

Adulthood Shorts: Passport to Adulthood: Managing Your Paperwork

Comic story board. Comic focuses on three people:

- Alaina, Black young woman, early 20s
- Zoey, Chinese American young woman, early 20s
- Mrs. Lee, Black woman, early 50s (Alaina's mom)

Panel 1

Illustration of apartment kitchen. Both young women are standing around the kitchen island, there are cardboard boxes in various states of unpacking.

Zoey (talking to Alaina): Hey, why is your mom coming over?

Alaina: She said she's bringing over the papers I need now that I'm in my own place.

Panel 2

View of open entry door. Mrs. Lee in open door frame, the young adults to the side welcoming her. Mrs. Lee shows that she is holding a fire extinguisher and locking file box with a big smile on her face.

Mrs. Lee: Hi girls! Welcome to adulthood!

Alaina: Hi mom!

Zoey: Hi Mrs. Lee!

Panel 3

All three women standing around kitchen island, the fire extinguisher and locking file box are in the middle in the counter.

Alaina: What is all of this?

Mrs. Lee: "Well, now that you've moved out, I want to make sure you have all of your important papers.

Mrs. Lee: I found a checklist called "My 'Must Have' Papers" that lists the things that you will need to always have with you. You know why you need the fire extinguisher."

Panel 4

Focus on Zoey reading the paper checklist.

Zoey: It says here that essential documents for everyone are birth certificate, social security card, a state ID or driver's license, and a passport.

Mrs. Lee: I put your passport and birth certificate in a folder within the box, but I could only find a copy of your social security card. You should be able to request a new one through SSA.gov.

Panel 5:

Alaina and Zoey talking while Zoey holds checklist.

Alaina: And I know where my license is! Right in my wallet... hopefully. What else would I even need?

Zoey (looking at the list): Well this list has a lot more categories... documents for education, medical, work, housing, and finances.

Panel 6

Alaina holding up her cellphone.

Alaina: Oh, I bet I can access a lot of these online, but I'll need a way to save digital copies.

Alaina: I can use a file storing service like Dropbox or Google Drive or save everything in a hidden photo album on my phone.

Panel 7

Close-up of Mrs. Lee

Mrs. Lee (looking proud and satisfied): I will feel so much better knowing that you have all this information handy, so when you need it, you know where it is! I am so proud of you girls!

Panel 8

Alaina and Zoey on a small couch with Chinese takeout boxes on coffee table, file box unlocked and open.

Zoey: Wow! Adults spend a lot of time worrying about paperwork.

Alaina: At least we don't have to worry!