

315 The Faithless Sister.

Brother and sister leave home (are driven out).

The brother kills a number of robbers (devils, giants, dragons) but does not realize that the last one is merely wounded [F615]. The sister helps the wounded robber to recover, and he becomes her lover. In order to get rid of the brother, she pretends to be ill and sends him out to get her the milk (liver) of dangerous animals [K2212.0.2]. The brother spares the animals and they follow him (give him a whistle).

After the first attempt fails, the sister binds her brother with a silk thread, or she sends him to a magic mill where the animals are kept.

When the couple is about to kill the brother, he whistles for the animals. They (break out from the mill and) tear the robber to pieces. The faithless sister is imprisoned (has to repent and to fill a barrel with her tears).

The brother takes to the road, rescues a princess from a dragon [R111.1.1], and marries her [L161]. Cf. Type 300.

The sister is brought to the court. She tries to take revenge on her brother by putting a (poisoned) bone into his bed. The brother dies. The animals lick the bone out of his body and he revives. The sister is punished by death.

Combinations: This type is usually combined with episodes of one or more other types, esp. 300, 590, and also 302, 303, 304, 313, 314, 314A *, 318, and 327 A.