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The Three Sisters of Fate

Once upon a time, in the ancient world of Greek mythology, there were three special sisters known as the Fates, or the Moirai. They were not like other sisters you might know. These sisters were magical and had a very important job. They controlled the destiny of everyone, from mighty gods to tiny ants.

The oldest sister was named Clotho, and she had a magical spinning wheel. As Clotho spun her wheel, she would also spin the thread of life for every person and creature. The moment she began spinning, a new life started somewhere in the world!

The middle sister, Lachesis, was in charge of measuring the length of the thread. The length of the thread determined how long each life would be. Lachesis would carefully measure each thread, deciding how much time each person or creature had to live. She did this job with a lot of care because she knew how important it was.

Finally, the youngest sister was Atropos. She had the hardest job of all. Atropos was in charge of cutting the thread of life. With her special pair of scissors, she would cut the thread when it was time for a person or creature's life to end. This was always a very sad moment, but it was part of the circle of life.

The Three Sisters of Fate lived high above the clouds, where they could see everyone and everything. Every day, they would spin, measure, and cut the threads of life, controlling the destiny of all beings. No one, not even the most powerful gods, could change or avoid the decisions of the Fates.

In Greek mythology, the Three Sisters of Fate taught people that life is a precious gift that has a beginning, middle, and an end. Even though the work of the Fates might seem scary, they remind us to cherish every moment we have.

Reading Questions

1. Who were the Three Sisters of Fate?
2. What was the job of the oldest sister, Clotho?
3. How did Lachesis, the middle sister, determine how long each life would be?
4. What was the role of Atropos, the youngest sister?
5. Where did the Three Sisters of Fate live and what was their power over the gods?