

"So, you will help us?" Volstagg asked.

"Loki is my king. I cannot open the Bifrost for you," Heimdall said. Then he left them.

"Now what can we do?" Volstagg asked.

Lady Sif noticed something. "Look!"

Heimdall's sword was in the machine that opened the Bifrost. Now *they* could open it.

From the palace roof, Loki watched the Bifrost light up between Asgard and Earth.

Lady Sif and the other warriors were gone when Heimdall returned. Suddenly, Loki arrived at the guard post and stopped a few meters in front of Heimdall. He carried Odin's spear, Gungnir.

"Tell me, Loki," Heimdall said. "How did you let the Jotuns into Asgard?"

"You think that the Bifrost is the only way in and out of Asgard?" Loki asked. "No—there are secret paths between the Nine Realms. But I do not need them now. You are a traitor! You watched while Lady Sif and the Warriors Three went through the Bifrost!" he said angrily. "You are not now the guard of the bridge. And you are not, now, an Asgardian!"

"Then I do not have to listen to you."

Heimdall lifted his sword and tried to cut Loki, but Loki moved faster. He pointed Gungnir at Heimdall, and ice poured from it. Loki's skin turned blue and his eyes turned the red color of his true father.

The ice covered Heimdall's body and then his face. He couldn't move. He stood, frozen, outside his guard post at the end of the Rainbow Bridge.

Slowly the blue color left Loki's skin and his eyes turned their usual color again. He walked away and went down to the underground room, to the Casket of Ancient Winters.

He opened the gate that held back the Destroyer. The Destroyer stepped forward.

"My brother must not return to Asgard," Loki said. "Stop him. Destroy him."



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Agent Coulson was in his office near Puente Antiguo with other S.H.I.E.L.D. agents when they noticed big changes in the sky.

"What's that?" Coulson asked.

"I don't know, sir," a scientist replied. "A lot of energy appeared and then disappeared twenty-five kilometers north-west of here."

"Let's go and take a look," Coulson said. He went out of the office with his men and they got into their cars.