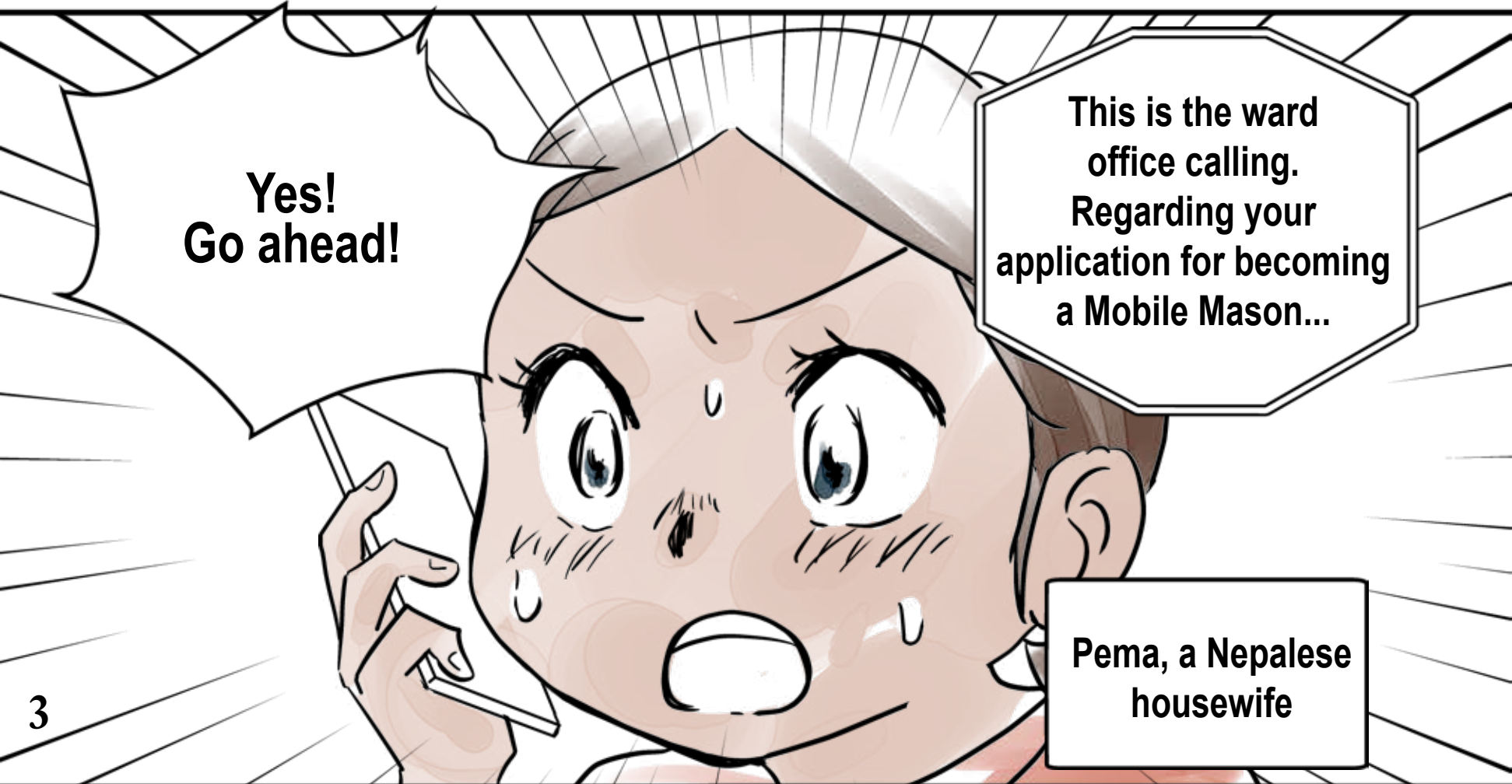


Why?

“A woman cannot be a technical craftsperson”

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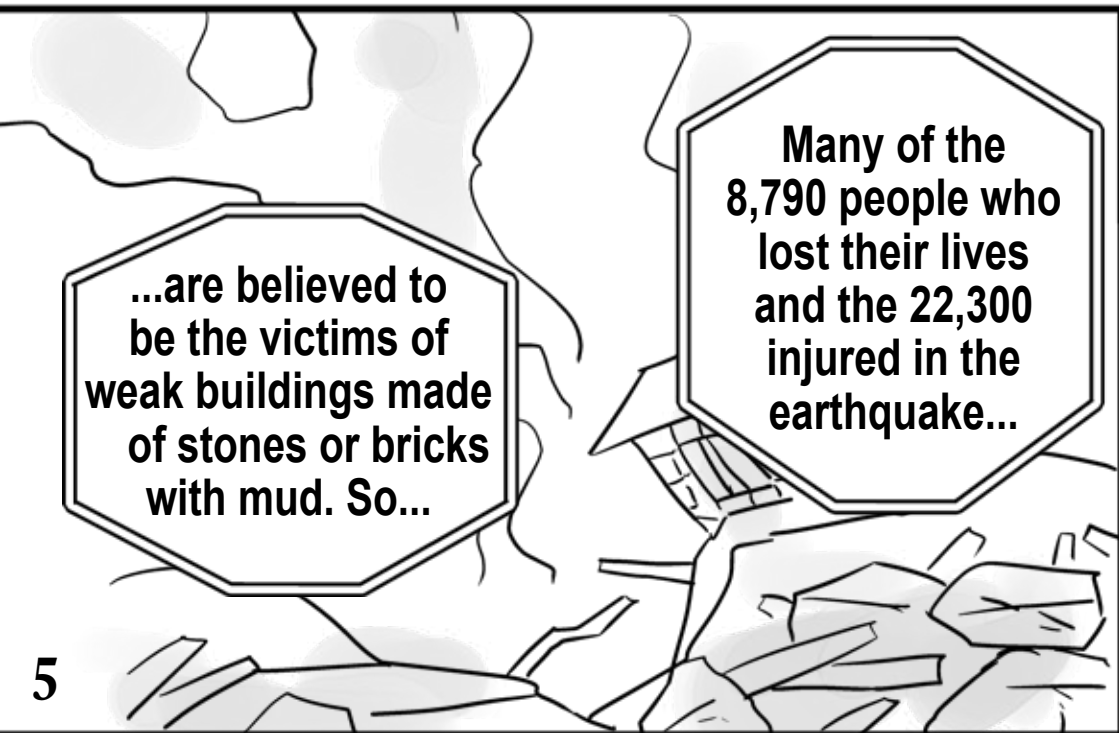


Yes!
Go ahead!

This is the ward office calling. Regarding your application for becoming a Mobile Mason...

Pema, a Nepalese housewife

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...are believed to be the victims of weak buildings made of stones or bricks with mud. So...

Many of the 8,790 people who lost their lives and the 22,300 injured in the earthquake...

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This training is a part of the Housing Reconstruction Program for the 2015 Nepal earthquake.

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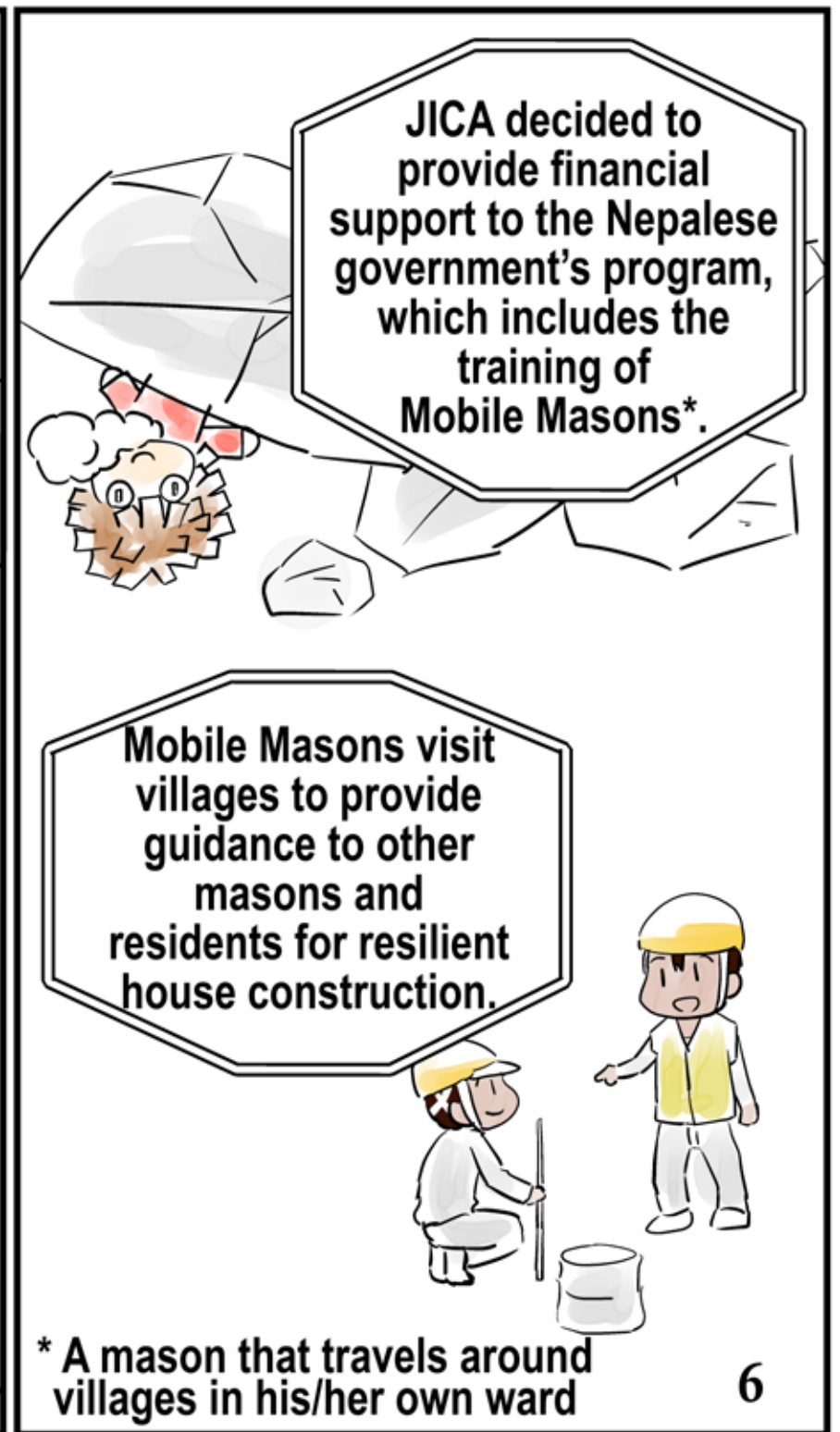


Women can also apply for the training. However,...

they may face some opposition from their family and community...

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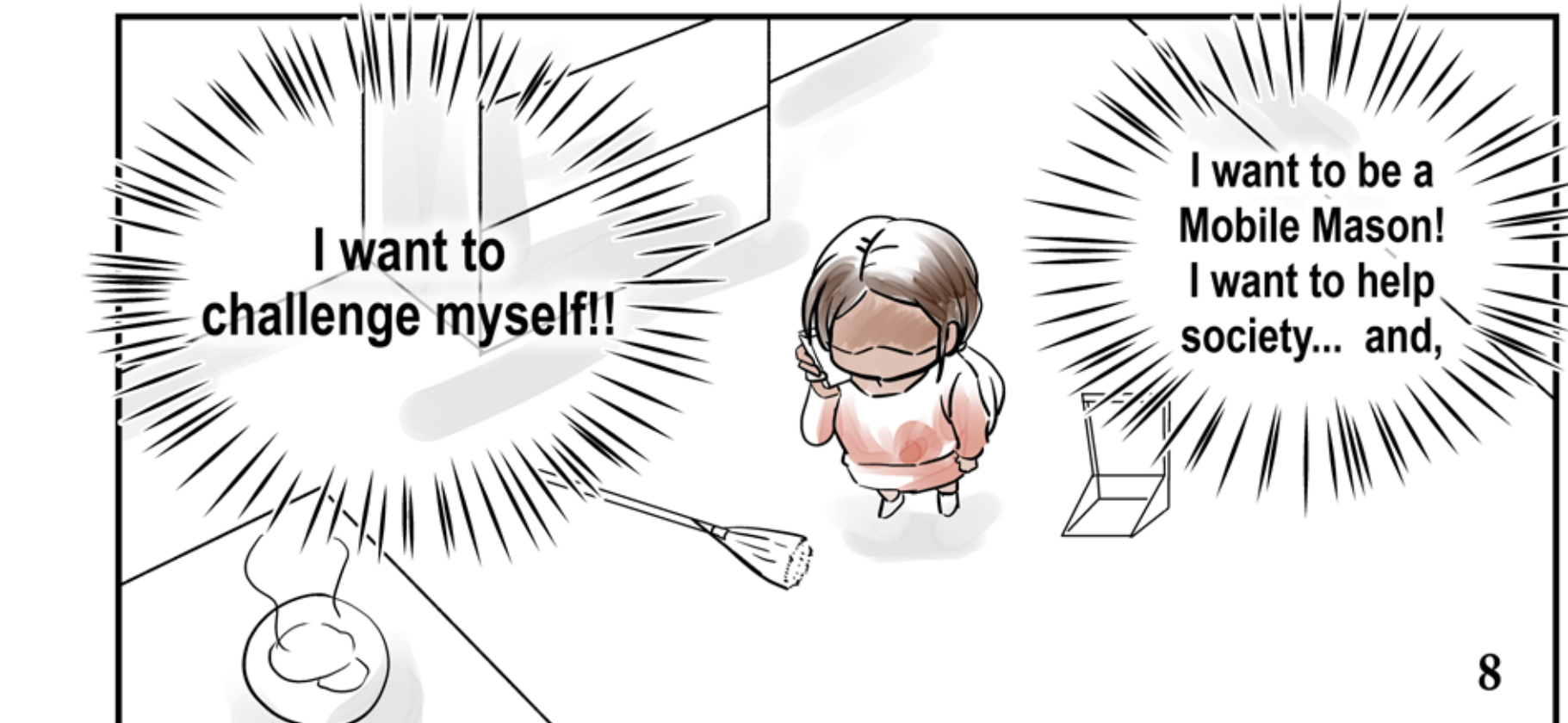
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JICA decided to provide financial support to the Nepalese government's program, which includes the training of Mobile Masons*.

Mobile Masons visit villages to provide guidance to other masons and residents for resilient house construction.

* A mason that travels around villages in his/her own ward



I want to challenge myself!!

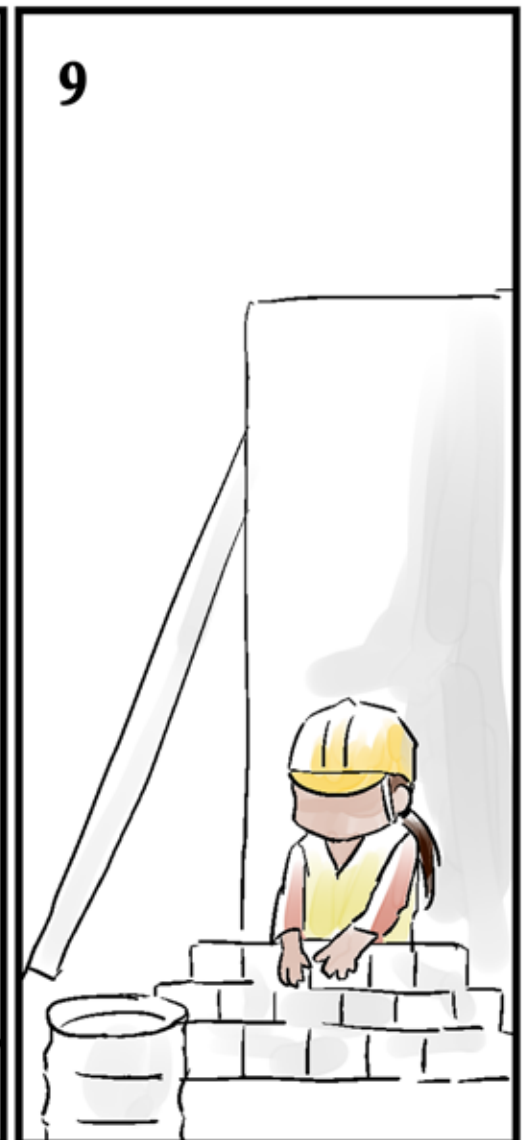
I want to be a Mobile Mason!
I want to help society... and,



I was selected as one of the five Mobile Masons in our ward!

I finally made it! It was hard work, but...

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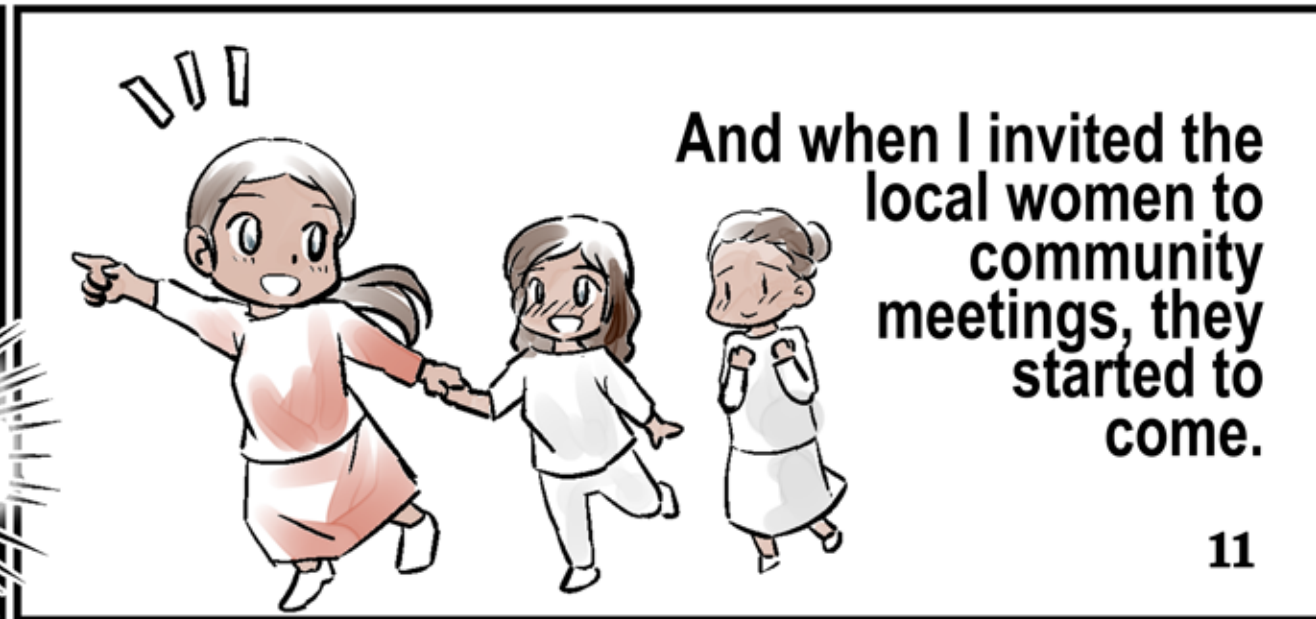


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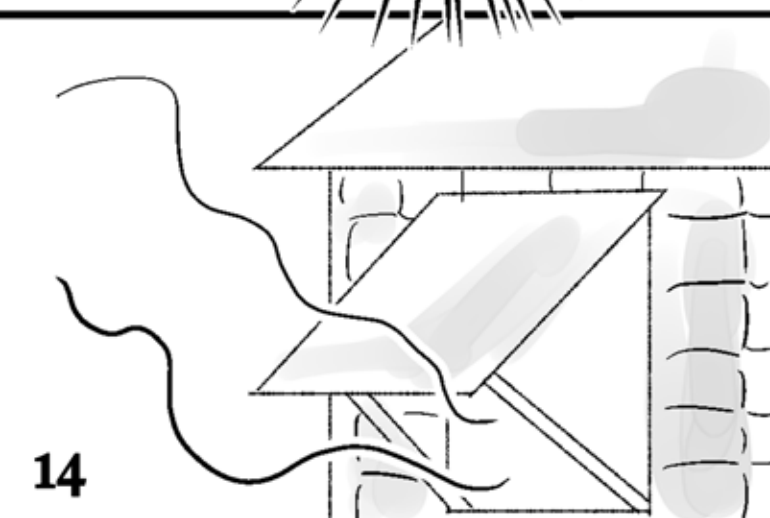
It feels so rewarding!

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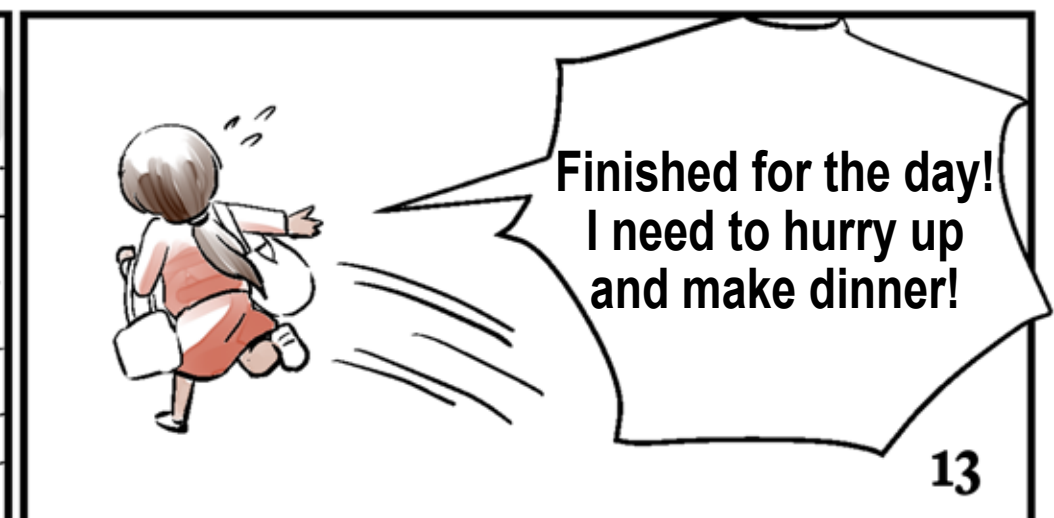


And when I invited the local women to community meetings, they started to come.

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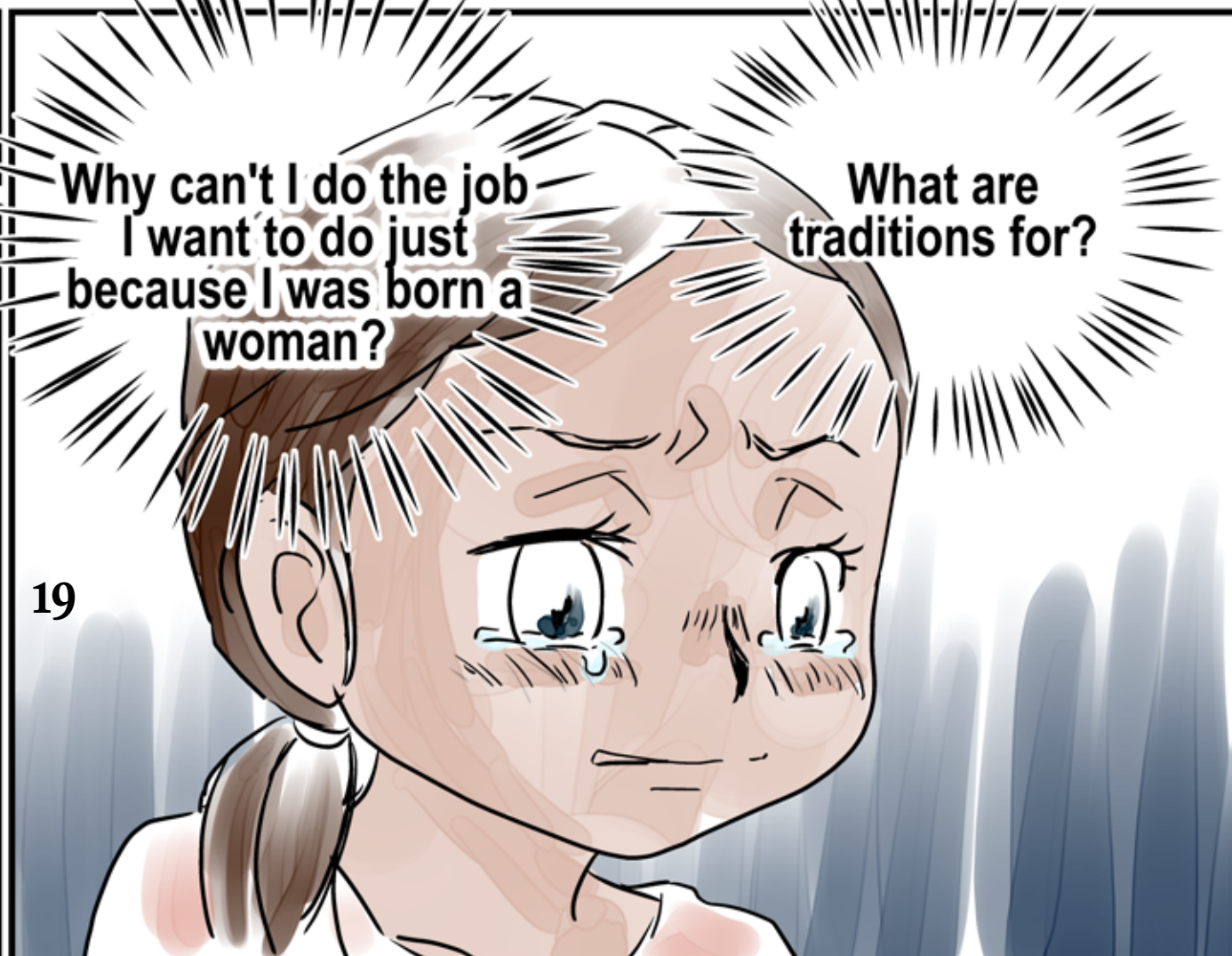
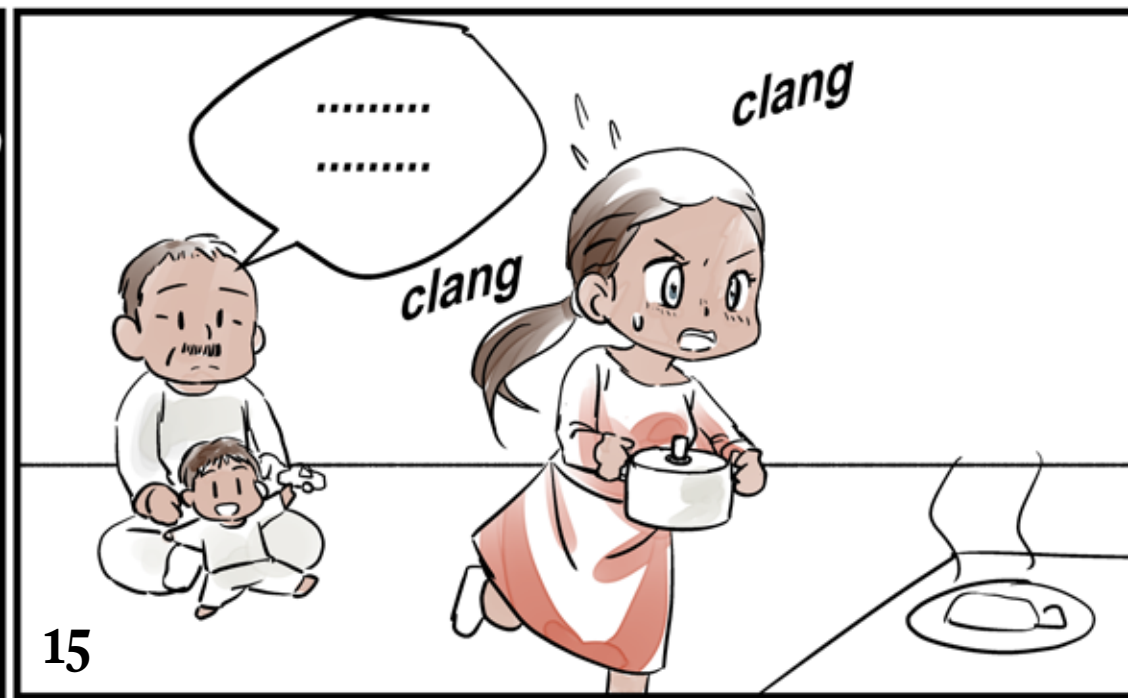
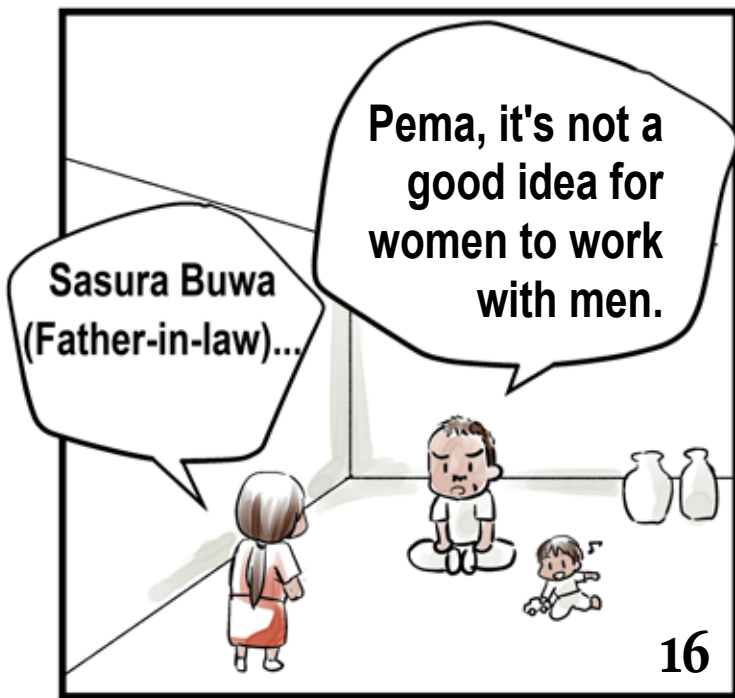


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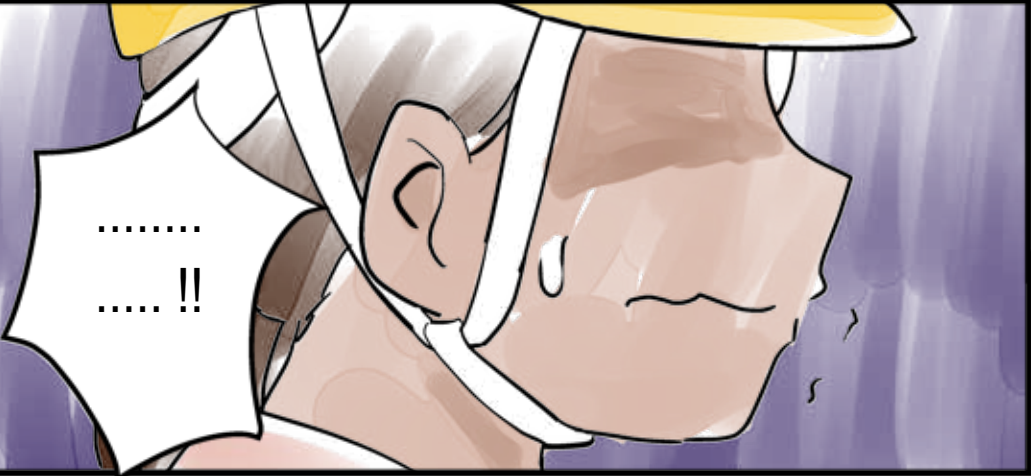


Finished for the day! I need to hurry up and make dinner!

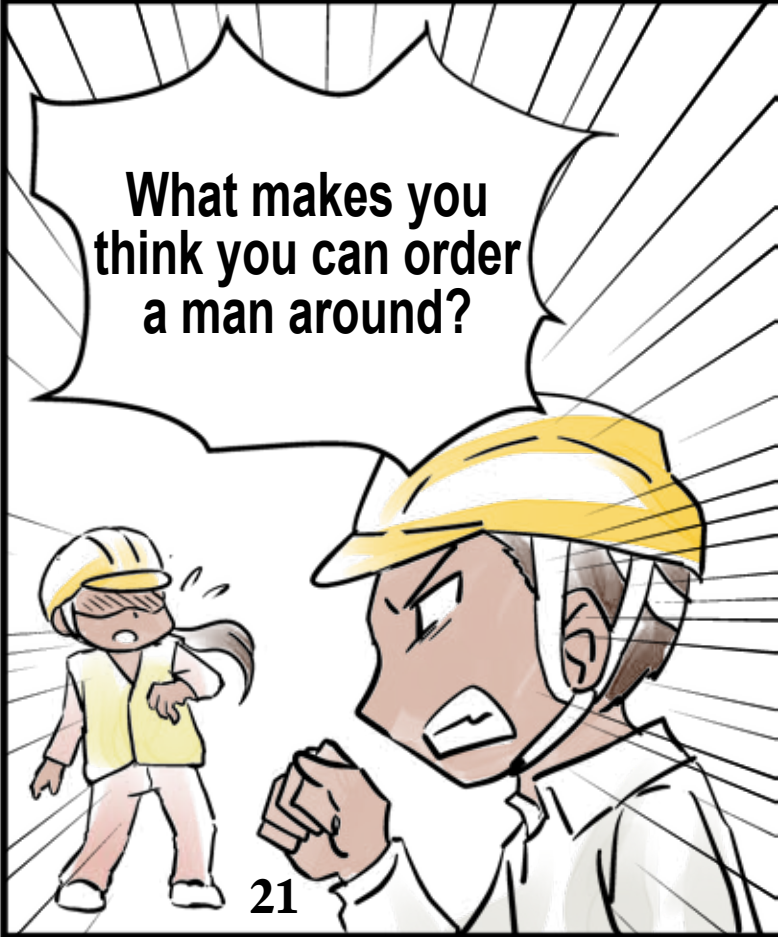
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What makes you think you can order a man around?



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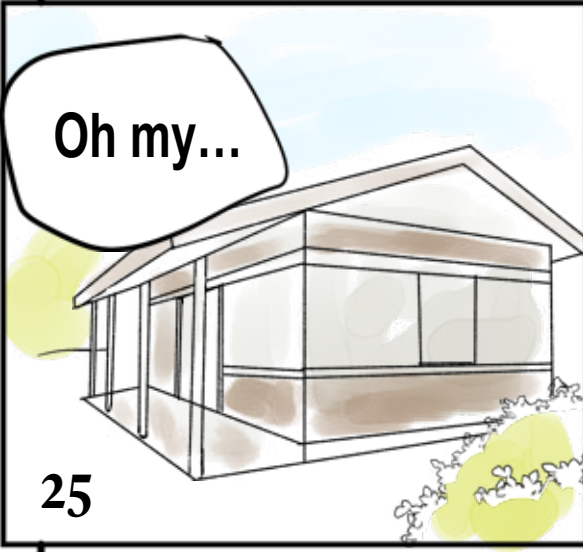
Pema, can you help me out here?



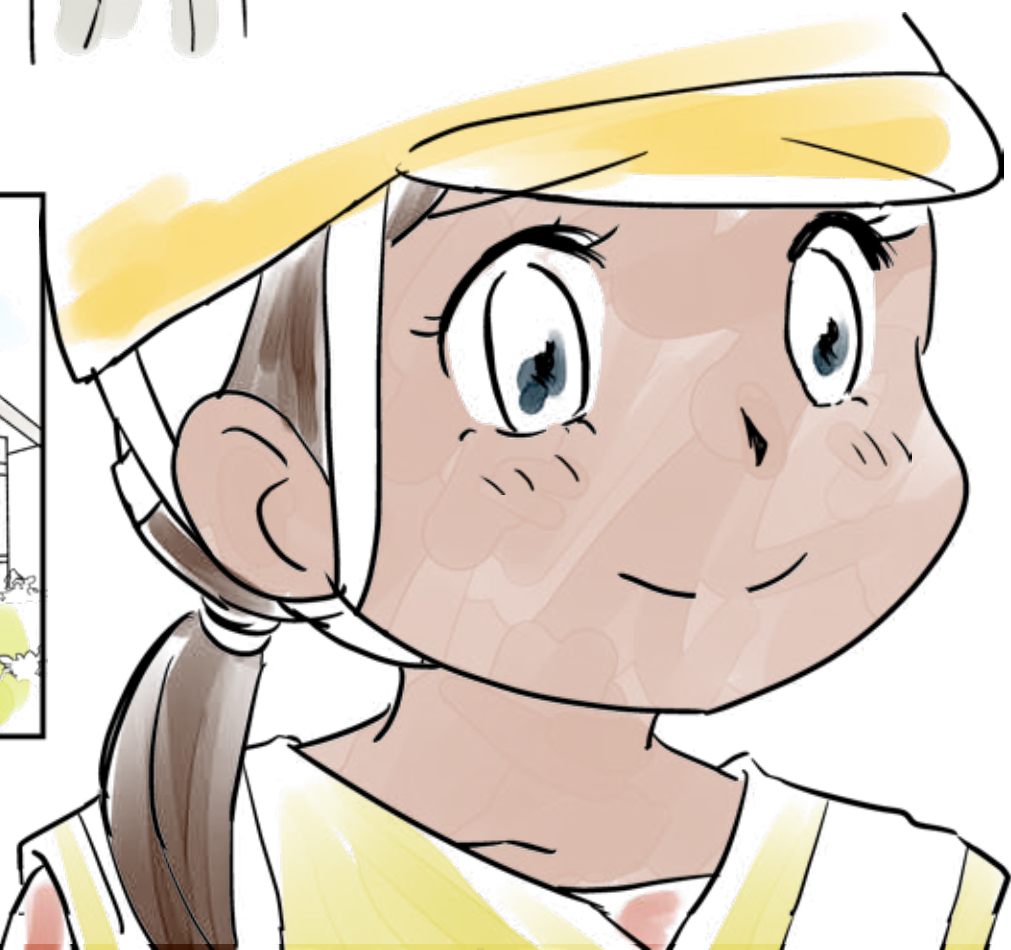
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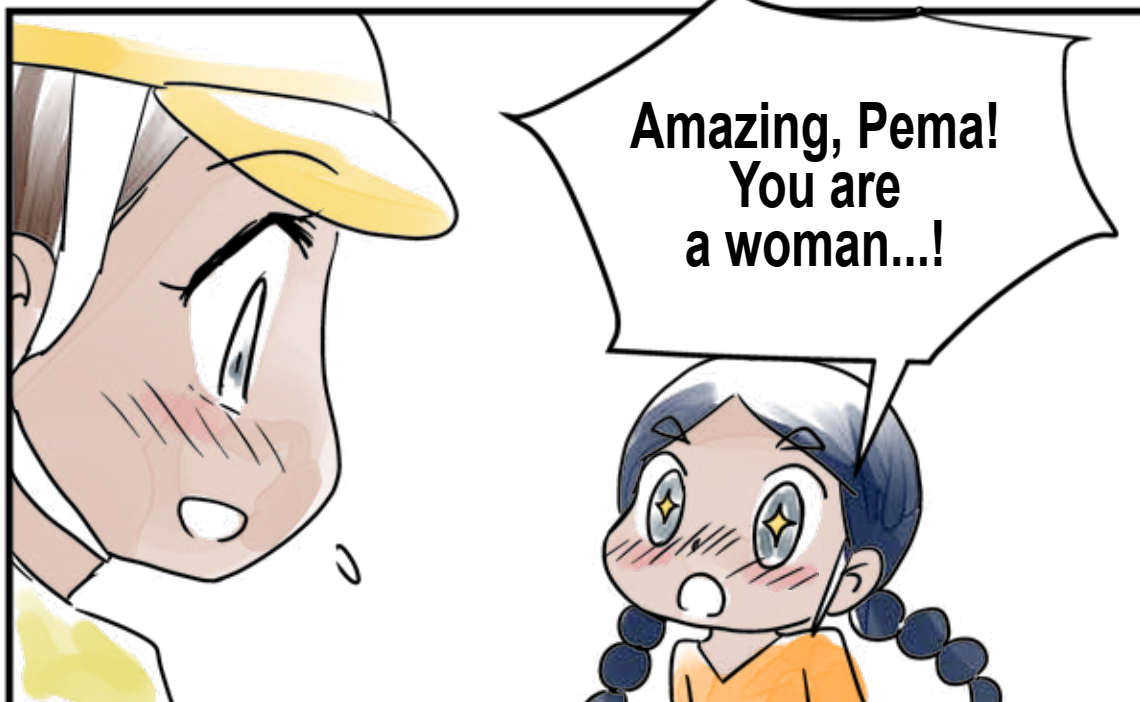
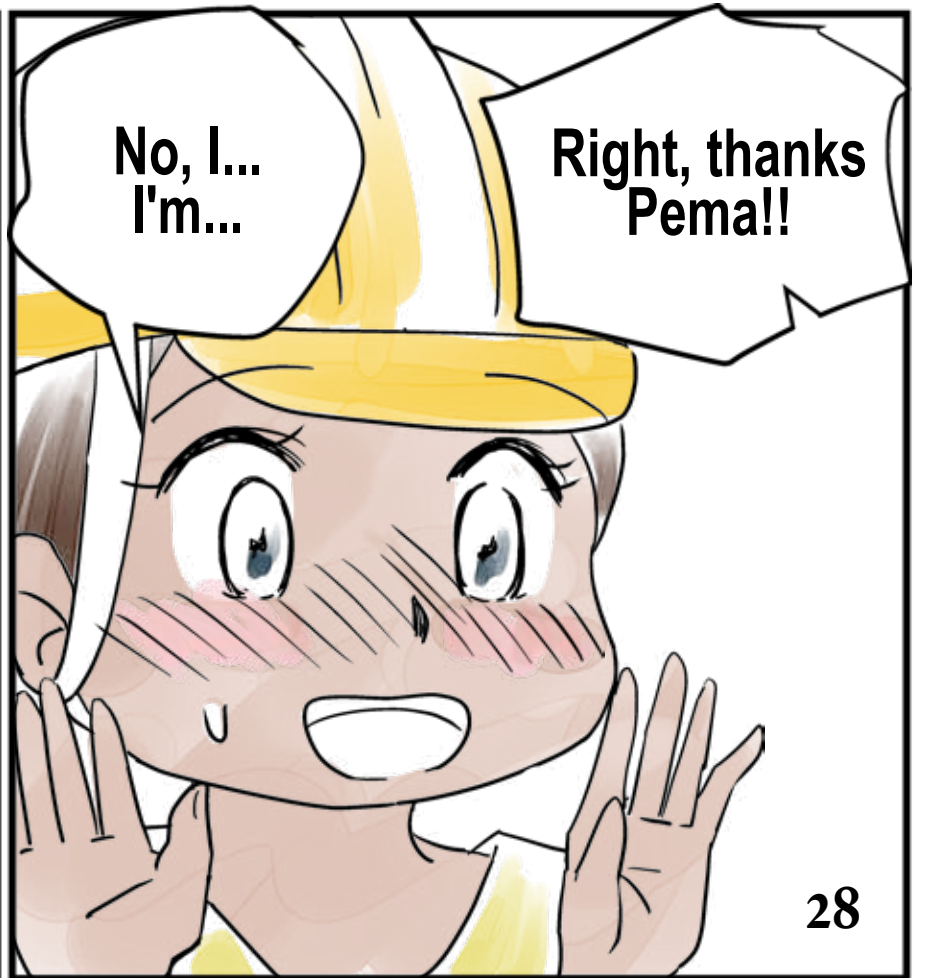
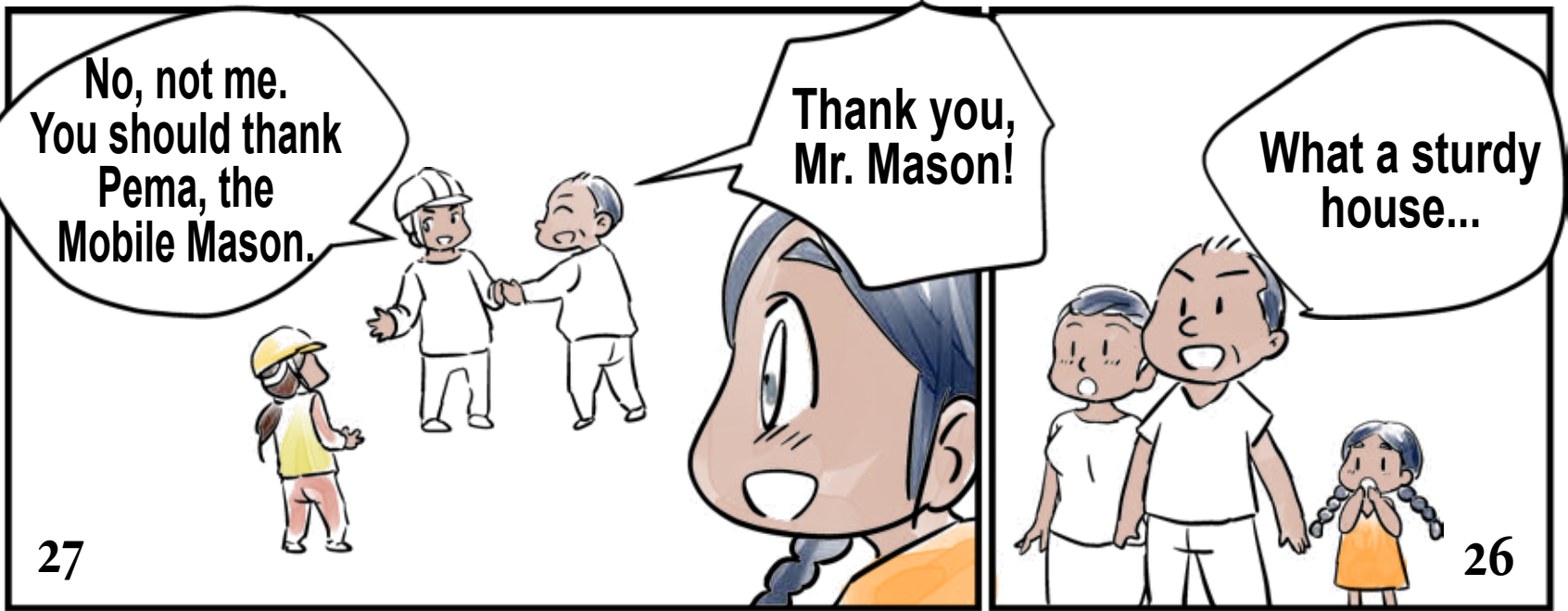
Oh my...



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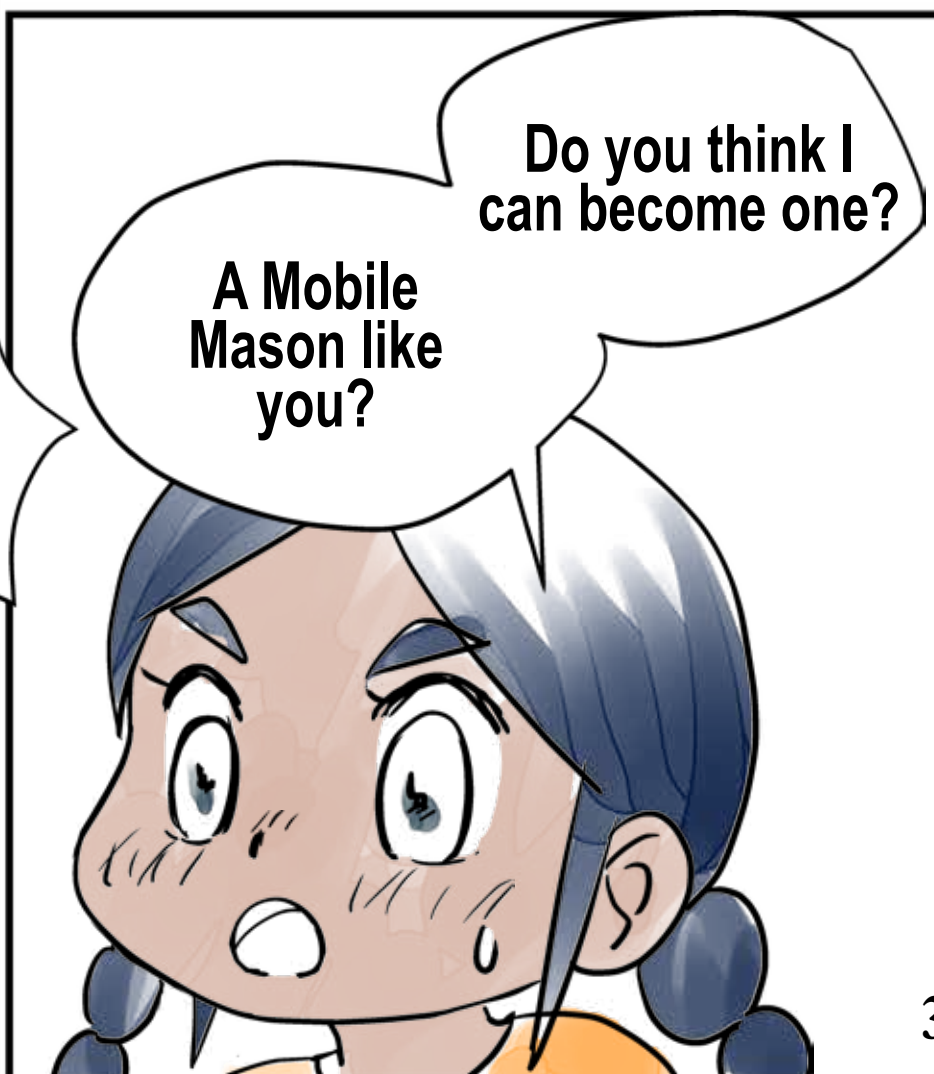


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A Mobile Mason like you?

Do you think I can become one?

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sob

sob

you can!

Sure

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I worked hard and was able to modernize our traditional values.

I truly believe that... the future of women is brighter than it is today.



I'll take care of the chores. Off you go to work, Pema.



We are rooting for you.

Nepal ranks 101st out of 153 countries in the Global Gender Gap Index (by the World Economic Forum), and...

Japan, 121st.



or anything!!

There is nothing stopping a woman from becoming a Mobile Mason...