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MARC POL IS RULER OF YANGIU THREE YEARS ~~✓~~MARCO POLO
V Z for it is chosen for one of the twelve seats¹ of the great Kaan. The people of this city
FB V they are idolaters, and they have their money of notes, and they are subject to the
FB rule of the great Kaan. And I tell you also that the said Master Marc Pol himself, he of
FB whom this book treats, rules this city of Yangiu, dwelling in it by command of the great
FB R Kaan, for three full years continually, in place of one of the said barons.² They live by
VB trade and by crafts; for much arms and battle harness [63c] of knights and of men of
arms is made there in vast quantities. For I tell you quite truly that many men of
FB Z arms whom the lord makes to dwell there stay in this city and around the city and in its
V dependencies. There is no other thing which does to mention, and therefore we will
FB set out from here and will proceed with the story and will tell you of two great provinces
which are in the same Catai.³ They are toward the sunsetting,⁴ and because there
is much to tell we shall tell you of them all their customs and their usages. And
V we shall tell you first of the one city which is called Namghin.

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P H E R E H E T E L L S O F T H E P R O V I N C E O F N A M G H I N . Namghin is a region in
L Z VB a province toward sunsetting; and is none the less on the borders and in the
Z domains of the same Mangi; which is a very noble province and large and
V L V VB rich, the people of which, they are idolaters and also have their money of notes of the
V great Kaan, and are subject to the rule of the great Kaan. They live by trade and by
VB FB Z crafts, and it is a place of great merchandise. They have silk in great abundance. More-
VB V L over they make rich cloth of gold and of silk and of all sorts. And briefly they have
great plenty of all grains and of all things of life, for it is a very fertile province.
Z V They have different hunting and chase enough. And they have their dead bodies
V L Z FB burnt. And they have also excellent lions enough dwelling in that country. And there are
FB Z many great & rich merchants, from whom the great lord has great tribute and great
FB revenue from it, from the duty on the goods which they buy and sell. Now we will depart
from here, for there is nothing else which does to mention, and then we will tell
you of the very noble city of Saianfu which does well to tell in our book, because
FB it is too great a deed to tell of its affair. [63d]

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L H E R E H E S P E A K S O F T H E C I T Y O F S A I A N F U . Saianfu is a very great city and
VA noble which indeed has under her rule twelve good cities both great and
L R L FB rich, and it is also in the province of Mangi toward sunsetting. And moreover

¹ saies FB: sieges V: sedie Z: sedibus

² The mention of Marco Polo is omitted from this chapter by V,VB,L,Z. It is inserted very briefly by TA,LT, and put in the first person by VA,P,VL. P: habui officium prefecture

³ catai V: chataio FA,FB,TA¹,LT: mangi as seems to be required. TA¹,VB,VA,P,L, Z,R omit.

⁴ TA¹: leuante