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  - F100. Visit to lower world – miscellaneous motifs
- F110.–F199. Miscellaneous otherworlds
  - F110. Journey to terrestrial otherworlds
  - F130. Location of otherworld
  - F140. Bounds of the otherworld
  - F150. Access to otherworld
  - F160. Nature of the otherworld
  - F170. Otherworld – miscellaneous motifs

## **F200.–F699. MARVELLOUS CREATURES**

- F200.–F299. Fairies and elves
  - F200. Fairies (elves)
  - F210. Fairyland
  - F220. Dwelling of fairies
  - F230. Appearance of fairies
  - F240. Possessions of fairies
  - F250. Other characteristics of fairies
  - F260. Behavior of fairies
- F300.–F399. Fairies and mortals
  - F300. Marriage or liaison with fairy
  - F310. Fairies and human children
  - F320. Fairies carry people away to fairyland
  - F330. Grateful fairies
  - F340. Gifts from fairies
  - F350. Theft from fairies
  - F360. Malevolent or destructive fairies (pixies)
  - F370. Visit to fairyland
  - F380. Defeating or ridding oneself of fairies
  - F390. Fairies – miscellaneous motifs
- F400.–F499. Spirits and demons
  - F400. Spirits and demons (general)
  - F420. Water-spirits
  - F430. Weather-spirits
  - F440. Vegetation-spirits
  - F450. Underground-spirits
  - F460. Mountain-spirits
  - F470. Night-spirits
  - F480. House-spirits
  - F490. Other spirits and demons



**F500.–F599. Remarkable persons**

- F500. Remarkable persons
- F510. Monstrous persons
- F530. Exceptionally large or small men
- F540. Remarkable physical organs
- F560. Unusual manner of life
- F570. Other extraordinary human beings

**F600.–F699. Persons with extraordinary powers**

- F600. Person with extraordinary powers
- F610. Remarkably strong man
- F640. Extraordinary powers of perception
- F660. Remarkable skill
- F680. Other marvellous powers

**F700.–F899. Extraordinary places and things**

- F700. Extraordinary places
- F710. Extraordinary bodies of water
- F720. Submarine and subterranean world
- F730. Extraordinary islands
- F750. Extraordinary mountains and other land features
- F760. Extraordinary cities
- F770. Extraordinary buildings and furnishings
- F790. Extraordinary sky and weather phenomena
- F800. Extraordinary rocks and stones
- F810. Extraordinary trees, plants, fruit, etc.
- F820. Extraordinary clothing and ornaments
- F830. Extraordinary weapons
- F840. Other extraordinary objects and places

**F900.–F1099. Extraordinary occurrences**

- F910. Extraordinary swallowings
- F930. Extraordinary occurrences concerning seas or waters
- F940. Extraordinary underground (underwater) disappearances
- F950. Marvellous cures
- F960. Extraordinary nature phenomena – elements and weather
- F970. Extraordinary behavior of trees and plants
- F980. Extraordinary occurrences concerning animals
- F990. Inanimate objects act as if living
- F1010. Other extraordinary events

**G. OGRES**

**G0. Ogres**

**G10.–G399. KINDS OF OGRES**

**G10.–G99. Cannibals and cannibalism**

- G10.–G49. Regular cannibalism

- G10.Cannibalism
- G20.Ghouls
- G30.Person becomes cannibal
- G50.–G79.Occasional cannibalism
  - G50.Occasional cannibalism
  - G60.Human flesh eaten unwittingly
  - G70.Occasional cannibalism – deliberate
  - G80.Other motifs dealing with cannibals.

- G100.–G199. Giant ogres
  - G100.Giant ogre
  - G110.Possessions of giant ogres
  - G120.Physical characteristics of giant ogres
  - G130.Customs of giant ogres
  - G150.Giant ogres – miscellaneous

- G200.–G299. Witches
  - G200.Witch
  - G210.Form of witch
  - G220.Characteristics of witches
  - G230.Habitat of witches
  - G240.Habits of witches
  - G250.Recognition of witches
  - G260.Evil deeds of witches
  - G270.Witch overcome or escaped
  - G280.Witches – miscellaneous motifs

- G300.–G399. Other ogres
  - G300.Other ogres
  - G310.Ogres with characteristic methods
  - G350.Animal ogres
  - G360.Ogres with monstrous features
  - G370.Ogres – miscellaneous

- G400.–G499. Falling into ogre's power
  - G400.Person falls into ogre's power
  - G410.Person betrayed into ogre's power
  - G420.Capture by ogre
  - G440.Ogre abducts person
  - G450.Falling into ogre's power – miscellaneous

- G500.–G599. Ogre defeated
  - G500.Ogre defeated
  - G510.Ogre killed, maimed, or captured
  - G520.Ogre deceived into self-injury
  - G530.Ogre's relative aids hero
  - G550.Rescue from ogre
  - G560.Ogre deceived into releasing prisoner
  - G570.Ogre overawed

G580.Ogre otherwise subdued

G600.–G699. Other ogre motifs

G610.Theft from ogre

G630.Characteristics of ogres

G650.Unclassified ogre motifs

## H. TESTS

H0.–H199. Identity tests: recognition

H0.Identity tests

H10.Recognition through common knowledge

H20.Recognition by resemblance

H30.Recognition through personal peculiarities

H50.Recognition by bodily marks or physical attributes

H80.–H149.Identification by tokens

H80.Identification by tokens

H90.Identification by ornaments

H100.Identification by matching parts of divided token

H110.Identification by cloth or clothing

H120.Identification by tokens – miscellaneous

H150.Circumstances of recognition

H200.–H299. Tests of truth

H210.–H239.Tests of guilt or innocence

H210.Test of guilt or innocence

H220.Ordeals

H240.Other tests of truth

H300.–H499. Marriage tests

H300.Tests connected with marriage

H310.–H359.Suitor tests

H310.Suitor tests

H360.–H399.Bride tests

H360.Bride test

H400.–H459.Chastity tests

H400.Chastity test

H410.Chastity test by magic objects or ordeals

H430.Chastity index

H440.Other indications of chastity

H460.Wife tests

H480.Father tests

H490.Other marriage tests

## H500.–H899.TESTS OF CLEVERNESS

H500.Test of cleverness or ability

H510.Tests in guessing

**H530.–H899. Riddles**

- H540. Propounding of riddles
- H570. Means of solving riddles
- H580. Enigmatic statements
- H600. Symbolic interpretations
- H620. The unsolved problem: enigmatic ending of tale
- H630. Riddles of the superlative
- H660. Riddles of comparison
- H680. Riddles of distance
- H690. Riddles of weight and measure
- H700. Riddles of numbers
- H710. Riddles of value
- H720. Metaphorical riddles
- H770. Riddles of explanation
- H790. Riddles based on unusual circumstances
- H810. Riddles based on the Bible or legend
- H840. Other riddles

**H900.–H1199. TESTS OF PROWESS: TASKS**

**H900.–H999. Assignment and performance of tasks**

- H900.–H949. Assignment of tasks
  - H900. Tasks imposed
  - H910. Assignment of tasks in response to suggestion
  - H920. Assigners of tasks
  - H940. Assignment of tasks – miscellaneous

**H1050.–H1089. Paradoxical tasks**

- H1050. Paradoxical tasks

**H1090. Tasks requiring miraculous speed**

**H1110. Tedious tasks**

**H1130. Superhuman tasks**

**H1150. Tasks: stealing, capturing, or slaying**

**H1180. Miscellaneous tasks**

**H1200.–H1399. TESTS OF PROWESS: QUESTS**

**H1200.–H1249. Attendant circumstances of quests**

- H1200. Quest
- H1210. Quest assigned
- H1220. Quest voluntarily undertaken
- H1240. Other circumstances of quests

**H1250.–H1399. Nature of quests**

- H1250.–H1299. Quests to the other world
  - H1250. Quest to the other world
  - H1260. Quest to the upper world
  - H1270. Quest to the lower world

H1280. Quests to other realms  
H1290. Quests to the other world – miscellaneous motifs  
H1300. Quests for the unique  
H1320. Quest for marvellous objects or animals  
H1360. Quest for dangerous animals  
H1370. Miscellaneous quests

## **H1400.–H1599. OTHER TESTS**

H1400.–H1449. Tests of fear  
H1400. Fear test  
H1410. Fear test: staying in frightful place  
H1420. Fearless traffic with devils  
H1430. Fearless traffic with ghosts  
H1440. The learning of fear  
  
H1450.–H1499. Tests of vigilance  
H1450. Vigilance test  
H1460. Test: vigil at tomb  
H1470. Other vigilance tests  
H1480. Accomplishment of vigilance test  
  
H1500.–H1549. Tests of endurance and power of survival  
H1500. Tests of endurance  
H1510. Tests of power to survive  
H1540. Contests in endurance  
  
H1550.–H1569. Tests of character  
H1550. Tests of character  
  
H1570.–H1599. Miscellaneous tests

## **J. THE WISE AND THE FOOLISH**

J0.–J199. Acquisition and possession of wisdom (knowledge)  
J10. Wisdom (knowledge) acquired from experience  
J30. Wisdom (knowledge) acquired from inference  
J50. Wisdom (knowledge) acquired from observation  
J80. Wisdom (knowledge) taught by parable  
J100. Wisdom (knowledge) taught by necessity  
J120. Wisdom learned from children  
J130. Wisdom (knowledge) acquired from animals  
J140. Wisdom (knowledge) through education  
J150. Other means of acquiring wisdom (knowledge)  
J180. Possession of wisdom

## **J200.–J1099. WISE AND UNWISE CONDUCT**

J200.–J499. Choices

J200.Choices

J210.Choice between evils

J230.–J299.Real and apparent values

J230.Choice: real and apparent values

J240.Choice between useful and ornamental

J260.Choice between worth and appearance

J280.Quality preferred to quantity

J300.–J329. Present values chosen

J310.The present preferred to the past

J320.Present values preferred to future

J330.–J399.Gains and losses

J340.Choices: little gain, big loss

J350.Choices: small inconvenience, large gain

J370.Choices: Important and unimportant work

J390.Choices: kind strangers, unkind relatives

J400.–J459.Choice of associates

J400.Choice of associates

J410.Association of equals and of unequals

J420.Association of strong and weak

J440.Association of young and old

J450.Association of the good and the evil

J460.Unnecessary choices

J480.Other choices

J500.–J599. Prudence and discretion

J510.Prudence in ambition

J530.Prudence in demands

J550.Zeal – temperate and intemperate

J570.Wisdom of deliberation

J580.Wisdom of caution

J600.–J799. Forethought

J610.–J679.Forethought in conflict with others

J620.Forethought in prevention of others' plans

J640.Avoidance of others' power

J670.Forethought in defences against others

J680.Forethought in alliances

J700.–J749.Forethought in provision for life

J700.Forethought in provision for life (general)

J710.Forethought in provision for food

J730.Forethought in provision for clothing

J740.Forethought in provision for shelter

J750.–J799.Forethought – miscellaneous

J800.–J849. Adaptability

J810.Policy in dealing with the great

J830.Adaptability to overpowering force

J850.–J899.Consolation in misfortune

J860.Consolation by a trifle  
J870.Consolation by pretending that one does not want the thing he cannot have  
J880.Consolation by thought of others worse placed  
J890.Consolation in misfortune – miscellaneous

**J900.–J999. Humility**

J910.Humility of the great  
J950.Presumption of the lowly

**J1000.–J1099. Other aspects of wisdom**

J1010.Value of industry  
J1020.Strength in unity  
J1030.Self-dependence  
J1040.Decisiveness of conduct  
J1050.Attention to warnings  
J1060.Miscellaneous aspects of wisdom

**J1100.–J1699.CLEVERNESS**

**J1100.–J1249. Clever persons and acts**

J1110.Clever persons  
J1130.–J1199.Cleverness in the law court  
J1130.Cleverness in law court – general  
J1140.Cleverness in detection of truth  
J1150.Cleverness connected with the giving of evidence  
J1160.Clever pleading  
J1170.Clever judicial decisions  
J1180.Clever means of avoiding legal punishment  
J1190.Cleverness in the law court – miscellaneous  
J1210.–J1229.Clever man puts another out of countenance  
J1230.–J1249.Clever dividing

**J1250.–J1499. Clever verbal retorts (repartee)**

J1250.Clever verbal retorts – general  
J1260.Repartee based on church or clergy  
J1270.Repartee concerning the parentage of children  
J1280.Repartee with ruler (judge, etc.)  
J1290.Reductio ad absurdum of question or proposal  
J1300.Officiousness or foolish questions rebuked  
J1310.Repartee concerning wine  
J1320.Repartee concerning drunkenness  
J1330.Repartee concerning beggars  
J1340.Retorts from hungry persons  
J1350.Rude retorts  
J1370.Cynical retorts concerning honesty  
J1380.Retorts concerning debts  
J1390.Retorts concerning thefts  
J1400.Repartee concerning false reform  
J1410.Repartee concerning fatness

J1420. Animals retort concerning their dangers  
J1430. Repartee concerning doctors and patients  
J1440. Repartee – miscellaneous

J1500.–J1649. Clever practical retorts  
J1500. Clever practical retort  
J1510. The cheater cheated  
J1530. One absurdity rebukes another  
J1540. Retorts between husband and wife  
J1550. Practical retorts: borrowers and lenders  
J1560. Practical retorts: hosts and guests  
J1580. Practical retorts connected with almsgiving  
J1600. Practical retorts – miscellaneous

J1650.–J1699. Miscellaneous clever acts

### **J1700.–J2749. FOOLS (AND OTHER UNWISE PERSONS)**

J1700.–J1729. Fools  
J1710.–J1729. Association with fools

J1730.–J1749. Absurd ignorance

J1750.–J1849. Absurd misunderstandings  
J1750.–J1809. One thing mistaken for another  
J1750. One animal mistaken for another  
J1760. Animal or person mistaken for something else  
J1770. Objects with mistaken identity  
J1780. Things thought to be devils, ghosts, etc.  
J1790. Shadow mistaken for substance  
J1800. One thing mistaken for another – miscellaneous  
J1810. Physical phenomena misunderstood  
J1820. Inappropriate action from misunderstanding

J1850.–J1999. Absurd disregard of facts  
J1850.–J1899. Animals or objects treated as if human  
J1850. Gift or sale to animal (or object)  
J1860. Animal or object absurdly punished  
J1870. Absurd sympathy for animals or objects  
J1880. Animals or objects treated as if human – miscellaneous  
J1900. Absurd disregard or ignorance of animal's nature or habits  
J1910. Fatal disregard of anatomy  
J1920. Absurd searches for the lost  
J1930. Absurd disregard of natural laws  
J1960. Other absurd disregard of facts

J2000.–J2049. Absurd absent-mindedness  
J2010. Uncertainty about own identity  
J2020. Inability to find own members, etc.



J2030.Absurd inability to count  
J2040.Absurd absent-mindedness – miscellaneous

J2050.–J2199. Absurd short-sightedness  
J2050.Absurd short-sightedness  
J2060.Absurd plans: air castles  
J2070.Absurd wishes  
J2080.Foolish bargains  
J2100.Remedies worse than the disease  
J2120.Disregard of danger to objects (or animals)  
J2130.Foolish disregard of personal danger  
J2160.Other short-sighted acts

J2200.–J2259. Absurd lack of logic  
J2200.Absurd lack of logic – general  
J2210.Logical absurdity based upon certain false assumptions  
J2220.Other logical absurdities

J2260.–J2299. Absurd scientific theories  
J2260.Absurd scientific theories – general  
J2270.Absurd astronomical theories  
J2280.Other absurd scientific theories

J2300.–J2349. Gullible fools  
J2310.Nature of gullibility

J2350.–J2369. Talkative fools

J2370.–J2399. Inquisitive fools

J2400.–J2449. Foolish imitation  
J2450.Literal fool  
J2460.Literal obedience  
J2470.Metaphors literally interpreted  
J2490.Literal fool – miscellaneous

J2500.–J2549. Foolish extremes

J2550.–J2599. Thankful fools

J2600.–J2649. Cowardly fools

J2650.–J2699. Bungling fools

J2700.–J2749. The easy problem made hard

J2750.–J2799. Other aspects of wisdom or foolishness

## K. DECEPTIONS

### K0.–K99. Contests won by deception

- K0. Contest won by deception – general
- K10. Athletic contest won by deception
- K30. Hunting contest won by deception
- K40. Labor contest won by deception
- K50. Endurance contest won by deception
- K60. Absurd contest won by deception
- K70. Contest in strength won by deception
- K80. Contests in other physical accomplishments won by deception
- K90. Other contests won by deception

### K100.–K299. Deceptive bargains

- K100. Deceptive bargain
- K110.–K149. Sale of worthless articles
  - K110. Sale of pseudo-magic objects
  - K120. Sale of false treasure
  - K130. Sale of worthless animals
  - K140. Sale of other worthless objects
- K150. Sale of worthless services
- K170. Deception through pseudo-simple bargain
- K200.–K249. Deception in payment of debt
  - K200. Deception in payment of debt
  - K210. Devil cheated of his promised soul
  - K220. Payment precluded by terms of the bargain
  - K230. Other deceptions in the payment of debt
- K250. Other deceptive bargains

### K300.–K499. Thefts and cheats

- K300. Thefts and cheats – general
- K310.–K439. Thefts
  - K310. Means of entering house or treasury
  - K330. Means of hoodwinking the guardian or owner
  - K360. Other means of theft
  - K400. Thief escapes detection
  - K420. Thief loses his goods or is detected
- K440.–K499. Other cheats

### K500.–K699. Escape by deception

- K500. Escape from death or danger by deception
- K510. Death order evaded
- K520. Death escaped through disguise, shamming, or substitution
- K540. Escape by overpowering captor
- K550. Escape by false plea
- K580. Captor persuaded into illusory punishment
- K600. Murderer or captor otherwise beguiled
- K620. Escape by deceiving the guard
- K630. Escape by disarming (making pursuit difficult)

K640.Escape by help of confederate  
K650.Other means of escape

K700.–K799. Capture by deception  
K700.Capture by deception  
K710.Victim enticed into voluntary captivity or helplessness  
K730.Victim trapped  
K750.Capture by decoy  
K770.Other deceptive captures

K800.–K999. Fatal deception  
K800.Fatal deception  
K810.Fatal deception into trickster's power  
K840.Deception into fatal substitution  
K850.Fatal deceptive game  
K870.Fatal deception by narcotic (intoxication)  
K890.Dupe tricked into killing himself  
K910.Murder by strategy  
K930.Treacherous murder of enemy's children or charges  
K940.Deception into killing own children or animals  
K950.Various kinds of treacherous murder  
K960.Other fatal deceits

K1000.–K1199. Deception into self-injury  
K1000.Deception into self-injury  
K1010.Deception through false doctoring  
K1020.Deception into disastrous attempt to procure food  
K1040.Dupe otherwise persuaded to voluntary self-injury  
K1080.Persons duped into injuring each other  
K1110.Deceptions into self-injury – miscellaneous

K1200.–K1299. Deception into humiliating position  
K1200.Deception into humiliating position  
K1210.Humiliated or baffled lovers  
K1240.Deception into humiliating position – miscellaneous

K1300.–K1399. Seduction or deceptive marriage  
K1300.Seduction  
K1310.Seduction by disguise or substitution  
K1330.Girl tricked into man's room (or power)  
K1340.Entrance into girl's (man's) room (bed) be trick  
K1350.Woman persuaded (or wooed) by trick  
K1380.Seduction – miscellaneous

K1400.–K1499. Dupe's property destroyed  
K1400.Dupe's property destroyed  
K1410.Dupe's goods destroyed  
K1440.Dupe's animals destroyed or maimed  
K1460.Members of dupe's family killed

K1500.–K1599. Deceptions connected with adultery  
K1500. Deception connected with adultery  
K1510. Adulteress outwits husband  
K1550. Husband outwits adulteress and paramour  
K1570. Trickster outwits adulteress and paramour  
K1580. Other deceits connected with adultery

K1600.–K1699. Deceiver falls into own trap  
K1600. Deceiver falls into own trap  
K1610. Deceiver falls into his own trap – miscellaneous incidents

### **K1700.–K2099. DECEPTION THROUGH SHAMS**

K1700.–K1799. Deception through bluffing  
K1700. Deception through bluffing  
K1710. Ogre (large animal) overawed  
K1760. Other bluffs

K1800.–K1899. Deception by disguise or illusion  
K1800. Deception by disguise or illusion  
K1810. Deception by disguise  
K1840. Deception by substitution  
K1860. Deception by feigned death (sleep)  
K1870. Illusions

K1900.–K1999. Impostures  
K1900. Impostures  
K1910. Marital impostures  
K1920. Substituted children  
K1930. Treacherous impostors  
K1950. Sham prowess  
K1970. Sham miracles  
K1980. Other impostures

K2000.–K2099. Hypocrites  
K2000. Hypocrites  
K2010. Hypocrite pretends friendship but attacks  
K2030. Double dealers  
K2050. Pretended virtue  
K2060. Detection of hypocrisy

K2100.–K2199. False accusations  
K2100. False accusations  
K2110. Slanders  
K2130. Trouble-makers  
K2150. Innocent made to appear guilty

K2200.–K2299. Villains and traitors  
K2200. Villains and traitors

K2210.Treacherous relatives  
K2220.Treacherous rivals  
K2230.Treacherous lovers  
K2240.Treacherous officers and tradesmen  
K2250.Treacherous servants  
K2260.Dark traitors  
K2270.Deformed villains  
K2280.Treacherous churchmen  
K2290.Other villains and traitors

K2300.–K2399. Other deceptions  
K2300.Other deceptions  
K2310.Deception by equivocation  
K2320.Deception by frightening  
K2350.Military strategy  
K2370.Miscellaneous deceptions

## **L. REVERSAL OF FORTUNE**

L0.–L99. Victorious youngest child  
L0.Victorious youngest child  
L10.Victorious youngest son  
L50.Victorious youngest daughter

L100.–L199. Unpromising hero (heroine)  
L100.Unpromising hero (heroine)  
L110.Types of unpromising heroes (heroines)  
L130.Abode of unpromising hero (heroine)  
L140.The unpromising surpasses the promising  
L160.Success of the unpromising hero (heroine)

L200.–L299. Modesty brings reward  
L200.Modesty brings reward  
L210.Modest choice best  
L220.Modest request best  
L250.Modest business plans best

L300.–L399. Triumph of the weak  
L300.Triumph of the weak  
L310.Weak overcomes strong in conflict  
L330.Easy escape of weak (small)  
L350.Mildness triumphs over violence  
L390.Triumph of the weak – miscellaneous

L400.–L499. Pride brought low  
L400.Pride brought low  
L410.Proud ruler (deity) humbled  
L420.Overweening ambition punished  
L430.Arrogance repaid

L450.Proud animal less fortunate than humble

L460.Pride brought low – miscellaneous

## **M. ORDAINING THE FUTURE**

M0.–M99. Judgements and decrees

M0.Judgements and decrees

M10.Irrevocable judgements

M20.Short-sighted judgements

M50.Other judgements and decrees

M90.Judgements and decrees – miscellaneous motifs

M100.–M199. Vows and oaths

M100.Vows and oaths

M110.Taking of vows and oaths

M120.Vows concerning personal appearance

M130.Vows concerning sex

M150.Other vows and oaths

M200.–M299. Bargains and promises

M200.Bargains and promises

M210.Bargain with devil

M220.Other bargains

M250.Promises connected with death

M260.Other promises

M290.Bargains and promises – miscellaneous

M300.–M399. Prophecies

M300.Prophecies

M310.Favorable prophecies

M340.Unfavorable prophecies

M360.Other prophecies

M370.Vain attempts to escape fulfilment of prophecy

M390.Prophecies – miscellaneous motifs

M400.–M499. Curses

M400.Curses

M410.Pronouncement of curses

M420.Enduring and overcoming curses

M430.Curses on persons

M460.Curses on families

M490.Curses – miscellaneous

## **N. CHANCE AND FATE**

N0.–N99. Wagers and gambling

N0.Wagers and gambling

N10.Wagers on wives, husband, or servants

N50.Other wagers

N90. Wagers and gambling – miscellaneous

N100.–N299. The ways of luck and fate

N100.–N169. Nature of luck and fate

N100. Nature of luck and fate

N110. Luck and fate personified

N120. Determination of luck or fate

N130. Changing of luck or fate

N140. Nature of luck and fate – miscellaneous motifs

N170. The capriciousness of luck

N200. The good gifts of fortune

N250. Persistent bad luck

N270. Crime inevitably comes to light

N300.–N399. Unlucky accidents

N300. Unlucky accidents

N310. Accidental separations

N320. Person unwittingly killed

N330. Accidental killing or death

N340. Hasty killing or condemnation

N350. Accidental loss of property

N360. Man unwittingly commits crime

N380. Other unlucky accidents.

#### **N400.–N699. LUCKY ACCIDENTS**

N410.–N439. Lucky business ventures

N440.–N499. Valuable secrets learned

N440. Valuable secrets learned

N450. Secrets overheard

N500.–N599. Treasure trove

N500. Treasure trove

N510. Where treasure is found

N530. Discovery of treasure

N550. Unearthing hidden treasure

N570. Guardian of treasure

N590. Treasure trove – miscellaneous motifs

N600.–N699. Other lucky accidents

N610. Accidental discovery of crime

N620. Accidental success in hunting or fishing

N630. Accidental acquisition of treasure or money

N640. Accidental healing

N650. Life saved by accident

N680. Lucky accidents – miscellaneous

N700.–N799. Accidental encounters

N700.Accidental encounters  
N710.Accidental meeting of hero and heroine  
N730.Accidental reunion of families  
N760.Other accidental encounters  
N770.Experiences leading to adventures

N800.–N899. Helpers

N800.Helpers  
N810.Supernatural helpers  
N820.Human helpers

## **P. SOCIETY**

P0.–P99. Royalty and nobility

P0.Royalty and nobility  
P10.Kings  
P20.Queens  
P30.Princes  
P40.Princesses  
P50.Noblemen (knights)  
P60.Noble (gentle) ladies  
P90.Royalty and nobility – miscellaneous

P100.–P199. Other social orders

P110.Royal ministers  
P120.Church dignitaries  
P150.Rich men  
P160.Beggars  
P170.Slaves  
P190.Other social orders – miscellaneous

P200.–P299. The family

P200.The family  
P210.Husband and wife  
P230.Parents and children  
P250.Brothers and sisters  
P260.Relations by law  
P270.Foster relatives  
P280.Steprelatives  
P290.Other relatives

P300.–P399. Other social relationships

P310.Friendship  
P320.Hospitality  
P340.Teacher and pupil  
P360.Master and servant

P400.–P499. Trades and professions

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P410.Laborers  
P420.Learned professions  
P430.Financiers and merchants  
P440.Artisans  
P460.Other trades and professions

**P500.–P599. Government**

P500.Government  
P510.Law courts  
P550.Military affairs

**P600.–P699. Customs**

P600.Customs

**P700.–P799. Society – miscellaneous motifs**

P710.Nations

## **Q. REWARDS AND PUNISHMENTS**

**Q0.Rewards and punishments**

**Q10.–Q99. Deeds rewarded**

Q10.Deeds rewarded  
Q20.Piety rewarded  
Q40.Kindness rewarded  
Q60.Other good qualities rewarded  
Q80.Rewards for other causes

**Q100.–Q199. Nature of rewards**

Q100.Nature of rewards  
Q110.Material rewards  
Q140.Miraculous or magic rewards  
Q150.Immunity from disaster as reward  
Q170.Religious rewards  
Q190.Rewards – miscellaneous

**Q200.–Q399. Deeds punished**

Q200.Deeds punished  
Q210.Crimes punished  
Q220.Impiety punished  
Q240.Sexual sins punished  
Q260.Deceptions punished  
Q270.Misdeeds concerning property punished  
Q280.Unkindness punished  
Q300.Contentiousness punished  
Q320.Evil personal habits punished  
Q330.Overweening punished  
Q340.Meddling punished  
Q380.Deeds punished – miscellaneous

- Q400.–Q599. Kinds of punishment
  - Q400.Kinds of punishment – general
  - Q410.Capital punishment
  - Q430.Abridgement of freedom as punishment
  - Q450.Cruel punishments
  - Q470.Humiliating punishments
  - Q500.Tedious punishments
  - Q520.Penances
  - Q550.Miraculous punishments
  - Q560.Punishments in hell
  - Q570.Punishment and remission
  - Q580.Punishment fitted to crime
  - Q590.Miscellaneous punishments

## **R. CAPTIVES AND FUGITIVES**

- R0.–R99. Captivity
  - R0.Captivity
  - R10.Abduction
  - R40.Places of captivity
  - R50.Conditions of captivity
  - R70.Behavior of captives
- R100.–R199. Rescues
  - R100.Rescues
  - R110.Rescue of captive
  - R130.Rescue of abandoned or lost persons
  - R150.Rescuers
  - R170.Rescue – miscellaneous motifs
- R200.–R299. Escapes and pursuits
  - R200.Escapes and pursuits
  - R210.Escapes
  - R220.Flights
  - R260.Pursuits
- R300.–R399. Refuges and recapture
  - R300.Refuges and recapture
  - R310.Refuges
  - R350.Recapture of fugitive

## **S. UNNATURAL CRUELTY**

- S0.–S99. Cruel relatives
  - S0.Cruel relatives
  - S10.Cruel parents
  - S20.Cruel children and grandchildren
  - S30.Cruel step- and foster relatives
  - S40.Cruel grandparents

- S50.Cruel relatives-in-law
- S60.Cruel spouse
- S70.Other cruel relatives

**S100.–S199. Revolting murders or mutilations**

- S100.Revolting murders or mutilations
- S110.Murders
- S140.Cruel abandonments and exposures
- S160.Mutilations
- S180.Wounding or torturing

**S200.–S299. Cruel sacrifices**

- S200.Cruel sacrifices
- S210.Children sold or promised
- S220.Reasons for promise (sale) of child
- S240.Children unwittingly promised (sold)
- S250.Saving the promised child
- S260.Sacrifices

**S300.–S399. Abandoned or murdered children**

- S300.Abandoned or murdered children
- S310.Reasons for abandonment of children
- S330.Circumstances of murder or exposure of children
- S350.Fate of abandoned child

**S400.–S499. Cruel persecutions**

- S400.Cruel persecutions
- S410.Persecuted wife
- S430.Disposal of cast-off wife
- S450.Fate of outcast wife
- S460.Other cruel persecutions

**T. SEX**

**T0.–T99. Love**

- T0.Love
- T10.Falling in love
- T30.Lovers' meeting
- T50.Wooing
- T70.The scorned lover
- T80.Tragic love
- T90.Love – miscellaneous motifs

**T100.–T199. Marriage**

- T100.Marriage
- T110.Unusual marriage
- T130.Marriage customs
- T150.Happenings at weddings
- T160.Consummation of marriage

**T200.–T299. Married life**

- T200. Married life
- T210. Faithfulness in marriage
- T230. Faithlessness in marriage
- T250. Characteristics of wives and husbands
- T280. Other aspects of married life

**T300.–T399. Chastity and celibacy**

- T300. Chastity and celibacy
- T310. Celibacy and continence
- T320. Escape from undesired lover
- T330. Anchorites under temptation
- T350. Chaste sleeping together
- T360. Chastity and celibacy – miscellaneous

**T400.–T499. Illicit sexual relations**

- T400. Illicit sexual relations
- T410. Incest
- T450. Prostitution and concubinage
- T460. Sexual perversions
- T470. Illicit sexual relations – miscellaneous motifs

**T500.–T599. Conception and birth**

- T500. Conception and birth
- T510. Miraculous conception
- T540. Miraculous birth
- T550. Monstrous births
- T570. Pregnancy
- T580. Childbirth
- T590. Conception and birth – miscellaneous motifs

**T600.–T699. Care of children**

- T600. Care of children
- T610. Nurture and growth of children
- T640. Illegitimate children
- T680. Care of children – miscellaneous motifs

**U. THE NATURE OF LIFE**

**U0.–U99. Life's inequalities**

- U0. Life's inequalities
- U10. Justice and injustice
- U30. Rights of the strong
- U60. Wealth and poverty

**U100.–U299. Nature of life – miscellaneous motifs**

- U110. Appearances deceive
- U120. Nature will show itself
- U130. The power of habit

U140. One man's food is another man's poison  
U150. Indifference of the miserable  
U160. Misfortune with oneself to blame the hardest  
U170. Behavior of the blind  
U180. In vino veritas  
U210. Bad ruler, bad subject  
U220. Forced peace valueless  
U230. The nature of sin  
U240. Power of mind over body  
U250. Shortness of life  
U260. Passage of time  
U270. Security breeds indifference

## V. RELIGION

### V0.–V99. Religious services

V0. Religious services  
V10. Religious sacrifices  
V20. Confession of sins  
V30. Sacrament  
V40. Mass  
V50. Prayer  
V60. Funeral rites  
V70. Religious fasts and feasts  
V80. Religious services – miscellaneous

### V100.–V199. Religious edifices and objects

V100. Religious edifices and objects  
V110. Religious buildings  
V120. Images  
V130. Other sacred objects connected with worship  
V140. Sacred relics  
V150. Sacred objects – miscellaneous

### V200.–V299. Sacred persons

V200. Sacred persons  
V210. Religious founders  
V220. Saints  
V230. Angels  
V250. The Virgin Mary  
V290. Other sacred persons

### V300.–V399. Religious beliefs

V300. Religious beliefs  
V310. Particular dogmas  
V320. Heretics  
V330. Conversion from one religion to another  
V340. Miracle manifested to non-believers  
V350. Conflicts between religions

V360.Christian and Jewish traditions about each other

V380.Religious beliefs – miscellaneous

## **W. TRAITS OF CHARACTER**

W0.–W99. Favorable traits of character

W0. Favorable traits of character

W10. Kindness

W20. Other favorable traits of character

W100.–W199. Unfavorable traits of character

W100.Unfavorable traits of character

W110.Unfavorable traits of character – personal

W150.Unfavorable traits of character – social

W200.–W299. Traits of character – miscellaneous

W200.Traits of character – miscellaneous

## **X. HUMOR**

X0.–X99. Humor of discomfiture

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X100.–X199. Humor of disability

X100.Humor of disability

X110.Humor of deafness

X120.Humor of bad eyesight

X130.Other physical disabilities

### **X200.–X599.HUMOR OF SOCIAL CLASSES**

X200.–X299. Humor dealing with tradesmen

X200.Humor dealing with tradesmen

X210.Jokes about millers

X220.Jokes about tailors

X230.Jokes about butchers

X240.Jokes about cobblers (shoemakers)

X250.Jokes about other artisans and tradesmen

X300.–X499. Humor dealing with professions

X300.Humor dealing with professions

X310.Jokes on lawyers

X330.Jokes on magistrates

X350.Jokes on teachers

X370.Jokes on scholars

X410.Jokes on parsons

X460.Humor concerning other professions

X500.–X599. Humor concerning other social classes

X500. Humor concerning other social classes  
X510. Jokes concerning usurers  
X520. Jokes concerning prostitutes  
X530. Jokes concerning beggars  
X540. Jokes on madmen  
X550. Jokes on secret societies

X600.–X699. Humor concerning races or nations  
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X610. Jokes concerning Jews  
X650. Jokes concerning other races or nations  
X680. Jokes concerning various cities

X700.–X799. Humor concerning sex  
X700. Humor concerning sex  
X750. Jokes on old maids  
X760. Jokes on courtship

X800.–X899. Humor based on drunkenness  
X800. Humor based on drunkenness

### **X900.–X1899. HUMOR OF LIES AND EXAGGERATIONS**

X910.–X1099. Lie: the remarkable man  
X910.–X959. Lie: the remarkable man: his birth, growth, death, physical powers, strength  
X910. Lie: the remarkable man  
X920. Lie: the large man  
X930. Lie: remarkable person's physical powers and habits  
X940. Lie: remarkably strong man  
X960.–X1019. Lie: remarkable person's skills  
X960. Lie: remarkable person's skills  
X980. Lie: occupational or professional skills  
X1010. Lie: remarkable mental skills  
X1020.–X1079. Remarkable man's extraordinary possessions  
X1020. Lie: remarkable possessions of remarkable man  
X1030. Lie: remarkable buildings  
X1060. Lie: other possessions of remarkable man  
X1070. Extraordinary man's family  
X1080.–X1099. Lie: occupations of remarkable man

X1100.–X1199. Lie: great hunters and fishermen  
X1100. Lie: the remarkable hunter  
X1110. Lie: the wonderful hunt  
X1120. Lie: the great marksman  
X1130. Lie: hunter's unusual experiences  
X1150. Lies about fishing

X1200.–X1399. Lies about animals  
X1200. Lie: remarkable animals

- X1210.Lies about mammals
- X1250.Lies about birds
- X1280.Lies about insects
- X1300.Lies about fish
- X1320.Lies about reptiles
- X1340.Lie: extraordinary amphibia and other animals
- X1370.Lies about imaginary animals

**X1400.–X1499.** Lies about plants, fruits, vegetables and trees

- X1400.Lies about plants, fruits, vegetables and trees
- X1410.Lies about fruits
- X1420.Lies about vegetables
- X1450.Lies about field crops
- X1470.Lies about trees
- X1480.Lies about flowers
- X1490.Lie: miscellaneous plant motifs

**X1500.–X1599.** Lies about geography and topography

- X1500.Lies about geography and topography
- X1510.Lies about land features
- X1520.Lies about mountains and hills
- X1530.Lies about remarkable soil
- X1540.Lies about water features
- X1550.Geography and topography – miscellaneous motifs
- X1560.Lies about cities

**X1600.–X1699.** Lies about weather and climate

- X1600.Lies about weather and climate
- X1610.Lies about winds and storms
- X1620.Lies about cold weather
- X1630.Lies about hot weather
- X1640.Lies about dry weather
- X1650.Lies about precipitation and dampness
- X1660.Lies about climate

**X1700.–X1799.** Lies: logical absurdities

- X1700.Lies: logical absurdities
- X1710.Lies about numbers
- X1720.Absurd disregard of anatomy
- X1740.Absurd disregard of natural laws
- X1750.Absurd disregard of the nature of objects
- X1760.Absurd disregard of the nature of non-material things
- X1780.Absurdity based on the nature of the object
- X1790.Other logical absurdities

**X1800.–X1899.** Miscellaneous lies and exaggerations

- X1800.Miscellaneous lies and exaggerations
- X1810.Tall tales about miscellaneous objects
- X1850.Other tall tales



## **Z. MISCELLANEOUS GROUPS OF MOTIFS**

### **Z0.–Z99. Formulas**

**Z0.**Formulas

**Z10.**Formulistic framework for tales

**Z20.–Z59.**Cumulative tales

**Z20.**Cumulative tales

**Z30.**Chains involving a single scene or event

**Z40.**Chains with interdependent members.

**Z50.**Cumulative tales – miscellaneous

**Z60.**Other formulistic motifs

### **Z100.–Z199. Symbolism**

**Z100.**Symbolism

**Z110.** Personifications

**Z140.**Color symbolism

**Z150.**Other symbols

### **Z200.–Z299. Heroes**

**Z200.**Heroes

**Z210.**Brothers as heroes

**Z230.**Extraordinary exploits of her

### **Z300.–Z399. Unique exceptions**

**Z300.**Unique exceptions

**Z310.**Unique vulnerability

**Z320.**Object will fit only one thing (or person)

**Z350.**Other unique exceptions