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## THOR RAGNAROK - Opportunity To Shake Off Any Trace Of God-of-Thunder Gravitas

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Distributed by : Walt Disney Studios & Motion Pictures

Running Time : 130 minutes

Release Dates : October 10, 2017 (El Capitan Theatre), October 25, 2017 (France), November 3, 2017 (United States)

### THE STORY

Two years after the Battle of Sokovia, Thor (Chris Hemsworth) is captured by the fire Demon Surtur and wants to know more about the Infinity Stones. Surtur refuses to divulge any information, instead taunting the God of Thunder with the knowledge that Ragnarök is approaching. After breaking free from his restraints and returning to Asgard with Surtur's Crown, Thor forces Loki (Tom Hiddleston), who has been disguised as Odin since the Dark Elf Conflict, to take him to his Father, who has been living on Earth. Locating Odin (Anthony Hopkins) in Norway, Loki and Thor reunite with the exiled King only to learn he is nearing death. Before he dies, Odin warns his sons that his death will allow their older sister Hela (Cate Blanchett) to break free from her prison....

### OUR REVIEW

The Marvel films are so much fun not because of what happens in them, but because of the ways their stars, directors and craftsmen find to innovate within the series' tightly circumscribed formal limits. This last one was directed by the New Zealand filmmaker Taika Waititi who puts the plot technically revolving around Ragnarok (an apocalypse meant to signify the end of days in the mythical realm of Asgard) being basically an excuse to have Thor interact with a parade of nutjobs. Taika Waititi is best known for lovable, considerably smaller-scale movies. This time, he unlocks untapped comedy reserves in Chris Hemsworth... Thor's family problems are at the root of this busy sag!

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