

{AT567} The Magic Bird-heart.

#### I. The Bird-heart.

The hero eats the heart of the magic bird and thereby receives the power

- (a) of spitting gold or
- (b) of finding each day a coin under his pillow; or
- (c) he will become king.

#### II. The Treacherous Wife.

A woman (or his own wife) causes him to vomit the bird heart and casts him out.

#### III. Transformation of the Wife.

He finds a magic herb which transforms one to an ass. He succeeds with this in changing the wife to an ass and avenging himself.

Motifs:

I.

[D1470.1] Magic wishing-object. Object causes wishes to be fulfilled.

[B113.1] Treasure-producing bird-heart. Brings riches when eaten.

[D1561.1.1] Magic bird-heart (when eaten) brings man to knightship.

[M312.3] Eater of magic bird-heart will become rich (or king).

II.

[D861.5] Magic object stolen by hero's wife.

[K2213] Treacherous wife.

III.

[D965] Magic plant.

[D983] Magic vegetables.

[D551.2] Transformation by eating vegetable.

[D132.1] Transformation: man to ass.

[D661] Transformation as punishment.

Similar (with the difference in magic object and the vegetable) to Type 566. Often an introduction to Type 303

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{AT567A} The Magic Bird-Heart and the Separated Brothers.

#### I. Two Brothers Wander in the Forest.

- (a) They are driven forth when their stepmother claims they have insulted her [K2111] , or
- (b) are driven forth for other reasons [S322.4] .
- (c) They are spared by the man charged with executing them. He kills an animal and brings its blood, etc., as proof of the death of the brothers [K512] .
- (d) The queen sees the hen-sparrow feed thorns or fish bones to its stepchildren and asks her husband not to remarry if she should die [J 134.1] . He does, however.

#### II. The Magic Object.

- (a) They discover a magic object (bird, fruit, etc.) which when eaten, will make one king, the other rich, etc.
- (b) Birds predict that one brother will be made king, the other rich,
- (c) The magic bird is prepared as a meal for another (by their mother) but the brothers eat it by mistake and flee.

#### III. The Adventures of the Elder Brother

- (a) The brothers are separated
- (b) when one goes to look for water [N311] .
- (c) In a kingdom where the king has recently died the royal elephant chooses the older brother who is made king [H171.1] .
- (d) Or the elder brother is chosen a king in some other way.

#### IV. The Adventures of the Younger Brother.

- (a) The younger brother falls into the hands of a ship-owner and is to be sacrificed so that a becalmed ship may sail [S264.1] .
- (b) He is carried to a distant land and wins a bride,
- (c) On the return voyage he is cast overboard (Tut is helped by his bride),
- (d) He wins other brides,

(e) The younger brother, who magically produces gold, gems, etc., is imprisoned by a strange king, etc., and forced to produce gold, etc.

V. Reunion.

(a) In the kingdom of his older brother, the younger is recognized by his brother and made prime minister, or

(b) The older brother searches for, and finds, his younger brother.

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