

## **518 Men Fight over Magic Objects**

(previously Devils [Giants] Fight over Magic Objects).

A (young) man on a journey meets three (two) men (giants, devils), who are quarreling over the division of three magic objects (e.g. cloak of invisibility, seven mile boots, wishing hat, flying carpet) (which they have inherited). The man promises to render a judgment, but he asks first to try out the objects (to run a race against the owners). He takes the magic objects and runs away with them. He uses them later to accomplish difficult tasks [D832].

Combinations: This type is usually combined with episodes of one or more other types, esp. 302, 306, 400, 566, 567, and also 313, 552, 552A, 560, 725, and 810.

Remarks: Documented in the Chinese *Tripitaka* (492 C.E.). This type does not exist independently but is an episode in other tales.