The Tale of Setna I (P. Cairo 30646)

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(May not match the conventions in my older notes)

()	text omitted by the scribe, but implicitly understood
<	>	addition to fix a scribal error
{	}	deletion to fix a scribal error
[]	addition to fix lacuna, or addition uncertain

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(4.1) [...] $p\underline{h}r = i t g p.t$

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(4.1) [...] bewitched the sky,

the land, the *duat*, the mountains, the seas. I have found [IND] that which the

birds of the sky, the fish of the depth[s], and [G, 36] the beasts

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dr.w irm p3y=w gy nw=i r n3 **(4.3)** *rim.w n p3*

said, to its limit ["to" + mediated object]. I recite another (4.2) formula of magic. I have gazed at [IND]

Pre when he appears [1-PRES] in ["at"] the sky with his Ennead. I have gazed

at Iah [the Moon] when he arose with the stars in the sky

entire, with their totality [G, 83]. I have gazed at the (4.3) fish of the

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depths, though there were 21 divine cubits of water brought[?] above them.

Even though I cannot write [NEG-AOR], I spoke to Naneferkaptah, my elder

brother, who was a good scribe [and] very learned man ["man of knowledge"]. He said, cause a piece

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> **(4.4)** n dm^c n m3y.t i.ir hr=f sh=f md nb r wn n3.w hr p3

> $\underline{dm}^{c}i.ir \,\underline{h}r = f \,dr = w$ $di = f \,mh[?] = f \,n \,st[i].t \,wty = f$

s ḥr mw rḥ=f s iw w3ḥ=f wyt swr=f s rḥ=f

(4.4) of fresh papyrus ["papyrus of the new"] to be brought [passive?] before him. He wrote every word, that was [r wn n3.w = IMPERF relative converter] upon the

papyrus before him, entire.

He caused that he burn [? Is h or h written here?] [it] in fire, [then] doused

it in ["upon"] water.

That he [might] learn it, he dissolved and drank it, [then] he knew

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> r p 3y wn n 3.w iw = f n im = f(4.5) st 3T = n r KbT n p 3 hrw

> > n rn = f

ir n hrw nfr m b3h Is n KbT Ḥr-p3-hrd. T

r = n r mr.t

hty=n ph=n pr mh.T n KbT n

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s[?] w3h Dhwty gm md nb s[] ir hpr n (4.6) N.

of that which ["it"] was within it.

(4.5) We returned to Koptos on the named

day ["the day of its name"].

We observed ["made"] the holiday of Isis-of-Koptos and Harpocrates.

We came onboard.

We went down to north of Koptos,

["at"] 1 *ar* away.

[But look], it happened [PERF] that Thoth found [out] all things made [participle, following G, 12] to happen to Naneferkaptah

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