



## Thread



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Very excited for S2 of [#Ragnarok](#) [#Ragnarok2](#)\* !!!! Let's do this!!

\* Not related to the MCU. A Norwegian show on Netflix adapting the actual, non-comic-book Thor myth in the modern day. The ice giants sit on their couches and watch American TV like everybody else!



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I was quite breathless the first few episodes and have now pulled myself together enough to tweet



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First off, very happy with choice of Freya, though not super happy with how she immediately jumps to stealing stuff 🤔



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Second, jeez, the gods are such dicks to Laurits, I retroactively feel worse for MCU Loki. That's how good Jonah Stand Gravli is



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Like at this point I would like the show to transform to Norwegian Loki



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I don't know if Ragnarok is following this thread but YES, more shooting up god blood please, that's exactly what I'm talking about



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...Did Ragnarok just invent a new bullet-time-esque fight scene technique



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As much as I like Laurits, his blank pseudo-traumatized stare is starting to get to me. Please give him anything else to do!



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Turid and Erik have the most wholesome flirtation



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.....So the entire in-universe Norwegian public is going to think [redacted] killed [redacted], right? Feel like Ran has not thought this plan through



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Fjor is so classically handsome that it's unsettling. Only redeeming part of this weirdly directionless plot



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And why did this feminism bit get shoved in with Saxa? I mean I get it, she's clearly a Fox news blonde, but, it meshes weirdly with the whole idea that she and Ran have been taking turns being the parent for centuries. Like, at that point of voluntarily knowing someone...?



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In general I wish the writers had tried to come up with a shared history for the Jutuls to reference with each other. I keep expecting conversations to go "Excuse me, do you not remember <infamous gossip from 300 years ago>" but instead they just talk about their feelings



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If I were Iman I would not shout incriminating rants for the whole street to hear



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Turid hugs fix all problems. She's so great



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Dear Ragnarok, it would be just peachy if you would stop making the only nonwhite god the most randomly violent



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....Oh wow, I just realized what's really happening in this scene. Uh, yes, this is horrifying, what the fuck, this is racist af.



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How is Magne nicer to Saxa than his own brother???



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Yesssss this show is indeed Norwegian Loki yesssss this should do nicely while waiting for Hiddleston Loki



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I guess technically the above tweet should be Norse Loki and MCU Loki but whatever, this is excellent, unleash the serpent



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Laurits's sly brashness is so endearing. I also wonder if it is impossible to play a Loki character without being beloved. Perhaps it is impossible to be cast to play one without being really really charming



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I guess they had to have at least one inexplicable about-face. While predictable, the twist was badly signaled



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...OK, Ragnarok is edging into losing me forever territory. What in the fuck. All they had to do was be less racist but I guess that's too much



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...I was looking up Freya and realized that she's the Norse version of Aphrodite, whose name is the Greek version of Priya 🤔 Maybe it's time to reread that book about the Indo-European cultural complex



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OK, feeling like Ragnarok is partially redeeming itself by showing that this other guy is also a dick with his power. Actually, I would be impressed if it went into "the real fantasy isn't the superpower but that the person wielding it doesn't suck"



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Finished the season. Overall I think it's not nearly as strong as S1 -- it relies way too heavily on simplistic miscommunications and bad character development. It is nice to see them try to point out that the gods are cops, but the landing is never stuck.



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S1 was about the charm of seeing Norse myths interpreted by the people whose ancestors created them. The old crone who prophecies is the cashier at the grocery store, Thor is dyslexic, etc. The stories were retold so organically that you appreciated them in a new way.

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But S2, due to its abrupt character changes and too-obvious plot maneuvering, breaks that organic feel and leaves you wishing they'd just not adhered to the myths so strongly. I'd've loved to see Magne get to redefine Thor for himself.



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I'll probably still watch S3 for Laurits (and hopefully Sleipnir), but I'm not psyched for it the way I was for this season. They got a little lost here and it's not great.



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Also, I don't know why, but I found it interesting how everything somehow revolves around Turid's unshakable humanity. Even Ran walks away when Turid shows up. Personally, I think she's the real goddess in this whole thing.



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