

THE DESCRIPTION OF THE WORLD<sup>s</sup> THE PALACE OF TEMUR

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*in those regions*, he made them take it with all the roots and with much earth<sup>1</sup> round VA FB  
it and made them carry it with elephants to plant on that hill. And the tree might TA  
be great as it pleased, but he would have this done with it.<sup>2</sup> And in this way there  
were the most beautiful trees in the world there, and always green. And I tell you that R  
the great lord has had all that hill covered [38a] with azure-stone<sup>3</sup> which is very  
green, so that the trees are all green and the hill all green. So that nothing is seen FB  
except green things and therefore it is called the Green Hill; & truly it has a good FB  
right to its name. And on top of the hill in the middle of the summit is a palace  
very fair and great, and it is all green within and without. And I tell you that this FB FB  
hill and the trees and the palace are so beautiful to see for the verdure all of one kind FB  
that it is a wonder; for all those who see them have delight and joy from them, FB  
and all the people go there. And therefore has the great lord had them made, to have VA  
that fair sight and because it gives him comfort and enjoyment & gladness in his FB  
heart that the chief palace may be adorned with beauty. The great Kaan often goes to this L LT  
mount and takes his pleasure as it pleases him and as he wishes.

HERE HE TELLS OF THE PALACE OF THE SON OF THE KAAH WHO MUST REIGN  
AFTER HIM. And again I tell you that near by this chief palace, of which L VA  
I have spoken above, on the other side of the circuit of the palace facing the palace R  
of the great Kaan, the great lord has had another palace made like his own in every VA  
way so that nothing is lacking. And it is made that his son may have it when he  
shall reign and be lord. And so it is made all in such manner and as large and with  
as many walls as is that of the great Kaan of which I have told you above. The TA  
grandson of the great Kaan, this Temur the son of Cinchim, who was the eldest son of the TA  
great Kaan, whom I have named to you above that he must be lord, lives there; and TA  
know that all those manners and those customs and those deeds which the great VA  
Kaan Cublai his grandfather does, he maintained and did because he is chosen for VA TA  
lord as soon as the great Kaan shall be dead. He has indeed imperial bull of gold P TA  
already and seal of authority, but not so completely as the great lord has as long as  
he lives. And from one palace to the other one passes by a bridge built over that water. Now R  
[38b] I have told you and described about the great palaces of the great Kaan and of V FB  
his son. Now I will tell you of the plan and condition of the city of Taidu, the great R

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<sup>1</sup> comoute rerte Read con moute terre TA<sup>1</sup>: chomolta terra FB: auèques toute la terre V: chon tuto el terer VA: chon tuta la tera suggesting, as often, a very early difficulty.

<sup>2</sup> & fust lalbre grant quant il nousisti quil ne foist ce faire TA<sup>1</sup>: et sia grande quanto vuole cheglj lo fa portare aleofanti FB: et soit larbre tant grant comme il veult. The version seems to be uncertain. <sup>3</sup> de roçe delacur B.<sup>1</sup>: di polvere di lapislazzuli cf. PN (azur).