

{AT325} The Magician and his Pupil.

The father put to a test recognizes his son. The son as horse, ring, etc. rescues himself from the power of his master.

I. Learning Magic,

- (a) A father gives his son to a magician to teach,
- (b) but must be able to recognize him in his animal form at the end of a year.

II. Magic Flight.

The hero learns magic secretly and flees

- (a) in various forms or by means of magic obstacles.

III. Trick Sale of Son.

- (a) He has his father sell him as dog, ox, horse,
- (b) At last, he is sold to the magician to whom the father, contrary to instructions, also gives the bridle.

IV. (a) The boy succeeds in stripping off the bridle and

- (b) conquers the magician in a transformation combat (to hare, fish, bird, etc.)

(c) Usually it happens that the prince has flown to a princess in the form of a bird and is hidden by her in the guise of a ring; the magician as physician of the sick king asks for the ring. As the princess throws the ring, a great number of grains of corn fall on the ground. When the magician as cock is about to eat the corn the youth becomes a fox and bites off the cock's head. — Adapted from BP.

Motifs:

I.

[D1711.0.1] Magician's apprentice.

[S212] Child sold to magician.

[D1721] Magic power from magician.

[H62.1] Recognition of person transformed to animal.

[H161] Recognition of transformed person among identical companions. Prearranged signals.

II.

[D671] Transformation flight. Fugitives transform themselves in order to escape detection by pursuer.

[D672] Obstacle flight. Fugitives throw objects behind them which magically become obstacles in pursuer's path.

III.

[D612] Protean sale: man sells youth in successive transformations.

[K252] Selling oneself and escaping.

[D100] Transformation: man to animal.

[C837] Tabu: loosing bridle in selling man transformed to horse. Disenchantment follows.

[D722] Disenchantment by taking off bridle. Man transformed to horse (ass) thus released.

IV.

[D615.2] Transformation contest between master and pupil.

[D610] Repeated transformation. Transformation into one form after another.

[D641.1] Lover as bird visits mistress.

[L142.2] Pupil surpasses magician.

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{AT325*} Apprentice and Ghost.

Sorcerer's apprentice having read verse from forbidden book evokes ghost, but cannot make him disappear. When sorcerer reads verse backwards, ghost disappears.

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