

{ AT559 } Dungbeetle.

The princess made to laugh. Making an absurd parade. Later forcing the noble suitor out of his bridal bed. Cf. Types 571—574, 621.

I. Making Princess Laugh,

- (a) A princess has been offered to the man who can make her laugh,
- (b) The hero accomplishes this by means of absurd situations into which he places people
- (c) with the help of grateful animals or
- (d) magic objects (a rope that binds and tightens, a magic fiddle, etc.) which he has bought.

II. Rescue from Imprisonment.

- (a) By means of the animals or
- (b) the objects, he is rescued from a lion's den into which he is thrown.

III. Driving out the Bridegroom.

- (a) In the same manner, when he has been refused the princess in reward, he causes wasps to attack and drive
out successive rivals on the bridal night,
- (b) The princess recognizes his power and marries him.

Motifs:

I.

[T68] Princess offered as prize.

[H341] Suitor test: making princess laugh. Sadfaced princess has never laughed.

[H341.1] Princess brought to laughter by people sticking together.

[B350] Grateful animals.

[H982] Animals help man perform task.

[B571] Animals perform tasks for man.

[B582.2] Animals help hero win princess.

[B482.2] Helpful dungbeetle.

[D1411.1] Magic rope binds person.

[D1415.2.5] Magic fiddle causes dancing.

II.

[B544] Animal rescues captive.

[D1395] Magic object frees person from prison.

III.

[B481.5] Helpful hornet.

[B481.4] Helpful wasp.

[T171] Bridegroom driven from bridal chamber by magic. Usually by hornets or wasps.

[L161] Lowly hero marries princess.

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