

{AT673} The White Serpent's Flesh.

Contrary to warning, the cook eats the flesh of the white serpent. He learns the speech of animals [B217.1.1] , He hears how two ravens converse: »The house will sink in the earth.» Entreats his master to flee and save himself; or he learns where the queen's necklace has been lost [N451] .

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{AT674} Incest Averted — Talking Animals.

A princess, abandoned by or separated from her husband, gives birth to a son. The son is taken from her by trickery and he grows up without knowing who his true mother is. When grown, he sees his mother, falls in love with her [N365.1.1] , and goes to her at night hoping to become her lover. On the way he overhears animals (calves) talking [N451] and learns the truth.

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