

327C The Devil (Witch) Carries the Hero Home in a Sack.

A witch (ogre) entices a boy (conceived by magic, Thumbling) into her bag and carries him away (from his home). By deceiving the witch (putting stones, thorns, mud, etc. in his place), the boy is able to escape twice from the bag. The third time, the witch carries him to her home.

He is to be killed by the witch's daughter. The boy tricks the daughter (by making her snow him how he should prepare to be killed [G526]), throws her into a pot (burns her in the oven), and serves her as a meal to her family [G61]. He taunts the witch, kills her, and returns home (sometimes with the witch's treasure).

Combinations: This type is usually combined with episodes of one or more other types, esp. 327 A, and also 327B, 327F, 327G, 328, 700, 1119, and 1121.