

Damballa, the father serpent, created all the oceans and seas of the earth.

As he moved through the endless waters, his 7,000 coils formed great valleys and mountains on the new earth.

He brought forth stars and planets in the heavens, and the sun and the moon.

He created different metals from the heat and sent forth lightning bolts which formed sacred rocks.

When all of this was done, Damballa shed his skin.

This caused great flooding on earth, but when it was done, the sun shone brightly over the waters and created the first rainbow.

The rainbow was called Aida-Wedo.

Damballa fell in love with the beautiful rainbow and made her his wife.

Damballa and Aida-Wedo created the first city of Ifé. It was the source of all power, all creations and spirituality. The first of the loa, or gods, descended to Ifé to live.





