

VILLAGE SCENE - ALL WARRIORS ARE LIGHTLY ARMED AT THIS STAGE.

small groups of villagers talking, doing crafts, cooking etc

Axe and spear practice with a bit of a competition.

Games - dice, 9 mens morris etc

Wrestling practice.

Thane marches on with the Housecarls dragging a chained and manacled prisoner whom the Thane introduces as a Viking from a ship he has raided. Prisoner is kicked, whipped and beaten etc. Then taken to one of the tents and left there.

At the rear are a bunch of warriors carrying gear (this actually belongs to the warriors of the village) He says he has raided a Viking ship and found all this treasure and he is looking for men to go and fight the Vikings. He offers free weapons to all who will go with him.

Warriors get the gear but two fight over one weapon, they fight and one gets knocked out. His sister runs from the women and challenges his attacker to a fight as the family honour has been insulted. He and his friends laugh at her.

Woman goes to the Thane and demands right of trial by combat, thane agrees and tells her to go and prepare. She comes back armed up. Four men form the Holmganger square, the rest sit and watch. Woman wins the fight and warriors friends end up laughing at him instead.

He grabs the original weapon the fight was about and frees the prisoner, swearing vengeance to all in the village.

Village conference, villagers arm up with some women helping the warriors.

Sentries are posted and some of the women are in a separate group. Vikings attack a sentry and capture this small group of women and beat a fighting retreat.

All the Vikings come into the village and ask for money in return for the women, villagers say they have no money so Vikings ask for weapons instead but the villagers see through the trick.

3 battles of champions - Doesn't really matter who wins as they all cheat.

2 lines on each side. Shield wall behind a group of lightly armed berserkers.

Berserkers from Vikings go through the other sides berserkers and hit the shield wall - when this happens a small group of villagers go and try and rescue some of the captured women - they only get a few and the rest are slain.

The berserkers are called back and put into the line and then there is a clash in which everyone takes their shots.

PLEASE REMEMBER NOT TO KILL THE LEADERS FROM EACH SIDE IN THE FIRST TWO OR THREE SECONDS. THEY MUST STAY ALIVE UNTIL IT IS CLEAR WHICH SIDE IS WINNING.

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YOUR CO-OPERATION IN THIS WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED

OPEN ENDED SCRIPT.

If the Vikings win they can take the women, if the Villagers win the women can cut the Vikings throats etc.

Circle of Treachery

Crowd Charge

The crowd will be invited to look at the gear, try it on and if anyone wants to join, they can do so.