

313 The Magic Flight.

(Including the previous Types 313A, 313B, 313C, and 313H*.) This type combines various introductory episodes with the two main parts of the "Magic Flight" and the "Forgotten Fiancée".

Introductory episodes:

(1) After a war between birds and quadrupeds [B261, cf. Type 222], a wounded eagle is cared for by a man. The eagle (its relatives) gives the man a box which he must not open before he arrives at home. The man disobeys and a castle appears. An giant helps the man close the box and, in return, is promised the man's unborn son [S222]. Cf. Type 537.

In some variants, a boy is promised to a demon, giant, or devil [S222, S240], or the boy promises himself to the demon. Threatening him with death, the demon (giant, devil) assigns the youth (often three) impossible tasks [G465] (e.g. building a castle in one night [H1104], bailing out a pond with a sieve [H1113], felling a forest using an axe of glass, capturing a magic horse [H1154.8]) which he performs with the help of the demon's daughter [H335.0.1]. Before the youth can marry the daughter, he must identify her in a group of women (her sisters) who look just like her.

(2) A youth watches girls (transformed swans) bathing in a lake and steals the swan dress of one of them [D361.1, D721]. The girl agrees to marry the youth and takes him to her father's house. Cf. Types 400, 465A.

(3) A king suffering from leprosy (scabs) captures a prince and feeds him with sweets for forty days, in the hope that the prince's blood will cure his sickness. The princess falls in love with the foreign youth.

Main parts:

Magic Flight. The daughter of the demon (king) uses her magical power to flee together with the youth. She leaves magic speaking objects (spittle, blood) behind to deceive her father [D1611]. Nevertheless the flight is discovered and the father follows them. In order to escape, the girl transforms herself and her fiancé into various things or persons (e.g. into rose and thornbush, church and priest, lake and duck) [D671], or she throws magic objects (comb, brush, mirror, etc.) which become obstacles in the way of the pursuer [D672]. After the third transformation, the pursuer has to give up (dies). Cf. Type 310.

In some variants of the Magic Flight two children (brother and sister) flee from a witch (demon, dragon, ogre, witch, wolf, bad step-mother). (Previously Type 313H*.)

Forgotten Fiancée [D2003]. The youth goes to visit his home and leaves his bride behind. At home he breaks a taboo: Disobeying the bride's warning, he kisses someone (eats something) and thus forgets his experiences [D2004.2, C234, D2004.3]. When the youth is about to marry another woman, the forgotten fiancée reawakens his memory by performing magic actions (paralyses three lovers in embarrassing positions [D20061.1], magically stops the

wedding carriage of the new bride [D2006.1.5], brings a couple of birds who remind the youth of her help [D2006.1.3], or buys a place for three nights in the bridal bed from her husband's new bride, and in the third night successfully reawakens his memory [D1978.4, D2006. 1.4], etc.). The youth marries the true bride.

Combinations: This type is usually combined with episodes of one or more other types, esp. 222B, 300, 301, 302, 303, 303A, 310, 311, 312, 314, 315, 325, 327A, 327B, 329, 400, 402, 408, 425, 450, 480, 502, 511, 518, 531, 537, 552, 563, 707, 884, 1115, and 1119.