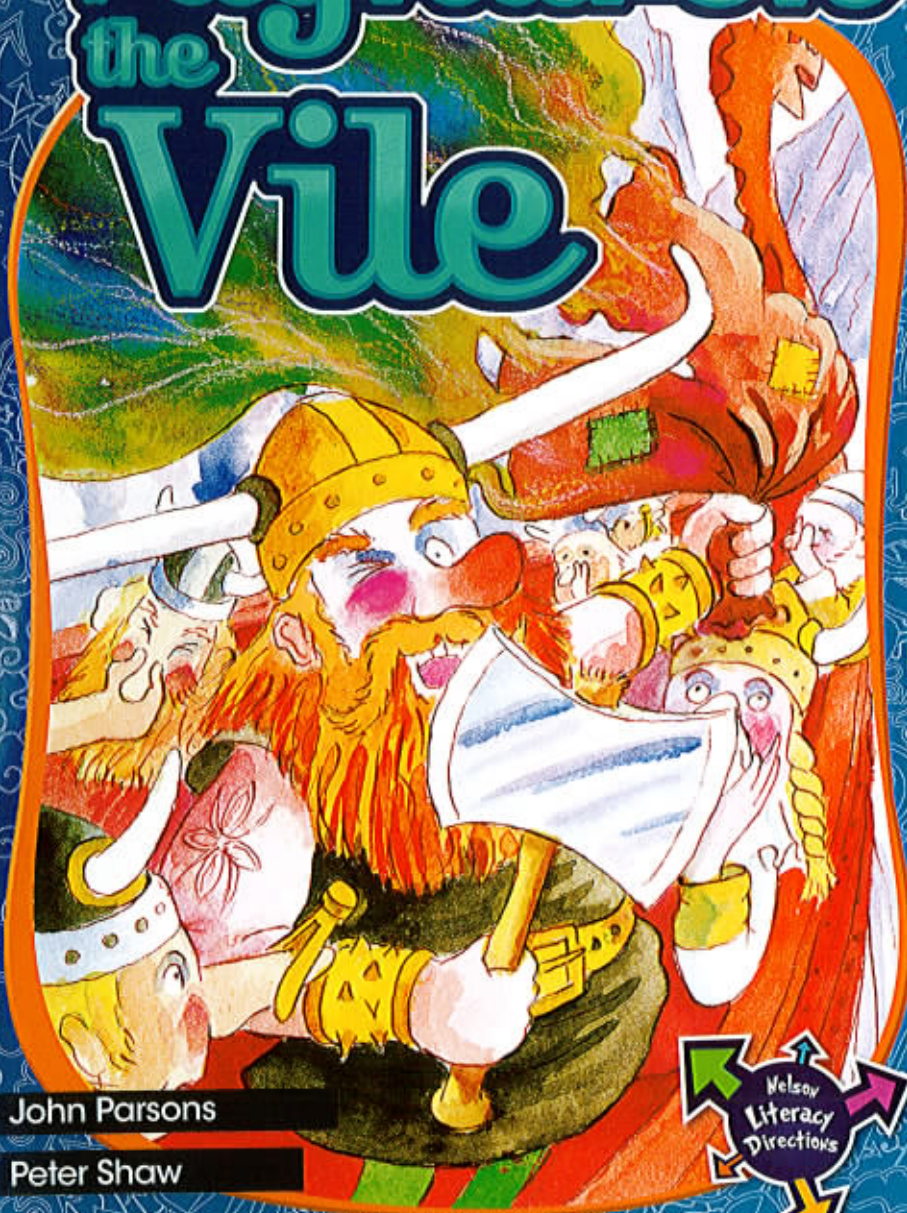
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Meet the Characters



Vagnarok

A smelly Viking chief.



Torrid

A Viking warrior.



Horrid

A female Viking warrior.



Gryme

A Viking poet.



Vagnarok's crew

All the other Vikings.

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POST CARD

Dear Reader

This is a fun play for all those young Viking boys and girls who want to behave badly, grow beards, and smell horrible! Even if you don't want to do that, you'll have a lot of fun pulling faces! I hope you enjoy it!

John Parsons
Author

The Viking World



1. Watch out, Vagnarok and his band of Vikings live HERE
2. Watch out, more Vikings live in the other red areas

1 The Characters

You will need the following characters:

NARRATOR

The Narrator is the character who tells the story from one side of the stage. The Narrator can be a girl or a boy or even a teacher. Their job is to set the scene for the audience and to recount parts of the story so everyone understands what's going on.

VAGNAROK

Vagnarok is a fearsome and ferocious Viking chief. Like most Vikings, he is

rather untidy, and misbehaves quite a lot – but underneath all the fearsomeness and ferocity, Vagnarok has a good heart, and he is a little bit worried about what everyone thinks of him!

GRYME

Gryme is not like the other Vikings, because he thinks there may be better things to do than waggle swords and swing battle axes at each other. In fact, he is rather reluctant to fight at all. Instead, he prefers to spend his time and talents waggling and swinging his pen, writing long poems called sagas about the other Vikings and their deeds.

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TORRID

Torrid is one of Vagnarok's fearsome Vikings. He is a typical Viking. He speaks loudly and with a deep voice, and feels much more comfortable waving a sword when he speaks!

HORRID

Horrid is also one of Vagnarok's fearsome Vikings. Her favourite accessory is a battle axe, which she is very experienced at swinging (while everyone else ducks), and she is quite bossy.

OTHER VIKINGS

The other Vikings can be boys or girls. There is one essential qualification for being a fearsome and ferocious Viking: you must pull a frighteningly horrible face when you say "Eeeew!". You may also wear a long, straggly, whiskery beard, but this is optional. If you haven't got one already, or you are a girl, you can make an artificial one using paper.

