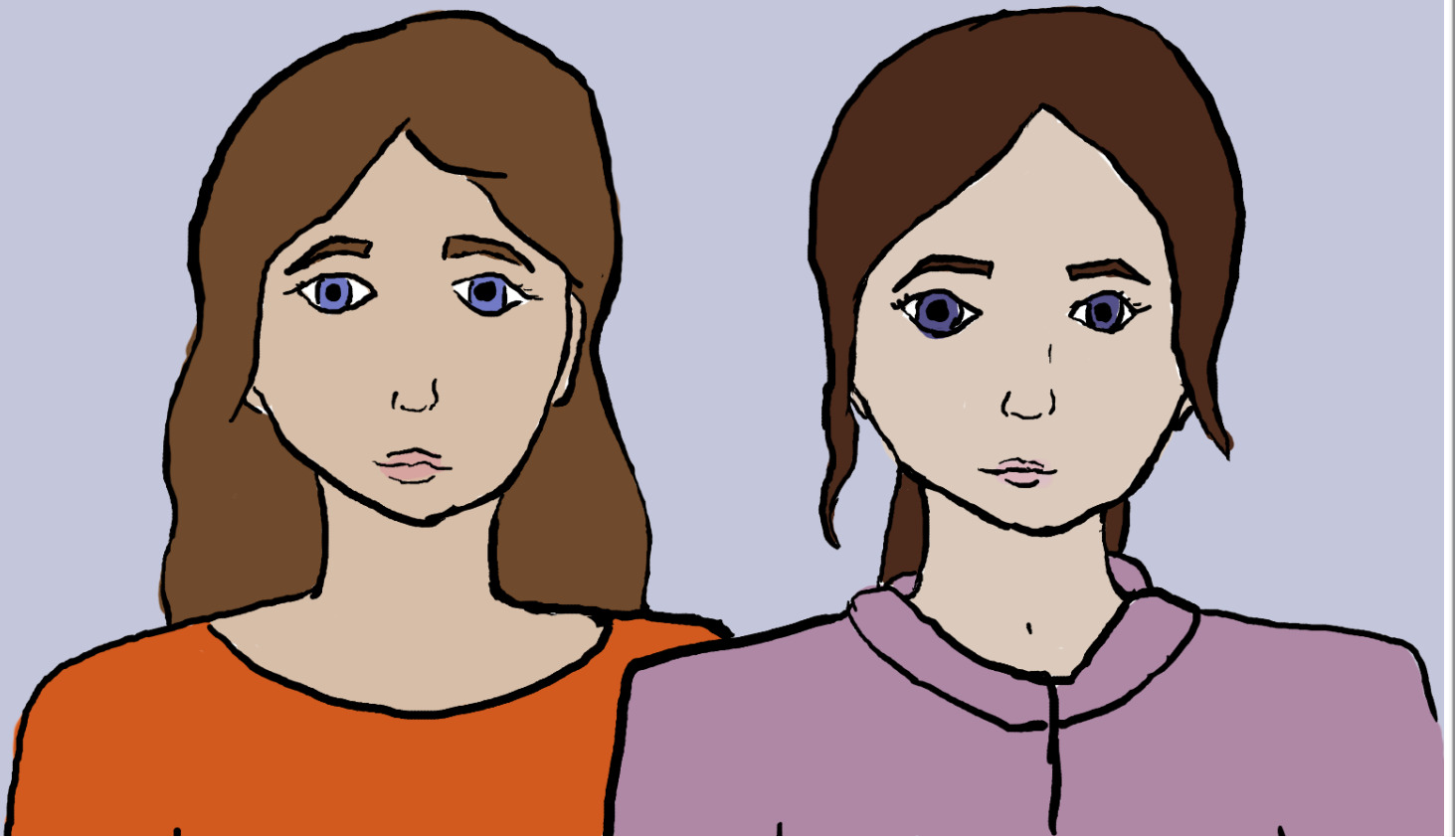


# The Perfect Team



Ellen and Hadley are friends from school. Last year, they were in elementary school together. They each have many interests, but Ellen really wanted to do something technical that year.

Ellen tried to join her school's VEX team. Sadly, her application was denied, but why?

Why not? Why can't I join the VEX team?

I'm sorry but we just have too many people already.

She knew a lot about VEX robotics, since she had been attending her brother's VEX meetings after school. She had to, because their father was a mentor for the high school robotics program. So, she wanted to be on her school's VEX IQ team. But that didn't work out.

So she went to her friend Hadley.



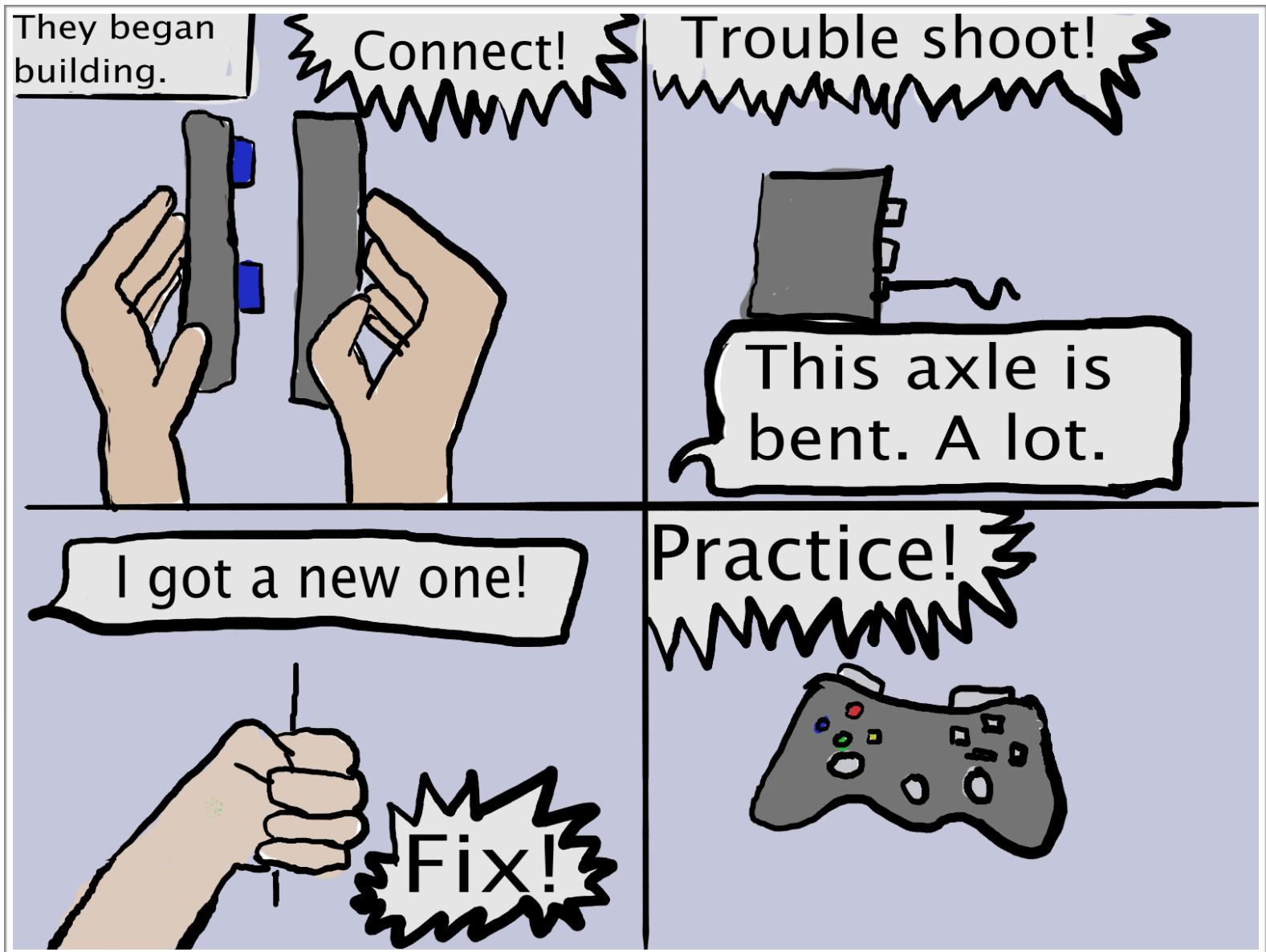
Ellen's parents had always encouraged her to find creative solutions to problems. She decided to start her own team.

Hadley went to her mom.

This is as cool as it sounds.

Really?!

Hadley wasn't really sure, but she was willing to give it a try. *If* her mom would let her.



Hadley's mom said yes, the team was formed, and the two of them got to work. After many, many after school meetings, they had a functioning robot. Then, practice began.

They won some awards.



The practice paid off, and they surprised themselves by winning.

Then... they qualified for worlds.



...And they made it to VEX Worlds. It was exciting.  
But scary.

The officials didn't schedule any matches for them.

After all of  
our hard  
work...

What's  
the point?



Their skills runs and practice matches went well. But when they received the final and official schedule...their team was excluded. They sought out the officials, who quickly recognized the mistake. But it seemed there was nothing to be done.

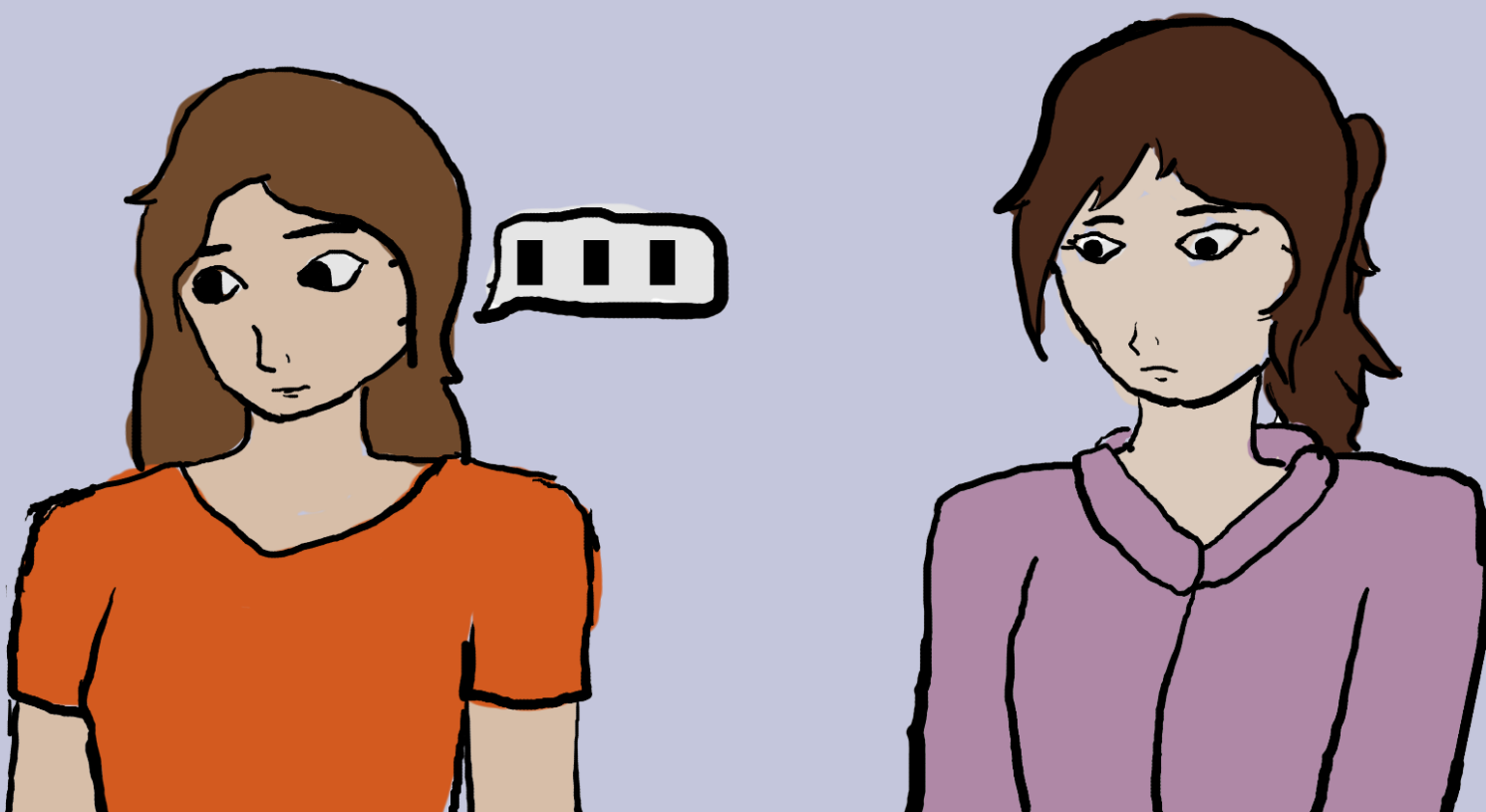


Luckily, they got to take the place of an absent foreign team.



However, by the second day of the competition, one of the teams on the schedule had not shown up. The officials asked if they would like to play the matches assigned to the missing team. The only catch: it was too late to put in their team info. Nevertheless, they pressed on.

They didn't win anything  
at worlds.



Despite all their hard work and perseverance, they  
didn't receive any awards.

But, they'll never give up.



By the end of the competition they were exhausted. However, they didn't let the temporary setback kill their spirit. They resolved to come back the following year.

After all, they *were* the perfect team...

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