

# National Mythology Showdown (For Three People) (NMS(FTP))

## Packet 1 - “Unfortunately, no history here.”

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**(1) In one work, an adaptation of this mythological figure asks a thief to shapeshift, only to capture him when he turns into a toad. Along with being the god of the hearth (+) -fire, this deity symbolizes spiders and knots. This deity saved a peasant’s child from a giant when two other deities couldn’t by using (\*) flounder instead of grain and swans. This deity killed Funfeng out of jealousy after being punished for not shedding a tear as Thokk. While in the form of a flea, this god fought with another deity in the form of a seal for a necklace. This god was carried away by an eagle named Thiazzi in return for some golden apples. After this god’s time with Angrboda, his last wife, Sigyn, remains loyal through his ongoing punishment, and holds a bowl rapidly filling with venom. For ten points, what father of Hel, Jormungandr, and Fenrir is the Norse trickster god?**

ANSWER: **Loki** Laufeyarson <Vivekanandhan, European>

**(2) A woman whose body was thrown off a cliff after being crushed to death by shields betrayed her people for these things. In the Mahabharata, one figure is tricked by Indra to remove their (+) armor as well as an item belonging to this class of things. While Amaterasu uses a sword to create three women, Susanoo uses these things belonging to Amaterasu to create five men. In one story, a man is unable to remember his (\*) wife until presented with one object from this class of things found inside a fish. Alcmaeon murdered a woman after she accepted a robe and one item from this class of things from Polynices. Odin placed one of these objects on Baldr’s funeral pyre that was created by Brokkr and Eitri. That object creates eight copies of itself every nine nights and is named Draupnir. For ten points, name these accessories, exemplified by the Necklace of Harmonia.**

ANSWER: **jewelry** (accept specific types of jewelry, such as **ring(s)**, **necklace(s)**, **bead(s)**, **bracelet(s)**, and/or **earring(s)**, prompt on **accessories** before mention) <Zou, Commonlink>

**(3) *Note to players: description acceptable.* The father of Tyro had this action directed towards him after he attempted to use a chariot to mimic this action. In some stories, Ajax the Lesser died after (+) Athena performed this action. Iasion had this action directed at him after he slept with a deity at a wedding. One man had this action happen to him after he boasted that even the gods couldn’t stop him from burning (\*) Thebes. Aphrodite warns a man that if he reveals she is the mother of his child, this action will happen to him. It’s not being shot by an arrow, but Porphyriion had this action directed at him after he attempted to rape Hera. Asclepius had this action happen to him after he revived Hippolytus. After burning the Earth, a son of Helios had this action happen to him; that boy was Phaëthon. A weapon forged by the Cyclops was used to carry out, for ten points, what action often performed by Zeus?**

ANSWER: being **struck by lightning** (or **striking lightning**, accept equivalents such as **death by lightning**, accept answers relating to being **struck by a thunderbolt** due to ambiguity over Ajax the Lesser's ship) <Zou, Greek>

**(4) This god is often syncretized with Seker and Ptah, sometimes even being referred to as "Ptah-Seker-this god." This god's domain was known to be protected by twenty-one (+) pylons and seven arits. Part of this god's soul was worshiped as a distinct ram-headed god, and a form of this god is a son of Nephthys known as Khenti-Amentiu. This god's (\*) Atef crown consists of a Hedjet with two plumes. This god's ba was worshiped as the god Banebdjed, which also refers to the Djed pillar, a symbol of this god. Rituals of this god across Egypt included sacrifices of animals called fertility rites. This god's wife received the Tamarisk tree from a queen of Byblos containing most of this god, however, an additional piece of this god was eaten by the oxyrhynchus fish. This god unknowingly cheated on that wife with his sister Nephthys to father Anubis. This god was killed after he was trapped inside of a lead box. For ten points, name this Egyptian god, the husband of Isis and the god of the dead.**

ANSWER: **Osiris** <Li & Zou, African>

**(5) One figure from this work may have been synonymous with a goddess that gave birth to the Nine diseases. That figure later sends an army after a man, who then flees to Saari. This text features a woman who eats a (+) berry and becomes pregnant, and despite the wishes of the central figure of this work, her son becomes a king. Another figure in this work escapes the underworld and learns boat-building magic by defeating a (\*) giant. In this work, a mother sees a bloody brush, and with the help of a bee, uses a rake and honey to piece her son back together. One figure in this work loses a singing contest, but his sister, Aino, drowns herself rather than be married to an old man. In this text, a god makes himself a wife out of gold after his previous wife abuses a boy who sics wolves and bears on her. That boy, Kullervo, was the servant of a god who forged the Sampo, Ilmarinen. Elias Lönnrot authored, for ten points, what national epic following Väinämöinen, consisting of poetry detailing Finnish mythology?**

ANSWER: the **Kalevala** <Chan, European>

**(6) Note to players: description acceptable. In one mythology, after performing this action, the Danag stopped planting taro and coexisting with humans. In Filipino mythology, salt and semen can be thrown at creatures that perform this action as they irritate their skin. The Mandrugo is a (+) winged monster known for performing this action. The Malaysian penanggalan and Indonesian Leyak, which are often depicted as floating heads with entrails, perform this action. The Philippine manananggal, which is able to separate its upper torso from its body, is notable for performing this action. The (\*) Matrikas were created to perform this action to help Shiva defeat Andhaka, an asura who could clone himself with a certain substance. Bhima vowed to tear Dushasana's chest open and perform this action, and proceeded to help Draupadi wash her hair in a certain substance. One deity performed this action to defeat Raktabija. For ten points, name this action commonly done by aswangs, which are commonly referred to as Filipino vampires.**

ANSWER: **bloodsucking** (accept **drinking blood** and/or equivalents, accept **vampirism** before vampire) <Zou, S. Asian>

**(7) Rituals involving these beings take place in rooms such as peristils and badjis. One of these beings, of the “racine” type, is symbolized by a (+) palm branch. That one of these beings, along with their spouse, is said to oversee the kanzo ritual. One of these beings wears three wedding rings, one of which indicates a marriage to another one of these beings known as “The Tadpole in the Pond.” These beings, who are classified into (\*) nanchons, are summoned by sacred rattles called assons, and they are most commonly a part of the Rada and Petwo groups. One of these beings of the sky, depicted as a black serpent, is considered to be the primordial creator of life, Damballa. The Marassa twins and a family representing fertility and death, the Ghede, are these types of beings. One of these beings is typically portrayed with cotton-plugged nostrils, skeleton face, and a top hat. Baron Samedi and the gatekeeper of the crossroads, Papa Legba, are, for ten points, what Voodoo spirits?**

ANSWER: **loa**(s) (or **lwa**(s) and/or **loi**) <Rao, African>

**(8) In one legend, this figure helps a man who receives a golden ball from his bride-to-be escape from a copper realm. This figure goes on to tell that man to pass through seven doors and find this figure's (+) eagle. In one story, this figure advises an abandoned prince to find twelve spoonbills, and in another story, a colt is taken from this figure and tamed to defeat an immortal man, whose (\*) heart is kept by this figure in some legends. In one myth, this figure's sister is slowed after a comb is thrown and a forest emerges, and the answer "by my mother's blessing" is said by one character to escape this figure. This figure is visited by a man who asks for the blowing of three horns to flee this figure's abode on a firebird. Day, Sun, and Night represent three horsemen directed by this figure, who give a skull lantern to a girl aided by a talking doll. Prince Ivan and Vasilisa the Fair escape being eaten by, for ten points, what witch who flies in a mortar and pestle and lives in a hut with chicken legs?**

ANSWER: **Baba Yaga** <Rao, European>

**(9) The Slavic moon goddess Devana is associated with a “sight” one of these beings. Maera is one of these beings who killed itself after (+) Erigone's [eer-ih-goh-nee] father was killed for giving out wine, and one of this variety of creature, the Cù-sithe [koo-sheeuh], lets out three calls before death comes for the listener. In a Jataka tale, Sakka turned Matali into one of these creatures with four tusks, the Maha-kanha. In a Japanese story, an ancestor of one of these types of animals is gifted to a (\*) venerated, called a Kishu. In another myth, this type of animal is led by Matilda of the Night in the Wild Hunt, the Cŵn Annwn [koon-anun]. One hero killed one of these animals and as penance, became its temporary replacement. An “old” one of these animals is described as “infested with ticks, half-dead from neglect” sitting on “piles of dung” in the *Odyssey*, while another guards the gates to Hades. Argos and Cerberus are, for ten points, what breed of dog that titles Cu Chulainn's epithet “of Ulster?”**

ANSWER: **hound** (accept **hellhound**, accept **hunting dog**(s) and/or **guard dog**(s), prompt on “dog” by asking “what type?”) <Chan, Commonlink>

**(10) In one text, this deity’s spouse attempts to calm their rage by appearing to them in the form of a baby. A famine struck everywhere when this deity disappeared from Earth except for the city of (+) Kashi, where this deity took the form of Annapurna. This deity teaches a self-innovated artform to the daughter of Banasura, Usha, who further spreads it to the rest of the lands. That artform, known as lasya, compliments this deity’s consort’s more violent (\*) tandava dance.** In one legend, this deity created their son from the paste of turmeric to guard their bath. This child of King Himavan and Queen Mainavati was reborn when her past life performed self-immolation after her father, King Daksha, disapproved of her husband. In one legend, a god falls in love with this deity, who can take the form of Kali, after being struck by the love god Kama’s arrow. This goddess, a reincarnation of Sati, along with her husband, is the feminine half of the joint deity Ardhanarishvara. This goddess’s children are the gods Karthikeya and Ganesha. Lakshmi and Saraswati form the Tridevi with, for ten points, what wife of Shiva?

ANSWER: **Parvati** (accept **Kali** before mentioned, accept **Shakti**, **Gauri**, and/or **Uma**, prompt on **Durga**) <Rao, S. Asian>

**(11) Some Miao people consider themselves descended from a figure with the head and feet of one of these creatures. That figure is Chiyou [cheeyo]. It’s not a dragon, but one of these creatures is said to be a one- (+) legged thunder god, Kui [kwei]. In one myth, Heaven sends one of these creatures down to Earth to tell humanity to work hard, but it instead tells the people that they can have three meals every day. In Gansu stories, one of these creatures is said to cause (\*) earthquakes when it holds up the Earth, while another one of these creatures guards Diyu along with Horse-Face. One of these creatures is the father of the Red Boy, and is angered when his wife’s fan is stolen to extinguish the Mountain of Flames. In another myth, one of these animals is flayed in order to allow a man to ascend to Heaven, but he is blocked off by a hairpin that becomes the Milky Way. This animal was beaten in a competition when a rat jumped on its back to cross a river, thus making it the second animal on the Chinese Zodiac. For ten points, name this animal that names a “herder” husband of the Weaver.**

ANSWER: **ox**(en) (accept **cow**(s), **bovine**(s), and/or **bull**(s), accept **Bull Demon** King, accept **Ox-Head**) <Chan, Asian>

**(12) *Note to players: description acceptable.* In some stories, Wu Gang [oo gahn] is tasked to chop down a tree after giving up on pursuing this thing. One deity is locked in an eight-way trigram crucible for (+) 49 days after stealing an object used to achieve this thing. It’s not a rice cake, but in one myth a rabbit on the moon creates a substance that grants this thing. A companion of that Jade Rabbit was threatened by (\*) Peng Meng, causing them to gain this thing. Demeter is interrupted by Metanira while giving Demophoon this property by using fire. A man who turns into a cicada has this quality, but Eos neglected to request eternal youth for him. Idunn is a guardian of fruit that has this quality for the Aesir. Foods that give this quality are served by Ganymede in Olympus. For ten points, name this attribute given by consuming ambrosia or nectar.**

ANSWER: immortality (accept any obvious equivalents that refer to that or living forever) <Zou, Commonlink>

**(13) In one story, after a hunting goddess threatens to make one god's hair run with blood, this figure asks for a home with no windows so his children can't leave him. This figure defeated the Mighty One With Seven Heads and the Twisted (+) Serpent, before insulting a god by offering him bread and wine instead of human flesh. This figure fights a god on Mount Zephon for the right to become (\*) king, but that god withdraws his bid after this figure's father supports him. The sister of this god takes revenge for his supposed death by slashing, winnowing, burning, grinding, and feeding to the birds his killer's remains. That alleged killer is the death god Mot. This god becomes a king after he defeats the sea, Yam, by using two clubs given to him by Kothar-wa-Khasis, which is detailed in his namesake cycle in the Ugaritic texts. For ten points, name this Canaanite god of fertility and weather, whose name later came to mean "lord" in numerous Semitic languages.**

ANSWER: Ba'al Hadad (accept either underlined portion) <Chan, Asian>

**(14) In one of these people's stories, a fox from the mountains describes how a man lived in a house made of parrot wings. That man was cursed after another man was fed a piece of grain that accidentally touched his wife's (+) genitalia. One god from this mythology sends rain by hitting his sister's jar with a lightning bolt slingshot. In this myth system, solar eclipses are caused by an angry god, whose sacred fire was guarded by the (\*) Virgins of the Sun. The Colca were gods in this myth system that ruled over agriculture and were the Pleiades in the night sky. He's not Aztec, but the creator god in this myth system vanished by rafting across the ocean, and told its people to found a city at a place where a golden staff submerged beneath the Earth. Stories from this myth system were recorded in the Huarochiri Manuscript, which had its Sun Cult at Coricancha. Viracocha and Inti are gods in the myth system of, for ten points, what South American civilization centered around Cusco?**

ANSWER: Incan mythology (or the Incan Civilization, accept Quechua people) <Chan, N&S America>

**(15) According to one myth, this object was originally kept by the husband of Tavatava, but she helped its later wielder find it. In another myth, this object was used to lure (+) Pimoe [pih-mow-ay], which failed after a group of brothers looked back at a water goddess. This item was used by a demigod who unintentionally ripped off the wing of an Alae [uh-lay] bird with it. This object later became the basis for another name for the constellation (\*) Scorpio. This item was either fashioned from a jawbone given to its main wielder by Murirangawhena or from that man's ancestors' bones, who used his own blood for bait. That wielder is the son of Hina [hee-nah]. The islands of Hawaii were said to have been raised from the ocean by, for ten points, what kind of magical tool wielded by Maui, commonly used by fishermen?**

ANSWER: Maui's fish-hook (accept Manaiakalani or hei matau) <Chan, Other>

**(16) Due to a tie on their feet and an inability to walk, one group of these beings are said to hop like a rabbit. Those types of these beings are known as pocong. The Mak yong**

**and Ulek mayang dances are performed to heal diseases caused by these beings. In Malay mythology, these beings, who can take the form of a (+) civet and cause convulsions, are called bajangs. In Indonesia, hantu are types of these beings. One of these beings who lost her child, Sundel Bolong, has long black hair and a (\*) hole in the center of her back. In Buddhist tradition, a woman became one of these beings after giving a sick monk her urine mixed with sugarcane juice. Another one of these beings, depicted as a disembodied woman's head with only her viscera attached from the neck, is known as the Krasue. Preta are "hungry" types of, for ten points, what spirits often believed to haunt cemeteries?**

ANSWER: **ghost**(s) (accept **spirit**(s) before mention, prompt on **dead people** before spirits) <Rao, S. Asian>

**(17) When this figure killed their own child, more deities emerged from the tears of this figure, the urine of this figure's spouse, and the remains of this figure's child. While fleeing a certain location, this figure threw (+) peaches to defend himself from an army and used the tooth of a comb as a torch. This figure's first son was sent out to sea in a boat after being born without limbs. This figure's wife mistakenly spoke first after walking around the (\*) Heavenly Pillar, leading to that child being born; that child is known as the Leech Child. This god used a boulder to separate the land of the living from the land of the dead. This god once claimed that fifteen hundred people would be born each day after a goddess claimed that she would kill a thousand people every day. While this god bathed, one goddess was born from his eye and a god was born from his nose. While being chased by eight thunder gods, this god fled his wife's rotting corpse in Yomi. This god used a spear covered in jewels to create the first islands. For ten points, name this Shinto god, the father of Susanoo and Amaterasu and the husband of Izanami.**

ANSWER: **Izanagi**-no-mikoto <Zou, Asian>

**(18) It's not gold, but in Muisca [moo-is-kah] mythology, Chía is a triple one of these deities. In Guaraní mythology, Abaan cut off his nose, making it a god of this thing, which Jasy [ha-see] is also a god of in addition to being the god of siestas. A (+) fox fell in love with one of these goddesses, causing her to gain dark spots on herself, while in another myth, a boy becomes one of these gods after his sister cuts off her breast when he tries to rape her. In a different myth, a (\*) rabbit is thrown at one of these gods after he jumps into a sacrificial bonfire after Nanahuatzin. A demon from another myth claimed to be one of these gods and ripped off an arm of a boy, and in revenge another boy replaced his teeth with corn. That boy used a squash to replace his brother's head in a ball game, defeating the Lords of Xibalba [shih-bal-buh], later becoming one of these gods. For ten points, Hunahpu's brother Xbalanque [shih-buh-laang-kay] became what kind of god after ascending into the sky?**

ANSWER: **moon** gods (or **moon** deities) <Chan, N&S American>

**(19) Before entering one of these locations, one figure dreams of a volcano, dreaming that "lightning smashed the ground and fires blazed out." However, a companion of that figure reassures them that the dream is a positive omen. One figure**

**feels (+) ill and has their hand paralyzed after touching the gate of one of these locations; that gate is later cursed when that figure dies. A resident of one of these locations dies after they are only using one of their seven protective (\*) auras.** The sixth of those auras is gifted to one of these locations. Thirteen winds bind a protector of these locations and assist in that protector's eventual death; Samash gives two heroes permission to kill that protector. After killing that protector, Enkidu falls ill. One figure goes to one of these locations to create one hundred and twenty poles; that figure, Gilgamesh, also creates a gate in one of these locations as well as a raft. For ten points, name these locations, of which Humbaba guarded one of the cedar varieties.

ANSWER: Cedar **Forest**(s) <Zou, Asian>

**(20) The herb moly, which grew from the spilled blood of one of these beings, was gifted to one hero to prevent his transformation into a pig. After an enemy of these beings exhumed one of their bodies, its ankle was used in the burnt (+) foot of Achilles. One of these beings was shot in its eyes by two different archers, while another was crushed with a piece of an island. Twelve daughters of one of these beings were turned into (\*) kingfishers following the death of their father, who was dragged from his homeland and was subsequently slain by Heracles. A conflict involving these beings was said to have started after their king stole the cattle of Helios. Two of these beings referred to as the Aloadae killed each other with their spears after Artemis, in disguise as a deer, ran between them. Alcyoneus and Polybotes were, for ten points, what large children of Gaea, the namesake of a major war with the Olympians?**

ANSWER: **giant**(s) <Rao, Classical>