

Mummification was a process used in ancient Egypt. They would store a dead person's organs in canopic jars. This was to make sure that they had them for the afterlife. The heart was left in the person's body for extra weight. It was believed that a person is weighed in the afterlife to decide if that person had lived a good life or not.

Before placing the organs inside the jars, they were dried in a special salt to preserve them.

It was believed that a person's body would be pieced back together when in the afterlife, just like the god Osiris. Osiris himself was put back together by the goddess Isis before he became the god of the afterlife.

Canopic jars are four clay pots. Each pot was decorated and had a different head of the sons of the god Horus on top. Each god protected a different organ. Hapi protected the lungs, Qebehnsenuf protected the intestines, Duamatef protected the stomach and Imstey protected the liver.