

# BANISHMENT

*“You are unworthy of these realms! You’re unworthy of your title! You are unworthy . . . of the loved ones you have betrayed. I now take from you your power! In the name of my father and his father before, I, Odin Allfather, CAST YOU OUT!” —Odin*

Though Thor is brave, he can also be brash and foolhardy. Disobeying his father’s orders, he sparked a new war with the Frost Giants. His actions led Odin to punish him, stripping Thor of his powers and banishing him to Midgard.

Odin, weary after punishing his firstborn, became so weakened that he fell into a deep Odinsleep that Frigga feared he would never awaken from, leaving an opening for Loki to assume the throne.



## THOR ON EARTH

Without Mjolnir, the source of all his power, Thor found himself in Midgard, also known as Earth. Adrift in a rural town in New Mexico, Thor learned that his hammer was also on Midgard and was being studied by a covert government agency known as S.H.I.E.L.D. He infiltrated the site, fighting off waves of security forces to retrieve his hammer. But upon grasping the handle, Thor was devastated to discover that he was no longer worthy. Loki then visited Thor in S.H.I.E.L.D. captivity, telling him that their father was dead and that their mother did not wish to see him. Faced with spending the rest of his life as a mortal, Thor came to terms with his new life and ultimately fell in love with Jane Foster.

However, Lady Sif and the Warriors Three could not allow Thor to remain in banishment forever and secretly traveled to Midgard to retrieve their friend. In response, Loki sent the Destroyer, an armored sentry of Asgard, to annihilate Thor and his friends.

In the ensuing battle, Thor sacrificed himself in order to save innocents, proving his worthiness. Mjolnir then answered his summons, and he was able to wield it again to defeat the Destroyer.



*“Magic’s just science we don’t understand yet.”  
Arthur C. Clarke.”  
—Jane Foster*



## DR. JANE FOSTER

Dr. Jane Foster is one of the world’s leading astrophysicists. Jane studied strange weather events, believing them to be linked to an Einstein-Rosen Bridge, wormholes leading to another universe. She and her team discovered Thor while they were studying the astronomical anomaly he created by falling to Earth.

She aided Thor on his mission to return to Asgard and fell in love with him. Once Thor regained his powers, he had responsibilities to his realm and his people. Jane was forced to say goodbye and Thor returned home. They remained separated by an entire universe until they were reunited under the cataclysmic event of the Convergence.



## DR. ERIK SELVIG

Dr. Erik Selvig is a brilliant astrophysicist who was a colleague of Jane’s father. Following Thor’s time on Earth, Erik was recruited as a consultant for S.H.I.E.L.D. When Loki invaded Earth, he put Erik under mind control, which temporarily damaged his brain, causing him to have a mental breakdown. After he recovered, Erik worked with Thor again during the Ultron Offensive and was then enlisted at the new Avengers facility.

