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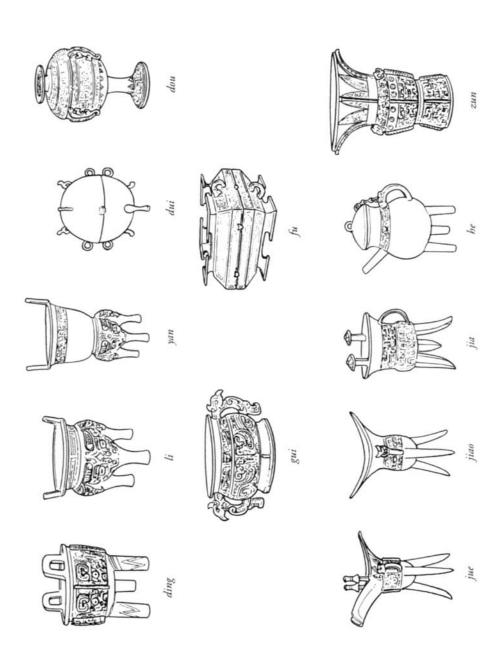


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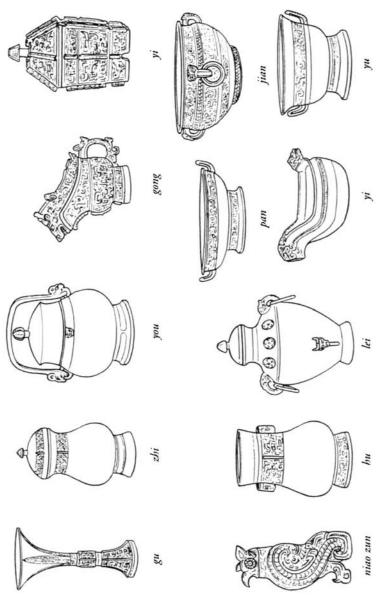
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AM Asia Major

BIHP Bulletin of the Institute of History and Philology
BMFEA Bulletin of the Museum of Far Eastern Antiquities
BSOAS Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies

EC Early China

HJAS Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies

JA Journal asiatique

JAS Journal of Asian Studies

JAOS Journal of the American Oriental Society

JESHO Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient

JRAS Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society

MS Monumenta Serica

TP T'oung Pao

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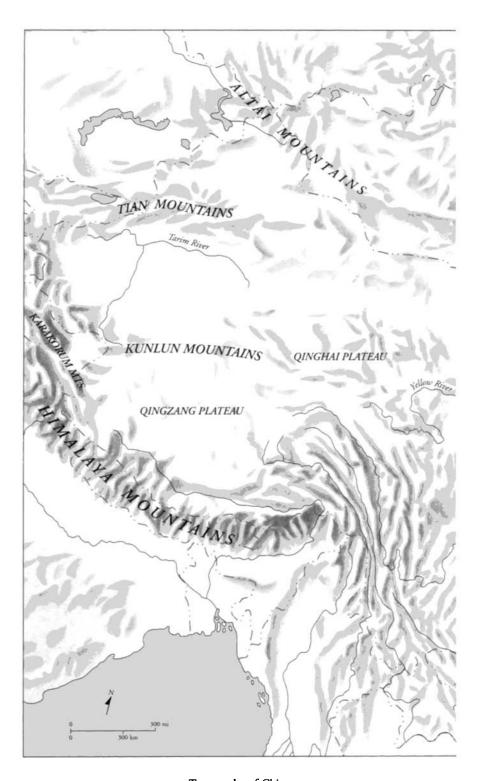
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