

YKK Episodes

Expanding around the World
– Memorable Stories –

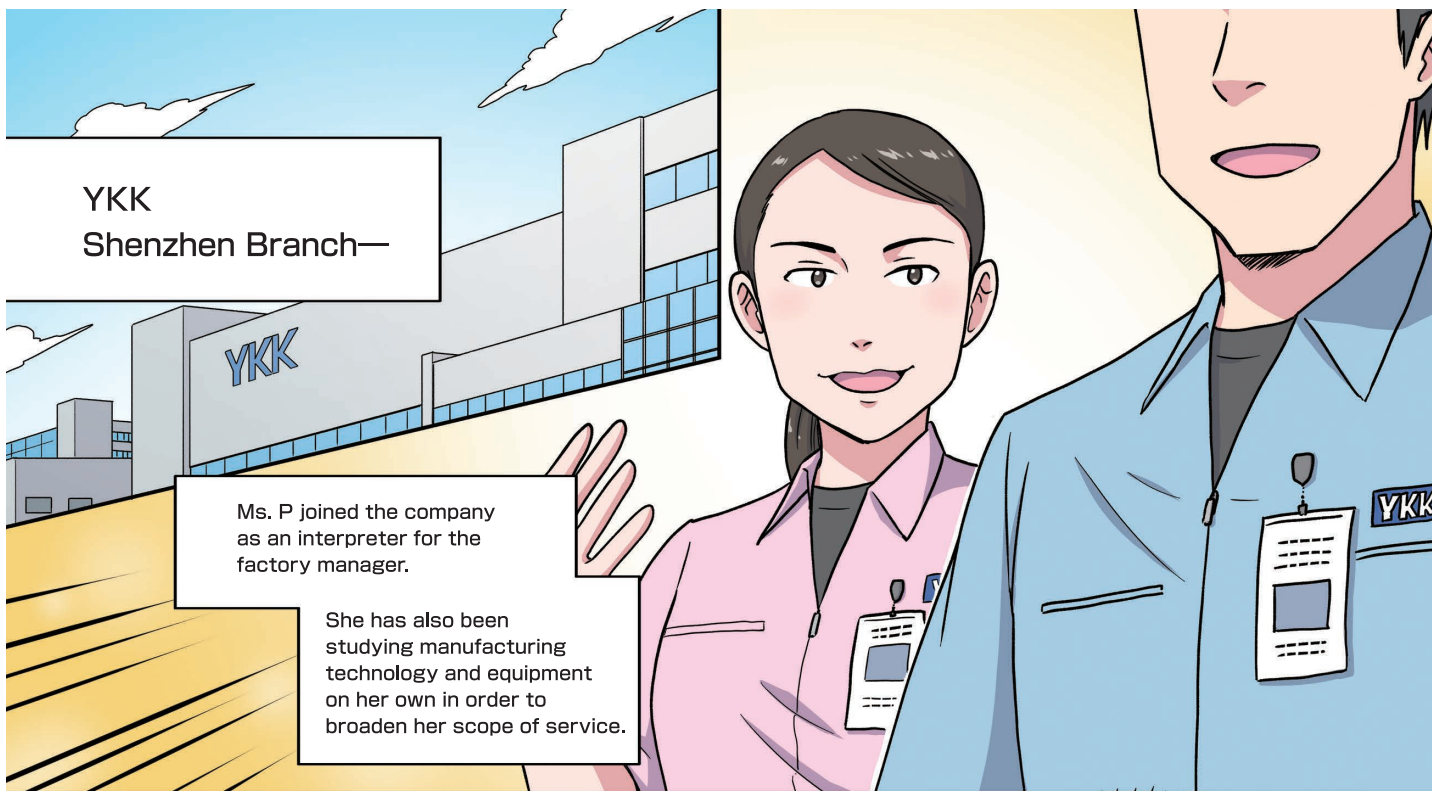


Episode 10

Cooperation



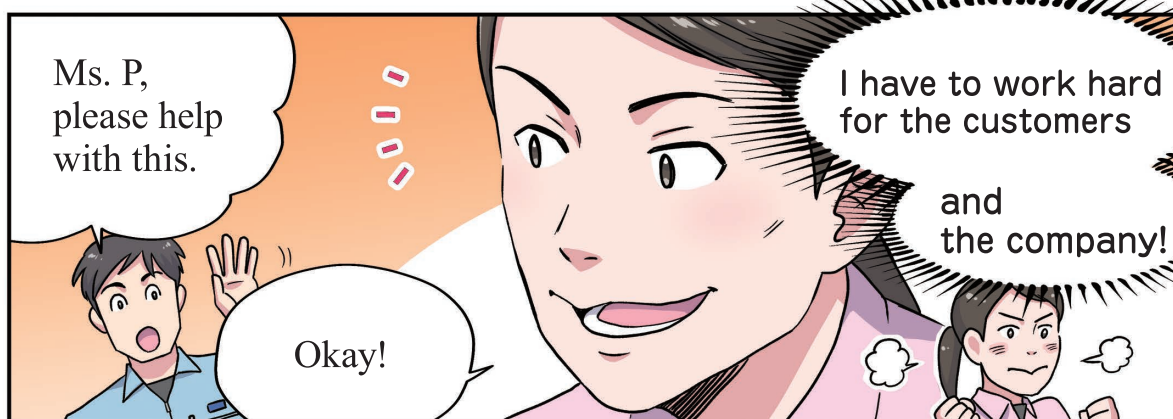
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Shenzhen Branch—

Ms. P joined the company
as an interpreter for the
factory manager.

She has also been
studying manufacturing
technology and equipment
on her own in order to
broaden her scope of service.

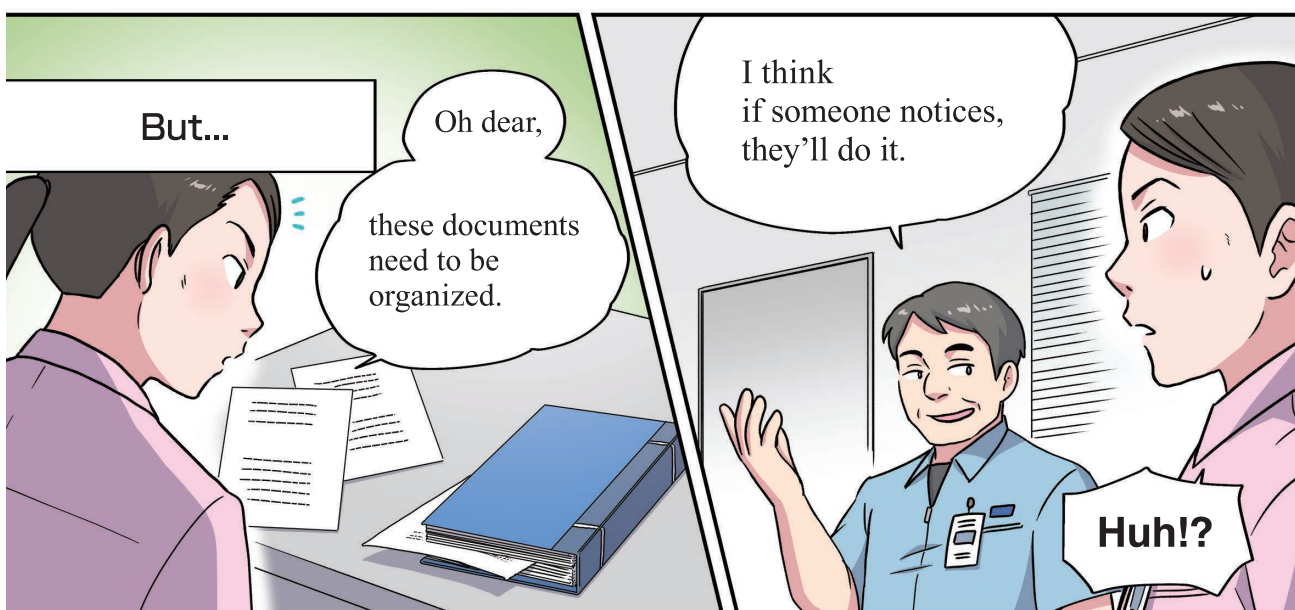


Ms. P,
please help
with this.

Okay!

I have to work hard
for the customers

and
the company!

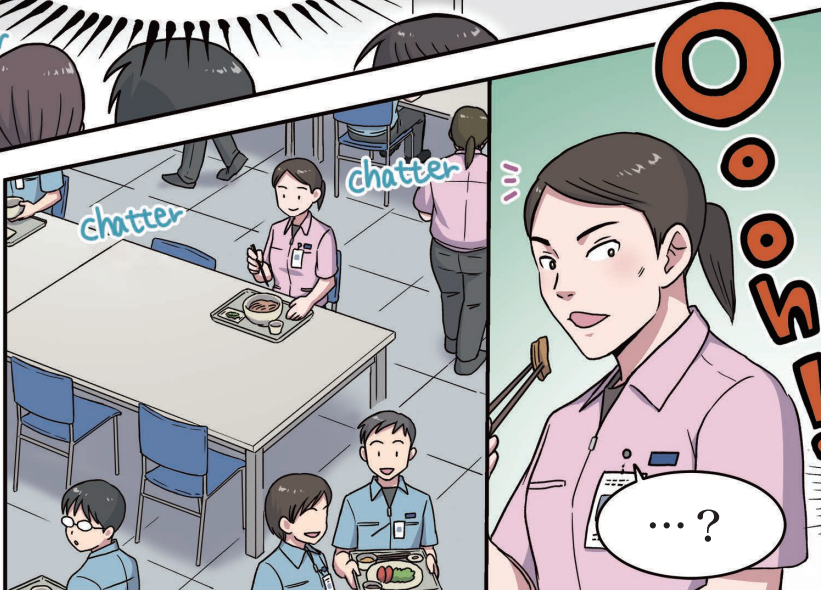
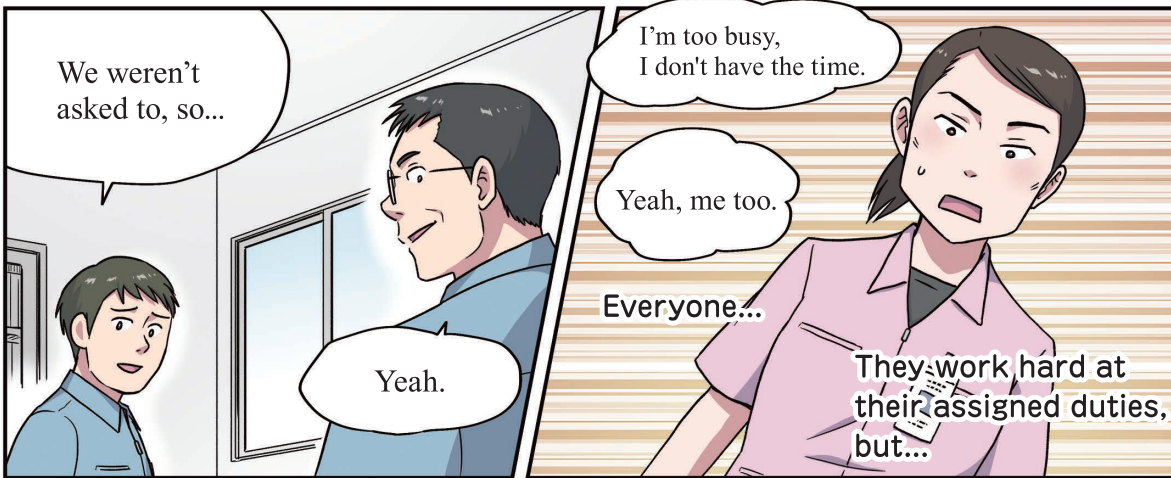


But...

Oh dear,
these documents
need to be
organized.

I think
if someone notices,
they'll do it.

Huh!?





No matter how hard the star forward works, without the support of the other 10 players, they can't make a goal.

—That's it.

They can't win just because of one strong player.

Maybe what this company is lacking is—

After that, Ms. P's awareness started to change.

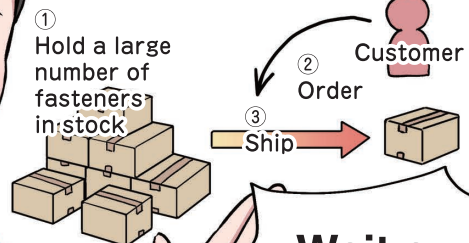
Improving operation efficiency?

Yes. Let's identify things that we can improve on.

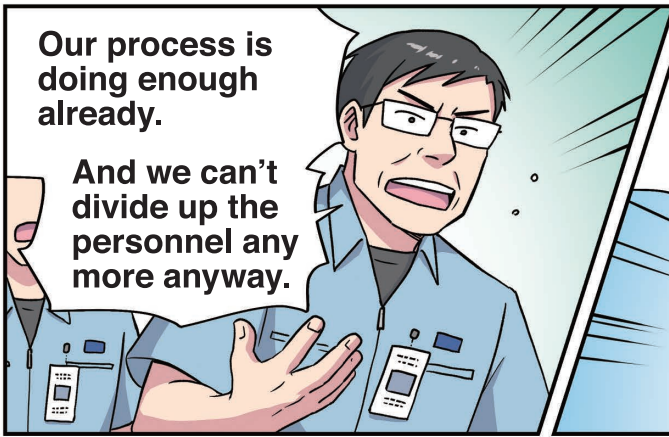
Currently, we are using push manufacturing and making products based on estimates of future demand,

but this production method has the problem that we end up holding a lot of stock...

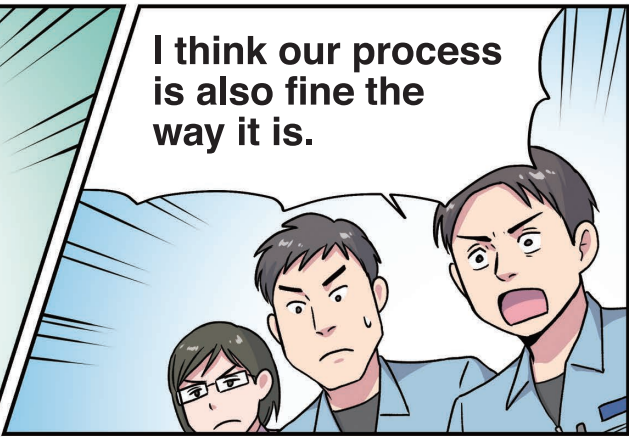
Push system



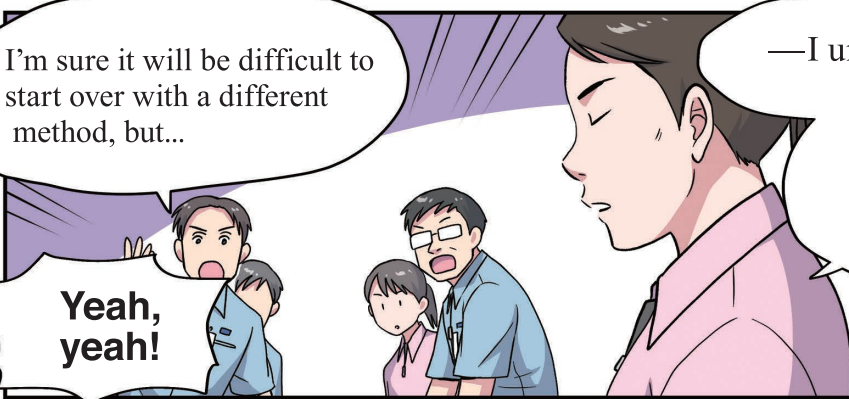
Wait a minute!



Our process is doing enough already.
And we can't divide up the personnel any more anyway.



I think our process is also fine the way it is.



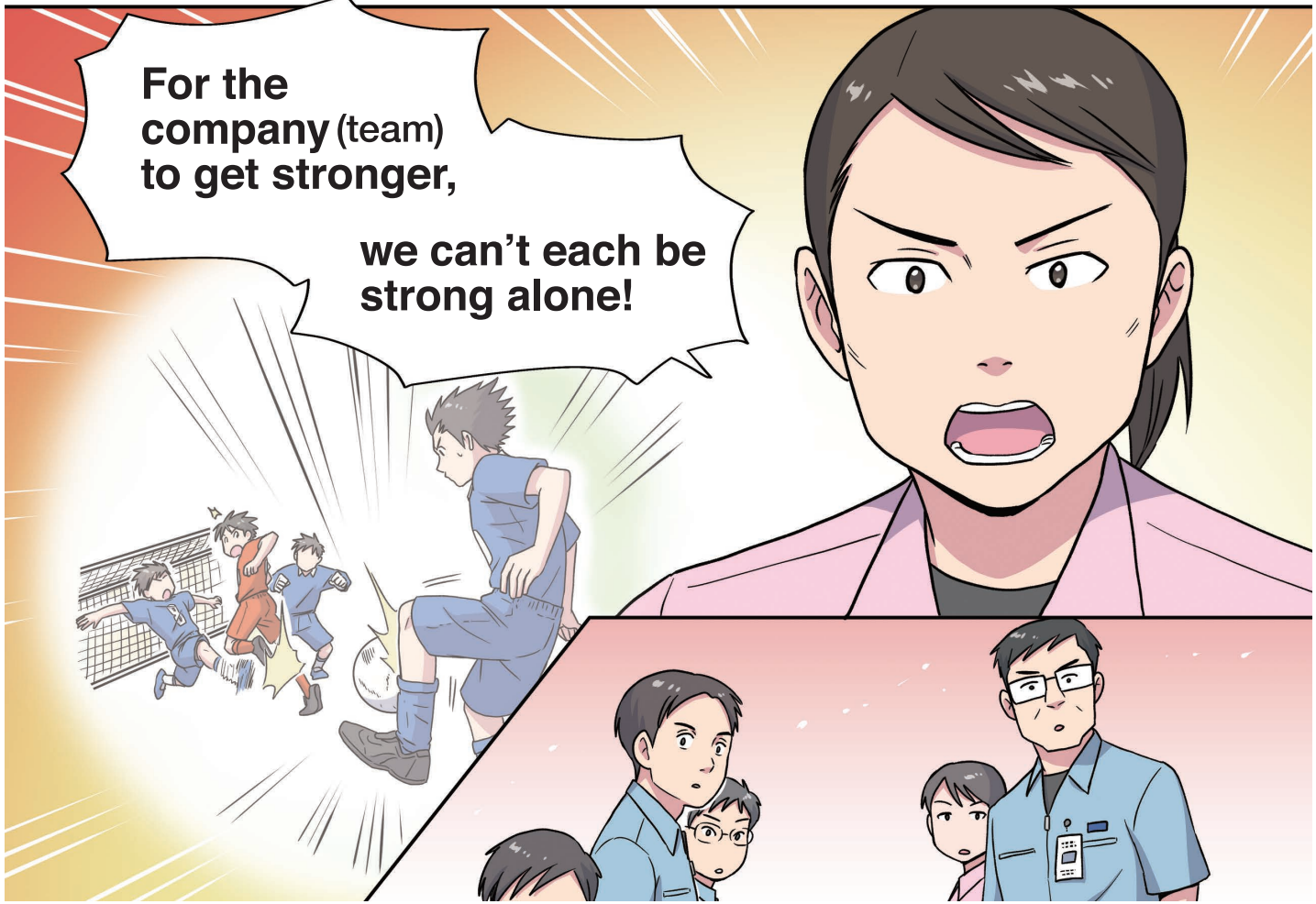
I'm sure it will be difficult to start over with a different method, but...

—I understand.

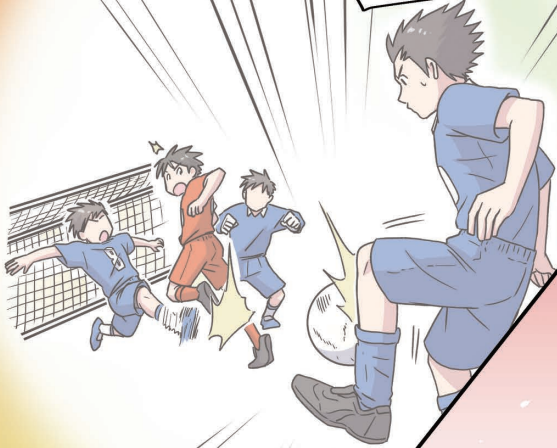
Of course it's important that everyone does their best at their own work.

Yeah, yeah!

But...



For the company (team) to get stronger, we can't each be strong alone!



...Um...

For the new era... how about trying a pull system?

Pull system

Customer

① Order

② Manufacture on the spot

③ Ship

Pull system?

But if we start manufacturing after the order comes, delivery will take longer.

But... it would mean less stock and less waste...

We'd save on costs, too... But can it be done?

If everyone works together, I'm sure we can do it!

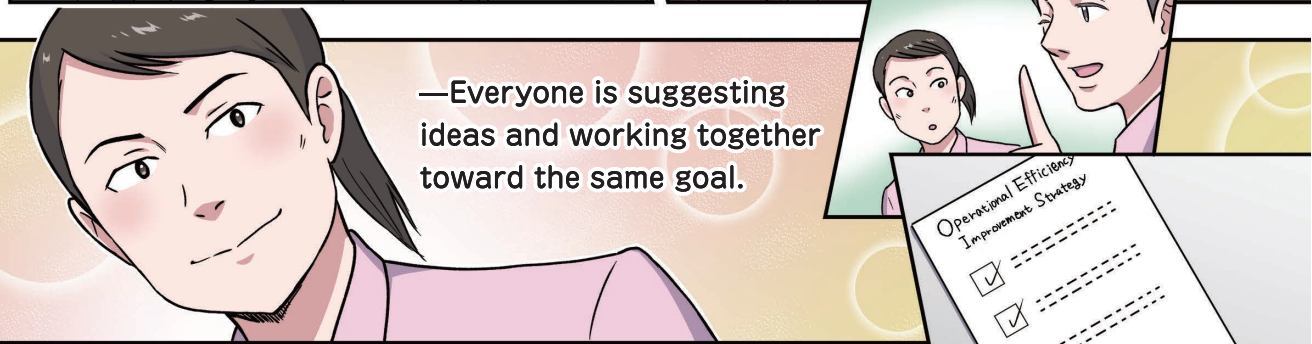
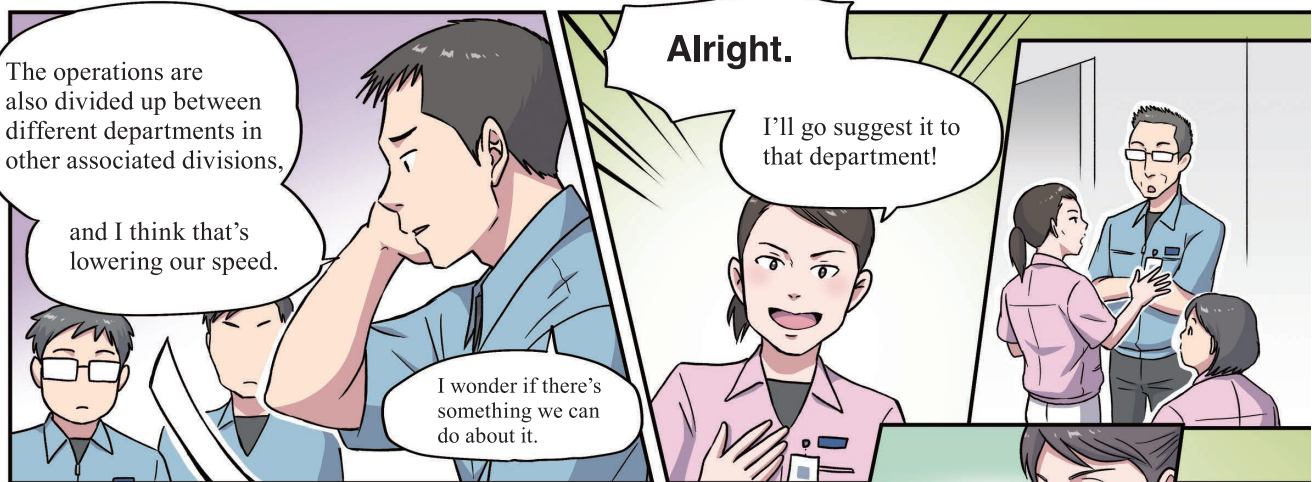
Then—

We'll need to rework the process layout.

If Process A could do something like this, it would reduce the effort needed for Process B.

I think this would raise the efficiency of the whole factory.

I see...



This is... the spirit of YKK!

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YKK's CYCLE OF GOODNESS
The corporate philosophy established by YKK's founder, Tadao Yoshida, who believed that "no one prospers without rendering benefit to others." It expresses the basic belief of the YKK Group.

