

{ AT306} The Danced-out Shoes.

The princess's nightly visits to the supernatural being. A youth who follows her and wins her hand. Cf. Type 507.

I. Princess as Prize.

- (a) A princess is offered to the man who can find why her shoes are danced to pieces each morning.

II. Discovery of the Secret,

- (a) By refusing a narcotic the hero succeeds where others have failed in keeping awake,
- (b) By making himself invisible, he accompanies the princess on a magic underground journey through enchanted woods of copper, silver, and gold,
- (d) where she dances with a supernatural being.

III. Recognition,

- (a) Tokens from the supernatural realm corroborate his tale and he marries the princess.

Motifs:

I.

[T68] Princess offered as prize.

[H508.2] Bride offered to man who can find answer to question.

[F1015.1.1] The danced-out shoes.

II.

[D1364.7] Sleeping potion.

[K625.1] Escape of girl foiled by hero's refusal to take narcotic.

[D1980] Magic invisibility.

[D2131] Magic underground journey.

[F811.1.3] Copper tree.

[F811.1.2] Silver tree.

[F811.1.1] Golden tree.

[T118] Girl (man) married to (enamored of) a monster.

[D2174] Magic dancing. Enchanted persons dance till released.

III.

[H80] Identification by tokens.

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

[L161] Lowly hero marries princess.

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{ AT306A} The Pursuit of the Heavenly Maiden.

I. The Heavenly Maiden. The prince sees a lovely maiden and wishes to marry her.

(a) She agrees but stipulates that she must be allowed to return to her parent's home each evening.

II. Following to the Other World. The prince is given a magic object which makes him invisible [D1980] and follows his wife,

(a) A flying tree

(b) or other flying object carries her and other fairies to heaven to dance before Indra or some other god or supernatural being. The prince is able to seize the flying object and to remain unnoticed in Indra's court,

(c) While the fairies are dancing, he takes the place of one of the musicians.

III. Winning his Wife,

(a) He plays so well that Indra grants him a boon and he demands his wife [F81.1] . Or (b) he is told he must pick out his wife from among others similarly clad.

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