

Chapter 1 : Gudrun's husband - crossword puzzle clue

Gudrun's Tapestry is a compelling story of one woman's life, a Burgundian woman whose people are among the many victims of Attila the Hun. Some years after her home at Worms is destroyed, Gudrun's dreams of a peaceful life with her love, Sigurd, are shattered by the beautiful valkyria, Brunhild.

Sigi and Rerir The saga begins with a man named Sigi, who, it is said, was a son of Odin. Sigi went hunting with a thrall named Bredi. When Bredi returned with a greater kill, Sigi grew angry and killed him, then buried the body in a snowdrift. Through his successful raids, Sigi became a powerful king, ruling over Hunland. Rerir took for himself a wife, but for a long time she bore him no children. They prayed fervently to the gods, asking for offspring. Sensing its purpose, he visited the queen and ate some of the apple. The Birth of Volsung Soon afterward the queen discovered that she was with child. King Rerir died a short time later. Recognizing that she herself could not live much longer, she asked that the child be cut from her body. The child, already well grown kissed his mother, and she died. The son was named Volsung, and he became King of Hunland. Volsung married Hljod, and together they had ten sons and one daughter. The eldest son was named Sigmund, and he had a twin sister named Signy. It is said that King Volsung had an excellent palace built with a large tree growing from the main hall, its branches stretching through the roof. The tree was named "Barnstock" [child-trunk]. Although Signy opposed this match, her father promised her to King Siggeir. It is told that one evening a stranger [probably Odin] came into the hall. He wore a hooded cape. He was very tall and had only one eye. He approached the tree Barnstock, then drew a sword and thrust it up to the hilt into the trunk, saying, "I give this sword to whoever can pull it from the tree. No one knew who he was or where he went. Many noble men were present there, and one after another they tried to pull the sword from the tree, all without success, until Sigmund came forward. He easily pulled the sword from the trunk. Sigmund refused, saying, "You could have pulled the sword from the tree as easily as I did, if it were meant to be yours, but you were not able to do so. Signy did not want to go with him, but her father insisted, claiming that there was insufficient cause to break the marriage contract already agreed to. Before leaving, Siggeir invited King Volsung, with all his sons, to visit him in Gautland, and a date for the reunion was set. Signy met them upon their arrival, and warned them that King Siggeir planned to ambush them. He replied, "It will not be said of me that I lack courage. You must return to your husband, and I will face whatever danger comes my way. In the battle that followed King Volsung and all his men were killed. Only his ten sons survived, and they were taken prisoner. Learning the fate of her father and her brothers, Signy proposed to her husband that her brothers be put into stocks rather than being killed immediately. King Siggeir had a large tree trunk fashioned into stocks, and the ten brothers were imprisoned by their feet somewhere in the woods. Each night a she-wolf attacked one of them, killing him and eating him, until only Sigmund remained alive. Through a trusted servant Signy learned the fate of her brothers. That night, the wolf approached Sigmund, then started to lick the honey from his face and mouth. The wolf jerked back in pain, pulling so hard that she split the tree trunk apart, and Sigmund escaped. Tests of Courage With the help of Signy and a few trusted servants, Sigmund built an underground dwelling in the woods, where he now lived as a free man. King Siggeir thought that his revenge was complete, that all the Volsungs, save his wife Signy, were dead. King Siggeir had two sons by his wife Signy, and Signy thought that they might help her avenge the death of her father and brothers. When the elder one was ten years old she sent him to visit Sigmund in his underground dwelling. Before sending him out, she tested his courage by sewing shut the cuffs of his shirt, with the stitches going through his flesh and skin. He withstood this ordeal poorly, and cried out in pain. As a further test, Sigmund handed him a sack of flour containing snakes, and asked him to make some bread. The boy refused, stating, "There is something alive in the flour. Sinfjotli Signy knew a sorceress, skilled in all magic arts. She said to the sorceress, "I want the two of us to exchange shapes. Sigmund gave her shelter. She was very beautiful, and they shared the same bed. After three nights she returned home and exchanged shapes again with the sorceress. Some time later Signy gave birth to a son who was named Sinfjotli. He grew large and strong, very much like the Volsung stock. When he was not quite ten years old she sent him to his father Sigmund in the underground shelter. As

she had done previously, she tested his ability to withstand pain by stitching his shirt cuffs to his skin. He did not flinch. After arriving at the underground shelter, Sinfjotli was given snake-infested flour to make bread with. Further, Sigmund thought that Sinfjotli was the son of Siggeir, and might be unwilling to kill his own father. To harden the boy, Sigmund roamed with him through the woods, killing men for booty. One time Sigmund and Sinfjotli came to a house where two men were asleep under a spell. A wolf skin hung over each man which could be shed only every tenth day. Sigmund and Sinfjotli put on the skins, and they could not get them off. Now they howled like wolves and ran off into the forest, killing many men. One time they quarreled with each other, and Sigmund bit Sinfjotli in the windpipe, nearly killing him. A raven [from Odin? When they were next able to remove the wolf skins, they burned them in a fire. Sinfjotli was now fully grown and tested. With his help Sigmund would now avenge the death of his father and his brothers. Queen Signy saw them there, and together they planned the act of revenge. Signy and Siggeir had two young children. That evening one of the children saw Sigmund and Sinfjotli hiding in the outer room, and he told his father about the strangers. Signy overheard this, and took the two children to Sigmund and Sinfjotli, saying, "These children have betrayed you. I advise you to kill them. Without hesitating he drew his sword and killed the two children, then threw down their bodies before King Siggeir. A great battle ensued. Wanting to subject them to the slowest death possible, King Siggeir had Sigmund and Sinfjotli buried alive inside a large stone mound. As the mound was being closed, Signy approached, carrying a bundle of straw, which she threw into the mound. Sigmund and Sinfjotli were now free. Then they set it afire. Know this, that not all the Volsungs are dead! Sigmund now returned with Sinfjotli to his homeland, and he regained the kingship that had once belonged to Volsung. Sigmund married a woman named Borghild, and they had two sons, one named Helgi and one named Hamund. Helgi and Sigrun While out raiding, Helgi came upon a woman named Sigrun, who had been promised in marriage to a man named Hodbrodd. Sinfjotli, who was with Helgi, was a man who knew how to speak to kings, and he shouted to the men on shore, "After you have fed your pigs and kissed your bondwomen, inform Hodbrodd that Helgi is here to do battle with him. It is obvious that you know nothing of ancient lore! You are one who sucks the blood from cold corpses killed by wolves. I am the one who sired nine wolves by you. I was the father of your wolf-children. King Hodbrodd assembled his own troops, and a savage battle ensued. In the midst of the furor a large band of shield-maidens [Valkyries? Helgi took possession of his kingdom and married Sigrun. He is now out of the saga. The Volsungs Sinfjotli continued with his raiding, and was always victorious in battle. During one of his raids he saw a beautiful woman whom he desired to have. Borghild asked her husband Sigmund to exile Sinfjotli from the kingdom, but Sigmund refused to do this. Upon drinking it, Sinfjotli fell dead to the ground. Sigmund, overcome with sorrow, picked up the body and carried it toward a fjord, where he saw a man [Odin? The man asked if he wanted to be ferried across the fjord, to which Sigmund answered, "Yes. Sigmund walked alongside the boat for some distance, and then the boat disappeared before his eyes.

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