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Gnowee the Goddess of Light



Thousands of years ago in the land we know as Australia, people had neither day nor night, everything was darkness and they died of cold and hunger. During these times Gnowee came down to Earth, she arrived with her family and with fire.

This life in darkness was very difficult, the fires did not radiate enough light and heat. What's worse, when the son of Gnowee entered the leafy forest he did not return. She desperately lit a torch and began her incessant journey through forests and plains until she had visited every inch of Earth. She was desperate to find him, and such was her strength and energy, that she rose over the planet radiating with incandescent light all of its corners, but she could still not find her son.

Thus, covered with radiant luminosity, every morning she rises majestically and continues her walk until she feels exhausted and falls asleep, then everything becomes dark once again. After hours of rest, she gets up again to diligently continue her search. Without ceasing, she repeats this action for ever and ever creating the day and the night, accompanied by the rotating movement of Earth.