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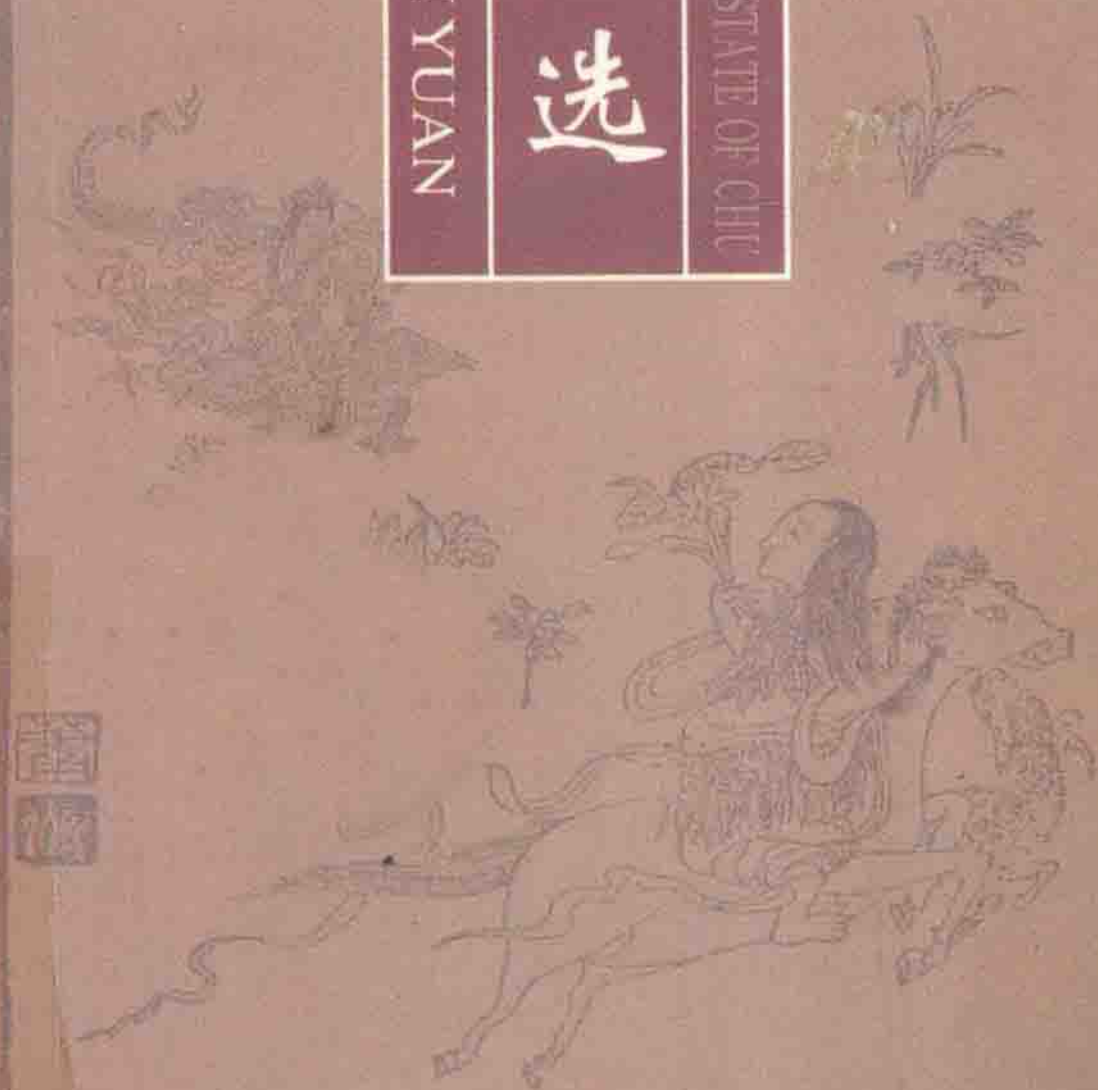
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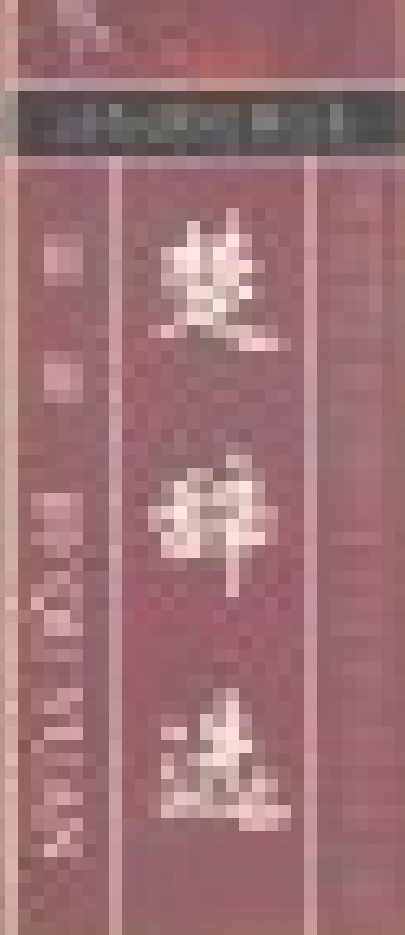
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离 骚

帝高阳之苗裔兮，朕皇考曰伯庸。

摄提贞于孟陬兮，惟庚寅吾以降。

皇览揆余初度兮，肇锡余以嘉名：

名余曰正则兮，字余曰灵均。

纷吾既有此内美兮，又重之以修能。

扈江离与辟芷兮，纫秋兰以为佩。

汨余若将不及兮，恐年岁之不吾与。

朝搴阰之木兰兮，夕揽洲之宿莽。

LI SAO

A Prince am I of Ancestry renowned,
Illustrious Name my royal Sire hath found.
When Sirius did in Spring its Light display,
A Child was born, and Tiger marked the Day.
When first upon my Face my Lord's Eye glanced,
For me auspicious Names he straight advanced,
Denoting that in me Heaven's Marks divine
Should with the Virtues of the Earth combine.
With lavished innate Qualities indued,
By Art and Skill my Talents I renewed;
Angelic Herbs and sweet Selineas too,
And Orchids late that by the Water grew,
I wove for Ornament; till creeping Time,
Like Water flowing, stole away my Prime.
Magnolias of the Glade I plucked at Dawn,
At Eve beside the Stream took Winter-thorn.

日月忽其不淹兮，春与秋其代序。
惟草木之零落兮，恐美人之迟暮。
不抚壮而弃秽兮，何不改此度？
乘骐骥以驰骋兮，来吾道夫先路！

昔三后之纯粹兮，固众芳之所在；
杂申椒与菌桂兮，岂维纫夫蕙茝？
彼尧舜之耿介兮，既遵道而得路；
何桀纣之猖披兮，夫唯捷径以窘步。

惟夫党人之偷乐兮，路幽昧以险隘。
岂余身之惮殃兮，恐皇舆之败绩！
忽奔走以先后兮，及前王之踵武。
荃不察余之中情兮，反信谗而离怒。
余固知謇謇之为患兮，忍而不能舍也。

Without Delay the Sun and Moon sped fast,
In swift Succession Spring and Autumn passed;
The fallen Flowers lay scattered on the Ground,
The Dusk might fall before my Dream was found.

Had I not loved my Prime and spurned the Vile,
Why should I not have changed my former Style?
My Chariot drawn by Steeds of Race divine
I urged; to guide the King my sole Design.

Three ancient Kings there were so pure and true
That round them every fragrant Flower grew;
Cassia and Pepper of the Mountain-side
With Melilotus white in Clusters vied.
Two Monarchs then, who high Renown received,
Followed the kingly Way, their Goal achieved.
Two Princes proud by Lust their Reign abused,
Sought easier Path, and their own Steps confused.
The Faction for illicit Pleasure longed;
Dreadful their Way where hidden Perils thronged.
Danger against myself could not appal,
But feared I lest my Sovereign's Sceptre fall.

Forward and back I hastened in my Quest,
Followed the former Kings, and took no Rest.
The Prince my true Integrity defamed,
Gave Ear to Slander, high his Anger flamed;
Integrity I knew could not avail,
Yet still endured; my Lord I would not fail.

指九天以为正兮，夫唯灵修之故也！

曰黄昏以为期兮，羌中道而改路。

初既与余成言兮，后悔遁而有他。

余既不难夫离别兮，伤灵修之数化。

余既滋兰之九畹兮，又树蕙之百亩。

畦留夷与揭车兮，杂杜衡与芳芷。

冀枝叶之峻茂兮，愿俟时乎吾将刈。

虽萎绝其亦何伤兮，哀众芳之芜秽！

众皆竞进以贪婪兮，凭不厌乎求索。

羌内恕己以量人兮，各兴心而嫉妒。

忽驰骛以追逐兮，非余心之所急。

老冉冉其将至兮，恐修名之不立。

朝饮木兰之坠露兮，夕餐秋菊之落英。

Celestial Spheres my Witness be on high,
I strove but for His Sacred Majesty.
Twas first to me gave his plighted Word,
But soon repenting other Counsel heard.
For me Departure could arouse no Pain;
I grieved to see his royal Purpose vain.

Nine Fields of Orchids at one Time I grew,
For Melilot a hundred Acres too,
And fifty Acres for the Azalea bright,
The Rumex fragrant and the Lichen white.
I longed to see them yielding Blossoms rare,
And thought in Season due the Spoil to share.
I did not grieve to see them die away,
But grieved because midst Weeds they did decay.

Insatiable in Lust and Greediness
The Faction strove, and tired not of Excess;
Themselves condoning, others they'd decry,
And steep their Hearts in envious Jealousy.

Insatiably they seized what they desired,
It was not that to which my Heart aspired.
As old Age unrelenting hurried near,
Lest my fair Name should fail was all my Fear.
Dew from Magnolia Leaves I drank at Dawn,
At Eve for Food were Aster Petals borne;

苟余情其信姱以练要兮，长顚颔亦何伤！

揽木根以结茝兮，贯薜荔之落蕊。

矫菌桂以纫蕙兮，索胡绳之緜緜。

謇吾法夫前修兮，非世俗之所服。

虽不周于今之人兮，愿依彭咸之遗则。

长太息以掩涕兮，哀民生之多艰。

余虽好修姱以鞿羈兮，謇朝諝而夕替。

既替余以蕙纕兮，又申之以揽茝。

亦余心之所善兮，虽九死其犹未悔！

怨灵修之浩荡兮，终不察夫民心。

众女嫉余之蛾眉兮，谣诼谓余以善淫。

固时俗之工巧兮，偭规矩而改错；

背绳墨以追曲兮，竞周容以为度。