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Thor's New Hammer

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Thor was the strongest god. His wife Sif had long, golden hair. It shone like the sun.

Loki liked to play tricks. One night he snipped Sif's long hair right off. He thought it was a joke.

Thor was so cross! "Fix it, Loki!" he said. "I will ask the dwarfs," said Loki.

Under the ground, the dwarfs made gold hair for Sif. They made a ship and a spear for the gods.

Then Loki met two more dwarfs, Brokk and Sindri. "You can not make gifts this good!" he said.

"Yes, we can," said Brokk. They made a gold pig and a ring. A fly bit him.

The fly was Loki! He wanted to win. Last, the dwarfs put iron in the fire.

The fly bit Brokk's eye. For one moment, he stopped to wave it off.

Out came a hammer! But the handle was a little short. Oh no!

The gods looked at all the gifts. "The hammer is best," said Odin. Thor swung it, and thunder rolled.

Loki lost the bet. He had to keep quiet for a while. Thor loved his hammer, short handle and all.

Questions

1. What did Loki do to Sif?

A. He took her ring
B. He cut off her hair
C. He hid her ship

2. Who made the gifts?

A. The dwarfs
B. The gods
C. The giants

3. Who was the fly?

A. Brokk
B. Thor
C. Loki

4. Why was the handle short?

A. Brokk stopped pumping for a moment
B. The dwarfs ran out of iron
C. Thor wanted it short

5. Which gift was the best?

A. The ship
B. The hammer
C. The ring

6. In this story, what does "handle" mean?

A. The part you throw
B. The part you hide
C. The part you hold

Words to know

dwarfs: little smiths
hammer: hitting tool
trick: a sly joke
handle: the grip

Answer key: Thor's New Hammer

1. B. He cut off her hair
2. A. The dwarfs
3. C. Loki
4. A. Brokk stopped pumping for a moment
5. B. The hammer
6. C. The part you hold