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The Potola from La Khang  
Lhasa

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Jewel of Tibet - is the Potaha, winter Palace of the Dalai Lama, Crested with Gold, it crowns a ridge overlooking the forbidden city of Lhasa. After crossing the bleak mountain passes of Central Asia, this magical sight awes the rare traveller permitted to enter Tibet. The last Dalai Lama who died in 1933 is buried in a Tomb at the top of the Potaha. The water in the foreground is a brackish swamp. The willows were planted in clumps throughout the valley as there are no trees in high Tibet. Below are some of the shrines of Lhasa covered with gold leaf, with the Potaha as its background.

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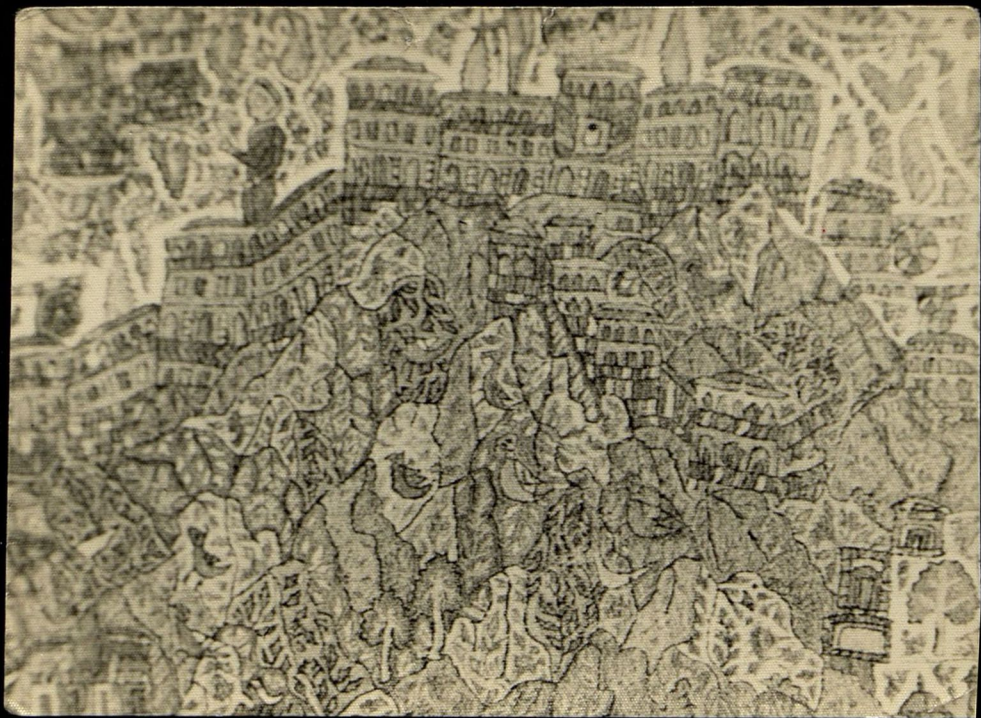


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