

{ AT307 } The Princess in the Shroud.

Each morning the watchers are found dead. A youth overcomes the enchantment; the dead girl comes out of the shroud. He wins her hand. (Not always a princess). Sometimes combined with Type 506 (I b, V).

I. The Parents' Hasty Wish,

(a) Barren parents wish for a child even if she is a devil,

(b) A daughter is born who is diabolical.

II. Vampire.

After her death she leaves her grave in the church at night like a vampire and kills the soldiers who keep watch.

III. Disenchantment.

At last she is disenchanted by a youth, on the advice of an old man, when for three nights in prayer, once kneeling before the altar, once prone before the altar, and once lying in her grave, he endures her punishments. The other watchers are resuscitated.

Happy marriage.

Motifs:

I.

[T548.1] Child born in answer to prayer.

[S223] Childless couple promise child to the devil if they may only have one.

[C758.1] Monster born because of hasty wish of parents.

[T556] Woman gives birth to demon.

II.

[E251] Vampire. Corpse which comes from grave at night and sucks blood.

III.

[D701] Gradual disenchantment.

[N825.2] Old man helper.

[M241] Bargain: to divide all winnings.

[V52.2] Continuous prayer sustains man through frightful vigil.

[C401.1] Tabu: speaking during vigil.

[H1451] Test: speechless vigil in church.

[D758.1] Disenchantment by three nights' silence under punishment.

[E251.1.1] Vampire's power overcome by endurance and prayer. Hero continues to pray without looking or speaking while vampire punishes him. [E251.2.1] Vampire brought to life through endurance of punishment by her victim.

[E0] Resuscitation.

[L161] Lowly hero marries princess.

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{ AT307A* } Ring from the Dead.

A soldier who watches the grave of a queen receives from the dead a ring, which she had stolen from her sister; the sister forgives the dead woman and the dead ceases to frighten.

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{ AT307B*} The Conquered Ghost.

A soldier watches in a haunted casde, and thrice conquers the ghost and closes him in the grave. The black daughter of the king becomes white and marries her deliverer.

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{ AT307C*} Ten Nights Resistance.

A young man delivers an enchanted princess by resisting her temptations for ten nights. [H1272], [D750] .

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