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Who is the new and mysterious woman wielding the Hammer of Mjolnir? Let she who is worthy possess the power of the Mighty Thunderer! Introducing a Thor that the Marvel Universe has ner' encountered before. But is this new Thor Asgardian, or from Midgard?

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Eric says

[Freyja (hide spoiler)]

grace says

just logging some single issues which I previously added as volumes :)

Tamera says

Before I begin my review, may I just say, haters to the left?

I have been highly anticipating this comic release for several reasons, which I will go into after I review the actual first issue.

Thor #1 picks up about where the God of Thunder and the Original Sin arcs left off- Nick Fury has whispered an unknown secret to Thor which has caused him to be unable to wield Mjolnir. He has become unworthy, he is no longer the God of Thunder.

Thor #1 picks up with Thor Odinson pleading to Mjolnir to please make him worthy to no avail. He truly no longer is The God of Thunder. Then in strolls Malekith the Accursed, they tussle as usual, some shit goes down. Then lo and behold, in our final panels, we see the hammer glow and the inscription on Mjolnir change. It is no longer HE who must be worthy, but SHE.

So say hello to our new Thor.

I have been in barking debates over this already, so I'm going to take the liberty of explaining WHY I think this is an OKAY MOVE on Marvel's part.

This is not Lady Thor, this is not "Thorette" (as one guy tried to debate me)... This is the true Thor, she is now The God of Thunder. She has not replaced Thor nor has she become Thor Odinson. Thor Odinson still exists, but he is no longer The God Of Thunder.

The title of Thor is a mantle, a position to be held, if you will. And with Thor Odinson no longer being worthy, someone must take up said mantle in his stead. She IS Thor now. Again, haters to the left.

To the point of WHY it is okay for our mystery female to become the new Thor while some others who have wielded Mjolnir have not, there is a big difference between when Captain America (and others) wielded the hammer of behalf of Thor and someone embodying the power that IS Thor.

Within the mythos surrounding these stories, Thor has always questioned himself, feared every time that he

reached for the hammer that he would not be deemed worthy. He knew it could happen. It has happened before. Eric Masterson, for example, became Thor. He then became an Avenger and moved on to become Thunderstrike.

And for those who have an issue with the purity of the story, or perhaps even the feminine aspect, may I just remind you that Thor has been a woman in the past and a damn FROG. A frog, guys. So we can handle a woman. Comics do this time and again, they reinvent themselves and their stories. They change with the times, they evolve. It is the nature of comic books. And in terms of bad ass females in Asgard, we already have quite a few (Girls of Thunder!), and the theories are flying as to whether our new Thor may be Asgardian Royalty as well.

In my opinion, panties are in a wad over a whole lot of nothing. Characters have been changed and feminized before. And we all know this won't last forever... again, the nature of comics. We have had a female Loki, we have Bucky taking up Captain America's mantle.. hell, DC has given us a Vampire Batman before. So roll with the punches, because they will never stop coming if you're a comic fan. And if you don't like the arc, just don't read it.

Sam Quixote says

Here it is, the headline grabbing comic announced a few months ago, besides the black Captain America and the Superior Iron Man (is that where Otto went?): female Thor! Well, kind of - Thor is still Thor but there's now a mysterious woman who can lift the hammer that he no longer can. And you know what? It's really good! And thank the gods they didn't go with "Thoretta" or "Thorina" for a name - female Thor is still Thor.

So what's the roast beef - how come Thor is no longer Thor? Well, towards the end of the last Marvel event, Original Sin, Thor was one of many heroes battling Nick Fury. Fury whispered something in Thor's ear (he'd learned a lot of secrets from the Watcher before he died) and, just like that, Mjolnir, Thor's hammer, dropped like a stone. Thor was unable to lift it again - he was judged no longer worthy. Unfortunately with Thor #1 we're still not sure exactly what Fury said to Thor - the Watcher may have lost his secrets but Jason Aaron sure has his share of them!

That's not the only change in the series. During Odin's self-imposed exile, his wife, Freyja, has stepped up as ruler of Asgardia (formerly Asgard). But now that he's back, she's not willing to give up power, so the two share an uneasy truce. In the same way that Thor - redefined here as a title rather than a name - is now female, the All-Mother has stepped up to be the All-Father's equal. Civil rights has finally reached Asgardia!

Besides Thor being depressed that he can no longer lift Mjolnir, this issue sees Malekith the Dark Elf lead an army of Frost Giants to once more try their hand at toppling Midgard (Earth) with Thor proving his worth as a true hero by stepping up to fight them, hammerless and without the lightning. If you read Aaron's earlier Thor series you'll know the future version of him has only one arm - in this issue Aaron reveals how Thor lost that arm!

But the main thing everyone picking this up is going to want to know is: WHO is female Thor?! And that's where Aaron razzes us by not telling us. In one panel he makes you think, oh, Freyja maybe lifts the hammer? That's cool. But then we see the final page when female Thor steps up and lifts Mjolnir and it

looks like someone totally different - someone much younger. Not that not finding that out should be any kind of reason to not pick up this issue of course.

Russell Dautermann's art is really pretty. It's very different from Esad Ribic's style from Aaron's earlier Thor books - the lines are much clearer, it's a slightly more cartoony look but still very dynamic and appealing. Also, Matthew Wilson's colours give the comic a very bright look - even at the bottom of the sea when everything should be pitch black, there are vivid blues and greens. The whole issue has attractive, strong colours - red, blue, white, yellow. Very little darkness, and I like that. It suits this kind of bombastic storytelling to a tee.

Thor #1 is a brilliant comic and an enormously promising new direction to take the series and the character. Up til now, Thor has been defined by his hammer and his powers - without them, he has the chance to really develop as a character which is a fresh and exciting opportunity. And with Jason Aaron, Russell Dautermann and Matthew Wilson joining him, you know Thor - both male and female - have a more than worthy creative team to guide them. Thor #1 lives up to the thunderous attention that preceded it - check it out!

Nicolo Yu says

First issue introduced a new status quo: the Odinson out; new Thor in, and she's a goddess!

Aaron's previous Thor was a celebration of all sorts of manliness; drinking, fighting, and wenching. Here, the script is flipped and it's probably better for it.

Carla D. says

I liked it.

Ariana says

Can't wait to see more of lady thor, this is amazing.

Anne says

Thor!

I can't *wait* to read the whole volume!

Unfortunately, this one issue was the only thing I could get my hands on.

Yeah, yeah, I know I'm late to the party...

The issue starts out with an attack on an underwater *complex* of some sort, by the Frost Giants and that squirrely Dark Elf from Stval...Swevtle...Svartflalle...*wherever* the Dark Elves come from.

The rest of the story takes place on the moon, which is the current home to Mjolnir (I got smart and just googled that one).

For those of you who *aren't* nerds, Thor has lost the ability to wield his magic hammer. Something (that I haven't gotten around to reading) happened in the **Original Sin** event. Somebody whispered something, and it was bye-bye *Worthiness*.

shrug

Yes, yes. We're all very sad for you, buddy.

Apparently, he's been sitting on the moon since it happened. Just sort of whispering to Mjolnir and rocking back and forth.

His father, Odin, thinks it time to move on with life, but his mother coddles him a bit.

As we tend to do...

But even without his hammer, Thor is *still* Thor. So when the distress signal from Earth about the Frost Giant attack reaches him, he dusts himself off, and heads into action.

*I'm sorry, but those goats just make me giggle **every time!** I mean, how badass can you really look when you're riding a goat?!*

Meanwhile, back on the moon...

{insert stuff happening}

There's always got to be a god of thunder, even if it's not Thor.

Ta-Da!

So who is she? I have no idea, but I'm excited!

This was a really good issue, and it confirmed what everyone else has been saying about it. I'll admit I was a little worried at first, because I thought they were going to turn Thor into a girl. But, no. He's still riding around on those goats, getting his ass kicked by Frost Giants and Dark Elves.

My opinion?

Someone else can be the god of thunder, as long as they don't kill him off to do it.

Bonus that it's a girl this time!

But don't worry, Thor. With or without the hammer, I still love you...

Scout says

A strong, beautiful beginning. I can't wait for more!

Chris says

I like the feminist slant, but I looked up what happens, and I am a little po'ed by it. Still, love the idea.

Juan Carlos says

Thor ha dejado de ser digno de empuñar el martillo y se encuentra aislado en la luna. Mientras tanto, bajo aguas nórdicas gigantes de hielo deseán hacerse con un extraño cráneo desenterrado por una corporación. ¿Quién será digno ahora del martillo?

Pues una muchachita, que se convierte en diosa del trueno. Esta etapa empieza genial y con un dibujo grandioso.

Shiku says

Don't you dare to fuck that up, don't you dare! *gets excited*

Irini Pavlou says

A very intriguing start. I love the female power ,and can we plz kick Odin in the nuts !?? The end was amazingly captured and the suspense is killing me :)

Sarah Churchill says

The suspense! In this first and much awaited issue we see Thor as we know him fall from grace and a mystery female lift the hammer in his place. The identity of that woman is hinted at, but I'm sure it's not going to be that easy. I'm left hanging here! Really curious to see where Thor (dude)'s fate takes him now that he's lost his powers too. I feel a subscription coming on...

Lexi says

All I know is, Odin continues to be the worst.

