

# The Story of Min



Hello! My name is Min, I am 16 and I am from the Hebei province in China. I live with my family in the countryside.



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**What benefits or disadvantages would there be for Min if she stayed at home in the countryside? What will her departure for the city bring her?**

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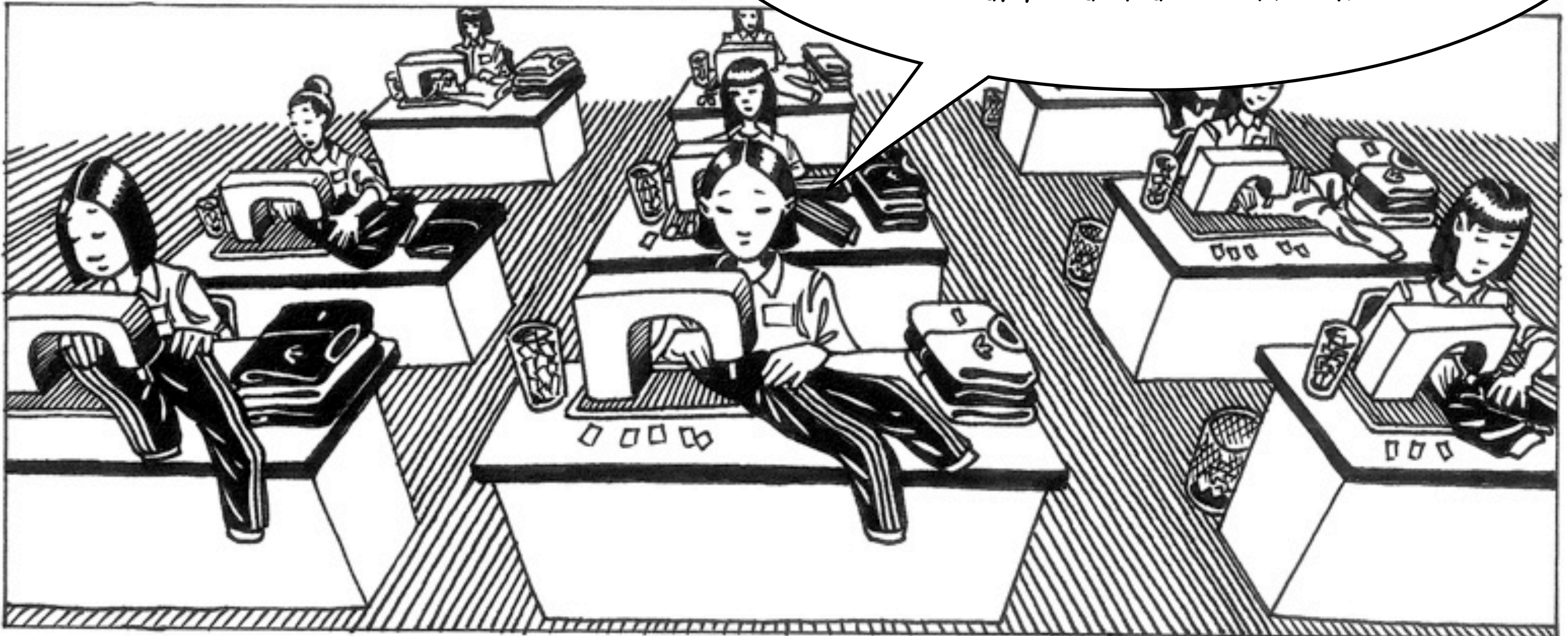
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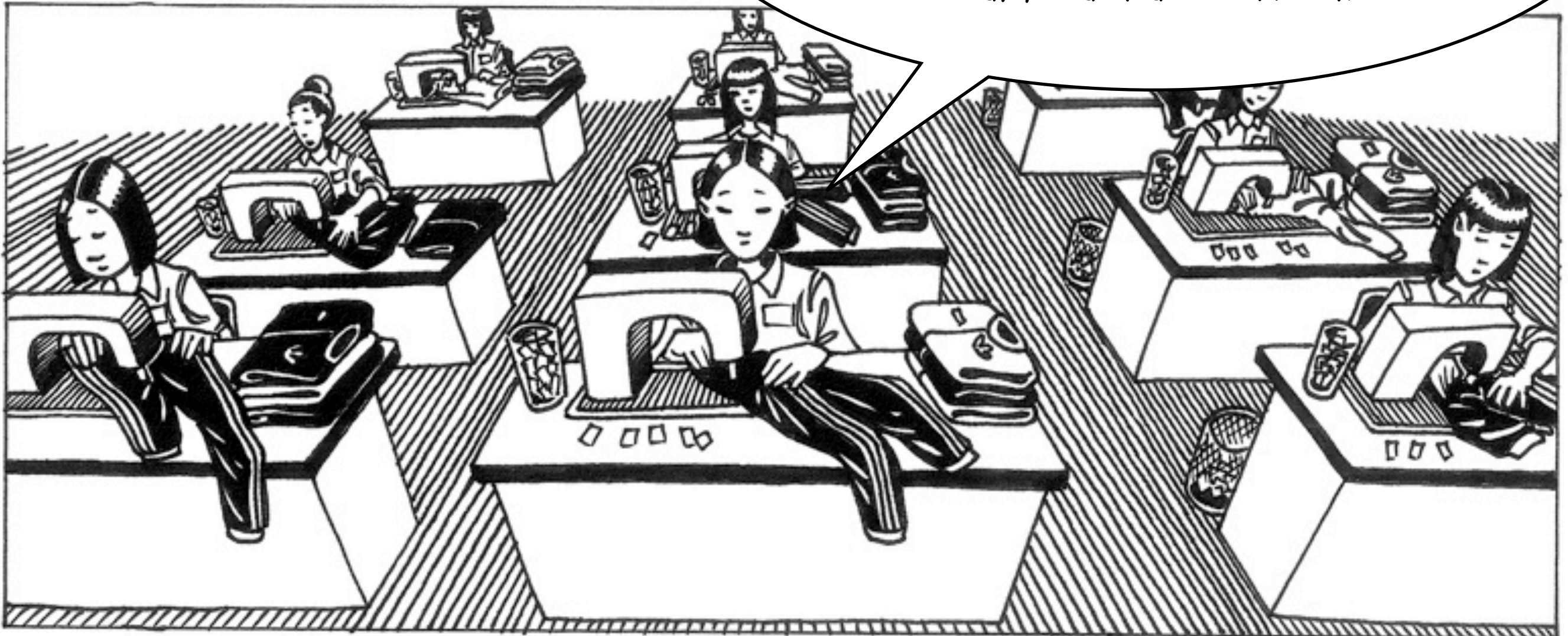
**In your opinion, what will Min's work be like?**

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**How long do you think Min will stay in the factory?**



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**What possibilities could Min gain from the course?**



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**What other job could Min try to find?**



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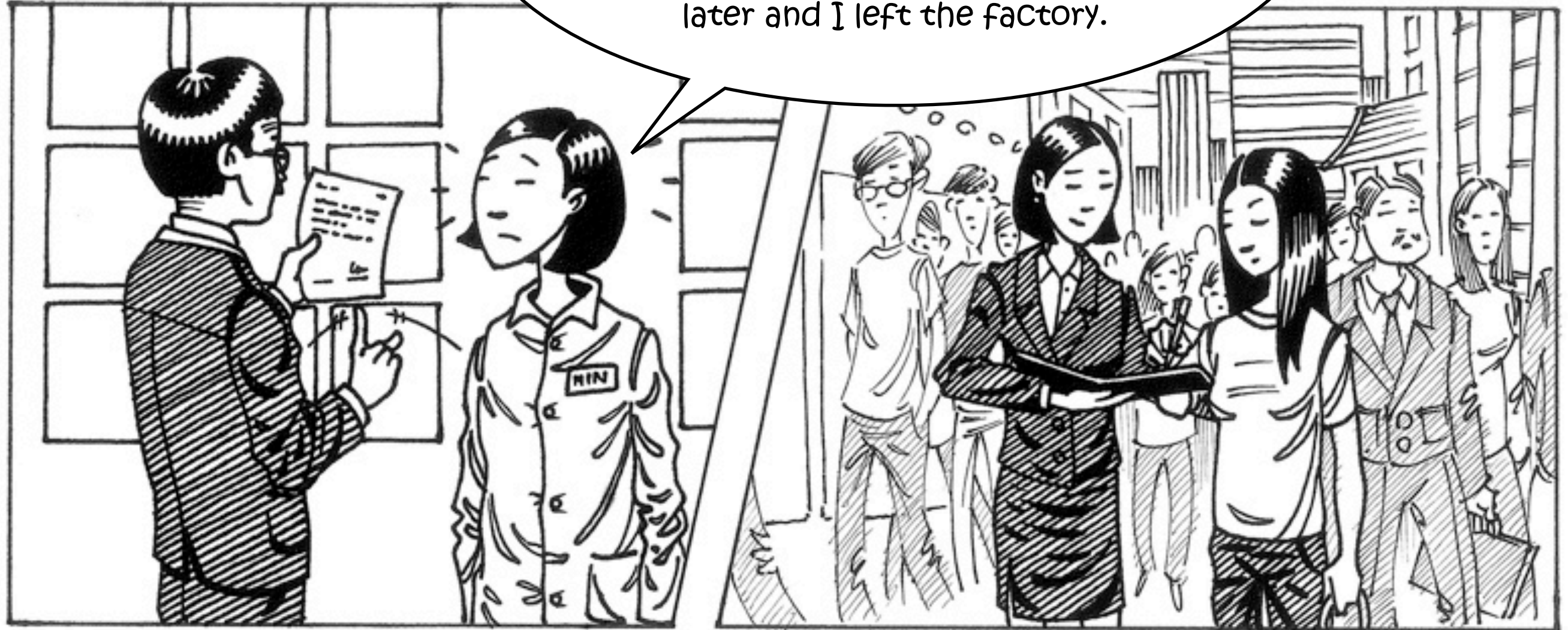
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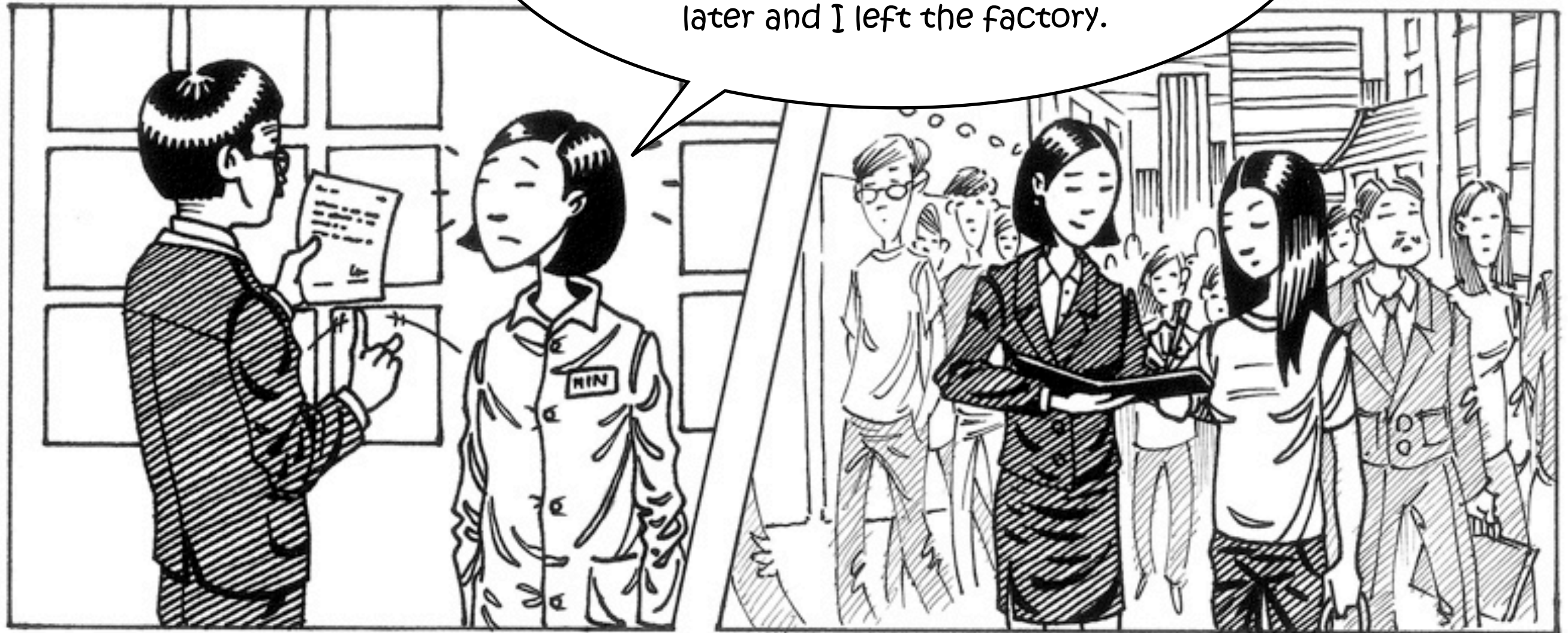
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**How do you think the Min's story will continue?**

- a) she'll find a better job
- b) she'll find the same or a worse job
- c) she'll come back home and get married (her parents find her a husband)
- d) or ...



I decided to continue my career  
elsewhere and differently.



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I went for an interview to a nearby factory where they were searching for administrative workers. Although I did not meet all of their requirements, I was accepted.

