

THE DESCRIPTION OF THE WORLD<sup>s</sup> TIGIU CINGIU & YANGIU

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they live *indeed* by trade and by crafts. And they have very great abundance of all things of life. They have fish also beyond measure. And they have very good chase and hunting of wild beasts and of birds in vast quantities. For I tell you that pheasants are in such numbers there that one would have three very good pheasants there for one coin as much as one Venetian groat of silver, which pheasants are as large as a peacock. Then we will leave this city and will go forward and will tell you of another city which is called Tigiū.

**H**ERE HE TELLS OF THE CITY OF TIGIU. Now you may know that when one leaves the *aforesaid* city of Cauyu he goes riding one small days march, finding always many houses, namely hamlets enough and villages and many ploughed fields and fair farms and woods, and then at the end of the march one finds a city which is called Tigiū which is by no means too large, but it is very fertile and rich in all good things of the earth. And the people of it are idolaters and have money of notes of the great Kaan, and are subject to the great Kaan. And they live also by trade and by crafts, for great profit and great gain is made there from several trades. And *this city*, it is towards [63b] the sirocco. And they have ships enough from the said great river, & they have many animals and fine hunting enough of wild beasts and of birds. And again you may know that on the left side of Tigiū, namely toward sunrising, three days journeys distant from here is found the Ocean sea, and vast quantities of salt are made in every place in these three days journeys from the Ocean sea to *this city* here, for there are very good salt beds. And on that road there is a city which is called Cingiu which is very great and rich and noble; and at this city is made all the salt for all the province to have enough of it for its use. Moreover I tell you quite truly that the lord great Kaan has so great revenue and tribute from it, and it is so marvellous great that one would hardly be able to believe it if he did not see it himself. They are idolaters and have money of notes and are subject to the rule of the great Kaan. And then we will leave this and will return to Tigiū, and again we will leave you Tigiū, of which we have told you well, and will tell of another city which is called Yangiu.

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**H**ERE HE TELLS OF THE CITY OF YANGIU. When one leaves *indeed* the city of Tigiū *aforesaid* he goes riding by the sirocco one days march through very beautiful country where there are cities and villages and hamlets enough, and then finds a fair and noble city and very great, which is called Yangiu. And you may know that it is so great and so powerful a city that it has indeed under its rule twenty-seven cities all great and noble and very good and rich, and of great trade. And in this city one of the twelve barons of the lord great Kaan, governors of the provinces named above, who are in the higher rank of dignities, dwells or has his seat,

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