



A Juicy Egyptian Affair *

Nu saith:
Hi!

I am the paddle which is equipped,
...nice to meet you!

wherewith Ra transported the Aged Gods,
I'm falling in love with you.

which raised up the emissions of Osiris from the Lake of Blazing fire,
I want to spend the rest of my life with you.

and he was not burned.
I think we're ready to have kids.

I sit down like the Light-god,
What's happened to us?

And like Khnemu, the Governor of lions.
We're drifting apart.

Come, cut away the fetters from him that passeth by the side of his path,
We're different people now.

And let me come forth therefrom.

It's over.

Some things last longer than others.

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