

{AT300} The Dragon-Slayer.

Rescue of the princess.

Cf. Types 301,303,305*,315, 466, 466*, 466**, 502, 530, 532, 553.

I. The Hero and his Dogs.

- (a) A shepherd,
- (b) with a sister who afterwards proves to be faithless, or
- (c) other hero (d) acquires helpful dogs,
- (e) through exchange or (f) because they were born with the hero - or
- (g) through kindness he receives the help of animals;
- (h) he also receives a magic stick or sword.

II. The Sacrifice.

- (a) A princess is demanded as a sacrifice and
- (b) exposed to a dragon. She is offered to her rescuer in marriage.

III. The Dragon

- (a) breathes fire and
- (b) has seven heads
- (c) which magically return when cut off.

IV. The Fight,

- (a) While waiting for the dragon, the hero is loused by the princess and (b) falls into a magic sleep,
- (c) She awakens him by
- (d) cutting off a finger or
- (e) letting a tear fall on him.
- (f) In the tight, the hero is assisted by his dogs, or
- (g) his horse.

V. The Tongues,

- (a) The hero cuts out the tongues of the dragon and keeps them as proof of the rescue,
- (b) An impostor cuts off the dragon's heads, which he later seeks to use as proof.

VI. Impostor,

- (a) The hero leaves the princess
- (b) with an injunction of silence as to his identity; or
- (c) he is murdered and
- (d) resuscitated by his dogs,
- (e) The impostor forces an oath of secrecy from the princess.

VII Recognition,

- (a) The hero intercepts the impostor on the wedding day, when he secures recognition (b) through the theft of the wedding cake by his dogs, or the presentation of
- (c) the dragon tongues,
- (d) of a ring, or
- (e) of another token.

Motifs:

I.

[L100] Unpromising hero.

[P412.1] Shepherd as hero.

[K2212] Treacherous sister.

[B421] Helpful dog.

[B312.2] Helpful animals obtained by exchange.

[B311] Congenital helpful animal. Born at same time as master and (usually) by same magic means.

[B350] Grateful animals.

[B391] Animal grateful for food.

[B392] Hero divides spoil for animals.

[B312.1] Helpful animals a gift.

[D1254] Magic stick.

[D1081] Magic sword.

II.

[B11.10] Sacrifice of human being to dragon.

[S262] Periodic sacrifices to a monster.

[T68.1] Princess offered as prize to rescuer.

[Q112] Half of kingdom as reward.

III.

[B11] Dragon.

[G346] Devastating monster. Lays waste to the land.

[B11.2.11] Fire-breathing dragon.

[B11.2.3.1] Seven-headed dragon.

[B11.5.5] Self-returning dragon's head.

IV.

[D1962.2] Magic sleep by lousing. Picking the lice from the head of an old person or an ogre is used to put him to sleep.

[D1975] Dragon-fighter's magic sleep. While waiting for fight with dragon, hero falls into magic sleep.

[D1978.1] Waking from magic sleep by cutting off finger.

[D1978.2] Waking from magic sleep by letting tear fall on sleeper.

[B11.11] Fight with dragon.

[B11.11.1] Dragon fight: respite granted and dragon returns with renewed strength.

[B11.11.2] Hero's dogs (horse) prevent dragon's heads from rejoining body.

[B524.1.1] Dogs kill attacking cannibal (dragon).

[K1052] Dragon attacks own image in mirror.

[R111.1.3] Rescue of princess (maiden) from dragon.

V.

[H105.1] Dragon-tongue proof. Dragon-slayer cuts out the tongues and uses them later to prove his identity as slayer.

[R111.6] Girl rescued and then abandoned.

[K2262] Treacherous charcoal-burner.

[K2265] Treacherous red knight.

VI.

[C422.1] Tabu: revealing dragon-fighter's identity. Dragon-fighter forbids princess whom he has rescued to tell who he is.

[B515] Resuscitation by animals.

[K1933] Impostor forces oath of secrecy.

[K1932] Impostor claims reward (prize) earned by hero.

[N681] Lover arrives home just as mistress is to marry another.

[T151] Year's respite from unwelcome marriage.

[H151.2] Attention drawn by helpful animals' theft of food from wedding table: recognition follows.

[H83] Rescue tokens. Proof that hero has succeeded in rescue.

[H105.1] Dragon-tongue proof.

[H80] Identification by tokens.

[H113] Identification by handkerchief.

[K1816.0.3.1] Hero in menial disguise at heroine's wedding.

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{AT300A} The Fight on the Bridge.

Aided by his filly, the strong youth defeats three dragons and their wives, in spite of his sleeping helpers.

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{AT300B} King of the Snakes.

King of the snakes is offended and devastates the country and carries off girls. The magically conceived hero is advised by a maiden and given an aspen stick with which he defeats the snake and later a dragon. Marriage with the maiden-helper.

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She changes herself into a golden bird [D150] .

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{AT300A*} The Princess is Won.

(Often mixed with Types 303, 304, 315, 316, 550, 552).

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