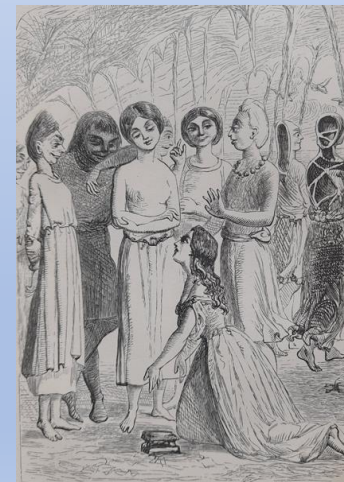
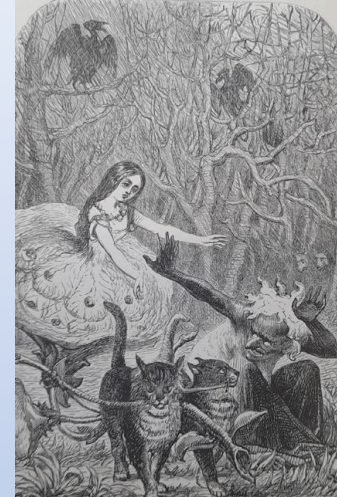
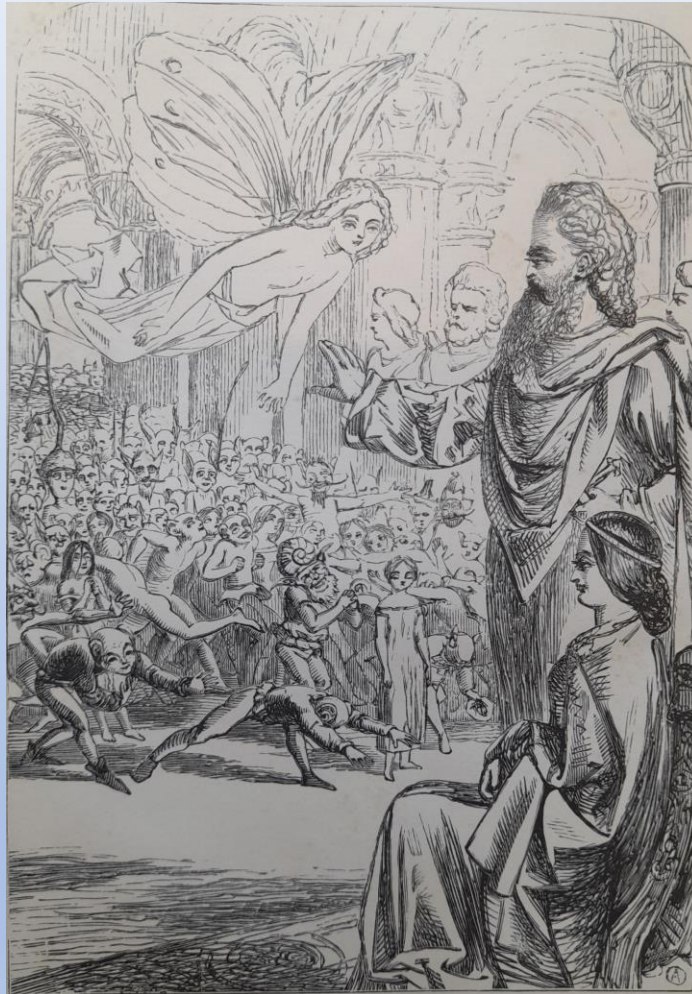


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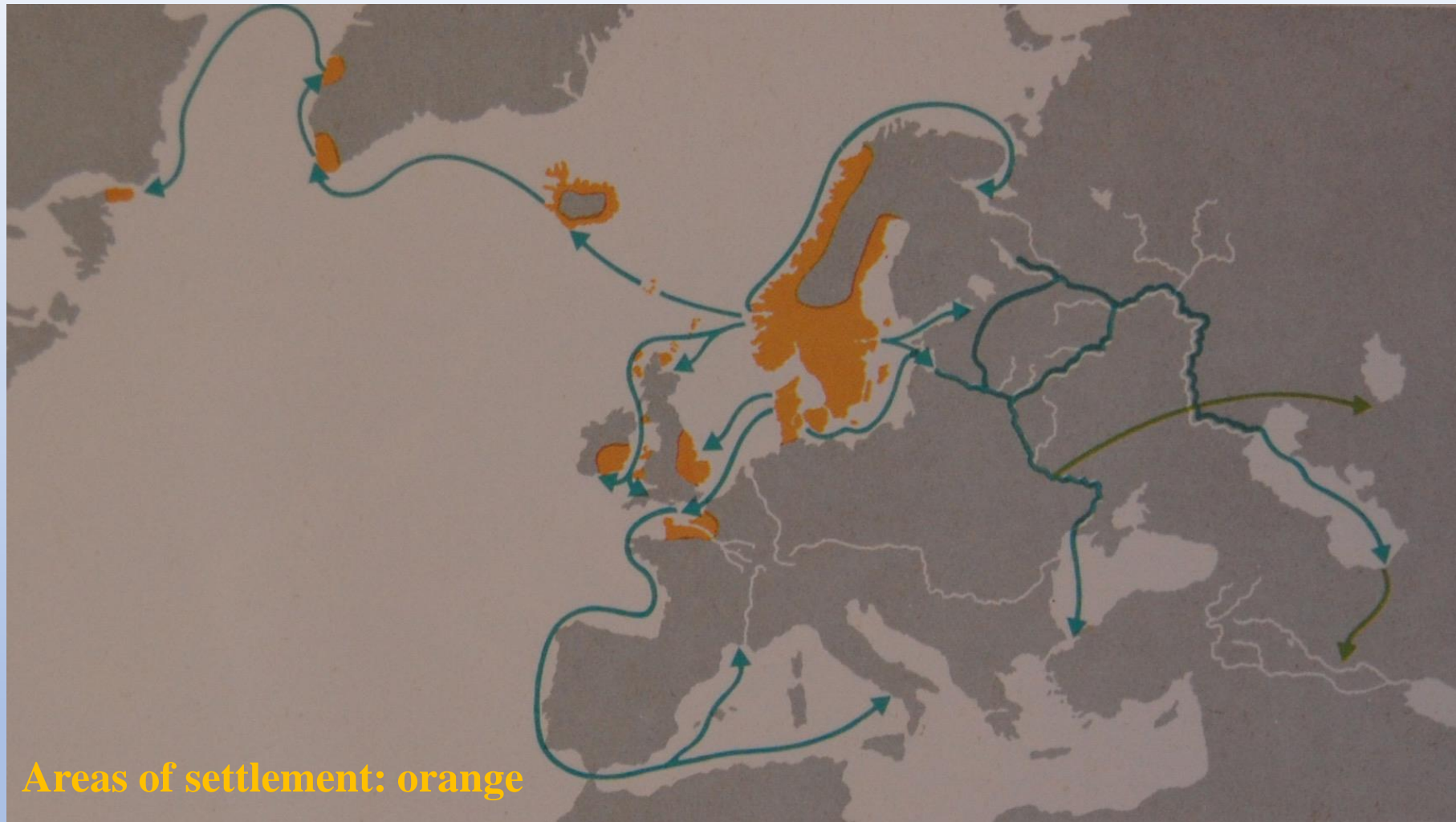




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Viking Age Voyages and Settled Areas (793 BC–1066 AD)



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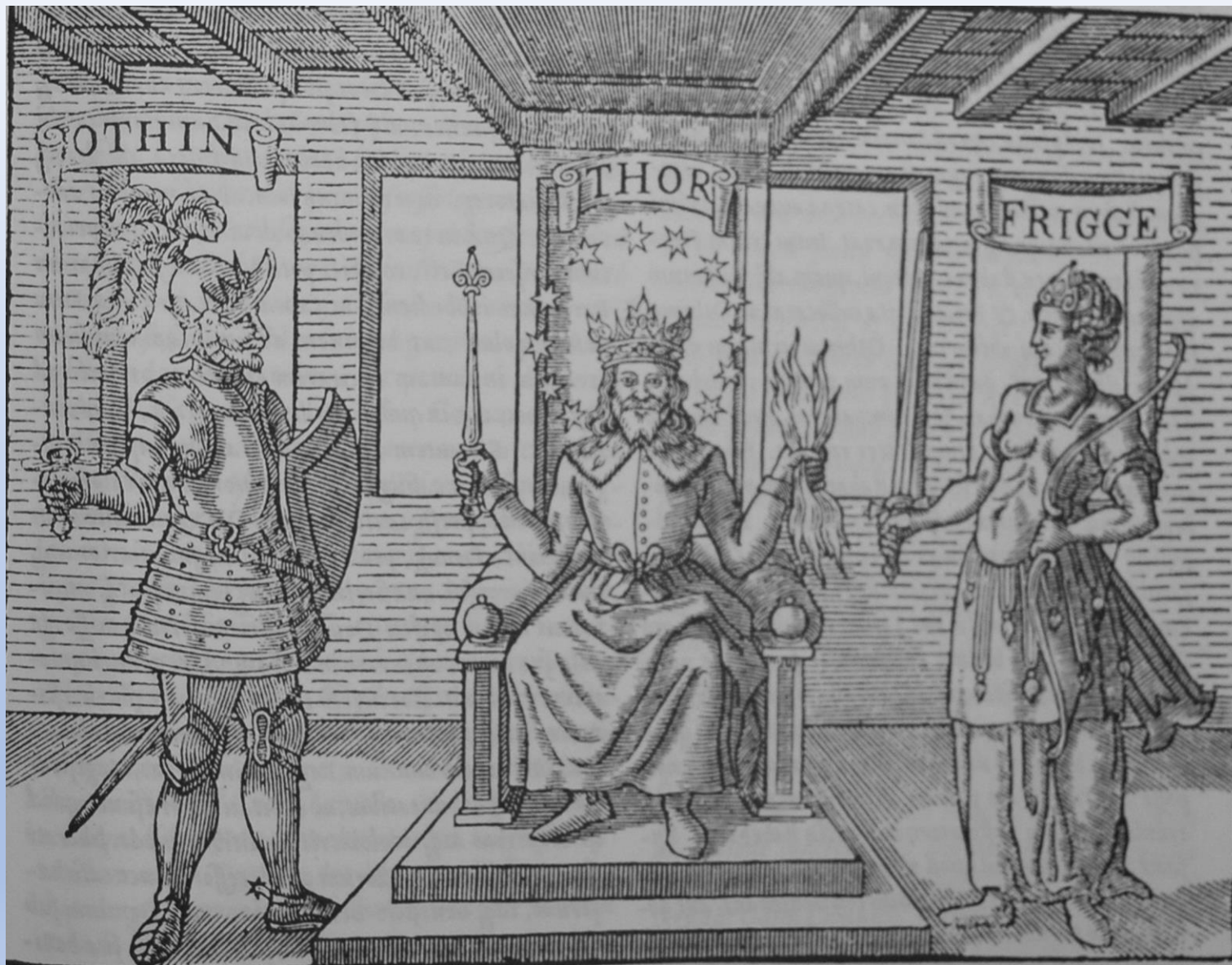
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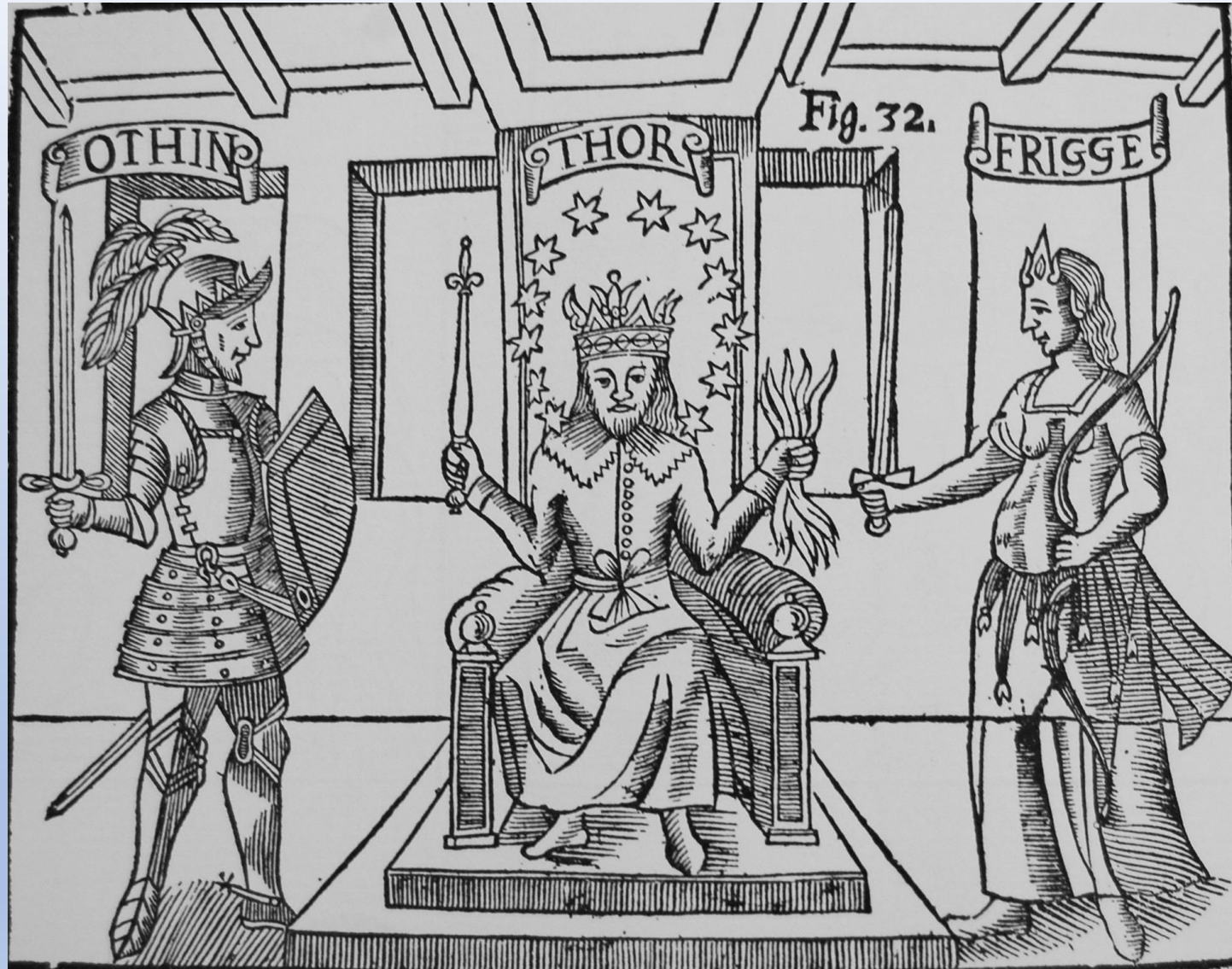
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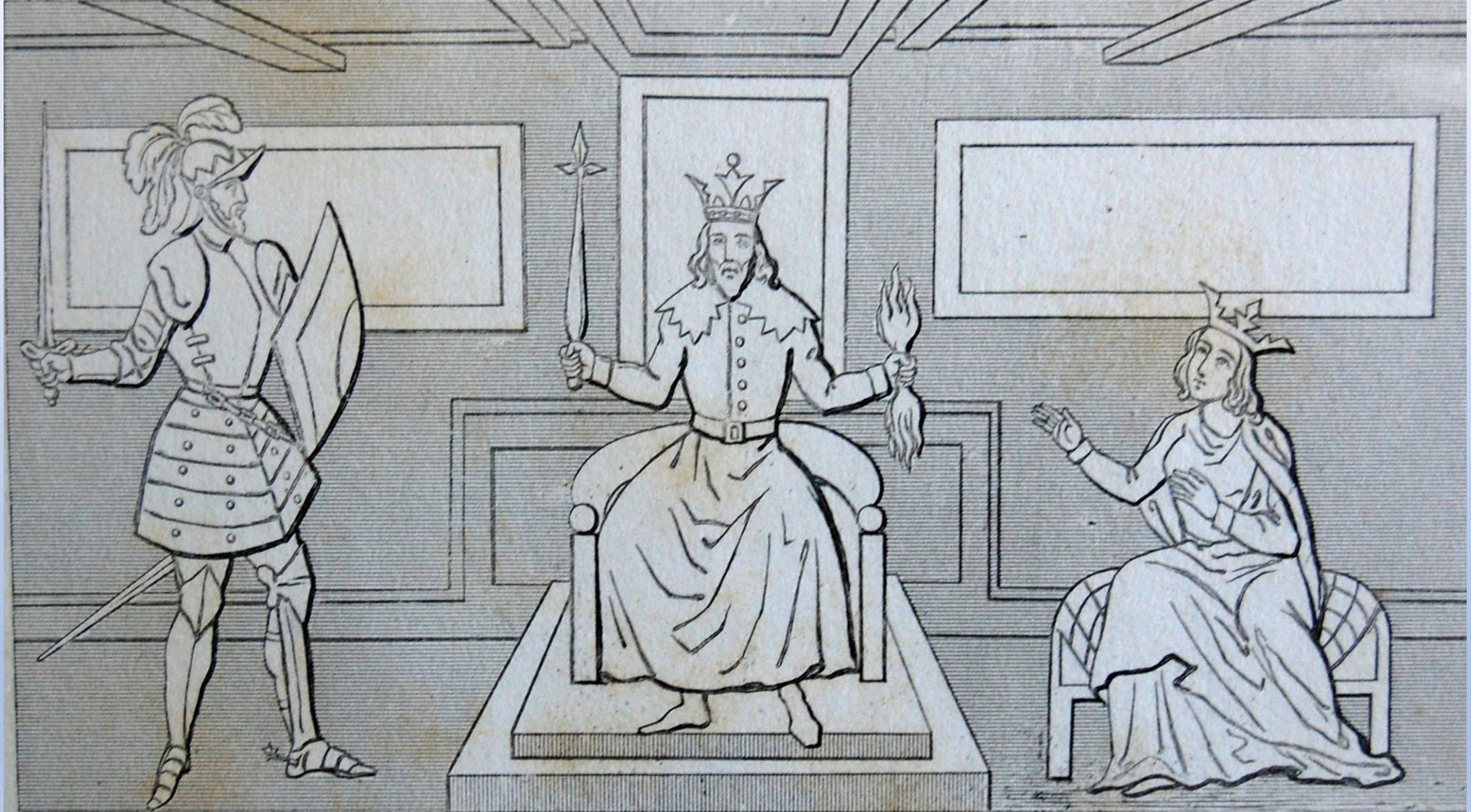
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Codex Upsaliensis circa 1325 (f.26v)

“Deluding of Gylfi” Stemma



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Schefferus
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Rudbeck
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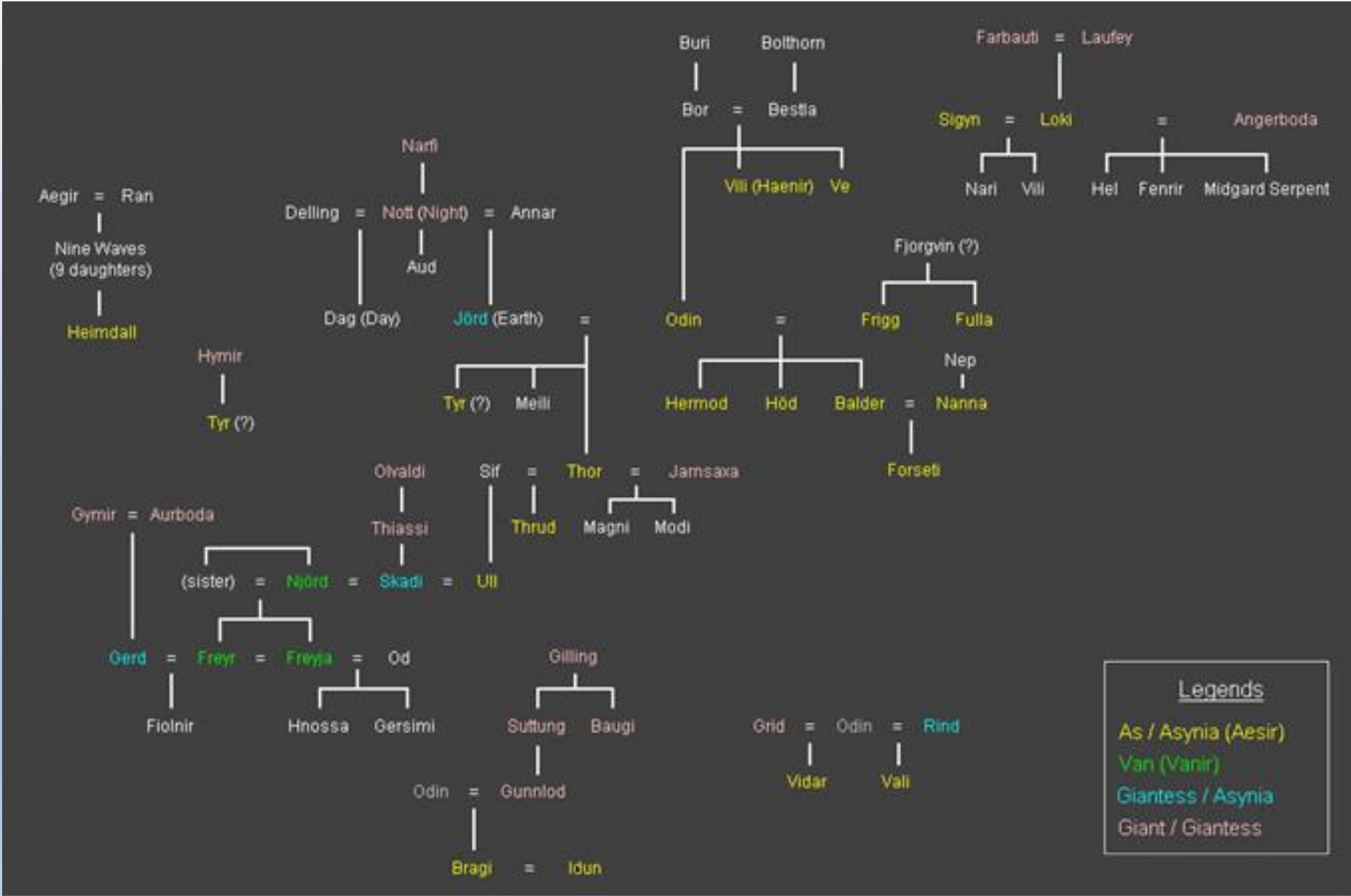
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Norse Gods Family Tree: Æsir, Vanir and some Giants



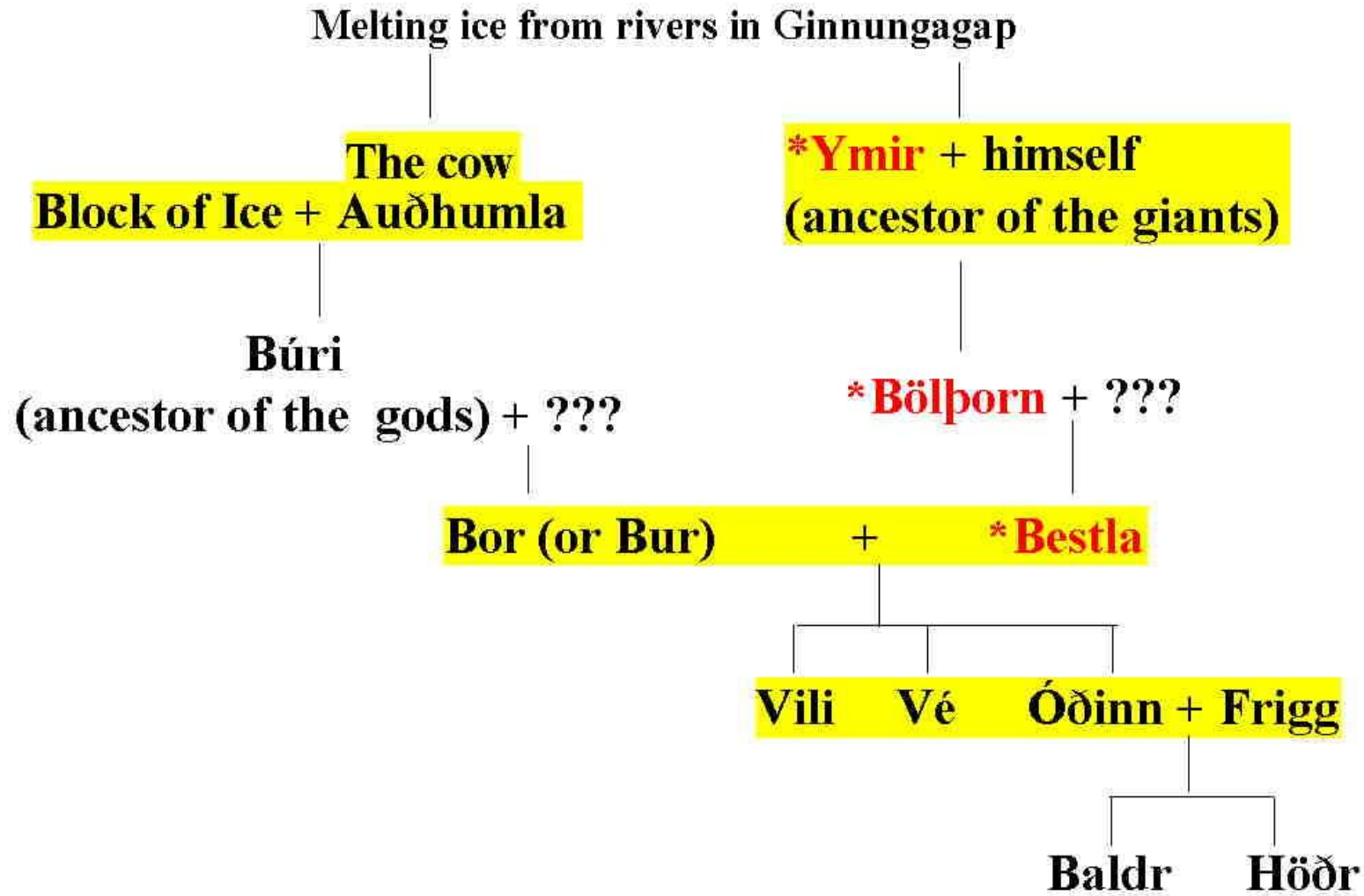
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Óðinn' s Family Tree





Óðinn's extended family



Óðinn + ***Jörð**

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Þórr

Þórr defends the gods and mankind by killing giants and giantesses.

Óðinn + ***Rindr**

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Vali

Váli avenges the death of his step-brother Baldr, i.e. kills Höðr.

Óðinn + ***Griðr**

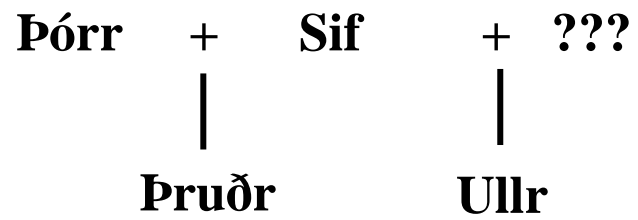
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Víðarr

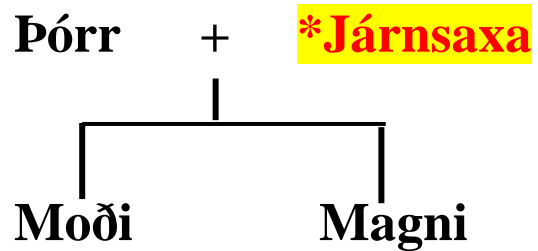
Víðarr avenges the death of Óðinn, i.e. kills the wolf Fenrir at the Battle of Ragnarök.



Þórr's Family Tree



Þórr's Extended Family





Loki' s Family Tree



***Fárbauti + Laufey/Nál**

Helblindi Býleistr Loki + Sigun

Narfi / Nari

Loki + ???

Vali / Váli



Loki's Extended Family Tree



***Loki + Svaðilfari (the Giant's stallion)**

Sleipnir (Óðinn's eight-legged stallion)

***Loki + *Angrboða**

***Hel**
(Ruler of Hel)

Jörmundgandr/Miðgarðsormr
(Midgard Serpent)

***Fenrir**
(Fenris Wolf)



Victorian Retellings



Reverend Canon [Charles Kingsley](#) (1819 – 1875)

“I say that the Church of England is wonderfully and mysteriously fitted for the souls of a free Norse-Saxon race; for men whose ancestors fought by the side of Odin, over whom a descendant of Odin now rules.”

[Charles Kingsley: his letters and memories of his life](#)

Annie Keary and Liza Keary



Annie Keary (1825-1879)

The Heroes of Asgard (1857 ed. - 1870 ed. - 1930 ed.)

Two British spinsters wrote *The Heroes of Asgard...* (1857)

First edition (1857) - pedagogical apparatus

Golden Age of Children's Literature (1865-1926)

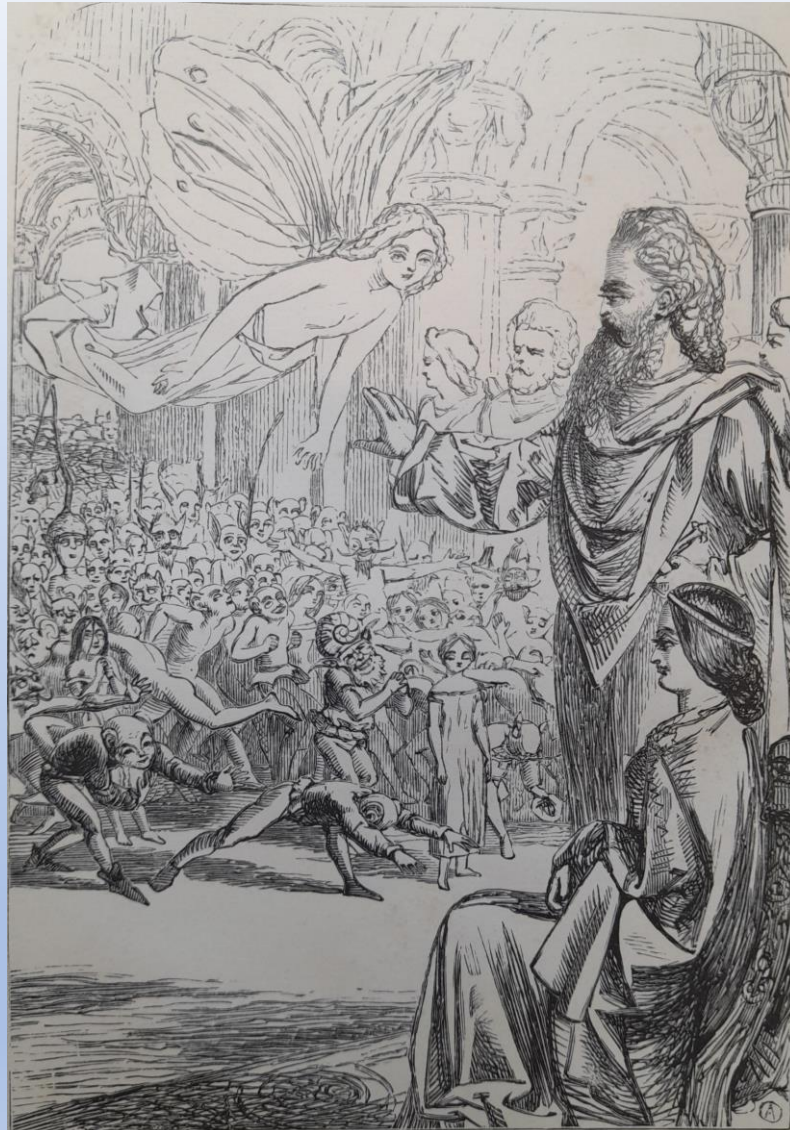
Parents' National Educational Union (PNEU) 1867

“The Parents' National Educational Union, founded in Bradford, Yorkshire in 1887 as the Parent's Educational Union, was an organisation providing resources and support for teachers and homeschoolers in the United Kingdom in accordance with the educational ideas of Charlotte Mason”. [Wikipedia](#)

The Heroes of Asgard (1857) – Charles Altamont Doyle (1832 – 1893)



Charles Doyle and the 6-year-old Arthur (Edinburgh, 1865)



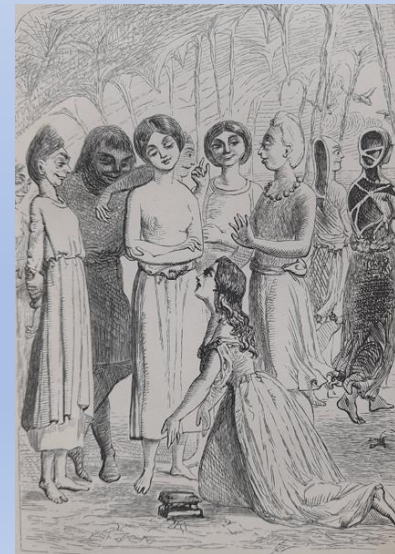
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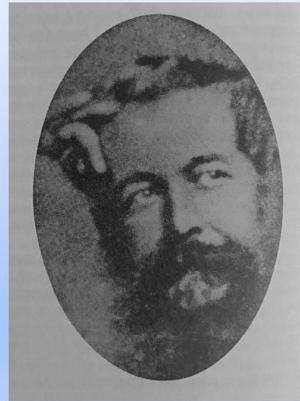
Íðunn



Skirnir

Presentation and Posters: Charles Altamont Doyle (1832 – 1893)

Under the Influence: Charles Altamont Doyle and “The Fairy’s Whisper”



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The Demons are in the Details: Charles Altamont Doyle and *The Heroes of Asgard* (1857)

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Victoria Albert Museum - "Meditation, Self Portrait"
Charles Altamont Doyle (1832-1893)
National Galleries, Scotland

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Birth	Civil Servant	Married	The Heroes of Asgard	Retired due to poor health.	Blairnrose House, a "home for Intemperate Gentlemen"	Sunnyside, Montrose Royal Lunatic Asylum	Criston Royal Institution	Death
1832	1849	1855	1857	1876	1881	1885	1892	1893

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The Strange Case of Charles Altamont Doyle and *The Heroes of Asgard* (1857)

Facts to Consider:

- The names of Asgard and the Giants of Jotunheim; On the West and the East (1857) were never mentioned by Shakespeare.
- The author was called as "The author of 'The Fairy's Whisper' and 'The Fairy's Song'."
- There is a mention of Shakespeare in an edition of the title page and the Title of *The Heroes of Asgard*, in 1857.
- Contemporary reviews do not mention an illustration or reference to any of the illustrations.

HEROES OF ASGARD AND THE GIANTS OF JOTUNHEIM; OR, THE WEST AND THE EAST. BY CHARLES ALTAMONT DOYLE. Pp. 16. 6s. 6d. London: W. & A. G. Smith, 1857.

Exhibit A: Title Page
Exhibit C: Monogram

Late Breaking News: Charles Altamont Doyle, brother of Richard "Dick" Doyle and father of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, now identified as the illustrator of *The Heroes of Asgard*!

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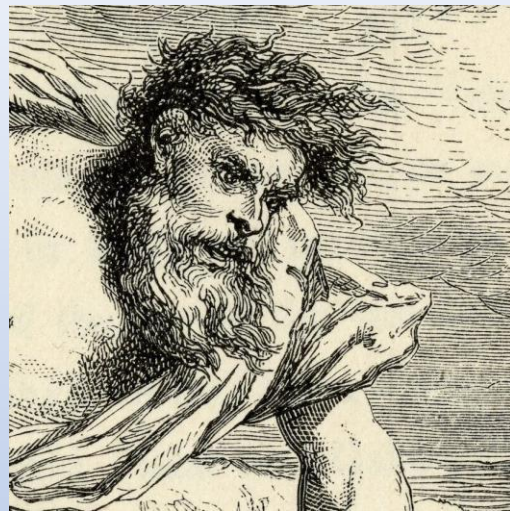
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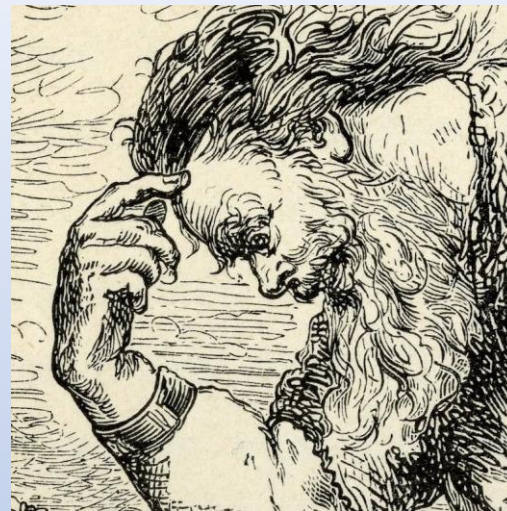
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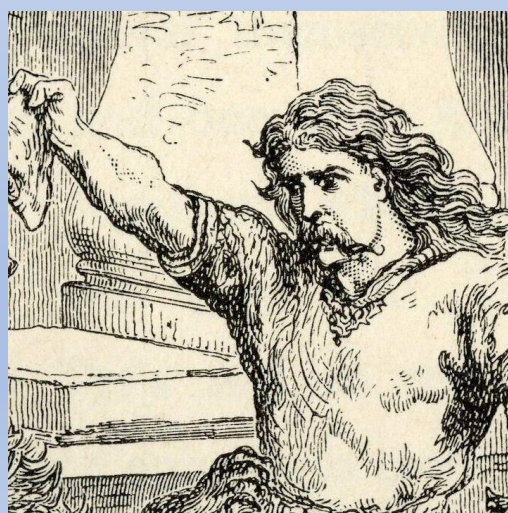
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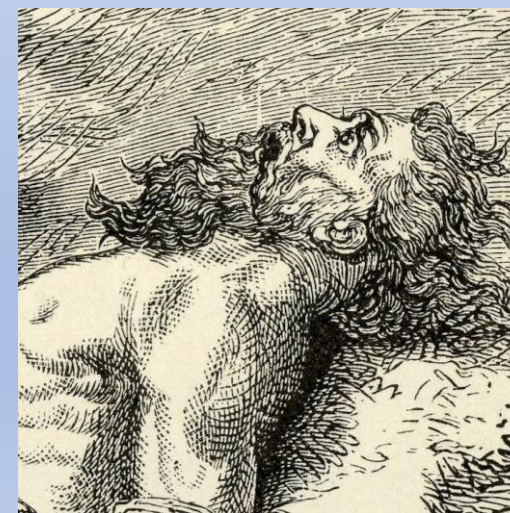
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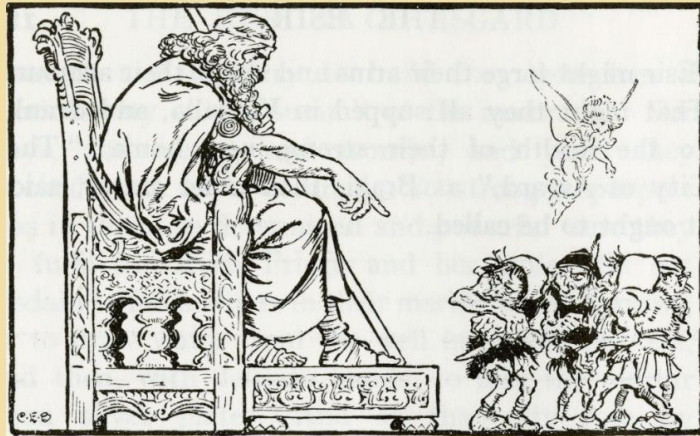
Týr



Loki

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Reshaping the Shapeshifter: Óðinn's Victorian Makeover



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Victorian and Edwardian Retellings* in [MyNDIR](#) (My Norse Digital Image Repository)

[Asgard Stories](#) (24 illustrations)

Children's book by [Mabel Cummings](#) and [Mary Foster](#) published in 1901.

[Children of Odin](#) (16 illustrations)

Children's book by [Ernest Edwin Speight](#) published in 1901. The illustrations in MyNDIR are from the second edition that was published in 1903. Disambiguation: This book should not be confused with *The Children of Odin* by Padriac Colum published in 1920 that was illustrated by Willy Pogany.

[Elder or Poetic Edda](#) (34 illustrations)

A dual language edition of the *Poetic Edda* by [Olive Bray](#) with illustrations by [W. G. Collingwood](#).

[Heroes of Asgard](#) (1857 ed.) (5 illustrations)

The first edition of *The Heroes of Asgard* by [Annie Keary](#) and her sister [Eliza Keary](#) was published in 1857 and was illustrated by [Charles Altamont Doyle](#).

[Heroes of Asgard](#) (1870 ed.) (7 illustrations)

The second illustrated edition of *The Heroes of Asgard* was published in 1870 and illustrated by [Louis Huard](#). These images are from the 1908 reprint.

* [Heroes of Asgard](#) (1930 ed.) (86 illustrations)

The third illustrated edition of *The Heroes of Asgard* was published in 1930 and was illustrated by [C. E. Brock](#).

[*Heroes of the Norselands*](#) (9 illustrations)

The Heroes of the Norselands by [Katherine F. Boulton](#) was illustrated by [T. H. Robinson](#). The first edition was published in 1901.

[*In the Days of Giants*](#) (7 illustrations)

Retelling of Norse Myth written by [Abbie Farwell Brown](#) and illustrated by [Elmer Boyd Smith](#).

[*Norse Stories, Retold from the Eddas*](#) (11 illustrations)

The first edition of *Norse Stories, Retold from the Eddas* by [Hamilton Wright Mabie](#) was published in 1882 and illustrated by [George Hand Wright](#).

[*Wonderful Stories from Northern Lands*](#) (6 illustrations)

[Julia Goddard](#)'s collection of retellings based on eddaic poems, sagas and ballads. It was illustrated by [W. J. Weigand](#).

Also of interest:

[Digital Victorian Periodical Database](#) – Relevant images from this site are currently being added to MyNDIR.

For example: Poem: [“The Dying Viking”](#) Image: [“The Dying Viking”](#)

[Trish Baer’s Needle Feltings](#) based on images in MyNDIR



Consequences and Conclusions



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"The Scandinavian mythology converted into a tale told for the edification of children, after the manner of books that have taught the Greek and Roman mythology. But no genius can invest the gods of Asgard with the charms of the gods of Olympus. They have none of the grace or dignity. But the authoress has made the best of an unattractive theme."

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Charlotte Mason (1842-1923)



The longevity of *The Heroes of Asgard* was assured in 1887 when Charlotte Mason (1842–1923) founded the Parents' National Educational Union (PNEU) and included the Keary sisters' retelling of the Norse myths in “an organized home-school curriculum for families living abroad that promised to solidify an English national identity in their children” (*Neiwe Savages or Citizens? Children, Education, and the British Empire, 1899-1950. 2009 Abstract*).

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The Heroes of Asgard by Kearny (sic) and Keary

“This is used in the PNEU programmes from the 1920s and 1930s. It is a wonderful introduction to Norse/Germanic mythology written in a literary manner.”

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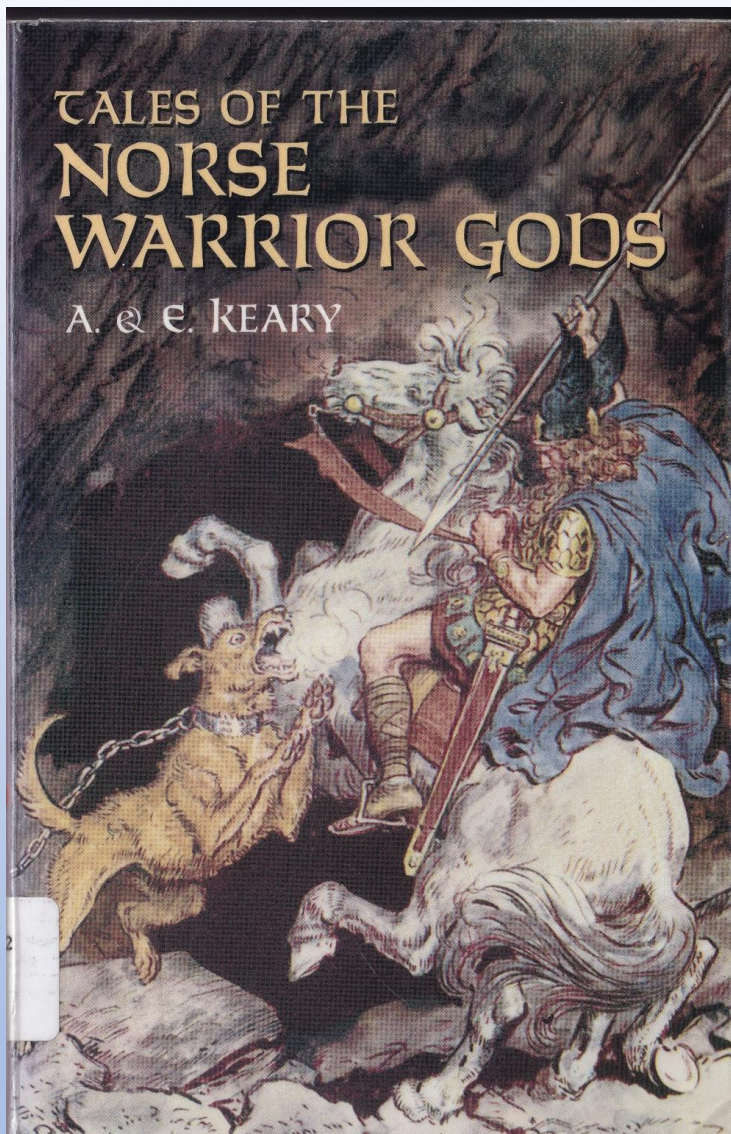
Concluding Remarks

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Homeschooling Summit Speakers

<https://homeschoolboost.com> › [2021-charlotte-mason-h...](#)

Rachel and her husband have always *homeschooled* their two children using...the Wildwood Curriculum, the Stonechats podcast, and blogs at *Juniper Pines*.



Keary, Annie, Eliza Keary, and C E. Brock. ***Tales of the Norse Warrior Gods: The Heroes of Asgard.***
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Jackson Crawford



List of Videos on Youtube

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