

{AT317} The Stretching Tree.

A youth climbs on a magic stretching tree into the upper world [F54] . There he rescues a princess from an ogre. Cf. Type 328A.

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{AT317A\*} Peasant Girl Seeks Prince.

A prince disappears. Reward offered for rescue (sometimes half a kingdom [Q112] and marriage with prince). A peasant girl goes on the quest. On the way she receives magic objects and help because of helpfulness [D817] — magic ship, etc. Finds prince asleep on bed but cannot waken him. She hides. A giantess comes and wakens him with formula [D1978] . Woos him but he refuses. She puts him back to sleep. Girl wakens him and they plan. Next night he promises to marry giantess but she must tell him her secrets: magic flying cloak [D1053] , magic runes, life-egg, sword, etc. The lovers make a magic alarm but flee on cloak. Kill giantess by

(a) life-egg [E711.1] , or

(b) reading runes, or magic flight on magic boat. —

Forgotten fiancée [D2003] . —

Recognition.

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Icelandic (317\* I) 7, (317\* II) 1.

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{AT318} The Faithless Wife.

Batu: the Egyptian »Two Brothers« Tale. Plots with paramour against life of her husband. Cf. Types 303, 315, 590, 590A.

I. Rescue of a Princess from a Dragon. [R111.1.3] .

II. Treacherous Wife. The hero marries the princess, but she falls in love with another man [T232] . She deceives her husband into giving up his magic weapons and plots against his life [K2213] .

III. Transformations. A magician, or the hero's brother who has been warned by a life-token [E761] (cf. Type 303), teaches the hero how to take the form of a horse, a tree, a duck. The wife always recognizes him and orders the horse to be killed, the tree to be cut down, etc. [D610] .

IV. Vengeance. Through the help of a servant girl, the husband regains the magic weapons, avenges himself on his wife and her lover and marries the servant girl.

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