

Cast

<u>Kids</u>	This is a central group who all have lots to say. They're on stage a lot and need to be keen, confident performers who can learn lines.
Erik	Determined, loyal, but quick-tempered. Sings solo in Monster
Hildi	A thrall – enslaved by the Vikings – in Erik's household. Also a friend and almost part of the family. She's clever, brave and resourceful.
Leif	Erik's thoughtful younger brother: the rune-reader
Liva	Erik's little sister – easily scared, but proves herself on the adventure. Sings solo in Goblin Lullaby
Ingrid	Erik's friend: lively, enthusiastic, always rushing
Jotun	Another friend: a bit of a know-all. Sings solo in Monster
Brenn	The youngest of the group, always tagging along behind.
<u>On his own</u>	A key role: he's Erik's arch-enemy, later redeemed. He's a stropky teenager. Needs to be a strong performer. Sings solo in Monster.
Ivar	
<u>Gods</u>	Important parts with lots to learn and do, especially Odin, Thor and Loki.
Odin	Impatient, unpredictable King of the Gods
Thor	God of Thunder, strong and good natured, but not too bright.
Loki	The trickster – fun but untrustworthy.
Heimdall	The watchman.
Freya	Goddess of love, always concerned about the humans of Midgard
Frey	Brother of Freya, god of peace
Iduna	Goddess of youth – kind and soft-hearted, even towards Fenrir.
Hel	Goddess of the underworld – visiting Asgard and not very impressed.

<u>Villagers</u>	A lively group: all have lines, and their scenes include lots of drama, reactions and activity.
Harald	Village chief
Gudrun	Erik's mother
Grandma	Erik's grandma
Sigund	Ivar's mother
Olaf	Harald's second in command
Frida	Another respected village elder
Runi Alma Sven Bjorn Helga Edda Gerda Ulric	...and as many extra Villagers as you like
<u>Goblins</u>	This group appear in Scenes 6 and 9, so can easily be played by Villagers. They're noisy, rude, mean and silly – great fun to play! Boss Goblin has most to do. Share the lines out differently if you want more speaking Goblins.
Boss Goblin Goblin 1 Goblin 2 Goblin 3 Goblin 4 Goblin 5	...and as many extra Goblins as you like.
Fenrir	The wolf-monster. He only appears once – no lines, but dramatic energy needed. Can be played by a Villager/Goblin.

[Extract from] *SCENE 2: The Gods*

Odin: So! What can we do about Fenrir the Wolf? He's getting enormous –

Iduna: And I don't think he's happy.

Frey: He roams around all over the place.

Freya: What if he escapes to Midgard and attacks the poor humans!

Loki: Oh boo-hoo, the humans! He attacks US!!

Thor: Just say the word, Odin, and I'll finish him off!

Odin: No! there can be no bloodshed in Asgard.

Heimdall: I could blow the horn of war –

All: *(Covering ears)* NO!!!!!!

Hel: Why don't you chain him up?

Iduna: We've tried! No chains can hold him!

Thor: I made a MIGHTY chain –

Freya: Fenrir just chomped though it in one bite.

Loki: Not mighty enough, was it?

Thor: *(Offended)* Huh!

Heimdall: *(Sulking)* It's not fair. I'm never allowed to blow the horn of war.

Hel: You'll have to ask the goblins to help.

All: The goblins?

Hel: They can make you an enchanted chain.

Thor: Mine was a TREMENDOUS chain.

Loki: Just not tremendous enough –

(Thor shakes fist at Loki)

Odin: Thor! Off you go to the goblins.

Thor: Me?

Frey: Tell them to make us a chain -

Hel: It must be made of impossible things!

Thor: Eh? Like what?

Song 2: Six Impossible Things

The Gods & Thor

Track 2/12

All except Thor: **Six impossible things
Six impossible things
Off you go and fetch us
Six impossible things**

**Bring us the sound of a cat's footfall
Bring us the roots of a mountain tall
The beard of a woman**

Thor: Wait, what?

The beard of a woman

Thor: A beard? How weird!

All: **Six impossible things
To make a magic chain
One that can't be broken
And always takes the strain
Fenrir the wolf will never escape again
From our super-sturdy, mega-mighty,
last-forever chain!**

All except Thor: **Six impossible things
Six impossible things
Off you go and fetch us
Six impossible things**

**Bring us the sinews of a bear
Bring us spit from birds in the air
The breath of a fish**

Thor: Wait, what?

The breath of a fish

Thor: A fish? You wish!

**All: Six impossible things
To make a magic chain
One that can't be broken
And always takes the strain
Fenrir the wolf will never escape again
From our super-sturdy, mega-mighty,
last-forever chain!**

Thor: So, bring you the breath of a cat in the air...

(Others look doubtful, shake heads)

Bring you the sound of a fish – or was it a bear?

Others: No!/That's not right etc

The spit of a woman –

Freya: Shall we write it down? Let's write it down.

(Others agree and circle round Hel as she makes a list)

**All: Fenrir the wolf will never escape again
From our super-sturdy, mega-mighty,
last-forever chain!**

Scene 9: Escape from the Goblin's Cave

(Enter the Goblins with captured Kids. They bundle them into a heap. Goblin 5 has the magic chain in its box/bag)

Goblin 1: What shall we do with them?

Goblin 2: Grill them?

Goblin 3: Fry them?

Goblin 4: Put them in a pie?

Goblin 5: Serve them with chips and a green salad?

Other Goblins: Ooh...

Boss Goblin: Washed down with a big pot of nettle tea.

Other Goblins: Mmmm...

Goblin 1: But we haven't got any nettles, remember!

Other Goblins: *(Groan in disappointment)*

Boss Goblin: All right: who's cooking?

All: Him/Her! (All point at Goblin 2)

Goblin 2: I ALWAYS cook!

Goblin 3: No you don't!

Goblin 4: I did it last time -

Goblin 5: I made breakfast.

Goblin 1: That doesn't count!

All Goblins: *(Arguing noisily)* Yes it does/no it doesn't/I'm not doing it/ etc

Hildi: Excuse me - hello? Er -

(Goblins gradually hear her and listen)

Hildi: I could make you some nettle tea.

Boss Goblin: You?

Hildi: Yes. I've brought some nettles. And I'm REALLY good at making tea.

Boss Goblin: (*To Goblins*) What do you think?

All Goblins: Why not?/Yes/Sounds good to me/I want some tea/etc

Hildi: You'll have to untie me, though.

Goblin 2: What if she runs away?

Boss Goblin: Don't worry, we'll catch her! (*Boss Goblin unties Hildi, as the others watch*)

Hildi: You all look really tired. Maybe you work too hard.

Goblin 3: She's right, you know.

Goblin 4: I could do with a sit down.

Goblin 5: The kettle's over there.

Hildi: You just relax.

(Hildi heads to a front corner of the stage with her bag. She mimes making tea, looking nervously over her shoulder at the Goblins, who are now sitting/sprawling around waiting for their tea)

Lief: What's she doing?

Liva: I'm scared! I want to go home!

Jotun: I told you so.

Erik: Be quiet! I think Hildi has a plan...

Ingrid: But what if they eat her? With chips?

Goblin 1: Shut up, you lot!

Goblin 2: We're trying to relax!

Hildi: Tea's nearly ready -

(Hildi gets the potion out and adds it to the tea. The Kids see what she's doing and nudge each other in excitement)

Kids: *(Whispering)* It's the potion! She's using the sleeping potion/ she's putting them to sleep!!

Kids *(To each other)* SHHHHHHHHHH!

Goblin 3: Hurry up! What are you doing? *(Goblin 3 goes over to see what Hildi is up to)*

Ingrid: Oh! Your honours – Mighty Goblins – do you like honey cakes?

Goblin 3: *(distracted at once)* I do!

Goblin 4: EVERYONE likes honey cakes!

Other Goblins: Yes/Me too/ my favourite! Etc

Ingrid: If you untie me, I'll give you some with your tea!

Boss Goblin: No! Just grab her bag!

(Goblins 3 and 4 get Ingrid's bag and find the honey cakes – the Goblins crowd around it)

Ingrid: Hey!!!

Hildi: Tea's ready!

(Goblins return to their places and Hildi walks round serving them imaginary cups of tea)

Boss Goblin: Nice cuppa tea!

Goblin 1: At last!

Goblin 2: Lovely!

Goblin 3: Ooh, that hits the spot!

Goblin 4: Tastes a bit funny to me.

Goblin 5: Yeah... there is something...

(Kids whisper amongst themselves as the Goblins sip the tea suspiciously)

Goblin 1: Tastes all right, but it smells kind of...

Liva: Excuse me - is it true that goblins really like songs?

Goblins: *(immediately distracted)* Yes! /Love them! /I really like music/ etc

(Goblins settle down with their tea as the song begins. They gradually fall asleep during the song, yawning, nodding, stretching, and leaning against each other. They revive a little for the 'Snooze...' sections but are fast asleep by the end of the song.)

Song: Goblin Lullaby

Hildi, Kids, Goblins

Track 5/15

Hildi: Close your beautiful eyes
Rest your elegant toes
Off to the land of nod, nod, nod
Every little goblin goes

Goblins: Snooze, la la la la la
Snooze, la la la la la

Kids: Let your roaring
Turn to snoring
Drift away in slumber deep
Sleep little goblins, sleep

Close your horrible eyes
Rest your hideous toes
Off to the land of nod, nod, nod
Every horrid goblin goes

Goblins: Snooze, la la la la la
Snooze, la la la la la

Kids: Let your screaming
Turn to dreaming
Drift away in slumber deep
Sleep little goblins, sleep

[As a round:]
Close your horrible eyes
Rest your hideous toes
Off to the land of nod, nod, nod
Every little goblin goes

(Hildi unties the kids, they gather their belongings and escape, shushing each other and tiptoeing past the sleeping Goblins.)