

The Story of the Gods.

In the beginning, before there was any land of Egypt, all was darkness, and there was nothing but a great waste of water called Nun. The power of Nun was such that there arose out of the darkness a great shining egg, and this was Ra.



Nun

Now Ra was all-powerful, and he could take many forms.

"I am Khepera at the dawn, and Ra at noon, and Atum in the evening," he said. And the sun rose and passed across the sky and set for the first time.



Ra

Atum

Khepera

Then he named Shu, and the first winds
blew; he named Tefnut the spitter, and
the first rain fell.



Next he named Geb, and the earth came into being; he named the goddess Nut, and she was the sky arched over the earth with her feet on one horizon and her hands on the other; he named Hapi, and the great River Nile flowed through Egypt and made it fruitful.



Nut

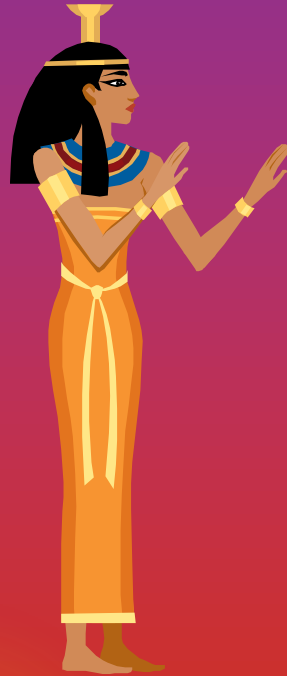
Geb

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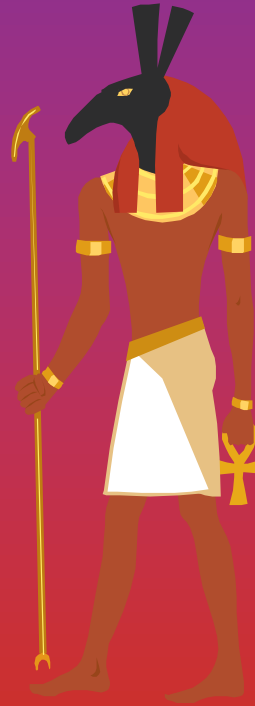
The goddess Nut and the god Geb had 2 daughters, Isis and Nephthys, and 2 sons, Seth and Osiris. Isis married Osiris and Nephthys married Seth.



Isis



Nephthys



Seth



Osiris

Osiris was the king of the earth and Isis was the queen. Osiris was a good king and he ruled over the earth for many years.



However, all was not well. Seth was very jealous of Osiris because he wanted to be ruler of the earth. He grew angrier and angrier until one day he killed Osiris. Seth then became king of the earth.



Isis was so upset that she went looking for Osiris's body. When she found it she turned into a falcon and flapped her wings to bring him back to life. Osiris went down to rule the underworld as he was the only person to live after death.



However, secretly Isis and Osiris had a son called Horus. Horus battled against Seth for 3 long days and nights and eventually won to become king of the earth like his father before him.



Seth was sentenced to sailing the boat that carried the sun across the sky. He had to battle the serpent of darkness that eats the sun every night.

