

National Mythology Showdown (For Three People) (NMS(FTP)) Tossups Packet 2 - “Can’t find any source on those angry [creatures] from Hell.”

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(21) A city founded by this figure, Pergamea, was said to have been hit with a devastating plague as it was founded in the wrong place. A myrtle plant spouts blood and reveals itself as (+) Polydorus after this figure uproots it. This figure sees a thunderclap followed by a shooting star after their son’s head catches on fire. A member of this figure’s crew, Palinurus, is put to sleep by Somnus and sacrificed. Celaeno the (*) harpy curses this figure and their crew to eat their own tables, and this figure holds funeral games to commemorate the death of their father at Drepanum. The Cumean Sybil advises this man to seek out the golden bough before descending into the Underworld, and seeing the belt of Pallas convinces this man to kill the Rutuli king Turnus. The ghost of this man’s wife Creusa urges him to escape Troy with his father Anchises. Queen Dido of Carthage was the lover of, for ten points, what legendary founder of Rome, the title hero of an epic by Virgil?

ANSWER: **Aeneas** <Rao, Classical>

(22) In one of these people’s creation stories, the world began as a gas which grew increasingly damp and warm, which led to the creation of oceans. Dust and sand then rose to the surface to become the earth. The mythical figure Alan Gua is visited by a (+) “glittering spirit” in one of their myths. According to legend, the first of these people was brought about by a blue-gray wolf and a red doe. These people’s epic tales are known as Uliger. A mythical creature that can supposedly discharge (*) poison or electricity from its body is mythologized by these people. That creature is the olgoi-khorkhoi [ohlgwa-korkwa]. In another myth, a river was diverted to make one of their leader’s tombs impossible to find. Bai-Ulgan and Esege Malan are creator deities of these people. They’re not Tibetans, but these people tell the story of the ancient hero King Gesar. For 10 points, name these people who mythologized Genghis Khan.

Answer: **Mongol(s)** (or **Mongolian(s)**); accept the **Buryat(s)** or **Kalmyk(s)** <Munkhbaatar, Asian>

(23) One figure of this type in Cree mythology is responsible for the flood that destroys the world. That figure’s name is Wisakedjak. Another one of this type of figure in Ojibwe mythology is a folk hero who fought (+) Paul Bunyan for 40 days and 40 nights, eventually defeating him by slapping him with a fish. That figure was sent by Gitche Manitou to Earth and has a form known as Mishaabooz. That one of this type of figure, Nanabozho, is commonly depicted as a rabbit. In Lakota mythology, one of these figures created the first dream catcher; that figure, (*) Iktomi, is a spider. One of these figures ends an eternal winter by defeating 10 moons. That figure used sticks to try to stay awake, causing them to have slanted eyes. One of these figures has its tail grabbed, causing the tip to turn white, while another one of this kind of figure is originally white then turns black when a fire is lit underneath them. For ten points, name this type of figure exemplified by Coyote and Raven.

ANSWER: **trickster**(s) <Zou, N&S American>

(24) A resident of this location has a nightmare that a fire starts in this location, causing them to murder a man and using his blood to put out the fire. A resident of this location instructed their niece to use (+) pig's blood to cleanse herself of the murder of Absyrtus. A man who died in this location asked to be cremated with only an (*) oar to mark his grave. According to a lost epic, a resident of this location made three figures immortal before marrying her former lover's son. Her son killed that former lover with the spine of a stingray; that lover's body was buried in this location. Elpenor fell off a ladder and broke his neck in this location. Eurylochus refused to enter a house in this location, which is guarded by docile wolves and lions. The men that did enter that house were turned into swine and had to be saved by Odysseus. For ten points, name this island, the home of a powerful sorceress and daughter of Helios.

ANSWER: **Aeaea** (or **Aiaia**, accept **Circe's island** before island and any reasonable pronunciation (the actual pronunciation is ee-ee-uh), prompt afterwards) <Zou, Classical>

(25) Two wives of a figure that lived during this event cooked forbidden fish, causing that figure's canoe to become the Milky Way. One figure was bitten by a snake during this event, which caused a (+) red ochre deposit to form. One version of this event holds that two self-created beings carved humans out of bundles of animals and plants next to salt lakes. During this event, the largest (*) frog in the world drank all the water in a river, and in order to get him to release the water, an eel tied herself into a knot while dancing. One creature during this event, Mulyawonk the bunyip, snatches children if they get too close to water. Sandstone slopes were created during this process when Ginga became a crocodile after trying to relieve his burns he had received during a ceremony. A battle between Kuniya Woman and the Liru people during this process caused the formation of Uluru. For ten points, name this period of time during which the Rainbow Serpent formed the land of Australia.

ANSWER: the **Dreaming** (or the **Dreamtime**, accept **Tjukurrpa** and/or **Alchera**) <Chan, Other>

(26) In one story, a god sent birds to perform an action involving these things, as well as tearing off the heads of humanity and pecking out their eyes. It's not corn, but at Tamoanchan, one deity turned these things into flour. That deity is (+) Cihuacoatl. A god sent a flock of quails to prevent jade ones of these things from being stolen. Those quails caused the thief to trip, breaking these things. A goddess who was impregnated by a (*) ball of feathers wore a necklace of hearts and these things. Hunahpu and Xbalanque's mother was impregnated by one of these things growing on a calabash tree. It is not lightning, fire, or backwards feet, but when Xolotl is not depicted as a dog, he is usually depicted made from these things; the same is true for Mictlantēcutli and Cizin, the latter of whom is depicted with a cigarette. Quetzalcoatl mixed with blood and corn to create the 5th race of humans with, for ten points, what material that makes up a skeleton?

ANSWER: **bone**(s) (accept **skeleton** before mention, accept **skull**(s) and/or **teeth** before skeleton) <Zou, N&S American>

(27) Some of these creatures who refused to turn the tail of a horse black were cursed by their mother for not partaking in her attempts to cheat in a bet. A son of Jaratkaru saved these creatures from an event triggered by the killing of (+) Parikshit by one of these creatures. That event saw the persecution of these creatures by the Kuru king Janamejaya. Manasa is the goddess of these creatures, who were the main inhabitants of the (*) Khandava Forest before it was burned down by one man. That man, Arjuna, was healed by a stone named for these creatures by his wife Ulupi, who was also a queen of these creatures. Ganesha wears one of these creatures as a belt, while another makes up the bed of Vishnu. One of these creatures was tied to Mount Mandara and used to churn the Ocean of Milk. That one of these creatures, Vasuki, can be seen wrapped around Shiva's neck. Nagas appear in forms of, for ten points, what reptile, exemplified by a cobra?

ANSWER: **snake(s)** (or **serpent(s)**, accept **Naga(s)** before mentioned) <Rao, S. Asian>

(28) In Thai mythology, two nagas compete for a giant gold one of these creatures, and the winning naga digs the Mekong river. Lê Thân [lay tahn] originally thought a (+) sword was one of these creatures, however, when he threw it away, it continued to return. He eventually gifted that sword, known as “Heaven’s Will,” to Lê Lợi [lay luh-oy]. A gigantic one of these creatures is known as the Timingila. “She who smells like one of these creatures” is an epithet for (*) Satyavati after she transforms into one of these creatures. A large rainbow one of these creatures ate Buddha and provided food for the nation for a year after it was slain. At Draupadi’s swayamvara, suitors had to shoot the eye of one of these animals. King Manu rescues one of these animals that constantly grows and saves him from a flood. For ten points, name these creatures exemplified by Matsya, the first avatar of Vishnu.

ANSWER: **fish** (accept **catfish**) <Zou, S. Asian>

(29) After this figure picked more flowers than their child with the help of Peristera, that child turned Peristera into a bird. In one legend, one son of this deity and Butes [boo-tees] of Sicily died in a boxing match with Heracles, and in another legend, one child of this deity is born at the suggestion of (+) Themis to help another child of this deity grow. A nymph turned into a lotus plant to protect herself from the advances of one child of this figure, and in another story, that child of this figure was stopped after a braying (*) donkey alerted the sleeping Hestia. Children of this deity were conceived after an incident in which Alectryon became a rooster, and this deity sends one woman to collect black water from the River Styx in return for marrying this deity’s son. This deity parents her children Golgos and Beroe with a lover who is killed by a wild boar. That lover is Adonis. For ten points, name this goddess whose affair with Ares produced the twins Phobos and Deimos.

ANSWER: **Aphrodite** (accept **children of Aphrodite**; do not accept or prompt on Venus) <Rao, Classical>

(30) In one story from this region, a girl is thrown away three times before a stork rescues her. A set of triplets from this region make a rooster out of straw and cross a river

using bones from three-year dead cattle. One figure from this region walks three thousand leagues to obtain the (+) flower of resurrection, before being stopped by the Buddha, and answers yes when he asks her if she can walk three thousand more. Two animals ask a child of the sky god from this region to turn them into humans, but unlike the (*) bear, the tiger is unable to fast. In another story from this region, a golden chest is opened to reveal six golden eggs that become kings fifteen days after boys are born from them, one of which marries a girl who comes on a ship with red sails. A king born from a horse in this region marries a girl born with a chicken beak out of a rib. Princess Bari, Hyeokgeose, and Hwanung are from, for ten points, what region that encompasses mythology from kingdoms like Baekje [bayk-jay] and Gojoseon?

ANSWER: **Korea** (accept **Baekje** and **Gojoseon** before mention, accept **Buyeo**, **Goguryeo**, **Silla**, **Gaya**, **Gyeongang**, and/or **Jeolla**, do not accept Jeju as Princess Bari does not emerge in shamanistic traditions there) <Chan, Asian>

(31) Andal, an important female devotee of this deity, married this deity's reclining form of Ranganatha at Srirangam and thus merged within him. 12 Azhwargal [aar-vaar-guhl] worshiped this deity, whose 108 main temples are called the Divya Desams. After a sage observed a boy merging with a (+) tree, this deity's Padmanabhaswamy Temple was founded. One form of this deity killed a cowherd after he struck this deity with an ax on the forehead, with the blood forming his (*) namam. That form of this deity reincarnated in Chola [sor-uh] Country after his wife left him and eventually married Padmavati; that form's name was Venkateshwara. This god's form of Parthasarathy literally means "friend's charioteer," alluding to his role during the Kurukshetra War. The Naalaayira Divya Prabandham is a scripture for those who worship this deity, whose consort is Sri Devi. Sri Vaishnavas worship, for ten points, what South Indian form of the Preserver, Vishnu?

ANSWER: **Perumal** (or **Thirumal**, prompt on **Vishnu** by asking "what form of Vishnu?" until FTP) <Bharanidharan, S. Asian>

(32) The copper on Michipicoten Island is said to be guarded by one of these creatures, and stealing from it would cause misfortune. Some of these creatures, called Mishipeshu, are locked in eternal conflict with the (+) Thunderbirds. God L is said to have the ears and cloak of one of these creatures. One mythology holds that the world will end with these creatures called balam rising from the underworld and eating the sun and moon after an eclipse. The Olmec (*) were-variety of these creatures were produced during an interaction between a woman and one of these creatures, and may have been a rain deity. One figure fed these creatures bones in the House titled for these animals, of which he has the skin of. Along with the snake god Kukulkan, one of these creatures rules the Mayan Underworld. A figure who has the nagual of one of these animals ruled over The Sun of the Earth. That god is Tetzcatlipoca. For ten points, name this big jungle cat that frequents Central American mythology.

ANSWER: **jaguar**(s) (accept **ocelot**(s), black **panther**(s) and/or underwater **panther**(s), prompt on **cat**(s)) <Chan, N&S American>

(33) The illusion of lights are said to mark the weddings of these creatures. Another name for will-o'-the-wisps is sometimes referred to as these creatures' fire. In 2022, the Killing Stone split open, which was thought to house one of these creatures. A (+) forest of meat and a lake of wine were created by a king for one of these creatures that invented a torture device known as the "Bronze Toaster." One of these creatures sent by Nüwa caused the fall of the (*) Shang Dynasty. That one of these creatures impersonated King Zhou's favorite concubine, Daji. In one country's mythology, these creatures enjoy eating hearts and livers, while in another country's mythology, these creatures enjoy eating fried tofu. Some names for these creatures are kumiho and huli jing. These creatures are the messengers of an androgynous kami of rice known as Inari. For ten points, name these creatures that often have nine-tails, of which the Japanese variety is known as kitsune.

ANSWER: **fox** spirits (accept **kumiho** or **gumiho** or **huli jing** or **kitsune** before mention) <Zou, Asian>

(34) This event's location, although disputed, was named after a word meaning "crooked bank," and its supposed date can be traced back to a famine. One figure was struck nine times during this event, during one of which (+) sunlight poured through his open wounds. That figure's body was carried behind a horse, only to be torn apart later. According to some versions of this event, only seven people survived it because they were beautiful, ugly, strong, or fast. This event began when a (*) snake was killed during a negotiation. One figure died during this event as a result of his injuries bursting open while carrying his liege. Other versions hold that the central figure in this conflict was helped and removed from the scene by either a bard, Taliesin, or by his half-sister, Morgan. After this conflict, a man is repeatedly asked to return an object to Nimue by a man who goes to Avalon after receiving a mortal wound. For ten points, name this final battle of King Arthur against Mordred.

ANSWER: Battle of **Camlann** <Chan, European>

(35) *Note to players: description acceptable.* The words "[caused] the sky to crash to the earth" were used by one deity to describe a certain result of this event. That deity was Neith. One deity's head was reattached by (+) Thoth after that deity was beheaded by a central figure in this event. One goddess tricked Nemty to ferry her to an island during this event, and later disguised herself as a widow of a cattle herder to advocate for one result of this event. This event's central figures were maimed by a copper (*) harpoon, which led to one gouging the other's eyes out. After one deity was sexually assaulted, they tricked their assailant into eating lettuce with that deity's semen. Contrary to the mountain top used by one deity as part of this event, the other painted their wood boat to resemble stone. Underwater hippopotami fighting and stone boat building were part of, for ten points, what eighty-year long power struggle between the son of Osiris and his brother to replace his position as ruler of Egypt?

ANSWER: "The **Contendings of Horus and Seth**" (accept equivalents such as **conflict** or **fight** mentioning BOTH **Horus** and **Seth**, prompt on **Horus becoming king** of Egypt or equivalents) <Rao, African>

(36) A woman who must beat her sisters every night or risk being turned into a dog saves one of these beings after her husband dies. In one story, after her father spares a herd of deer that turned out to be these beings, a king's daughter is taken away by a (+) dog that is one of these beings. One man is saved from one of these beings' wrath by three men with a gazelle, two dogs, and a mule. That man had angered one of these beings by inadvertently killing one of them by throwing away (*) dates. In another story, a man fishes up a dead donkey and a pitcher full of dirt before finding one of these beings in a bronze jar with the Seal of Solomon. The seventy-second surah is titled after these beings that can be warded off with the Throne Verse. A creature that refused to bow to Adam, Iblis, was one of these beings, types of which include silas, marids, and ifrits. For ten points, name these invisible Arabian beings, one of which grants Aladdin three wishes after being released from a lamp.

ANSWER: **djinn**(i) (or **genie**(s), accept **ifrit** before mention) <Chan, Asian>

(37) After one deity is locked up in a chest for three months, he brings back to his captor another god, with a pole in place of this thing. After this thing's owner dies, two of his children will use this object to symbolize a new era. In a duel, this thing breaks the (+) skull of a figure who throws a whetstone, which was previously split in half by this thing. Despite one figure complaining that they were merely hit by an acorn, this object actually creates three (*) valleys in the ground when it hits that figure. A peasant boy eats the bone marrow of a goat, causing the goat to be lame when it is resurrected with this item. A giant is told that another figure had not slept or eaten in anticipation for a wedding during an attempt to reobtain this stolen object by a god. That giant is Thrymr. While forging this weapon, the dwarf Brokkr was stung by Loki in the form of a fly on his eyelid, causing this object to ultimately have a short handle. For ten points, name this lightning-bringing hammer wielded by Thor.

ANSWER: **Mjöllnir** <Chan & Rao, Other>

(38) *Note to moderator: read the answerline carefully.* In one myth, an oracle told Erechtheus that if he performed this action, he would win a war against Eleusis; after he performed that action Protogenia and Pandora committed suicide. (+) Hyacinthus the Lacedaemonian performed this action to prevent Minos from conquering Athens. After Laomedon nearly performed this action, Heracles presented Hesione as a bride to Telamon. Ino bribed an oracle to convince Athemas to perform this action on (*) Helle, but before he could perform this action, a golden ram sent by Nephele abducted Helle and Phrixus. In one story, Odysseus tricked a woman into thinking she was marrying Achilles, however, in reality, this action was being performed. In the stories where that action was successful, Clytemnestra beheaded a man for performing that action. Calchas advised that man to perform this action against a princess of Mycenae. For ten points, name this action, which Agammenon directed at his child Iphigenia to gain favorable winds.

ANSWER: **sacrificing their daughter** (accept any answer mentioning BOTH **daughter** and **sacrifice**, accept **sacrificing their step-daughter**, prompt on **killing their daughter**, prompt on **sacrifice** by

asking “what are they sacrificing?”, prompt on sacrificing their child before child and/or human sacrifice by asking for a more specific relation; do not accept or prompt on sacrificing their son) <Zou, Classical>

(39) Note to players: description acceptable. One figure in this event used the hilt of their knife to numb another character. That figure, as part of this event, also used two sticks as a makeshift ladder to help another character. One part of this event saw the central figure cover their head with a cut banana (+) leaf, who wet themselves to imitate rain. During this event, that figure used eto to attract another character. To prove their height, one character in this event is tied up with creeper (*) vines after wrapping themselves around a palm branch. Aso, the wife of this event's central figure, assists him carry out the purpose of this event. A popular account of this event sees a figure offer his mother, Ya Nsia, to one god. The Hornets, Mmoatia the Fairy, Onini the Snake, and Osebo the Leopard are captured and given to Nyame in, for ten points, what event which sees an Ashanti spider trickster obtain the title objects, which are often read by children?

ANSWER: **Anansi obtaining the world's stories** from Nyame the Sky-God (accept equivalents mentioning **Anansi** AND his **possession of the world's stories**) <Rao, African>

(40) Note to players: description acceptable. One god chose not to perform this action because “the gandharva in the waters and the watery maiden” would not have wanted it. An oracle prophesied that if Thyestes accomplished this action, it would result in the death of (+) Atreus. In one story, Loki claims that Freyja executed this action, which her father Njord is also commonly believed to have done. Nyctimene [nik-tih-mihn-ee] was transformed into an owl by Athena after unwillingly performing this action. Myrrha [meeruh], the (*) mother of Adonis, was turned into a tree after doing this action. Laius ordered his son to be placed on Mount Cithaeron [sithieron] with his feet bound after it was prophesied that his son would kill him and perform this action. Quetzalcoatl set himself on fire after getting drunk and performing this action. It is commonly believed that Mordred was born after Arthur did this action that Izanami and Izanagi engage in in Shinto mythology. Isis and Osiris committed, for ten points, what action as they are siblings and married?

ANSWER: **incest** (accept any answer that refers to **having relations with a family member**, prompt on **affair(s)** or equivalents before Njord, do not accept or prompt on marriage or having children) <Zou, Commonlink>