

{AT725} The Dream.

The boy refuses to tell his dream to his father, and even to the king. Various adventures. Conquers enemies, wins the princess. Thus the dream is fulfilled. The boy dreams that his parents shall serve him and that the king shall pour water on his hands. (Cf. Type 671). Among his adventures are the solving of riddles and the accomplishment of tasks suggested by a hostile prince.

Motifs:

[M312] Prophecy of future greatness for youth.

[M312.0.1] Dream of future greatness.

[D1812.3.3] Future revealed in dream.

[L425] Dream (prophecy) of future greatness causes punishment (imprisonment).

[S11] Cruel father.

[M373] Expulsion to avoid fulfillment of prophecy.

[H911] Tasks assigned at suggestion of jealous rivals.

[H551] Princess offered to man who can out-riddle her.

[L161] Lowly hero marries princess.

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{AT725\*} The Fairy Son.

A poor weaver who does work for a fairy woman refuses to accept a reward; a fairy son is born to his wife; son grows up, dreams two nights of rescuing a girl; a wise man tells him such a girl is a princess in bondage in the Eastern World. He sets off to free her, is kind to a wolf who carries him over a fiery mountain, and to a fox who helps him over hazards, and an old woman who gives him a ball of thread to lead him on. The giant who has the princess in bondage gives him three tasks to do; an old man helps him with these making crops and trees grow miraculously, changing a lake into wine. The hero gets the giant to enter the lake of wine for a swim, throws in clay which makes the lake become fiery, and the giant is burned to death. The girl the hero has dreamed of comes to him; they marry.

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{AT725\*\*} The Sleep at the Well.

Youth's favorite horse dies. He falls asleep at a well, a magic sleep, and awakes years later. A magician beside the well gives him a magic horse with which he wins many races and much money in England, he sells the horse to a second man, who also prospers.

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