

Comparing Tales

Element	Momotaro	The Tongue-Cut Sparrow	The Crane Wife
Antagonist (bad guy)			The husband when he peeked in the room
Protagonist (the good guy)	Momotaro		
What was the problem?		The old woman cut the sparrow's tongue because she hated his singing	
Lesson of the story	Protect and care for your elders		
Magic or fantasy objects or events			The crane becomes a woman

Sparrow

the ogre Oni

the village is being
attacked

Keep your promises

Crane

the old woman

Don't be greedy

the woman wants
privacy to weave

The boy is born
from a peach

the sparrow has a house
and a family