



THE SHANG DYNASTY



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CHAPTER 1

DIGGING UP DRAGON BONES

In 1899, a man in China named Wang Yirong became very ill. His doctor suggested a special medicine. It was made by grinding up ancient bones.



*Wang Yirong was offered
medicine made from bones.*

At that time, the Chinese believed these ancient bones came from dragons. They also believed the bones had healing powers.



Wang saw writing on the bones like the writing shown here.

When Wang received the bones, they were not ground up yet. He noticed writing on them. He wondered what these symbols meant. And who had made them?