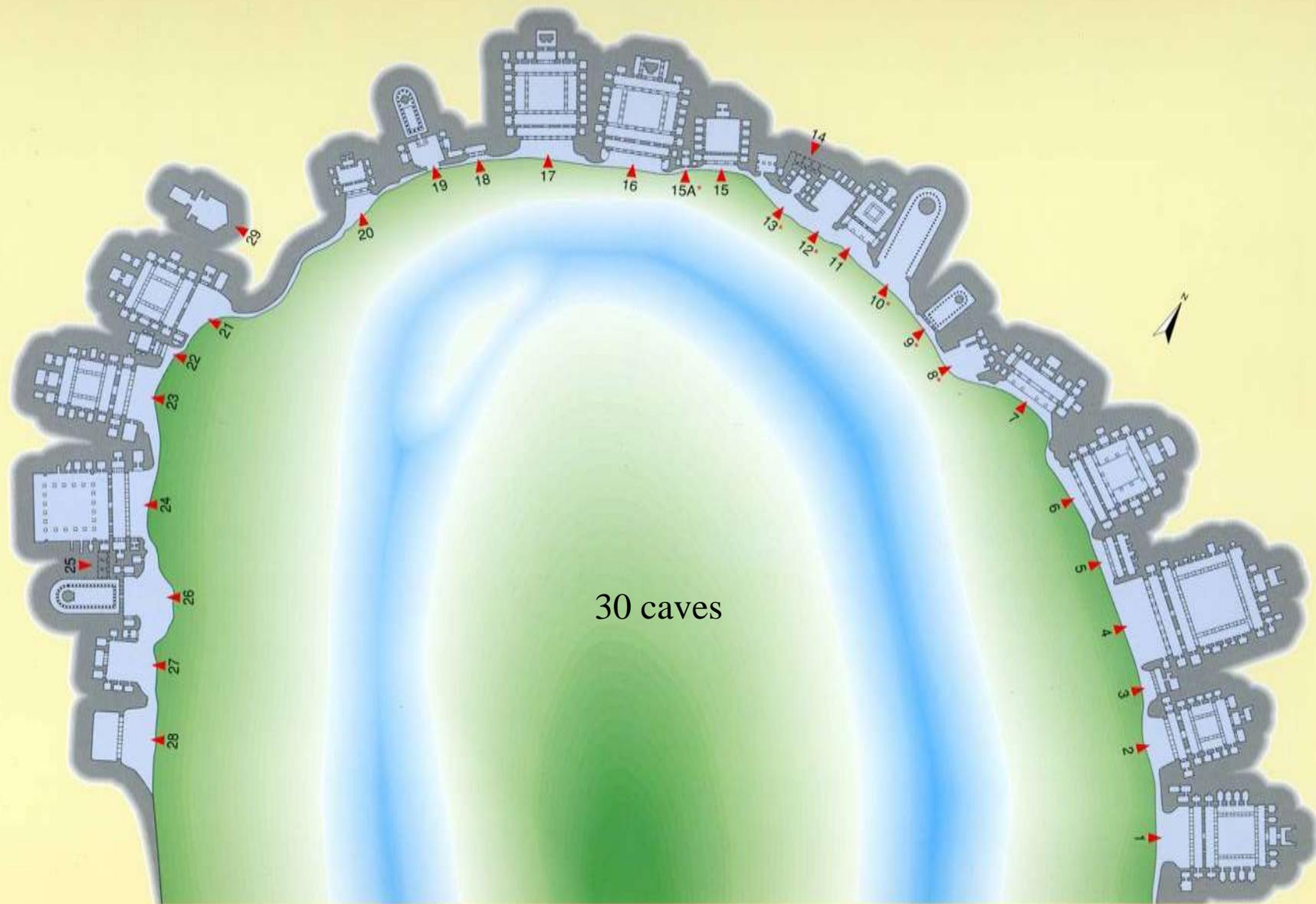
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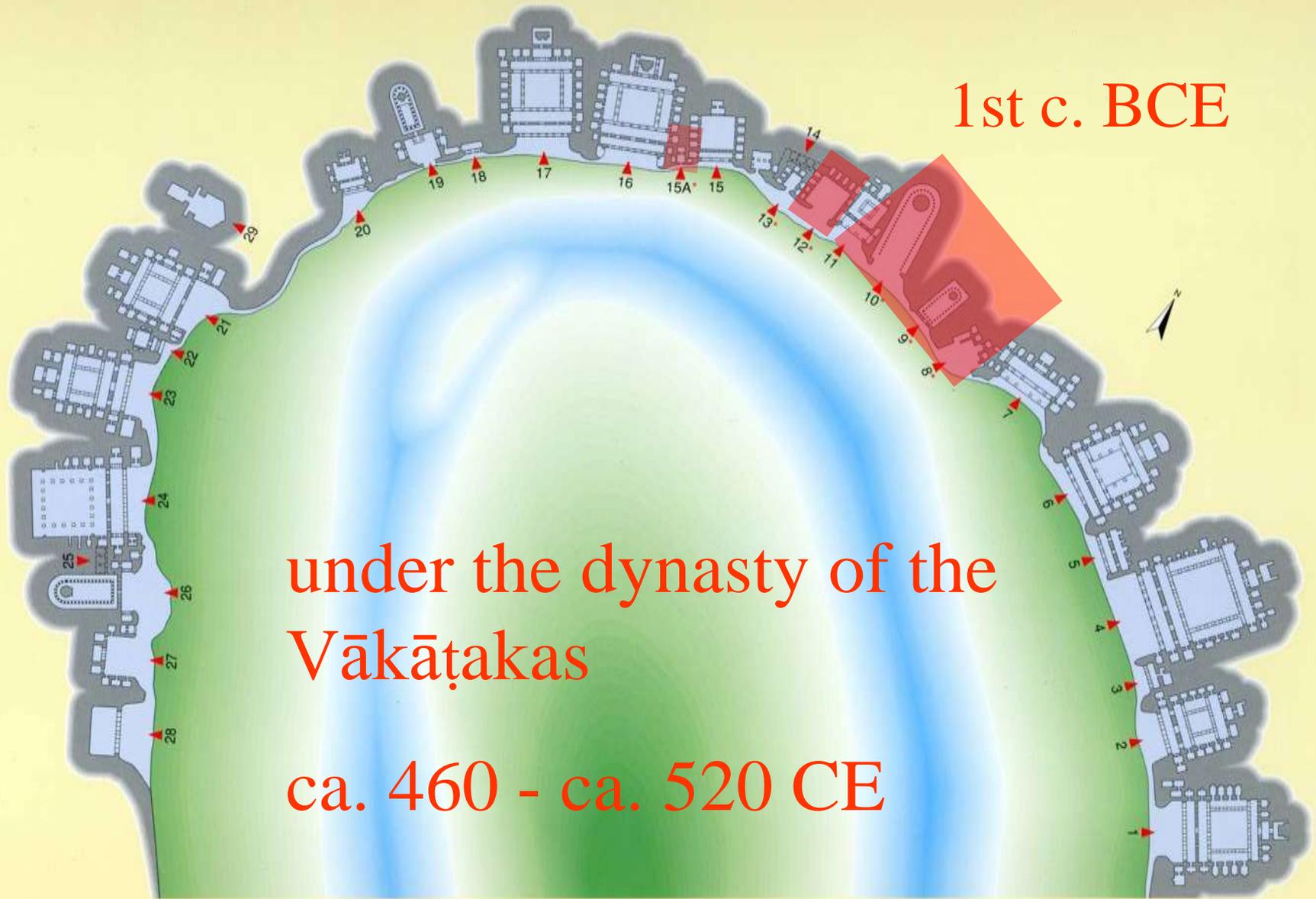


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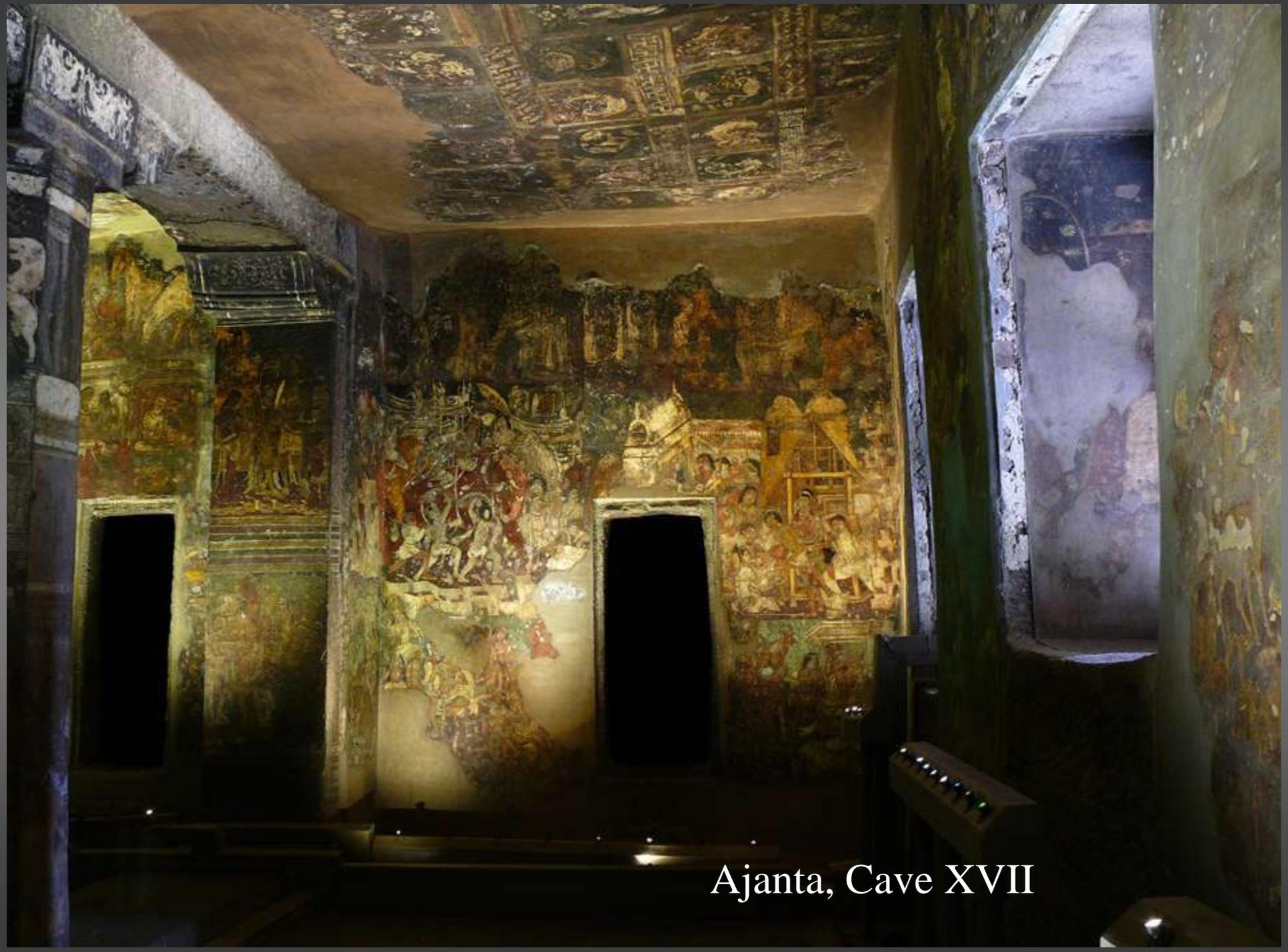
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Ajanta XIX





Ajanta, Cave XVII

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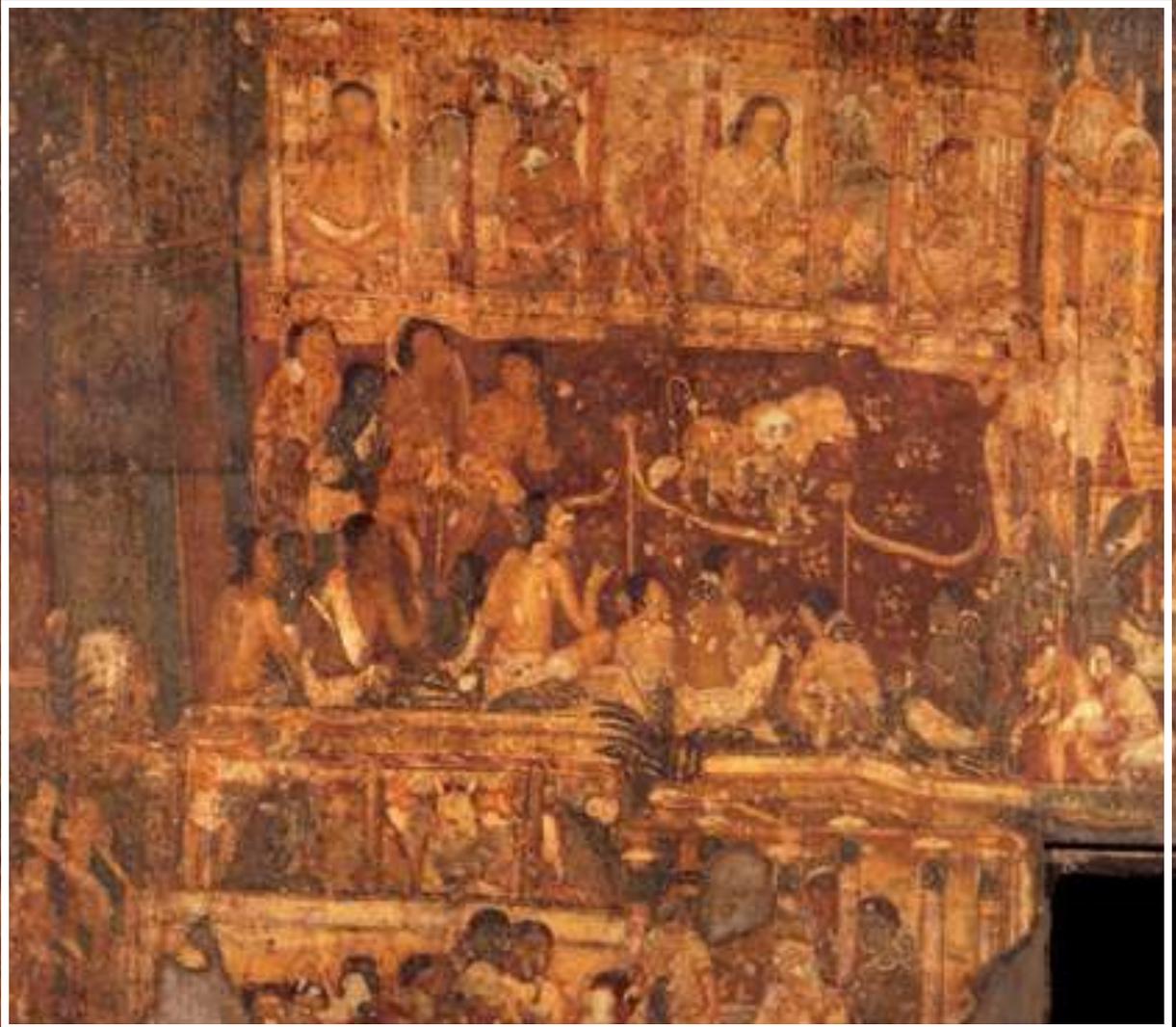
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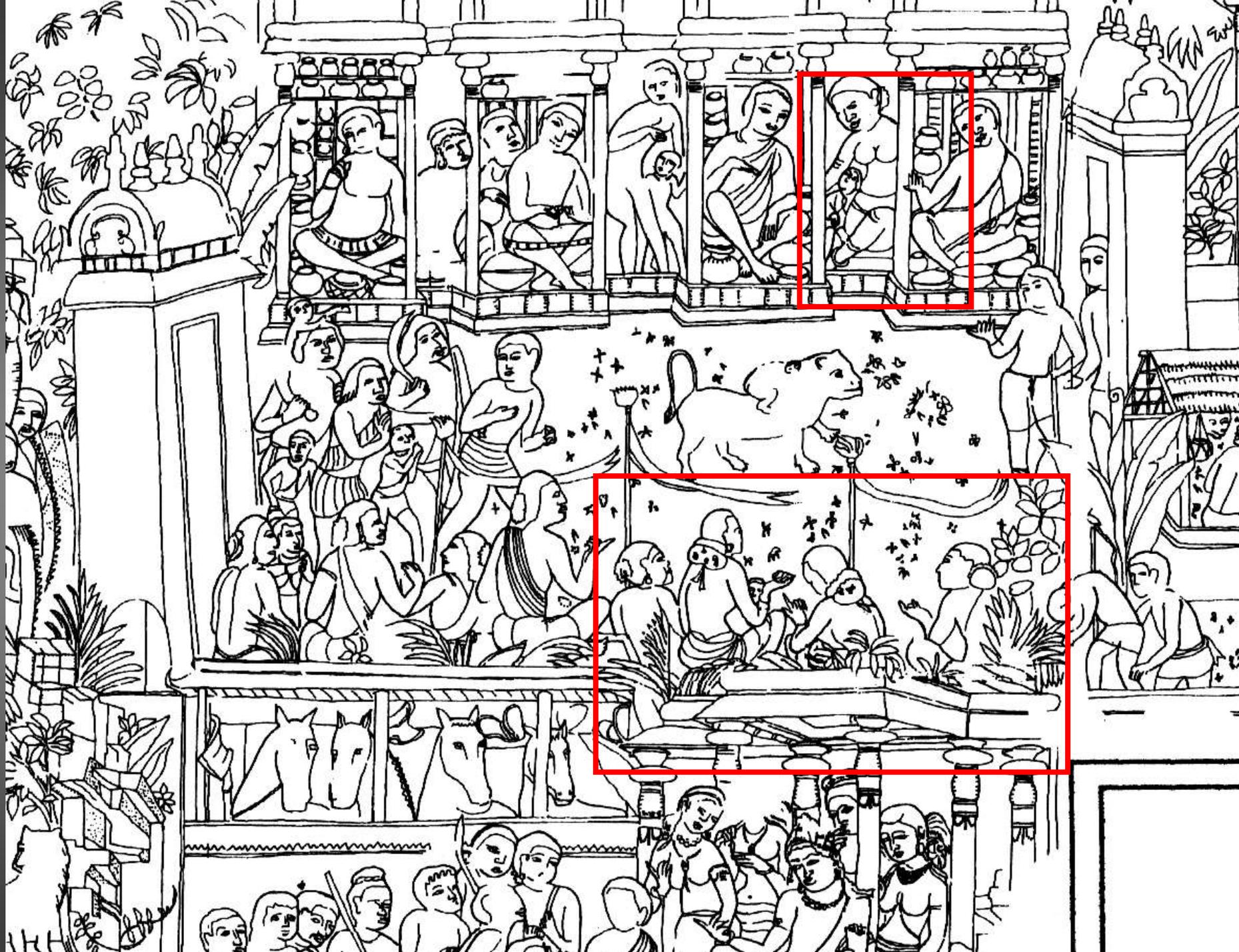
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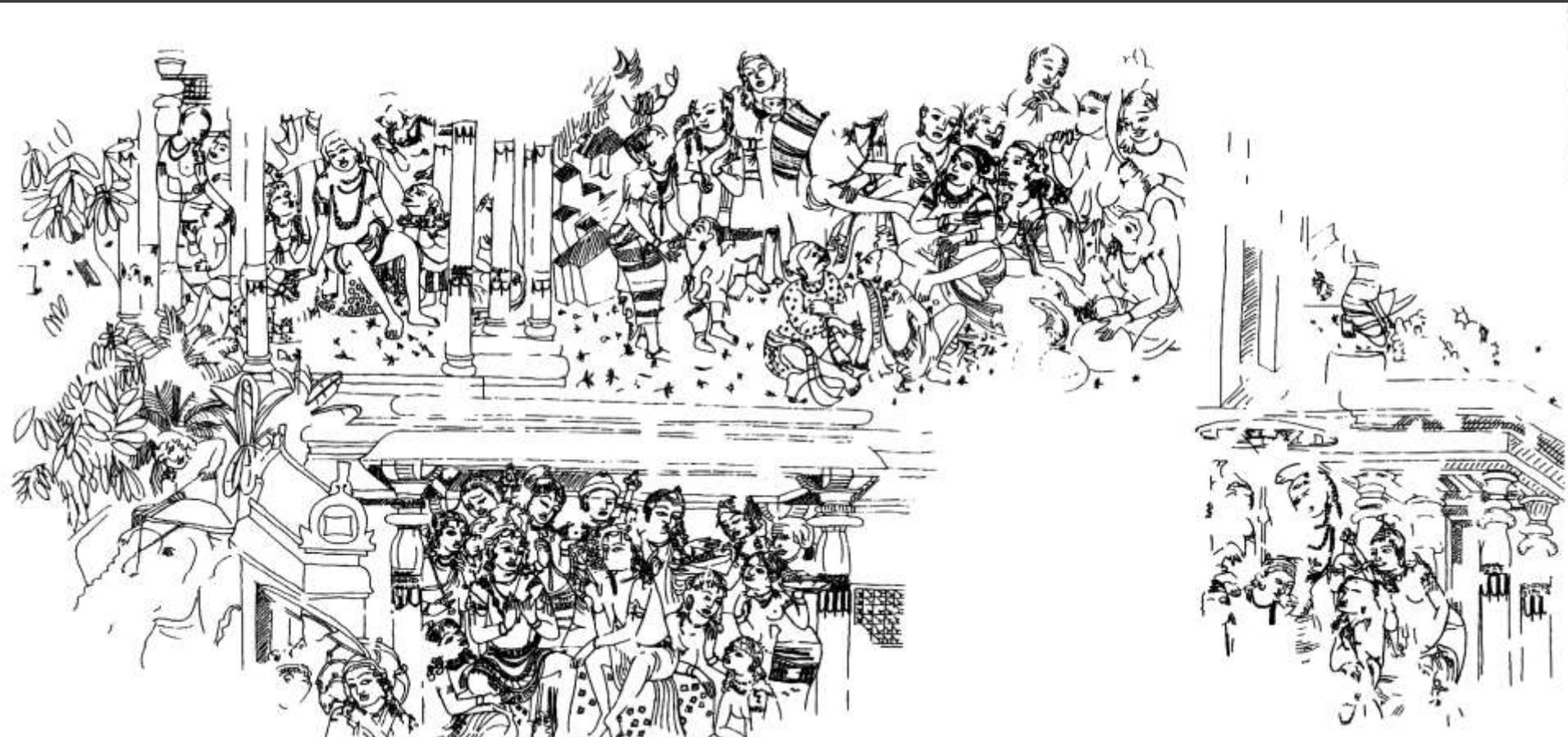




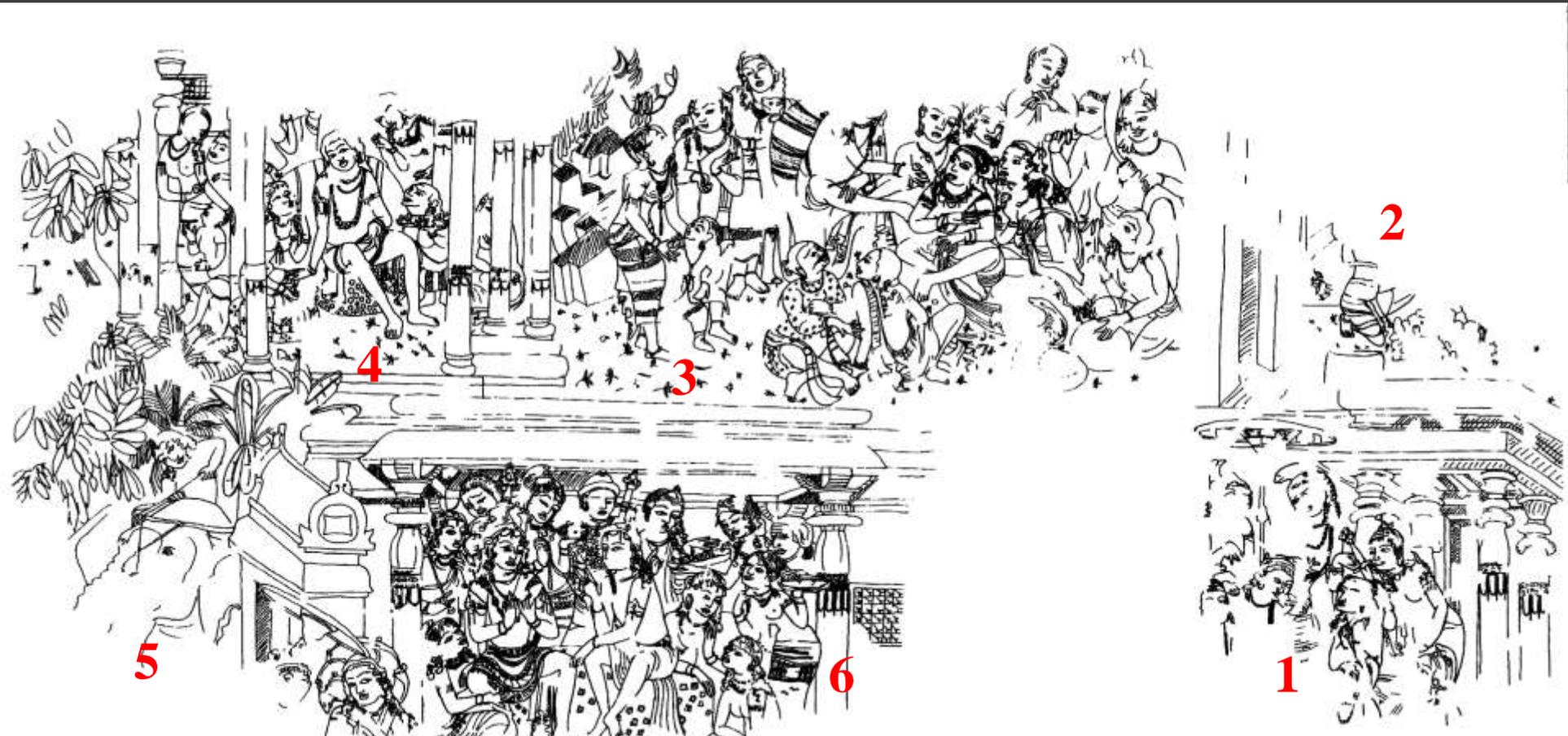




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Campaka-jātaka
cf. Schlingloff 2000/2013, No. 60
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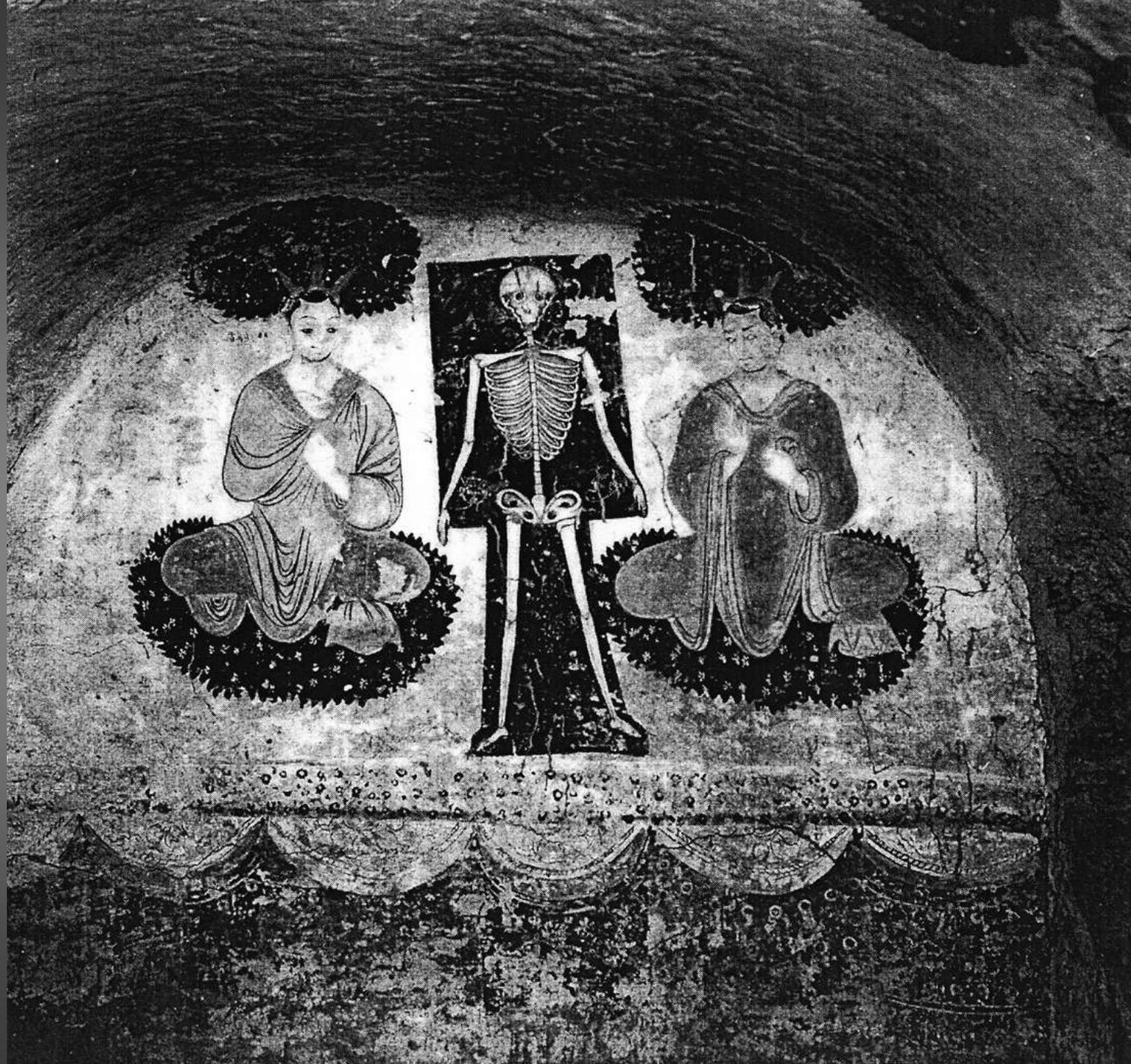
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Tapa Shotor
Hadda,

5. Jh.

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aśubha bhāvanā





Kizil, Cave 181,
Grünwedel 1920,
Pl. 24-25, Fig. 4

sack with bones, blood, pus, phlegm, sweat, fat, undigested food....





Kizil, Cave 181,
Grünwedel 1920
Pl. 24-25, Fig. 4



Kizil, Cave 17



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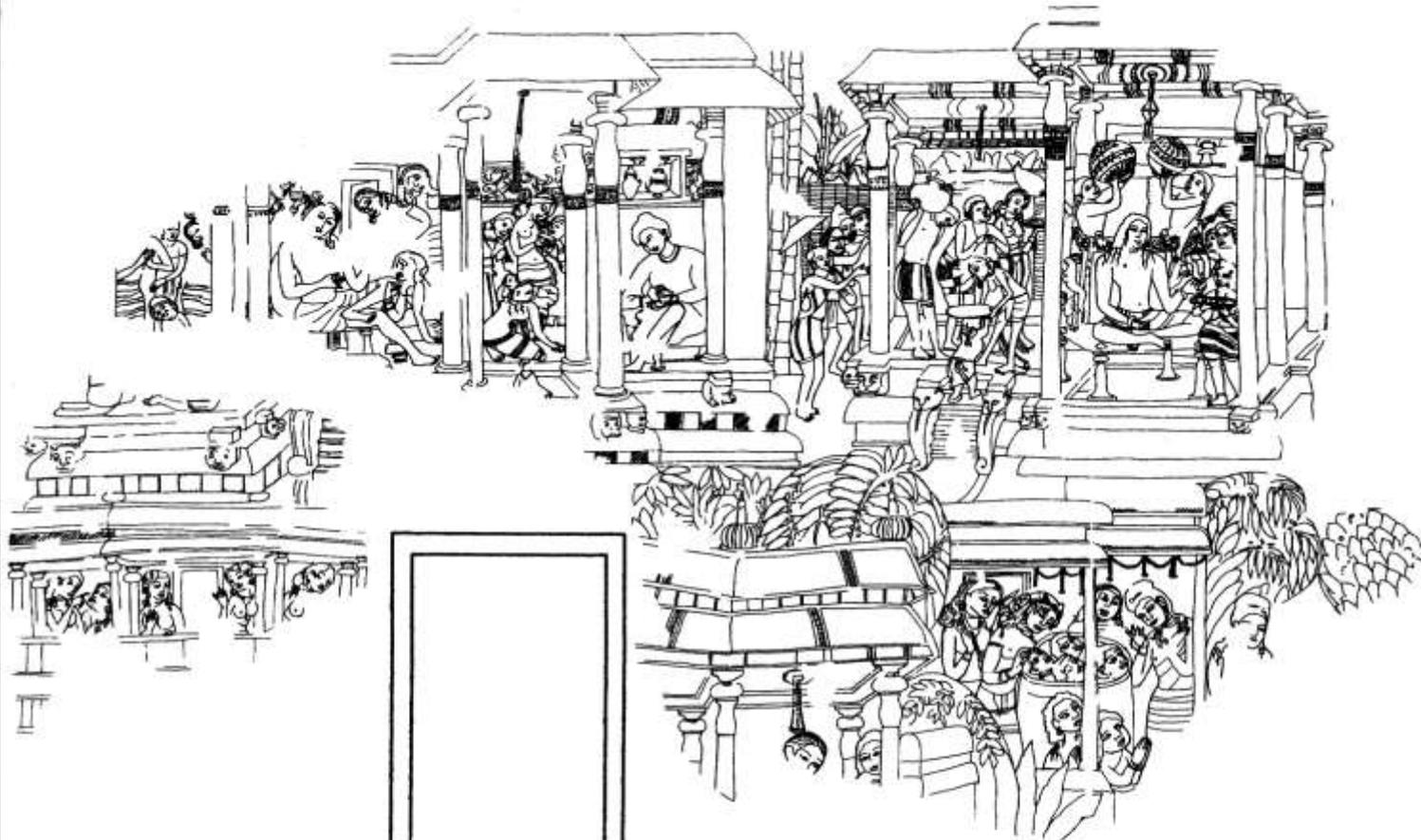
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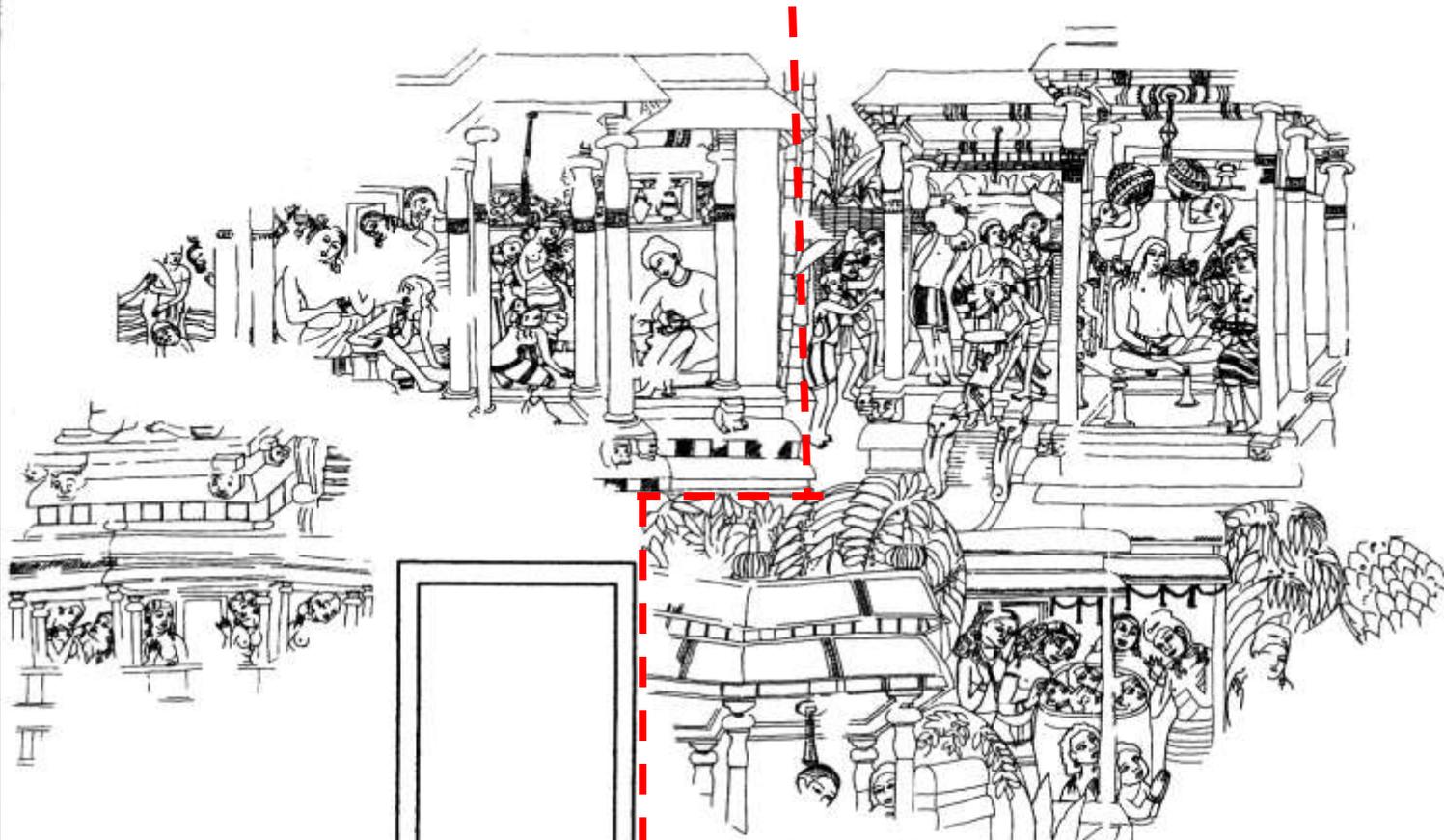
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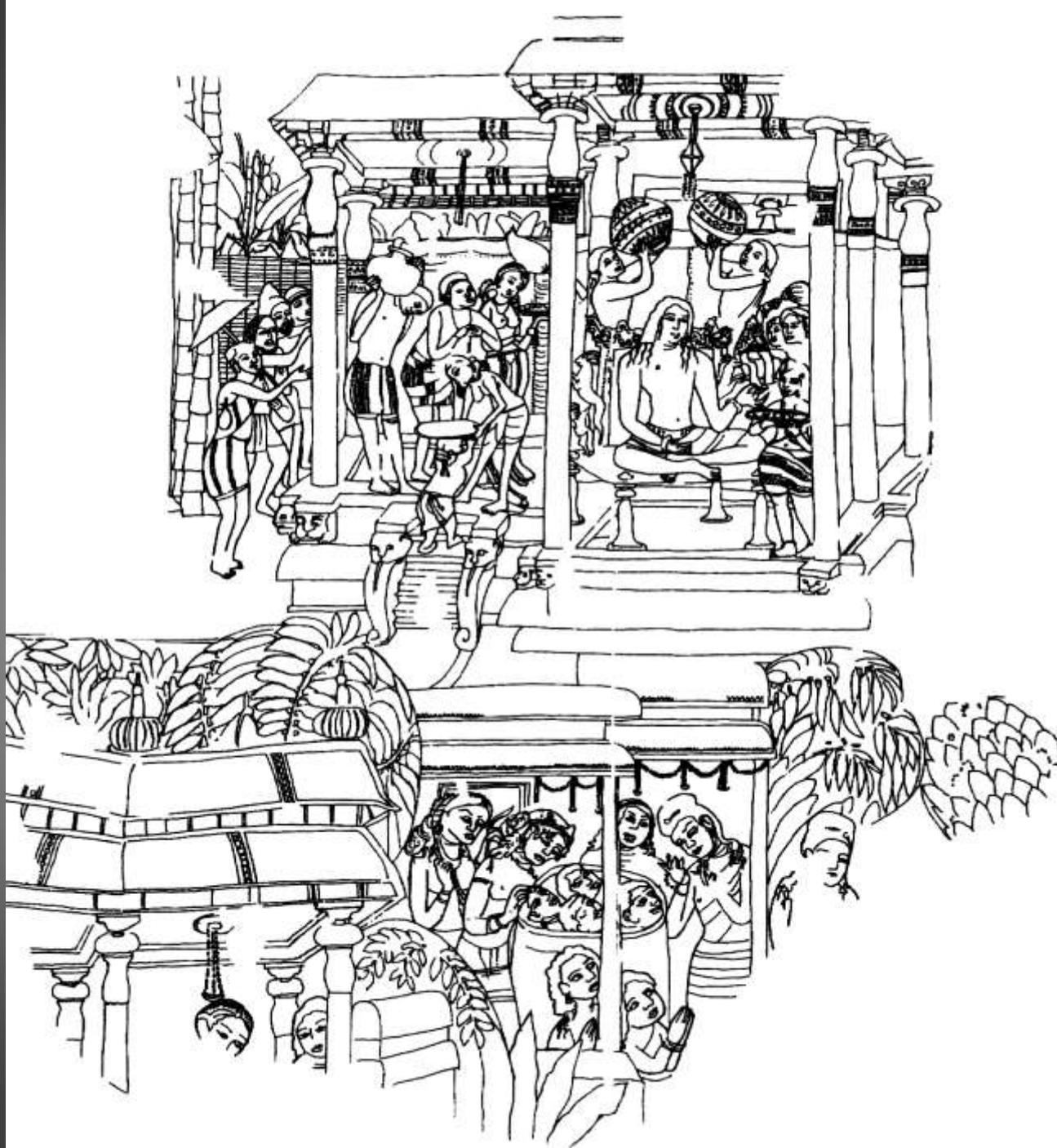


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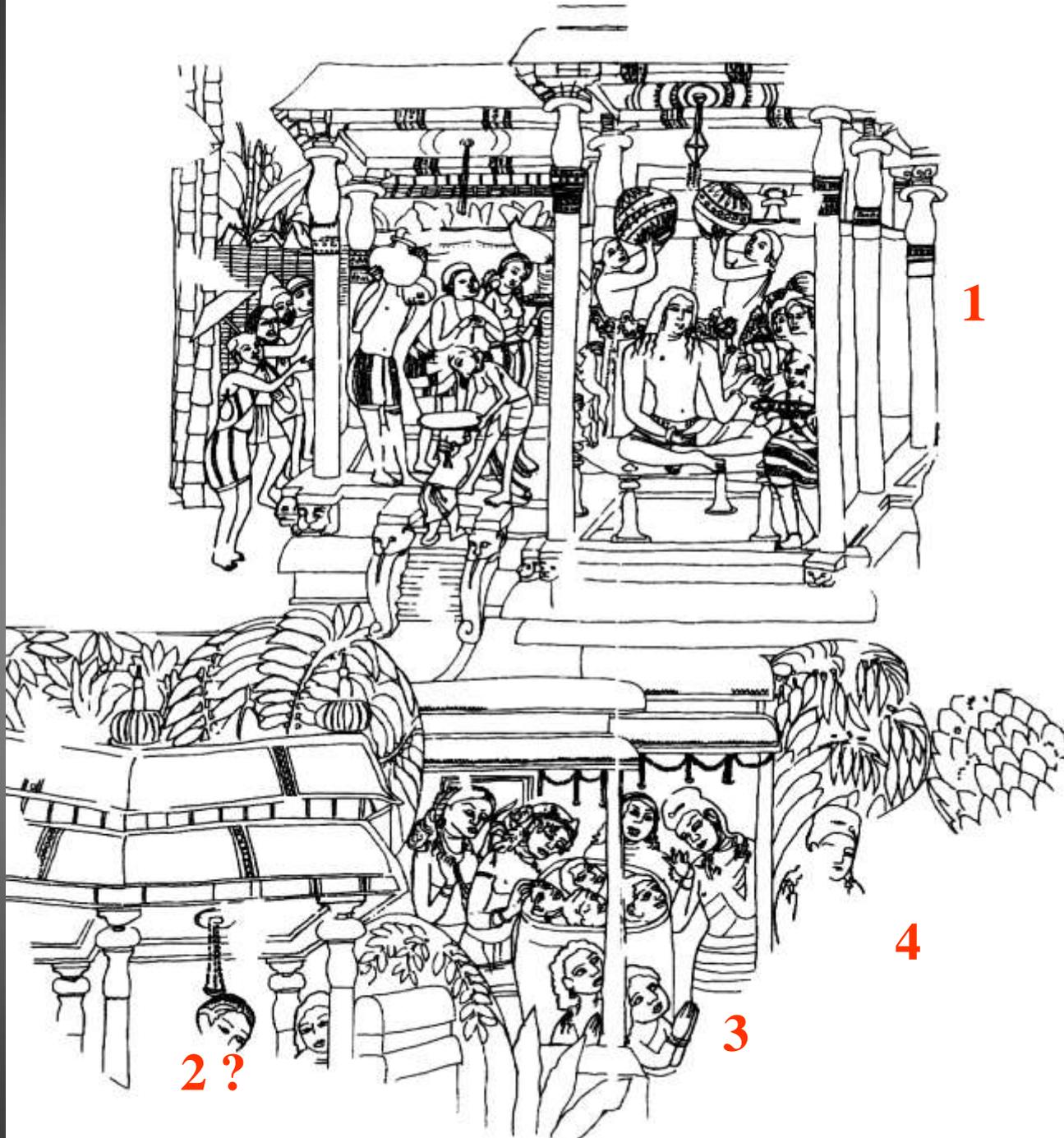


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Ajanta, Cave I



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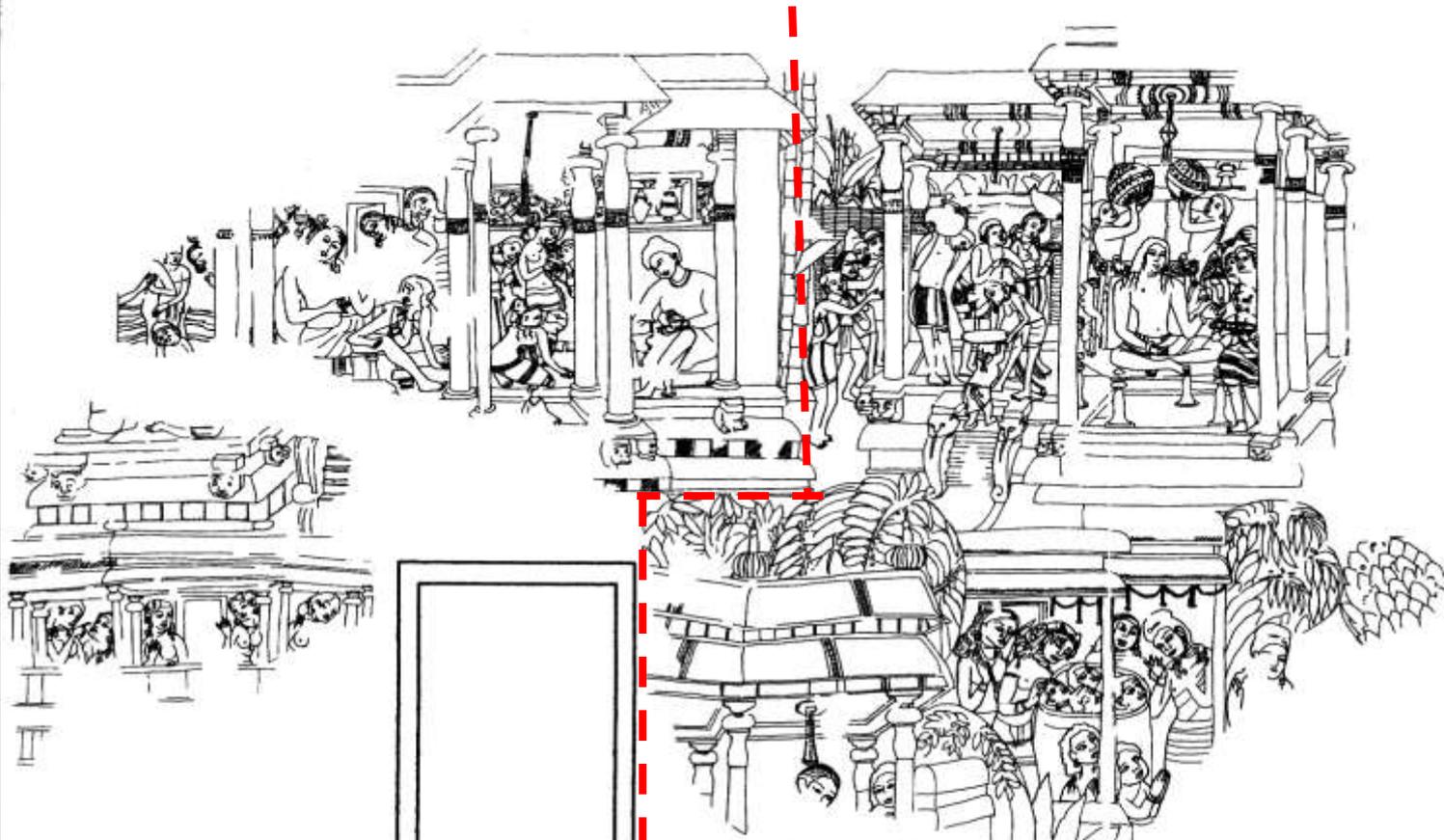


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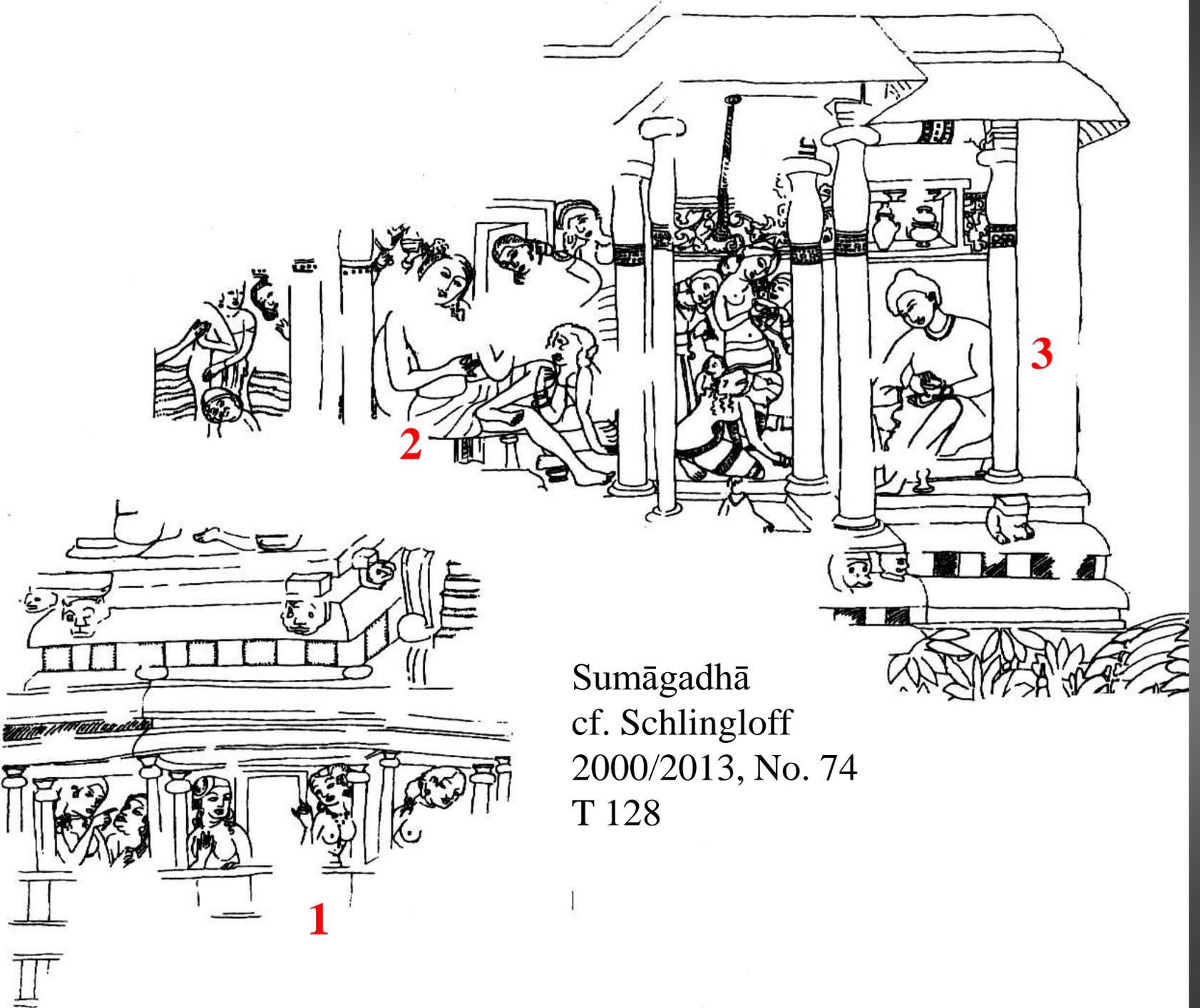


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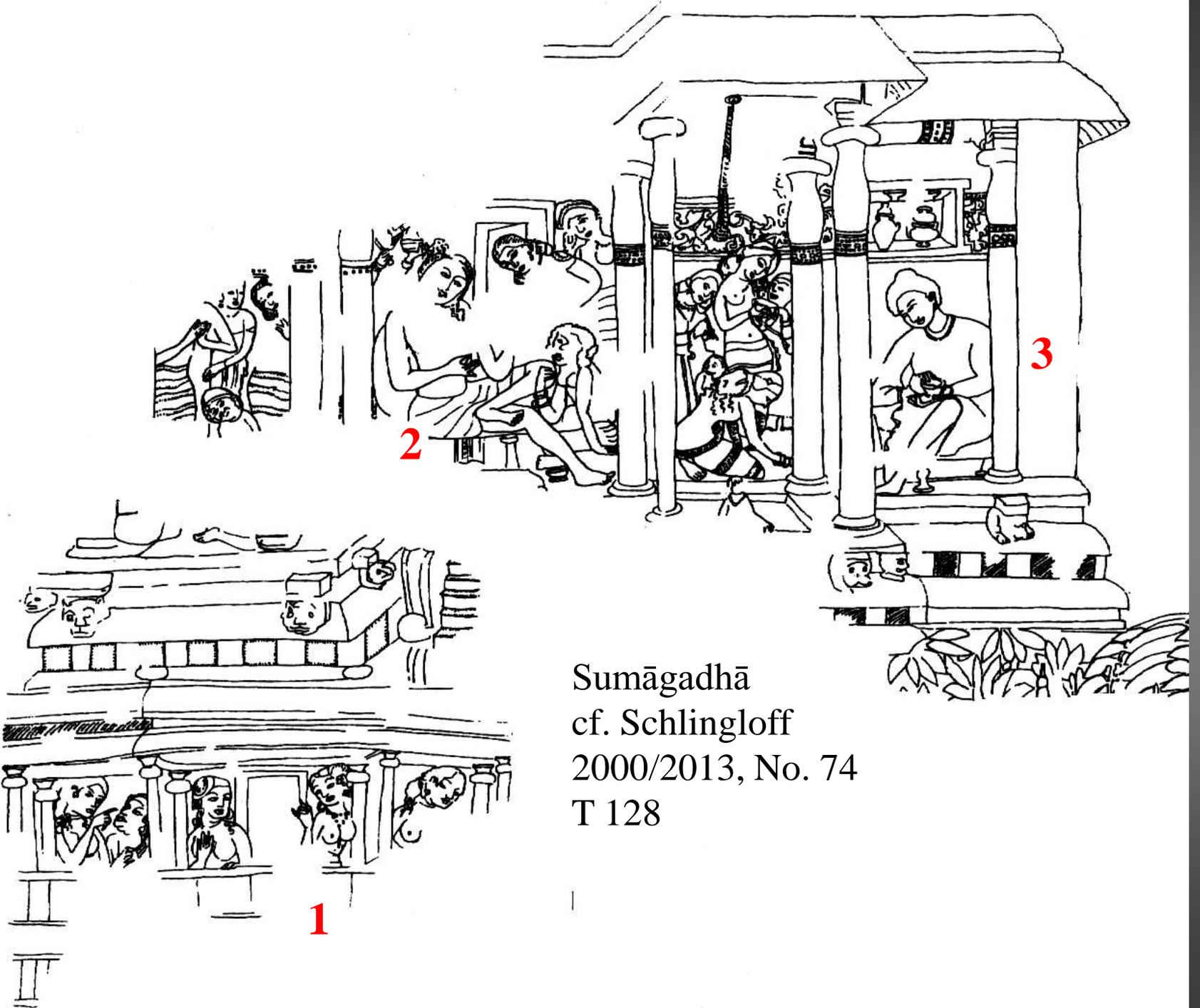
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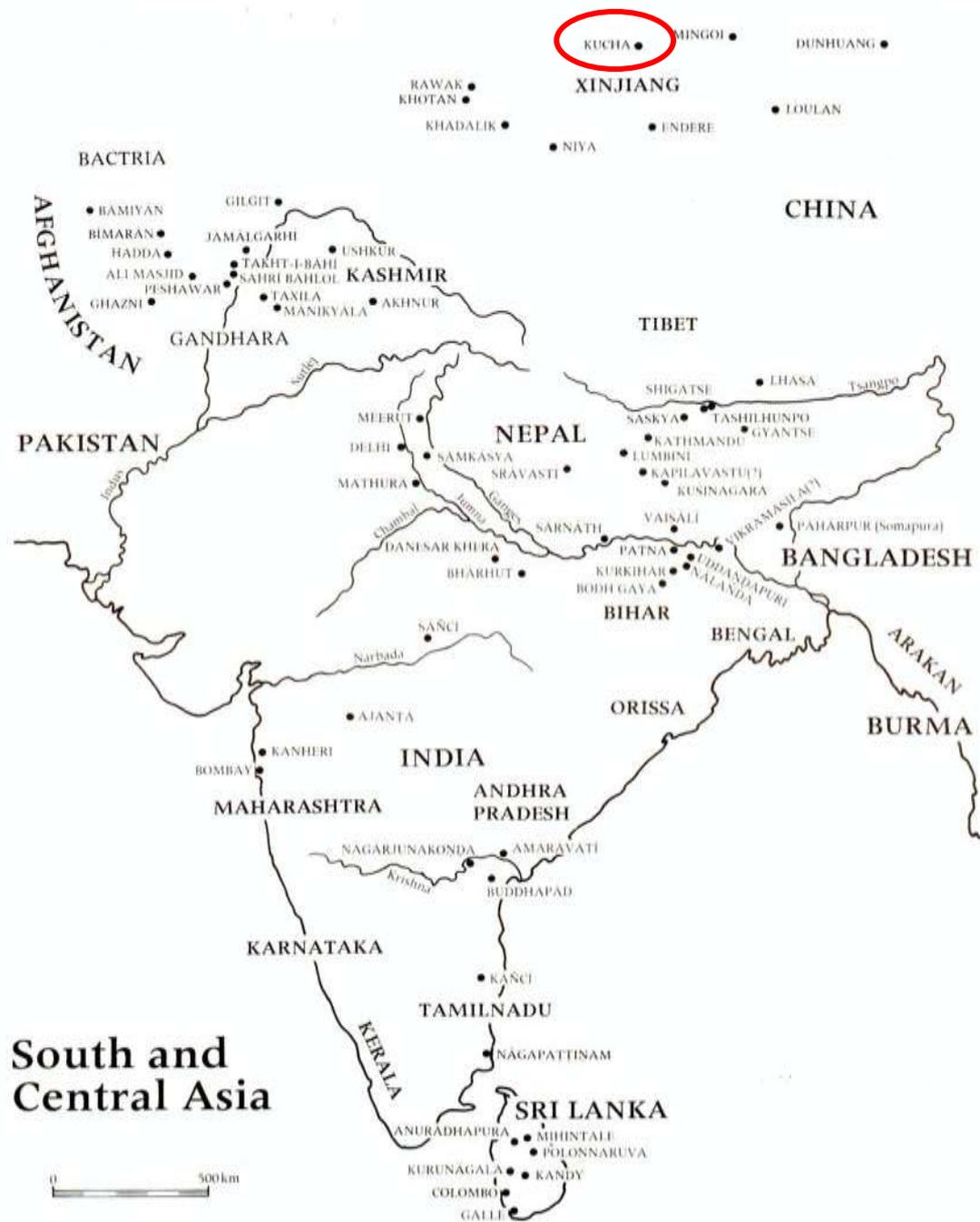
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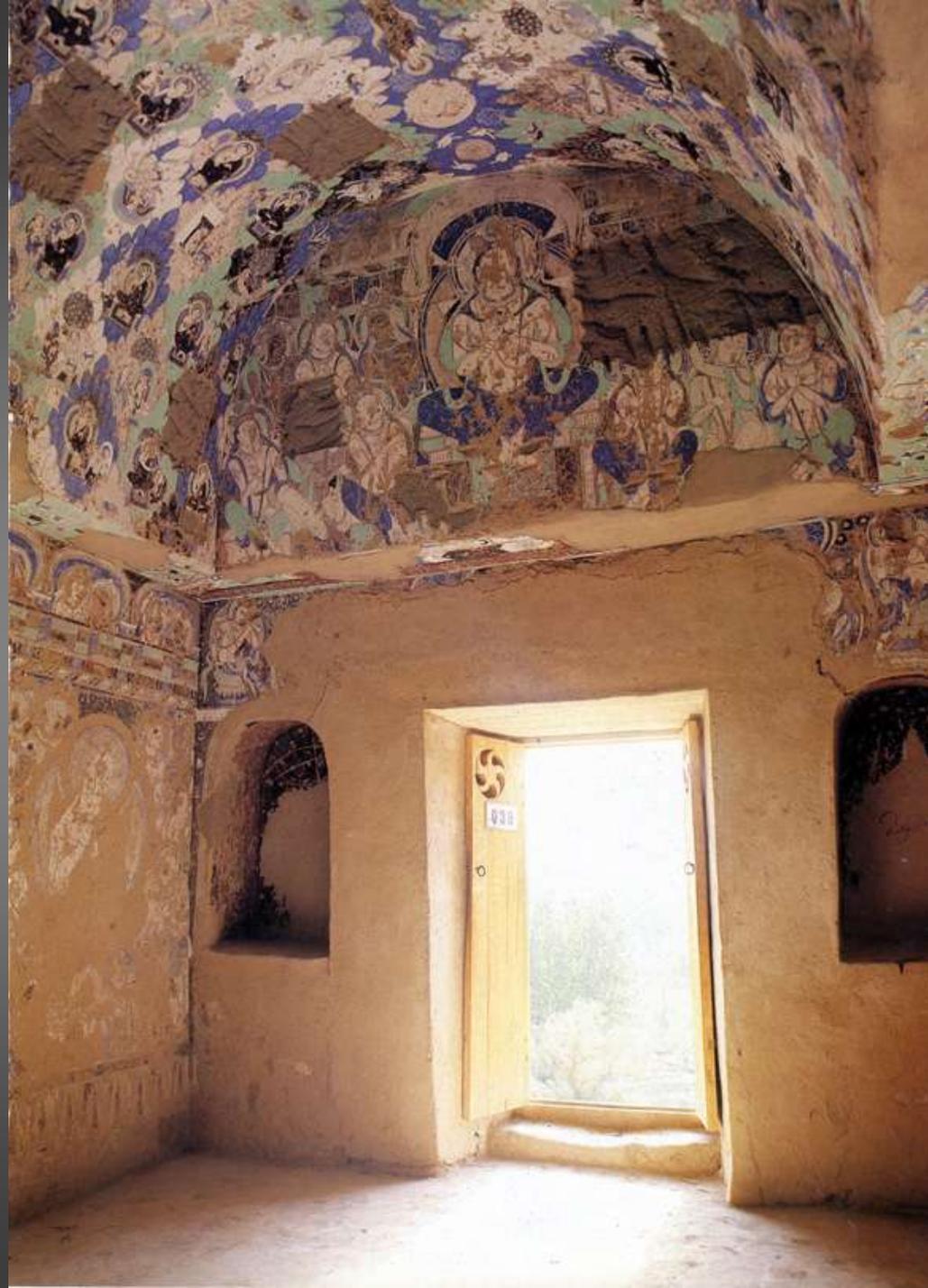
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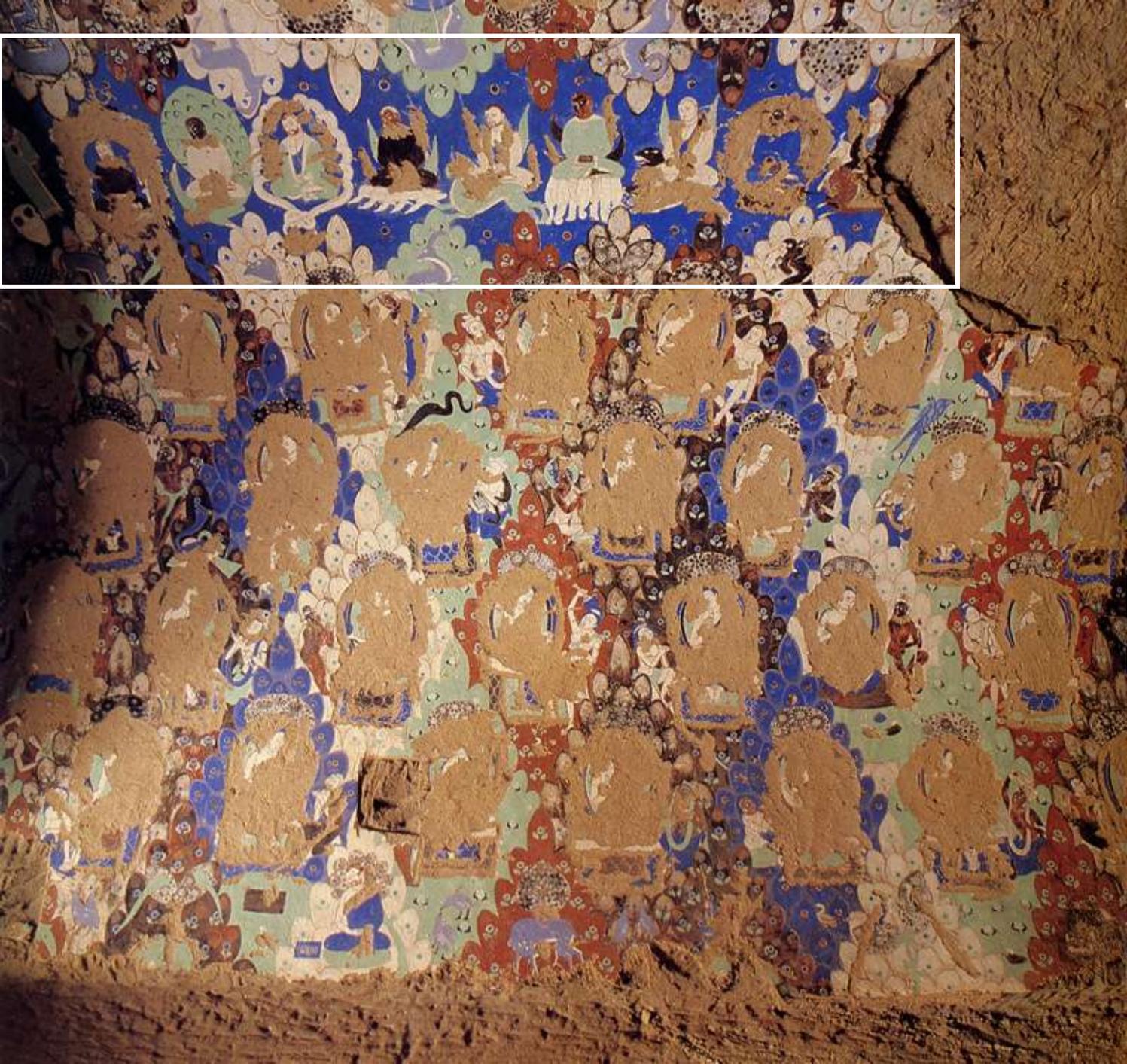
Northern Silk Road, Kizil







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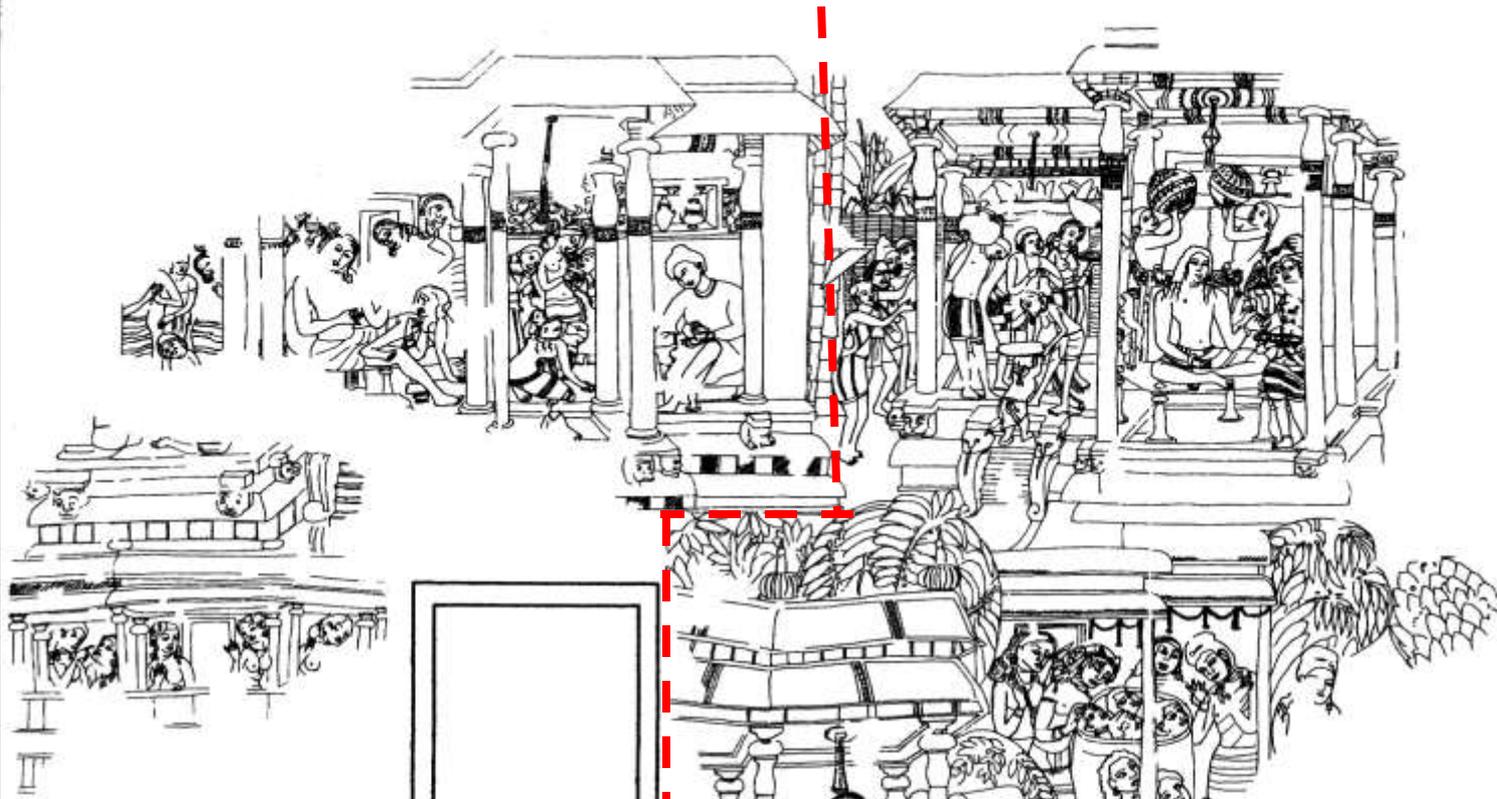
Kizil, Cave 205



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Kizil, Cave 178, Grünwedel 1920, fig. 44



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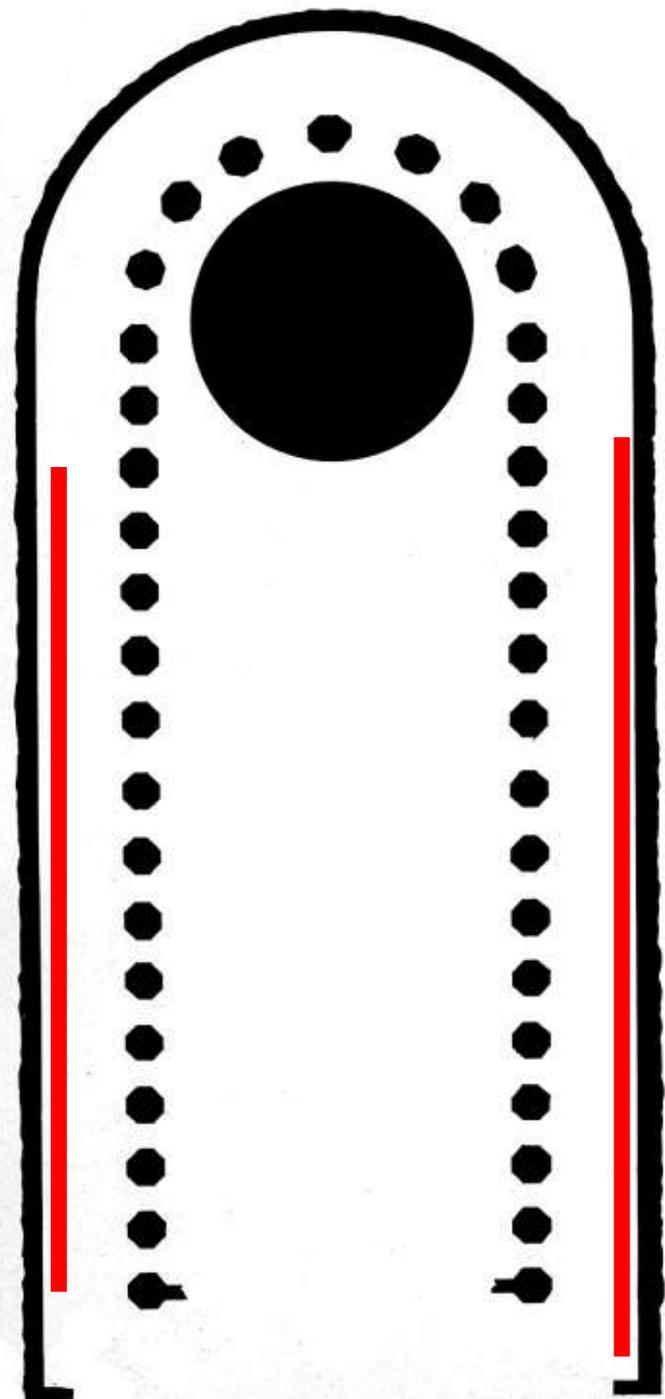
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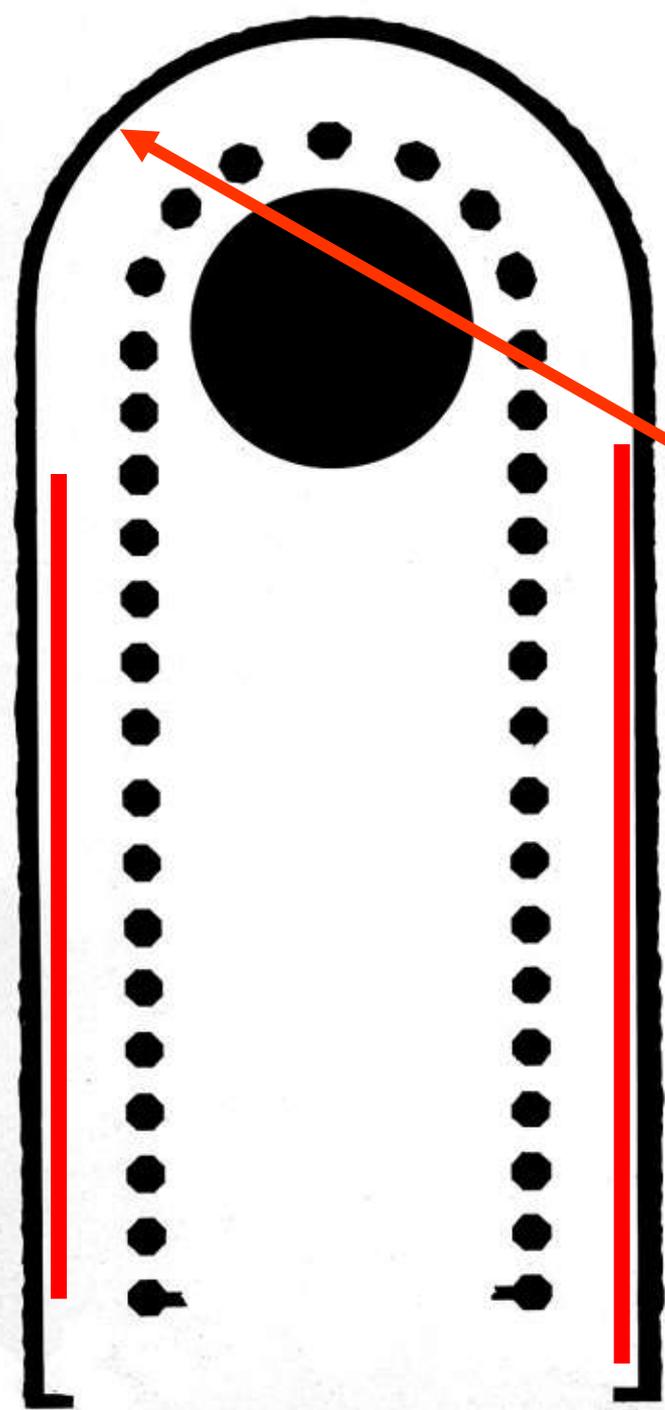
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1st c. BCE

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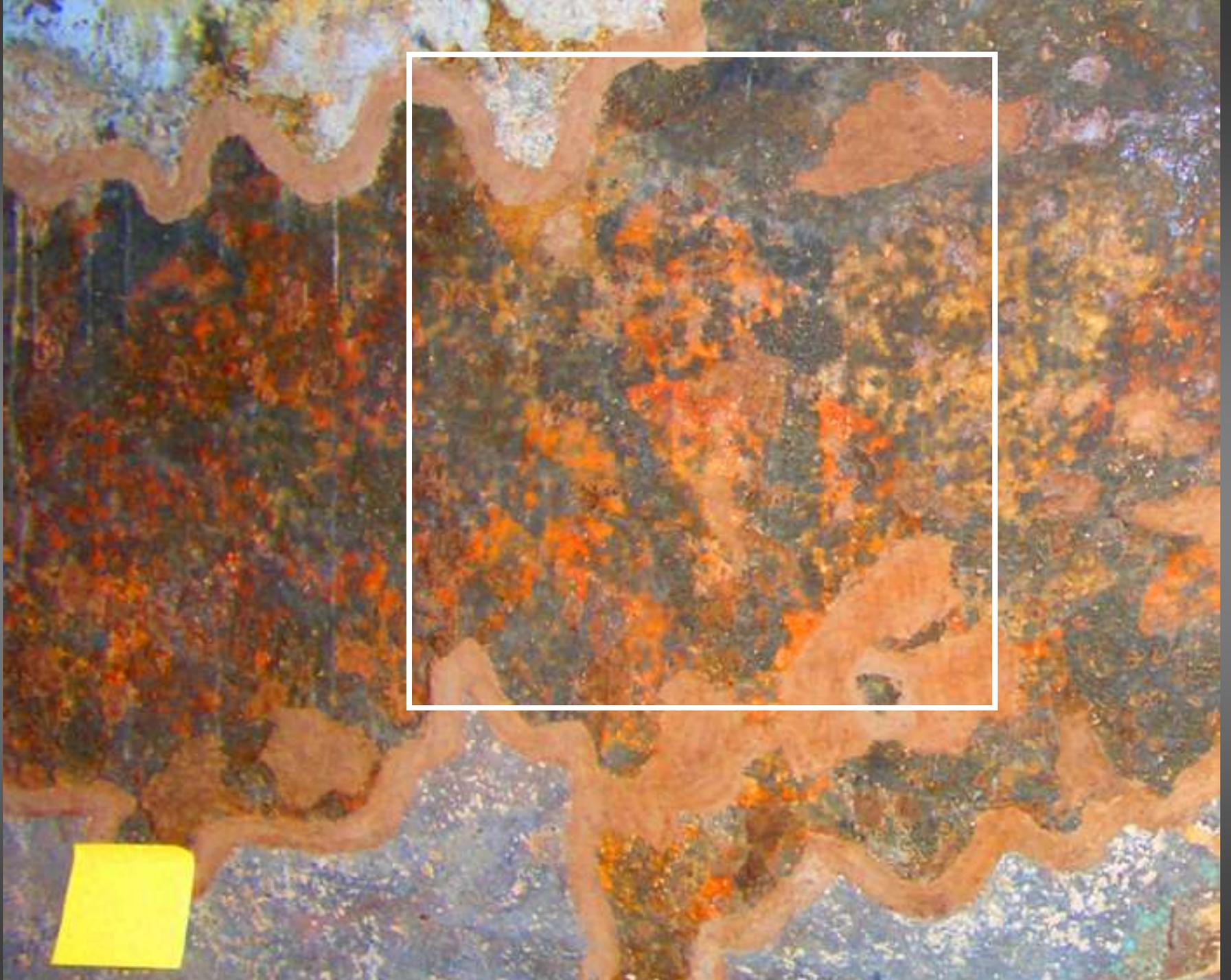
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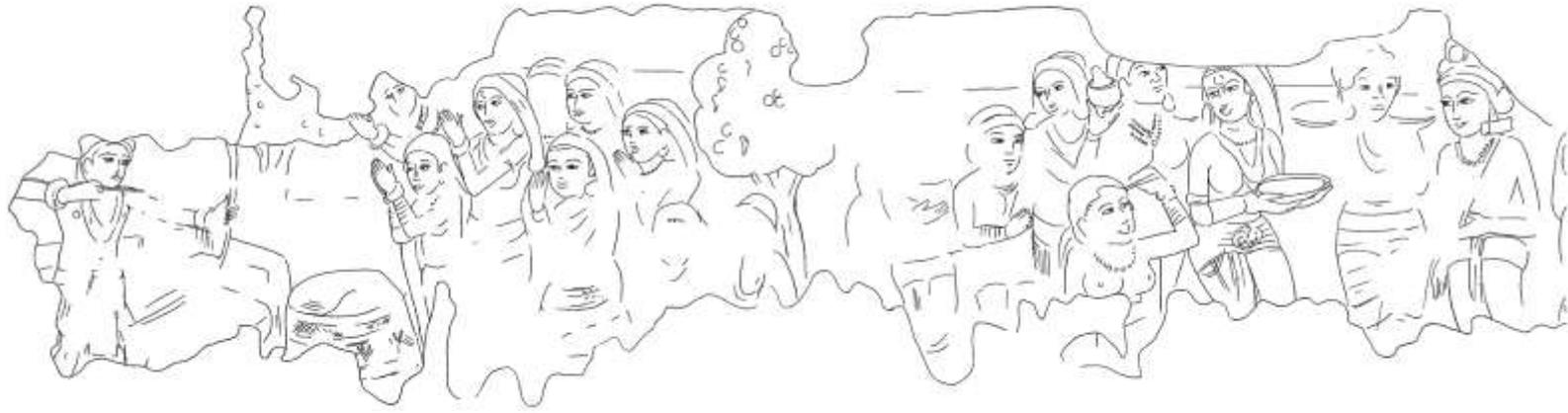












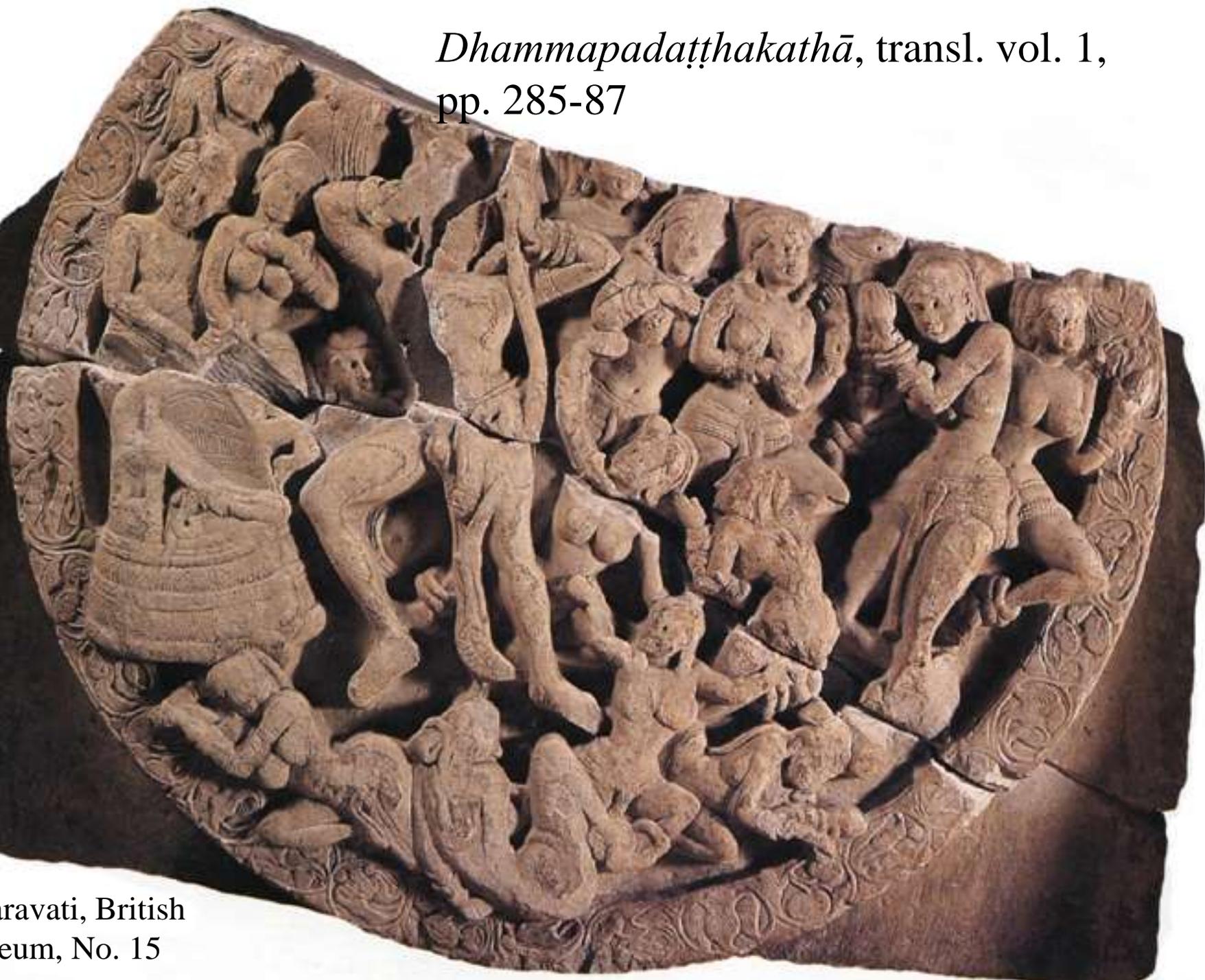
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Udayana, king of Kauśāmbī and his wife Śyāmāvati; MSV, Divyāvadāna
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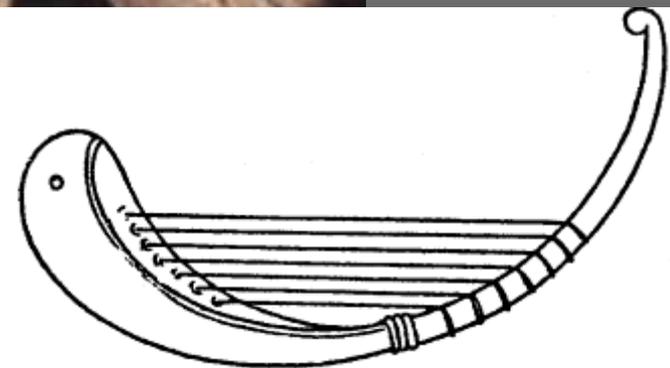


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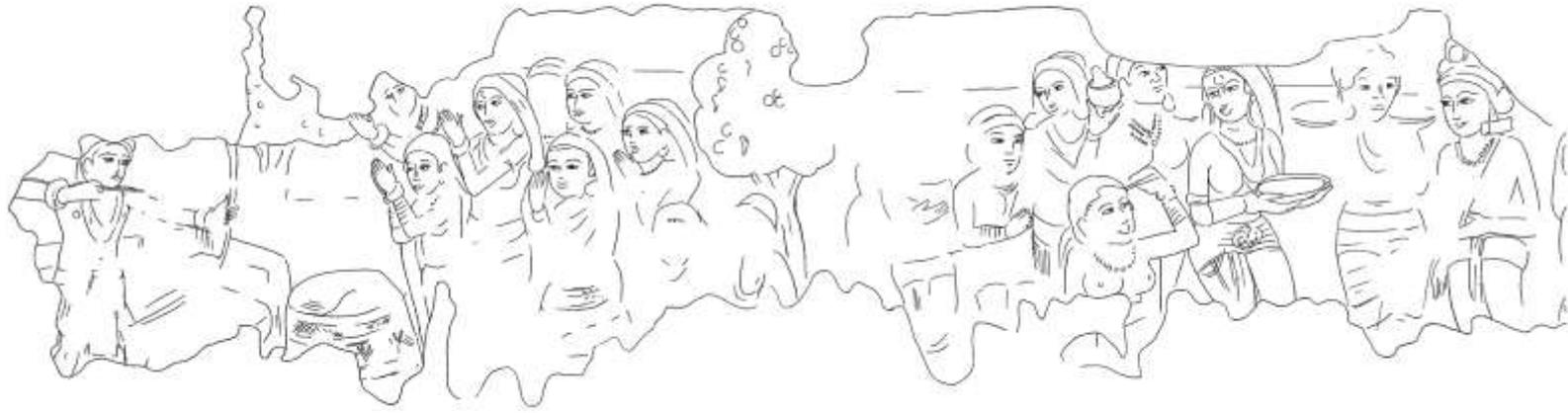
Khujjuttarā
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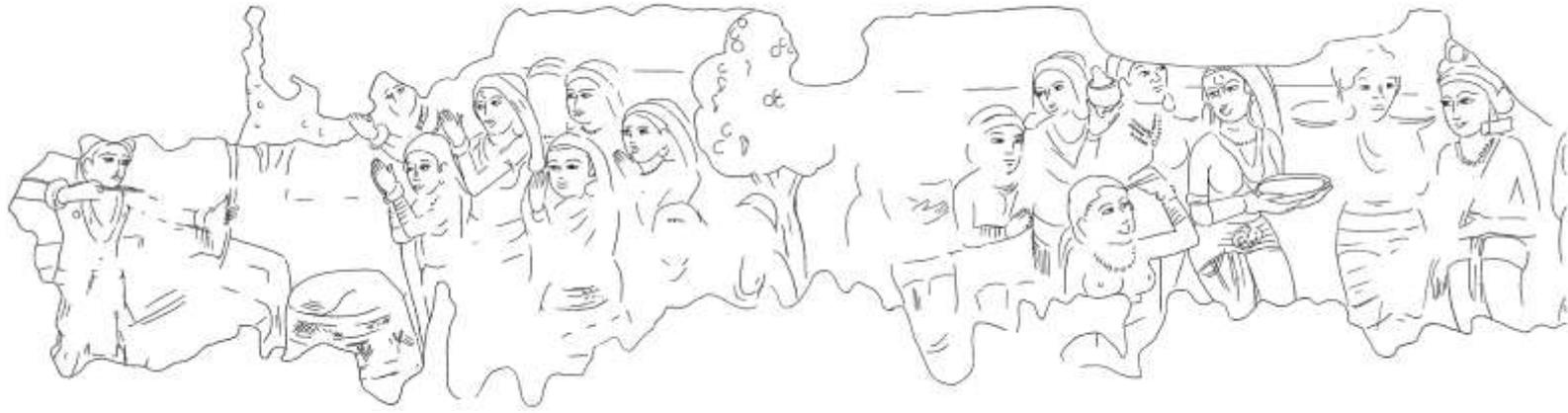
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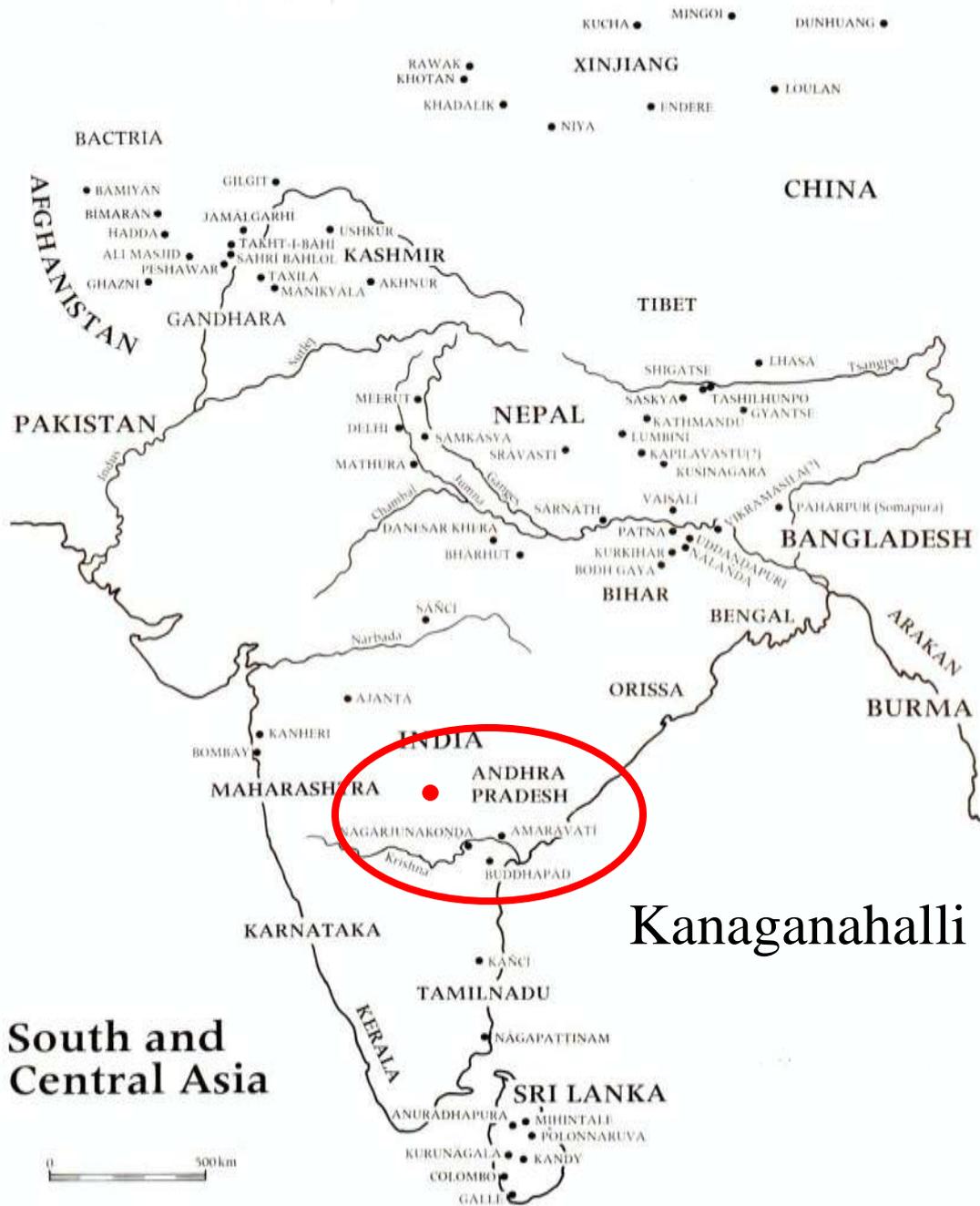
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Kanaganahalli

Andhra or „Amaravati School“

1st c. BCE – 4th c. CE



Kanaganahalli,
1st c. CE ?

No. 50



No. 49





devi sāmivati Queen Sāmivati



rāyā uy(e)ne King Udayana



Kanaganahalli,
1st c. CE ?

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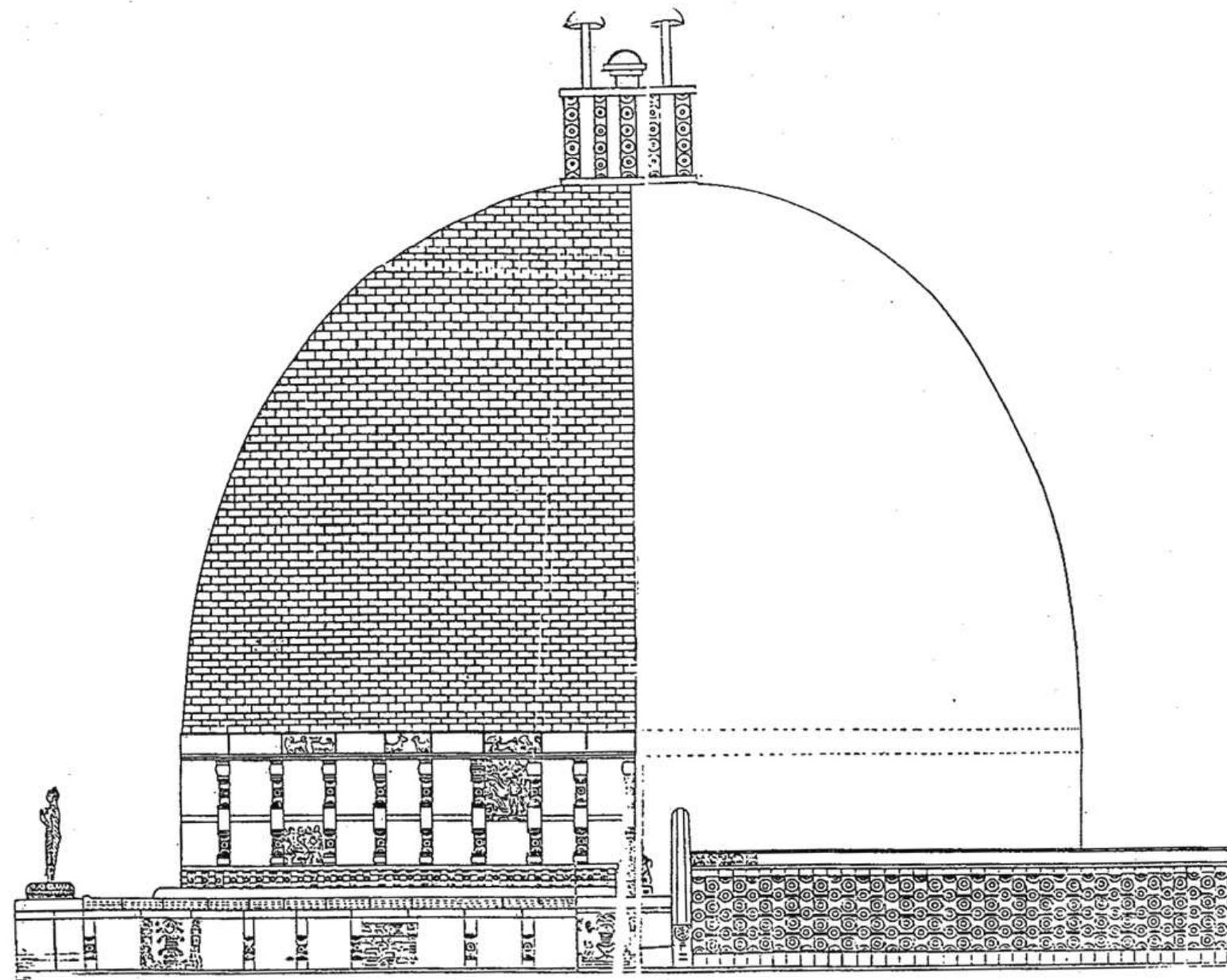
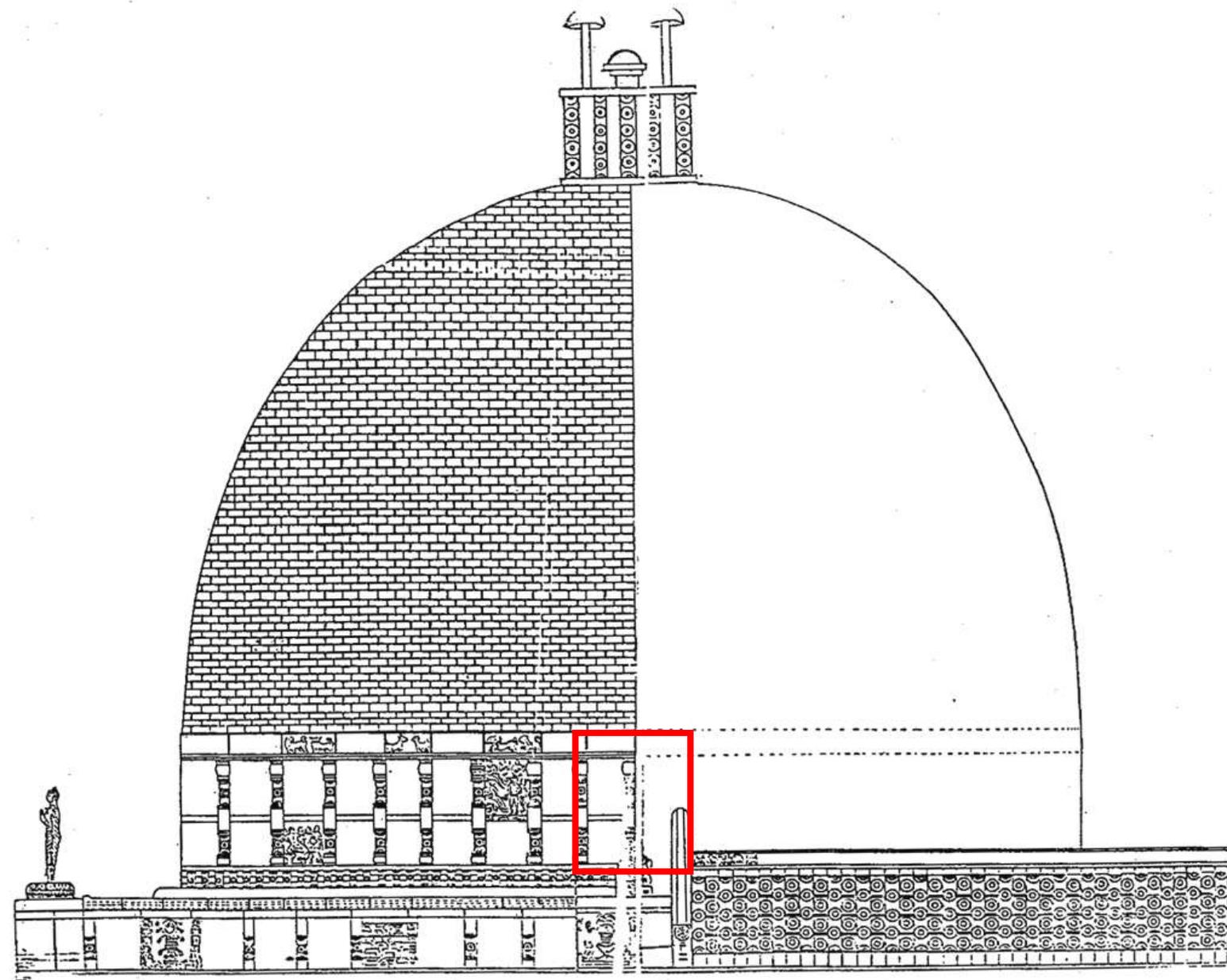


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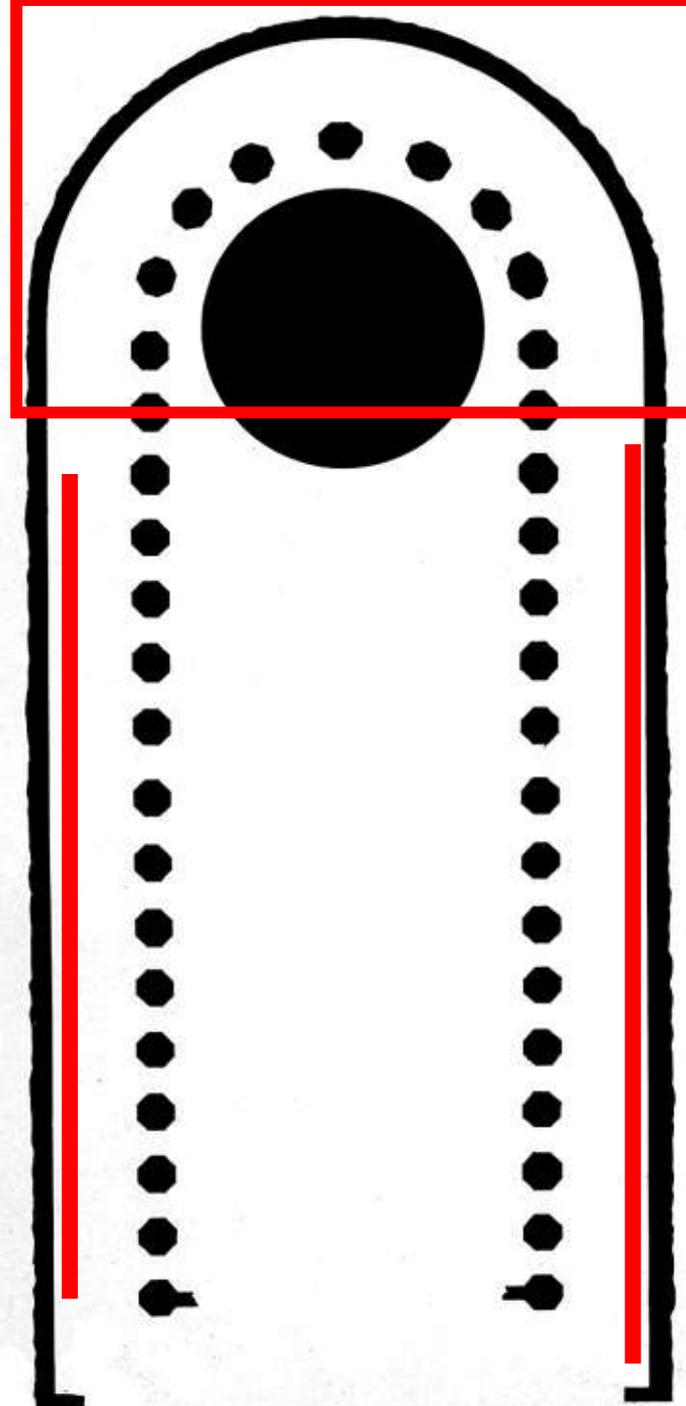


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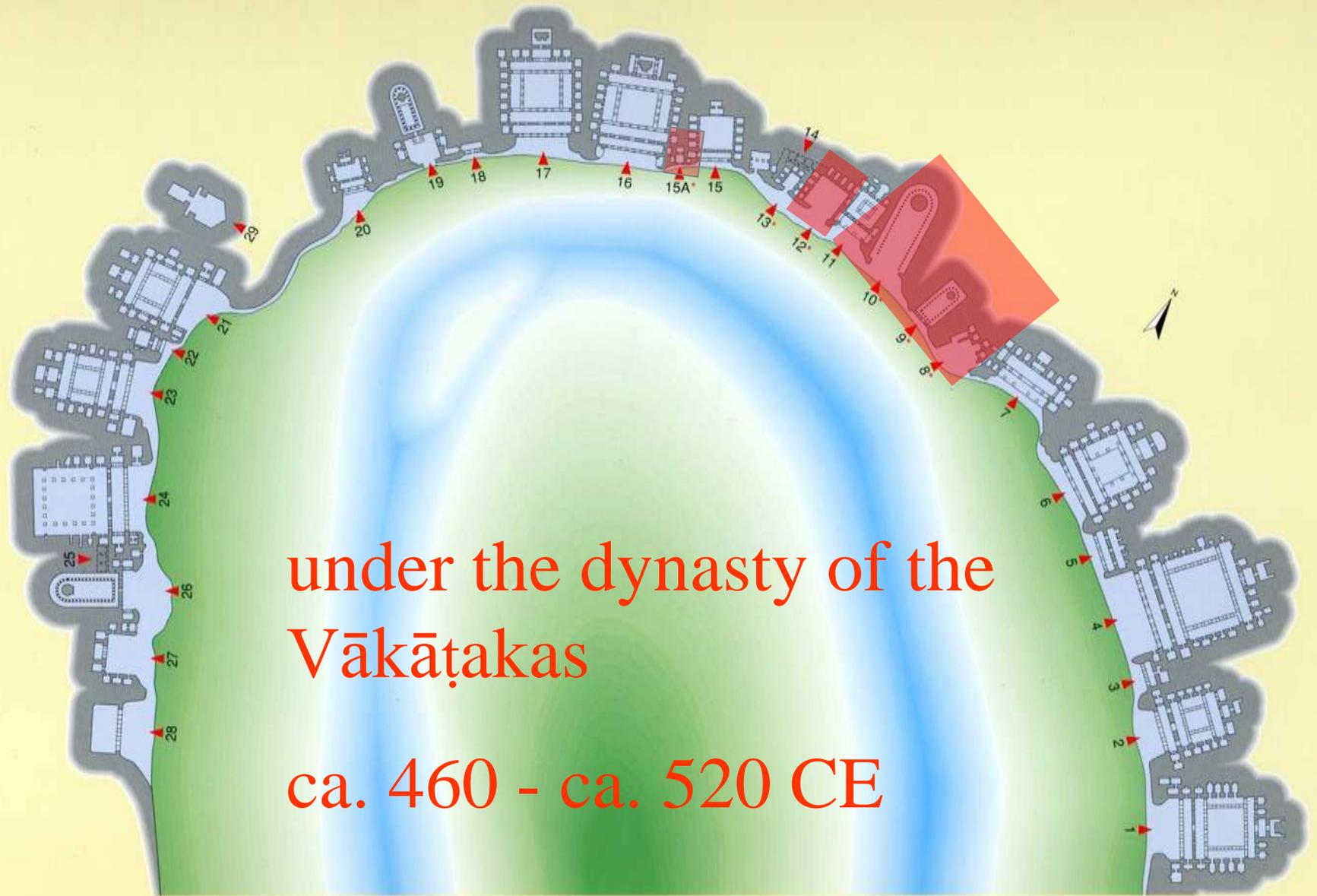
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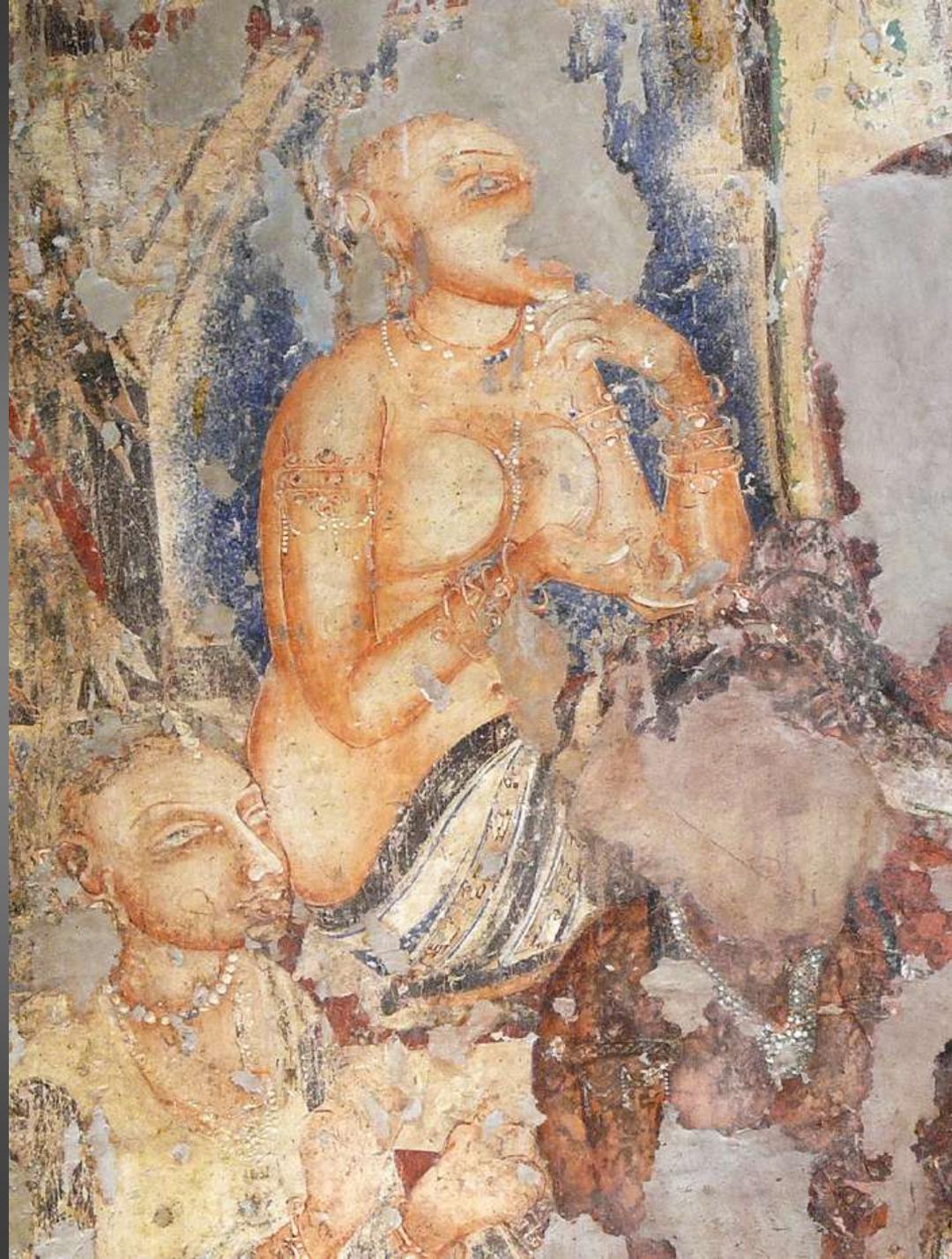
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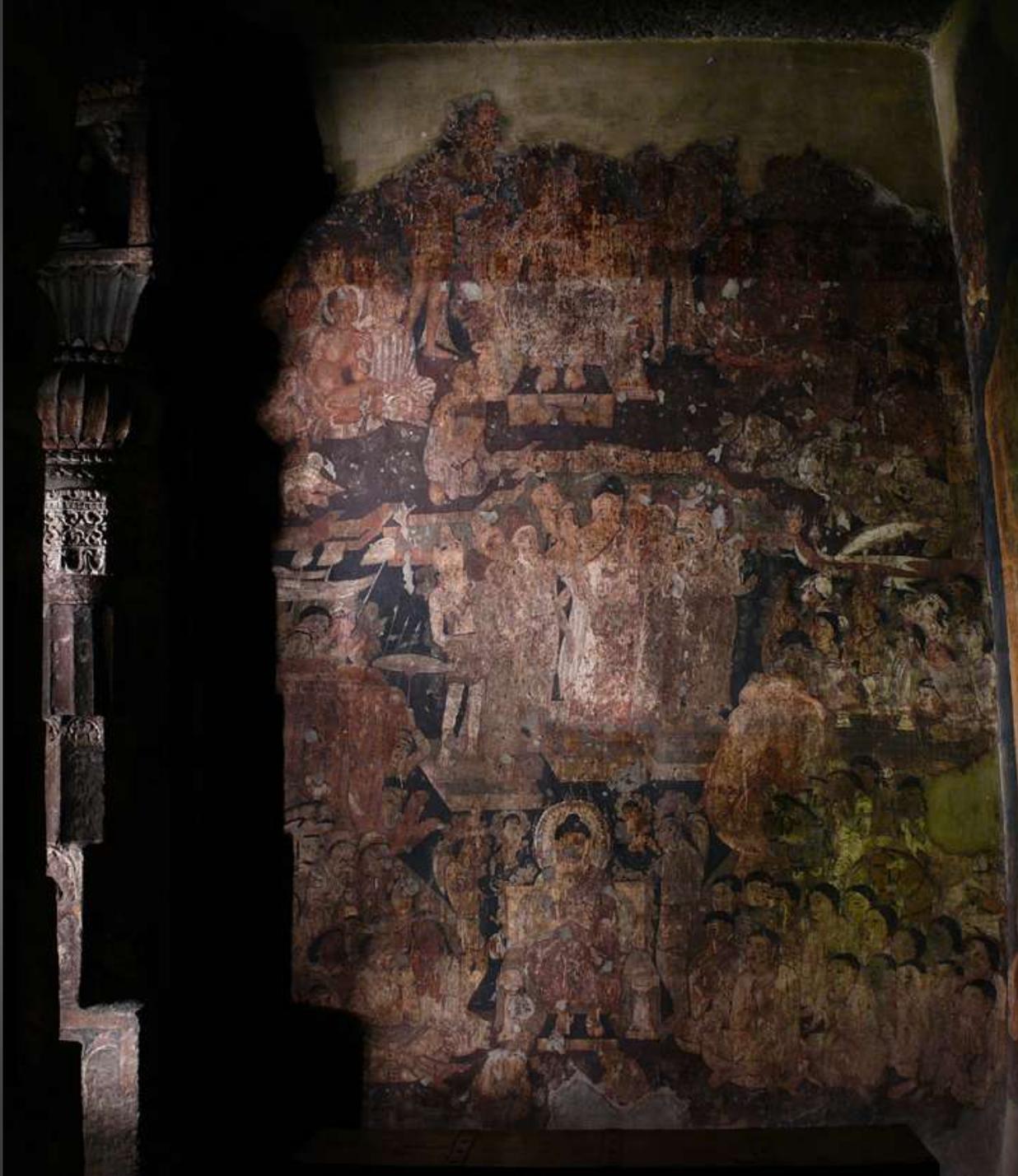


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Ajanta, Cave XXI





Devāvatāra

MSV

Ajanta, Cave XVII,
cf. Schlingloff
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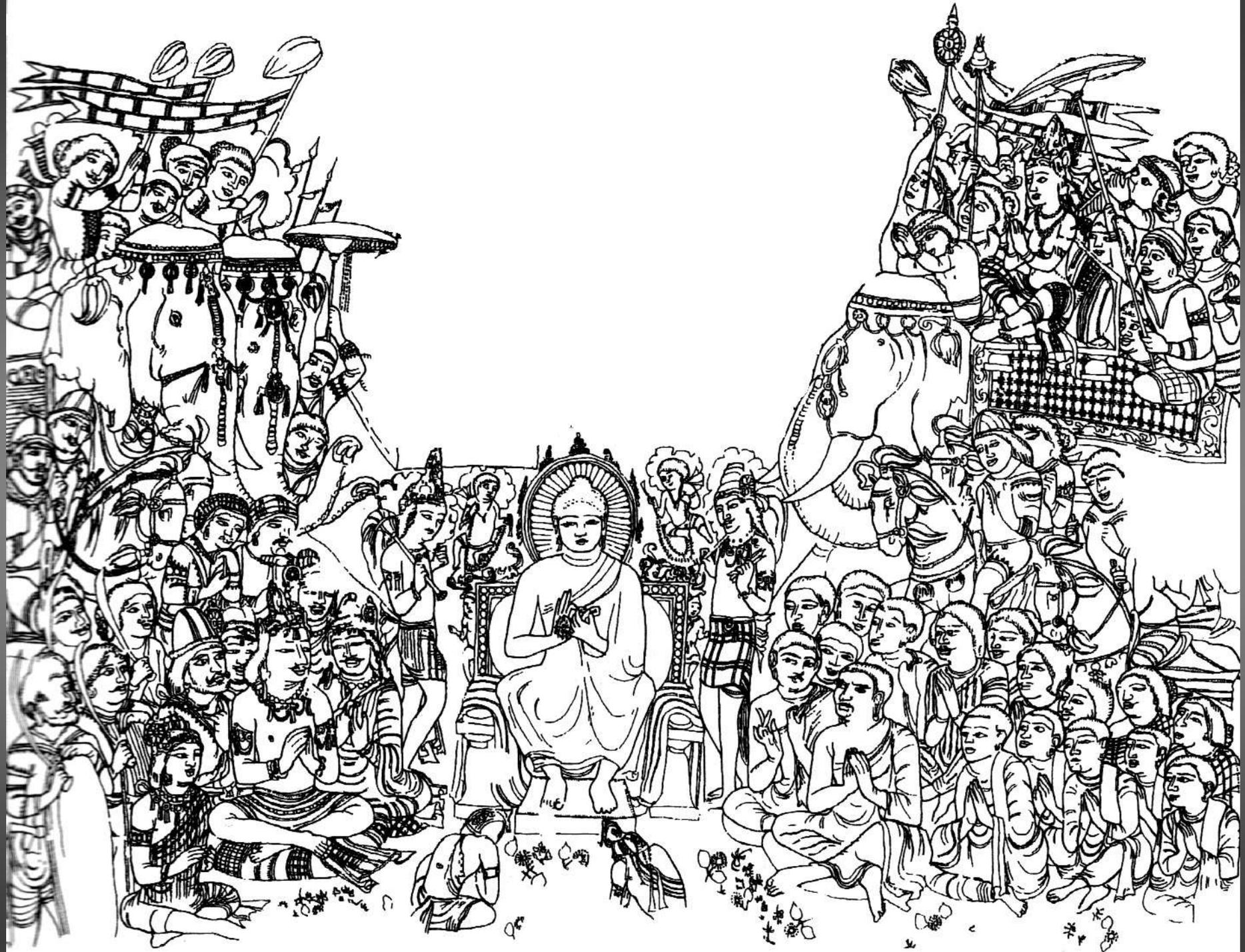


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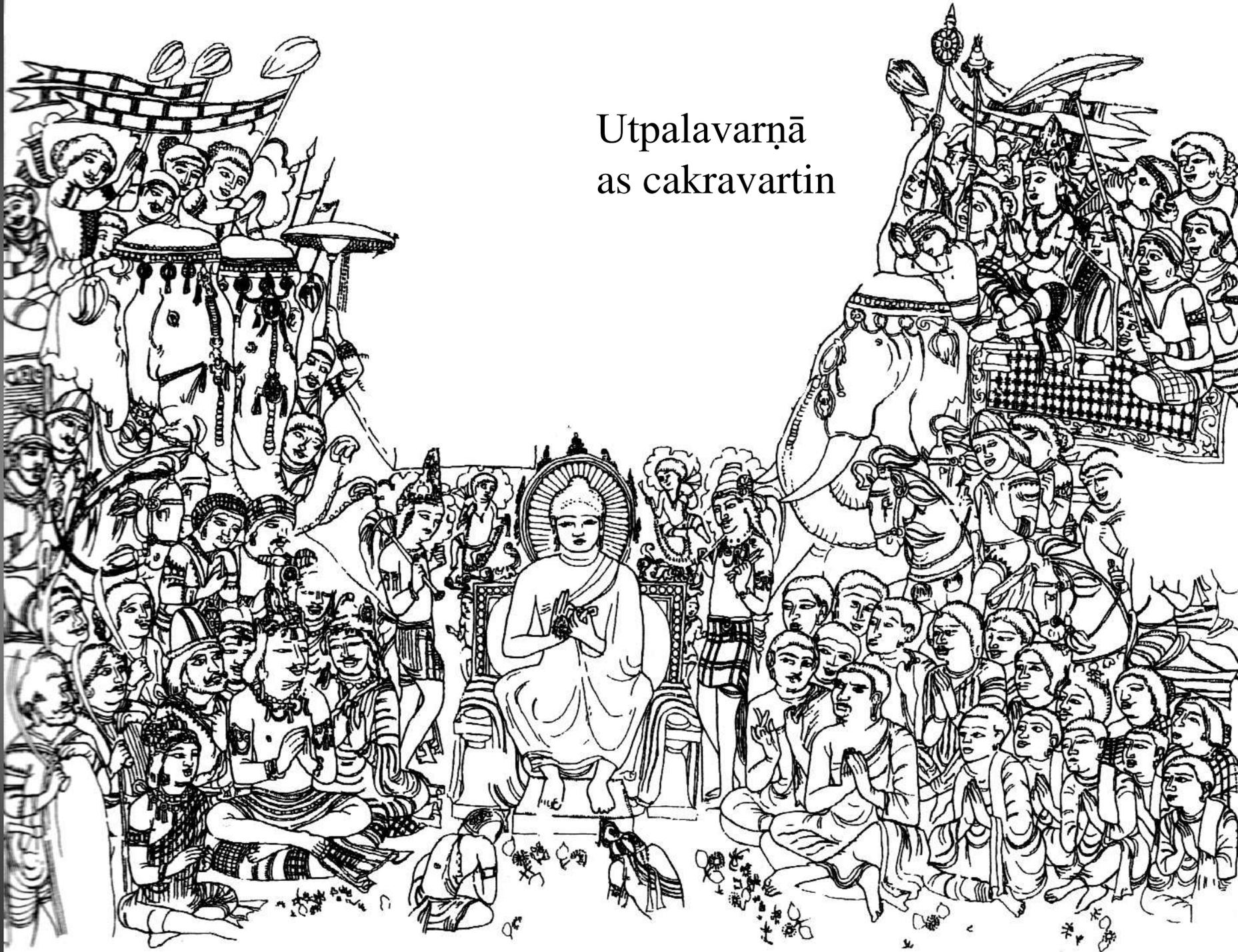








Utpalavarṇā
as cakravartin





Gandhara

Butkara, 1st c. CE

Swat Museum, Saidu
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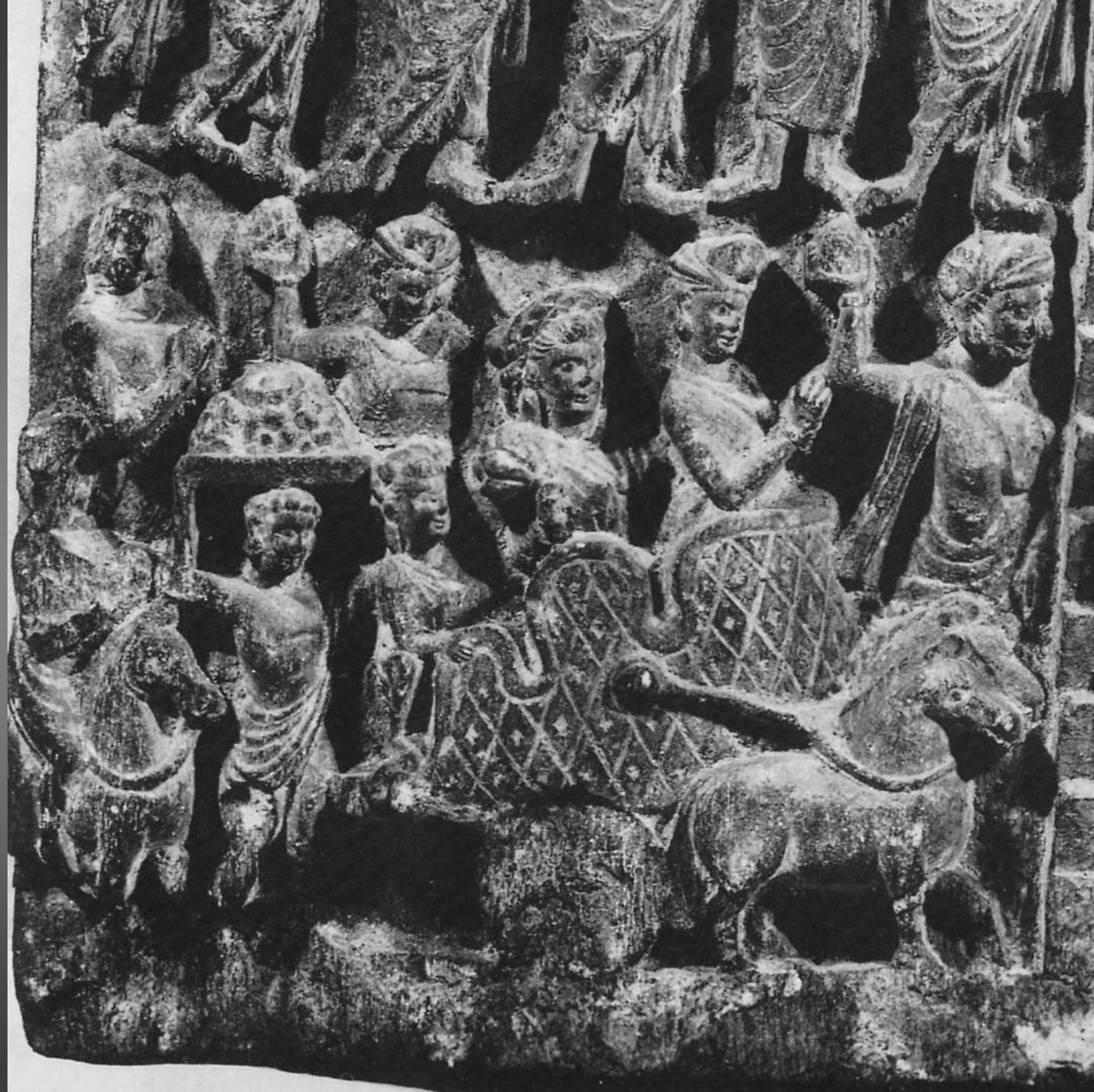




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Gandhara,
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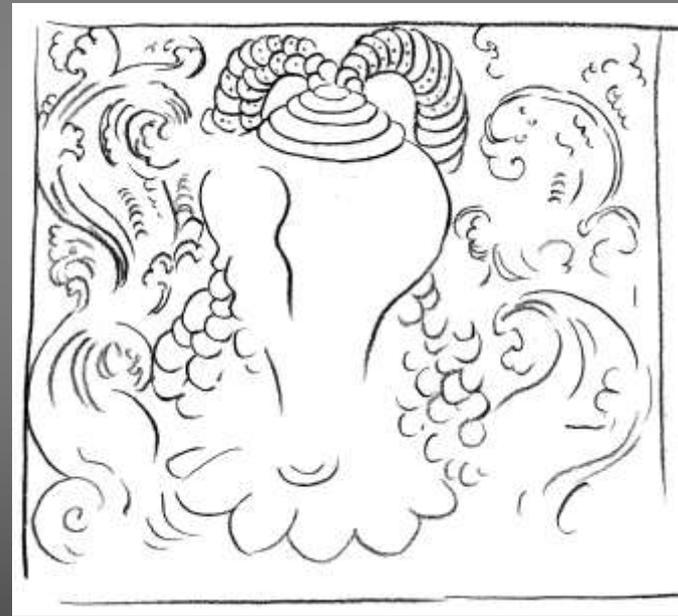
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Coomaraswamy: “Symbol of the Spoken Word”
“sūtra supported by a lotus”



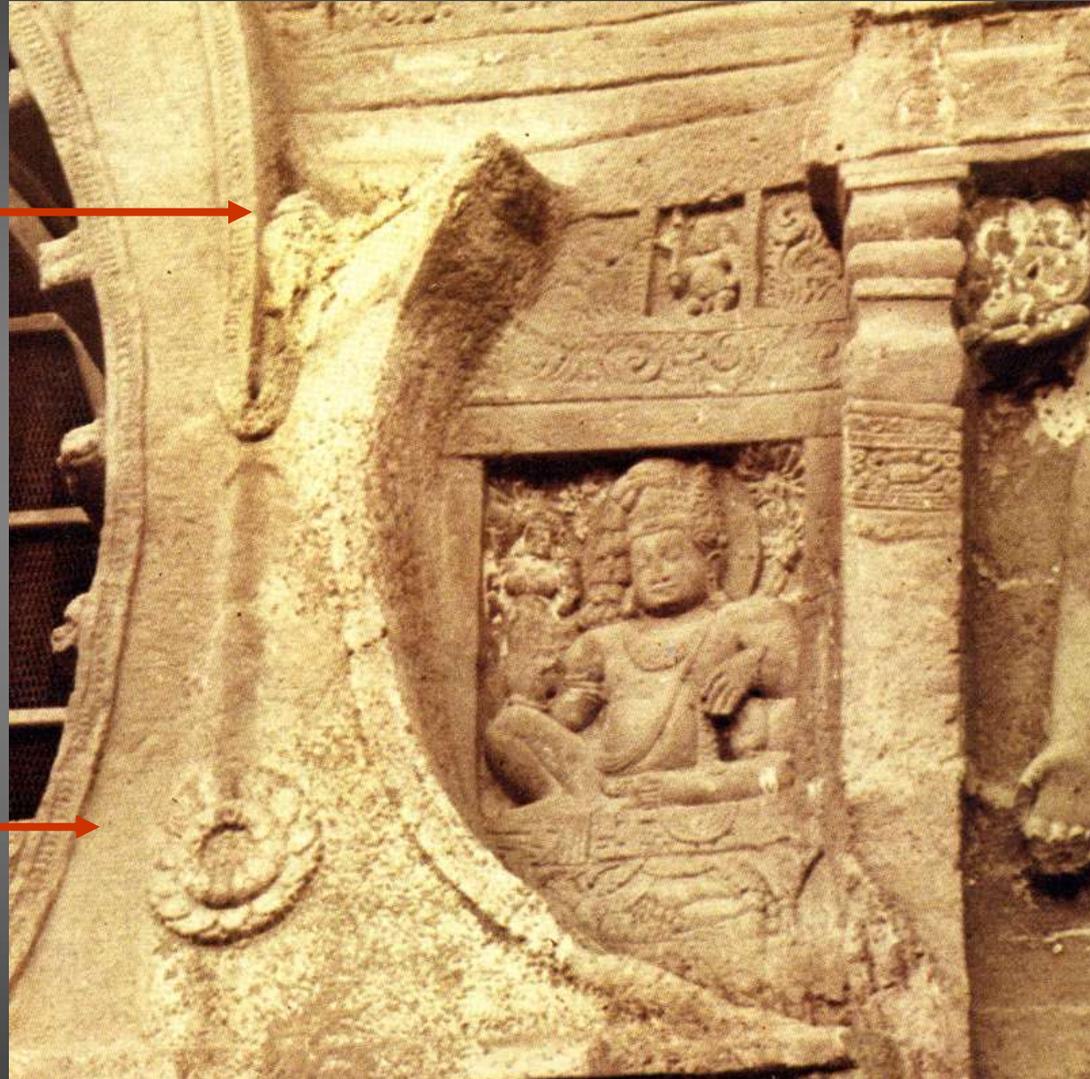
Ajanta, Cave II, ceiling



Ajanta, Cave XVII, pillar at the entrance to the sanctuary,
copy by John Griffith

conch-
treasure
(*śaṅkha-
nidhi*)

lotus-
treasure
(*padma-
nidhi*)



Ajanta, Cave XXVI, façade



Nagarjunakonda, 3rd c. CE, Archaeological Site Museum, Nos. 11 and 12



Sanchi I,
1st c. BCE



Sanchi I,
1st c. BCE



Sanchi I,
1st c. BCE



Sanchi I, 1st c. BCE



Sanchi I,
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Bharhut, 2nd c. BCE, Kolkata, Indian Museum



Cave in Karle
(Maharashtra), 1st
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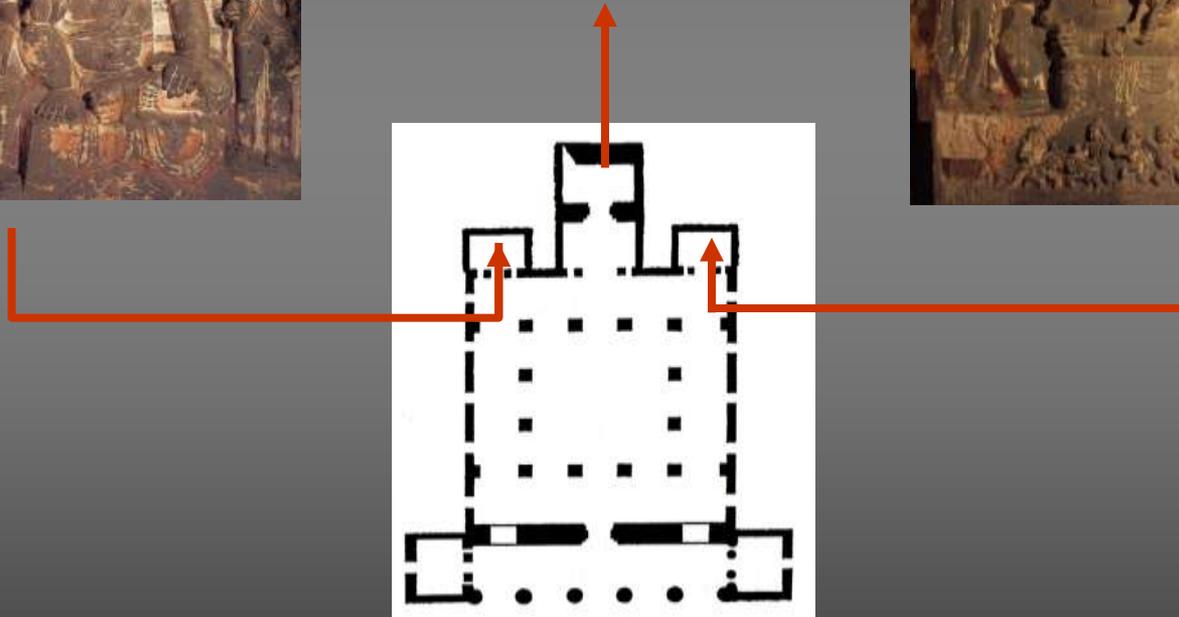
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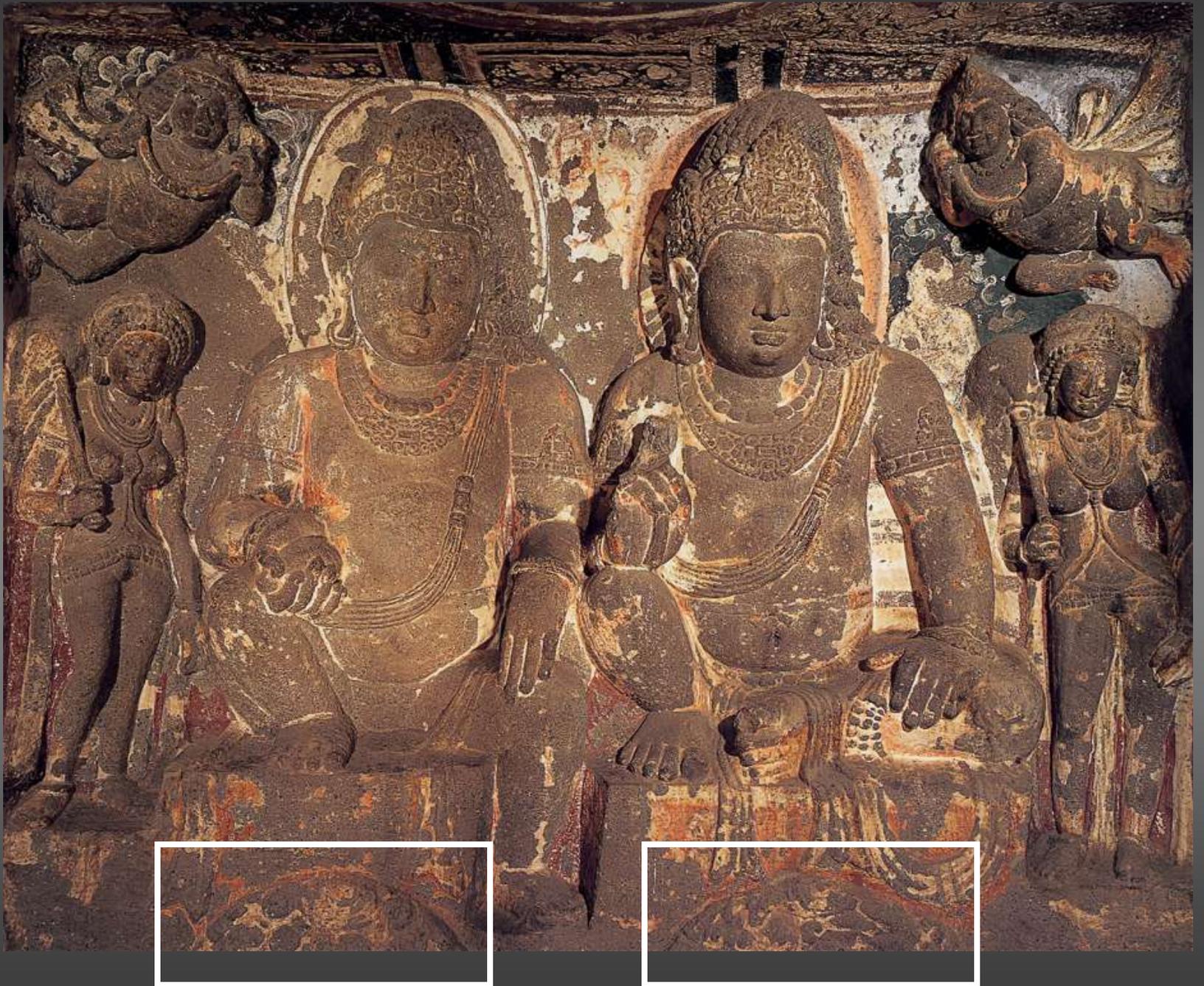
Ajanta, Cave I, 5th c. CE



Ajanta, Cave II



Two Yakṣas, probably Māṇibhadra and Pūrṇabhadra, Ajanta II

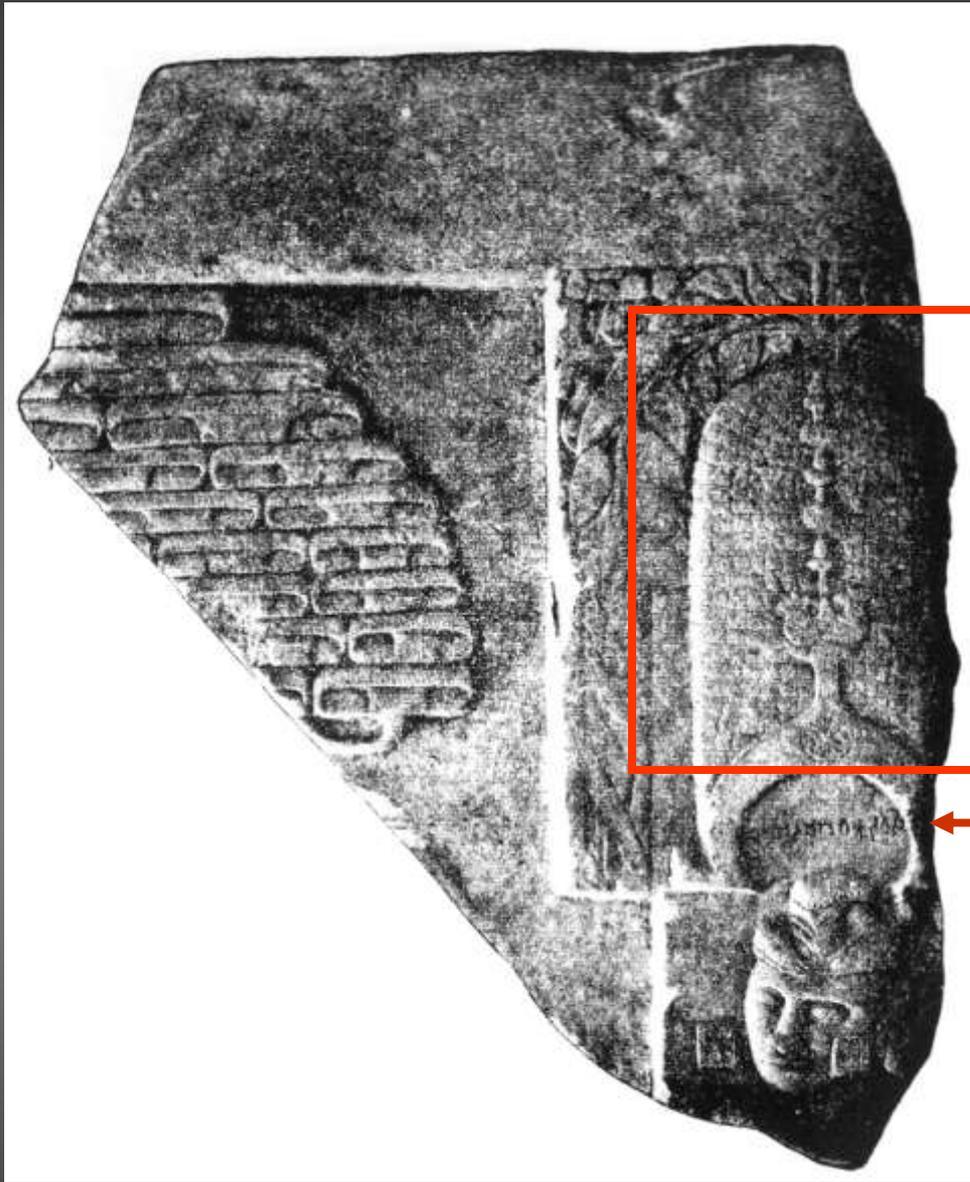




Ajanta, Cave II, Hārītī chapel, right wall, copy John Griffiths



Ajanta, Cave XXVI, façade

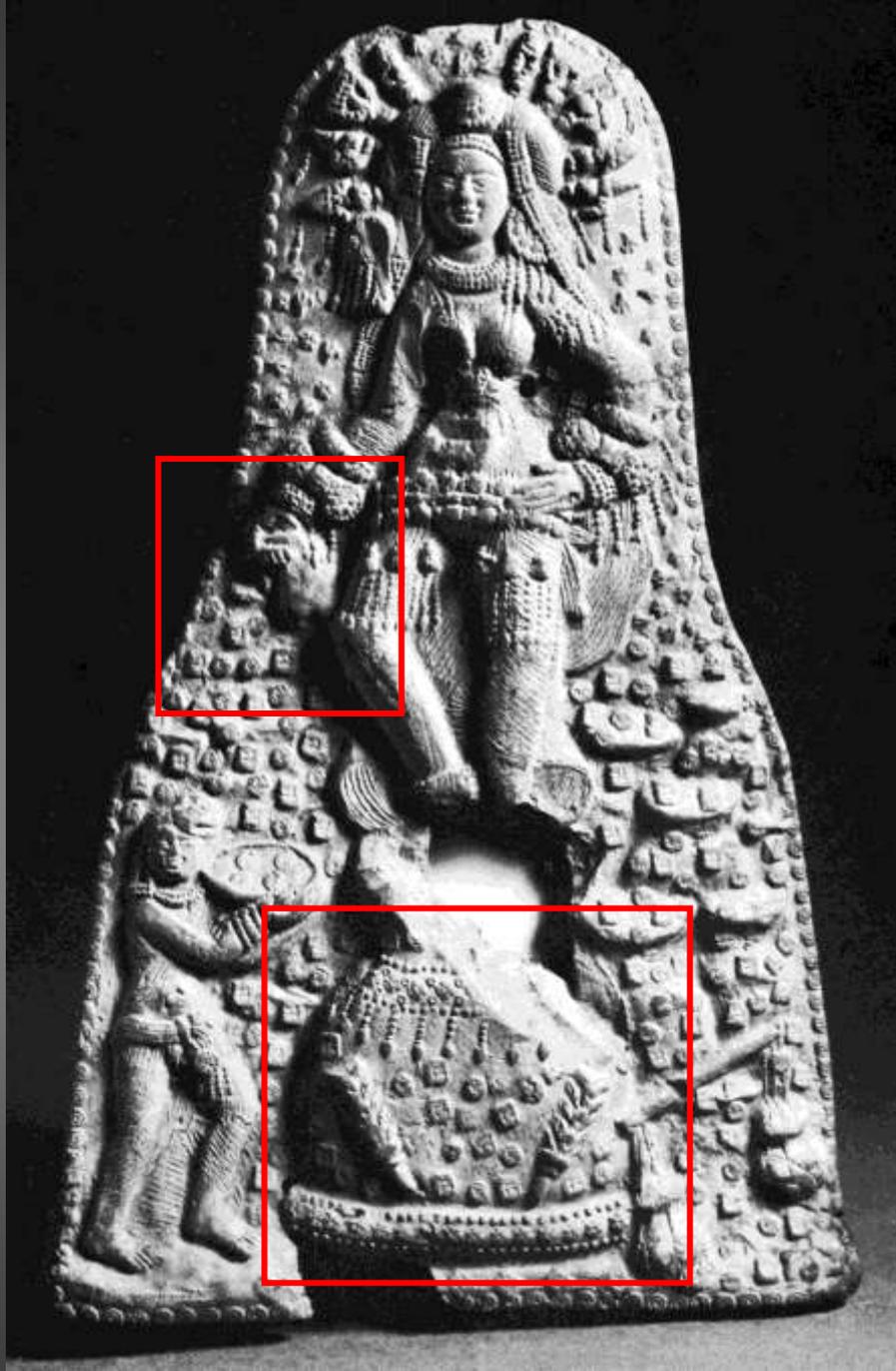


yakho Cadamuho baku[la]nivāsi
Genius „Moon-Face“ lives in the
Bakula (tree?)

Chennai, Government Museum, after Sivaramamurti, 1942, Pl.16.1

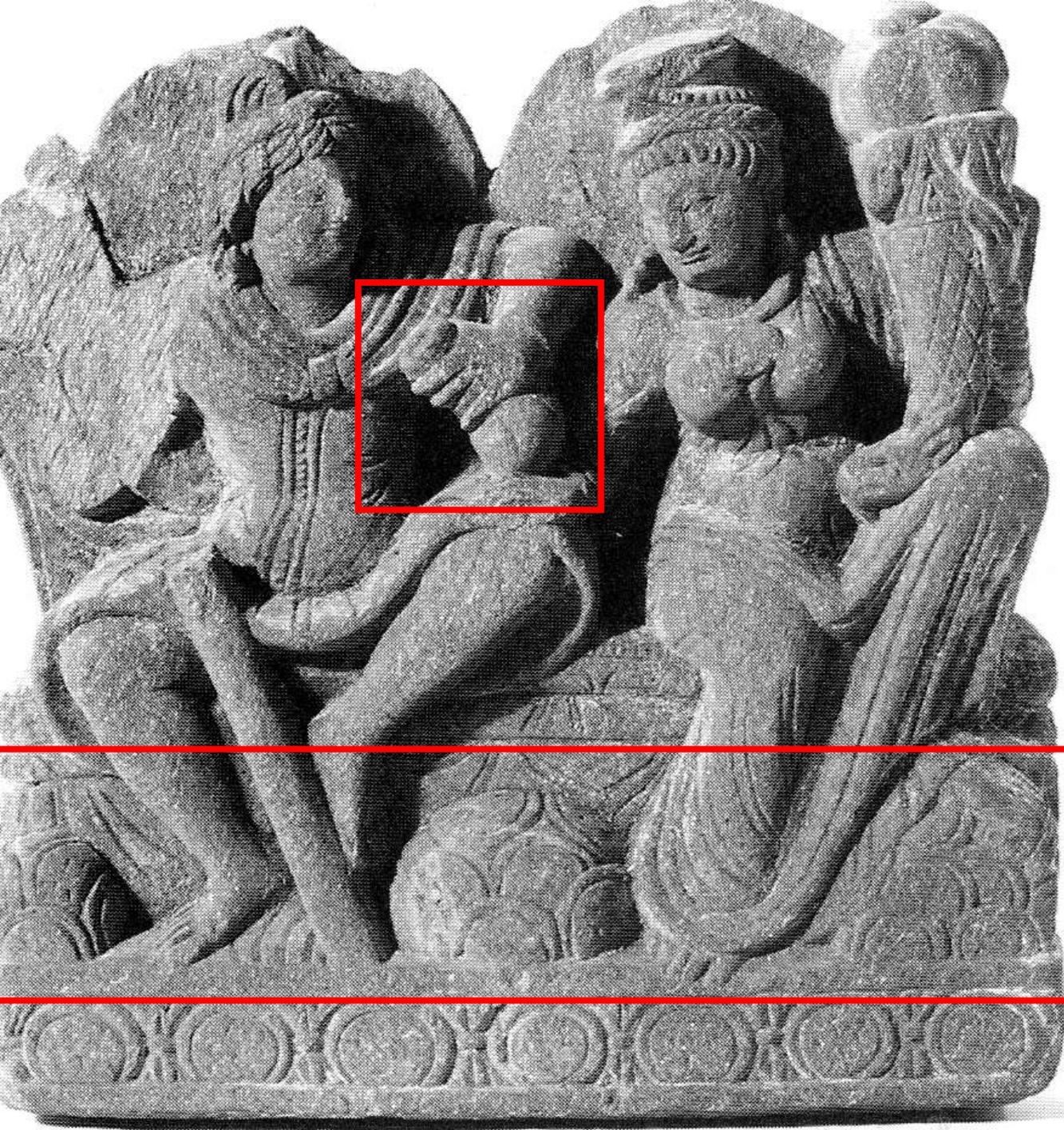


Kubera (?), Mathura, Mathura Archaeological Museum, No. C2, 1st c. CE



Goddess of prosperity

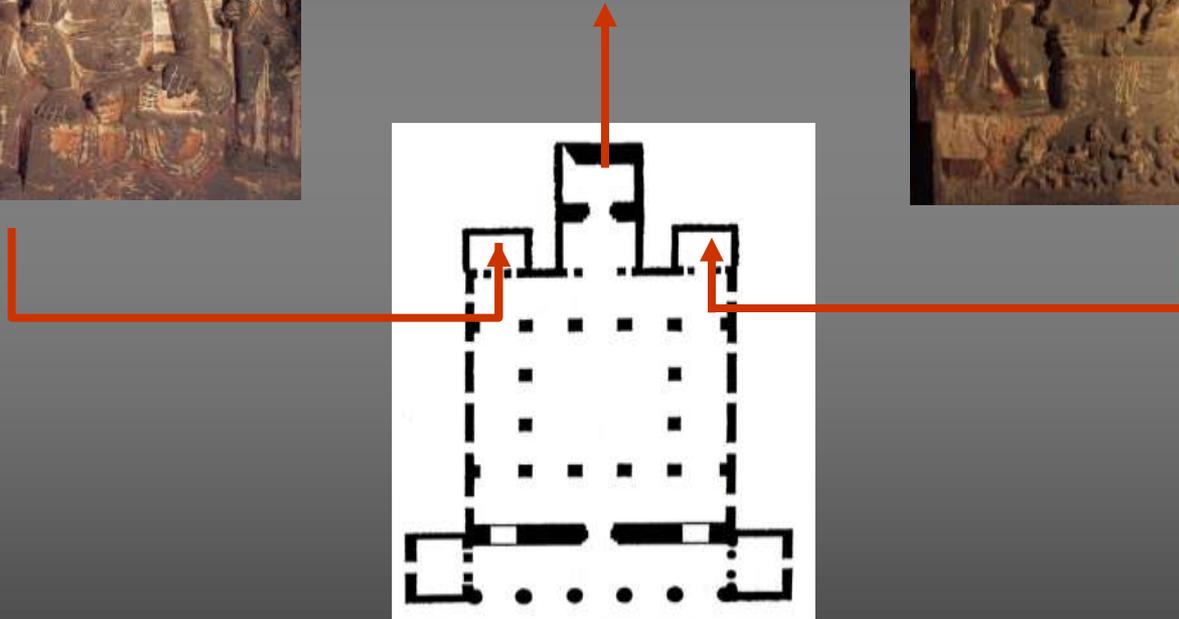
terracotta from Kauśāmbī (?),
private collection, 1st c. BCE, after
Bautze 1995, Pl. 13



Gandhara

Oxford, Ashmolean
Museum,

nach J. Harle / A. Topsfeld,
1987



Ajanta, Cave II



Hārītī and Kubera, Ajanta, Cave II, right side-chapel







Hārītī chapel, side walls, copy John Griffiths



Hārītī and Pāñcika, 2nd c.
Peshawar Museum



Mathura,
Mathura
Government
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Bharhut,
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Indian
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Yakṣiṇī from
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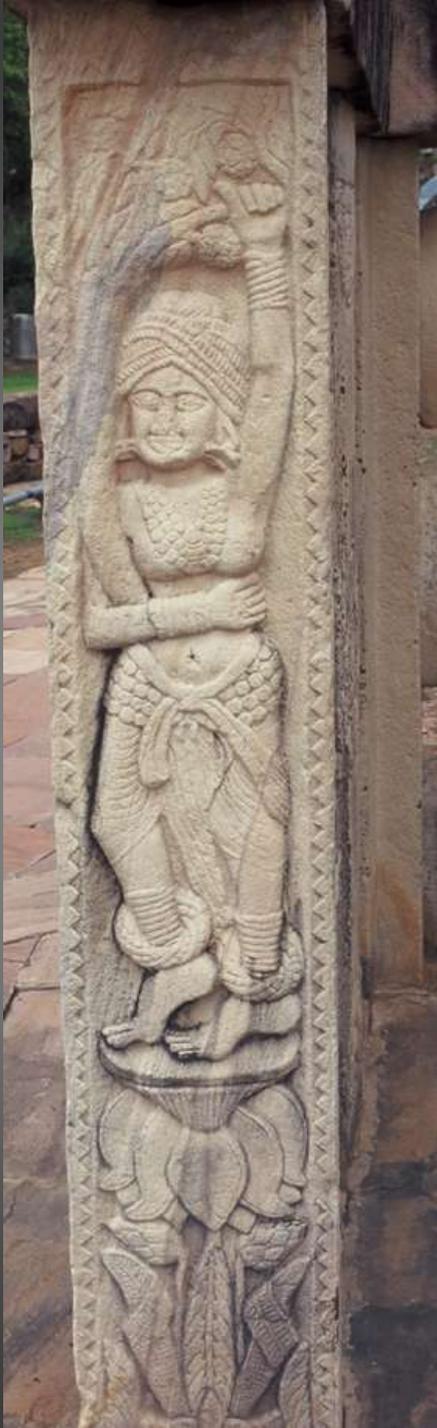


Gaja-Lakṣmī, Sanchi I



Mother and Fertility Goddesses, Indus Culture
6th – 1st millennium BC





Śālabhāṅjikā

Sanchi II, 2nd c. BCE



Sanchi II



Bharhut



Sanchi I



Gandhara



Andhra



Hārītī and Pāñcika, 2nd c. Peshawar Museum



Ardoksho

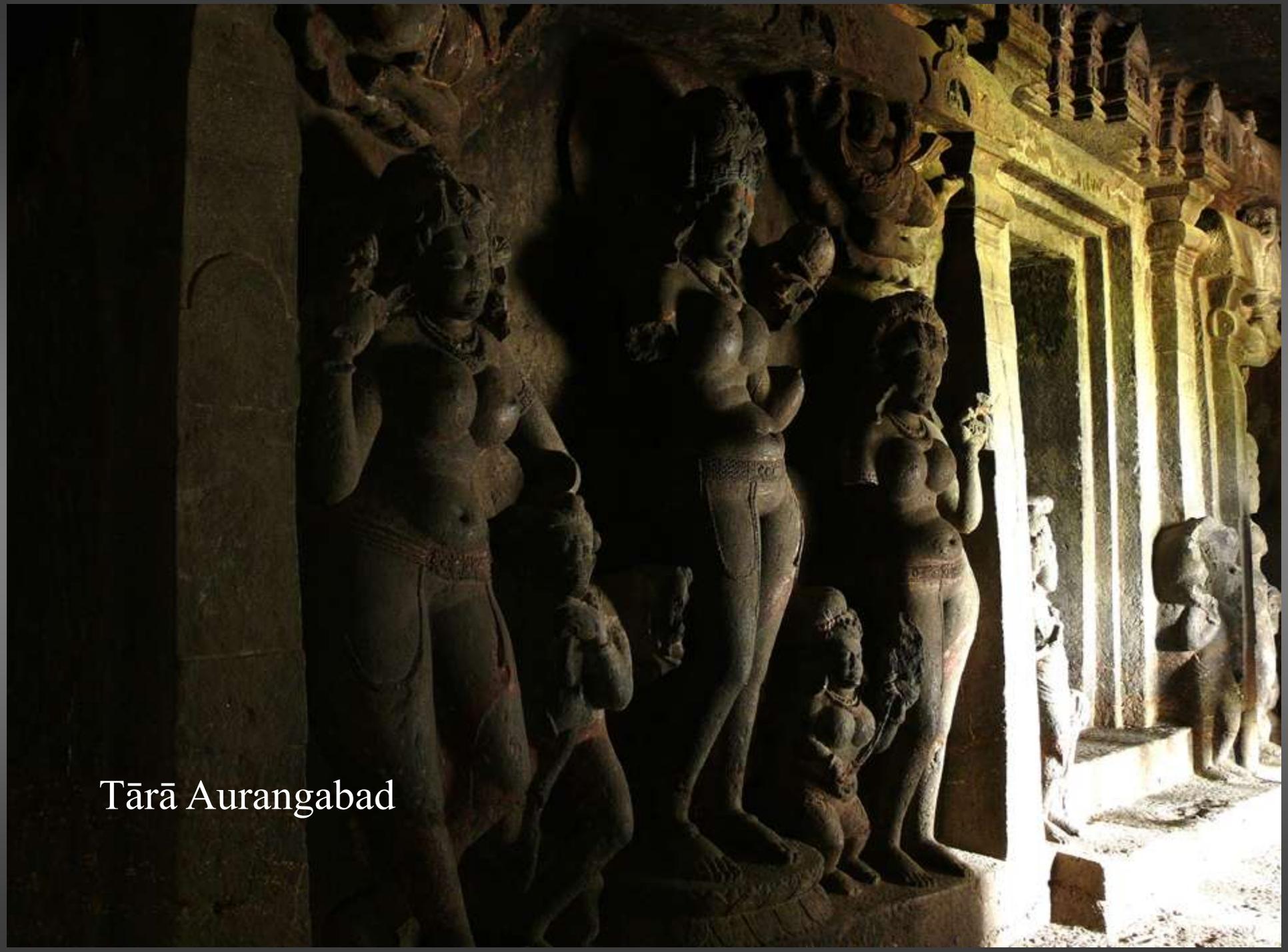


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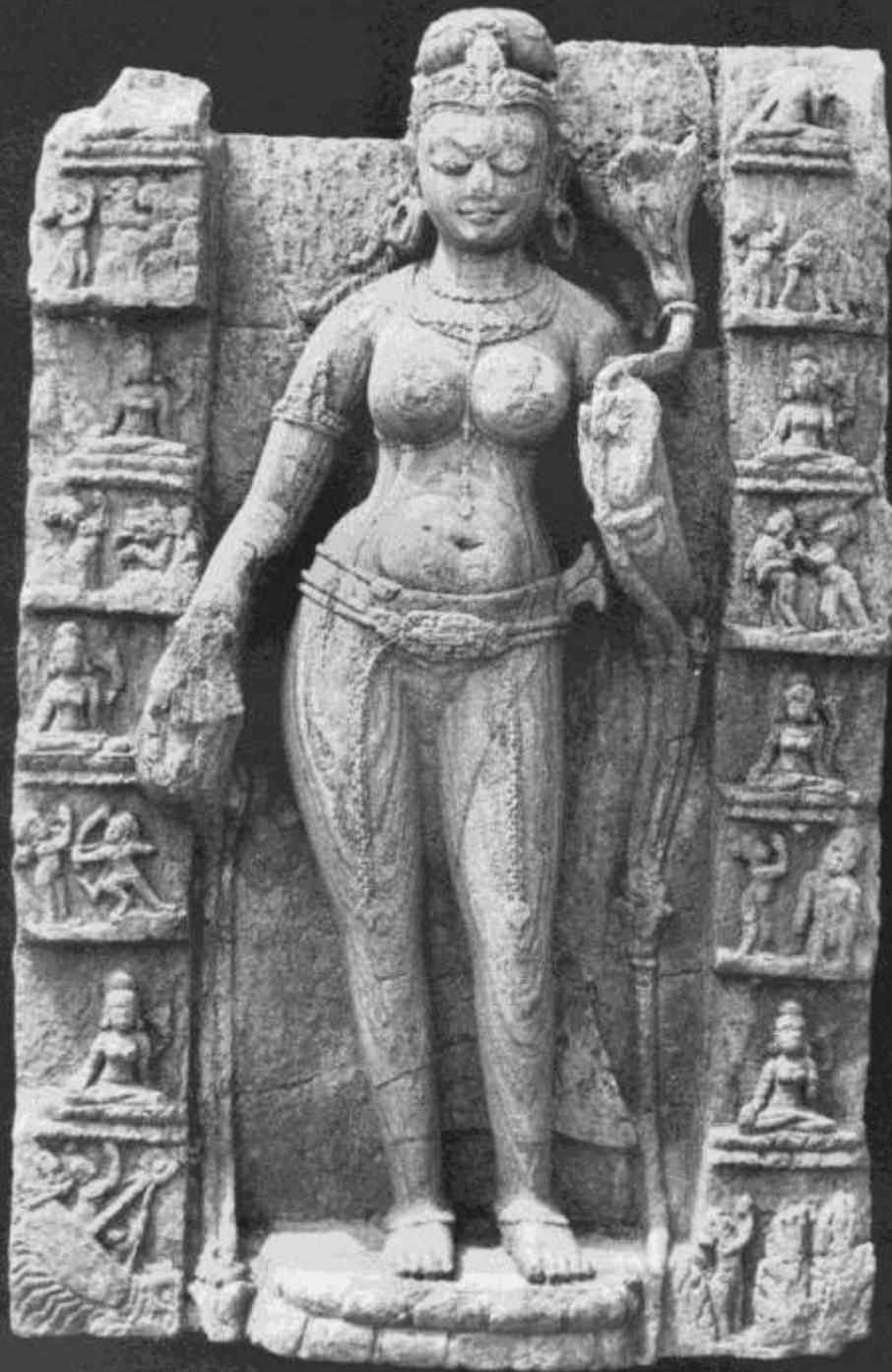
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