

THE DESCRIPTION OF THE WORLD^s SEMENAT & KESMACORAN

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our book because it would be too long a matter to mention. And the merchants come there with many ships with their wares, but more *than anything else* they bring ^Z there gold and silver and brass *and tutty*. They carry there things of their lands ^Z and they carry away *with them* of those *goods* of this kingdom, that is of those *from* ^{Z Z Z} which they expect to make greater profit and greater gain. And you may know that *they make great profit for* there are no corsairs in this kingdom, but I tell you that ^V *they are quiet people and good merchants and they all* live by trade and by crafts and are ^{VB V} good people. There is nothing else which does to mention, and so we will depart from it and will tell you *farther* forward of the others, that is of the kingdom of ^Z Semenat.

HERE HE TELLS OF THE REALM OF SEMENAT. Semenat is a great kingdom ^V toward sunsetting, *the people of which* they are idolaters and have a king ^{VB V} and *have a language* for themselves and pay tribute to none. *And there* ^R are no corsairs but they live by *their* trade and by crafts so as good people ought ^{FB} to do. For you may know quite truly that it is a kingdom where *very great trade* ^{FB} is done, and the merchants come there from many parts with many wares both from one hand and from another and sell them in this kingdom and carry away *with them afterwards* of those of the kingdom. And again I tell you *that it was said* ^{Z R} to me [90b] that they *who serve their idols and temples* are very cruel and proud *treacherous* ^{VB Z} idolaters, *the most cruel and treacherous that the world contains.*¹ There is no other thing ^R which does to mention and therefore we will depart from it and will tell you *farther* forward of another kingdom which is called Kesmacoran. ^Z

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HERE HE TELLS OF THE KINGDOM OF KESMACORAN. Kesmacoran is a ^{FB} *very great* kingdom which has a king and language for themselves. *And* ^{VB TA} *again* they are idolaters, *some of the people, but the greater part are Saracens;* ^Z and live by trade and by crafts. They have rice *and corn* enough, for you may know ^{TA Z} that they eat rice *and* flesh and milk. *And* merchants come *there*² in great quantity ^{L V Z} both by sea and by land with many wares and *afterwards* carry away again of those ^Z of this kingdom. There is nothing else which does to mention *in this kingdom*. And ^V I tell you that *in* this kingdom is the last province of *all greater* Indie going between ^{FB L} sunsetting and the plough-beam. For you may know that *departing* from Maabar ^Z up to this province, that is all the *other* kingdoms and provinces of which I have ^Z told you from Maabar to here, belongs to the greatest Indie and *is* the best that is ^V in the world. Moreover you may know quite truly that we have told you of this

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¹ VB (more plausibly): "And there are in this province those who serve their idols and temples, the most austere men in the world."

² *h* (cancelled) But *hi* seems to be required. Z: *illuc* L: *Ad hunc locum*