## Vikki and the Viksens



In the year 870, Viking King Harald Fairhair, son of Halfdan the Black, declared that Avaldsnes on Norway's western coast would henceforth be his royal throne. He named it "the Sacred Place of Kings," which didn't sit well with his wife, who wanted to call it "Queensland." After all, she argued, it was she, Queen Vikki – along with her gang of mighty lady warriors, the Viksens – who had vanquished the Viking foes while the men stayed at home, cowering in their kitchens. But life in a post-warfare world is all about politics, and Harald and his good ol' boys were well-schooled in the art of chicanery. As a result, the men got to stay in and pillage Avaldsnes, while Vikki and her buddies founded Queensland – which, due to an administrative error, turned out to be halfway around the world off the coast of New Guinea.