Vikings Can Be Women Too!

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A viking grave is found with weapons and strategy games.

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As scientist looked at the bones they found 2 types of DNA labelled as X & Y, which are found in only females and not males.

This sparked debates because people were stunned at the idea of a female warrior.

How are you going to argue with the bone study that this Viking is a woman?

But, there were swords, axes, spears, arrows, knives and gaming pieces found in the grave. So this person was a fighter meaning they were a man.

Scientist took these bones to the lab to finally confirm the sex of the Viking warrior.
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Archaeologist: From my DNA, the archaeologist who investigated this grave, could tell I was a Swedish female warrior around 30 years old. Even though I was buried a thousand years ago.

Hi, my name is Charlotte! I am the lead archaeologist who investigated this grave. All four of these items were found in her grave. This can tell us about her role as a Viking and family's wealth.

Adding on to Charlotte, this also means that we cannot assume that thousands of years ago people had the same idea of gender and sex as we do! Gender roles can have endless possibilities. As archaeologist if we hold biases this can ruin all our hard work.

Hi! Why am I here? Ugh. Why are we fighting? This is how we win!

We shall go to the north end and take cover in the night, then attack!

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Wohooo!