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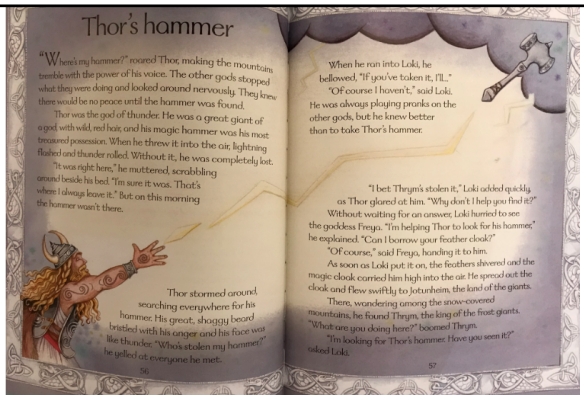
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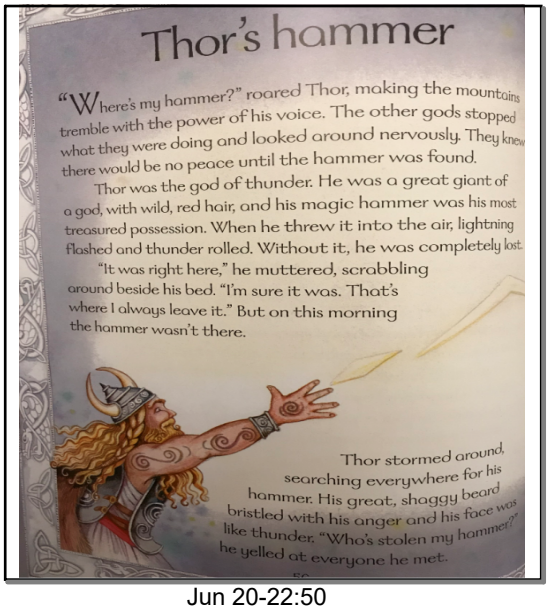
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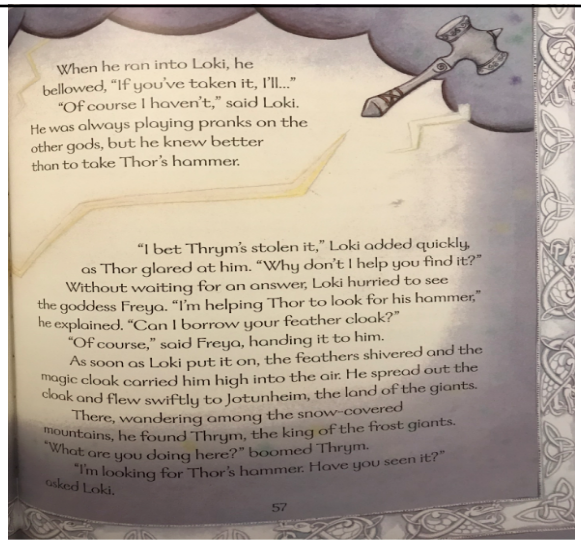
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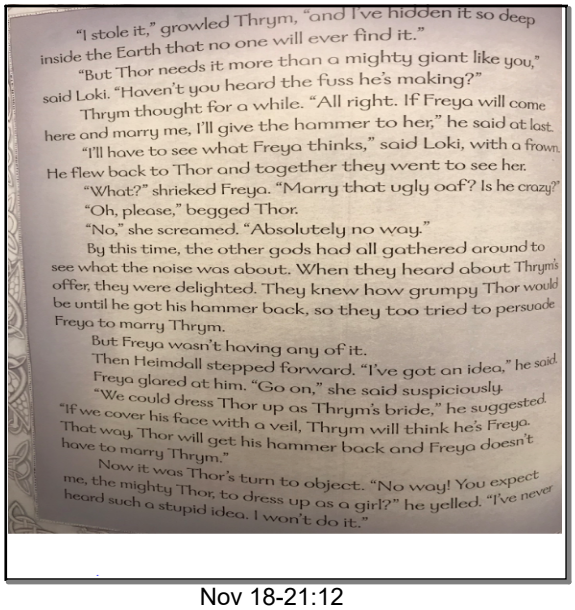
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"I stole it," growled Thrym, "and I've hidden it so deep inside the Earth that no one will ever find it."

"But Thor needs it more than a mighty giant like you," said Loki. "Haven't you heard the fuss he's making?"

Thrym thought for a while. "All right. If Freya will come here and marry me, I'll give the hammer to her," he said at last.

"I'll have to see what Freya thinks," said Loki, with a frown. He flew back to Thor and together they went to see her.

"What?" shrieked Freya. "Marry that ugly oaf? Is he crazy?"

"Oh, please," begged Thor.

"No," she screamed. "Absolutely no way."

By this time, the other gods had all gathered around to see what the noise was about. When they heard about Thrym's offer, they were delighted. They knew how grumpy Thor would be until he got his hammer back, so they too tried to persuade Freya to marry Thrym.

But Freya wasn't having any of it.

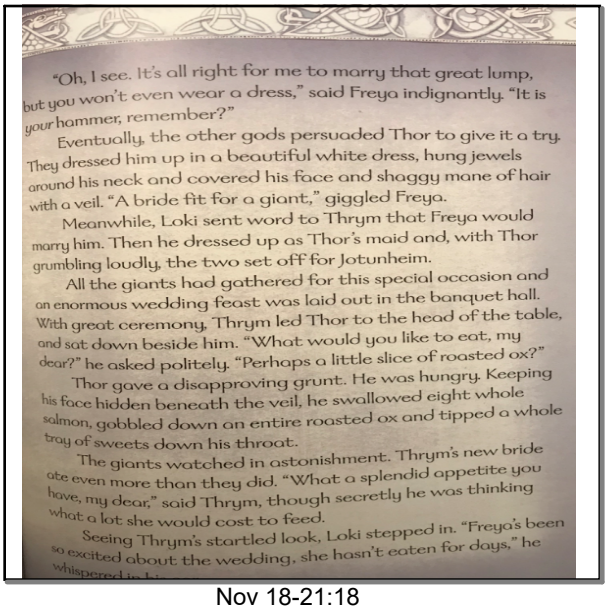
Then Heimdall stepped forward. "I've got an idea," he said.

Freya glared at him. "Go on," she said suspiciously.

"We could dress Thor up as Thrym's bride," he suggested. "If we cover his face with a veil, Thrym will think he's Freya. That way, Thor will get his hammer back and Freya doesn't have to marry Thrym."

Now it was Thor's turn to object. "No way! You expect me, the mighty Thor, to dress up as a girl?" he yelled. "I've never heard such a stupid idea. I won't do it."

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"Oh, I see. It's all right for me to marry that great lump, but you won't even wear a dress," said Freya indignantly. "It is your hammer, remember?"

Eventually, the other gods persuaded Thor to give it a try. They dressed him up in a beautiful white dress, hung jewels around his neck and covered his face and shaggy mane of hair with a veil. "A bride fit for a giant," giggled Freya.

Meanwhile, Loki sent word to Thrym that Freya would marry him. Then he dressed up as Thor's maid and, with Thor grumbling loudly, the two set off for Jotunheim.

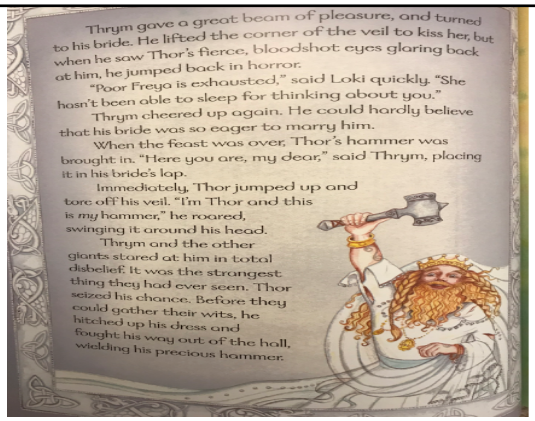
All the giants had gathered for this special occasion and an enormous wedding feast was laid out in the banquet hall. With great ceremony, Thrym led Thor to the head of the table, and sat down beside him. "What would you like to eat, my dear?" he asked politely. "Perhaps a little slice of roasted ox?"

Thor gave a disapproving grunt. He was hungry. Keeping his face hidden beneath the veil, he swallowed eight whole salmon, gobbled down an entire roasted ox and tipped a whole tray of sweets down his throat.

The giants watched in astonishment. Thrym's new bride ate even more than they did. "What a splendid appetite you have, my dear," said Thrym, though secretly he was thinking what a lot she would cost to feed.

Seeing Thrym's startled look, Loki stepped in. "Freya's been so excited about the wedding, she hasn't eaten for days," he whispered in

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Thrym gave a great beam of pleasure, and turned to his bride. He lifted the corner of the veil to kiss her, but when he saw Thor's fierce, bloodshot eyes glaring back at him, he jumped back in horror.

"Poor Freya is exhausted," said Loki quickly. "She hasn't been able to sleep for thinking about you."

Thrym cheered up again. He could hardly believe that his bride was so eager to marry him.

When the feast was over, Thor's hammer was brought in. "Here you are, my dear," said Thrym, placing it in his bride's lap.

Immediately, Thor jumped up and tore off his veil. "I'm Thor and this is *my* hammer," he roared, swinging it around his head.

Thrym and the other giants stared at him in total disbelief. It was the strangest thing they had ever seen. Thor seized his chance. Before they could gather their wits, he hitched up his dress and fought his way out of the hall, wielding his precious hammer.

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1. How many characters are there? How can you find these quicker?
2. Who was Thor and what was his most treasured possession?
3. What was Thrym's reason for stealing the hammer?
4. How did Freya feel when she found out that Thrym wanted to marry her?

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5. Which simile has been used to describe Thor's face?
6. What was Thor's reaction when Loki suggested he should dress up as Freya?
7. Write a sentence describing Thor's appearance, using three adjectives.
8. What was the plan to get Thor's hammer back. Explain to your partner.

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