

A FAIRY  
TALE  
THE  
LEGEND  
OF ISIS  
AND  
OSIRIS

THE BRITISH  
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Free entry

Isis<sup>TM</sup> and  
OSIRIS



Palestine

Mediterranean Sea

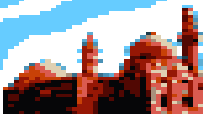
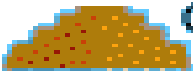
Dead Sea

Alexandria



Giza

Saqqara



Cairo

Sinai



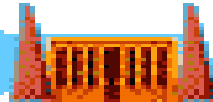
Akhetaten

Red Sea

Dendara



Abydos



Western Thebes

Luxor &

Edfu



Kom Ombo

Esna

Western Desert

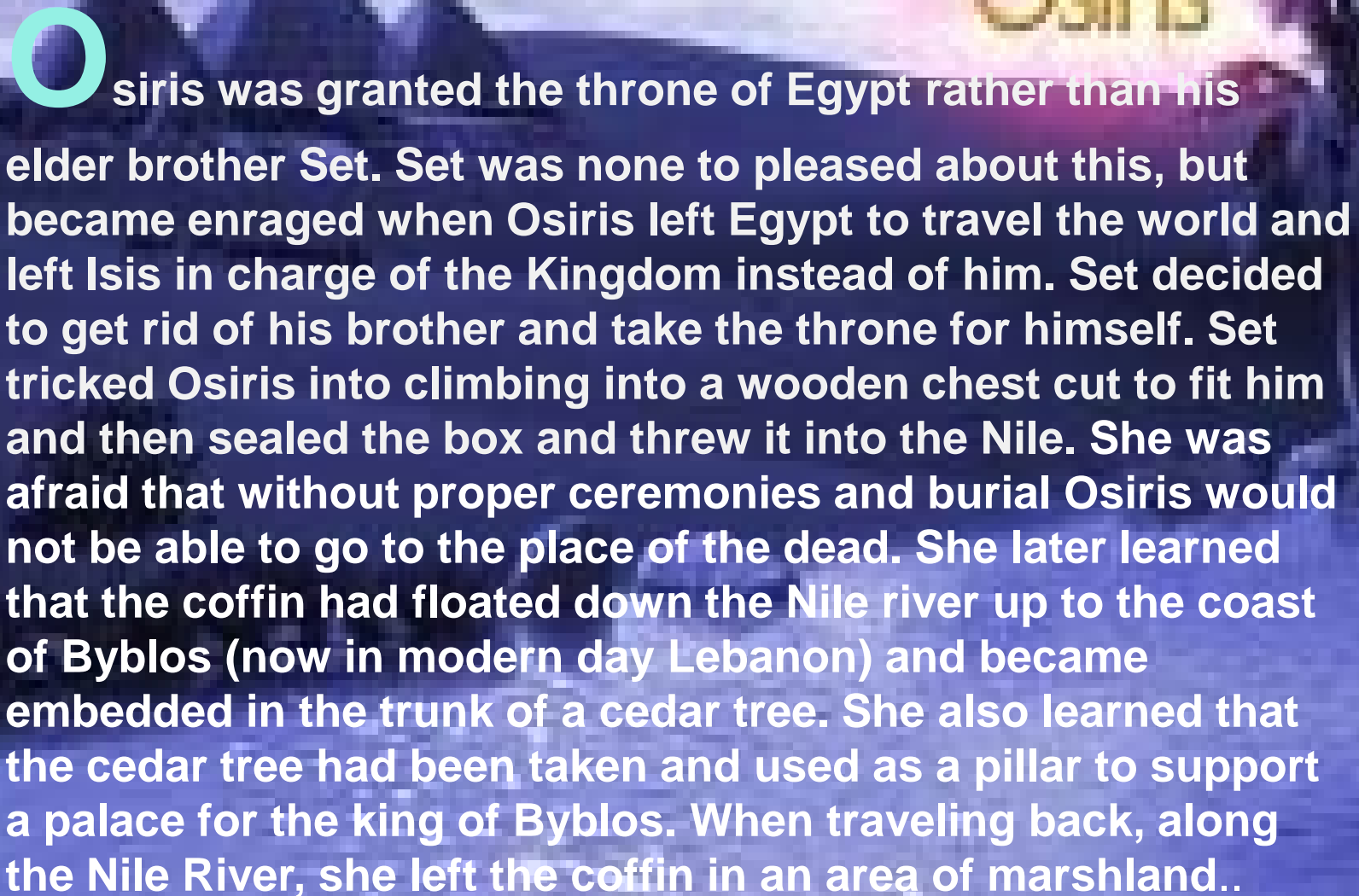
Philae



Abu Simbel



Lake Nasser

The background features a sunset over the Great Pyramids of Giza. The sky is a mix of orange, pink, and purple. In the upper right, a golden Egyptian hieroglyphic symbol for Osiris is glowing. The pyramids are silhouetted against the bright sky.

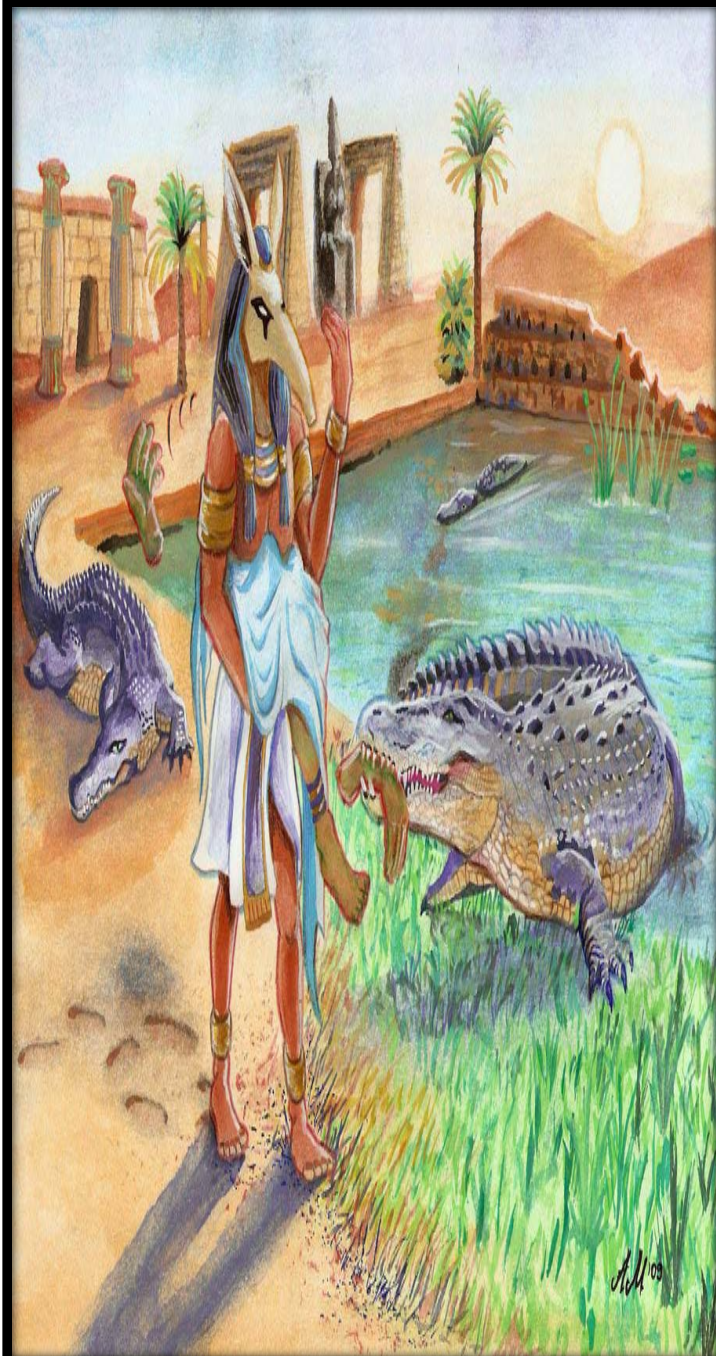
**O**siris was granted the throne of Egypt rather than his elder brother Set. Set was none too pleased about this, but became enraged when Osiris left Egypt to travel the world and left Isis in charge of the Kingdom instead of him. Set decided to get rid of his brother and take the throne for himself. Set tricked Osiris into climbing into a wooden chest cut to fit him and then sealed the box and threw it into the Nile. She was afraid that without proper ceremonies and burial Osiris would not be able to go to the place of the dead. She later learned that the coffin had floated down the Nile river up to the coast of Byblos (now in modern day Lebanon) and became embedded in the trunk of a cedar tree. She also learned that the cedar tree had been taken and used as a pillar to support a palace for the king of Byblos. When traveling back, along the Nile River, she left the coffin in an area of marshland..



**S**et, while hunting, finds Osiris' coffin and dismembered him into 14 parts, scattering them across the land of Egypt. Each part represented one of the 14 full moons (each year has 12 to 14 full moons).<sup>[1]</sup>

Once again Isis set out to look for the pieces and she was able to find 13 of the 14 parts, with the help of Nephthys, Set's sister-wife, but was unable to find the 14th, as it had been eaten by a fish. Instead, she fashioned a **phallus** out of gold and sang a song.

By the help of **Anubis** to prepared the body (in the first mummification). When the "opening of the mouth" ceremony was performed, Osiris's spirit returned to his body However, no spirit which has passed to the land of the dead may live in the land of the living, and so **Ra** decreed that **Osiris** should become the King of the underworld, and **Anubis** agreed to give up his position as the lord of the netherworld out of respect for Osiris



Meanwhile Isis hid with her infant son(Horus )in the marshes of the delta, protecting him until the day when he could face Set and recover his father's kingdom.

When Horus came of age he battled with his uncle. Isis used her magic to assist Horus in battle, but when the opportunity presented itself she could not kill Set, who was after all her elder brother. This enraged Horus, who promptly lopped off her head! Isis was apparently unperturbed by this turn of events, and caused a cow's head to grow on her shoulders. Fortunately for Horus, Isis forgave his unreasonably aggressive reaction and continued to support him.

## STATUE OF ISIS PROTECTING OSIRIS

From Karnak, Egypt  
26th Dynasty, around  
590 BC

Dedicated by Sheshonq, chief  
steward of a 'god's wife'

Grey siltstone

Height 81.3 cm






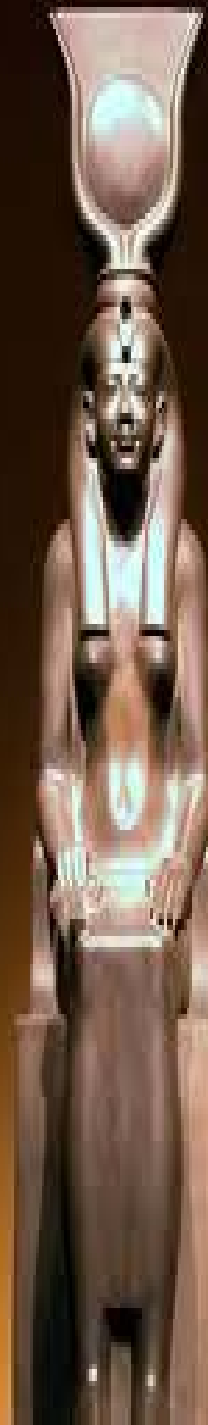


**O**siris was the first son of **Geb** and **Nut** and the brother of **Set**, **Horus (the elder)**, **Isis** and **Nephthys** worship predated. Osiris was considered to be the king of the underworld, The oldest religious texts known to us refer to him as the great god of the dead, who once possessed human form and lived upon earth. After his murder by Set he became the king of the underworld and presided over the judgment of dead souls. In order to enter his kingdom, the deceased had to undertake a perilous journey (aided by spells and amulets) to the hall of judgment where their heart was balanced against the feather of **Ma'at** (justice or balance) Osiris was usually depicted as a mummified king, complete with the ceremonial (curved) beard, crown, flail, and crozier. His skin is generally green or black, to represent the fact that he is dead. He usually wears the white crown of **Upper Egypt** (the south) or the Atef crown (the white crown with a plume of feathers on each side and a disc at the top). The feathers on the Atef crown are thought to represent Djedu (Busiris), the cult center of Osiris.





**T**he cult of Isis, the Egyptian goddess, was very popular throughout Egypt, and beyond and she became a goddess of almost limitless attributes. Isis was her Greek name, but she was known to the ancient Egyptians as Aset (ST) which is usually translated as "(female) of throne" or "Queen of the throne". Her original headdress was an empty throne and as the personification of the throne she was an important source of the Pharaoh's power. another possible translation is "(female) of flesh", **Osiris**, had actually ruled Egypt before the time of the pharaohs. However, the Book of the Dead describes her as "She who gives birth to heaven and earth, knows the orphan, knows the widow, seeks justice for the poor, and shelter for the weak" suggesting that she was considered to be more than simply a mere mortal. Isis was known as "Hent" (Queen) in every **Nome**, but she was also known by a bewildering number of names and titles throughout ancient Egypt and took on the aspects of many other goddesses. This resulted in a fairly complex relationship with the other gods and goddesses. the Gods, she had once been a mortal  
**WOMEN Major cult center PHILA and ABYDOS**



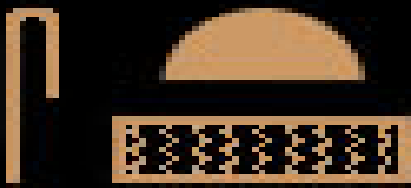




**H**erusaAset was thought to protect the deceased along with the "four sons of Horus" who protected the vital organs removed from the body and placed in canopic jars during mummification. Each of the four were associated with a point on the compass and a patron goddess as well as the specific organ they protected.

While as HerusaAset he fought Set to avenge his father's death and to regain the throne of Egypt. Once installed as King, he was known as Harnedjitef, ("Horus the savior of his father") in recognition of the fact that he successfully avenged his father's death and regained the kingdom. At Nag'el Madamud (north of Luxor) the war god **Montu** was worshiped along with his consort Raettawy, and their son Harpokrates (Horus the Younger)





**S**et (Seth, Setekh, Sut, Sutekh, Sety) was one of the most ancient of the Egyptian gods and the focus of worship since the **Predynastic Period**. he was the son of **Nut** and **Geb** and the brother of **Osiris**, **Horus the elder**, **Isis** and **Nephthys**. He was a storm god associated with strange and frightening events such as eclipses, thunderstorms and earthquakes. He also represented the desert and, by extension, the foreign lands beyond the desert. His Name appears in the Egyptian words for "turmoil", "confusion", "illness", "storm" and "rage". He was considered to be very strong but dangerous, and strange. However, he was not always considered to be an evil being. Set was a friend of the dead, helping them to ascend to heaven on his ladder, and he protected the life giving oases of the desert, and was at times a powerful ally to the pharaoh and even the sun god **Ra**. Set was worshipped at the **temples** of **Ombos** (Nubt near Naqada) and Ombos (Nubt near **Kom Ombo**), at Oxyrhynchus in upper Egypt, and also in part of the **Fayyum** area.



# ***Activities accompanying the exhibition***

***Workshops to teach the Hieroglyphics on papyrus***

***Making Modeling clay for the story champions***

***Working models on the leather for the story champions***

***making a play to tell the story of Isis and Osiris***

# SHOP

BOOKS

For adults

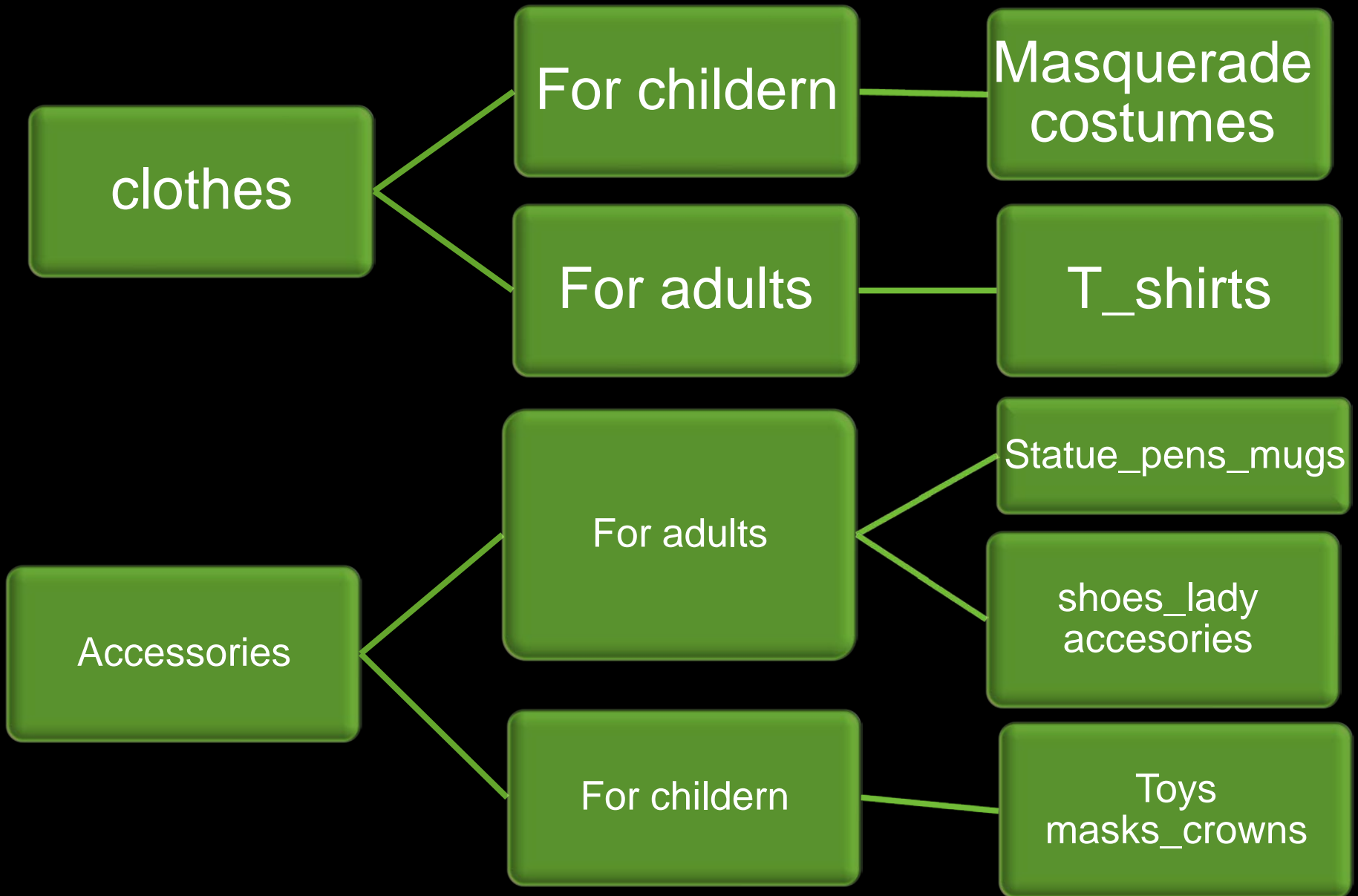
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Books about  
the original  
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myth in ancient  
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# shop



# Items from shop





# You should choose your team

## osiris

If you choose osiris you will be with goodness and fair , kindness but you will suffer and you will be the victim you should write your name in cedar tree And wear my crown , and I will be in your side at your judgment in after life



## SET

Ya, that is it , you are totally right , if you pick me you will be in a stronger side , we will be the ruler for the world , people keep saying that i am bad guy , but it is not true , I am helping the dead to get in heaven , I will give you my was secpter



Thank you

*dw3 ntr n.tn*

***(praise god for all of you )***