



BEIJING CHINA THE FORBIDDEN CITY



Male and Female lions guard entrances. The male lion rests his right paw on a silk covered bowl; the female lion rests her left paw on a lion cub laying in its back.





Even the ceilings were ornately decorated.





Above: The dragon was also a common guard animal found on display.



Left: The number of animals on the roof signifies the stature of whomever lived in the residence

Bottom: people can see that people over the years had tried to remove the gold from urns like this one.





