

- 17 Thrym's eyes grew wide. He peered lovingly at his bride-to-be. "Pray tell, why are you so hungry? A tiny damsel does not usually eat so heartily."
- 18 Loki answered quickly, "Freya was so excited that she could not eat for eight days, but now she is ravenous."
- 19 Next, Thrym lifted the veil that covered Thor's face. Again he wondered, "Pray tell, why are your eyes like burning rubies?" Of course, Thor was furious by this point, and his eyes glowed like fiery red coals.
- 20 Again, Loki responded, "Why, she was so excited to meet you that she has not slept for eight days!"
- 21 Thrym stamped his scepter on the floor. He could wait no longer to wed Freya the Fair. "Bring Thor's hammer," he commanded.
- 22 No sooner had Thrym's servant fetched the hammer than Thor snatched it away. Armed with the hammer, he kept the Frost Giants at bay as he and Loki backed away and escaped from the banquet hall.
- 23 "Let us never speak of this humiliation again," said Thor to Loki as he ripped the veil from his face. He struck the hammer three times against a rock. His chariot appeared and carried them safely back to Asgard.
- 24 The hammer never again left his side. And Loki knew better than to tease Thor ever again.

