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## Medieval Women Cheat Sheet by Cúnla (cunla) via cheatography.com/60906/cs/15810/

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	To rule as joint monarchs $\rightarrow$ Fulk tried to push Mel in background
Noble women - pawns used by father for dynastic strategies	After serious dispute between them, revealed: she had nobles' support
12th century English noblewomen 2x more likely to marry more than once,	Then they co-ruled successfully
than noblemen	Their son Baldwin III fought a war against her $\!$
	as co-ruler
	'[She] had completely triumphed over <b>the handicap of her sex</b> so that
	she could take charge of important affairs'



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