

{AT675} The Lazy Boy. »By the word of the salmon».

The princess pregnant. The hero and the princess thrown into the sea in a cask. On the island.

I. The Hero's Magic Power.

The hero gets the power of making all his wishes come true from a salmon whom he has caught and throws back.

II. He Tries his Powers.

- (a) He makes a saw cut wood of itself;
- (b) he makes a boat or wagon that will go of itself.

III. The Princess Laughs

- (a) A princess laughs at him and he wishes her pregnant,
- (b) She has a child and the child picks him out as father.

IV. Banishment.

He and the princess are abandoned in a glass box in the sea or a cask in the mountains.

V. Reinstatement.

- (a) By wishing, he makes a castle next the king's and takes his wife into it.
- (b) He invites and humbles the king.

Motifs:

I.

[L114.1] Lazy hero.

[D1761.0.1] Wishes granted without limit.

[B375.1] Fish returned to water: grateful.

[B500] Magic power from animals.

[B474] Helpful salmon.

II.

[D1601] Object labors automatically.

[D1523.1] Self-propelling wagon.

III.

[T513] Conception from wish.

[H481] Infant picks out his unknown father.

IV.

[S147] Abandonment on mountain.

[S301] Children abandoned (exposed).

[S141] Exposure in boat.

V.

[D1131.1] Castle produced by magic.

[L175] Lowly successful hero invites and humbles king.

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{ AT675*} Birth of Child from Eating Apple.

Precocious youth as hunter. Grateful old woman gives him luck. Princess is made to laugh at his actions. He sleeps with her and disappears. She bears a child, not knowing the father. The hero escapes the king's attempts against him. Gives riddle in court (Cf. Type 851 IV). Explanation of hero's supernatural birth.

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