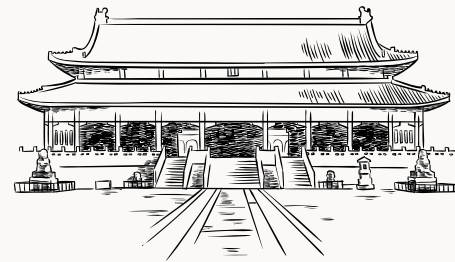
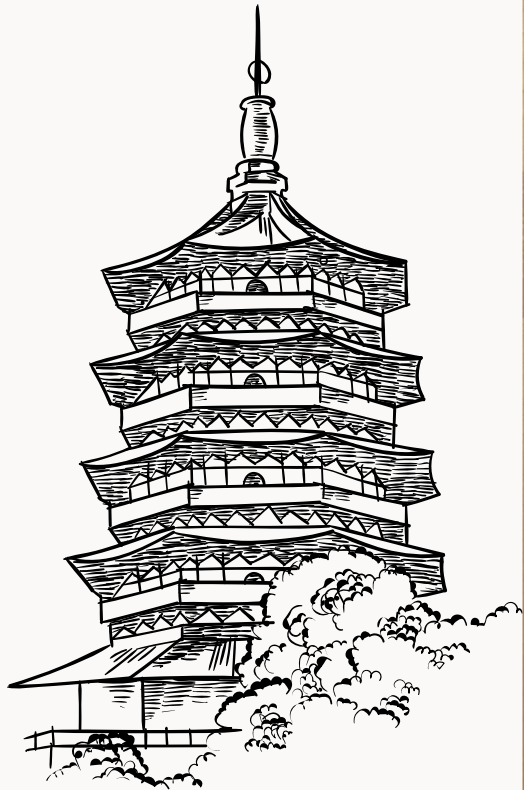




A Good Woman

“Your lives as women are so much easier compared to us men!”

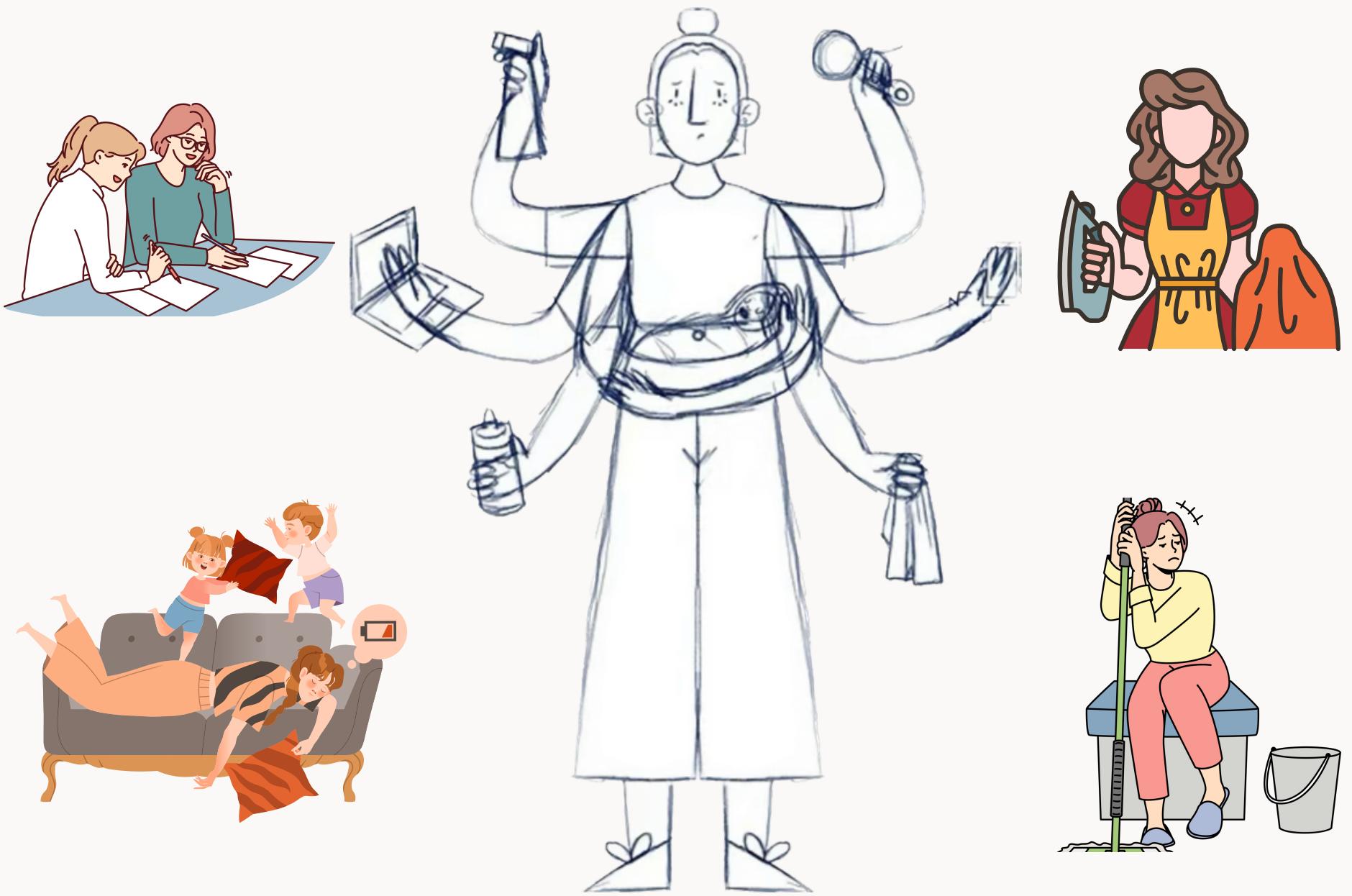
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Ancient China - Being a "Good Woman" Was a Struggle!

As Confucius and Mencius defined the superior-inferior relationship between men and women as heaven-ordained more than two thousand years ago, ancient Chinese women were controlled and dominated by men from cradle to grave.

- Three Obediences: women should be obedient to father before marriage, to husband after marriage, and to son after the death of husband
- No education for women - "Ignorance is a woman's virtue" was the mantra
- Show constant fear to men
- Endure humiliation and adversity
- Responsible for the entirety of household chores, regardless of the task's complexity
- Keep their heads low, keep their mouths shut and keep their hands busy
- Confined to the inner chambers of their homes, like human treasures in a hidden vault.



In Modern China, Being A Good Woman Is A Breeze!!

After the founding of the People's Republic, there was a surge of mass movements throughout the country to change the backward economic and cultural outlook left over by old China. The economic and social changes also significantly accelerated the "family revolution" started at the beginning of the 19th century in urban China and extended during the early 1950s to rural areas. The aim eliminated patriarchal domination and established a democratic family system. The game has changed:

- Women are allowed to have children in their late 20s or even 30s - no rush!
- You're free to step out of your house and compete with men while taking care of the whole family!
- Your salary can reach an impressive 76.5% of what men earn!
- Housework? You only need to handle 94.7% of it (thanks, men, for the 5.3%!).
- You cook for the whole family, but you get to enjoy meals at the same table with your husband and parents-in-law.
- Women who are pregnant can get extra care; their superiors often persuade them to resign or directly fire them so they can get a good rest!
- "Nowadays women in China enjoy so many privileges that we can't even count them!"

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