

The Three Brothers - Narrator Sheet

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Scene 1:

When the land was flat there was a large lake whose spirit was the mother of three brothers. Dooragan - the eldest, Mooragan the middle son and Booragan was the younger son. Booragan had more favour in his mother's eyes than his siblings.

Scene 2:

As part of their initiation, the brothers were fostered out to the other clans of the Birpai nation. Dooragan was fostered out to the stingray people in the north, Point Plumber; Mooragan to the crab people also in the north at Lake Cathie; and Booragan to the shark people of the south at Harrington.

Scene 3:

On their way north Dooragan tried to persuade Mooragan to help him kill their youngest brother so that he might find more favour in his mother's eyes. Mooragan refused but this didn't stop Dooragan fleeing to the south to kill Booragan.

Scene 4:

The Willie Wagtail saw what had happened and upon telling the brothers' mother she got very angry and killed the two brothers for murdering Booragan.

Scene 5:

When the great Spirit Eagle heard what had happened he became very angry. As punishment for the mother he turned the three brothers into mountains. Booragan into the mountain to the south, Mooragan into the middle mountain and Dooragan into the mountain to the north. Dividing his mother's domain into two, which is now known as Watson Taylor Lake and Queens Lake. Also, as punishment for the mother's actions he turned the mother into the Comboyne mountain so that she would forever look over her sons, the three brothers, and know her wrongdoings.