

460B The Journey in Search of Fortune.

(Including the previous Types 947B* and 947C*.)

Two brothers live together on their farm but only one of them does the work. This brother wants to divide the farm so he can run his part alone. He works harder than his brother but after a while he wonders why the farm of his lazy brother is more successful. He goes to find Fortune to ask her why [H1281]. On his way he meets things and people that give him questions, and he promises to ask Fortune for answers.

When he arrives at Fortune he is told that he was born on an unlucky day. He sees that Fortune from day to day has less to eat. When her servants tell her how many people are born on that day she orders that they should have as much as she had on that day [N127.0.1]. On the homeward journey, the man answers the questions of the things and people he has met. Cf. Types 460A, 735.

Sometimes he marries a lucky woman who brings him good luck.

Later he gives someone who had asked him about the owner of the farm an untrue answer, and loses his luck. Cf. Type 737B*.

Combinations: 460A.

Remarks: 460A and 4608 are not clearly differentiated.