

{AT570} The Rabbit-herd.

With the help of his magic pipe he calls the rabbits together. He wins the hand of the princess.

I. Task: Herding Rabbits.

A king offers the princess as a prize to the man who can herd his rabbits (goats). He has a pipe with which he can call the animals back.

II. Youngest Brother's Success.

(a) Two elder brothers are unkind to an old woman and fail, but the youngest is kind and receives a pipe with which he can assemble the animals.

III. Bargains for Magic Pipe

(a) In the attempt to buy the pipe from him the princess or the queen kisses him,

(b) or lies with him; or

(c) the king kisses a horse's rump.

IV. A Sack of Lies.

(a) Before finally granting him the princess, the king orders the boy to tell a sack of lies,

(b) He begins to tell until the king (queen) makes him stop and gives him the princess.

— Adapted from Christiansen Norske Eventyr.

Motifs:

I.

[T68] Princess offered as prize.

[H335] Tasks assigned suitors. Bride as prize for accomplishment.

[H1112] Task: herding rabbits.

[D1441.1.2] Magic pipe calls animals together.

II.

[Q2] Kind and unkind.

[L13] Compassionate youngest son.

[B845] Wild animals herded.

[N821] Help from little man.

[N825] Old person as helper.

III.

[K1358] Woman kisses (lies with) hero in return for his magic whistle.

[K1288] King induced to kiss horse's rump: trickster then threatens to tell.

IV.

[H1045] Task: filling a sack full of lies (truths).

[K1271.1.1] The bag of lies: threat to tell of queen's adultery.

[L161] Lowly hero marries princess.

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{AT570A} The Princess and the Magic Fish-skin.

She gives herself to a fisherman in exchange for a gold-producing fish-skin. She bears a child and is expelled. With the help of the fish-skin she builds a palace. Her father unwittingly woos her so as to receive the fish-skin. She makes herself known and shames him.

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{AT570A*} The Lying Boy.

A boy who always lies is visited by a fairy who tells him not to lie or she will punish him. He lies three times and three noses grow on his face. To remove them he must tell three truths.

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{AT570B*} The Sheep and the Magic Flute.

- (a) A shepherd rescues a sheep from death,
- (b) runs away, is lost at sea and rescued by a fish,
- (c) He receives a magic flute, the sound of which gathers the sheep (cf. Type 570) ;
- (d) among them is a queen, enchanted by a shepherd.

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