

{AT503} The Gifts of the Little People.

Dwarfs take hump from hunchback and place it on another man.

I. The Dwarfs' Favor.

(a) A wanderer takes part in a dance of the witches or people from below the earth (elves, dwarfs ) or plays for them; or

(b) adds to their song by naming more days of the week; or

(c) complacently lets them cut his hair and shave him.

II. The Reward,

(a) They remove his hump; or

(b) give him gold.

III. The Companion Punished,

(a) His avaricious and bungling companion is given the hump or

(b) receives coal instead of gold.

— Adapted from BP.

## Motifs:

### I.

[F261] Fairies dance.

[F340] Gifts from fairies.

[F331.1] Mortal wins fairies' gratitude by joining in their dance.

[F331.2] Mortal wins fairies' gratitude by letting them cut his hair and shave him.

[F331.3] Mortal wins fairies' gratitude by joining in their song and completing it by adding the names of the days of the week.

[F331.4] Mortal wins fairies' gratitude by playing for their dance.

### II.

[F344.1] Fairies remove hunchback's hump (or replace it).

[F342] Fairies give mortal money.

[F451.5.1.4] Dwarfs' gold. Seemingly worthless gift given by dwarfs turns to gold.

[F342.1] Fairy gold. Fairies give coals (wood, earth) that turns to gold.

### III.

[N471] Foolish attempt of second man to overhear secrets (from animals, demons, etc.). He is punished.

[J2415] Foolish imitation of lucky man. Because one man has had good luck a numskull imitates and thinks he will have equal luck. He is disappointed.

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Lithuanian 5;

Lappish (502\*) 1;

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Danish 2;

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French 43;

Spanish 1;

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