Why are men in charge of women in Islam?

Man's Qiwāmah (being in charge) is nothing but an honor bestowed on women and a responsibility placed on men's shoulders to look after women and fulfill their needs. A Muslim woman plays the role of a queen, which every woman on earth aspires to. A smart woman is the one who chooses what she should be: an honorable queen or a hardworking woman in the middle of the road.

If we admit that some Muslim men misuse Qiwāmah, this does not indicate a deficiency in the Qiwāmah system itself; rather, it indicates a deficiency in those who misuse it.

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