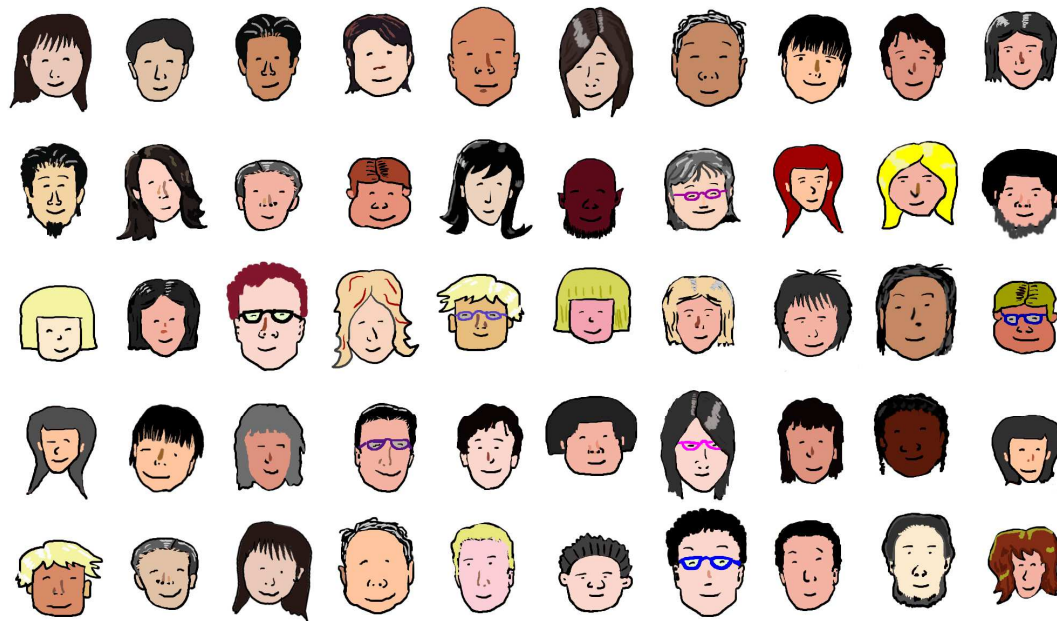
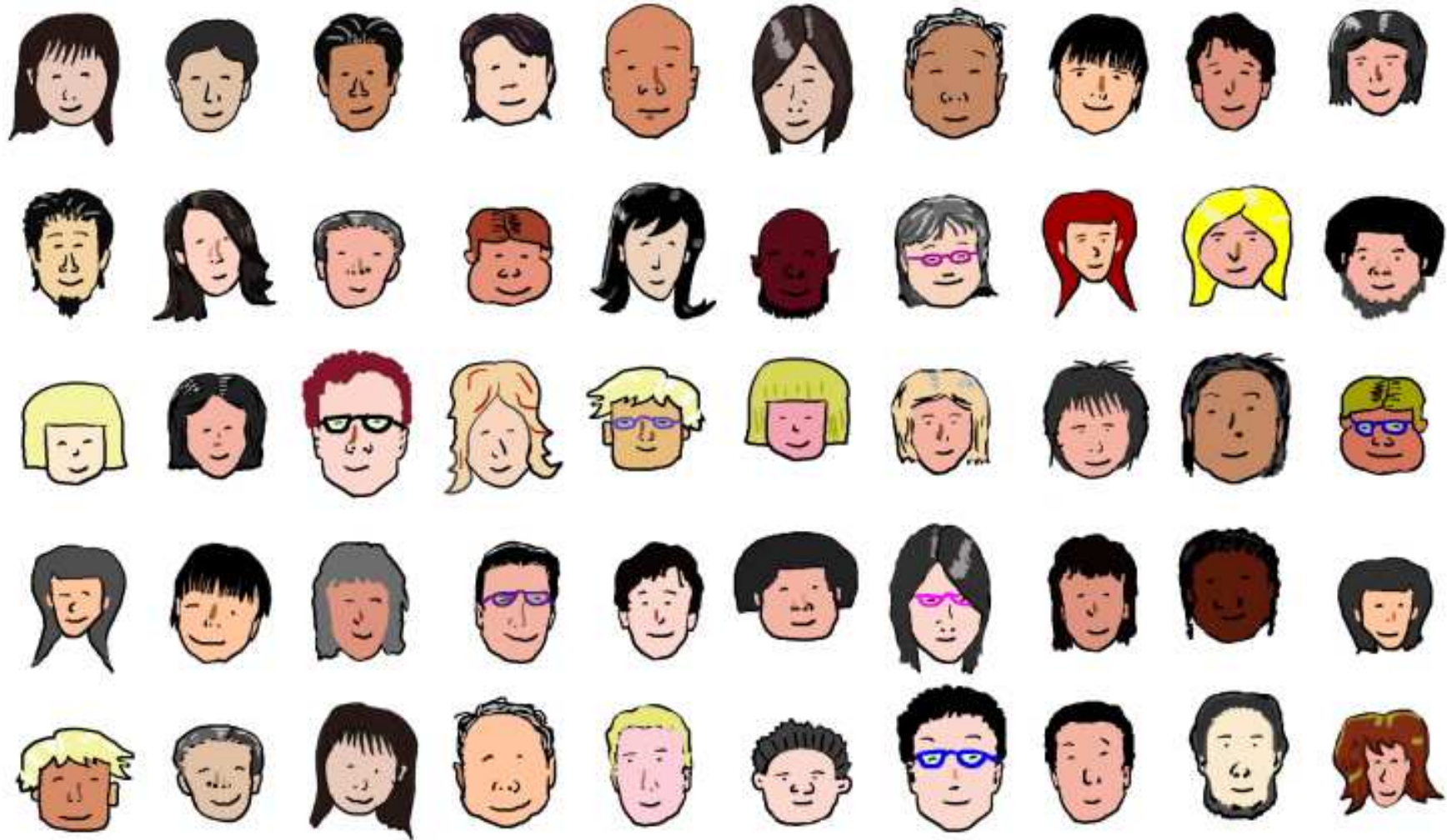


Minorities in a village

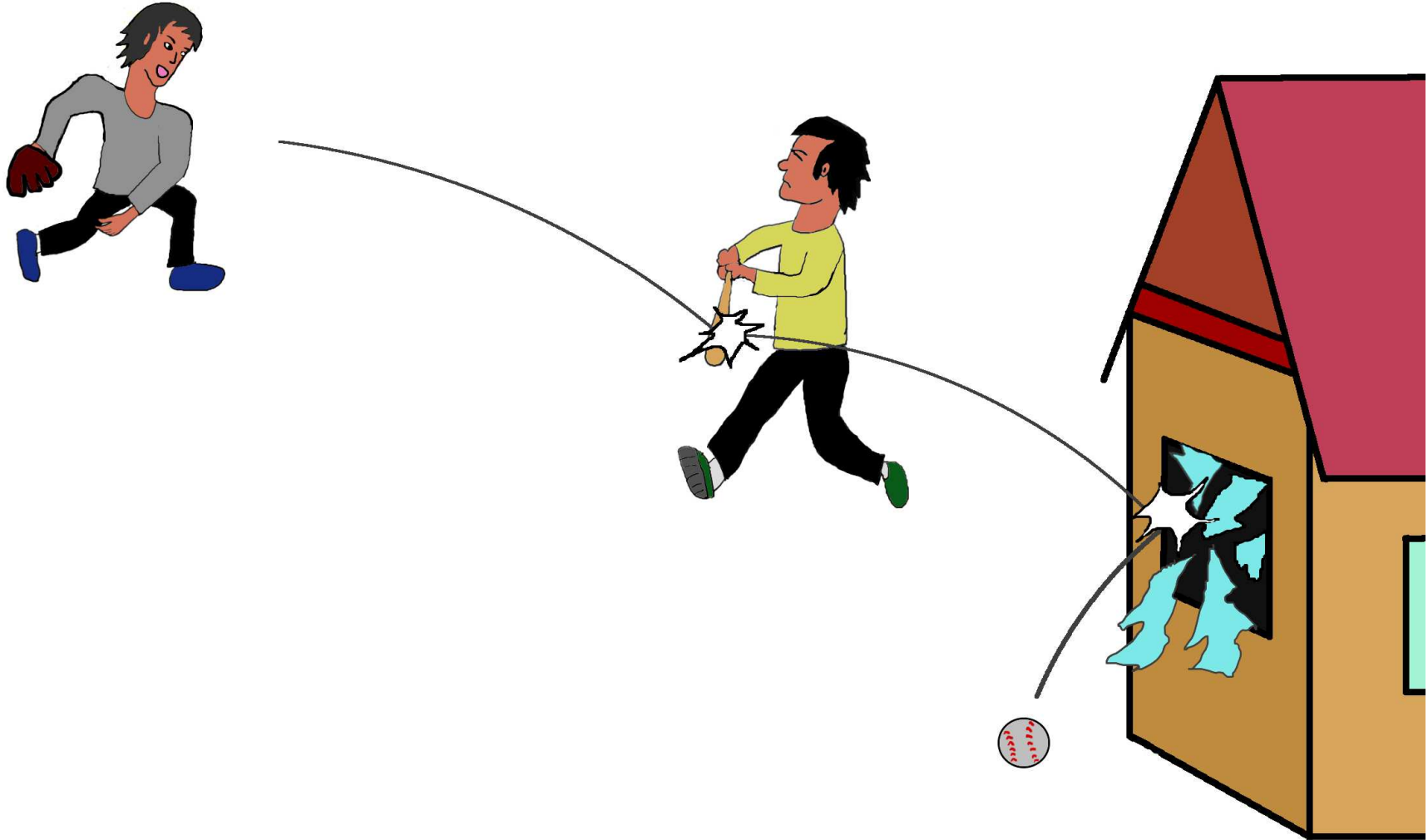


Jun Togo

There was a village, where people decided everything by majority rule. The whole population was 50 people.

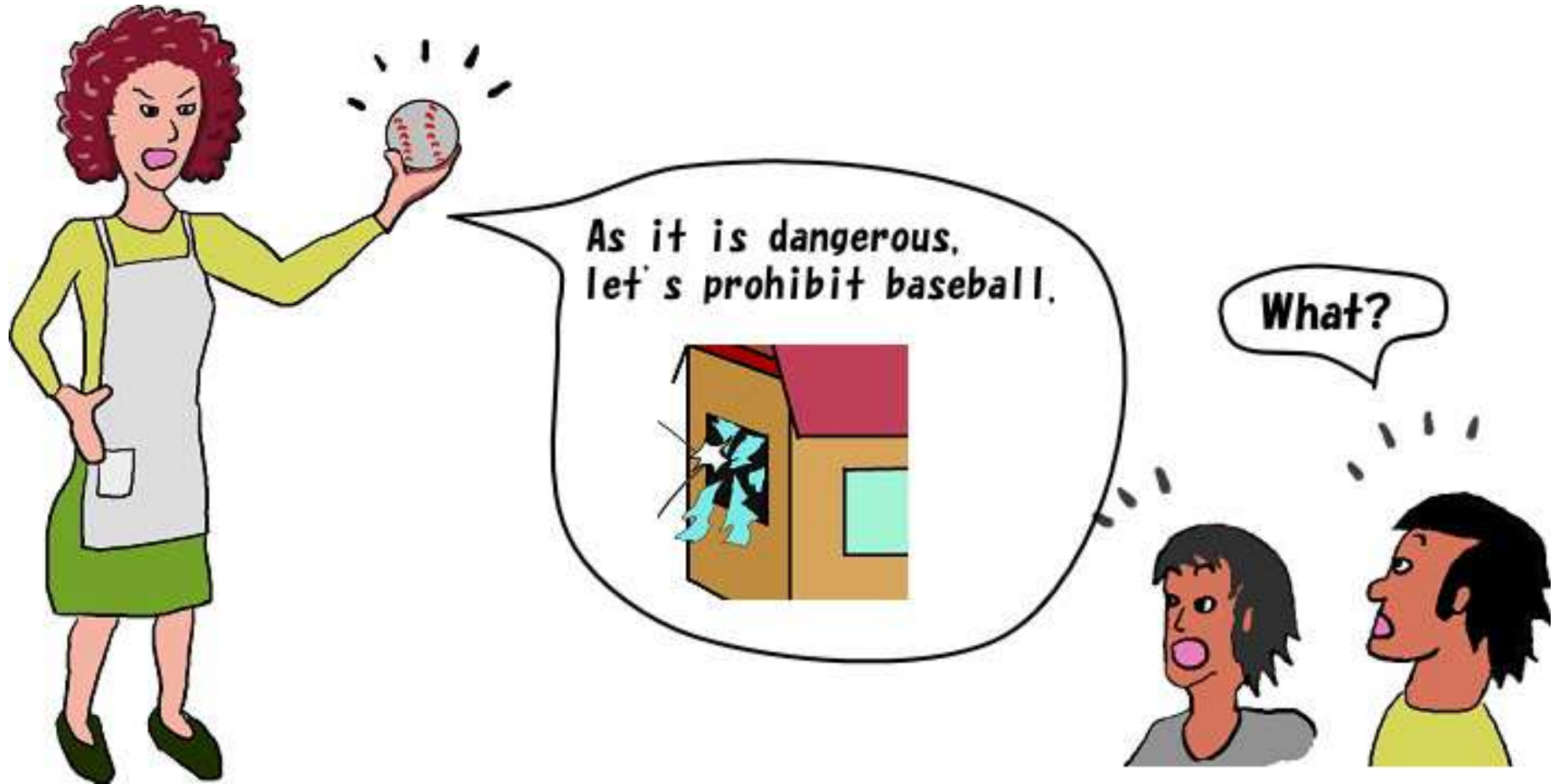


One day some people played baseball in the village. The number of villagers who loved baseball was 10.



Uh-oh, a glass was broken.

A villagers' meeting was held. The house owner whose glass had been broken has proposed as follows.¹



The people who loved baseball were very upset. Needless to say, they were against the proposal.

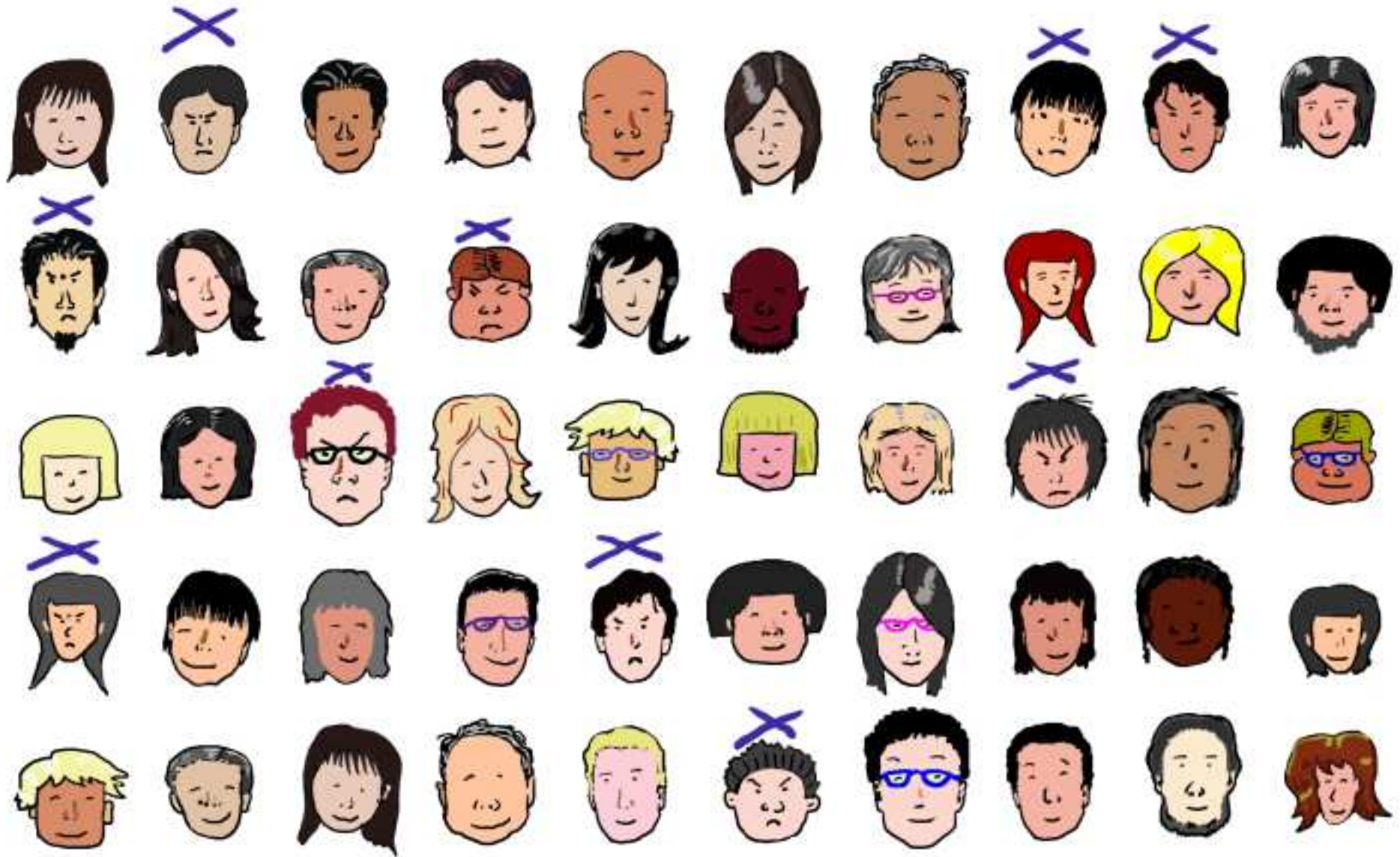
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So it was to be decided democratically by majority rule.



Baseball was now prohibited by 40 votes against 10 votes.

10 of the villagers look unhappy. They are the ones who are prohibited from playing baseball.



There is a drink in the village, which makes its drinker feel happy. 20 of the villagers love it.



One day, one of the villagers who had the drink became violent afterward.



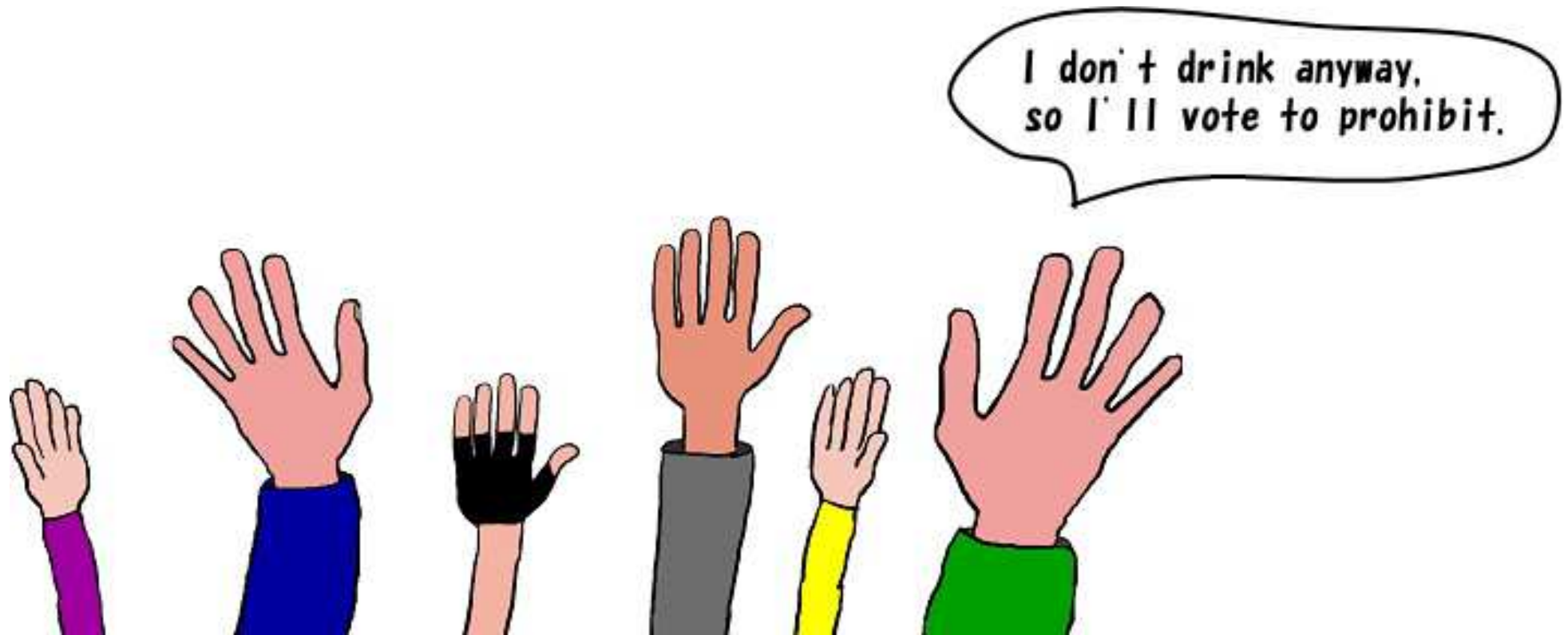
A villagers' meeting was held. A man has proposed as follows.²



The people who loved drinking were very upset. Needless to say, they were against the proposal.

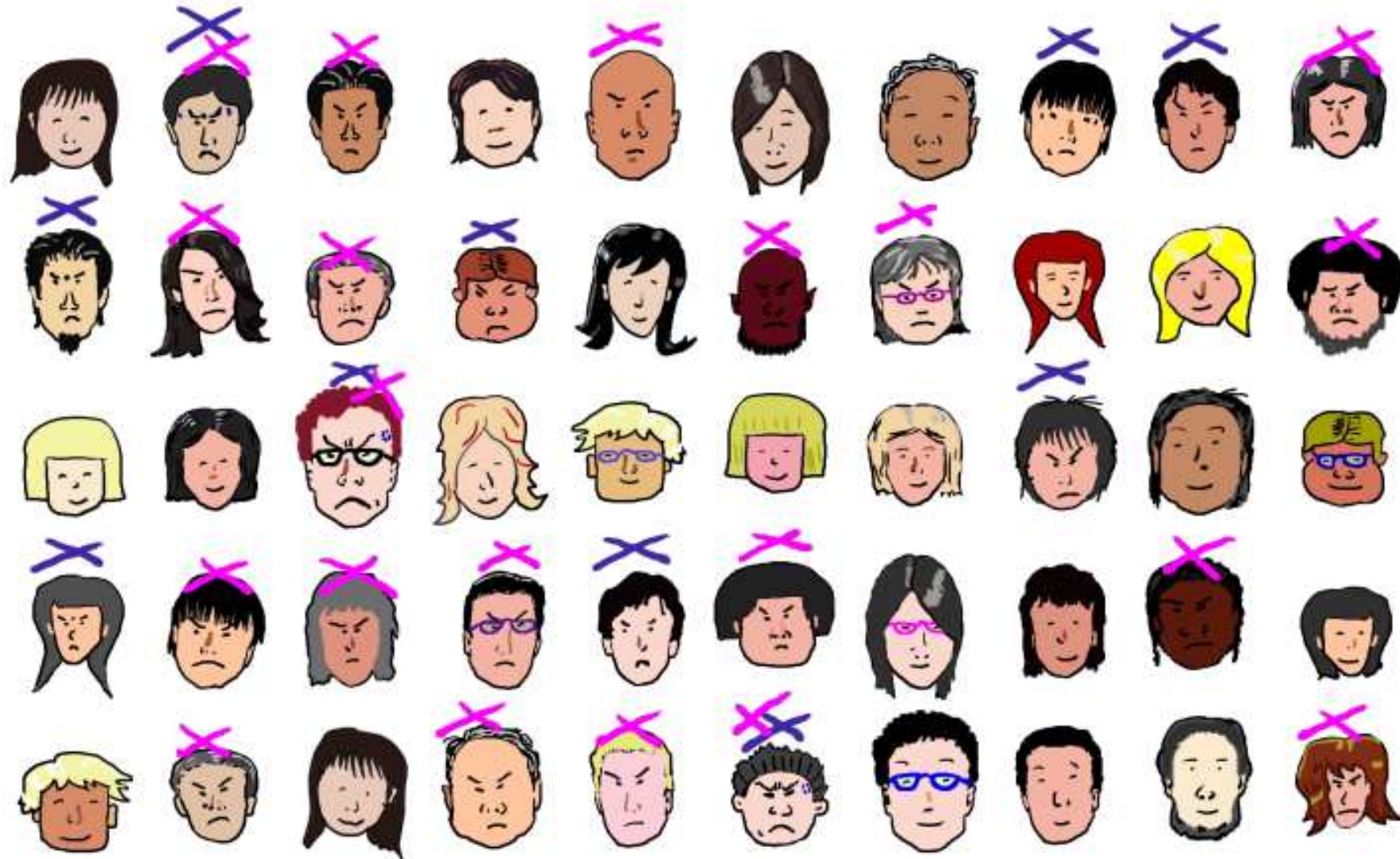
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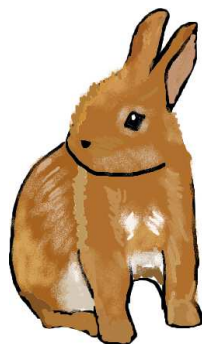


Drinking has now been prohibited by 30 votes against 20 votes.

Some of the villagers look unhappy. They are the ones who are prohibited from playing baseball and/or drinking.



There are 10 people in the village who are willingly to eat an animal with long ears.



"It's too cruel to eat a lovely animal!" one of the villagers thought and proposed in the villagers' meeting to prohibit eating the creature.³ Needless to say, the 10 people are against the proposal. So it was to be decided democratically by majority rule.

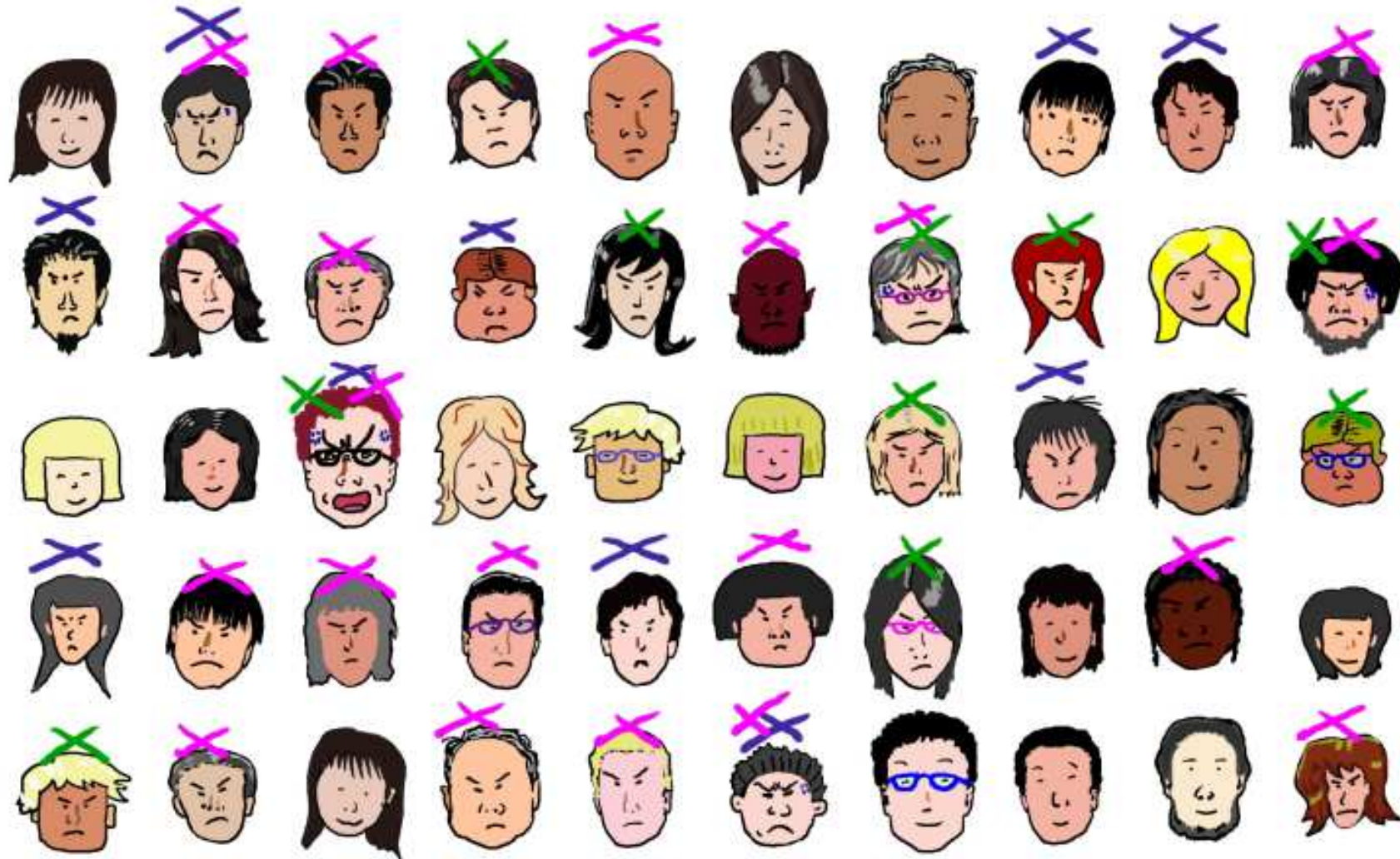


I don't eat it in any case, so I would vote to prohibit.

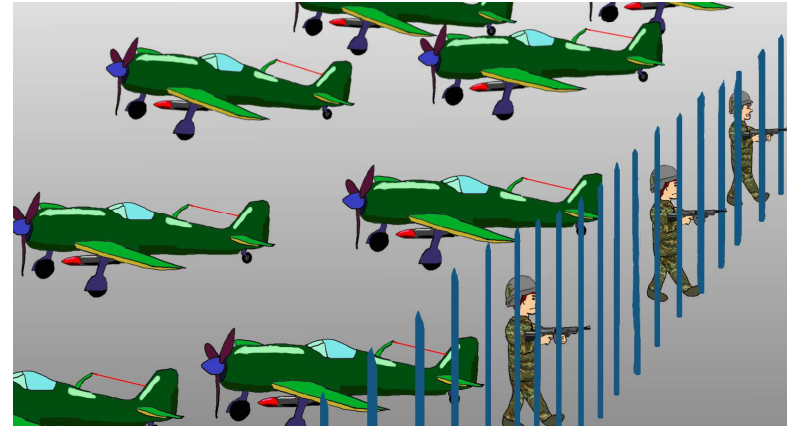
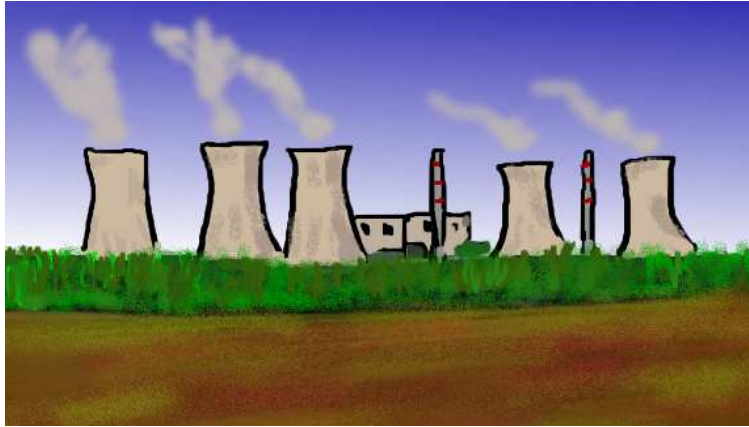
Eating the animal was now prohibited by 40 votes against 10 votes.

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Many of the villagers look unhappy. They are the ones who are prohibited from baseball, drinking and/or eating the animal.



One day, it was decided to build a new power plant and an airport⁴ in the village.



However there was a concern. Nobody wants to build them near his/her house. So their locations were to be decided democratically by majority rule.

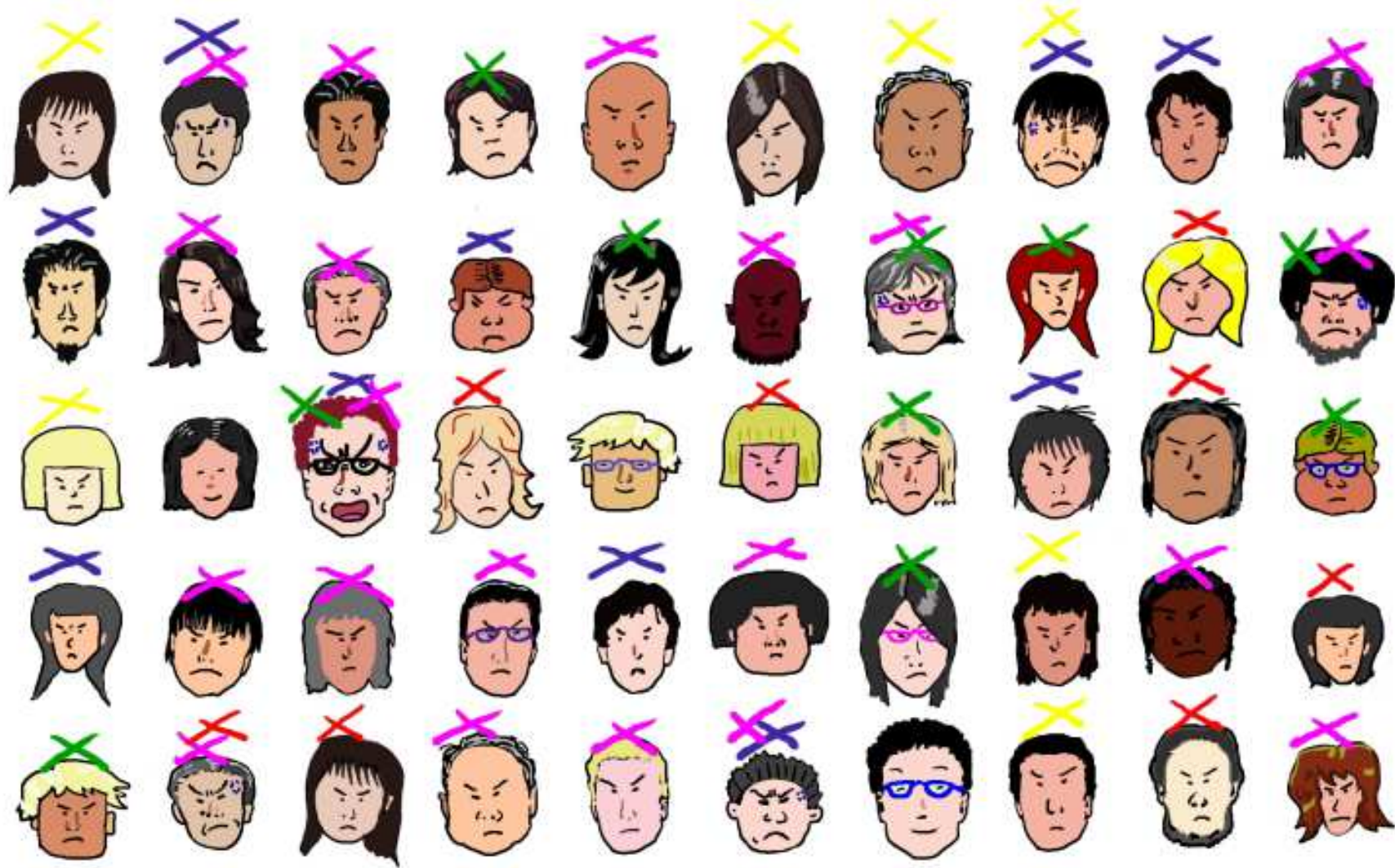


I strongly oppose to build them nearby. If the locations are far away, then it is OK.

As the outcome of the vote, it was decided to build them in the areas that have populations of 7 and 8 respectively.

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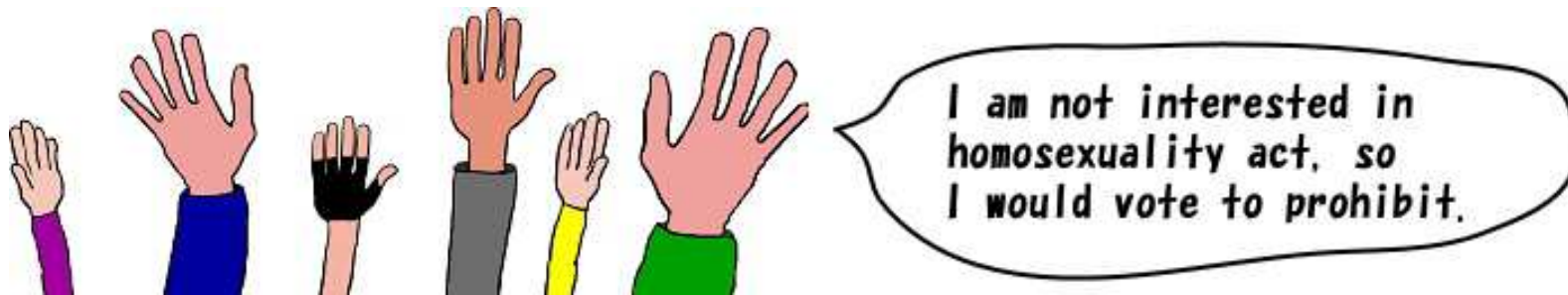
Most of the villagers look unhappy. They are the ones who are prohibited from baseball, drinking, eating the animal and/or the ones who have a power plant or an airport nearby.



There are 5 people in the village, who love people of the same sex.



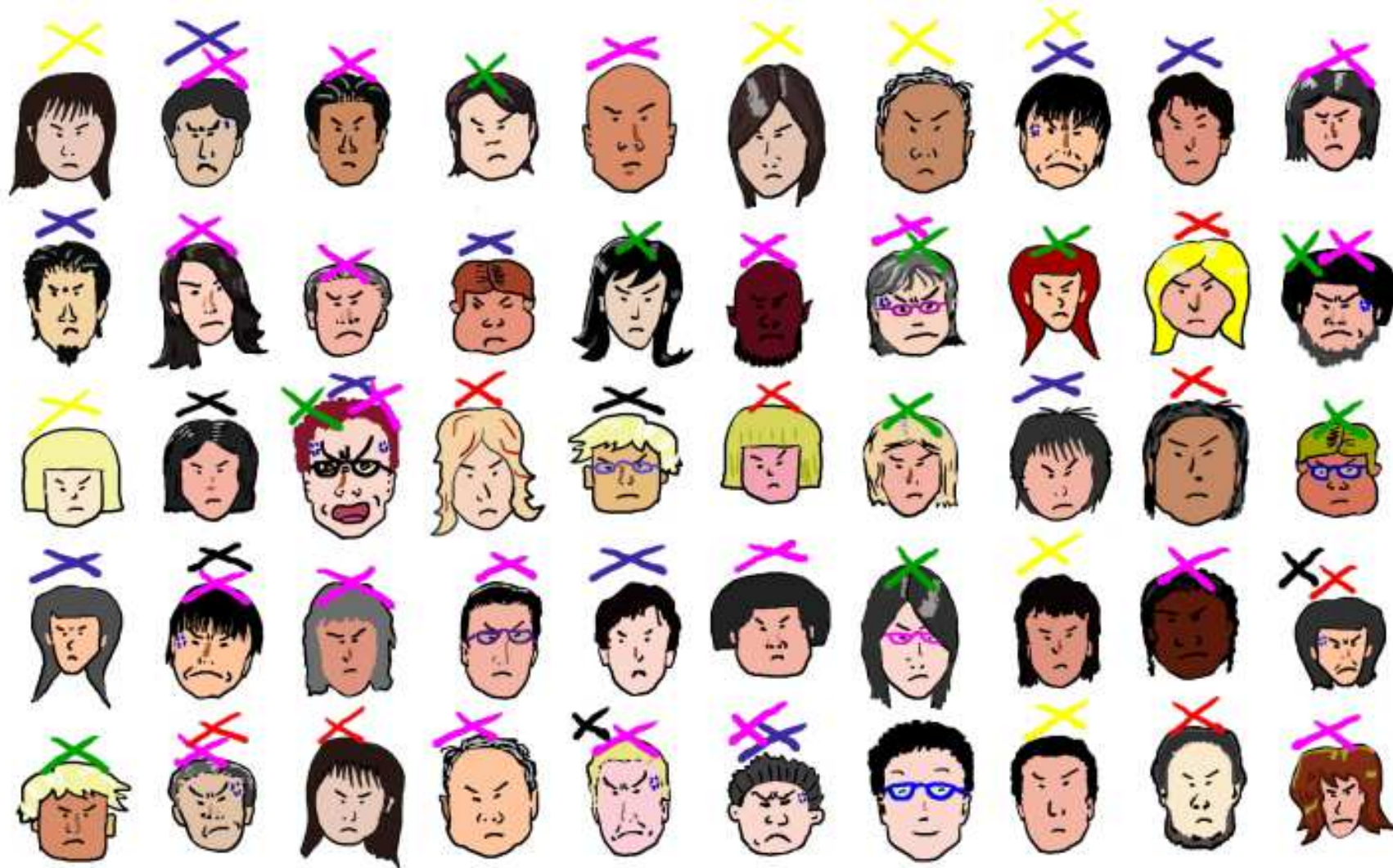
"Homosexuality is wrong!" ⁵ one of the villagers thought and proposed in the villagers' meeting to prohibit it. Needless to say, the 5 people are against the proposal. So it was decided democratically by majority rule.



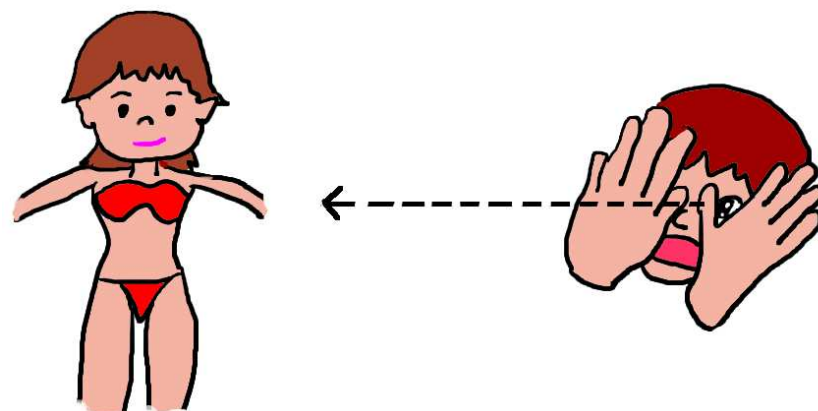
Homosexuality act was now prohibited by 45 votes to 5.

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All of the villagers look unhappy. They are the ones who are prohibited from baseball, drinking, eating the animal, who have a power plant or an airport nearby and/or who are prohibited from homosexuality.



There are 5 people in the village, who love children's sexual photos and pictures.



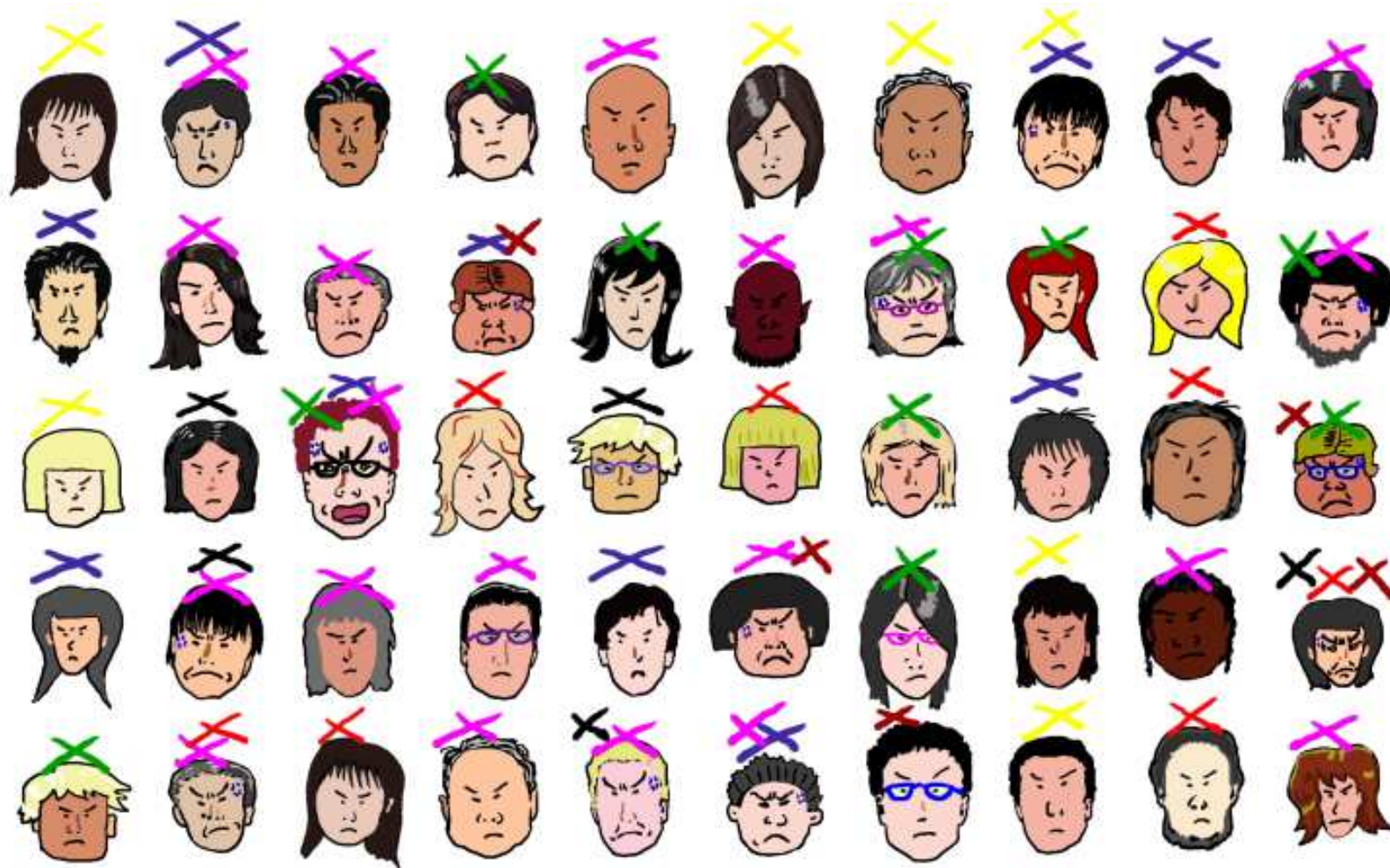
"Children's sexual photos and pictures are bad" ⁶ one of the villagers thought and proposed in the villagers' meeting to prohibit them. Needless to say, the 5 people are against the proposal. So it was decided democratically by majority rule.



Children's sexual photos and pictures were now prohibited by 45 votes to 5.

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All of the villagers look unhappy. They are the ones who are prohibited from baseball, drinking, eating the animal, who have a power plant or an airport nearby, who are prohibited from homosexuality and/or children's sexual photos and pictures.



There is a grass in the village, which you can burn and smoke, that makes the smoker feel happy. 10 of the villagers love it.



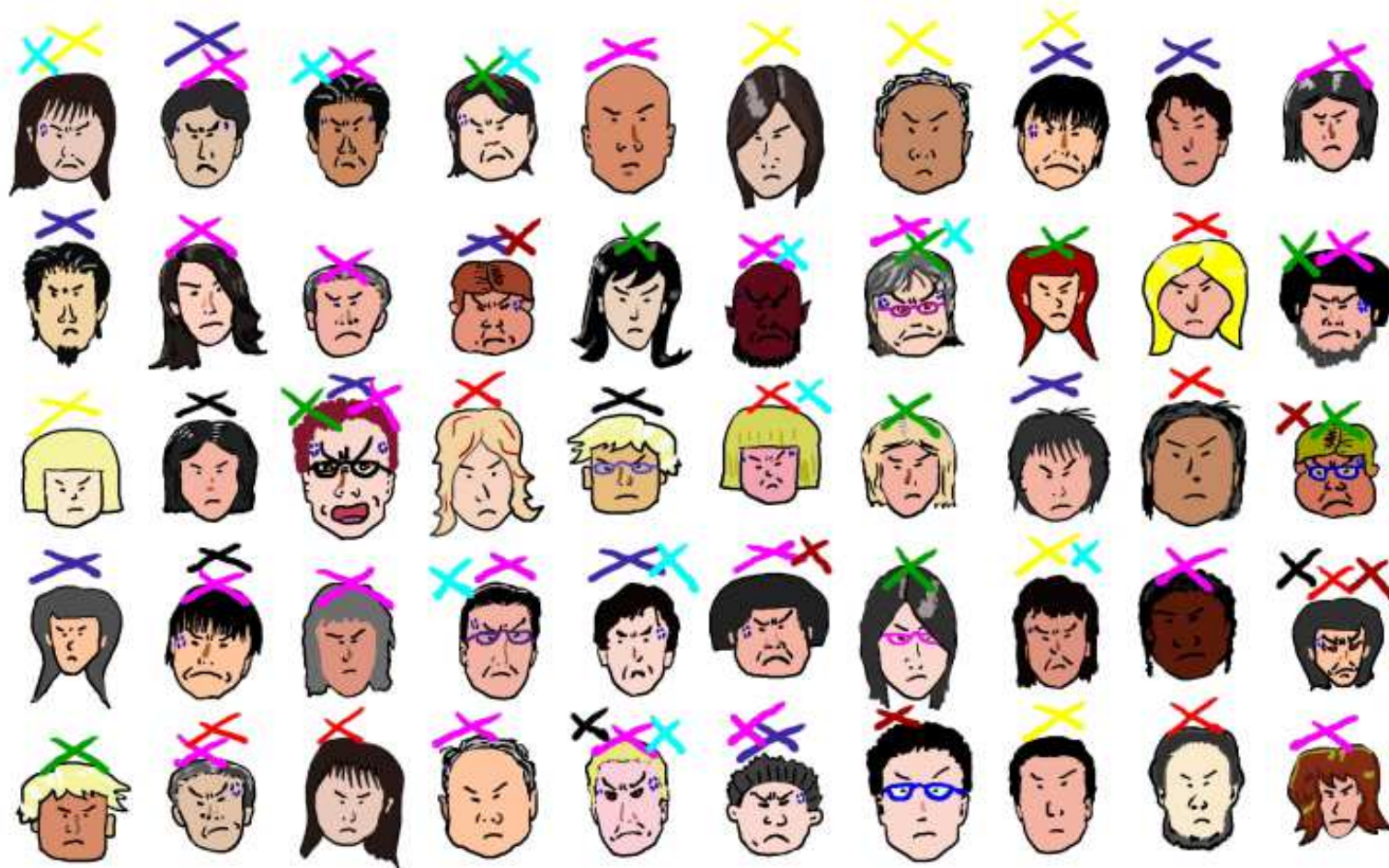
"The grass must be bad for health",⁷ one of the villagers thought and proposed in the villagers' meeting to prohibit it. "What? This grass is not worse than a tobacco and it even has a positive effect on cancer". The 10 people naturally opposed the proposal. So it was decided democratically by majority rule.



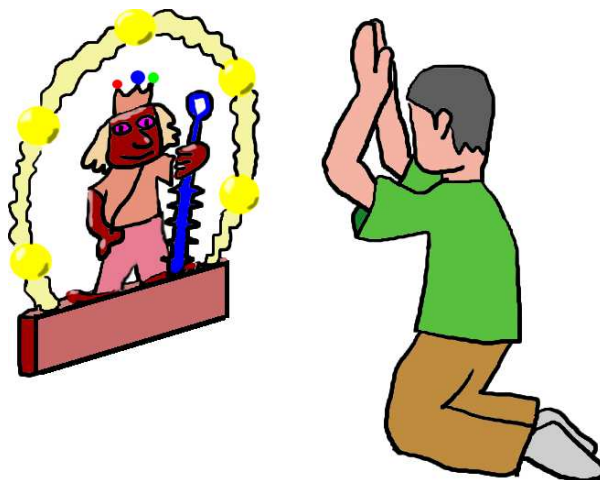
Smoking the grass was now prohibited by 40 votes to 10.

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All of the villagers look unhappy. They are the ones who are prohibited from baseball, drinking, eating the animal, who have a power plant or an airport nearby, who are prohibited from homosexuality, children's sexual photos and pictures and/or smoking the grass.



There are 20 people in the village, who do not worship the God⁸ of their village.



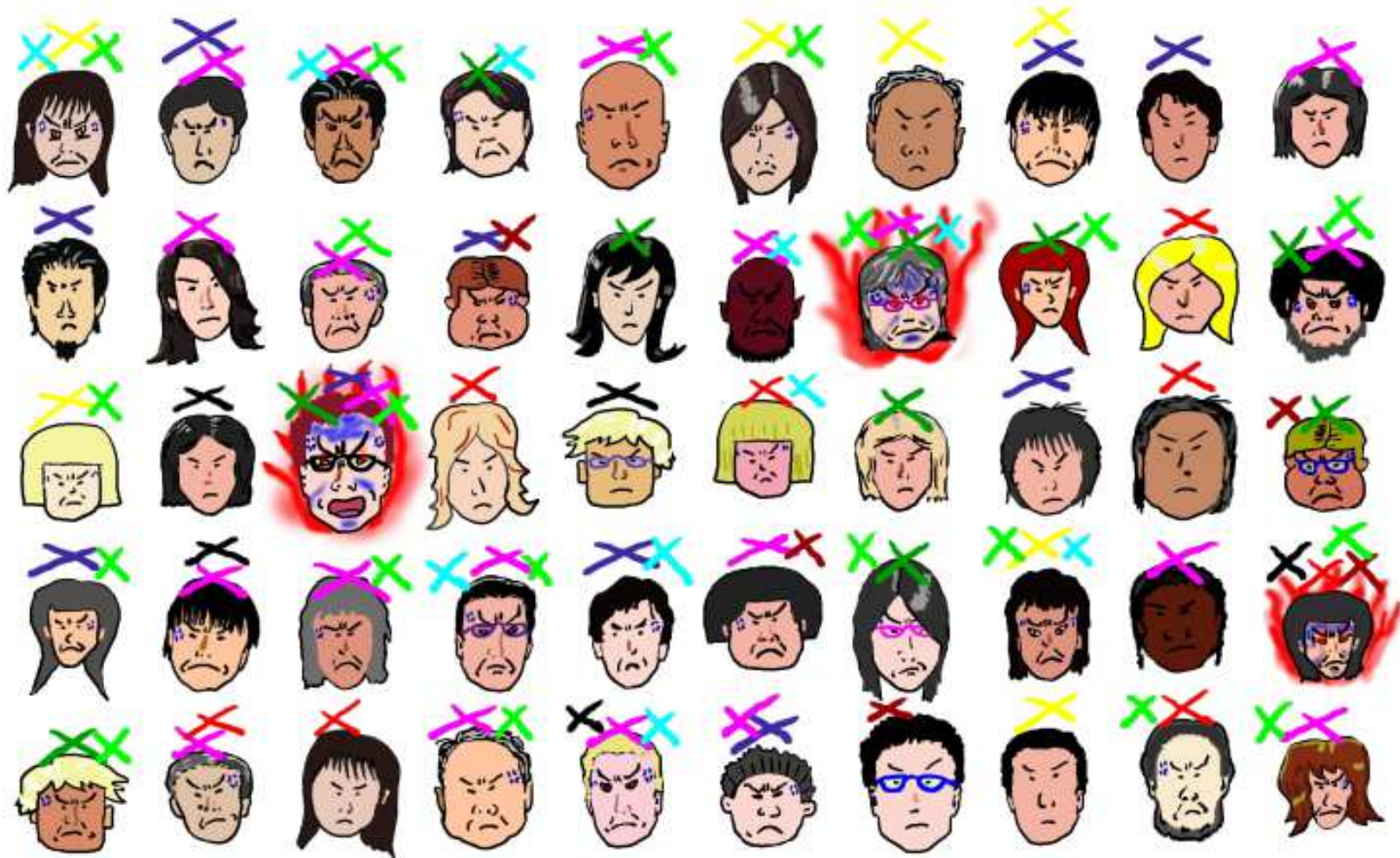
“It is right to worship the God”, one of the villagers thought and proposed in the villagers’ meeting to obligate all the villagers to do so. Needless to say, 20 people opposed the proposal. So it was decided democratically by majority rule.



It was decided to obligate all the people to worship the God by 30 votes to 20.

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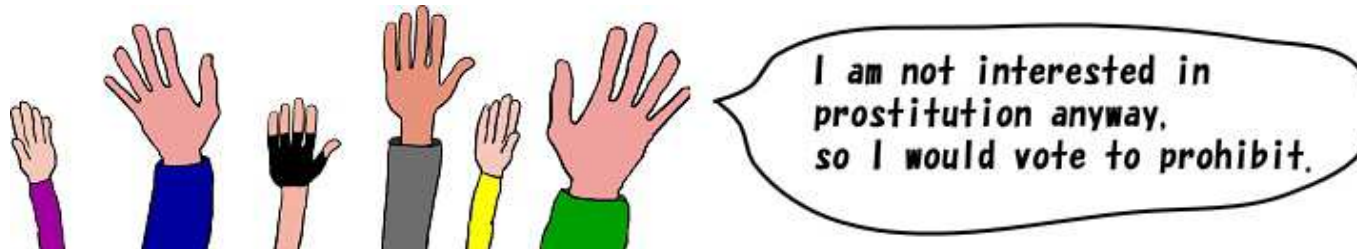
All of the villagers look unhappy. They are the ones who are prohibited from baseball, drinking, eating the animal, who have a power plant or an airport nearby, who are prohibited from homosexuality, children's sexual photos and pictures, smoking the grass and/or ordered to worship the God.



There are 5 people in the village, who earn by prostitution.⁹



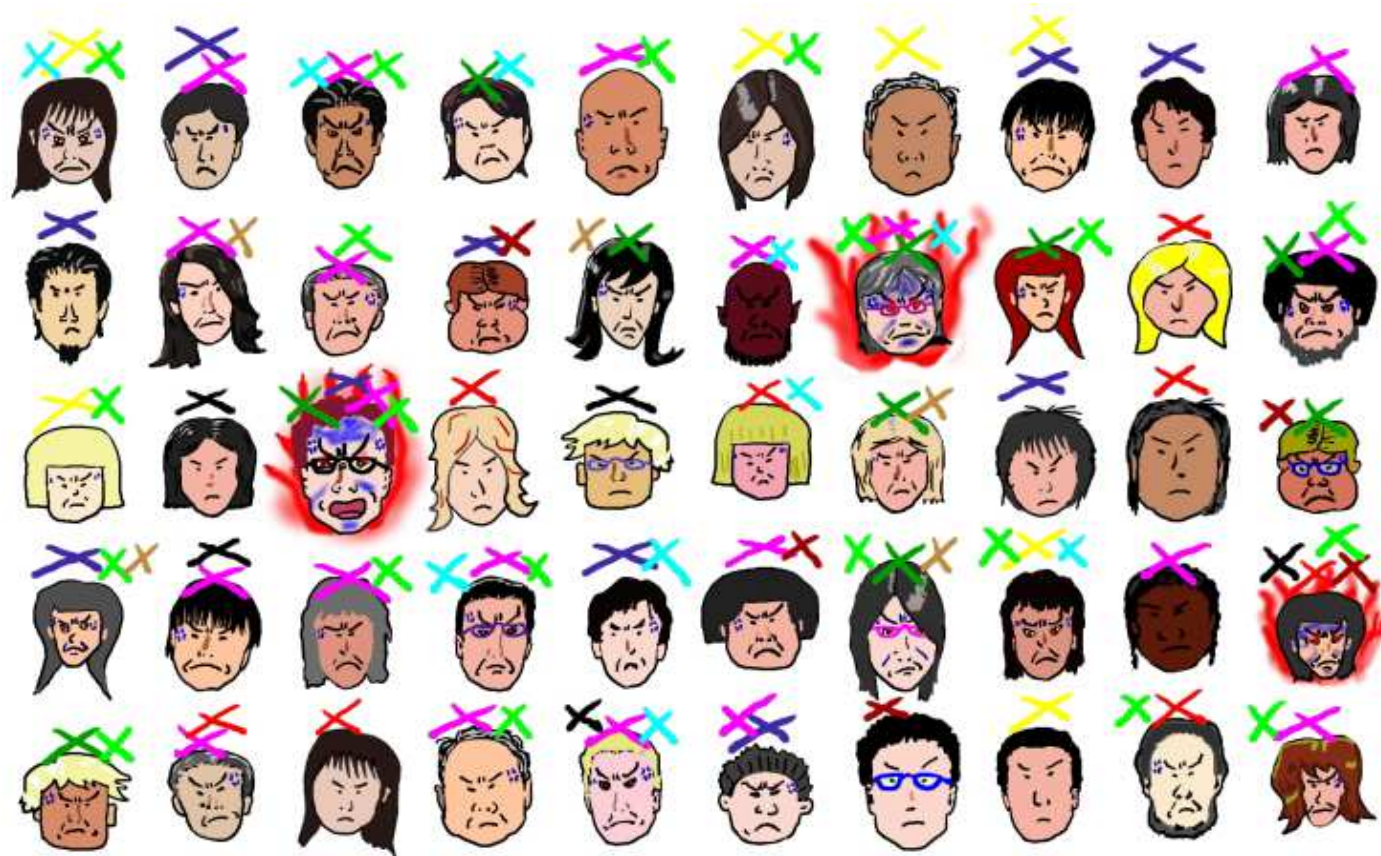
“Prostitution is wrong”, one of the villagers thought and proposed in the villagers’ meeting to prohibit it. Needless to say, the 5 people opposed the proposal. So it was decided democratically by majority rule.



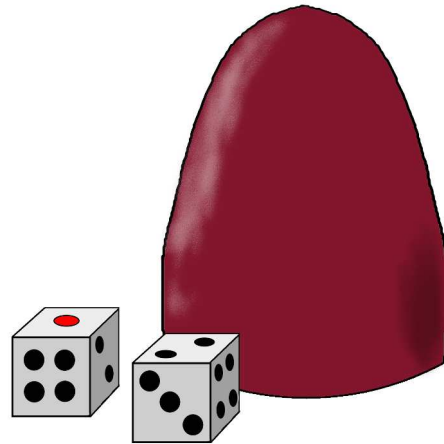
Prostitution was now prohibited by 45 votes to 5.

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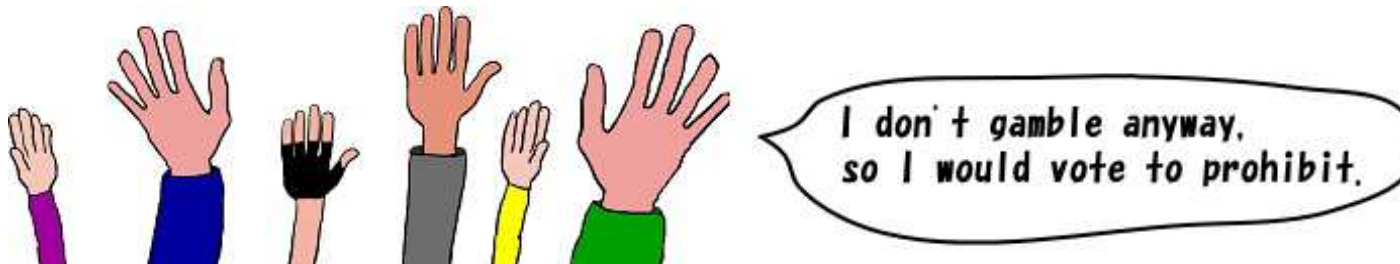
All of the villagers look unhappy. They are the ones who are prohibited from baseball, drinking, eating the animal, who have a power plant or an airport nearby, who are prohibited from homosexuality, children's sexual photos and pictures, smoking the grass, who are ordered to worship the God and/or prohibited from prostitution.



There are 15 people in the village, who love gambling.



"Gambling is wrong",¹⁰ one of the villagers thought and proposed in the villagers' meeting to prohibit it. Needless to say, the 15 people opposed the proposal. So it was decided democratically by majority rule.



Gambling was now prohibited by 35 votes to 15.

¹⁰ N.B The writer has no intention to argue if gambling is good or bad in this picture book.

In this way, regulations continued to increase by majority rule and each time the villagers' faces turn darker and grimmer.



All of us are minorities, aren't we?

I'm terribly sorry!

Never mind.
All of us may replace
our positions.



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