

470A The Offended Skull.

(Leontius, Don Juan, Festin de Pierre.)

A drunken man finds a skull (statue, a dead man hanging on the gallows), kicks it, and invites it to dinner. The skull (dead person) visits the living person and warns him about his bad behavior (kills him). On a return visit, the living person is a guest in the otherworld [C13].

In some variants the living person watches things in the otherworld. In other variants the living person stays in the otherworld only for a short time, but finds that in this world a long time has passed and everything has changed [D2011].

Combinations: 470, 681.

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