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WHAT IF?

THOR

**WAS RAISED BY
FROST GIANTS**



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Across the Nine Realms, songs have been sung for millennia about the day when Odin, the ruler of Asgard, led his armies against Laufey, King of the Frost Giants, and defeated them. Discovering Loki, Laufey's runt of a son, Odin spared the child and brought him back to Asgard to be raised among the gods. This act not only changed the course of Loki's life, but ultimately that of Odin's own son, Thor. Both grew up safely under the watchful eye of Odin, learning from his benevolent wisdom.

However, what if, on that day, the fates had favored Laufey? What if instead Asgard had fallen, and Thor was taken back to Jotunheim, far from the home where he would have been groomed to be the God of Thunder?

What If...

...THOR WAS RAISED BY THE FROST GIANTS?

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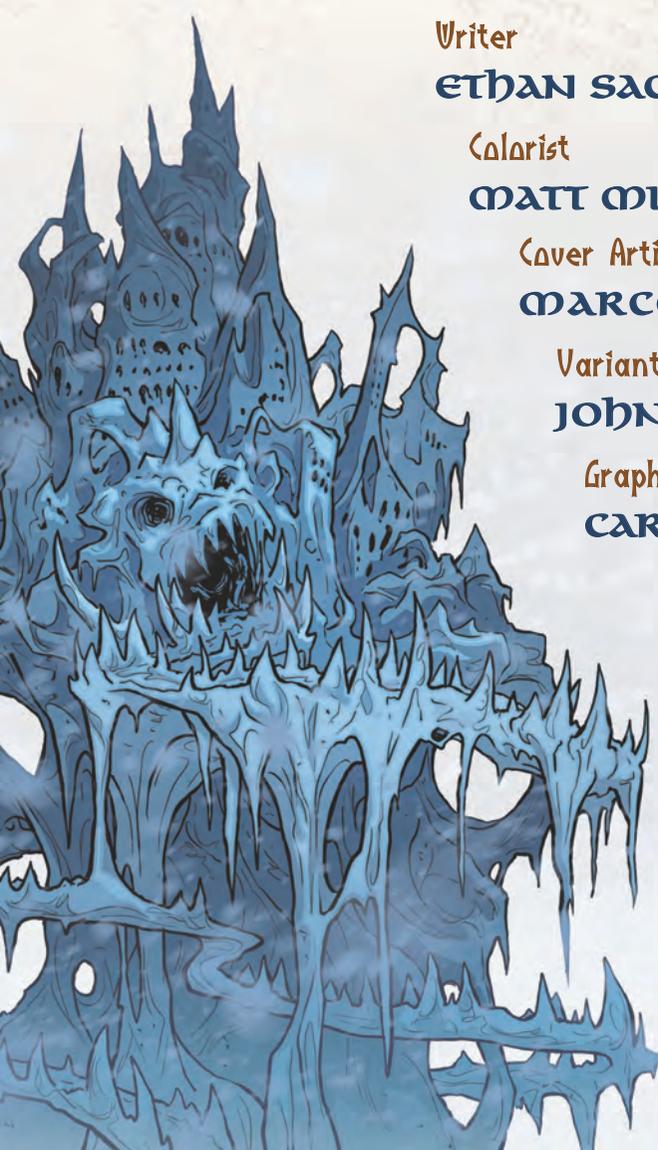
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"AH, JOTUNHEIM, A MORE MISERABLE, ICY HELL YOU COULD NOT IMAGINE."

"TRUST ME ON THAT."

"LONG AGO A BATTLE RAGED, ONE THAT SHOOK THE MOUNTAINS ACROSS EVERY REALM."



"LEADING THE ASGARDIANS WAS ODIN, THE MIGHTIEST WARRIOR OF ANY AGE."

"WHAT? WHO IS ODIN? WELL, I SUPPOSE HE IS LONG FORGOTTEN NOW."



"BUT AT THE TIME, HE WAS A GREAT HERO OUT TO BRING PEACE TO THE NINE REALMS!"



"ONE FOE KEPT ODIN FROM BRINGING PEACE TO ALL BRANCHES OF YGGDRASIL-- KING LAUFEY OF THE FROST GIANTS, A FEARSOME AND FOUL CREATURE."

"TRUST ME ON THAT ONE TOO."



"SURRENDER, LAUFEY! YOU CAN END THIS SENSELESS BLOODSHED!"

"AND GROW FAT AND SOFT UNDER YOUR RULE? A FROST GIANT WOULD DIE FIRST!"

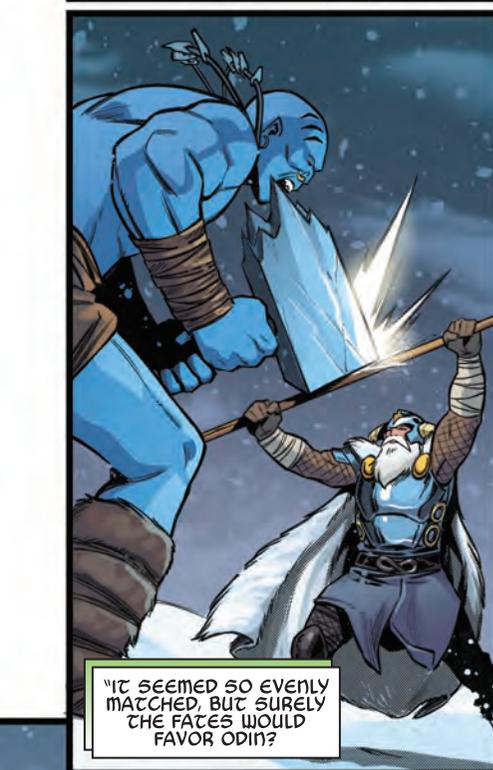
"SO BE IT!"



"THEY FOUGHT BRAVELY FOR A LONG TIME."



"WAS IT DAYS? MONTHS? CENTURIES? WHO IS STILL ALIVE WHO CAN SAY?"



"IT SEEMED SO EVENLY MATCHED, BUT SURELY THE FATES WOULD FAVOR ODIN?"



"IN THE STORIES, DOES NOT THE NOBLE HERO ALWAYS VANQUISH THE MONSTER?"



"WELL--"



"--THIS IS NOT ONE OF THOSE STORIES."

"THE POETS ONCE
CONSIDERED ASGARD
THE CRADLE OF WISDOM
AND PEACE..."

"ONCE.

BEHIND ME,
THOR! YOU ARE
ODIN'S HEIR, THE
LAST HOPE FOR
ASGARD!

SMASHHHH!

YAAARRRRGGGGHHH!

I WILL
NOT LET
YOU KILL
MY SON!

AH, FREYJA,
I HAVE NO
INTENTION OF
KILLING THE
BOY...OR
YOU.

THERE WILL
BE NO REST FOR
ODIN IN VALHALLA.
I WILL CONTINUE TO
HURT HIM BEYOND
DEATH THROUGH
THOSE HE LOVES
MOST.

TAKE HER
AWAY. KILL
THE REST.

YOU WILL
NOT TAKE HER,
THIS THOR
SWEARS!

OH, LITTLE
GODLING, YOU
SHOW PROMISE.
WHAT YOU LACK
IN BRAINS, YOU
MAKE UP FOR
IN HEART.

LET
GO OF
ME!

BUT
YOU WILL BE
MY GREATEST
TRIUMPH. I WILL
RAISE ODIN'S
SON AS MY
OWN!