

302 The Ogre's (Devil's) Heart in the Egg.

(Including the previous Types 302A*, 302B*, and 425P.) Because he helped some animals to divide a meal in a fair manner, a youth is rewarded with the ability to transform himself into their shapes (they promise their help because he spared or nourished them) [B393, B500, D1834]; cf. Type 554.

He goes to rescue a princess who has been abducted by an ogre (giant, dragon, devil) (to rescue his wife who has been abducted by a supernatural enemy, cf. Type 400) [R11.1]. As an eagle, the youth comes to the ogre's castle, as an ant into the princess's chamber [D152.2, D182.2]. He learns from the princess that the ogre cannot be defeated because his heart (power of life, soul) is hidden outside of his body [E710]. The princess elicits the hiding place from the ogre [K975.2]: His heart lies - enclosed in various animals - in an egg (little box) [E711.1, E713]; cf. Type 590.

The youth follows the princess's instructions, finds the ogre's soul, and destroys it (the grateful animals do so for him [B571.1]). The ogre dies [K956], and the youth marries the princess [L161]. Cf. Type 665.

Combinations: This type is usually combined with episodes of one or more other types, esp. 300, 301, 303, 303A, 304, 313, 316, 400, 425, 516, 518, 552, 552A, 554, and 665, and also 302B, 314, 461, 465, 513, and 550.