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SALT AND THE CITIES OF PAUGHIN & CAUYU ~~≠~~MARCO POLO
Z Z for you know as I have told you *above* that it is *situated* on the great river which is
called Caramoran. Moreover I tell you that into this city come goods in the
VB greatest abundance, *because of the good position of the land which marches very well with*
many other countries and because it is the head of the kingdom of that region, for
V many cities have their goods, *both salt and many other things which are made there,*
FB FB brought there *into this city* because it is *on the river, and they are distributed by that*
FB river to many other cities *wherever one wishes*. And again I tell you that salt is made
L FB Z in this city *in very great quantity, and they give of it to quite forty other cities and*
VB *more, enough for their use, and all the countries round about. And for this reason many ships*
VB Z *are employed; whereby the lord great Kaan has a very great revenue and profit from this*
Z city between from the salt and from the duty on the *other* great trades which are
VB done there, *and on the many goods which travel by land*. Now we have told you of this
city; then we will leave it and will tell you of another city which is called Paughin.

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L H ERE HE SPEAKS OF THE CITY OF PAUGHIN. When one leaves *this aforesaid*
FB city of Coigangiu he goes *riding* towards the sirocco one days journey by
TA a causeway which is at the entry of Mangi. And this causeway is made
Z all paved of very fine stones, and beside the causeway both on the one side and on
VB Z the other is water, *namely on one side vast marshes but on the other side marshes and deep*
Z R water through which boats sail, and therefore one cannot come into the province by
L other way except by this causeway, *unless it is entered by sailing as the great Kaan's*
VB captain did, *who dismounted there with all his army; for such is the entry of the province of*
VB Mangi. *So that for one days march many people are found on this road, and at the end of this*
VB FB days march one finds a city which is called Paughin which is a very beautiful city
L VB VA and great. *All the people, they are idolaters and have their dead bodies burnt. And they*
Z are subject to the great Kaan. *And they have their money of the lord's notes which*
V L *are made at the court of the great Kaan. And there are some Nestorian Christian Turks in it,*
V L *who have a church in the said city. And they live by trade for the most part and by crafts.*
Z Z FB V *And silk they have in great [63a] abundance, for cloths enough of silk and of gold*
V and of many other *and beautiful* sorts are made there. *And they have the things of*
V life in great plenty, but there is nothing else which does to mention, and so
V we will leave this *and will go forward* and will talk to you of another city which is
called Cauyu.

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L H ERE HE SPEAKS OF THE CITY OF CAUYU. When one leaves the *aforesaid*
FB city of Paughin one goes *riding* by the sirocco one days journey. Then
FB V VB VB one finds a city which is called Cauyu, which is very great and noble.
VB V *And I tell you that the people of it they are also all idolaters and have money of the*
VB V lord's notes, and are subject to the great Kaan, *and they burn the bodies of their dead. And*