

At the end of the Golden Age, the gods sought aid in their battle against the race of giants. Thus, they gave human form and purpose to the dark elves, who, like maggots, eked out their dull existence in the corpse of the slain giant Immer. From then on, they were to live in the dark rock as the gods' forges. Through the art of the dark elves, the Fenrir wolf was vanquished, but now the time had come for the Courage-suckers and Durin's people to once again render service to the gods.

0:00 - 3:11

1) The Sleeping Sippia

Thor's wife Sippia sleeps. Unnoticed, Loke enters her hall. Out of spite towards Thor, he intends to shear her golden hair.

3:11 - 4:03

2) Loke's Sacrilege

Thus, Loke creeps up to the sleeping woman, beginning his evil deed.

4:03 - 5:09

3) Thunder Surprises Loke

Thor, sensing evil, hurries to Sippe's chamber and finds the wretch-tool in hand-bent over his wife. Sippe's hair has already fallen. Loke has completed his vile work. Then Wodan's son seizes Loke with all his might and strikes him cruelly.

5:09 - 6:30

4) Thor the Bonebreaker

Thor's anger knows no bounds, and so he breaks Loke's bone after bone in two. He plays cruel tricks on Loke, and all his pleading is in vain.

6:30 - 7:02

5) Loke Swears Heavy Oaths

Truly, in his fury, the thunder would have broken every bone in Loke's body had he not sworn heavy oaths to make amends.

7:02 - 8:21

6) Loke's Quest

So Thor lets Loke go, and he sets off to find new hair for his clan. The Aesir wants to go to the Dark Elves to have hair forged that is as fine as gold, and it will grow like real hair.

8:21 - 9:09

7) From afar, the hammer blows

From Asgard, Loke descends to the realm of the Dark Elves, deep beneath the earth. From afar, he already hears their work and knows he is on the right path.

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10:28 - 11:16

9) Iwald

Iwald also arrives and puts a stop to Loke's antics.

11:16 - 12:03

10) Thus Speaks Iwald

When Iwald now stands before the Ace, he speaks to Loke in wonder. Had he and his sons not paid their debt in the Ace's battle against the wolf?

12:03 - 13:07

11) Then the Ace Speaks

Loke, very eloquent, attributes such great smithing skills to Iwald that only he can create such great magic, so that golden hair may once again grow upon the heads of the clan.

13:07 - 13:55

12) Iwald summons his sons

So the Aesir pleads, and Iwald summons his sons together, so that all may help to forge the fine work.

13:55 - 14:58

13) Dark Elves hasten

Soon Iwald urges his sons to forge magnificent jewels as a gift for Loke.

14:58 - 16:41

14) The Dark Elves' power

Since the Aesir's words enthrall Iwald, not only shall the clan's hair be drawn from the forge's embers, but the Slate-Plasterer and the Gunner shall also be forged from dark ore for the benefit of the Aesir. Then, with fierce hammer blows and black magic, one jewel after another is created.

16:41 - 19:52

15) Loke Meets Master Sinter

On the Aesir's return journey, Loke meets Sinter with Brother Badger. Loke declares that Master Sinter has never been as skilled in the art of smithing as Iwald and his sons. Only a true master of the Dark Elves could craft such a great treasure. But Sinter and Badger counter that their power and skill can conjure even more beautiful jewels from the furnace.

19:52 - 20:23

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17) The Golden Bristle

The master goes and places the boar's head in the furnace and makes the brother swear that he will not stop blowing the pelt until he returns. So the master goes, and Badger blows mightily at the embers. But Loke, fearing for his head, angrily stabs Badger in the hand as he can, in the form of a horsefly. Badger, however, faithfully completes Sinter's work and does not stop blowing the mighty pelt.

22:14 - 24:21

18) The Draupner

Master Sinter sees the work and now places gold in the embers. Again he has the brother blow, and again Badger is not to stop until the master reappears at the furnace. Loke, in the form of a horsefly, stabs him terribly in the neck, and Badger almost stops blowing. But this work, too, was completed, without a single flaw.

24:21 - 26:56

19) The Malter

One last time, Master Sinter spoke to his brother, urging him not to let up, and placed the black iron ore into the furnace. After the master had left, and the brother had pumped the bellows as never before, the ace appeared between his eyes and stung him so powerfully that blood ran into the dwarf's eyes, forcing him to stop—for a brief moment—from his work.

26:56 - 29:31

20) Sinter's Grief

Ah, great was the disappointment when Sinter pulled the malter from the furnace's embers. The hammer's handle was too short, and Sinter thought he had already lost the bet.

29'31" - 32'57"

21) Badger Comforts the Master

The master sat there in utter despair, barely able to be comforted by his brother. The badger, full of confidence, persisted, firmly believing in the gain that the master would bring.

32'57" - 35'04"

22) The Journey to Court

The master then sent his brother with the Loke to face the Aesir court with his treasures. A long journey lay ahead with the short dwarf, but the badger was valiant and kept pace with the Aesir.

35'04" - 39'57"

23) Before the Judiciary

Soon the adversaries arrived, and the high court was convened. Silence was declared, and the highest of the Aesir had taken their seats. The gods then examined the jewels, crafted by the black-elves' art. The decision was swiftly made that the mallet, though with its short handle, was the most valuable gift, and thus Loke had lost the bet and his head.

39:57 - 42:24

24) Loke's Flight

The dwarf felt so dreadful that he fled from the dwarf. The dwarf tried to seize him after the verdict was pronounced, but wherever the badger turned, it was no use, for Loke was already gone, fleeing far faster from the dwarf with his winged shoe.

42:24 - 45:55

25) The Dwarf's Fury

Oh, how the dwarf raged—cheated out of his rights—and ran angrily to Thor to seek help. Since even the Esir must pay their debts, Loke must be brought before him. And the badger gave Thor the mighty hammer so that with a mighty thunderclap he might bring Loke to justice. When the wager was given to the dwarf, the badger hesitated no longer to cut off the ace's throat. But the badger declared that the throat was not part of the wager and that the badger had no right to touch the ace's throat.

45:55 - 46:42

26) The Slanderer's End

So time passed with the badger's slanderous mouth, the ace played his tricks quite wildly, until the black elf's patience was exhausted. The badger, with heavy ale, now sewed the badger's mouth shut, so that no slanderer could rely on it again. For according to the arbitration, the badger's skull was his.

46:42 - 47:14

27) The Mouth-Ripper

Now silence fell around the badger, his mouth was closed with a hard strap. But the badger ripped open his mouth so hard that the stitches tore his lips, and freed, he laughed at the dwarf. For this cold reason, the belt was called a mouth-ripper.

47:14 - 48:33

28) The Deceived

Then the black elf realized that he had been cheated out of the prize and returned to his dark realm.

48'33 - 50'24"

29) The Presentation of the Treasures

Then the Allfather declared that all the treasures of the Dark Elves should be distributed among the mighty Aesir. He himself took the Ger Gungner, forged by the dwarf Iwald, which never misses its mark and shines like lightning. The clan was given the golden hair, which grows on the head like real hair. The ship Schlittplattner was given to Fro, which could hold all the Aesir with horses and yet fit like a handkerchief in a trouser pocket. The ship would always have favorable winds when it touched the sea and would never miss its destination. From Master Sinter's art was created the ring Draupner; it adorned Wodan's finger and was to drip eight more golden rings every ninth night. The boar Goldbristle, also called Slittooth, served Fro, carrying him through the air and seas by day and night, far better than a horse, for the boar's radiant form shines brightly even in the darkest forest.

50'24" - 51'20"

30) The Hammer to Thor

Then Thor took the hammer in his hand, and lightning flashed across the land. However mighty Aesir wields it, the hammer will never break. However far the hammer may fly, it always returns to Aesir's hand, and though the hammer is large and mighty, when thunder wills it, it is so small that it can be hidden in the god's shirt.

51'20" - 57'14"

31) The Hunt Against the Giants

Now Thor sets out with the hammer, his most precious jewel and his best weapon, to crush the race of giants. And lightning flashed fiercely upon the earth when he swung his hammer, and the Aesir's voice roared mightily like thunder, as if he were uttering the decree of the hammer-builder in the realm of giants.

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