

### **325 The Magician and His Pupil.**

A father apprentices his son to a magician [D1711.0.1]. In order for the son to be released at the end of the apprenticeship, the father has to recognize him [H62.1, H161]. The youth secretly learns how to practice magic and flees, or his father identifies him among a flock of identical doves (other birds) with the help of tokens which the son (an old man) had given to him. The son is released.

The father sells the youth successively as a greyhound, an ox, and a horse, but the son tells him not to sell the things that bind them (leash, yoke, bridle). Thus father and son become wealthy [D612, K252]. But at last the youth as a horse returns to the magician's influence because, contrary to instructions, the father let the magician take the bridle. So the youth loses his power and is tormented by the magician [C837].

Finally the youth succeeds in removing the bridle. He conquers the magician in a transformation combat (they change themselves into hare, fish, bird, etc.) and escapes [D722, D615.2]. At last, transformed into a ring (apple, etc.), he falls into a princess's lap. When the magician asks for the ring, the princess throws it away and grains of corn fall on the ground. The magician as a rooster is about to eat the com, but the youth becomes a fox and bites off the rooster's head [L142.2]. He marries the princess.

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