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- 1 The statue in question, which is inscribed with a Sogdian inscription first made known by Yutaka Yoshida in 1990 (see *Abs. Ir.* 15-16. 162), is evidently the funerary monument of a *khaghan* of the Western Turks. The author of this important article dates the statue and inscription to 599 A.D., identifying the *khaghan*, whose name both Sims-Williams and Yoshida (in unpublished studies) have independently read as *nry x'𐰽𐰺𐰸* 'n, as the ruler known to the Chinese as Ni-li.
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