

{ AT428} The Wolf.

A maiden in the service of a witch. Assigned seemingly impossible tasks, among others to deliver to another witch a letter with instructions to kill the maiden. A wolf helps her to escape. The wolf is thereby disenchanted and becomes a prince who marries the girl.

1 In spite of Dr. Swahn's convincing argument that this is no real tale-type, but only a part of Type 425, so many annotators and archivists have used Type 428 that it has been retained.

Motifs:

[G204] Girl in service of witch.

[H1010] Impossible tasks.

[G462] Person as servant in ogre's house.

[H931] Tasks assigned in order to get rid of hero.

[K978] Uria letter.

[K511] Uria letter changed. Falsified order of execution.

[B435.3] Helpful wolf.

[D113.1] Transformation: man to wolf.

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