

{AT563} The Table, the Ass, and the Stick.

The stick compels the treacherous host of the inn to give back the table and the ass.

See analysis below: I a, b, c, d; II a, (b) d.

Analysis: Types 563 and 564.

I. The Magic Objects.

(a) A poor man receives three magic objects:

(b) a table or sack that supplies itself with food,

(c) a gold-dropping ass,

(d) and a cudgel or

(e) a sack containing a mannikin that beats an enemy until called off by its owner.

II. The Objects Stolen and Recovered.

(a) The first two objects are stolen by the host of an inn,

(b) by the hero's brothers

(c) or by a neighbor,

(d) By means of the cudgel or sack the other objects are recovered.

Motifs:

I.

[S327] Child cast out because of his stupidity.

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

[D1472.1.7] Magic table supplies food and drink.

[D1472.1.22] Magic sack (purse) supplies food and drink.

[D1030.1] Food supplied by magic.

[B103.1.1] Gold-producing ass. Droppings of gold.

[D1401.2] Magic sack furnishes mannikin who cudgels enemies.

[D1601.5] Automatic cudgel.

[D1401.1] Magic club (stick) beats person.

[D1651.2] Magic cudgel works only for master.

II.

[D861.1] Magic object stolen by host (at inn).

[K2241] Treacherous innkeeper.

[D861.3] Magic object stolen by brothers.

[D861.2] Magic object stolen by neighbor.

[J2355.1] Fool loses magic objects by talking about them.

[D881.2] Recovery of magic object by use of magic cudgel.

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