

Folktale Characteristics

The Brave Little Parrot	Plot	Setting	Characters	Conflict	Repetition
	The forest is on fire. The Little Parrot wants to help put out the fire. She tries to put the fire out by dropping water from a cupped leaf. The Gods are selfish and won't help. One god sees what the little parrot is doing and feels ashamed. He cries magic tears and puts the fire out. Everything grows back and the Little Parrot gets beautiful feathers.	Forest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Little Parrot wants to help. The Gods are selfish. One God feels ashamed. 	A fire is burning the forest. The gods aren't helping the animals.	The pattern of the little parrot getting water in a leaf and dropping it on the fire is repeated.
	Motifs	Themes	Values	Sacrifice	
	Magic tears Colorful feathers	If you keep trying you can accomplish almost anything. It is important to help others.	Kindness Determination Unselfishness	The little parrot is willing to sacrifice her life to help. She keeps her new pretty feathers as a reward.	

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Yeh-Shen By Louie and Young	Plot	Setting	Characters	Conflict	Repetition
	In China a girl is treated poorly by her stepmother and made to do all the work of the house. With the help of magical fish bones she overcomes the wickedness of her stepmother to become the bride of a prince.	China	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yeh-Shen- kind and generous • Stepmother- jealous/wicked • Stepsister • Old Man/Fish- helpful 	The jealous stepmother is unkind to Yeh Shen and tries to make her life miserable. She wants to go to the festival, but her stepmother tells her no.	Yeh-Shen speaks to her fish bones in times of trouble or when she needs comfort
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golden slippers/sandals • Fish bones • OldMan/God mother 	Goodness is rewarded and evil is punished	Kindness Generosity	Yeh-Shen shares her food with her fish		

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