

The *Mabinogi*: Motifs

Mortal aid to fairy-folk (usually related to feuds and border disputes)

Birth portents/strange births

Hostile parent (often mother)

Magical cauldrons

Preternatural survival, *e.g.*, Bran's head

The "congenital" animal (often a colt)

The Rash Boon

Otherworld Crossings/ Otherworld enemies

One-year delay

The Fairy Bride/Otherworld Spouse

The Calumniated Wife

Child of prodigious growth/development

Selected motifs are used depending on the plot of a tale.

Social interactions (woven in and variously deployed across the Four Branches): marriages, children/inheritance, treaties, insults, feuds, friendships, shame.