

706 The Maiden without Hands.

(Including the previous Type 706A.)

A girl has her hands cut off [Q451.1, S11.1] because she refuses to marry her father [S322.1.2] (because her father has sold her to the devil [S211], forbids her to pray, her sister-in-law has slandered her to her brother). She is exposed in the forest and eats fruit from a garden.

A king finds her in the forest (garden, stable, sea) and marries her [N711] in spite of her mutilation [L162]. She gives birth but is cast out along with her children, because her parents-in-law (father, mother, sister-in-law, devil) alter a letter from the king [K2117, K2110.1].

During her second banishment her hands grow back again [E782.1], usually restored by water (river, well, sea water), often with supernatural help (angel, saint, Virgin Mary, God). She is reunited with her husband [H57.5, S451]. Cf. Types 706C, 712.

Combinations: This type is usually combined with episodes of one or more other types, esp. 425, 510B, 707, 709, and 710.

Remarks: Documented in the 13th century. Important version see Basile, *Pentamerone* (III,2).