

{AT315} The Faithless Sister.

The children promised to the water-spirit. The maiden wife of the water-spirit (devil). At his advice she feigns sickness and sends her brother for a remedy (or the like) [K2212.0.2] . Imprisoned animals break loose and save the boy. See analysis under Type 590. Frequent as introduction to Type 300.

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{AT315A} The Cannibal Sister.

I. A Princess Becomes a Cannibalistic Ogress and devours the animals,

then the people at the court, and finally all the inhabitants of the city [G30], [G346] . Her brother alone escapes.

II. The Captive Brother, (a) The brother returns to the city and is

captured by his sister, (b) He gains a respite by sending her to sharpen her teeth or the like [K550] . (c) A helpful animal takes his place or

warns him [B521] .

III. Magic Flight. He flees, throwing behind magic obstacles.

IV. Escape on the Tree,

(a) He climbs a tree but the sister gnaws it down. He escapes to another tree [R251] .

(b) He calls his dogs who have been imprisoned. They break loose and kill the sister. [B524.1.2] .

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