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She Who Fought

Women of the worth is considered as a title that is given to such a woman who has changed the history by her achievements. Among such women, a woman was Lagertha Lothbrok. She was a skilled amazon, and a Viking on the land of the Norway. She is known to be a shieldmaiden in the book “The History of Danes” by Saxo Grammaticus. Historical events show that she was a woman of worth; two of the major events, she is known for, are the battle of revenge and civil war in Denmark.

A battle of revenge formed with the death of Norwegian King Siward, Ragnar’s grandfather. Ragnar Lothbrok was the legendary Viking king whose grandfather was killed by the king Frø. Hearing this, “coming to Norway with Vengeance on his mind, Ragnar is met at his camp by some women who had been scorned, dressed up in male attire ready to join him to hunt down the king Frø” (“Lagertha” Groeneveld). This was, of course, Lagertha, who was among the wormen. It was said that she led his women army and fought in the front of the battle by the courage of a man. Her hair was loose over her shoulders, all marvelled at her mathchless fighting skills, for her locks lying down her back betrayed that she was a woman. She became a key of victory that joined her name with King Ragnar’s name. Because Ragnar become crazy about her events.

Lagertha helped her husband in the civil war of Denmark instead of having divorced from him. In the book “The History of Danes” by Saxo Grammaticus, Saxo mentions that “Changing

Ragnar’s love and desiring Thora, divorced himself from Lagertha; for he thought ill of her trustworthiness, remembering that she had long ago set the most savage beasts to destroy him” (IX). Thora was the daughter of the king Herodd of Sweden, to whom Ragnar get married by solving their problem (rid of the bunch of snakes, grown by Thora). However, this was not the end of Lagertha’s story in the history. “Lagertha remarries the legendary Viking chieftain and hero, Sigurd Ring. This marriage elevated her to the position of the queen, she remains an enduring symbol of female empowerment and strenght” (“The Real” 2022). Fortunately, Ragnar in the Denmak faces civil war. He was forced to ask for help from his ex-wife (Lagertha). Lagertha did not only agree to offer 120 ships “to the man who had once put her away” (IX). She even once again put herself in the battle to play decisive role, where she saved Ragnar’s life.

In conclusion, Viking women are known to be brave and full of courage. “Util years, women were not allowed to compete in track because of concerns about their ‘frailty’” (“Women” Forster). But in the history of legends Females used to fight in the battles to make get to create their own identity. Therefore, in this modern era, women need to become a endure Viking or Warrior just like Lagertha to take their own rights.