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F80. Journey to lower world  
F90. Access to lower world  
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.MARVELOUS 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 marvelous 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.Marvelous 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 marvelous 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

### **. 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– J2050. 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 overawing 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 deceptions
- 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) by 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 deceptions 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. Judgments and decrees  
M0. Judgments and decrees  
M10. Irrevocable judgments  
M20. Short-sighted judgments  
M50. Other judgments and decrees  
M90. Judgments 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 fulfillment 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  
P400.Trades and professions  
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.Naitons

## 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/p>

## **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  
X0. Humor of discomfiture

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

X600.Humor concerning races or nations  
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

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### **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

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X980.Lie: occupational or professional skills

X1010.Lie: remarkable mental skills

X1020– 1079. 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
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