

## **610 The Healing Fruits.**

A sick princess is offered to whoever can cure her (with fruit) [T68.1, H346]. The youngest of three brothers succeeds [Q2, L10, L13]. He is kind to a little man (old woman, grateful animals), who gives him the healing fruit [N825.3, D1500.1.5], after his elder brothers had reacted with annoyance at the little man's questions.

Before the marriage takes place, the king gives the youngest brother impossible tasks. The little man helps him again. He has to build a ship that moves faster on land than on water (cf. Type 513B), to herd 100 rabbits (cf. Type 570), and to fetch a feather from a magic bird (cf. Type 461).

He performs the tasks, makes a fortune, returns, humbles the king, and marries the princess [L161].

Or, the king copies him in order to gain the same riches. On the way across a lake the ferryman drops him into the water and he is drowned. The young suitor gains his kingdom and marries the princess. Cf. Type 551.

Combinations: 461, 513B, 517, 550, 554, 570, 671, 725, and 1610.