

—*NLE*:

Egypt: :

<1> HE-S: U.S./Cro 64-1, No. 2 —: <2039§≡, X761.1§, W256.6.4.1.1§, K1772.1§, Z55§, P807.8§  
 Σyouth group-chant—"He met me on the bus." > (Cro| m, 25, grad. stu., gov. empl.).□

2040, *The Climax of Horrors*.

INDEXES: {Cf. Tubach: 1703; Jason/Avishur, *Iraq*}.

MOTIF-SPECTRUM:

Z46, Climax of horrors.

Occurrences:

LIT.-TREAT.: :

<1> Marzolph, *Ridens*, No. 811 —: <2040≡ Σlit. > (|).□

#### IV. FORMULA TALES

2000-2399

2200, *Catch-tales*. [Listener induced to ask a question and then embarrassed (or otherwise discomfited)].

INDEXES: {AT: Mot. "X13"—[sic], cf. 2210§; W. Hansen: p. 75}.

MOTIF-SPECTRUM:

K199.3§, cf. Pseudo-riddle (unsolvable), with twice the stakes for the learned riddlee. Trickster (peasant, illiterate) does not know the answer, but wins half the bet money;

X903, Lie used as catch tale [(joke)];

Z13, Catch tales. [And other ego-involving (self-reference) devices];

Z19.1.0.3§, ‡Fingers (toes) counted, touched: child tickled. "This is the egg, this is the one who roasted it, this is the one who peeled it, this is the one who ate it, and this is the one who cried out: 'Me too!' 'Me too!'" (Catch-tale: surprise tickling, touching).

Occurrences:

—*NLE*:

Egypt: :

<1> HE-S: Cairo 69-3A, No. 2-a —: <2200≡, Z19.1.0.3§ Σchildren's tale—"Here is the egg, and here is the one that roasted it, ...", every one plays it with their children." > (| f, 30s, u. grad., works at CFMC, from family, plays/tells it to own children).□

2202, *Teller is Killed in his own Story*.

INDEXES: {AT: 0}.

MOTIF-SPECTRUM:

Z13.2, Catch tale: teller killed in own story;

Z292.0.1§, ‡Tragedy.

Occurrences:

—*NLE*:

Egypt: :

<1> HE-S: Brooklyn 61-6 IUFTL-123, No. 1 —: <1930≡, -cf. + 1889Q§ + Z201.1§, /"I" + 2202 + 1364, -III, -cf. Σstyle: "I"-tale > (S./Sûhâg| m, 34, Chr, sailor).□

2209A§, *Group Performance that Embarrasses a Member*. Narrative-chant that climaxes in participants pointing to a predesignated person and yelling: "Here is the idiot!" (or the like).

INDEXES: {AT: 0}.

MOTIF-SPECTRUM:

Z13.3.2§, ‡Catch tale: listener embarrassed (non-sexually);

Z13.3.2.1§, ‡Narrative-chant that climaxes in participants pointing to a predesignated person and yelling: "Here is the idiot!" (or the like).

Occurrences:

—*NLE*:

Egypt: :

<1> HE-S: U.S./Cro 64-1, No. 3 —: <2209A§≡, Z13.0.1§, Z13.3.2.1§, Z13.3.2.1.1§ Σyouth group-chant, "It is told that gazelle ..." > (Cro| m, 25, grad. stu., gov. empl.).□

2210§, *The Penalty (Fee, Charge) for not Knowing*. (Catch-joke: listener embarrassed).

INDEXES: {Cf. 2200}.

MOTIF-SPECTRUM:

K199.3§, cf. Pseudo-riddle (unsolvable), with twice the stakes for the learned riddlee. Trickster (peasant, illiterate) does not know the answer, but wins half the bet money;

Z13.3.1§, ‡Catch tale: listener subjected to sexual aggression--(usually, verbal).

Occurrences:

—*NLE*:

Egypt: :

<1> HE-S: Cairo 82-5, No. 4 —: <2210§≡, Z13.0.1§, Z13.3.1§ Σhomosexual--male > (| m, 30s, u. grad., heard while in college).□

2271, *Mock Stories for Children*.

INDEXES: {Cf. 2320}.

MOTIF-SPECTRUM:

Z11, cf. Endless tales;  
 Z13, cf. Catch tales. [And other ego-involving (self-reference) devices];  
 Z13.1.2§, †Catch tale: teller seeks to make listener lose interest--(listener driven to boredom).

**Occurrences:**

—NLE:

Egypt::

- ⟨1⟩ HE-S: Cairo 82-5, No. 6 —: <2271 ≡ Σ“to wear down children”> (E./Shrq/Cro| f, adult);  
 ⟨2⟩ Amīn, *qāmūs*, 157-58, No. 2 —: <2271 ≡ + 2320, -cf. Σ> (Cro| m, elite, col.-auth.).□

**2300, Endless Tales.**

INDEXES: {Cf. Tubach: 4310}.

MOTIF-SPECTRUM:

Z11, Endless tales;  
 Z93.2.3§, cf. †Innumerable: 'Like ants'.

**Occurrences:**

LIT.-TREAT.::

- ⟨1⟩ Chauvin IX, 21, No. 10 [Pierre Alphons] —: <2300 ≡ /gen. Σ> ({}).

—SHM:

Lebanon::

- ⟨2⟩ al-Rāsī, *khabâyâ*, 299-301 —: <2300 ≡, -cf., 2301A, -cf. Σ> (| m, Chr-presum., elite, auth.-narr.).

—NLE:

Egypt::

- ⟨3⟩ Farag, *Daqahliyyah*, 390-92, [No. 53] —: <1526A ≡, -cf. + 2300, -cf./endless Σ> (L./Dlt| m, 55, store hand, “talker”).□

**2301, Corn Carried away Grain at a Time [by Ants] (endless tale).**

INDEXES: {AT: 0}.

MOTIF-SPECTRUM:

Z11.1, Endless tale: corn carried away one grain at a time.

**Occurrences:**

—NLE:

Egypt::

- ⟨1⟩ Sayce, *Folk-Lore* XI:4, 370, No. 7 —: <2301 ≡, -cf. Σ> ({});  
 ⟨2⟩ ḷA. Khidr, *ḥawâdîr* I, 43-48 —: <2301 ≡ Σlit. > ({}).□

**2301A, Making the King Lose Patience.**INDEXES: {AT: “Often part of Type 852”; cf. 1637C§; Jason/Avishur, *Iraq*}.

MOTIF-SPECTRUM:

H507.2, Test: making senseless remarks. King brought to say, “What is the sense in that?”;  
 H1553, cf. Test of patience;  
 H1553.7.2§, Testing patience by telling endless tale;  
 J1300, cf. Officiousness or foolish questions rebuked;  
 J2261§, †Absurd observation (declaration) of the obvious (facts, truths);  
 W170§, cf. †Shamelessness: person feels no shame;  
 X61§, †Irritating by absurd stating of the obvious (e.g., “Fish lives in water”, “Birds fly in the air”);  
 Z11.1, Endless tale: corn carried away one grain at a time;  
 Z13.1.2§, †Catch tale: teller seeks to make listener lose interest--(listener driven to boredom).

**Occurrences:**

—SHM:

Lebanon::

- ⟨1⟩ al-Rāsī, *khabâyâ*, 299-301 —: <2300 ≡, -cf., 2301A, -cf. Σ> (| m, Chr./?, elite, auth.-narr.).

—MGH:

Algeria::

- ⟨2⟩ Scelles-Millie, *algériennes*, 121-25, No. 7 —: <2301A ≡, -cf./mot. Σ“c.-de la cour”> (| ?/“M.O.”).□

**2320, Rounds. Stories which begin over and over again and repeat.**

INDEXES: {Cf. 2013, 2271}.

MOTIF-SPECTRUM:

Z17, Rounds. Stories which begin over and over again and repeat;  
 Z13.1.2§, †Catch tale: teller seeks to make listener lose interest--(listener driven to boredom).

**Occurrences:**

—NLE:

Egypt::

- ⟨1⟩ Amīn, *qāmūs*, 157-58, No. 2 —: <2271 ≡ + 2320, -cf. Σ> (Cro| m, elite, col.-auth.).□

**2325§, Alliterated tale: narrative puzzle in which all words begin with the same letter (phone).**

INDEXES: {Cf. 1565B§}.

MOTIF-SPECTRUM:

H1589.1§, cf. †‘Tongue-twister’ (verbal puzzle): test of ability to pronounce difficult statement;  
 T59.0.1§, †Accompaniments of coition: behavioral manifestations;  
 T59.0.3§, †Accompaniments of coition: accessories (food, drink, drug, music, lighting, etc.);  
 Z15.5§, Alliterated tale. Narrative puzzle in which all words begin with the same letter (phone);  
 Z55.3§, †Social (interactional) process carried to its climax;  
 Z67.0.1§, Aggrandizement: to be addressed in the honorific plural form;  
 Z67.0.2§, Aggrandizement: to be addressed indirectly via one’s ‘presence’ (*ḥadrah*), ‘highness’ (*rif/ah*), or the like;  
 Z97§, †Alliteration (simple, plain).

**Occurrences:**

—NLE:

Egypt::

- ⟨1⟩ HE-S: Sharqiyah 82-4, No. 3 —: <2325§ ≡, Z15.5§, Z67.0.1§, Z67.0.2§, T59.0.1§, Z55.3§, Z55.1§, -cf. Σ‘Joke’/i.e., puzzle. “Message with all words starting with same letter”--“ḥadrat ḥaramnâ: ḥadrîn ḥâlan. ḥadḡarri ḥammâm, ḥammârî ḥamâm; ḥa-nbûs ḥadritkum, ..../Your honor, our wife: [I am] arriving soon. Prepare a bath, fry pigeons [for dinner]; your honor: we will kiss you, ....”> (E./Shrq-Zqzq| m/c, 11-14, pupil).□

**2330, Game-tales. (Used in games).**

INDEXES: {Cf. 2200}.

MOTIF-SPECTRUM:

Z19.1, Game tales. (Used as game);  
 Z19.1.0.1§, †The fox passed by, seven loops in his tail; the she-bear fell in the well, etc. (chasing game).

**Occurrences:**

—NLE:

Egypt::

- ⟨1⟩ Sayce, *Folk-Lore* XI:4, 383 —: <2330 ≡, Z19.1.0.1§ Σ> ({});  
 ⟨2⟩ Sayce, *Folk-Lore* XI:4, 394 —: <2330 ≡, Z19.1.0.3§ Σ“Here is the egg, ...”> ({}).□

**2335, Tales Filled with Contradictions.**

INDEXES: {Cf. 1716\*, 1965, 2014}.

MOTIF-SPECTRUM:

Z19.2, Tales filled with contradictions;  
 Z51, †Chains involving contradictions or extremes;  
 Z98§, Contradictions (oxymoron).

**Occurrences:**

LIT.-TREAT.::

- ⟨1⟩ Chauvin V, 279, No. 162 [ELSF 24] —: <2412§ ≡, /2335, -cf., D1193, Z19.2 Σ> ({});  
 ⟨2⟩ Chauvin V, 281, No. 165 [*Alf-Laylah* II, 200; ELSF 77] —: <1862 ≡, -cf., 2335, -cf., K1019.2§, H1379§, Z71.1, K249.6§, K2400§, -cf., F950, -cf., J1430, -cf., J1435§, Z70.7.2§, P681.1§ Σ> ({}).

—NLE:

Egypt::

- ⟨3⟩ CFMC: ḷUKH-I, No. 385 —: <1716\* ≡, /1965 + 2335, -cf. Σwrt. > (N./Kfr-Shk| f);  
 ⟨4⟩ El-Shamy, *Egypt*, 204-5, 297, No. 53 —: <1716\* ≡, /1965 + 2335 Σ> (Arb/Aswan/Cro| f/c, 12, pupil and part-time maid, from f class-mates).□

V. UNCLASSIFIED TALES  
2400-2499

2400, *Ground is Measured with a Horse's Skin (ox-hide)*.

INDEXES: {Cf. Jason/Avishur, Iraq}.

MOTIF-SPECTRUM:

K185.1, Deceptive land purchase: ox-hide measure. [Hide cut into very small strips].

P779.3.5§, ‡Commodity sold by length: finger-width (*qirât*), span of the hand (*shibr*), cubit (*dhirâj*), etc.

Occurrences:

—SHM:

Palestine::

⟨1⟩ Hanauer, *Holy Land*, 31 —: <2400 =, K185.1 Σ> (|).

—NLE:

Egypt::

⟨2⟩ Legrain, *Louqsor*, 64 —: <2400 =, K185.1 Σ> (S.|).□

2411, *The Boy with Active Imagination*. "If I had one then got two more, I should have three". [Air castles].

INDEXES: {Cf. 1348, 1430, 1681\*}.

MOTIF-SPECTRUM:

W199§, Self-deception (rationalization, regression, projection, etc.);

W210§, Daydreaming;

W211, Active imagination [(unrealistic thinking)].

Occurrences:

—MSP:

Iraq::

⟨1⟩ al-Bâzargân, *'amthâl*, 349, No. 265 —: <2411 =, 1430,-cf. Σprov. > (|).□

2412§, *Unclassified Formula Tales*.

INDEXES: {AT: 0}.

MOTIF-SPECTRUM:

F555.4.1§, ‡A hair (human's) so strong that animal (horse) can be tied with it;

F850.0.1.1§, ‡Food (dish) that resembles excreta (human's, animal's, bird's);

H1584.1, Land measured according to amount within person's view;

J1282.1§, cf. ‡One more thing (gift) calls for another as its requirement ('A thing that is a prerequisite for of the (other) thing');

J1761.12§, ‡Feces (dung, bird droppings) mistaken for food: eaten;

K185.1, Deceptive land purchase: ox-hide measure. [Hide cut into very small strips];

Z47.3§, cf. ‡Series of ascending demands (requests): one thing requires another.

Occurrences:

LIT.-TREAT.::

⟨1⟩ Chauvin V, 279, No. 162 [ELSF 24] —: <2412§ =, /2335,-cf., D1193, Z19.2 Σ> (|).

—PEN:

Bahrain::

⟨2⟩ AGSFC: QTR 87-3, 696-x-214-245 —: <2412§ =, N300, "Mḥammad Ibn Khudair, fell in the well" Σfrag., formula; Narr.: "I forgot" > (| f, 100-b. 1877, "can [recite] Koran," merchant/trader; col. f).

—NLE:

Egypt::

⟨3⟩ Amîn, *qâmûs*, 158, No. 3 —: <2412§ = + 2020§,-cf./theme Σpreamble: "farsh"/[seating/padding for tale]> (Cro| m, elite, col.-auth., verbs indicate f as source);

⟨4⟩ HE-S: ‡Abdîn/Cro 69-3, No. 2 —: <2412§ =, Z139.9.2.1§, F555.4.1§--"hinâ miqass [...] ‡arâyiss bi-titraṣṣ/here are scissors... here are dolls being lined up..."/"This girl's hair is blond, I/she wrapped it around my horse", etc. Σchildren's rhyme> (Cro| f/c, 10, litr., pupil);

⟨5⟩ HE-S: ‡Abdîn/Cro 69-3, No. 5 —: <2412§ =, H1589.1§ Σ"el-fâr ez-zurduq, kal el-bunduq/The Zurdu'-mouse, ate the hazel nuts ..."> (Cro| m, 55, litr., businessman);

⟨6⟩ HE-S: ‡Abdîn/Cro 69-3, No. 12 —: <2412§ =, H1589.1§ Σ"Malik Garârah, 'ibn bitâj el-biṣârah .../M.G., son of the bean-mash vendor ..."> (Cro| m, 55, litr., businessman);

⟨7⟩ CFMC: Aswan 70-12A, 2-1-9 —: <2412§ = Σ"I'm a soldier", no text> (S./U-Koam-Ambo| m, 19, litr.);

⟨8⟩ AUC: 20A, No. 6 —: <2412§ = Σ"mikhlah hung in sky"> (Nu| m, 50, from family at home; col. f).

—NLS:

Sudan::

⟨9⟩ al-Tayyib, *al-Humrân*, 34 —: <2412§ = Σ"horned sheep"> (|).

—MGH:

Algeria::

⟨10⟩ Biarnay, "Dadés", No. 1 —: <2412§ =, B17.1.5,-cf., P230.0.3§, S110.9.2.1§ Σ> (Brb|).

Morocco::

⟨11⟩ Stumme, *Tâzerwalt*, 180, No. 26 —: <2412§ =, /cat stole butter milk Σ> (S./Brb|).□