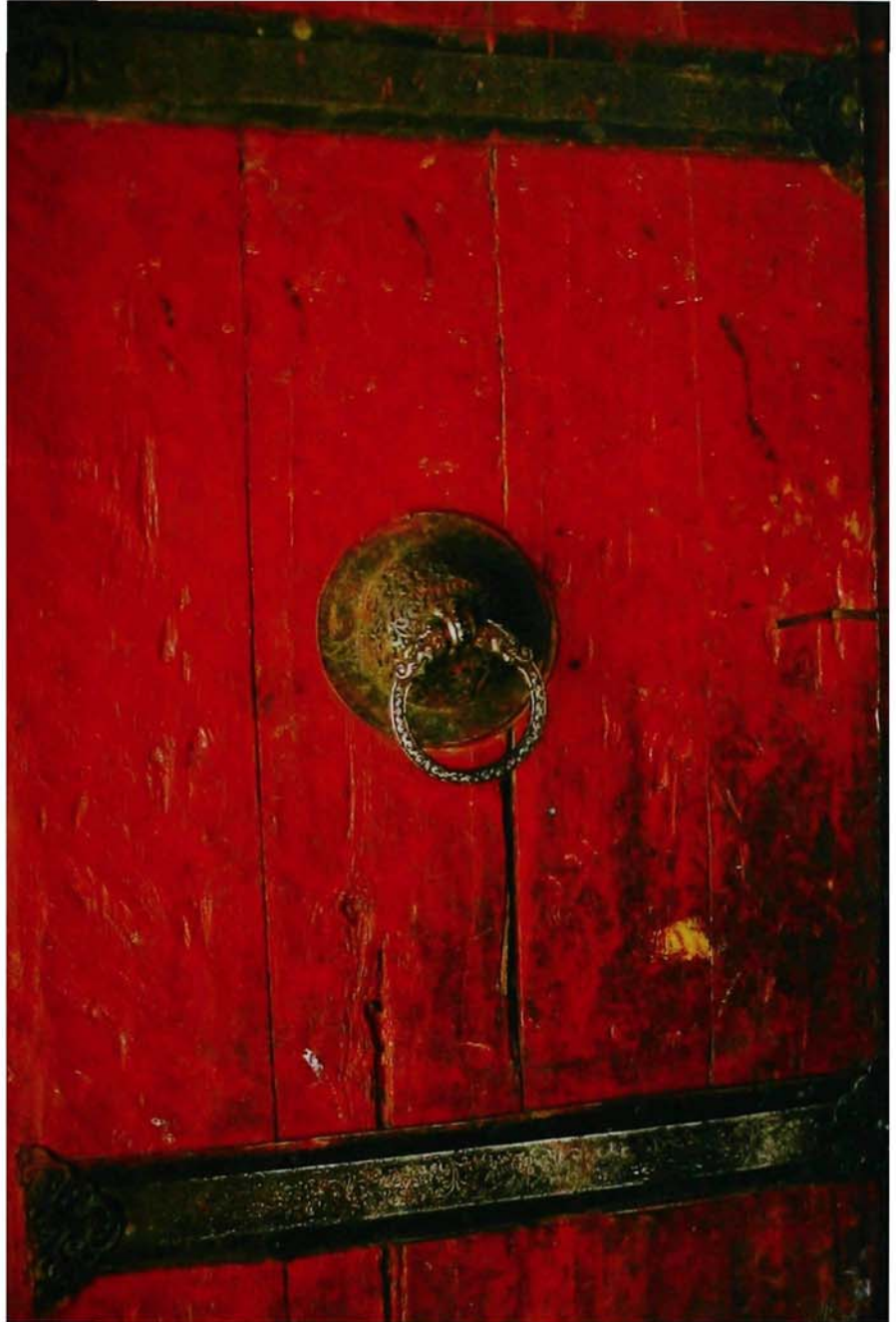


Glimpses of Bhutan

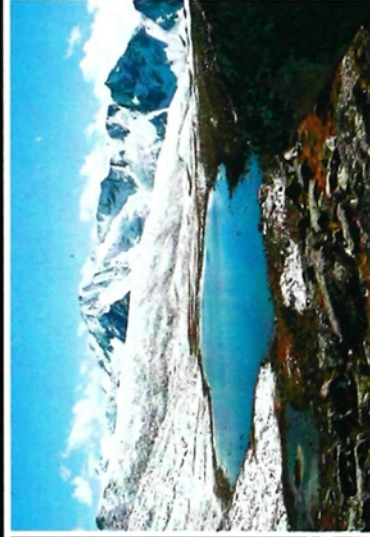
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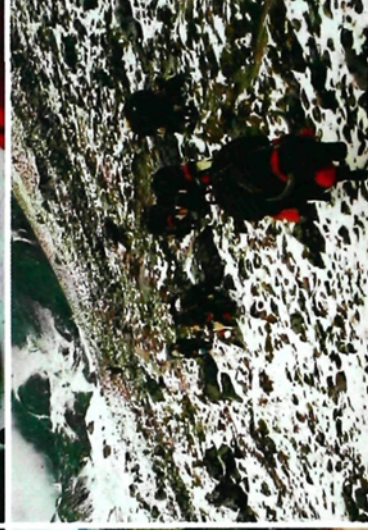
Ancient door at Canteay Dzong (two hours drive from the capital, Thimphu)



Elaborate masks and embroidered costumes of performers at Thimphu Tsechu



Traditional Bhutanese house with easily-replaceable wooden slat roof



Yak train hauling supplies



Incense pots, horns and rich textiles at Thimphu Tsechu

Looking north to Tibet





Masked performers at Thimphu Tsechu



Yakman Gyentschering (in the snow), stirring the embers to make a breakfast brew of yak-butter tea



Children of Thanza village enjoy Virginia's birthday balloons



Young girls cut grass to feed livestock



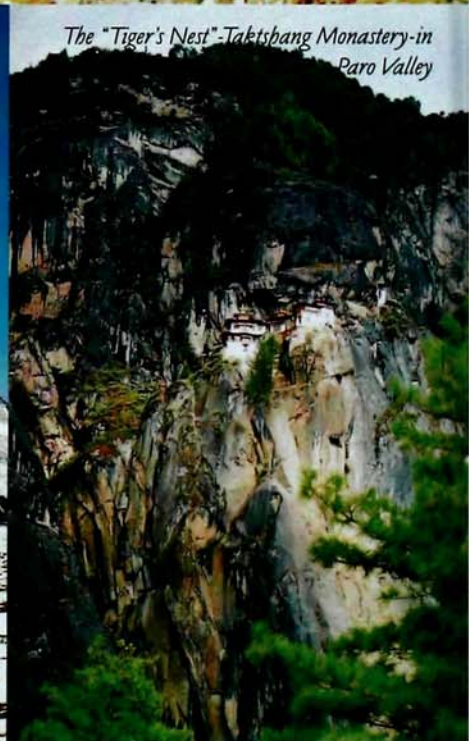
Chillies dry on the roof of a Paro valley house



The 'roof of the world'



The "Tiger's Nest"-Taktsang Monastery-in Paro Valley



*Masked dances amongst the crowd
at Thimphu Tsechu (arrival festival)*



*Mural at Paro Dzong
in the Paro Valley*



*Haircutting and Firewood
collecting at the Laya Army
camp*



*A sparkling view of glacial lakes
from Rinchen Zoe La Pass (5140m)*



*Monks, wearing ceremonial masks
and costumes, prepare to dance at the
Thimphu Tsechu (festival)*



Yakman saddles up for the day

Festivals through Jane's Eyes

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Ghost Festival in Loet: paper mache effigies are paraded through the streets with exaggerated, red-painted genitalia representing fertility



Fireboat Festival in Nakhon Phanom: two passing boats, gloriously illuminated with candles, drifting down the Mekong River



Ghost Festival: the Ghost Festival also marks a coming of age rite for the young boys



Lunar New Year in Nakhon Sawan: large incense offerings fill the temple grounds



Wax Castle Festival in Sakon Nakhon: vendor displays his fruit cart, decorated with peeled pomelo.



Lunar New Year in Bangkok: colourful lion parade through the streets in multi-coloured robes

