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Only the Poor Die Young (and Short): An Analysis  
of Socioeconomic Status, Age-at-Death, and  
Femoral Length at Eindhoven, The Netherlands

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# OUTLINE

- The Embodiment of Status
- The Dutch Context
- Post-medieval Eindhoven
- Methods
- Findings & Interpretations
- Conclusions

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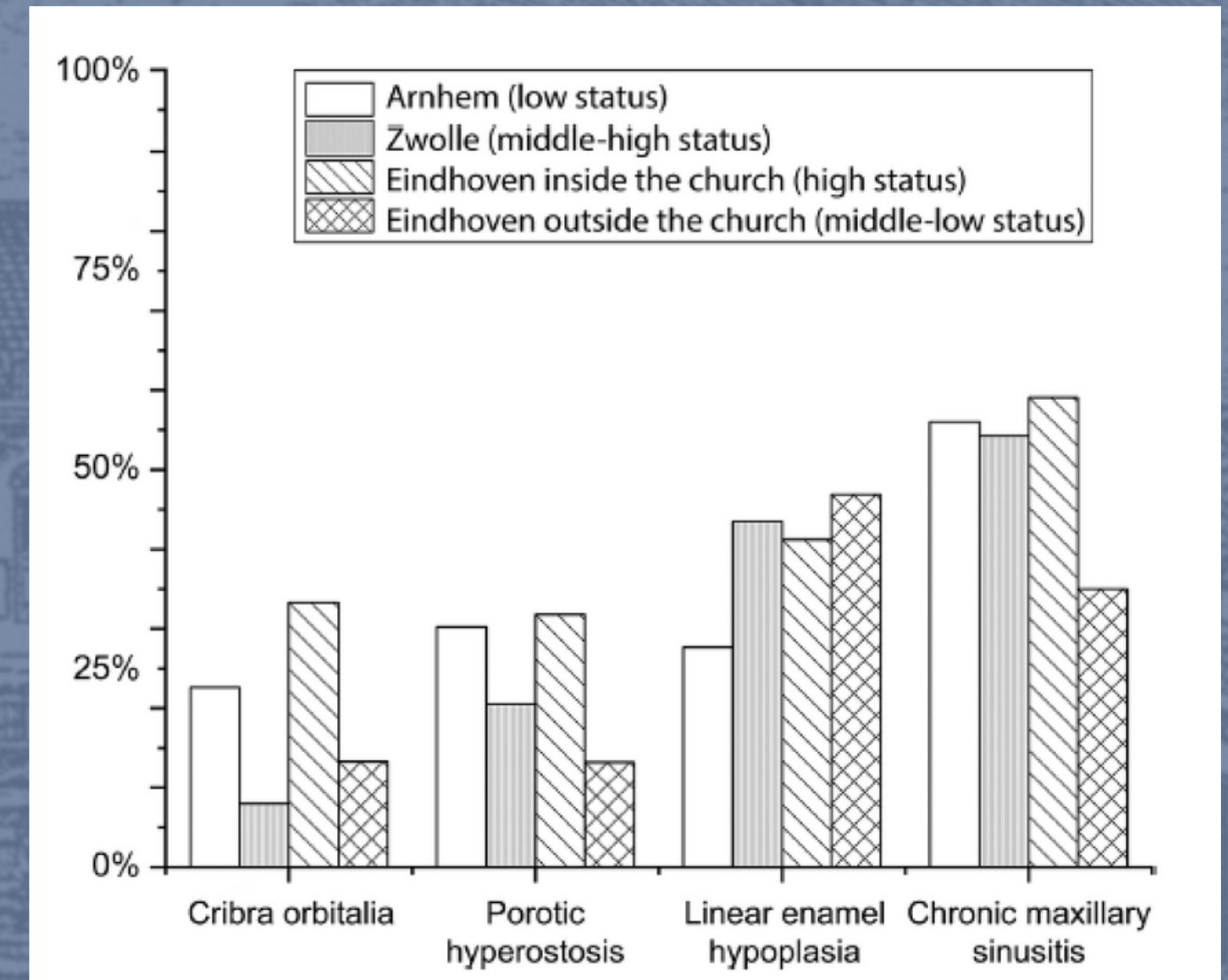
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- Cribra orbitalia, Porotic hyperostosis, Linear enamel hypoplasia, and Chronic maxillary sinusitis don't (always) correlate with status in Dutch post-medieval collections



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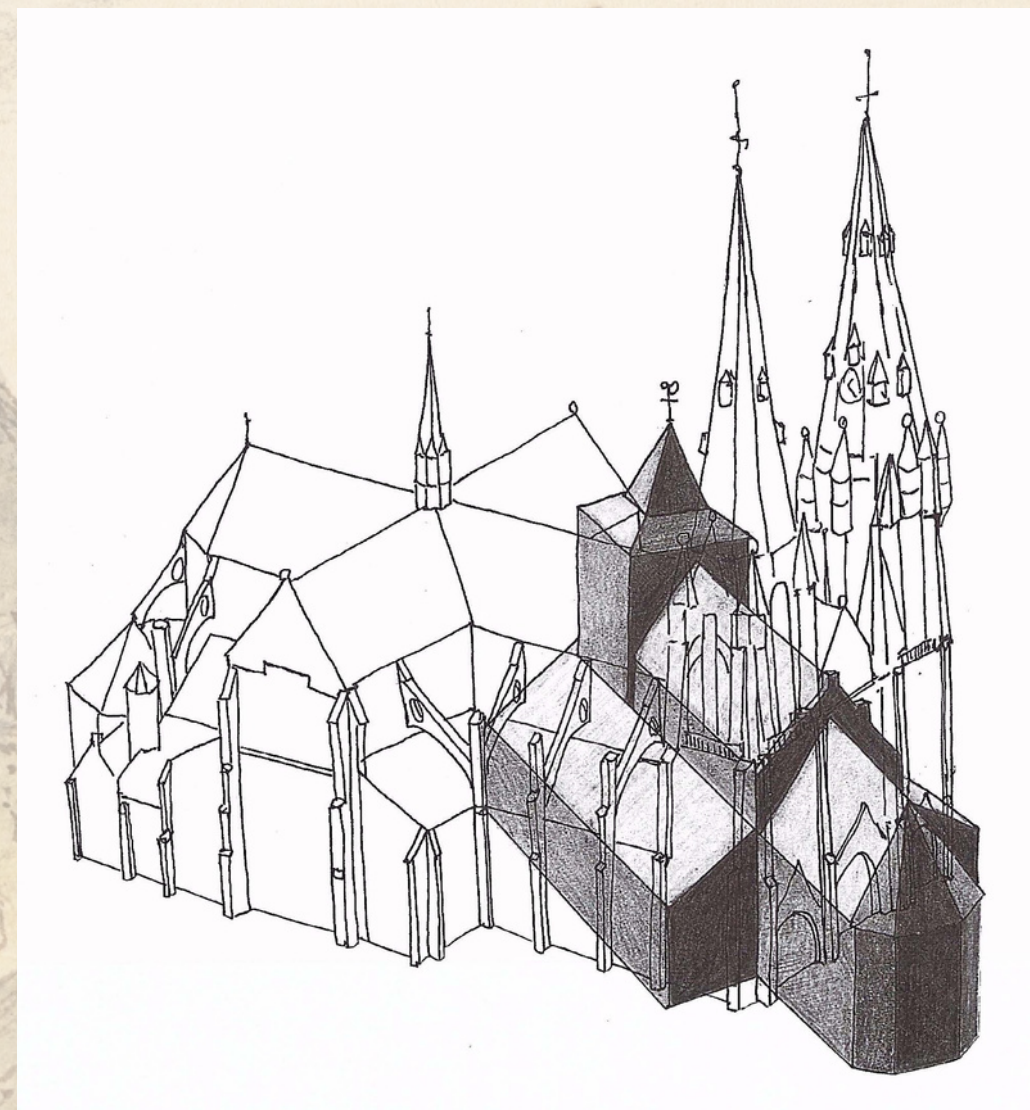
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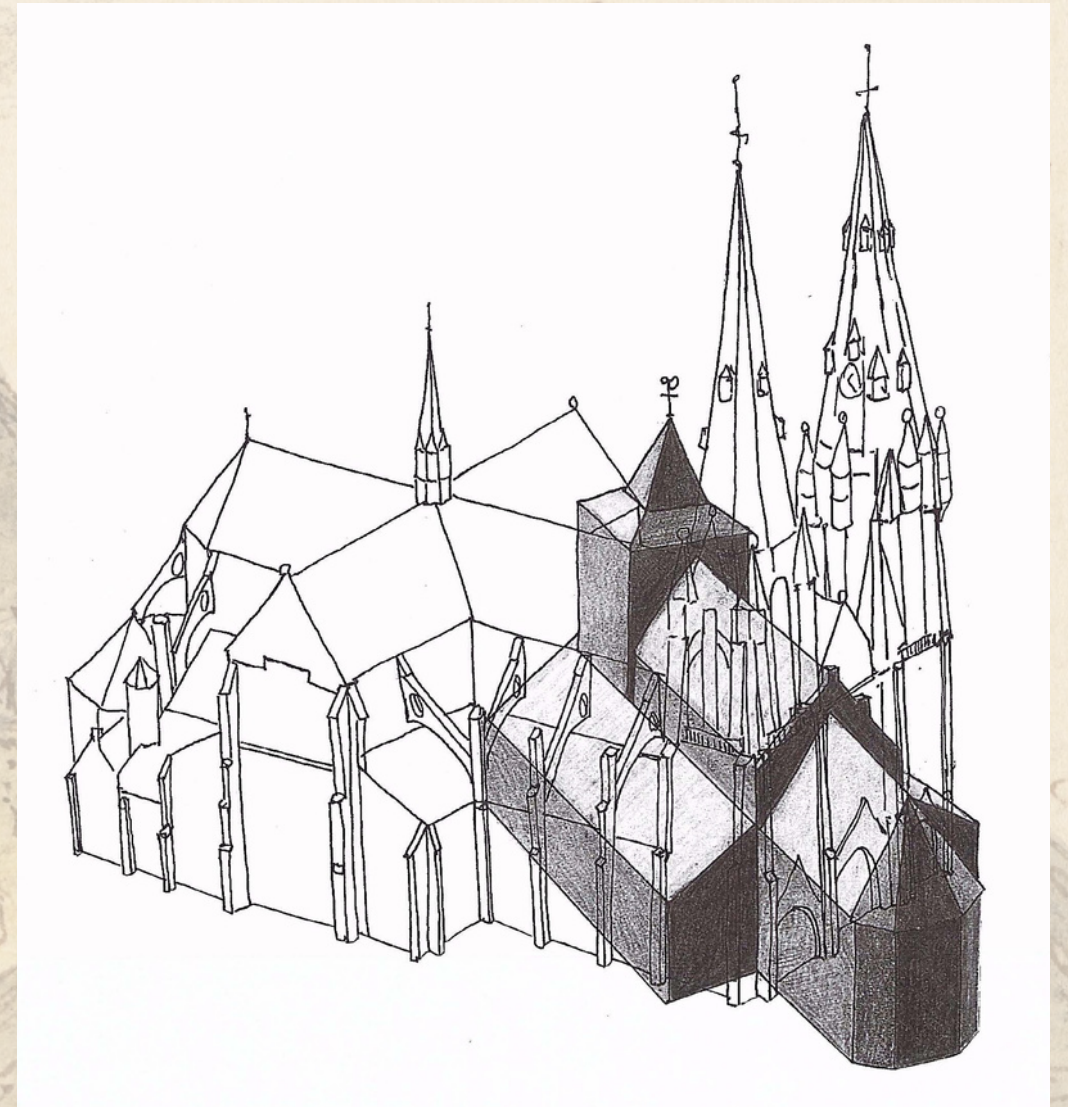


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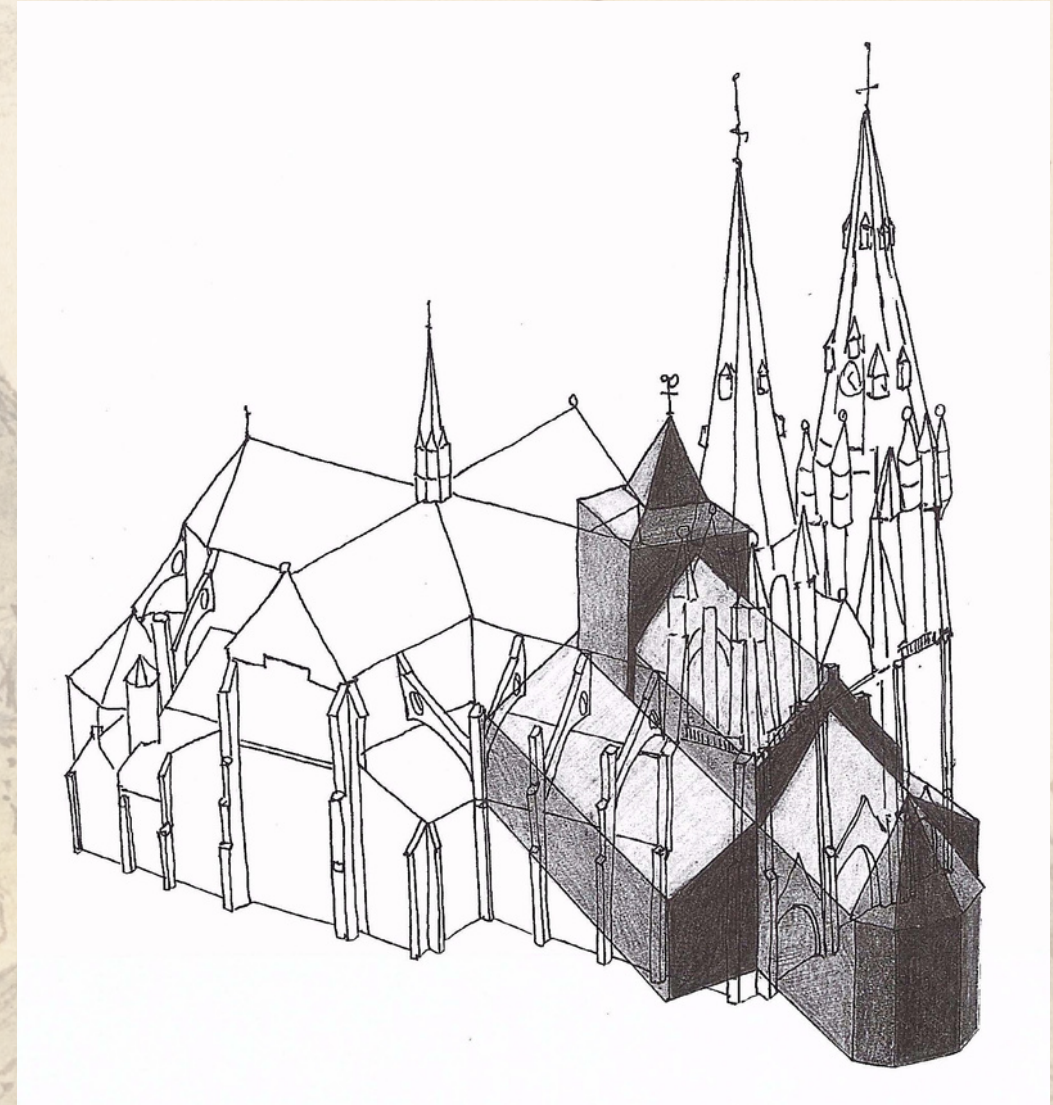
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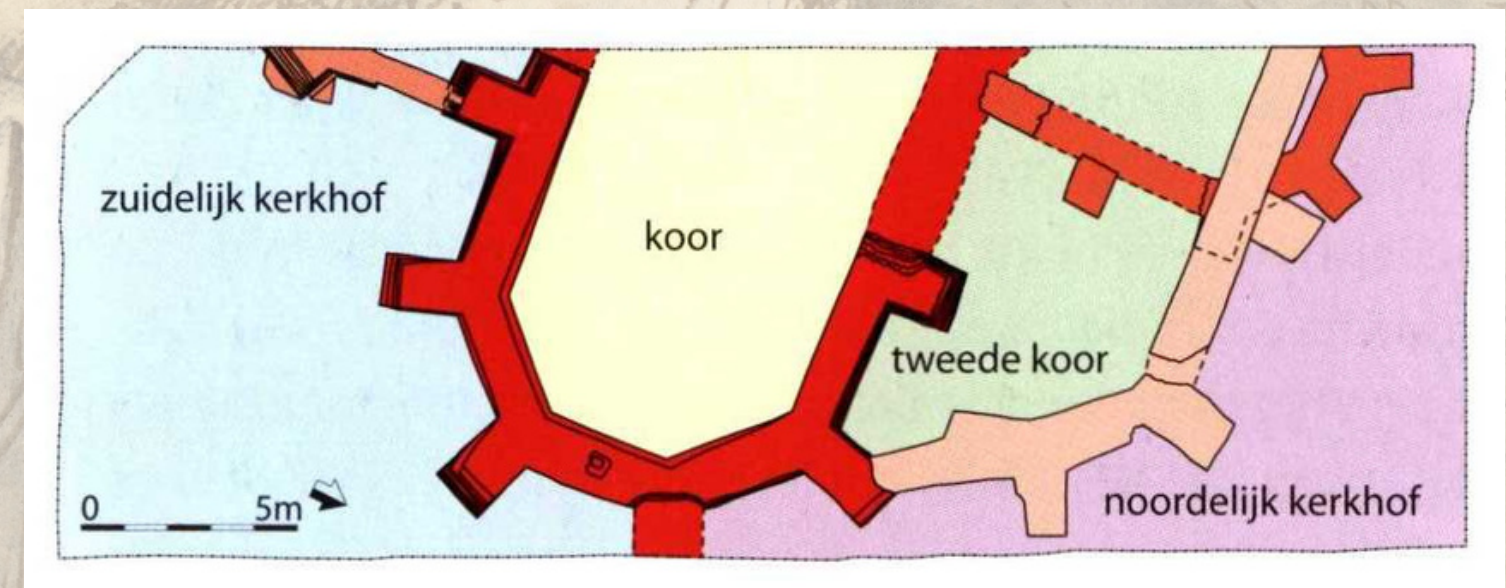
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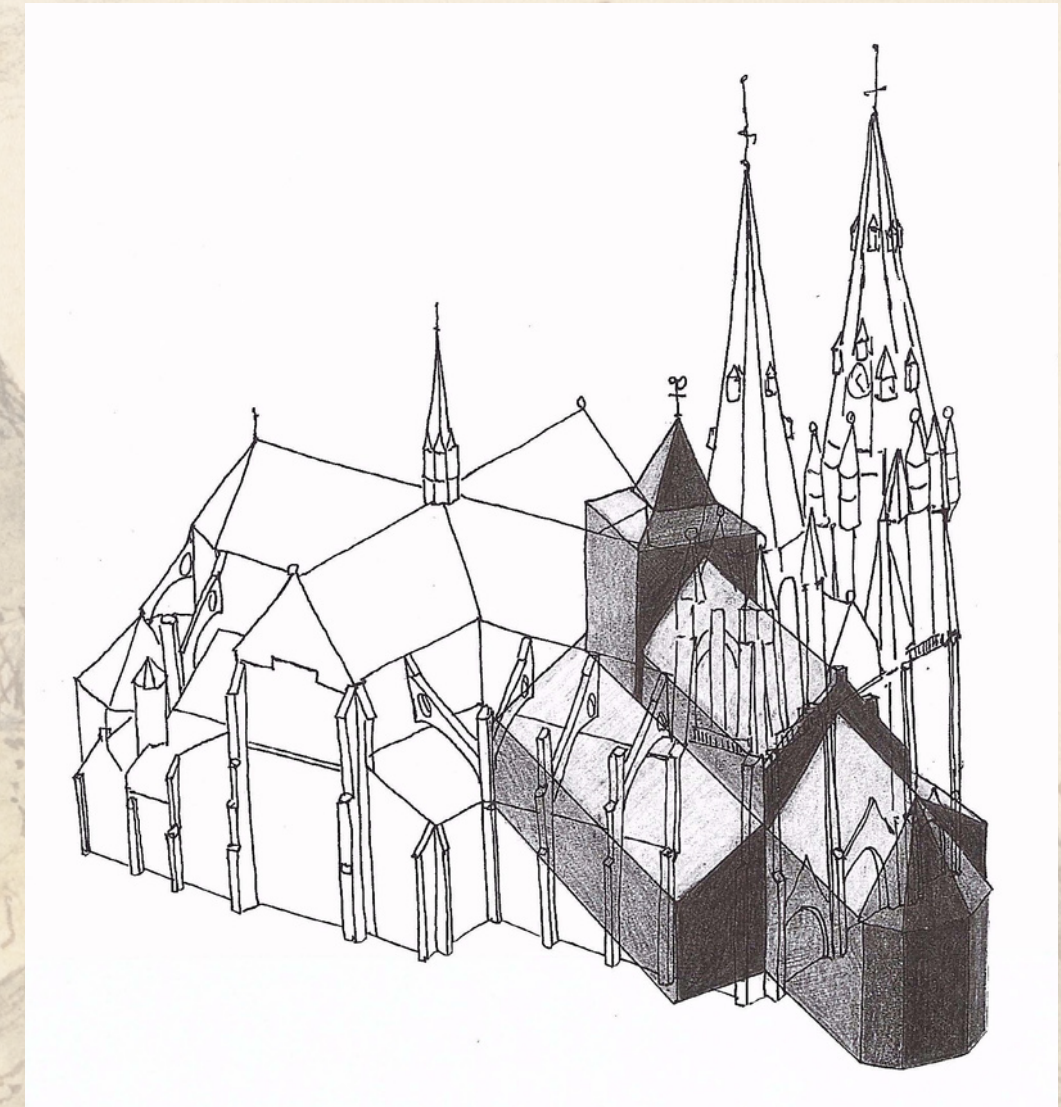
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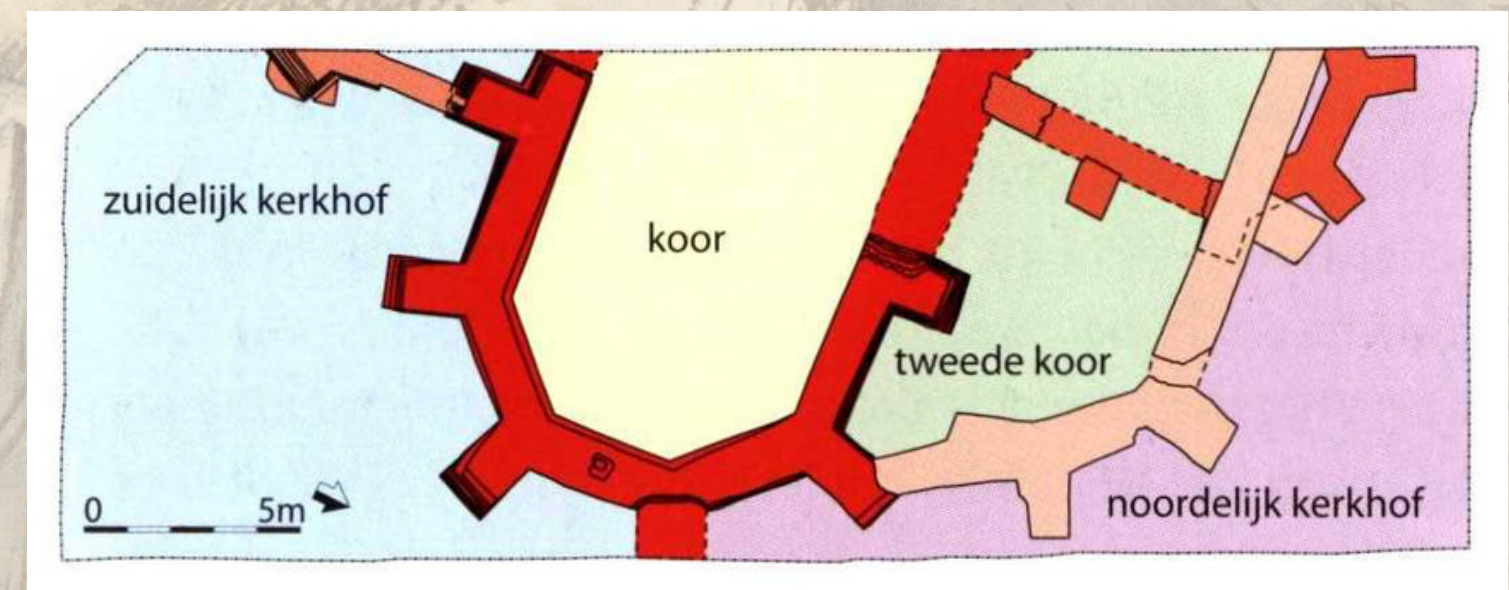
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	Inside	Outside
Females	10	27
Males	16	33



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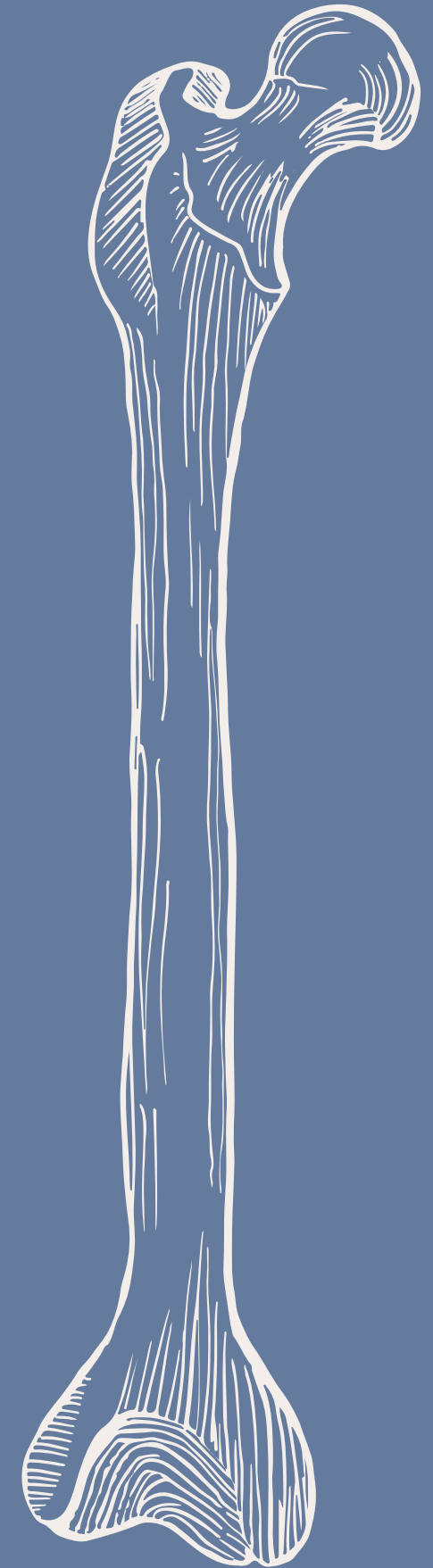


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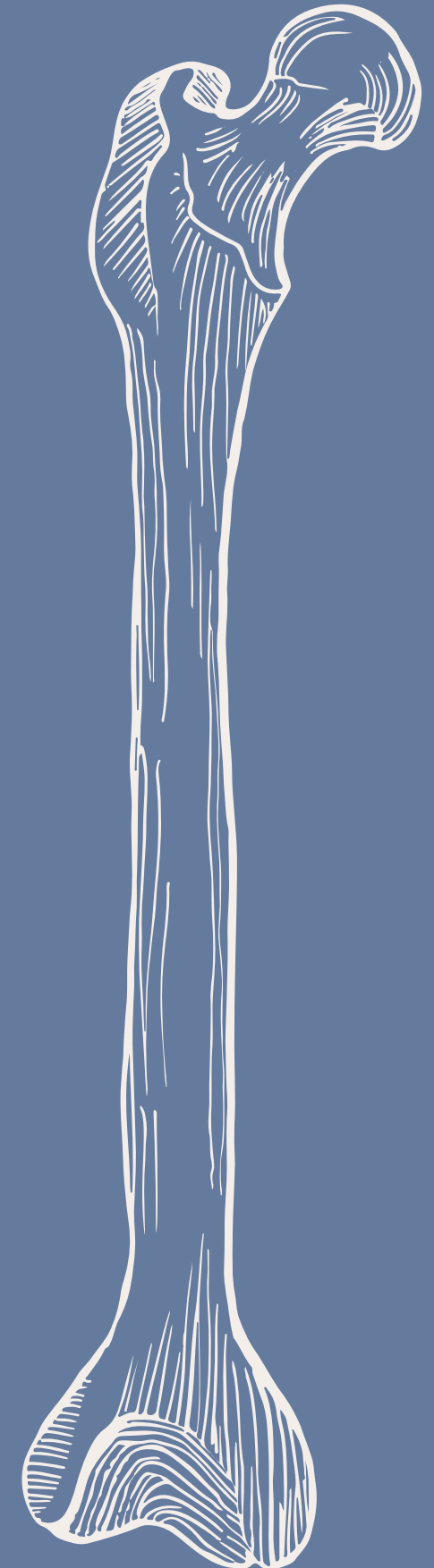
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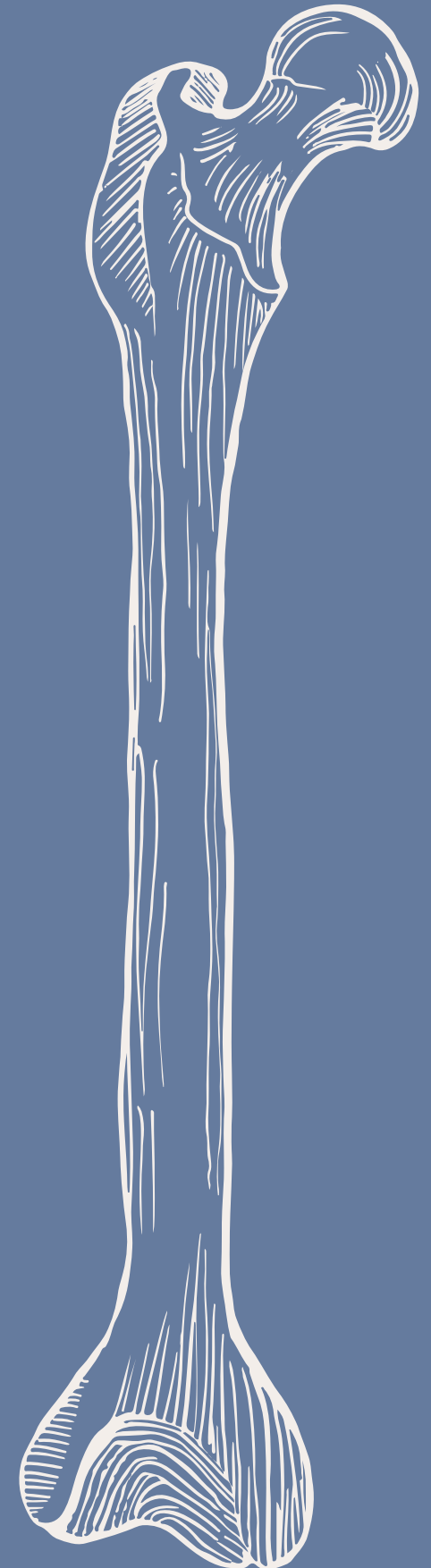
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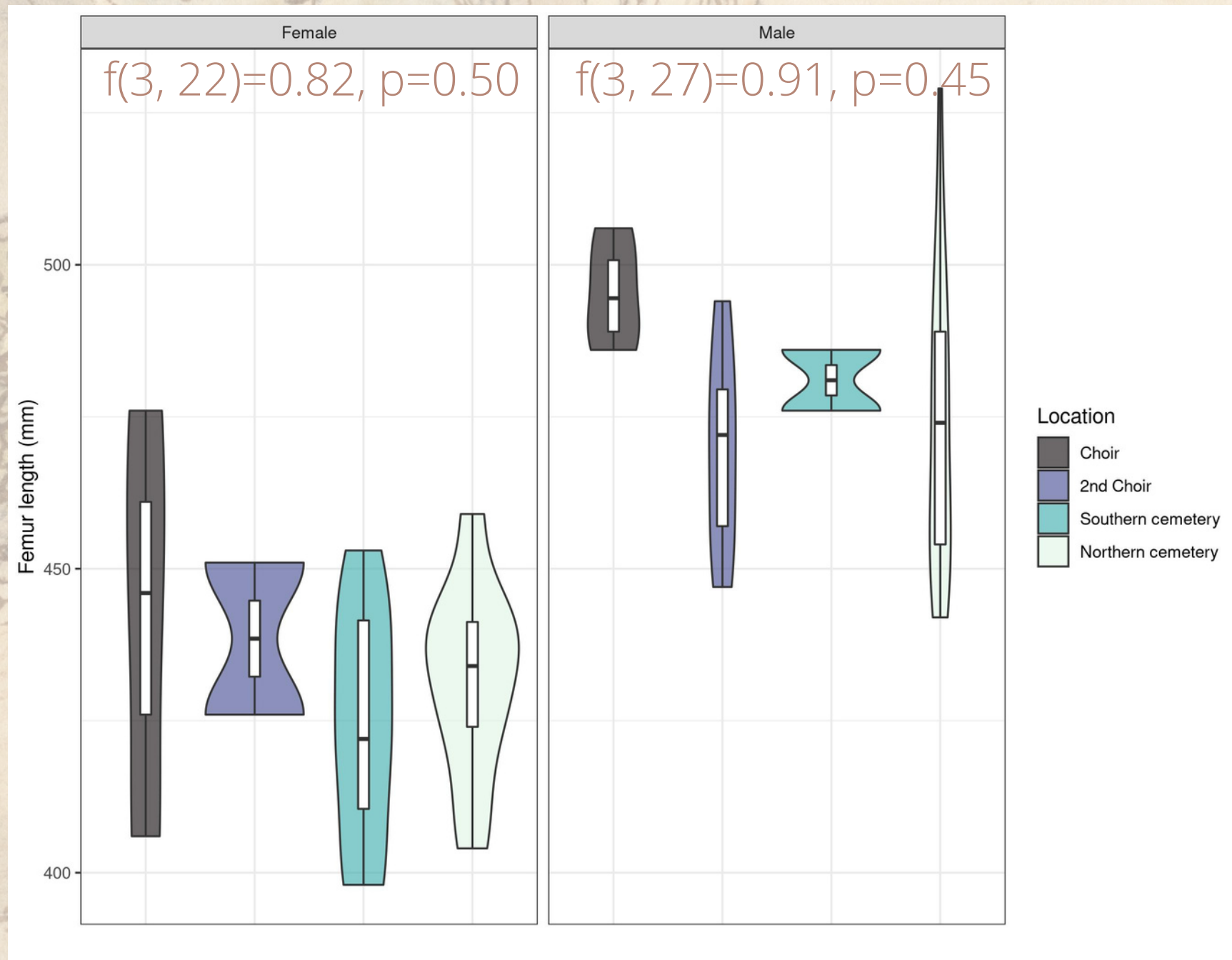
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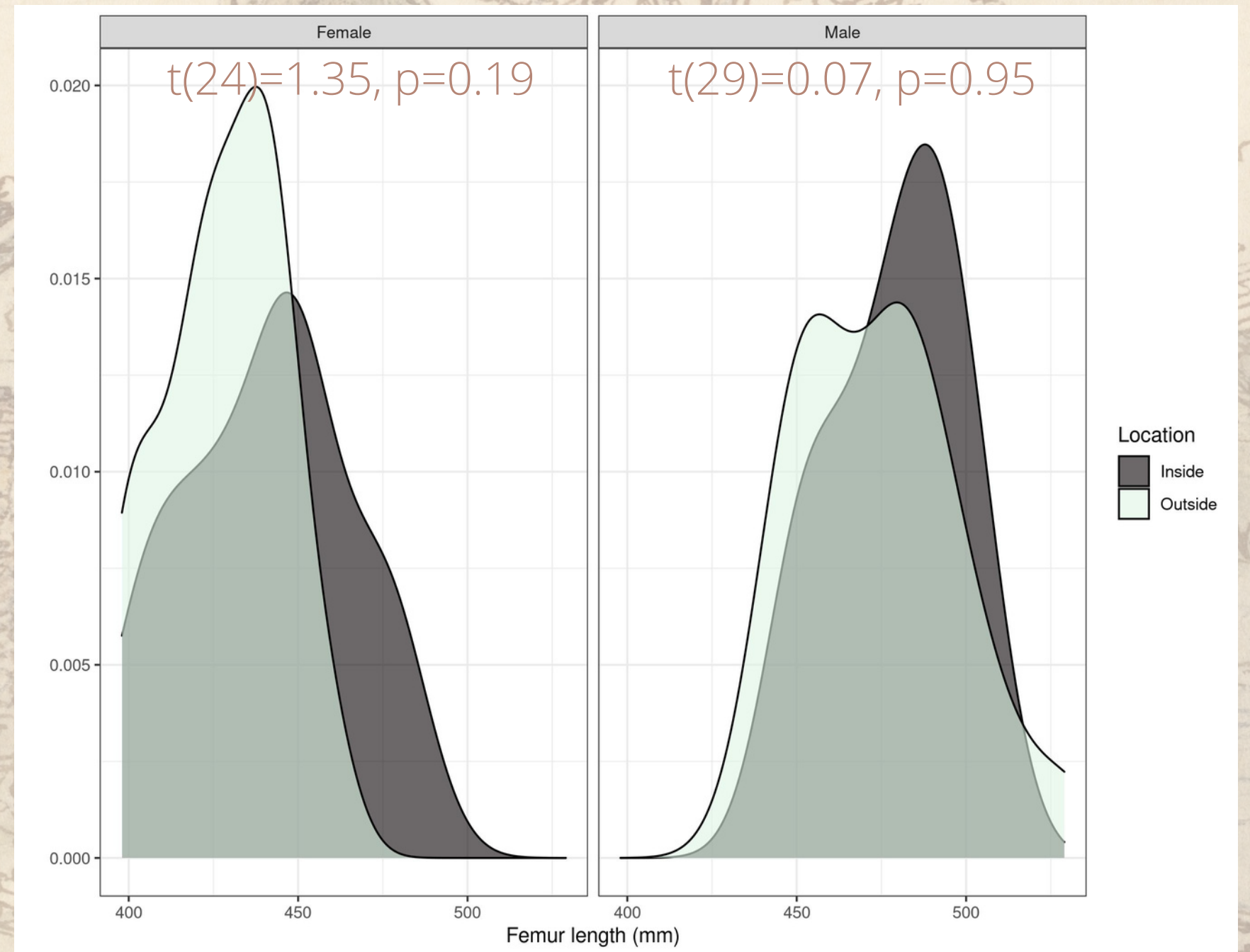
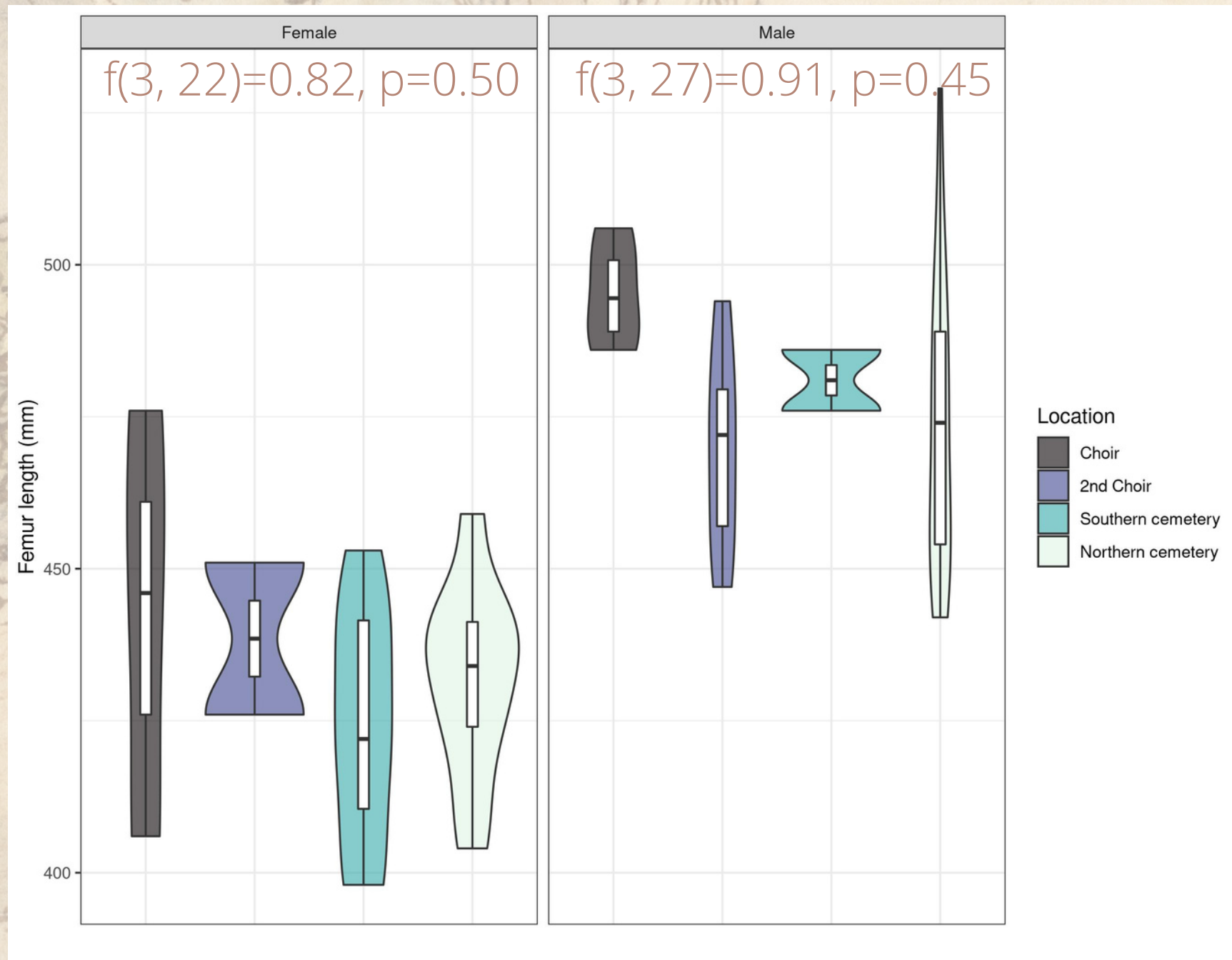
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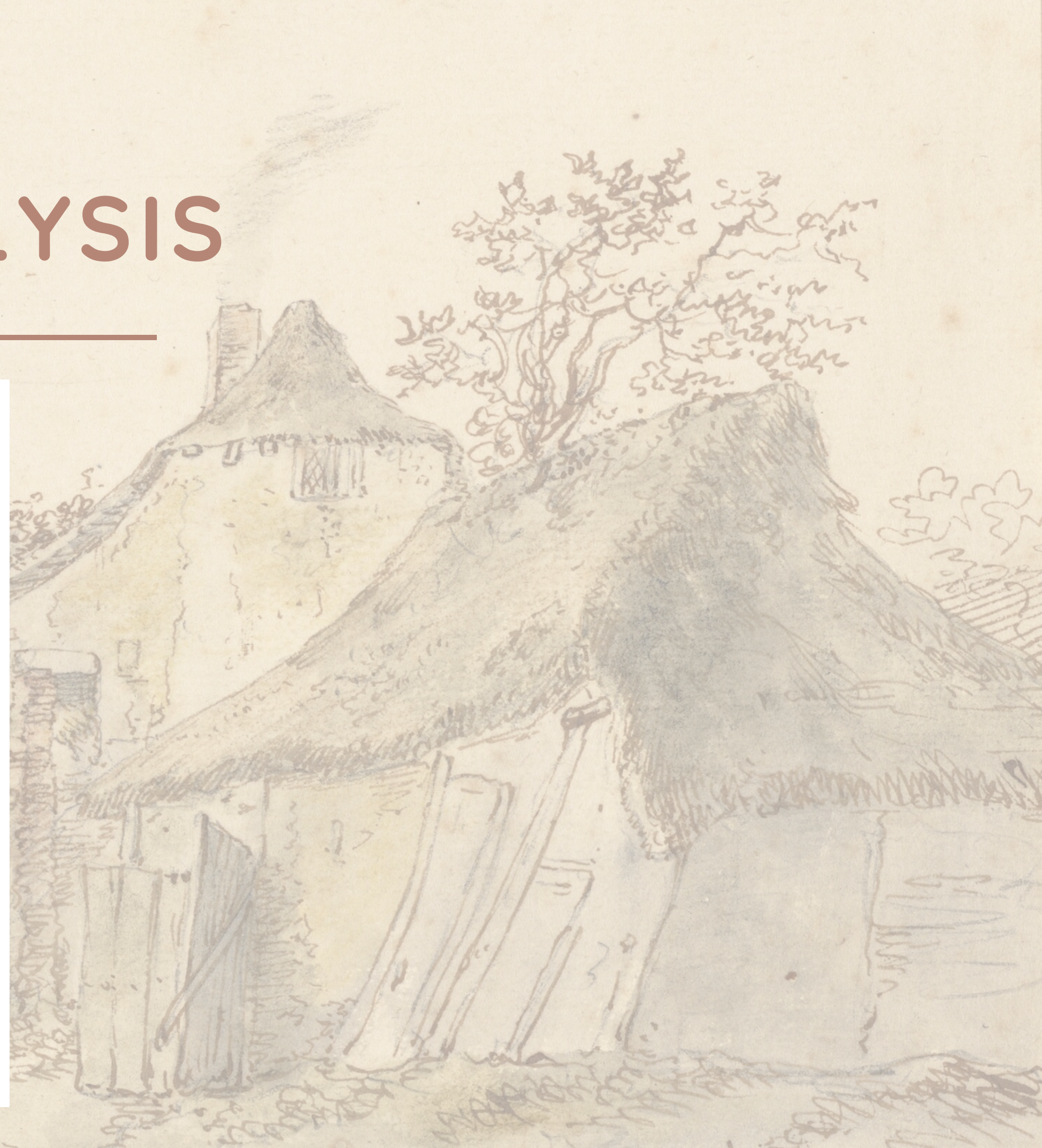
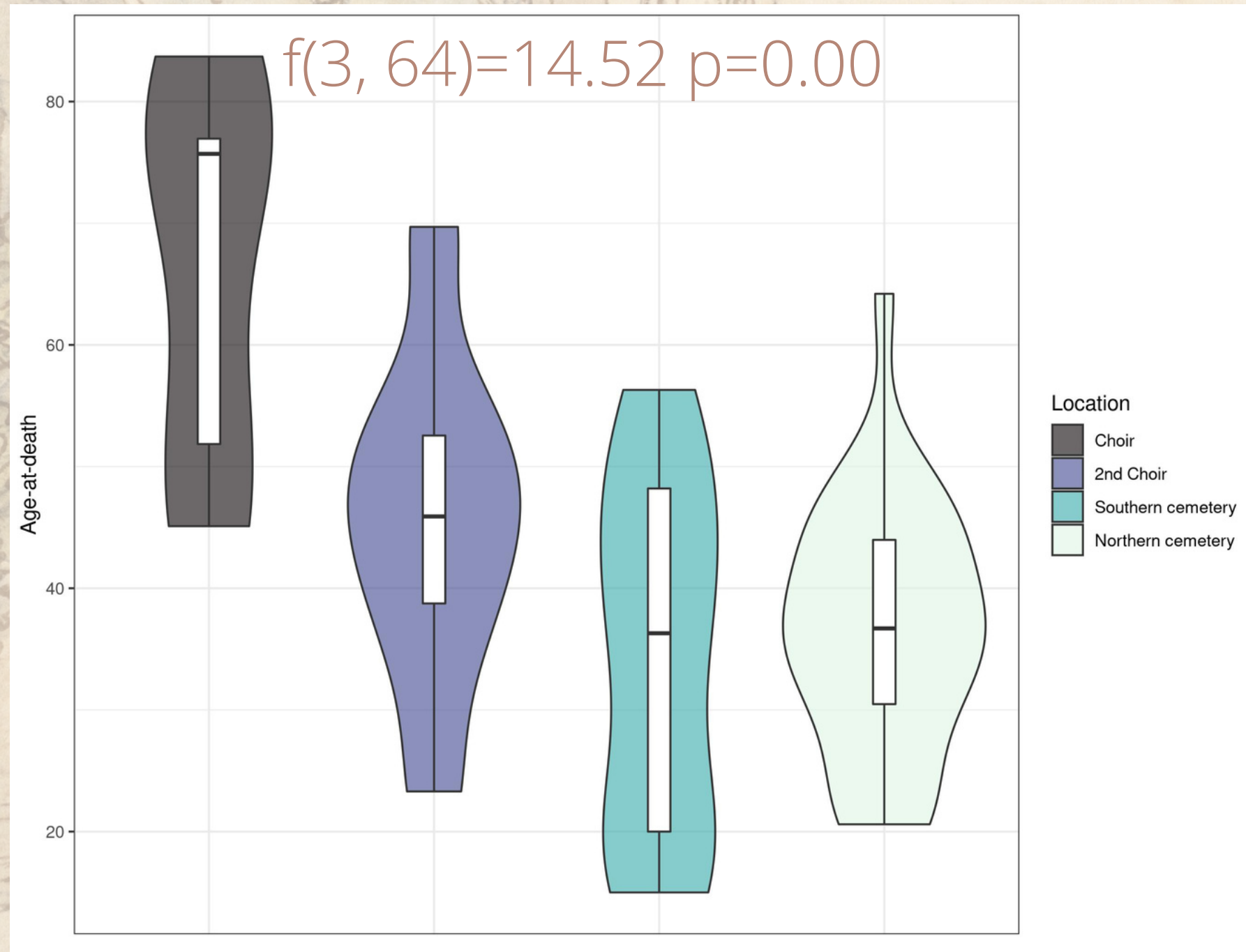
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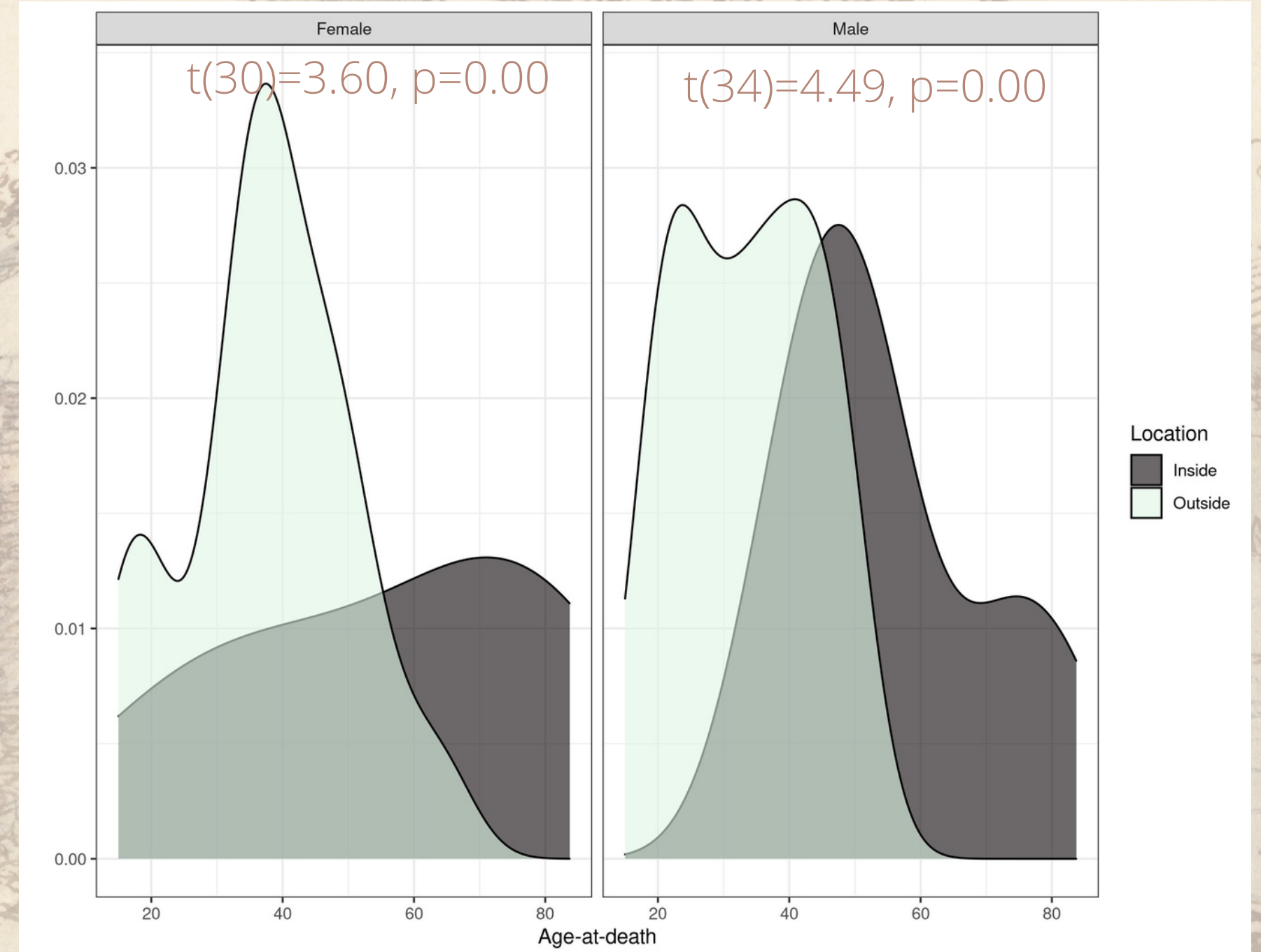
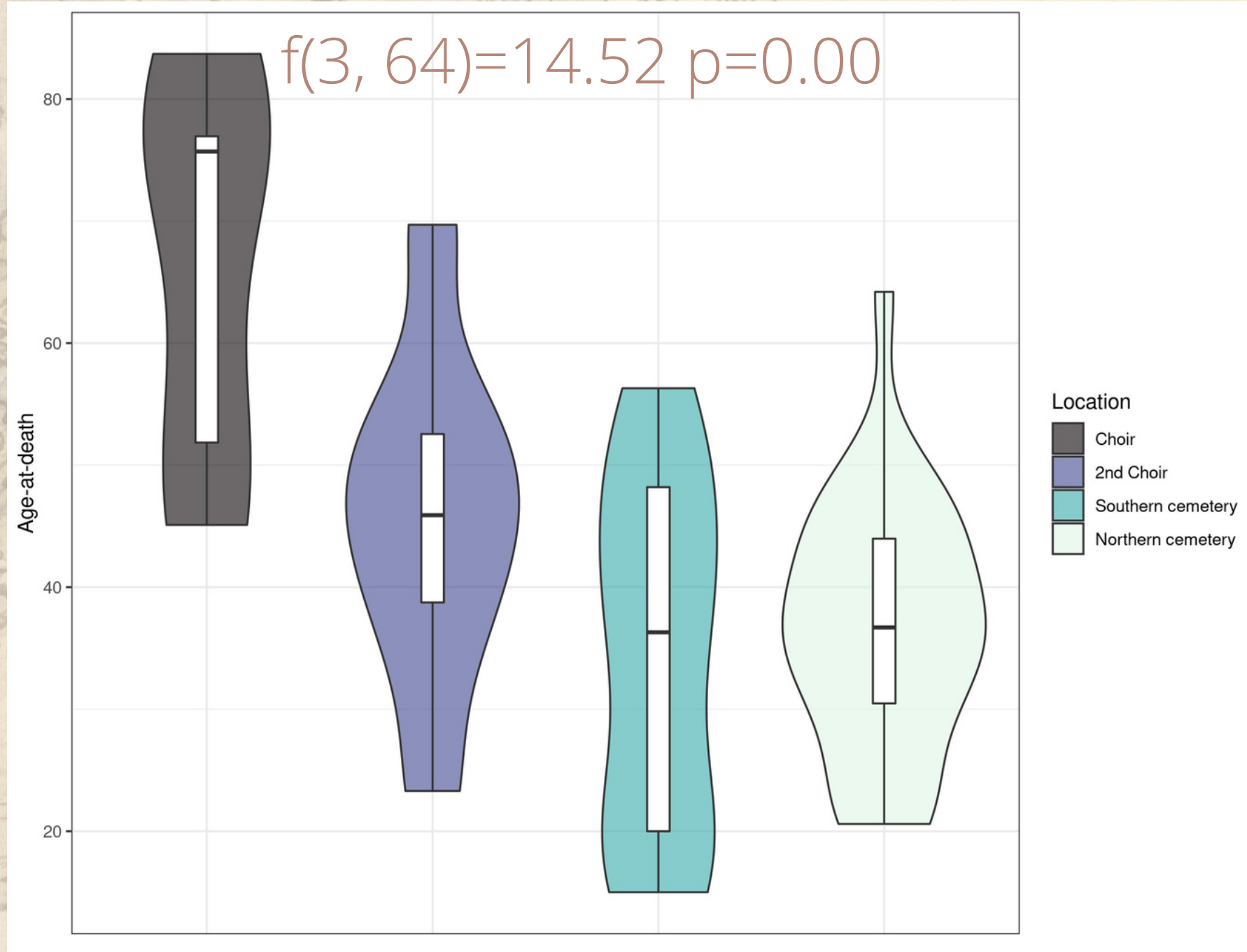
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## BEYOND THE NETHERLANDS

In Industrial-Era London, DeWitte et al. found greater frequency of higher status old adults (50+). Longevity, particularly in 50+, may be a result of status; however more research is needed.



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