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Norse Myth List

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Gods Galore, Plentiful People, and Gleeful Giants

[pg. 24] Laufey – known as Nal, or needle, because she was beautiful and sharp; Loki's mother

[pg. 24] Farbauti ("he who strikes dangerous blows") – a giant; Loki's father

[pg. 24] Loki (father of monsters, author of woes, the sly god) – son of Laufey and Farbauti; a trickster; walks in the sky with flying shoes

[pg. 88] Sleipnir – a gray stallion that had 8 legs; gifted to Odin by Loki; fastest horse there was

[pg. 93] Narfi – son of Loki and Sigyn

[pg. 93] Vali – son of Loki and Sigyn

[pg. 95] Jormungundr (Midgard Serpent) – son of Loki and Angrboda; he was a giant serpent; could spit black venom

[pg. 96] Hel – daughter of Loki and Angrboda; half of her body was marred while the other half was not; was given to rule Hel by Odin

[pg. 97] Hunger (a bowl), Famine (a knife), and Sickbed (a bed) – Hel's mementos

[pg. 98] Fenrir – son of Loki and Angrboda; a wolf who was huge and powerful; bites off Tyr's hand during his trials; swears to kill Odin during Ragnarök

[pg. 247] Thokk ("gratitude") – Loki in disguise; only one who said he didn't weep for Balder

[pg. 30] Surtr – existed before the gods; stands at the edge of Muspell holding a flaming sword; will kill all gods when Ragnarök begins

[pg. 31] Ymir – ancestor to all giants; both male and female; milk from Audhumla nourished Ymir; while Ymir slept a male and female giant were born from its left arm and a six-headed giant was born from its legs; Odin, Vili, and Ve kill Ymir

[pg. 31] Audhumla – a hornless cow; fed Ymir its milk; licked the salty blocks of ice for food

[pg. 32] Bergelmir – Ymir's grandson; Bergelmir and his wife are the only surviving giants after the flood of Ymir's blood; survived by staying in a boat

[pg. 31] Buri -ancestor of the gods; took a wife from one of the giants that Ymir gave birth to and had a son

[Pg. 31] Bor – son of Buri and a giantess; marries Bestla and has 3 sons

[pg. 31] Bestla – daughter of a giant; marries Bor and has 3 sons

- [pg. 31] Odin (the all-father; the lord of the slain; the gallows god; the god of cargoes; Grimnir and Third) - sons of Bor and Bestla; kill Ymir and create the worlds from its corpse; create the 1st man and woman; Odin breathed life into them; the highest and the oldest of all the gods; known as Blindr (the blind god), Hoarr (the one-eyed), and Baleyg (the flaming-eyed one) after drinking from Mimir's well
- [pg. 22] Huginn (thought) and Muninn (memory) – two ravens that bring Odin news and knowledge from across the world
- [pg. 23] Thor (Thunderer) – strength is increased by his belt, Meginjard, and hammer, Mjollnir
- [pg. 23] Modi (the angry) – Thor's son
- [pg. 23] Magni (the strong) – Thor's son
- [pg. 23] Thrud (the powerful) – Thor's daughter
- [pg. 117] Snarler and Grindr – the goats that pull Thor's chariot
- [pg. 215] Veor – the name Thor takes when on the journey to get the cauldron
- [pg. 140] Bolverkr (worker of terrible things) – false name Odin takes to get the mead of poetry
- [pg. 231] Balder – the beautiful; second son of Odin; married to Nanna; loved by all, but has bad dreams
- [pg. 231] Forsete – son of Balder and Nanna
- [pg. 240] Hringhorn – Balder's ship
- [pg. 236] Hod – Balder's blind brother; accidentally kills him with a mistletoe dart
- [pg. 232] Wanderer son Warrior – name Odin takes when figuring out Balder's dreams
- [pg. 240] Hermod (Nimble) – Odin's attendant; volunteered to get Balder back from Hel
- [pg. 246] Vali – son of Odin and Rind; Odin's son to replace Balder; killed Hod at a day old
- [pg. 275] Vidar – the quiet and reliable god; Odin's son; watches him die by Fenrir and in return, kills Fenrir by kicking him; one foot was made from all the shoes that people threw away
- [pg. 31] Vili - son of Bor and Bestla; kill Ymir and create the worlds from its corpse; create the 1st man and woman; Vili gave them will, intelligence, and drive
- [pg. 31] Ve – son of Bor and Bestla; kill Ymir and create the worlds from its corpse; create the 1st man and woman; Ve carved the logs in the shape of people
- [pg. 34] Ask (Ash Tree) and Embla (Elm) – ancestors to all humans of Midgard; created by Odin, Vili, and Ve
- [pg. 23] Sif (of the golden hair) – Thor's wife; had hair stolen by Loki
- [pg. 23] Ullr – Sif's son before she married Thor; hunts with bow and arrow, good with skis
- [pg. 23] Jord (Earth Goddess) – Thor's mother
- [pg. 23] The Valkyries – battle maidens who collect the noble souls of the dead and take them to Valhalla
- [pg. 41] Urd (fate, destiny, past), Verdandi (present, "becoming"), and Skud ("that which is intended", future) – the norns; tend to the well of Urd in Asgard

- [pg. 45] Mimir – tends to Mimir’s well in Jotunheim; Odin asks to drink from his well; asks for his eye; had head cut off by the Vanir and sent it to Odin
- [pg. 46] Hoenir – would be the new chief of the Vanir; couldn’t make wise decisions when Mimir wasn’t with him
- [pg. 47] Heimdall – watchman of the gods; was given the Gjallerhorn by Odin to blow when Ragnarök begins; the far-seeing; can sometimes see the future
 - [pg. 276] Hofud – Heimdall’s sword
- [pg. 54] Sons of Ivaldi – 3 dwarfs from Svartalfheim; Loki challenges them to make gifts for the gods
- [pg. 55] Brokk and Eitri – dwarfs from Svartalfheim; Loki also challenges to make gifts for the gods; Brokk wants Loki’s head if they win
- [pg. 72] The Mysterious Builder – asks for Freya’s hand in marriage, the sun, and the moon in exchange for building a wall around Asgard in 3 seasons; wasn’t able to complete the wall because Svadilfari ran away; turns out to be a mountain giant; killed by Thor
 - [pg. 73] Svadilfari (“one who makes an unlucky journey”) - the Mysterious Builder’s stallion
- [pg. 75] Tyr – god of war
- [pg. 78] Balder – most beautiful of all the Aesir
- [pg. 81] Bragi – god of poetry; married to Idunn
- [pg. 93] Sigyn – Loki’s wife
- [pg. 94] Angrboda – a frost giantess; Loki would sneak away to her and had 3 children; Loki’s mistress
- [pg. 112] Thrym – lord of the ogres; steals Thor’s hammer and wants Freya to marry him in exchange for it; Thor kills him at their wedding with his hammer
- [pg. 118] Njord – father to Freya and Frey; master of all who sail the seas; marries Skadi
 - [pg. 60] Frey – of the summers harvest; judges the gifts of the Sons of Ivaldi and Brokk and Eitri; brother to Freya; a Vanir living in Asgard per their treaty; leader of the Vanir; married to Gerd
 - [pg. 60] Skidbladnir – an unfoldable ship; gifted to him from Sons of Ivaldi
 - [pg. 101] Skirnir – light elf; Frey’s messenger; Odin describes the chains called Gleipnir to him
 - [pg. 201] Gullinbursti – boar with golden bristles that pushes his chariot; gifted to him by Brokk and Eitri
 - [pg. 204] Geri and Freki – Frey’s wolves
 - [pg. 207] Frey’s sword – could fight on its own and slice through anything; just as powerful as Surtr’s sword
 - [pg. 209] Fjolnir – son of Gerd and Frey; becomes 1st king of Sweden; sadly will drown in a vat of mead while hunting in the night
 - [pg. 74] Freya – a goddess and sister to Frey; fights to not be given to the Mysterious Builder; doesn’t trust Loki; uses a feathered cloak that lets her fly; a Vanir living in Asgard per their treaty; leader of the Vanir
- [pg. 122] Var – goddess of pledges between men and women; Thrym evokes her at his wedding

- [pg. 128]Kvasir – the wisest of the gods; created when Freya reached into the vat of spit; traveled from town to town and answered people's questions; killed by Fjalar and Galar
- [pg. 130]Fjalar and Galar - brother dwarfs; bring Kvasir to their workshop to kill him; make mead out of his body; only gave the mead made of Kvasir's body to people they liked
- [pg. 130]Son and Bodn – vats in the brothers' workshop
- [pg. 130]Odrerir – a kettle in the brothers' workshop
- [pg. 132]Gilling and his wife – giants; Gilling drowned and Fjalar and Galar drop a stone on his wife's head
- [pg. 134]Suttung – son to Gilling and his wife; came to avenge his parents; almost let Fjalar and Galar drown but exchanges the mead for their lives
- [pg. 135]Gunnlod – daughter of Suttung; guards the mead
- [pg. 135]Baugi – brother to Suttung; takes in Bolverkr (Odin) as a farm hand; double crosses him
- [pg. 155]Egil – father to Thialfi and Roskva
- [pg. 155]Thialfi – son to Egil; eats Grinder's bone marrow; Thor and Loki take him with them on their journey; can run really fast; goes through the trials of the giants with Thor and Loki
- [pg. 155] Roskva – sister to Thialfi; daughter to Egil
- [pg. 165]Utgardaloki – the Loki of Utgard; trickster giant and ruler of Utgard; tricks Loki, Thor, and Thialfi by using their skill from the challenges to get knowledge on the gods; disappears at the end
- [pg. 160]Skrymir ("big fellow") – the giant that Loki, Thor, and Thialfi found in the woods on their journey to the giants' palace; was actually Utgardaloki in disguise
- [pg. 169]Utgardaloki's drinking horn – revealed to have the ocean inside it; Thor drank so much he lowered the sea level and created tides
- [pg. 171]Utgardaloki's house cat – revealed to be Jormungandr
- [pg. 166]Logi – Utgardaloki's servant; has an eating competition with Loki; revealed to be fire incarnate
- [pg. 167]Hugi – a giant child living in Utgardaloki's castle; races Thialfi 3 times and wins; revealed to be thought
- [pg. 172]Elli - Utgardaloki's old foster mother; revealed to be old age
- [pg. 181]Hoenir – an old god who gave reason to humans
- [pg. 184]Idunn – carried a box full of apples for the gods to keep them youthful; married to Bragi
- [pg. 187]Thiazi – the eagle that made a deal with Loki; kidnaps Idunn to take as a partner
- [pg. 187]Skadi – daughter to Thiazi; takes revenge on the gods when they kill her father
- [pg. 207]Gymir (earth giant) and Aurboda (mountain giant) – mother and father to Gerd
- [pg. 207]Gerd – a giant; marries Frey at the isle of Barri; has son Fjolnir
- [pg. 209]Beli – a giant the Frey killed with his own hands because he didn't have his sword
- [pg. 213]Aegir – the grandest of the sea giants; had to feed the gods every year at his palace in fall

[pg. 213]Aegir's 9 daughters – the waves of the sea

[pg. 213]Fimafeng – Aegir's servant

[pg. 213]Ran – wife to Aegir; gathers those who drown at the sea in a net

[pg. 214]Hymir – the giant king; Tyr's stepfather

[pg. 214]Tyr's grandmother – a giant with 900 heads

[pg. 231]Nanna – Balder's wife; has son, Forsete, with him; heart gave out at Balder's funeral

[pg. 234]Frigg – Odin's wife; walked all over the Earth to make sure everything promised to not hurt Balder

[pg. 246]Fulla – Frigg's handmaiden

[pg. 240]Hyrrokkin – a giantess who rode a giant wolf with serpents for reins; gods tried to get her to launch Hringhorn

[pg. 243]Modgud – guardian of the bridge that crosses the Gjaller River

[pg. 246]Rind – Odin's mistress; mother to Vali

[pg. 272]Hrym – leader of the frost giants; captain of Naglfar during Ragnarök

[pg. 274]Garm – a hellhound that fights during Ragnarök; kills Tyr

[pg. 278]Life and Life's Yearning – two humans that stowed away in Yggdrasil

Ethereal Events

Before the Beginning and After

[pg. 32] Odin, Vili, and Ve kill Ymir and create the worlds from its corpse

A flood made from Ymir's blood kills all the giants except Bergelmir and his wife

Soil was made from Ymir's flesh; bones made the mountains and cliffs; rocks and pebbles were Ymir's teeth; the seas were Ymir's blood and sweat; Ymir's skull was the sky; the stars and planets were fires that flew from Muspell; the clouds were Ymir's brains

Made a wall from Ymir's eyelashes to keep the giants at bay and the middle of the world was called Midgard

[pg. 34] Odin, Vili, and Ve use logs to make humans for Midgard

Odin breathed life into them; Vili gave them will, intelligence, and drive; Ve carved the logs in the shape of people

The man was called Ask, or Ash Tree; the woman was called Embla, or Elm; became ancestors to all humans

Mimir's Head and Odin's Eye

[pg. 45] Odin travels to Jotunheim to speak to Mimir

Asks to drink from Mimir's well and has to give his eye to gain knowledge

During the war between the Aesir and Vanir, Odin sent Mimir as an advisor to Hoenir

Mimir's head was cut off and Odin placed it in the well with his eye

The Treasures of the Gods

[pg. 53] Loki stole Sif's hair and Thor threatens him to return it

Loki says dwarfs can make her new hair

[pg. 54] Loki pits the Sons of Ivaldi and the brothers, Brokk and Eitri, to make gifts for the gods

Loki turns into a fly to sabotage Brokk and Eitri; bites Brokk 3 times

1. On the hand
2. On the neck
3. In the eyes; Brokk actually messes up a little

[pg. 60] Odin, Thor, and Frey await for the gifts

Sons of Ivaldi presents 3 gifts

1. A spear called Gungnir; it can pierce anything
2. A flowing head of gold hair for Sif
3. An unfoldable ship for Frey called Skidbladnir

[pg. 62] Brokk presents 3 gifts

1. An arm ring for Odin called Draupnir
2. A boar for Frey that is faster than any horse and can run across land, sea, and sky
3. A hammer named Mjollnir for Thor that never misses; has a short handle

[pg. 65] Loki is supposed to get his head cut off by Brokk but instead gets his mouth sewn shut

The Master Builder

[pg. 72] The Mysterious Builder asks for 3 things in exchange for building a wall around Asgard

1. Freya's hand in marriage
2. The sun
3. The moon

[pg. 75] Loki suggests to the gods that the builder should build the wall in 1 season instead of 3 seasons

[pg. 81] Freya asks for Loki's life if The Master builder completes the wall

Loki transforms into a horse and leads Svadilfari away

[pg. 87] Thor kills the Master Builder

Loki leaves for a while and comes back with Sleipnir as a gift to Odin

The Children of Loki

[pg. 93] Loki leaves Sigyn 3 times but always returns; Odin dreamed that he had 3 children while he was gone

[pg. 94] The gods travel to Jotunheim to take Loki's children back to Asgard

[pg. 96] Odin releases Jormungundr to the sea

[pg. 97] Odin makes Hel the ruler of the underworld

[pg. 99] The gods chain Fenrir up but Fenrir breaks the chains

[pg. 100] Fenrir breaks the Dromi chains when the gods tied him up a second time

[pg. 101] Odin has Skirnir describe the chains called Gleipnir to the dwarfs to make

The dwarfs ask for 6 things to make the Gleipnir

1. The footsteps of a cat
2. The beard of a woman
3. The roots of a mountain
4. The sinews of a bear
5. The breath of a fish
6. The spittle of a bird

[pg. 105] Fenrir can't escape from Gleipnir and bites off Tyr's right hand for being tricked

A sword is jammed in Fenrir's mouth and a river of saliva flows from it

Freya's Unusual Wedding

[pg. 110] Thor's hammer is stolen and he thinks Loki did it

[pg. 111] Loki uses Freya's feathered cloak and figures out that Thrym is the one who took it; he wants Freya's hand in marriage in return for the hammer

[pg. 115] Freya gets angry that Thor thinks she is disposable and shakes the Earth beneath her

Heimdall suggests that Thor should dress up as Freya to trick Thrym

[pg. 116] Frigg, Fulla, Sif, Idunn, and Skadi dress Thor in a veil, the Necklace of Brisings, jewels, a bridal crown, and stuff his dress.

Loki disguises himself as a maidservant

[pg. 120] Thor eats a lot during the wedding and almost blows their cover; Loki says it's because he hasn't eaten in 9 days and nights and also hasn't slept during that time either

Thrym's sister wants Thor's jewelry

It took many ogres to carry Thor's hammer; he kills everyone at the wedding

The Mead of Poets

[pg. 128] When the war between the Vanir and the Aesir ended, they all spat into a vat so their agreement was binding and then had a feast

Frey and Freya (leaders of the Vanir) would stay in Asgard to adhere to the truce

Freya reached into the vat and created Kvasir

[pg. 130] Kvasir traveled and answered questions until he stumbled upon Fjalar and Galar

They kill him and make mead out of his body

[pg. 133] Fjalar and Galar kill Gilling and his wife; their son comes back for revenge

Suttung almost lets them drown, but takes their mead in compensation

[pg. 137] Huginn and Muninn tell Odin what happened

Odin asks for a whetstone to sharpen blades on and the drill called Rati

[pg. 138] Odin goes to the farmland owned by Baugi instead of Hnitbjorg first

Odin gets the giants working on the farmland to kill each other with their scythes after they were sharpened with the whetstone

[pg. 140] Odin says his name is Bolverkr and asks to work on Baugi's land in exchange for his brothers' mead

[pg. 143] Suttung refuses to share his mead with Bolverkr

[pg. 144] Bolverkr and Baugi drill into Hnitbjorg where they can hear Gunnlod singing

Baugi tries to betray Bolverkr but he transforms into a snake and goes through the hole they drilled in the mountain

[pg. 147] Bolverkr convinces Gunnlod to let him drink from the mead by laying with her 3 times and praising her 3 times

[pg. 150] Odin drinks the mead in 1 sip and transforms into an eagle to fly away

Suttung also changes into an eagle and follows him

Odin spits the mead back into vats over Asgard and then shats (shit farts) in Suttung's face, throwing him off

[pg. 151] People who write good poetry drank the mead of poetry while people who write bad poetry hand the shat one that came out of Odin's ass lol

Thor's Journey to the Land of the Giants

[pg. 155] Loki and Thor arrive at Egil's farm on a chariot pulled by Snarler and Grinder; they ask for food and shelter

Thor kills his goats and they eat their meat before Thor revives them

[pg. 156] Loki tricks Thialfi into breaking and eating the bone marrow from Grinder; when he's revived his leg is broken

[pg. 158] Thor takes Thialfi with him as a bondservant

[pg. 160] Thor, Thialfi, and Loki meet Skrymir in the forest; Loki and Thialfi were in a cave, which was actually Skrymir's glove

[pg. 162] Thor tries to kill Skrymir in his sleep because of his loud snoring

1. Thor hits him with Mjollnir on the head; Skrymir thinks a leaf fell on his head
2. Thor hits him with Mjollnir on the head again; Skrymir thinks an acorn fell on his head
3. Thor hits him with Mjollnir on the head again lol; Skrymir thinks a bird's nest fell on his head

[pg. 165] Thor, Thialfi, and Loki arrive at Utgardaloki's home where he challenges them to games

1. Logi vs. Loki eating competition; Logi won because he ate the bones and the wood through the table
2. Hugi vs. Thialfi racing competition; Hugi won 3/3 times but Utgardaloki could tell that Thialfi was the fastest human
3. Thor vs. the long horn drinking competition; Thor drinks from the horn 3 times but doesn't empty it
4. Thor vs. Utgardaloki's cat weight lift competition; only able to lift one of the cats' paws
5. Thor vs. Elli wrestling competition; Elli won and brought Thor to one knee

[pg. 174] Utgardaloki reveals that he tricked Thor, Loki, and Thialfi with illusions

[pg. 177] Utgardaloki, his people, and his castle disappear after learning what Thor, Loki, and Thialfi can do

The Apples of Immortality

[pg. 181] Thor, Loki, and Hoenir explore the mountains on the edges of Jotunheim

The fire for their food is not working so an eagle suggests that he can help them if he gets some food

The bird gives them more wind from the flaps of its wing

Loki gets jealous and attacks the bird but gets taken with it when it flies away because his hands are stuck

[pg. 184] The eagle says it wants Idunn and her apples and it will let Loki go

[pg. 186]Loki convinces Idunn that he found better apples in the woods

[pg. 187] The eagle turns out to be Thiazi

[pg. 188]The gods suspect that Loki had something to do with Idunn's kidnap because he hasn't aged

[pg. 191]The goes make Loki get her back; he transforms her into a hazelnut and flies back to Asgard as an eagle

[pg. 193]The gods burn Thiazi after chasing Loki over the wall

[pg. 194]Skadi asks for 3 things from the gods in return for her father's death

1. A husband
She liked Balder, but because she had to pick her husband by feet she chose Njord
2. The gods would make her laugh
Loki tied a rope to his private parts and a goat lol
3. The gods would make it so that her father was never forgotten
Odin made Thiazi's eyes twin stars in the night sky

The Story of Gerd and Frey

[pg. 202]Frey notices that he wants more from life

Frey Skirnir climb aboard Gullinbursti and set out for Valhalla in Asgard

[pg. 205]Frey sits upon Hlidskjalf in Valhalla

Finds nothing in the south, east, and west

Finds what he's missing in the north

[pg. 206]His happiness is taken from him because he was arrogant enough to sit on Hlidskjalf

[pg. 207]Frey asks Skirnir to go to Gerd and convince her to marry him

Skirnir wants Frey's sword as a reward for getting Gerd

[pg. 208]Gerd agrees to marry Frey on the isle of Barri in 9 days

They have a son and Frey doesn't miss his sword, even though he should

Hymir and Thor's Fishing Expedition

[pg. 213]The gods arrive at Aegir's house demanding a feast

Aegir says he will feed them but only if Thor gets a cauldron big enough for all of them

[pg. 214]Tyr suggests that his stepfather giant, Hymir, owns the biggest cauldron that is miles deep

[pg. 215]Tyr's mother has him and Thor hide while Hymir destroys the house

[pg. 218]Thor eats 2 oxen by himself

Hymir asks Thor to go fishing with him in the cold sea

[pg. 220]Hymir pulls up 2 whales from his fishing line

[pg. 221]Thor pulls up the Midgard Serpent from his line because he used one of Hymir's ox's as bait

Thor and Jormungundr battle and almost tip over the boat

[pg. 223]Thor carries Hymir, the boat, and the whales back

[pg. 223]Thor asks for Hymir's cauldron after saving his life

Hymir says he'll give it to Thor if he can break his drinking cup

[pg. 225]After failing to break the cup on the floor, Tyr's mother suggested that he break the cup on Hymir's head and he does

[pg. 227]Thor and Tyr take the cauldron, but Hymir and the giants figure out Thor's identity and chase them

Thor killed all the giants except Hymir

Thor and Tyr take the cauldron back to Aegir and the gods have a feast there every year

The Death of Balder

[pg. 232]Balder's life is perfect, but he has bad dreams of the world ending

Odin set out as Wonderer son of Warrior to find the cause of the dreams

[pg. 233]Warrior found the grave of Angrboda where she told him that Balder was coming to Hel

[pg. 234]Frigg travels the world to make everything promise not to hurt Balder

But she skipped over mistletoe because she thought it was too insignificant

[pg. 236]Loki gets jealous of all the laughter and games towards Balder and tricks Hod because he's blind

Loki disguises himself as a woman to figure out what can harm Balder when he talked to Frigg

[pg. 238]Loki uses Hod to kill Balder

[pg. 240]Frigg suggests that someone go to Hel and get Balder back

Hermod volunteers to go to Hel

[pg. 241]Nanna's heart gives out when the gods bring down Balder's body so they burned her on the Pyre with him

Odin put Draupnir into the fire too

[pg. 243]Hermod meets Modgud and crosses the Gjaller River

[pg. 245]Hermod finally finds Hel and asks for Balder back

She tells him to ask everything if they miss Balder, if they all do, then she'll give him back; if at least one doesn't, then Hel gets to keep him

[pg. 246]Balder gave Hermod Draupnir and Nanna gave him a linen for Frigg and a golden ring for Fulla

[pg. 247]The Aesir sent messengers across the world to see if everything missed Balder

Thokk, Loki in disguise, is the only one who doesn't weep for Balder

[pg. 248]Thor suspects that Thokk was Loki while Loki went into hiding to wait for the fuss to die down

The Last Days of Loki

[pg. 251]Loki kills Fimafeng at Aegir's hall because he was jealous and the gods kick him out

He's allowed back in because of the oath he made with Odin long ago

[pg. 253]Loki insults every person at the feast until Thor shows up and threatens him

[pg. 254]Loki creates a net but throws it in the fire when he sees the gods coming up the mountain through one of the four doors

Loki transforms into a salmon to escape the gods

[pg. 255]Kvasir and the gods enter his home

Kvasir figures out that Loki made a net (and is impersonating a salmon) and gets all the other gods to make one so they can catch him

[pg. 260]The gods finally catch Loki at Franang's Falls

Thor grabs his tail hard and that's why salmon have thin tails at the end

[pg. 261]The gods take Loki to a cave and bring out his sons and wife

Kvasir turns Vali into a wolf and Vali kills Narfi before running out of the cave

[pg. 262]The gods force Loki onto 3 stones and tie him up using Narfi's entrails

Skadi brings a snake and places it over Loki's head so its venom would drip onto his face

[pg. 264]Sigyn sits with Loki holding a bowl over his head to catch the poison

When Sigyn moves to relieve the bowl and venom lands on Loki's face, it causes earthquakes in Midgard

Ragnarök: The Final Destiny of the Gods

[pg. 269]Heimdall sees everything and knows when Ragnarök will begin

[pg. 270]Fimbulwinter will fall across the world

Humans will kill humans and those that survive will be wolves

A wolf will eat the sky and it will be continuous twilight

[pg. 271]The earthquakes will cause all chains and shackles to be set free

Fenrir will eat everything and Jormungundr's poison will kill all life in the seas

Sons of Muspell will ride down led by Surtr holding his sword and destroy the Bifrost

[pg. 272]Loki escapes his chains and becomes the captain of Naglfar; his crew is the souls of the dead

Captain of the ship will be Hrym

[pg. 273]Heimdall will blow the Gjallerhorn and everyone will meet at Vigrid

Gods will fight and die

1. Odin vs. Fenrir
Fenrir eats Odin whole
Vidar avenges his father by killing Fenrir
2. Thor vs. Jormungundr
Thor kills Jormungundr but Jormungundr hisses out venom that kills Thor
3. Frey vs. Surtr
Surtr kills Frey because he didn't have his sword
4. The Einherjar vs. Loki's dead troops
5. Garm vs. Tyr
They both end up killing each other
6. Heimdall vs. Loki
They both end up killing each other

[pg. 278] Heimdall tells Loki before he dies that Vali, Magni and Modi (both of them can use Mjolnir together), Vali, and 2 humans (took refuge inside Yggdrasil) will survive Ragnarök

[pg. 279] In the end, Surtr will burn everything and ash will fall from the sky

[pg. 280] A new sun will replace the old and the world will start again

Life and Life's Yearning will repopulate the Earth

Vali, Modi and Magni, Balder and Hod will arrive at Idavoll and talk of what happened

[pg. 281] They find chess pieces of everyone in Ragnarök and begin to play chess

Piquant Places

The Players

[pg. 21] Yggdrasil – the world tree

Odin hung here for 9 nights and 9 days

[pg. 22] Hlidskjalf – the high throne that Odin sits upon to observe all things; the observation point

Before the Beginning and After

[pg. 29] Niflheim – in the north; the dark world and colder than cold; 11 rivers cut through the mist and originate from a well at the center called Hvergelmir

[pg. 29] Muspell – in the south; the light and fire

[pg. 30] Ginnungagap (the yawning gap) – space between Niflheim and Muspell; empty place of nothingness where the rivers of the mist world flowed into the void; where Odin, Vili, and Ve lived

Yggdrasil and the Nine Worlds

[pg. 39] Yggdrasil – a mighty ash tree; grows between the nine worlds and joins them; the roots are in 3 worlds and are fed by 3 wells

The 1st root goes to the underworld, Niflheim, in a spring called Hvergelmir; the dragon, Nidhogg (the dread corpse-eater), lives in the waters

The 2nd root goes to Jotunheim in a well called Mimir; the realm of the Frost Giants

The 3rd root goes to Asgard in a well called Urd; the realm of the gods

[pg. 40] The Bifrost – the rainbow bridge, that only the gods can use, to travel through the 9 worlds

[Pg. 40] The 9 realms

1. Asgard – home of the Aesir; where Odin and the gods reside
2. Alfheim – home of the light elves
3. Nidavellir (Svartalfheim) – home of the dwarfs, or dark elves; live beneath the mountains and build
4. Midgard – home of humans
5. Jotunheim – home of the Frost Giants and Mountain Giants
6. Vanaheim – home of the Vanir; have peace treaties with the Aesir
7. Niflheim – dark mist world
8. Muspell – world of flames; where Surtr waits
9. Hel – where the dead go and those who don't die bravely in battle

The Children of Loki

[pg. 102] Black Lake – where Fenrir stays when doing the trials for the gods

The Mead of Poets

[pg. 138]Hnitbjorg – the mountain where Gunnlod watches over the mead of poetry

Thor's Journey to the Land of the Giants

[pg. 155]Egil's Farm – where Thor and Loki find Thialfi and Roskva

[pg. 165]Utgard – where Utgardaloki and his people live

The Story of Gerd and Frey

[pg. 203]Valhalla – in Asgard; a huge hall with 500 doors, each door could hold 800 warriors; bigger than the mind could hold

[pg. 204]Lerad – the tree that Heidrun eats from to provide mead; a branch of Yggdrasil

[pg. 208]Isle of Barri – where Gerd and Frey get married

The Death of Balder

[pg. 231]Bleidablik – the hall of Balder; place full of joy, music, and knowledge

[pg. 243]Gjaller River – the river that all souls who die must cross

The Last Days of Loki

[pg. 253]Franang's Falls – waterfall near Loki's home on the hill

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[pg. 272]Vigrid – the final battle ground during Ragnarök

[pg. 280]Idavoll – will stand where Asgard once stood after Ragnarök

Numerous Notes

[pg. 30] Ragnarök – the end of the world

[pg. 46] Gjallerhorn – what Odin uses to drink from Mimir's well; Heimdall will blow the horn when Ragnarök begins

[pg. 66] Awl – a pointed spike used in leatherwork

[pg. 73] Necklace of the Brisings – Freya wears it around her neck; it was a gift from the Brisings; Loki stole it once in seal form and Heimdall had to fight him as a seal to get it back

[pg. 99] Dromi – the chains created by the gods to bind Fenrir the second time

[pg. 137] Rati – drill; Odin uses it on his journey for the mead of poetry

[pg. 202] Naglfar – the Death Ship made from the untrimmed fingernails of the dead

Einherjar (“those who fight alone”) – all the men who have died nobly in battle live in Valhalla

[pg. 203] Saerimnir – the warriors would eat the meat of this boar every night in Valhalla; always had enough meat for meat everyone; would revive every morning

[pg. 204] Heidrun – a goat that provides the milk for the mead that the warriors drink in Valhalla; eats from the tree called Lerad; always enough mead

[pg. 270] Fimbulwinter – the time of the terrible winter during Ragnarök