WHY ARE WOMEN SHORTER THAN MEN?

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All over the world, women are on average shorter than men. Even with the tall North Europeans, current world record holders as far as height is concerned, women are up to 15 cm shorter than men.

However, with a number of animal species, females are bigger than their male counterparts. Sexual dimorphism of size, as the scientists call it, is often not what we would expect. Take blue whales, for example, the largest mammals on the planet... females are larger than males! So, if the largest animal on earth is a female, you really wonder why women are generally smaller. An intriguing question...
The scientists who are studying the subject tell us quite a new story that covers a great variety of fields - biology, medicine, paleoanthropology, nutrition, sociology and obstetrics. To get to the bottom of this, we called on experts from France, the UK, Italy, Germany and the United States. They speak of an evolutionary history where women - for once - take centre stage...

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