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The journey from Kashgar to our first stop at Yecheng, took us through the edge of the Taklaman desert, which covers most of Xinjiang and has the main silk routes East running along its Northern and Southern edges. We would be leaving the Southern route at Yecheng and heading further South along Highway 219, the Xinjiang Tibet highway and the highest road in the world. In the meantime our day was a windy one and we passed through the desert and occasional oasis villages with a constant haze of dust in the air, covering homes, fields, poplar trees and us. The local homes barricade themselves against the dust behind rows of poplars then walled courtyards entered by wonderfully ornate doors with elaborate hinge plates.

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On the Gurgal road, the snow was very hard, and we had to leave our tracks, so we decided to take the path