

Mythic though they may be, the characters in “Thor” had to be cast using mere human beings. But it would take a handful of talented performers (who met a well-established set of criteria for everything from stature to physicality) to breathe life into the inhabitants of the three worlds that comprise Marvel’s tale of the god of thunder and his family, fellow warriors and mortal enemies. “Chris Hemsworth looks like a super hero,” says executive producer and Marvel originator Stan Lee. “Out of make-up and wardrobe, he’s a really strong, soulful, emotional guy. Dressed as Thor, he looks like he has the maturity and wisdom to carry the weight of the world on his shoulders.” Veteran stunt coordinator Andy Armstrong agrees: “Chris is the real deal. He’s in that rare category where all the women find him very attractive, and yet every guy relates to him, too. Once I saw him

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