

{ AT552 } The Girls Who Married Animals.

I. Marriage to Animals,

- (a) A bankrupt man promises his daughters in marriage in return for safety and money to three animals (bear, eagle, whale); or
- (b) three girls despairing of marriage say that they will marry any one even if it is an animal (a bear, fox, squirrel, etc.),
- (c) The animals take the girls as wives.

II. Visit to Animal Brothers-in-law.

- (a) The girls' brother visits them and finds that the animals periodically become men.
- (b) The brothers-in-law give him parts of their bodies (eagle's feather, etc.) with which their aid may be summoned. —
- (c) The girls' father visits them and finds food and other things magically provided,
- (d) The father later tries the same method at home without success.

III. Help of the Animals.

The brother receives the help of his animal brothers —

- (a) in saving a princess from a monster (see Type 302 [I c] , 518); (b) in recovering a lost castle, wife, and magic objects (see Type 560). Cf. also Types 531,

Motifs:

I.

[S221.1] Bankrupt father sells his daughters in marriage to animals.

[B620.1] Daughter promised to animal suitor.

[C26] Wish for animal husband realized. Girl says she will marry a certain animal. Latter appears and carries her off.

[B640] Marriage to person in animal form.

II.

[D620] Periodic transformation.

[D621.1] Animal by day; man by night.

[B501] Animal gives part of body as talisman for summoning its aid.

[B505.1] Magic objects received from animal brother-in-law.

[D532] Transformation by putting on claw, feather, etc. of helpful animal.

[D2105] Provisions magically furnished.

[J2411.3] Unsuccessful imitation of magic production of food.

III.

[B314] Helpful animal brothers-in-law.

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Two forms of the type follow:

{AT552A} Three Animals as Brothers-in-law.

Three princesses are married to animals. The animals help their brother-in-law.

See analysis: I a, c; II a, b; III b.

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Swedish (misc.) 1, Norwegian 2;

Danish 5, Grundtvig No. 7;

Irish 8;

German 41;

Austrian: Haiding Nos. 30, 31;

Italian 9 (Tuscan 554 b, [314] d, [891 quater] , [891 quinquies] 4, Sicilian 5, Gonzenbach Nos. 29, 177);

Rumanian 6, Sainenu 459;

Hungarian 45;

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Slovenian (552) 1;

Serbocroatian (552) 3;

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Polish 2;

Russian: Andrejev Ukraine 8, Afanasiev 25;

Greek 13, Hahn No. 25, Dawkins 45 Stories 157f.;

Turkish: Eberhard-Boratav No. 218, cf. 215.

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Franco-American 6;

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{AT552B} The Animal Sons-in-law and their Magic Food.

The unsuccessful imitation.

See analysis: I b, c; II c, d.

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