

Young John Lambton, the heir to the Lambton estate, was a rebellious boy. On Sundays he would skip church and go off to fish in the river Wear. One Sunday, he was casting his line when he felt a catch. On his hook was an evil-looking creature. Half newt, half eel. Disappointed, he tossed it down a nearby well and gave it no more thought. Years later he went off to fight in the Crusades.

Meanwhile, back at home, the wyrm grew until it was monstrous. It climbed from the well and it took itself to a hill, not far from a castle. It began on marauding expeditions into the surrounding countryside. It devoured sheep, sucked the cows dry, and devastated the crops. Those who tried to kill it were all defeated as the beast had the magical ability to reassemble itself. So, for seven long years, the beast enjoyed untrammelled access to the lands along the riverside.

Then one day, young John Lambton returned and swore to vanquish the beast. Of course, he asked a witch for help. She told him to have made for himself a suit of armor studded with cleverly fashioned blades so that as the beast attempted to crush him in its coils, it would cut itself to pieces, which would then wash away down the river.

tenpo pini weka la jan San Lanton li jan lili pi jan lawa. ona en mama ona li lon tomo suli. taso ona li kute ala e lawa. tenpo esun nanpa wan la jan ale li tawa lon tomo sewi. taso tenpo ni la jan lili San li tawa ala tomo sewi. ante la ona li alasa kama jo e kala kepeken ilo kala. tenpo kama lili la ona li pilin e kala lon ilo ona. taso ona li lukin e kala la ona li kama sona e ni: kala li kala ala a! kala li akesi li ike mute! ni la jan lili San li pilin ike li pana e akesi lon poki pi pana telo.

tenpo mute kama la jan San li kama suli li tawa ma weka. ni la ona li utala e jan ante. tenpo sama la akesi li kama suli kin. taso ona li kama monsuta a! akesi li kama tan poki pi pana telo. ona li tawa nena suli. tomo pi mama pi jan San la nena ni li lon. tenpo poka la akesi li pakala e ma. akesi li moli e soweli li moku e mani li pakala e kasi moku. jan mute li alasa moli e akesi. taso jan ale li ken ala. akesi li moli ala tan ni: akesi li ken pona e sijelo ona kepeken wawa nasa. tan ni la tenpo sike luka tu la akesi li pakala e ma li pali e wile ona ale.

tenpo ni la jan San li kama sin tawa tomo pi mama ona. jan ante li toki e ni tawa jan San: "akesi li pakala e ma ale!" jan San li toki e ni: "mi tawa li moli e akesi a!" taso ona li wile moli e akesi la ona li wile pona. tan ni la ona li tawa tomo pi meli pi wawa nasa. jan San li toki e ni tawa meli: "mi wile moli e akesi. taso mi sona ala e nasin moli. mi ken moli e akesi kepeken nasin seme?" meli li kute li toki e ni: "sina wile pali e len awen. len awen ni li jo e palisa kiwen lon selo ona. ni la akesi li kama jo e sina la palisa li pakala li tu e sijelo akesi. tan ni la ijo mute pi sijelo akesi li tawa lon telo linja li weka a!"

But her help came at a price. She told him that after killing the beast, he must also kill the first living thing he met. If he failed to do so, the Lords of Lambton would be cursed for nine generations to never die peacefully in their beds.

But Lambton had a plan. He said to his father when the wyrm was dead, he would blow a bugle to alert him. Then his father was to let loose one of his old hounds. It would run to greet the young Lord and be the first living thing he met.

So, he set off to face the dragon. The great beast coiled itself about Lambton's body, but the tighter it grasped him, the deeper the blades on his armor cut into it, as piece by piece floated off down the river. At last, the triumphant Knight was victorious. The beast was dead.

He made his way back to the castle and blew his bugle, but to his horror, though, he saw that his father had, in his joy, forgotten to let the hound go ahead of him, and had rushed to embrace his son.

Lambton, of course, was unable to kill his father, and so they were cursed. And not one of the Lords of Lambton died in their beds for nine generations.

taso toki ni li wile e esun. meli li pana e ni la jan San li wile pali e ijo. meli li toki e ni tawa jan San: "sina moli e akesi la tenpo kama lili la sina wile moli e ijo. ijo li ni: sina lukin e ijo nanpa wan la sina wile moli e ona. sina moli ala e ona la kulupu Lanton li kama ike mute a! tenpo kama la mije ale pi kulupu Lanton li moli lon ala supa lape ona. ike mute la ona li moli."

jan San li toki insa e ni: "mi ken kama ala ike tan seme? mi wile moli e ijo. taso mi wile moli e ijo suli ala." jan San li tawa mama ona li toki e ni: "mi moli e akesi. tenpo poka la mi kalama kepeken ilo uta. sina kute e kalama la sina o pana e soweli alasa pi tenpo mute." ni la soweli li kama tawa jan San. jan San li ken lukin e ona li ken moli e ona. tan ni la ike li kama ala tawa kulupu Lanton.

tenpo kama lili la jan San li tawa lon nena. akesi li kama jo e jan San. taso akesi li jo wawa e ona la palisa pi len awen ona li tu e akesi. tan ni la ijo mute pi sijelo akesi li tawa lon telo linja li weka. akesi li moli a! jan San li kama nanpa wan a!

jan San li kalama kepeken ilo uta li tawa tomo. pilin monsuta mute la jan San li lukin e ni: mama ona li pana ala e soweli alasa a! mama ona li pilin pona mute la mama ona li kama tawa jan San a!

jan San li ken ala moli e mama ona. tan ni la kulupu Lanton li kama ike mute. tenpo kama la mije ale pi kulupu Lanton li moli lon ala supa lape ona. ike mute la ona li moli.