

IDEAS

CONCEPTS

Chinese names for Gobi: *Sha-mo* = sand desert; *Han-hai* = dry sea

"tsai chien" - we shall meet again
mountain in a lake, whirlwind raised it.

CH2 Fengshui Wind & water that cannot be seen or grasped. The geometric system of the Chinese

CH2 Bridge of Pain, K'u-ch'u-ch'iao
Gate of Demons, Kuei-men-kuan
hugh mirror, mirror of the wicked, Nieh-ching-t'ai, reveals

Land of Extreme Felicity of the West

LAST

LAST Broth of Oblivion, Mi-hun-t'ang
Kaochang - any meeting place. Use for dragon gatherings?

Triple Halo -- evil portent

Dragons have magic blood

Spirit of Madness that effects camels

Tu-suan - to complete, calculate, think out, arrange ahead, organize, consider carefully. Used in **CH2** by Rue to criticize Mei & cats. Considered admirable by Chinese.

Seven sleepers & one dog that snuck in

Gobi = Wall of Spears **CH2**

chorten is a sacred pyramid

effigy of the spirit of a suicide monastic

LOVE

See p. 67-8

SUPERNATURAL BEINGS (also see characters)

Azghun Demons

Kwei Demons in the form of black eagles

NATURAL ACTIVITIES

Beauty, growth: p. 70

whirlwinds, wind devils

Special sand, only in one place. Too heavy for wind to blow. Used to polish jade. Glitter sand, see p. 101

Terrible landscape see p. 133

Threatening, foreboding landscape, p. 134 -- Triple Halo -- evil portent earthquakes

Rosary of Dancing/Heavenly Lights, magnetic lights on horizon at night, disappears quickly, but puts static electricity on fur and wool.

cruel, high winds "Breath of Fury"

Lui-ing: earthquake, means thunder roll of the dunes, sand vibrates

Air so clear great distances seem small --

CH2

Glitter sand produces mirages

Ever-flowing stream

Living Water

GEOGRAPHY

MOUNTAINS: Pamirs on the W, Great Khingan on E, Sayon & ablonoi on N, Nan-shan on S.

Flaming Cliffs -- brick red, a labyrinth, arches, turrets, spires.

Gobi is 3600 miles in area

Rivers don't outlet

Gobi doesn't border on sea

Soil dry enough that buried grain lasts for years

low grottos, pool, bubbles

PLACES

Fortress of Kiayikwan, Barrier of the
was known as Kweimenkwan, Gate of Demons. Desolate,

details
Ravine of Baboons **CH2** Rue as hero?
PP. 67-8.

duces irrigation.
Barkul Range **CH2** known in Turkish as
endlessness of the eternally marching dunes.
City of Barkul is surrounded by a wall in

with dust (talc) that air becomes a shroud of desolation
burns, vesant, stone's life. so brutal
Turkic engage
deepest dry depression in the

chosen to be a pyramid
salt marshes
salt lakes: very still, immobile, deathly
too well

areas of salty, spongy efflorescent clay
Desert of Lobgousy, frigid and dry
Nan-hu Oasis - sheltered by sandstone

Barrier of the Sun

Tarin Basin

Lake of the Crescent Moon

Chiao-ho - plateau between two water-cut
sorghum, cereal & grain, fennel, asparagus

One Cup Spring
Bitter Wood Halt

Iris Well

Eyelash Oasis

Gate of Sand **CH2** Rue was once

Pigeon Rock

Inexhaustible Spring Halt - sweet water

Rue was once guardian

Mud Pit Hollow **CH2** Rue was once

Subash means head of the waters

Great Wu-tai-shan, holy mountain of

Kuruk Tagh, the Dry Mountains

Hills of Fire

Bogdo-ola (Mount of God) 22000'

PLOT

Dragons hunt whales; cats disapprove
Sick with longing

He plants flowers at oasis she never sees.

Spirits thread their ways among the

Melancholy: see poem p. 86.

Mei-chou to Ao Rue - teaches you to get

Ao Rue is vulnerable, too loyal, cannot

Be sure to have Mei leave jerboas, which

End of All stories

Ao Rue dreamer, barren, sterile, loved

Cats say dragons will disappear & never

if someone believes; no belief no magic.

Bright Eyes

SHE could have, should have

HERBS & PLANTS

populars, reeds, tamarisks, liquoice root,
sorghum, cereal & grain, fennel, asparagus (dragon's beard), rhubarb, ginger, linseed

One Cup Spring, peas, grapes, peanuts, currants, poppy/opium, liquorice, saffron,
Bitter Wood Halt, mugwort (burned to keep away fleas). PP. 67, 70.

FOOD (also see above)

mulberries, figs, pears, janista coral
colored fruit with sprays of flowers that
tastes like cherries **CH2**

FLOWERS

Fields of shiny yellow celandine

Blankets of dwarf blue iris

Beauty, growth: p. 70

CHARACTER TYPES

Bash - Turkish word for head of a caravan

Tîbib - Turkish for doctor

BUGS & BEASTS & BIRDS

Brown shrew, fox, croc or alligators?, ducks, Yeti (?), sand fleas, camels, cockroaches, asses, gazelles, wolves, wild sheep (called argali), large lizards, geese, hares, crows, heron, scorpions, cicada, mosquitoes, vultures, golden eagles, waterwaytag (type of tern), jerboa (kangaroo rat, strong back legs, muscular tail, jumps sideways), Snow Leopards, mastiffs