

CIANSCIAN IS SET UPON A HILL IN A RIVER \neq MARCO POLO
 Quinsai. They have silk enough. They live by trade and by crafts. They have
 Z great abundance of all things for life. And again there is nothing *else* which does
 to mention, and so we will leave and will go forward. And when one sets out from
 the city of Ghiugiu one goes four days journeys toward the sirocco and always
 Z Z finding many cities and villages and hamlets enough, and *in them are found* of all things
 V for life in great abundance; where they are all idolaters and subject to *the rule of*
 Z Z the great Kaan. They have money of notes, and again they are contained in the domain of
 Z *the kingdom of Quinsai*. They live by trade and by crafts. They have hunting and
 Z chase enough both of *different* beasts and of birds. There are lions¹ enough both
 VL very large and fierce; *the which lions are killed in this manner. Whoever would kill the lion,*
putting off his shoes goes dressed in canvas, with a ball of pitch on the shoulders and with a
knife pointed and sharp in hand; and in this way he goes where the lion dwells. When the
lion sees the man, he comes to him, and the man throws him that ball of pitch. And the lion
takes it in the mouth, thinking he has seized the man. And then the man strikes the lion with
the knife; and when the lion feels himself wounded he runs away, and when the cold enters
into the wound he falls dead. And in this manner they kill many of those lions. And this city
 Z *is in the province of Mangi*. They have no sheep nor ewes throughout all *the province of*
 Z Mangi, but they have oxen, buffalo, and [69c] cows and he-goats and she-goats and
 FB Z swine enough *also*. And there is nothing else which does to mention *here*, and so we
 will depart from here and will go forward and will tell you of another thing. And
 FB when one sets out from Ghiugiu and has ridden these four days journeys then one
 Z finds the city of Cianscian which is very large and beautiful, and is set on a hill,
 Z FA P R *above a certain river which goes into the Ocean sea, which hill is like an island in the middle*
 R Z *of a river because it parts the river into two branches, for one half of the river passes on one*
 R *side of the city and another passes on the other side and then they run in opposite directions*
 R *the one from the other, so that the one half goes upwards towards the plough-beam and*
 VA R *the other half downwards towards the sea, that is towards the sirocco*. It is also in the
 Z domain of *the city of Quinsai*, and they are subject to the great Kaan and are idolaters
 FB Z and live by trade and by crafts and have money of notes. But there is nothing *else in it*
 which does to mention; therefore we will set out from here and will go forward.
 FB For you may know quite for truth that when one leaves Cianscian he goes riding three
 Z Z days through very beautiful and delectable country where there are found cities and
 V villages and hamlets enough, where there are dwelling merchants and craftsmen
 Z V enough. And they are idolaters and subject to *the rule of the great Kaan*, and again
 Z V are in the domain of *the city of Quinsai*. And they have of the things of life in great

¹ V: lionfantie omitting "fierce". VA: moltoni