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Summary The story first tells the story of the pirate's legend, William Kidd, who is rumored to have buried a large treasure in a forest in colonial Massachusetts. Kidd made a deal with the devil to protect his money. The devil's conditions are unknown. Kidd never died able to recover his money, but the devil has protected it ever since. The story continues around 1727. Tom Walker, a greedy, selfish sner of a man, nurtures money along with his shrewish and equally greedy wife. They lived in a tarnished seven-house that had stood alone and had an air of starvation. This is until he takes a walk in the swamp of an ancient Indian fortress (a remnant of King Philip's war of 1675-1678), and starts up a conversation with the devil incarnated (called Old Scratch and the black man in the story). Old Scratch appears as a lumberjack or a lumberjack chopping tree, each with a prominent and rich colonialist name branded on the trunk. A rotted and soon-to-fall tree has the name of a deacon who grew rich trade with the Indians. Another fallen tree has that a rich sailor is rumored to be a pirate. Old Scratch strikes a deal with Tom Walker, offering riches hidden in the swamp by Captain Kidd in exchange for a good price, often believed to be his soul. Tom agrees to think about it and returns home. While Tom is perfectly willing to sell himself to Old Scratch for the tax, he doesn't do it first, as that would mean having to share the tax with his wife. After he talks about his meeting, she meets old scratch herself, but tells her husband that Old Scratch requires an offer. When Tom is gone, she takes all their valuables in and goes to make a deal with Old Scratch. When Tom searches for his wife and property, all he finds is her apron holding her heart and liver, tied to a tree. Tom Walker agrees to Old Scratch's deal because he thought his abusive wife's death was a good thing. Since he can only use the treasure in Old Scratch's service, Tom agrees to become an oathr (now commonly referred to as a loan shark), after refusing to become a slave trader. During Jonathan Belcher (1730-1741), speculation runs rampant and pedestrian business flourishes. Becoming a member of the local stock exchange, Tom buys a big house and a trainer but furnishes neither, even if he has money (he is so fragile that he even half-starves his horses). Tom never tires of fooling people until he suddenly becomes afraid of the afterlife. He then becomes an obsessed churchgoer, sings hymns in the church in a much louder voice than all the other parishioners, and always keep two Bibles at hand- thinking that any sin in his neighbor's account is a credit to his own. He is even said to have had his best riding horse saddled and buried upside down in the belief that in the last days the world will be turned upside down and he will then try to outride Old Scratch (although the narrator adds that this is probably a pure old wives' tale). One day a ruined stock jabbler (speculator) who had borrowed money from him begs for mercy and annoys Tom who says, The devil take me if I've done a farthing! (the smallest currency of the time, 1/4 of a penny). There's three loud knocks on the door. Tom is drawn against a black-cloaked figure and realizes, in horror, that he has left his Bibles at his desk. Old Scratch singles Tom Walker on the back of a black horse that rides against the old fortress and disappears in lightning. Tom will never see him again. All his assets become worthless—his coach horses become skeletons, gold and silver Tom hamsters turn into chips and splinters, his mortgages and deeds become ashes, and his big house burns to the ground. Since that day, his ghost haunts the site of the old fortress. His only legacy is a New England proverb. The Devil and Tom Walker. Adapt's Filer for The Devil and Tom Walker, 1913 In 2019, the story was adapted into sound drama as part of the debut season of Shadows at the Door: The Podcast. Editions Washington Irving, Rip Van Winkle, The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, The Devil and Tom Walker, The trip, Westminster Abbey, Stratford-on-Avon; Stout Gentleman, Doubleday ∓ McClure Company, 1902, p. 93-113: The Devil and Tom Walker. References Wikisource has original text related to this article: The Devil and Tom Walker * Irving, Washington (1824). The devil and Tom Walker. Tales of a traveler. ISBN 9780800795159. External links The Devil and Tom Walker on Project Gutenberg The Devil and Tom Walker's public domain audiobook on LibriVox Retrieved from Tom's stereotypical nagging, scolding wife is even more reviled than her husband, when she doesn't hoard valuables from him, she's verbally, maybe physically abusing him. After Tom first declines to accept Old Scratch's offer to sell his soul for wealth, Tom's wife fearlessly decides to accept it herself, carrying in her apron household silver out into the swamp to negotiate with the devil. She's never heard again (characteristically, Tom misses silver more than he does his wife). Some say she just got lost; others say she ran away with silver to another province. But another, more likely story finds that Tom found evidence that the devil just dragged his wife down to hell: a bundle tied up in an apron that held a heart and a liver. Tom, of course, piles Old Scratch in all this: the devil must have had a tough time of wrestling and dragging Tom's ferocious wife down to her condemnation. Our story today is, The Devil and Tom Walker. It was written by Washington Irving. Here's Shep O'Neal with our story. Before we begin our history, let's go back 300 years to the end of the 17th century. In those years, one of the most famous men in the world was Captain William Kidd. Captain Kidd was a pirate. He sailed the seas, capturing all the ships he found. He and his men took money from these ships. Captain Kidd hid this money in different places. Captain Kidd was captured by the English in Boston, Massachusetts and executed in 1701. From that time on, people all over the world searched in many places for Captain Kidd's stolen money. The people who lived in Massachusetts in the seventeenth hundreds thought Captain Kidd buried part of his treasure near Boston. Not far from Boston was a small river that ran into the Atlantic Ocean. An old story said that Captain Kidd had come up this river from the sea. Then he buried his gold and silver and jewels under a large tree. History said that this treasure was protected by the devil himself, who was a good friend of Captain Kidd. During the year, seventeen twenty-seven, a man named Tom Walker, lived near this place. Tom Walker wasn't a nice man. He only loved one thing -money. There was only one person worse than Tom. She loved money, too. These two were so hungry for money that they even stole things from each other. One day, Tom Walker was returning home through a dark forest. He walked slowly and carefully, so that he would not fall into a pool of mud. Finally he reached a piece of dry ground. Tom sat down on a tree that had fallen. When he rested, he dug into the ground with a stick. He knew the story that Indians had killed prisoners here as sacrifices to the Devil. But this did not concern him. The only devil Tom was afraid of was his wife. Tom's stick hit something hard. He dug it out of the ground. It was a human skull. There was an indianx in his head. Suddenly, Tom Walker heard an angry voice: Don't touch your head! Tom looked up. He saw a giant sitting on a broken tree. Tom had never seen a man like that. He was wearing the clothes of an Indian. His skin was almost black and covered with ash. His eyes were big and red. His black hair stood up from his head. He was carrying a big axe. The giant asked: What are you doing on my land? But Tom Walker wasn't afraid. He replied: What do you mean? This country belongs to Mister Peabody. The strange man laughed and pointed to the tall trees. Tom saw that of the trees had been cut by an axe. He looked closer and saw that the name Peabody had been cut into the tree. Mr. Peabody was a man who got rich by stealing from Indians. Tom looked at the other trees. Each had the name of some rich, important man from Massachusetts. Tom looked at the tree he was sitting on. It also had a name cut into it - the name absalom Crowminshield. Tom remembered that Mister Crowminshield was a very rich man. People said he got his money like Captain Kidd did by stealing ships. Suddenly the giant shouted: Crowminshield is ready to be burned! I'm going to burn a lot of trees this winter! Tom told the man he had no right to cut Mister Peabody's tree. The stranger laughed and said: I have every right to chop these trees. This country belonged to me a long time before the English came to Massachusetts. The Indians were here. Then you killed the English. Now I show the English how to buy and sell slaves. And I teach their women how to become witches. Tom Walker now knew that the giant was the devil himself. But Tom Walker still wasn't afraid. The giant said Captain Kidd had buried large treasures under the trees, but no one could get them unless the giant allowed it. He said Tom could have these taxes. But Tom had to agree to give the giant what he demanded. Tom Walker loved money as much as he loved life. But he asked for time to think. Tom went home. He told his wife what had happened. She wanted Captain Kidd's treasure. She urged him to give the Devil what he wanted. Tom said no. To, Misses Walker decided to do what Tom refused to do. She put all her silver in a large piece of cloth and went to see the dark giant. Two days passed. She didn't come home. She was never seen again. People later said that Tom went to the place where he had met the giant. He saw his wife's fabric hanging from a tree. He was happy because he wanted her silver. But when he opened the canvas, there was no silver in it - just a human heart. Tom was sorry he lost the silver, but not sorry he lost his wife. He wanted to thank the giant for this. And so, every day he looked for the giant. Tom decided that he would give the giant what he wanted in exchange for Captain Kidd's treasure. One night, Tom Walker met the giant and offered his soul in exchange for Captain Kidd's treasure. The devil now wanted more than that. He said Tom would have to use the treasure to do the devil's work. He wanted Tom to buy a ship and bring slaves to America. As we have said, Tom Walker was a hard man who loved only money. But even he couldn't agree to buy and sell people as slaves. He refused to do this. The devil then said that his second most important job was to lend money. The men who did this work for the Devil forced poor people who borrowed money to pay back much more than they had received. Tom said he'd like this kind of work. So the devil gave him the captain's tax. Some time later, Tom Walker was a lender of money in Boston. Everyone who needed help - and there were many who did - came to him. Tom Walker became the richest man in Boston. When people couldn't pay him, he took away their farms, their horses and their houses. As he got older and richer, Tom began to worry. What would happen when he died? He had promised his soul to the Devil. Maybe... Maybe... he could break that promise. Tom then became very religious. He went to church every week. He thought if he prayed enough, he could escape from the Devil. One day, Tom took the county off a man who had borrowed money. The poor man asked for more time to pay. Please don't destroy me! he said. You've already taken all my money! Tom got angry and started screaming. Let the devil take me if I've taken any money from you! That was the end of Tom Walker. Because at that moment he heard a noise. He opened the door. There was the black giant holding a black horse. The giant said: Tom, I've come for you. He picked up Tom and put him on the horse. Then he met the horse, which ran away and carried Tom, and no one saw Tom Walker again. A farmer said he saw the black horse, with a man on it, running wild into the woods. After Tom Walker disappeared, the government decided to take Tom's property. But there was nothing to take. All the papers that showed Tom owned land and houses were burned to ashes. His boxes of gold and silver had nothing in them but small pieces of wood. The wood came from freshly cut trees. Tom's horses died, and his house was suddenly burned to ashes. You've heard the story, the devil and Tom Walker. It was written by Washington Irving. Our narrator was Shep O'Neal. Now it's your turn. Are there any folk tales or traditional stories in your country about a person making a deal with the devil? Write to us in the comments section or on our Facebook page.

or other of great value devil - n. the devil the most evil spirit of evil in Christianity, Judaism, and Islam who is often represented as ruler of hell skull - n. the structure of bones forming the head and face of a person or animal axe - n. a tool that has a heavy metal blade and a long handle and used to chop wood giant - n. a legendary creature is usually seen as an extremely large and powerful person witch - n. a woman who is believed to have magical powers borrow - v. give (something) to (someone) to be used for some time and then returned slave - n. someone who is legally owned by another person and forced to work for that person without pay

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