LEGENDS OF HUNGARIAN LANDSCAPES

BALATONI KECSKEKÖRÖM "GOAT NAILS FROM BALATON"

ONCE UPON A TIME THERE WAS A BEAUTIFUL FAIRY GIRL CALLED TIHANY, WHO HAD GOLDEN GOATS THAT SHE USED TO FEED AND SHE USED TO SING WHILE SHE FEED THEM. THE LORD OF THE WATERS, BALATON, HAD A SON WHO LIKED THIS SONG. BUT ONE DAY THE FAIRY GIRL STOPPED SINGING AND THE BOY DIED. BALATON BECAME ANGRY AND SWEPT THE GIRL AND HER GOATS AWAY IN HUGE WAVES. TO THIS DAY WE CAN STILL SEE THE NAILS OF THE GOATS THAT WERE THROWN ASHORE.





ÖRDÖGSZÁNTÁS "DEVIL'S PLOW"

THE DEVIL LIKED A GIRL. THE GIRL'S MOTHER GAVE THE DEVIL A TASK: IF THE DEVIL PLOUGHED UP THE SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN IN ONE NIGHT, HE COULD HAVE THE GIRL. THE DEVIL MADE SUCH GOOD PROGRESS THAT THE OLD WOMAN GOT SCARED AND STARTED CROWING HERSELF. THE DEVIL THREW THE PLOUGH AWAY, THEN LEAPED UP AND BURIED HIMSELF IN THE GROUND





BOSZORKÁNYKŐ "WITCHES' STONE"

• IN THE SPRING AND AUTUMN, THE WITCHES OF THE AREA WOULD GATHER HERE ON THE MISTY HEIGHTS TO MEET. IN THE SPRING, THEY DISCUSSED WHAT CURSES TO BRING TO THE VILLAGES, NO ONE EVER SAW THE WITCHES, ONLY THE RUSTLING OF THE BROOM COULD BE HEARD. EVERY SPRING, THEY MADE BLOODY HUMAN SACRIFICES IN HONOUR OF THEIR SUPERIOR, THE HEAD WITCH, FOR GIVING THEM ALL NEW AND GREATER MAGIC POWERS





MEDVE-TÓ

THE HIGHLANDS AROUND THE VILLAGE WERE INHABITED BY FAIRIES, ONE OF WHOM, BREAKING THE LAW, FELL IN LOVE WITH A BEAUTIFUL SHEPHERD BOY WHO PLAYED A BEAUTIFUL FLUTE. BUT WHEN HE LANDED AMONG THE PEOPLE, HE FOUND THE BOY IN THE ARMS OF A GIRL. HE WAS FURIOUS, AND IN REVENGE HE PETRIFIED HIS LOVER AND HIS SHEEP, AND IN HIS GRIEF HE DROVE HIS OWN BEAUTIFUL PALACE UNDERGROUND. THE PALACE WAS REPLACED BY A HUGE PIT, FILLED WITH THE TEARS OF THE EVER-WEEPING FAIRY GIRL



