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She enjoyed the work and at times was supported by other women.

She was laughed at by men, who told her to look for a man to do the work. So, as we are only girls, my mother always wished for a son. But at the same time she taught us to do things on our own.

Have you had problems finding work with other building companies?

Yes, they usually tell you that they already have other people doing the job.

What are your future plans?

I am buying my own equipment to eventually become self-employed, owning my own company. I am slowly getting there.

What are the attitudes of other women towards you regarding the work you do?

I've never had many complaints, but basically they don't seem to believe me when I show them the finished product, whether it is a wall, a room or a house. That hurts me, not having the moral support of other women. Believe me or not, I get more support from men than I would ever expect from women. Inner strength made me proud of myself, knowing that I at least satisfied my own goals. My strength is mental regardless of the physical strength necessary in my career.

The two secret dreamers

they seem so near but yet so far
they dream the same dream
the same day and the same time
dreaming has become a hobby

they see each other closer than ever
talking smiling and laughing so loud
they are content with what they are
dreaming has become a hobby for both

the two dreamers one day missed their dreams
they both went to the riverside to find comfort
there they sat and wept
dreaming is no longer a hobby

they stood up slowly and saw each other
closer they walked in steps you can count
is this my lover is this my lover
physically they met and the real game began -
two secret lovers no longer dream

- Maila Nghidinwa