

# Melkora: The Thrall Princessa's Saga

## Cast of Characters

**Melkorka:** Before being known as Melkorka, she was Princess Mæl Curcaig, daughter of King Muirchertach. Kidnapped by a roving band of Vikings while visiting the local monastery in Ireland, she is taken to Norway to be sold as a slave (*thrall*). Traumatized by this horrific experience, she becomes incapable of speech. Everyone thinks she is a mute, including the slave trader, and because of this, he tries to sell her off as soon as possible. An Icelandic chieftain buys her as a gift for his wife, and she is taken to Iceland. In Iceland, she gives birth to a son, Olaf. His father is Hoskuld.

**Hoskuld Kollson:** Great-grandson of Aud the Deep-Minded and Olaf the White, a chieftain of his region and married to a woman called Jorunn. They have one son named Thorlief. Although the marriage was arranged and may not be a love match, he does, however, honour her as his wife and has great respect for her management skills. He may even fear her, especially after he buys a slave while in Norway as a gift. While away from his wife, he makes the slave his concubine. They have a child together, which he names Olaf after his favorite uncle Olaf Falain.

**Jorunn Bjarnadottir:** Wife of Hoskuld and mother to Thorlief, and an exceptional manager of the estate, Hoskuldstadir. She does not like the slave that she has been gifted with and can be a cruel master. She becomes very jealous of any attention her husband bestows towards this unwanted woman, who appears to be mute and struggles to understand her commands.

**Olaf the Peacock (Pai):** Son of Melkorka and Hoskuld and half brother to Thorlief. It is well known that he is loved dearly by his father, who named him after his favorite uncle. As a young man, Olaf goes on a great adventure to Norway, where he becomes the favourite of Queen Gunnhild. When he returns to Iceland, he marries Thorgerdur Egilsdottir.

**Thorgerdur:** Mother to Hoskuld and Hrut, grandmother to Olaf. After Hoskuld's father died she moved back to Norway, where she remarried and had another child, Hrut.

**Hrut:** Son of Thorgerdur, half brother to Hoskuld. He shows up in Iceland claiming a right to part of Hoskuld's holdings.

**King Myrkjartan:** The Viking pronunciation of King Muirchertach of Linster, Ireland. He is the father of Mæl Curcaig, known as Melkorka the Thrall Princessa in Iceland.

**Mor:** Princess Mæl Curcaig's nursemaid.