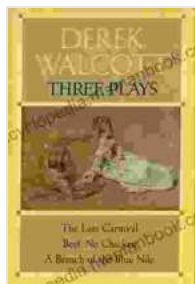


The Last Carnival of Beef: No Chicken and the Branch of the Blue Nile



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The Last Carnival of Beef is a unique and fascinating festival held in Ethiopia. It is celebrated on the last day of the Ethiopian calendar, which falls on September 11th or 12th. The festival is characterized by the consumption of large amounts of beef and the absence of chicken. It is also a time for music, dancing, and general merrymaking.

The Last Carnival of Beef has a long and rich history. It is believed to have originated in the 14th century, during the reign of Emperor Amda Seyon I. The emperor is said to have ordered the festival to be held in order to celebrate the victory of his army over a group of Muslim invaders. The festival has been celebrated ever since, and it has become an important part of Ethiopian culture.

Symbolism and Significance

The Last Carnival of Beef is a complex and multi-layered festival. It has a number of different meanings and symbols, and it is interpreted in different ways by different people. However, some of the most common interpretations include:

- **The end of the old year and the beginning of the new year:** The festival is held on the last day of the Ethiopian calendar, and it is seen as a time to let go of the past and start fresh. Many people believe that the consumption of beef on this day will help to ensure a successful new year.
- **The victory of good over evil:** The festival is also seen as a celebration of the victory of good over evil. The consumption of beef is said to symbolize the triumph of Christianity over Islam. This interpretation is based on the fact that the festival was originally held to

celebrate the victory of Emperor Amda Seyon I over a group of Muslim invaders.

- **The importance of community:** The festival is a time for people to come together and celebrate. It is a time to share food, music, and dance. The festival is also a time to remember the past and to look forward to the future.

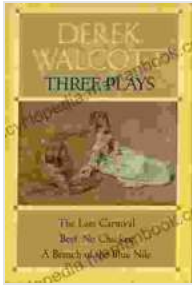
The Branch of the Blue Nile

The Last Carnival of Beef is also associated with the Blue Nile River. The Blue Nile is one of the two main tributaries of the Nile River, and it is the source of most of the water that flows through Egypt. The Blue Nile is also a symbol of fertility and abundance. It is believed that the consumption of beef on the last day of the Ethiopian calendar will help to ensure a bountiful harvest in the coming year.

The Blue Nile is also a source of spiritual power. It is believed that the river is home to a number of spirits, and that these spirits can be contacted through the consumption of beef. Many people believe that the consumption of beef on the last day of the Ethiopian calendar will help to bring them good luck and prosperity.

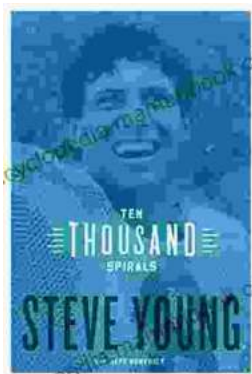
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