

Talking to Guardian, Idris Elba shared some of his thoughts on playing the all-seeing guardian of Asgard, in Marvel Studios' highly anticipated big screen adaptation of THOR. "It's an extraordinary visual spectacular," says Elba. "It's different from anything else I've done; but at the same time, it's been pointed out to me that here I am playing a central, solid figure again – the one that people should trust. Take Stringer or Luther – that seems to be a common denominator in the characters I play." When he was asked by Kenneth Branagh to be part of the great cast, Elba says that he little hesitated about playing the Norse god at the start: "When Kenneth asked me to be part of it, I did find myself questioning race," Elba confesses. "But Kenneth hadn't even given that a thought. He just needed an actor who has presence and command, and felt that I fitted

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