Four Men, 30 Minutes

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OHAYO GOZAIMASU! DID YOU GET ANY SLEEP DURING THAT DRIVE? NO? ME NEITHER. BUT IT’S NOT BRAIN SURGERY WE’RE DOING TODAY, SO NO WORRIES!

TODAY’S JOB IS PRETTY SIMPLE. WE’VE RECEIVED A DONATION OF THREE LARGE HEAVY-DUTY CANVAS-SIDED SHELTERS, AND WE’RE GOING TO ERECT ONE HERE IN OFUNATO FOR USE AS A FOOD WAREHOUSE.

HANG ON ... JUST READING THE MANUAL...

HEY, BOSS, HOW LONG’S THIS GOING TO TAKE? I’D LOVE TO GET SOME BREAKFAST BEFORE LONG.
Says here it should take a team of four men 30 minutes to put this baby up. And we're five!

Uh-huh...

Um... I think we need the ones with the red tags over here...

...and the ones with no tags over there.
I GUESS THEY FIT TOGETHER LIKE THAT.

IF WE MEASURE THE DIAGONALS, WE'LL BE ABLE TO DETERMINE IF THE SIDES ARE PERPENDICULAR. IF THE DIAGONALS OF A PARALLELOGRAM ARE EQUAL, YOU'VE GOT A RECTANGLE, RIGHT, BOYS?

THAT LOOKS GOOD! LET'S BANG IN THE STAKES!

URGHH!!!
You're doing it wrong. You've got to let the weight of the hammer do the work.

URGHH!!!

Really, sensei? Why don't you show me?

URGHH!!!
I guess at least **ONE** of the hypothetical men who can erect this shelter in 30 minutes is three meters tall!

Unhh ... too short for this kind of work ... plus, I should be **managing** these guys!

... firmly insert cotter pins into frame. **Do not force pins into place.**

Now we've got to **unhook** these braces and reattach them so they're holding up the back wall.

Shall I tell you guys to read the manual before you started?
Hey, guys! Check out this door! It's nicer than the one to my apartment!

Urggh!!!

Okay! Let's get that roof on!

Lurggh!!!

Some time later ...
Hey, it's starting to look like the illustration in the manual!

Er, Charles ... what about the floor?

Ah ... I knew we were forgetting something.

Sorry, guys, but it seems we were supposed to put down the floor before we put up the arches.

Guys! This is great! It's bigger than my apartment!

So ... I think we just lay the floor down inside. There's no way we're taking this whole thing down and putting it up again.
MAN, THIS IS BEAUTIFUL!

ALTHOUGH ... WHEN FOUR MEN AND 30 MINUTES TURNS OUT TO BE FIVE MEN AND THREE AND A HALF HOURS ...

... IT’S TIME TO REWRITE THE MANUAL!
GOOD JOB, GUYS! SHALL WE GRAB A LITTLE BREAKFAST BEFORE WE HEAD BACK TO TOKYO?

YOU STILL TALKING ABOUT BREAKFAST? IT'S AFTER LUNCHTIME!