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can lose it. I think most people, especially women, think that at the end they are not capable of it. It's not because they are not, but they think they are. They put this idea in their minds. If you want it, you can compensate for the talent.

When you look around, which one of these three components was missing in those who gave up?

I think the will. If somebody, especially a woman, doesn't believe in themselves then they just lose their motivation. If the motivation is gone then they don't see the point in that. I cannot judge in my point of view, but I think that for a woman, it is important to keep the will.

If you talk to a high school girl who is good at science, but she receives conflicting messages from the environment. What can you tell her?

I think she should look back to herself and ask herself if she really wants it and if she thinks objectively that she is good at it. If yes, she shouldn't care what the others say, because at the end it's her life.

How important is it for you to become a good role model?

I think it is very important. That's why I like this interview especially. I think it's important for girls in high school or younger that they should believe in themselves. I think it's good to see a role model that are not the genius ones, but they still continue to do their work.

What are you missing now in order to be the real role model that you would like to be?

I don't influence enough women yet. That's why when I see any opportunity, I want to use it so it can spread.

Do you ever falter?

Of course, you should see me just before a deadline! [we both laugh]

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I actually have it quite much I would say. Then I see people supporting me. My parents and my boyfriend always support me: "Come on, you can do it. You know that you can do it." They are always supportive. I think without them, I would not be able to do this.

Are they proud of you?

