

{AT706} The Maiden Without Hands.

Becomes wife of the king. Is driven forth. Gets her hands back and is received again by her husband.

I. The Mutilated Heroine.

The heroine has her hands cut off,

- (a) because she will not marry her father, or
- (b) because her father has sold her to the devil, or
- (c) forbids her to pray, or
- (d) because her sister-in-law has slandered her to her brother.

II. Marriage to the King.

A king finds her in the woods, (garden, stable, sea) and marries her in spite of her mutilation.

III. The Calumniated Wife.

For the second time she is cast forth with her newborn children, because

- (a) the parents-in-law,
- (b) her father,
- (c) her mother,
- (d) her sister-in-law or
- (e) the devil change a letter to the kmg.

IV. The Hands Restored,

- (a) By a miracle in the woods she gets her hands back again,
- (b) She is restored to her husband.

Motifs:

I.

[S322.1.2] Father casts daughter forth when she will not marry him.

[Q451.1] Hands cut off as punishment.

[T411.1] Lecherous father.

[T327.1] Maiden sends to her lecherous lover (brother) her eyes (hands, breasts) which he has admired.

[S11.1] Father mutilates children.

[S211] Child sold to the devil.

[S12] Cruel mother.

[S322.2] Jealous mother casts daughter forth.

[S31] Cruel stepmother.

[K2212.2] Treacherous sister-in-law.

[K2110] Slanders.

II.

[F1033] Person lives without food or drink for a year (or more).

[N711.3] Hero finds maiden in (magic) garden.

[N711.1] King (prince) finds maiden in woods (tree) and marries her.

[L162] Lowly heroine marries prince (king).

III.

[S51] Cruel mother-in-law.

[S52] Cruel father-in-law.

[K2110.1] Calumniated wife.

[K2117] Calumniated wife: substituted letter (falsified message).

[K2116.1.1.1] Innocent woman accused of eating her newborn children.

IV.

[E782.1] Hands restored.

[H57.5] Recognition by artificial hands.

[H13] Recognition by overheard conversation (usually with animals or objects). Person not daring to reveal self directly thus attracts attention and recognition.

[S451] Outcast wife at last united with husband and children.

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African 3.

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{AT706A} Help of the Virgin's Statue.

An infant girl is found and adopted by a priest. When she is grown he wishes to seduce her but she is helped escape by a statue of the Virgin. The girl is found in a house in the woods by a king who marries her. — Priest for revenge kills her two children and she is accused of the murder. Later she is cleared by Virgin.

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{AT706B} Present to the Lover.

Maiden sends to her lecherous lover (brother) her eyes (hands, breasts) which he has admired.
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{AT706C} Lecherous Father as Queen's Persecutor.

Children of a queen are killed by her father, who wants to marry her. False murder accusation (knife under pillow, etc.). Queen's husband believes queen has killed children and condemns her. Miracle: children resuscitated. Innocence established. Miraculous palace. Reconciliation.

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