

{AT709} Snow-White.

The wicked stepmother seeks to kill the maiden. At the dwarfs' (robbers') house, where the prince finds the maiden and marries her.

I. Snow-White and her Stepmother

- (a) Snow-White has skin like snow, and lips like blood,
- (b) A magic mirror tells her stepmother that Snow-White is more beautiful than she.

II. Snow-White's Rescue.

- (a) The stepmother orders a hunter to kill her, but he substitutes an animal's heart and saves her, or
- (b) she sends Snow-White to the house of the dwarfs (or robbers) expecting her to be killed. The dwarfs adopt her as sister.

III. The Poisoning.

- (a) The stepmother now seeks to kill her by means of poisoned lace,
- (b) a poisoned comb and
- (c) a poisoned apple.

IV. Help of the Dwarfs.

- (a) The dwarfs succeed in reviving her from the first two poisonings but fail with the third,
- (b) They lay the maiden in a glass coffin.

V. Her Revival.

A prince sees her and resuscitates her. The stepmother is made to dance herself to death in red hot shoes.

Motifs:

I.

[Z65.1] Red as blood, white as snow.

[L55] Stepdaughter heroine.

[M312.4] Prophecy: superb beauty for girl.

[D1311.6.3] Sun answers questions.

[D1311.2] Mirror answers questions.

[D1323.1] Magic clairvoyant mirror.

II.

[S31] Cruel stepmother.

[K2212] Treacherous sister.

[S322.2] Jealous mother casts daughter forth.

[K512.2] Compassionate executioner: substituted heart.

[F451.5.1.2] Dwarfs adopt girl as sister.

[N812] Giant or ogre as helper.

[N831.1] Mysterious housekeeper. Men find their house mysteriously put in order. Discover that it is done by a girl (frequently an animal transformed into a girl).

III.

[K950] Various kinds of treacherous murder. Sill. Murder by poisoning.

[D1364.16] Hairpin causes magic sleep.

[D1364.9] Comb causes magic sleep.

[D1364.4.1] Apple causes magic sleep.

[S111.1] Murder with poisoned bread.

[S111.2] Murder with poisoned lace.

[S111.3] Murder with poisoned comb.

[S111.4] Murder with poisoned apple.

IV.

[F852.1] Glass coffin.

[F852.2] Golden coffin.

[F852.3] Silver coffin.

V.

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

[E21.1] Resuscitation by removal of poisoned apple. By shaking loose the apple from the throat of the poisoned girl the prince brings her to life.

[E21.3] Resuscitation by removal of poisoned comb.

[Q414.4] Punishment: dancing to death in red-hot shoes.

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{AT709A} The Stork's Daughter.

I. The Abandoned Child.

A baby girl is abandoned [S301] by her parents in the fields or forest [S143] and reared by two storks [S352]. They leave her safely in a tree, but her fire goes out. She goes in search of fire and is given some by an ogress, but she is trailed by the ashes she has left [J1146]. The ogres try to enter, but she is warned by her pets [B521], a dog, a cat, etc.

II. The Poisoned Nails.

The ogres put poisoned nails by the door. The maiden is scratched by one and falls into a seemingly lifeless swoon [D1364.2]. (a) The storks remove the nails, (b) Her body is put in a glass case [F852].

III. Resuscitation.

A prince finds her, removes the nail so that she is restored to life [E21], and marries her.

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