

{AT560} The Magic Ring.

The grateful animals (cat and dog) recover it for him.

See analysis below: I a, b; II; III; IV a.

Analysis: Types 560 and 561.

I. Magic Object Received.

The hero receives a magic ring (stone) which will perform all the wishes of the owner, from

- (a) a man whose son the hero has saved from death or
- (b) a cat and dog he has saved or rescued; or
- (c) he finds it.

II. Magic Castle.

By means of his wishing ring he builds a magic castle, and marries the king's daughter.

III. Theft of Magic Object.

The wishing ring is stolen

- (a) by the wife or
- (b) by a third person who wants to possess the wife. —
- (c) The castle and wife are transported to a distant island.

IV. Recovery of Object,

- (a) The hero recovers the missing object with the help of the grateful cat and dog who swim to the island and compel a mouse to steal the ring from the thief's mouth, or
- (b) with the help of a second magic object which transports the hero to the island,
- (c) The castle and princess are restored.

Motifs:

I.

[D810] Magic object a gift.

[D812] Magic object received from a supernatural being.

[D1470.1] Magic wishing-object. Object causes wishes to be fulfilled.

[D1470.1.15] Magic wishing-ring.

[D817.1] Magic object received from man in return for rescue of child.

[B360] Animals grateful for rescue from peril of death.

[B505] Magic object received from animal.

[B421] Helpful dog.

[B422] Helpful cat.

[D840] Magic object found.

II.

[D1662.1] Magic object works by being stroked.

[D1131.1] Castle produced by magic.

[L161] Lowly hero marries princess.

III.

[D860] Loss of magic object.

[D861.5] Magic object stolen by hero's wife.

[K2213] Treacherous wife.

[D861.4] Magic object stolen by rival for wife.

[D2136.2] Castle magically transported.

IV.

[D882] Magic object stolen back.

[B548.1] Animals recover lost wishing ring. Grateful cat, dog, and snake compel mouse to steal it from thief.

[K431] Mbuse's tail in mouth of sleeping thief causes him to cough up swallowed magic ring.

[D882.1.1] Stolen magic object stolen back by helpful cat and dog. They steal the ring from the thief's mouth.

[D881] Magic object recovered by using second magic object.

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{AT560A*} Magic Ring and Flying Horse.

Youngest brother with rope and nails scales walls of castle where three princesses are held. He lets them out. His two older brothers pull out nails before he can descend. Youngest princess leaves a wishing ring with hero. He wishes for flying horse and escapes. In disguise he works as servant in palace. His brothers marry the two older princesses. Youngest recognizes hero as servant and tells king she will marry him. King becomes ill from the shock.

Older brothers search for lion's milk to cure him. Hero obtains milk with wishing ring and trades it to brothers for gold balls king gave them for wedding presents.

Hero puts enemy to flight with the ring. He gives brothers conquered flags for permission to brand them. King consents to marriage of hero with youngest princess. Finally the hero's brothers' deceits are revealed and balls and brand are shown as evidence. Brothers are turned out. Cf. Types 301, 314, 550.

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{AT560B*} Cat and Mice and Magic Box.

Witch follows ox into cave and they fall to island of mice. Man locks cave entrance. Witch arranges with mice to steal magic box from man. Mice steal it but man catches one mouse that promises to lead him to Box in return for freedom. Man hides cat in his bosom and when mice threaten him, he lets cat loose. Mice return box on condition that cat does not harm them. Man returns home unharmed.

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{AT560C*} Doll Producing Gold Stolen and Recovered.

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