



PNG Coffee

Sonia tells us how coffee is made and why PNG coffee is the best in the world.



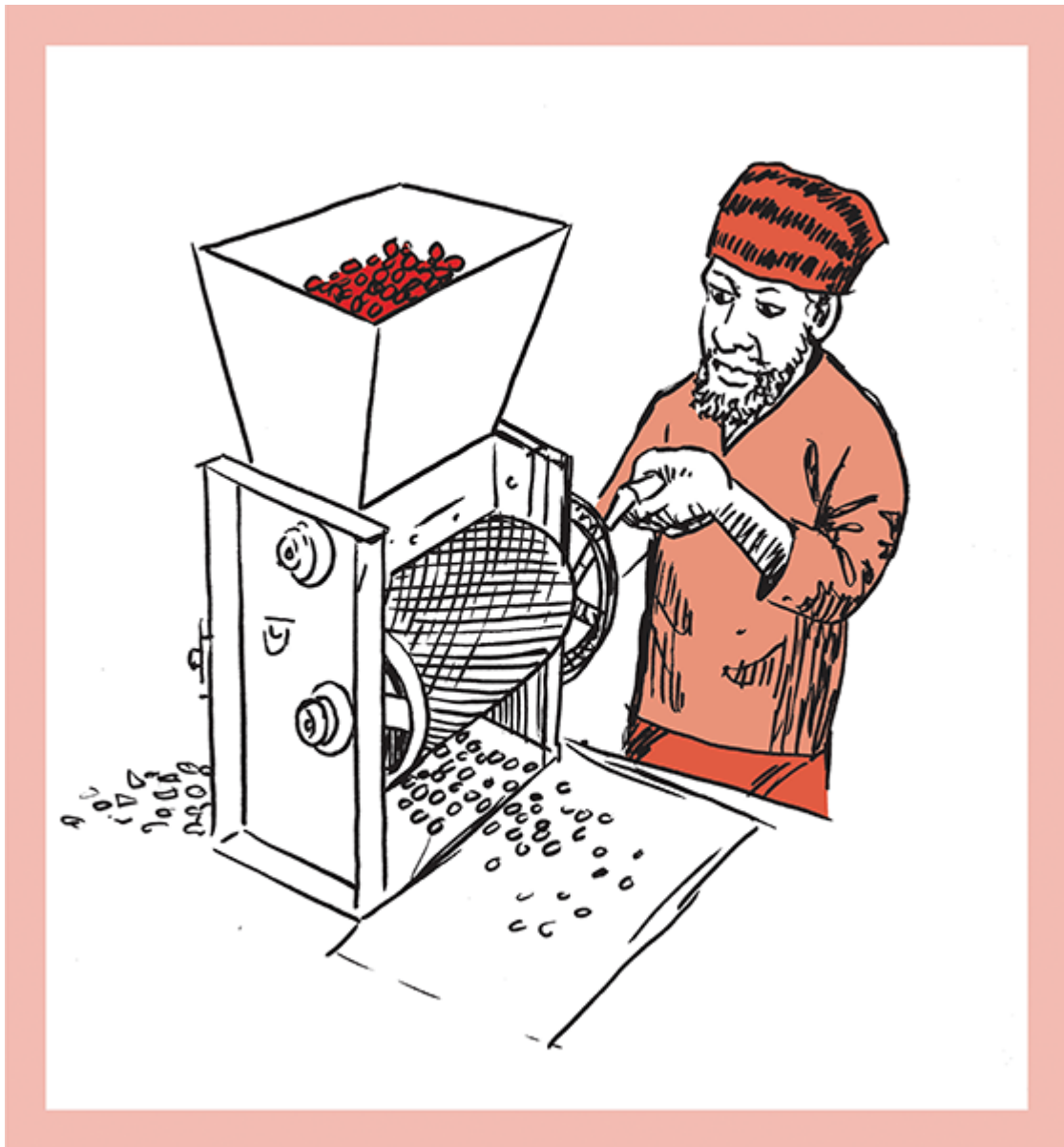
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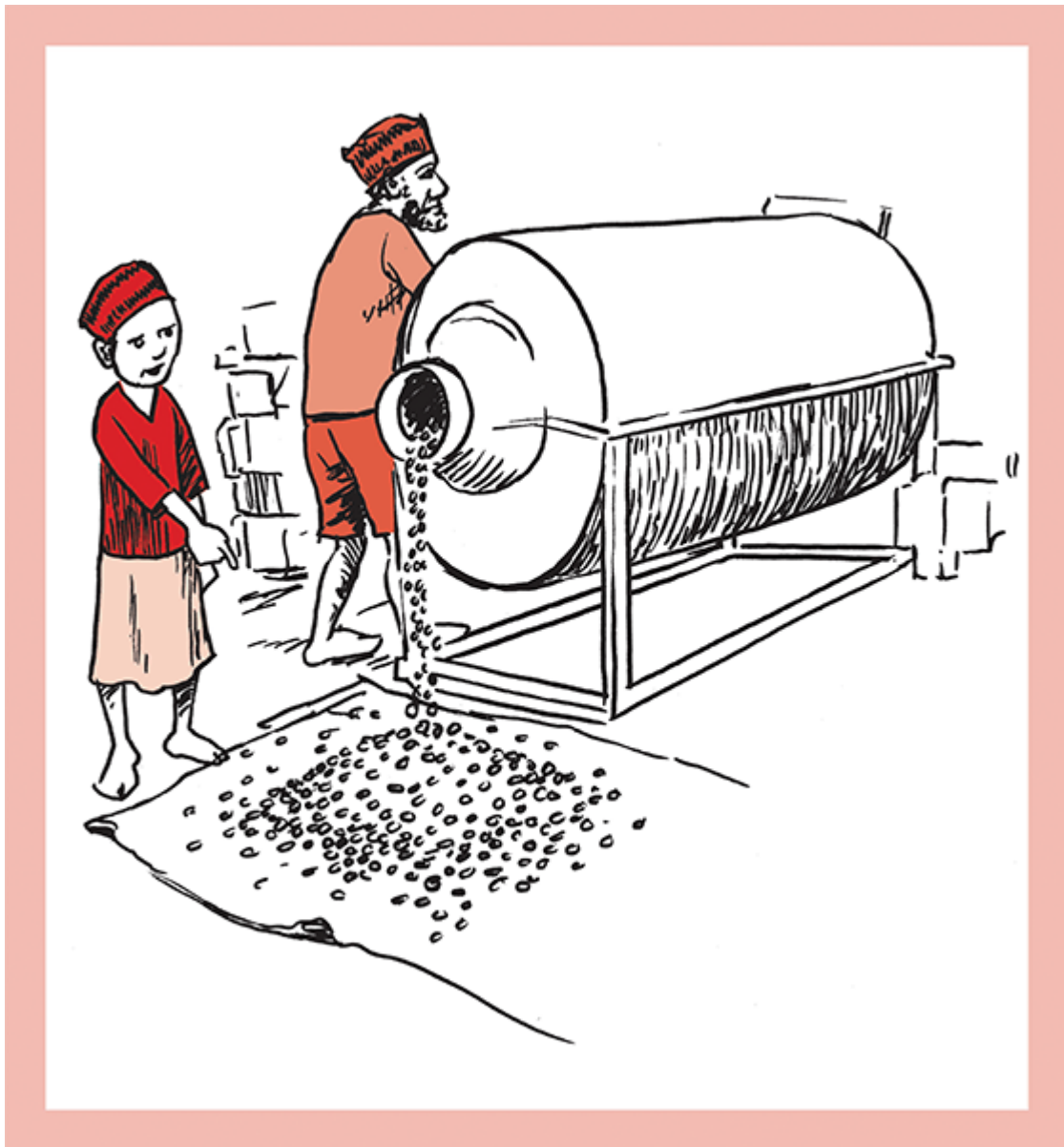
My name is Sonia. I live in the Highlands. My family grows coffee trees. Our coffee is sold all over the world.



I help pick the coffee cherries. If the cherry is red, it is ripe. It is ready for picking.



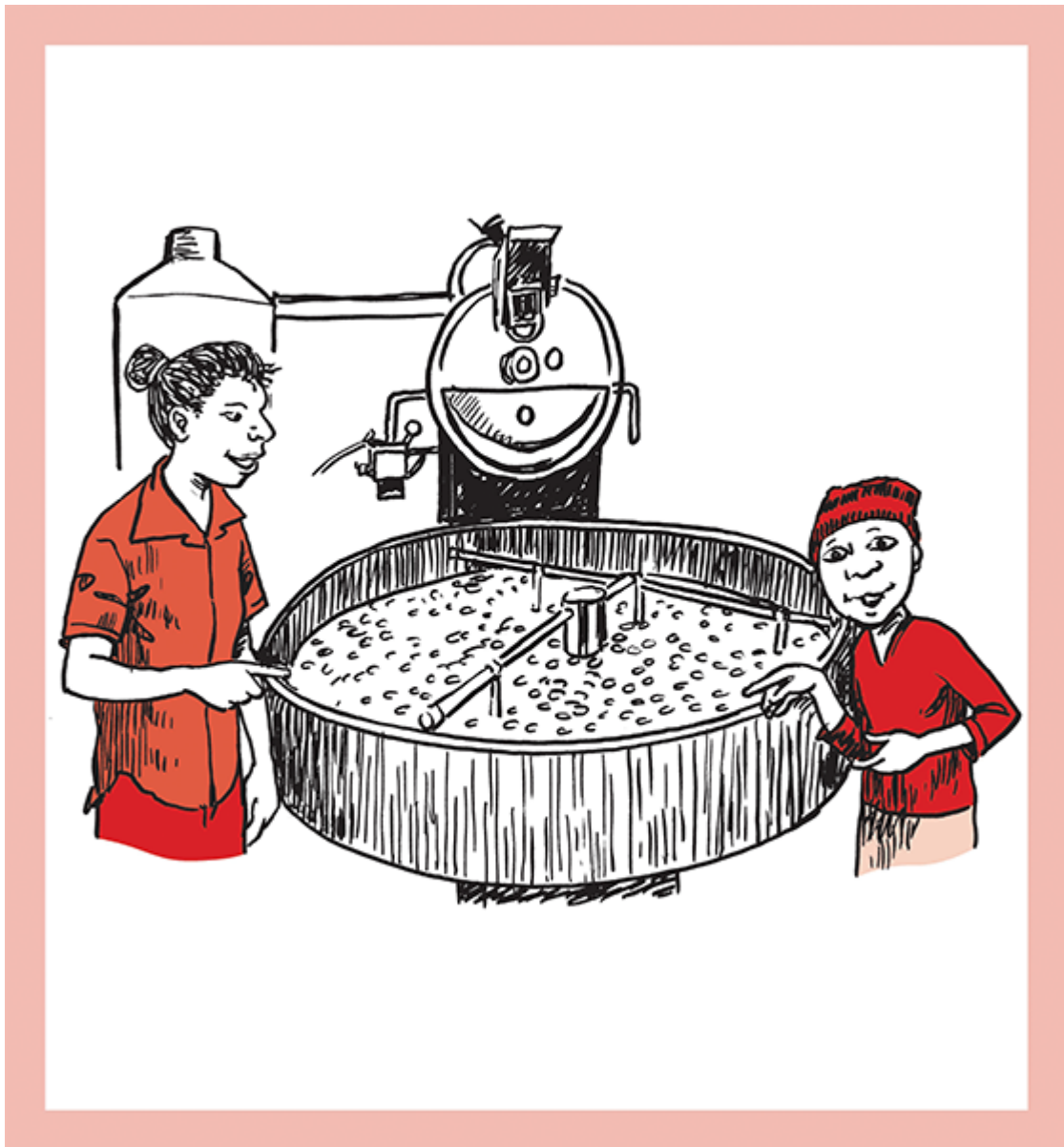
After we pick the cherries, we send them to a factory in Mt Hagen. My dad works at the factory. He takes the skin off the cherry. This leaves a green seed. The seed is called a coffee bean.



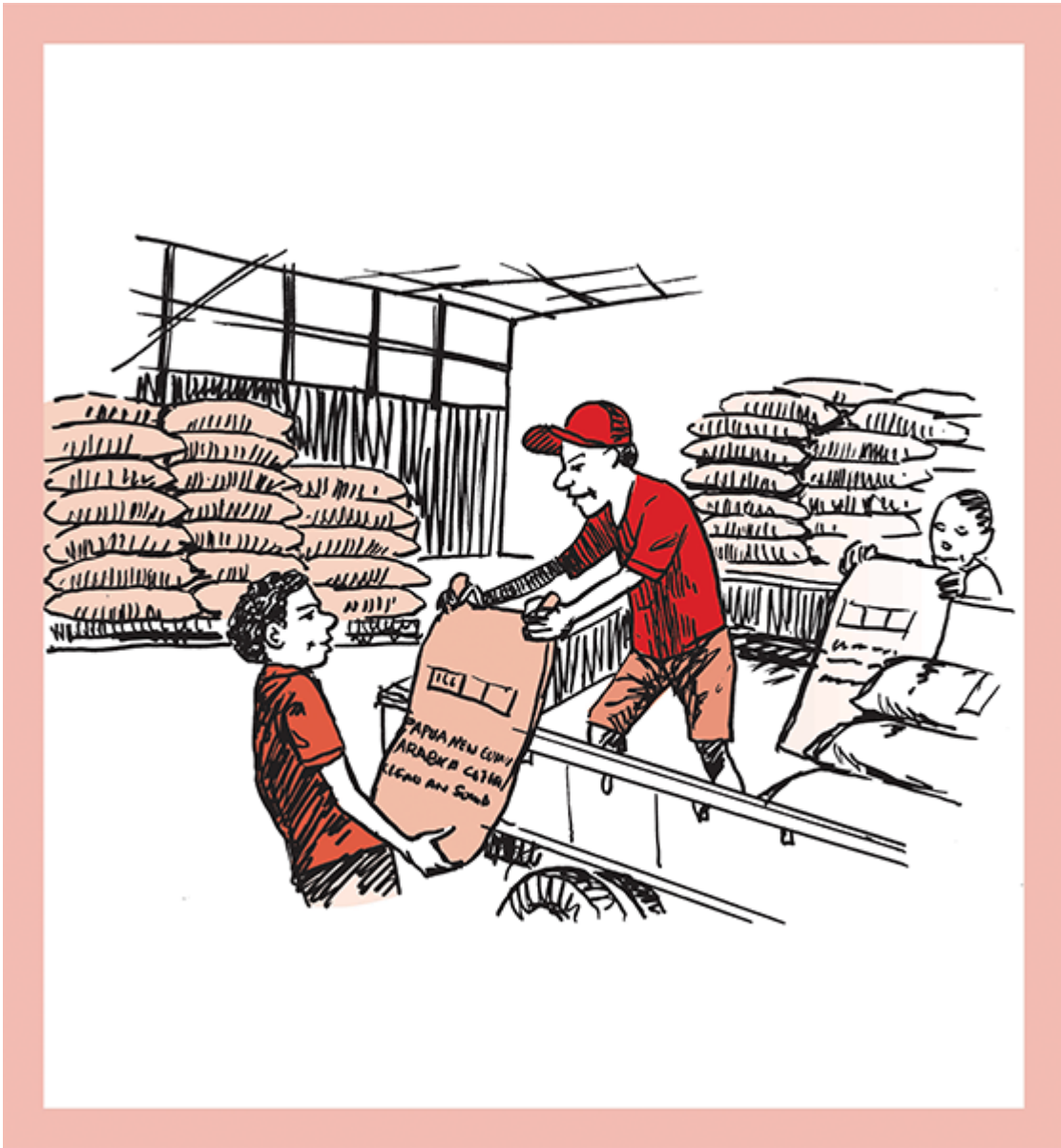
Next, workers wash the coffee beans. This takes away the slime on the beans. The slime tastes bad.



They put the coffee beans on big sheets. The beans dry in the sun.



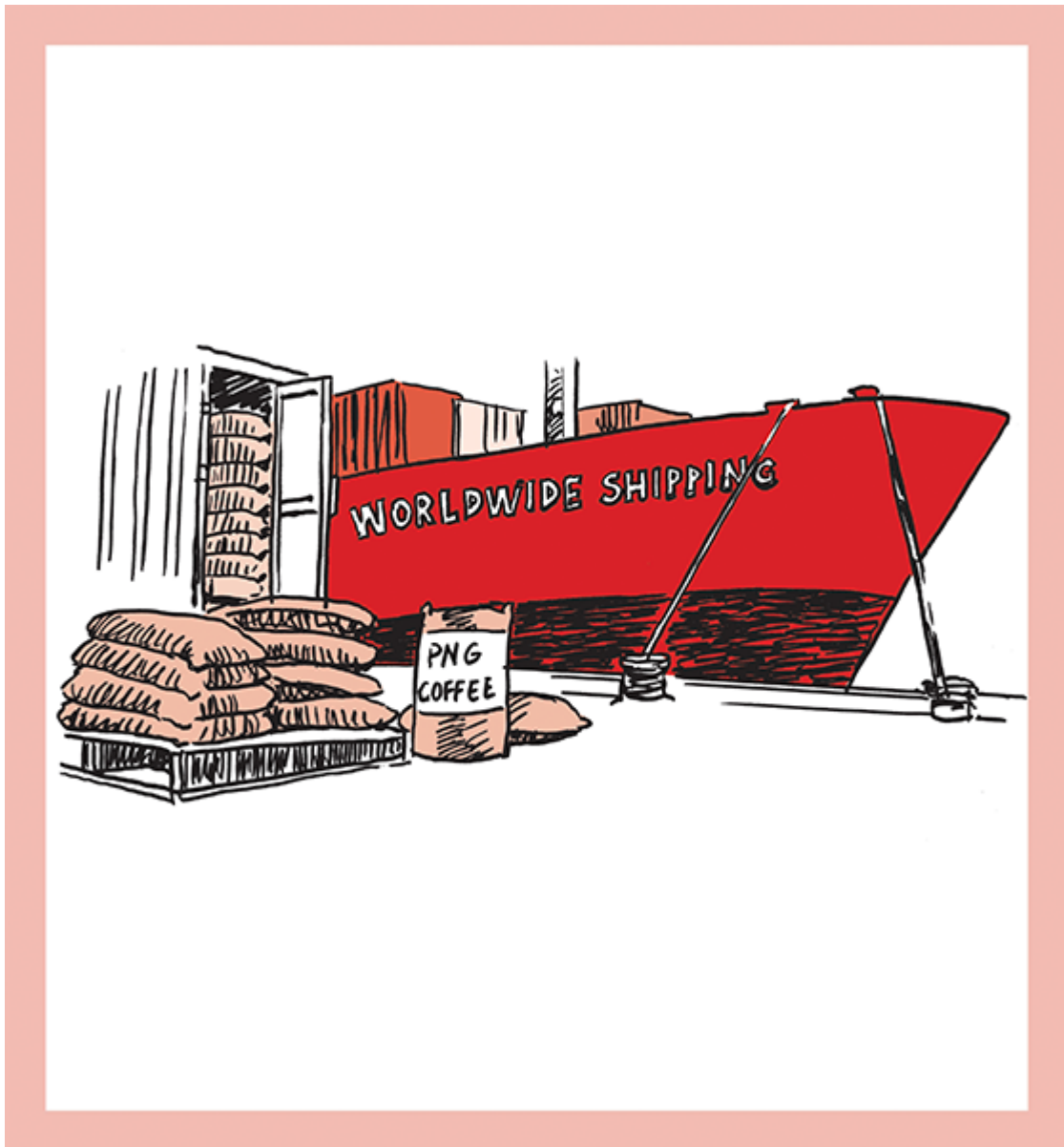
When the beans are dry, they are ready for roasting. This is the most important step. If the beans are roasted well, the coffee will taste good. If the beans are not roasted well, the coffee will taste bad. This picture shows where we roast the beans.



Finally, they put the roasted beans into coffee bags. The coffee is ready to be sold.



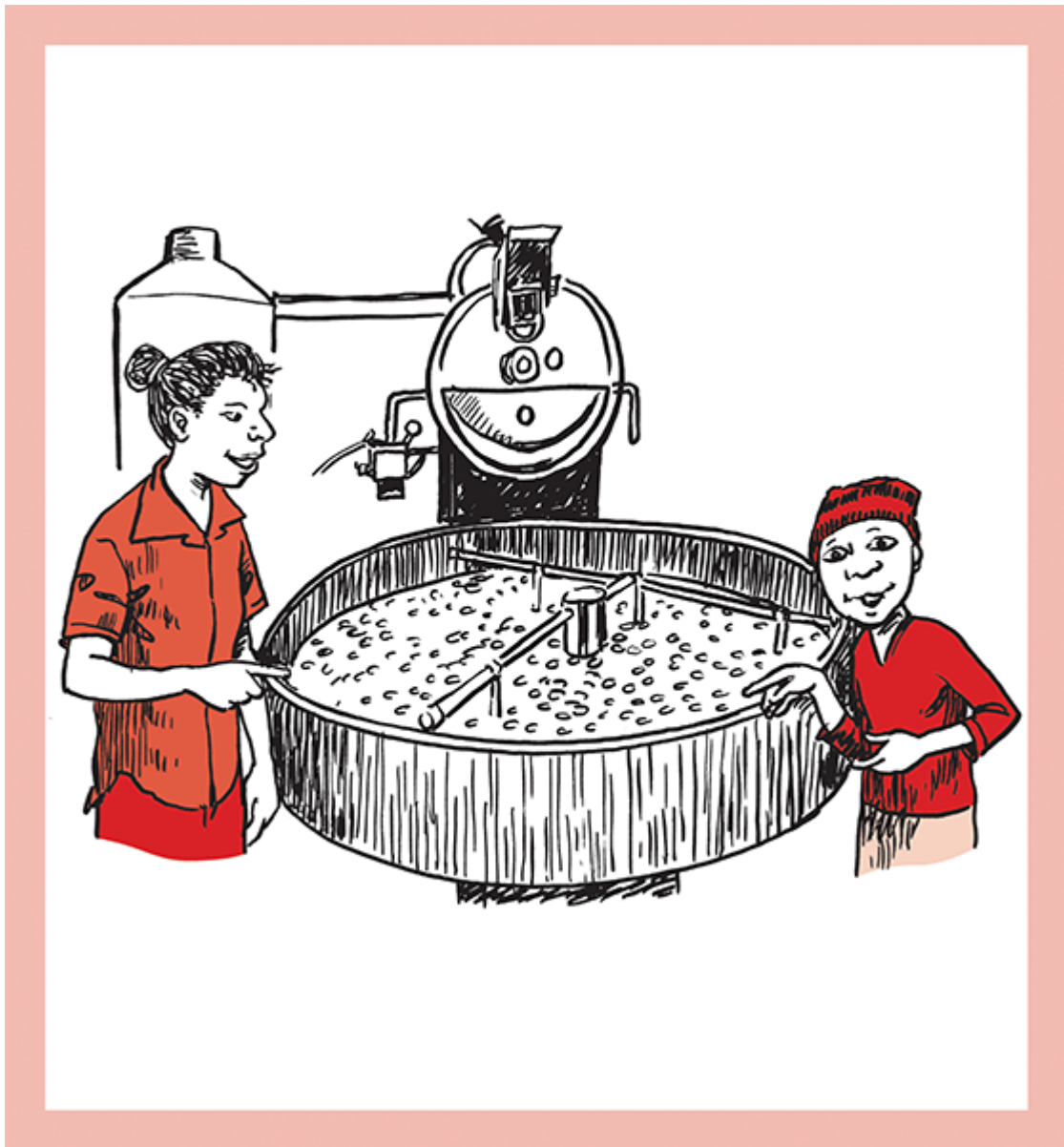
Some of the bags are sold to stores in Papua New Guinea.



Some of the bags are sent on big ships to other countries.



Coffee from Papua New Guinea is the best in the world. This makes me feel proud.



Comprehension Questions

1. Where do Sonia and her family live?
2. What do the family grow?
3. How does Sonia know when the coffee cherries are ready to be picked?
4. Where do they send the cherries?
5. Who works at the factory?
6. What is left after taking the skin off the cherry?
7. Why are the coffee beans washed?
8. How do they dry the coffee beans?
9. Why is roasting the beans very important?
10. Why does Sonia feel proud?

Activity Design a bag that could be used to sell PNG coffee.



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