PASSAGE 6
CORRUPTION
BROKEN
TRUST
HALF A DAY OF WORK... TEN HOURS OF CUDGING...

THAT WOULD MAKE JUST
BEE LEAGUE
POINT ZERO FIVE
AND NINETY
PER HOURS.

MY GRANDPA!
WE HAVE TO
WASH THE
KITCHEN!

I CAN'T MAKE
NIGHTS IN THE
WATER.

DON'T YOU
WANT TO
SHOW ME
SOMETHING?

SURE!
Quick! That skirt of jeans!

Those shoes? Oh, and that cool bag!

DEAL!

Would you like a bag?
No, thanks. I'll wear them out.

WHERE'S THE MONEY? WERE GURD GURE?

MY REAL NAME? I HAVV VIDW...
I've got a few things to do anyway.

What's going on here?

What's your problem?

Well, if you don't mind, I'd like to introduce you to a little creature named Lucky.

Lucky? What's a creature named Lucky doing here?

I was just about to explain. You see, Lucky has a special talent.

That's great! What is his talent?

Well, let me explain...

[Scene continues with further dialogue and action involving the character and Lucky.]

[Note: The dialogue and visual elements of the comic suggest a humorous and explores the concept of a creature's unique abilities and its impact on the environment or society. The specific details of Lucky's talent and the context of the conversation are intended to be inferred or discussed by the reader based on the visual cues provided in the comic.]
FIRST NAME: Akihisa
THERE WAS A STUPID THING THAT HAPPENED THREE YEARS AGO DURING THE WAR IN MY COUNTRY.

YOU CAN'T TELL ME IF SHE'S STILL ENROLLED HERE AND WHERE SHE LIVES.

WHAT I MEAN IS THAT I'M ON MY MIND AT THE MOMENT... MY DAUGHTER IS... AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IS MEANT TO HELP HER.

I HAVE TO WRITE A MESSAGE TO THE DOCTOR TO KEEP HER.

Huh...? That's terrible, but...

WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH MY SISTER?

I'M NOT SURE WHETHER TO STAND MY GROUND.

IF YOU'RE A FOREIGNER... YOU MUST BE WELCOMED TO TRAVEL SO FAR.

YOUR MOTHER'S WOULD-MOTHER'S CLOTHES, AFTER ALL.

PERHAPS A FEW CLOTHES MIGHT HELP MAKE YOUR REQUEST TO THE FRONT OF THE QUEUE.
AND I'M NOT GOING TO LET ANY OTHER Contractor Do It!
CITIZEN SURVEY

1. Are you satisfied with the government's efforts to control corruption?

2. Have you noticed any problems with public works projects in your community?

3. Do you believe any public officials in your community accept bribes?
   (Building officials, police, judges, tax collectors, etc.)

4. Do the public servants in your community (elected officials, police, etc.) appear to be living within their means?

5. Does corruption affect your personal and family life?

GIVE THIS SURVEY TO YOUR PARENTS TO FILL OUT. WE'RE TRYING TO UNCOVER LARGER-SCALE PUBLIC SECTOR CORRUPTION AS WELL AS EVERYDAY CORRUPTION THAT MAY BE HARMING SERVICE DELIVERY.
THE CORRUPTION THAT LED TO THE COLLAPSE OF OUR SYSTEM AFFECTS ALL OF US.

ONE THING WE DO AGREE ON IS THAT THE INVESTIGATION IS FAR FROM COMPLETE.

WE NEED TO PREPARE THE CHALLENGE TO LAUNCH A NEW, TRANSPARENT INVESTIGATION.
AHHHHHhhh...

FWUMPH

purr purr

THERE HISSS! THAT LOOK!

I'M NOT GETTING ANGRY! I SWEAR! A LITTLE BREAK!

Here, kitty kitty!

YOU'RE GONNA HISS UP HERE WHERE IT'S NICK AND WARM. BATTER UP WHERE I WAS SLEEPING?

YOU'RE NOT SOFT!

OK, THERE SHE IS.

THE SIZE PRETTY MUCH LIES ACROSS HERE. YOU DON'T HERE.

WERE YOU TALKING IN YOUR SLEEP?

Yeah...
CAREFULLY COFFEE FOR YOU, RIGHT?

Oh, actually yes. Have one of those chocolate tormors again.

I can understand your wanting to protect your information. But getting a hold of that procurement report won't be easy.

Company info aren't made public in this country.

Our NGO has been lobbying for new laws in that regard for quite some time, so far none.

But with a little help from your daughter and her here, I think an approach to the ball rolling...
MOTHER KNEW SUGAR.

THAT'S WHAT 

THE COMMUNICATIONS MAN IS 

OF THE 24-HOUR ЕРП-

THE BONES,

BUT IF ANYTHING, 

THEY AREN'T 

WHERE THEY 

DON'T KNOW WHERE 

UNWANTED VACANCY.

WE'RE DOING THIS. 

YOU TRY TO 

WE ARE THE ENEMY 

YOU'RE NOT TO 

YOU DON'T 

YOU SHOULDN'T 

YOU CAN'T 

NO ONE.

YOU CAN'T!
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE KIND WORDS, YOU'RE WELCOME. NOW IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'M ABOUT TO ATTEND TO MY LEADER ATTRACTIONS...
VIP
VIP

WOW, WHERE WOULD THE USUAL BOX BE... THE ART MUSEUM?

THOSE GUYS LOOK SUSPICIOUS!

FAR FROM A NEW LEAD?

Embarrassed to walk this far? What a mess! Now it's changed to the other girl with the red hair! She's looking nervous...?

FURRY, ELEPHANT EGG!

IT'S TIME TO LOOK FOR THE BOX, OR IS THERE ANYTHING UP THERE TODAY?
M-M-Money!

What kind of documents are these? These don't prove anything.
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

Whoa! What's happening?

Plop! Plop! Plop!

Whoa! Whoa!

Yow!

Ow!

Hurry up! What's keeping you?

He's getting away!
I'm sorry.

I'm just trying to help.

Thanks a lot.

Now I have to sort through them all over again.

Wait!

This is just what I was looking for!
DID YOU KNOW...?
In countries with high levels of corruption...
- the infant mortality rate (the number of babies who die before the age of one year per 1000 births) is about three times higher than in less corrupt countries
- the average income is about three times lower than in less corrupt countries
- literacy rates are about 25% lower than in less corrupt countries

When countries tackle corruption and reduce it...
- they increase the national income of their citizens by as much as four times over the long term
- businesses can grow 9% faster and child mortality can fall as much as 75%

QUICK QUIZ
1. In which country do citizens have the greatest voice and accountability and enjoy the least corruption?
2. What is the poorest country in the world?

WHAT IS CORRUPTION?
Corruption, or more specifically public corruption, is the abuse of public office for private gain. It involves a government official—such as a police officer, mayor, president, etc.—benefiting at the expense of the public citizens that person is responsible for serving or helping. A classic example is when a public official accepts a bribe (money or favors) in exchange for doing something illegal related to their job—awarding a contract, enforcing a law, making a judgment in a court case, etc.—that benefits the bribe-giver.

Corruption isn't just bribery. It includes nepotism, favoritism shown by public officials in which they unfairly give special benefits, such as jobs or permits, to relatives or close friends; fraud, in which the government is cheated through lies and deceit; and embezzlement, in which government assets and money are secretly stolen for personal use.

And corruption is not simply a case of high-level officials "lining their pockets" with money from big corporations or wealthy campaign contributors. In places where established government systems don't work well, ordinary people can feel pressured to give a bribe to a local bureaucrat just to get basic medicines and licenses to survive and do business. Corruption involving large amounts of money and usually committed by high-level officials is known as grand corruption. Corruption involving smaller sums of money and typically done by more junior officials is called petty corruption.

The problem of corruption is closely related to governance, or how a government is set up and managed. Countries with poor governance are marked by weak institutions (police, hospitals, etc.) and bad policies that provide opportunities for people to engage in corrupt activities. That is why improving governance is so important to fighting corruption.

THE QUALITIES OF GOOD GOVERNANCE ARE:
- Accountability
- Responsiveness
- Transparency
- Efficiency
A GOOD GOVERNMENT:
- Maintains social peace
- Guarantees law and order
- Promotes conditions necessary for economic growth
- Ensures a minimum level of social security

To learn more about the latest research and resources on governance, check out www.worldbank.org/wbi/governance.

QUICK QUIZ: WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS NOT AN EXAMPLE OF CORRUPTION?
A. Bribing an official to speed up the processing of your application
B. Awarding a contract to someone who gave you a large campaign contribution
C. Giving extra money to a doctor at the city clinic to ensure your sick relative gets the medicine she needs
D. Using government construction equipment to build an addition to your house
E. All are examples of corruption

THE HIGH COST OF CORRUPTION
Corruption decreases the wealth of a country and lowers the standard of living of its citizens. Foreign businesses are reluctant to invest and operate in corrupt countries because they lose a lot of money to corruption. Corruption reduces the amount of money the government has available to pay workers and purchase supplies such as books, medicine and computers. The result is that schools, health clinics, roads, sewer systems, police forces, and many other services that governments provide are underfunded and deteriorate. Moreover, corruption is unfair. allowing those with money or connections to bend the law or other rules in their favor, at the expense of average citizens. This damages public trust in government, making it even more ineffective. Corruption is a vicious cycle.

WHAT CAUSES CORRUPTION?
The underlying reason people get involved in corruption is that a country's public services don't work well, creating less incentives to behave honestly.

THE FOUR CAUSES OF CORRUPTION ARE:
1. Clear, easy opportunities. A government-run mining company with no competitors that gives out a variety of licenses and collects a number of fees to ship goods into and out of the country has many opportunities to benefit from corruption.
2. Little chance of getting caught. A lack of accountability comes primarily from a) a lack of transparency and b) weak law enforcement. For example, it's easier for public officials to commit crimes when they do not have to keep the public informed of their actions or declare their personal wealth (for example, how many houses and cars they own) and when police and the legal system do not arrest and punish them. In some corrupt countries there may not be enough police officers to enforce laws, or judges may be bribed by the political party in power.
3. Bad incentives. For example, a clerk may not be earning enough to live on and so feels the need to supplement his income with bribes. In extreme cases, people are not motivated to perform their official duties, but actually take jobs with the intention of making extra money through bribes.
4. Attitudes or circumstances that make average people disregard the law. People may try to get around laws of a government they consider illegitimate. For example, poverty or scarcity of goods (such as medicine) may push people to live outside the law.
JOINING FORCES TO FIGHT CORRUPTION

Working together, people can significantly reduce the degree of corruption in their government. First, they need a thorough understanding of what forms of corruption are occurring. Then, citizens and government leaders need to commit to fight the corruption together. Government leaders can’t be left to fight the corruption on their own because they often aren’t strong enough to overcome resistance within their own ranks. Pressure and cooperation from concerned citizens in business, media, community groups, schools, religious organizations, and other walks of life keep the corruption alive.

The specific steps that need to be taken to eliminate corruption and create a more just government will vary from country to country. Reformers need to target each country’s specific problems—stealing among tax collectors in one country versus corruption in the courts in another. And the reformers need to take advantage of each country’s opportunities for improvement as they arise—by supporting a new mayor who is eager to be a reformer or working with a current leader in parliament who is pushing the fight against corruption.

What doesn’t change, however, is the importance of educating citizens about their role in fighting corruption.凯普特ful people need to understand that corruption ultimately limits everybody’s standard of living, and that they need to resist its temptations. If they give in to temptation, if they give a bribe to get the phone fixed, if they are contributing to the problem in their country for everyone. Citizens can take an active role in reporting abuses, as well as reviewing and monitoring their government’s performance.

WHAT CAN I DO?

2. Refuse to pay bribes and report demands for bribes from political officials to the proper authorities.
3. Write articles to your local newspaper about corruption you observe.
4. Form anti-corruption clubs in your schools. Submit your ideas to your school. Start an anti-corruption newsletter. Request courses on anti-corruption, good governance, and ethics be included in your school curriculum. Publicly declare schools a “corruption-free zone” and review and report any violations.
5. Research and spread information on how your government works to people in your community.
6. Lobby your government for changes to the current system to reduce corruption and create laws to protect whistle-blowers (people who report on corruption at their workplace).
7. Interact with other youth around the world who are committed to fighting corruption. Join online discussions such as Unicef’s Voices of Youth, at www.unicef.org/yy to share your ideas with other concerned youth.

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