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JURWA - “*Changing Times*”

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Democracy is not just about voting every five years. Democracy is our daily thoughts and actions. Democracy is dealing with change. Democratic politics in Bhutan has come with conflict and division among families and communities. That is why Bhutan's experience with the process of democratisation is challenging. But these are the tensions of change that have to be understood and overcome in the process of political maturity. That is why it is exciting and, ultimately, fulfilling to be able to make a difference to Bhutan's system of governance at this time.

As 18 years is the voting age in Bhutan, every teenager should begin to discuss and think about what this responsibility called Democracy is all about.

Jurwa - Changing Times in Gakithang - is a graphic novel based on a radio soap series that BCMD created to reflect the stories of a cross section of people who were at the forefront of democratic change. BCMD worked with political candidates, government officials, youth, and citizens who shared their experiences, their concerns, and their aspirations for Bhutan's evolving system of governance.

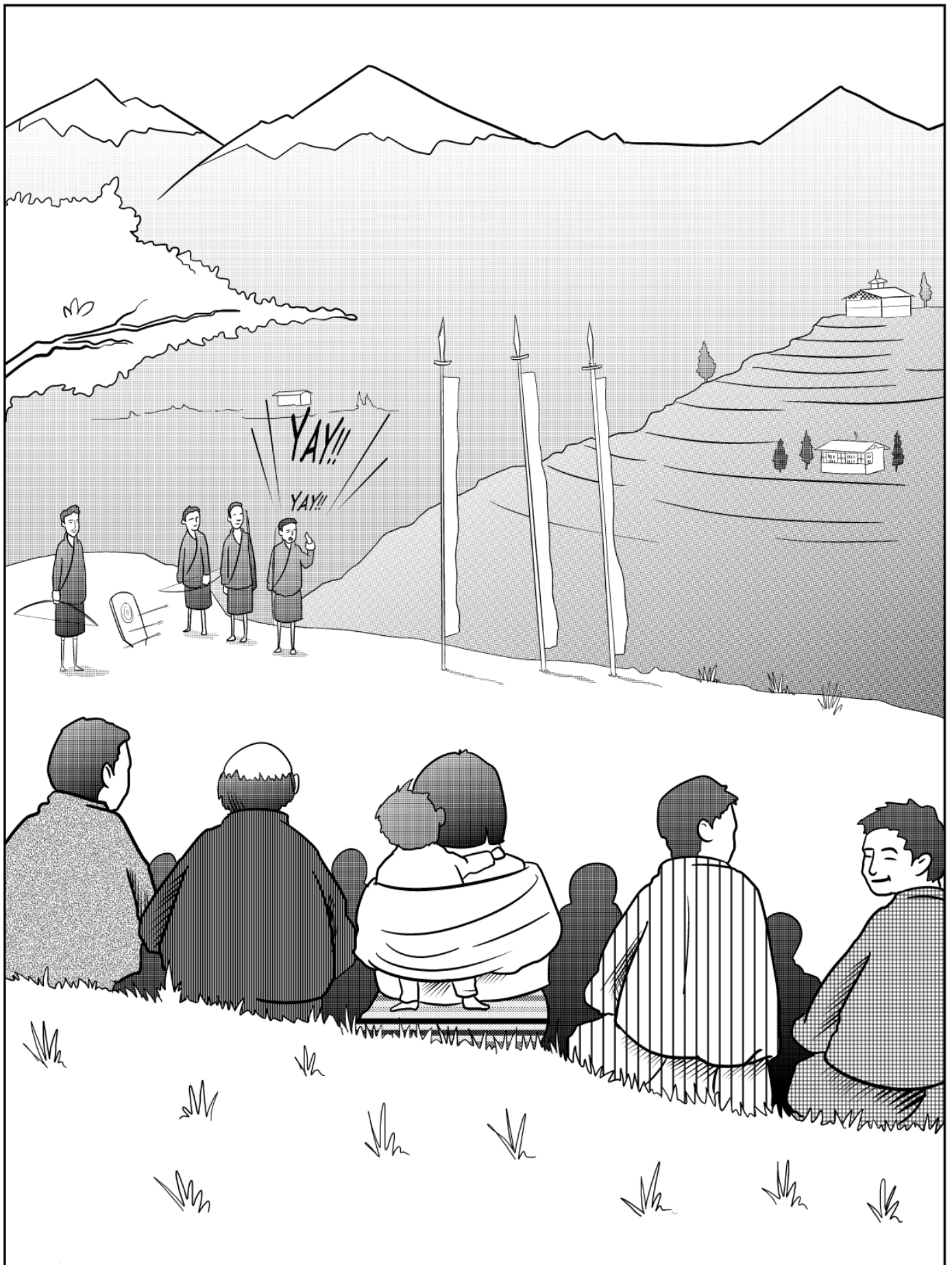
These are captured in the story of how democracy came to the village of Gakithang.

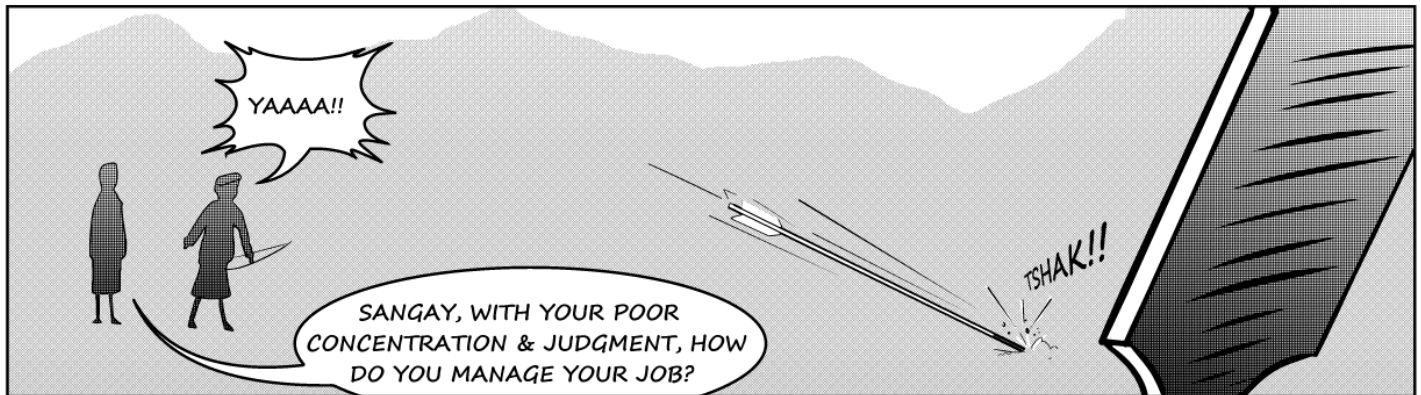
This is the story of Bhutan, in contemporary times. As responsible citizens, we want to ensure the success of this path that we have chosen, towards good governance. We urge you to continue discussing our democracy and welcome your feedback... mail us at bcmd@bcmd.bt.

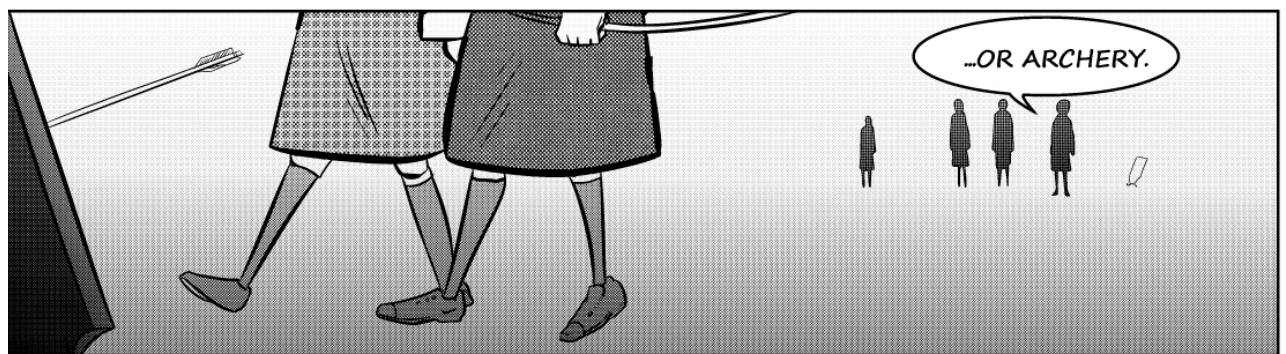
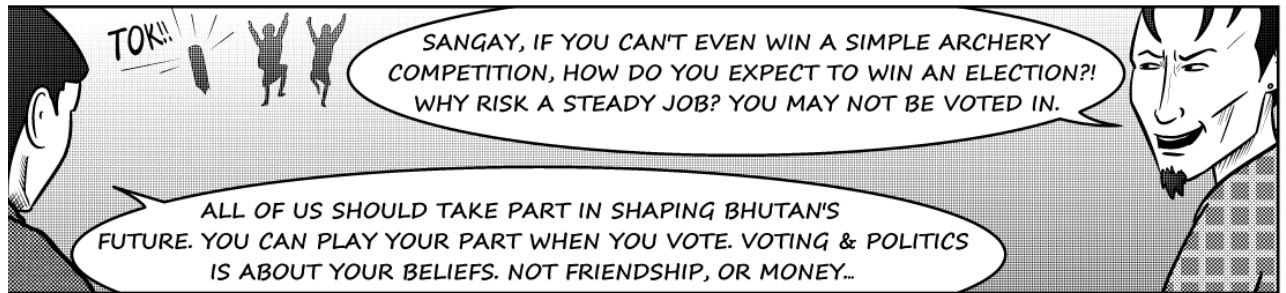
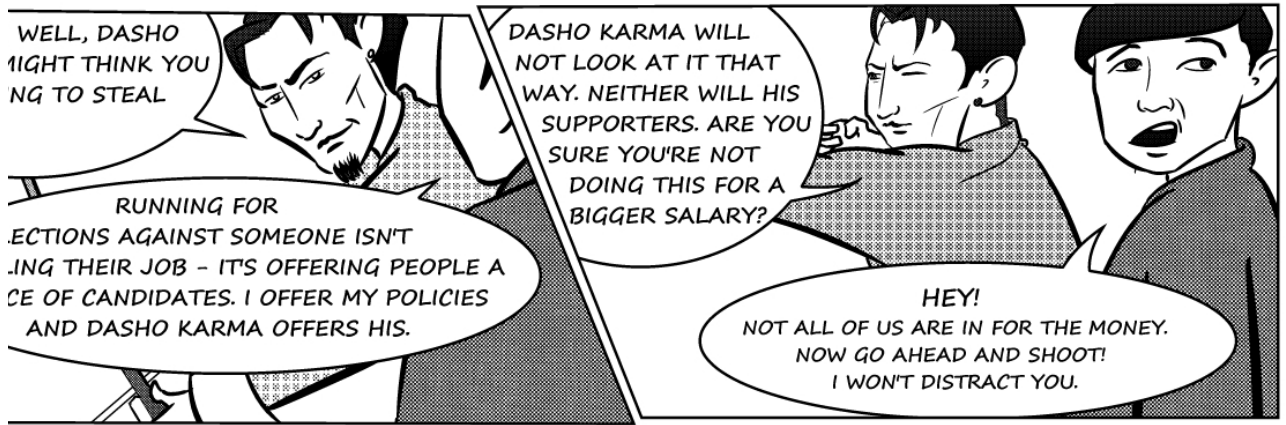


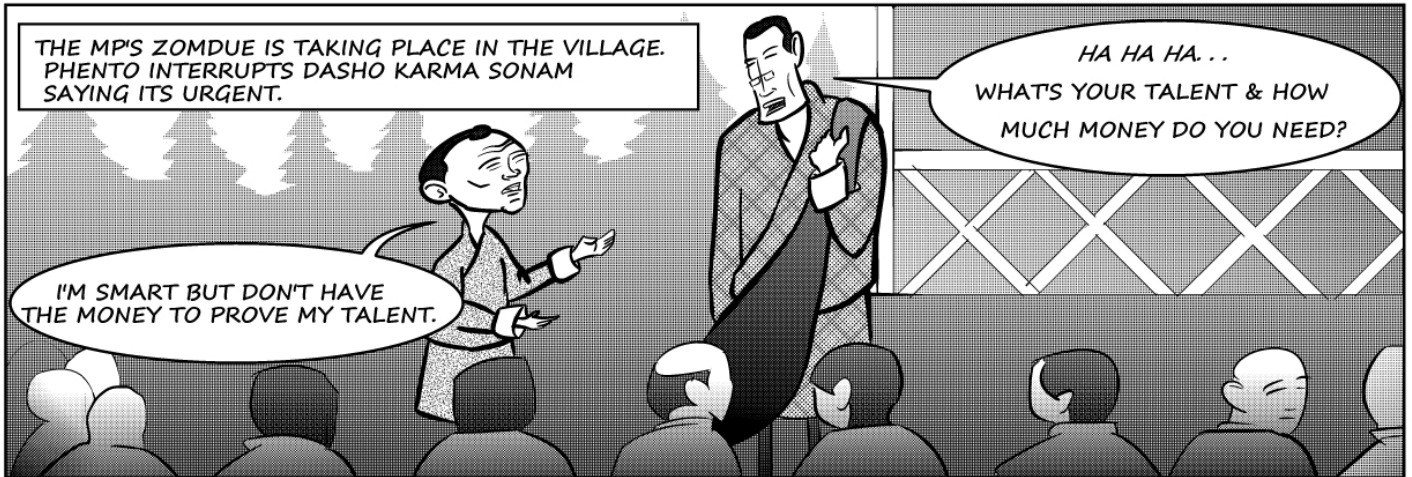
This story begins not so long ago in Gakithang, a typical Bhutanese village where the process of democracy is changing the idyllic life in the community.











KUENGA TELLS AP DOLAY THAT SANGAY PENJOR IS STANDING FOR ELECTIONS & EVERYONE IN THE VILLAGE IS TALKING ABOUT IT.

WHAT?!! SANGAY PENJOR?!
ARE YOU SURE? WHAT WOULD A YOUNG
MAN LIKE HIM KNOW ABOUT POLITICS?

KUENGA RABTEN TELLS AP DOLAY
THAT SANGAY DOUBTS DASHO
KARMA'S CAPABILITY. THAT'S WHY
SANGAY IS PROPOSING HIMSELF AS
A CANDIDATE. THIS UPSETS AP DOLAY.

WHAT?!! DASHO IS A GOOD
MP AND THE VILLAGE IS
HAPPY WITH HIM.

AP DOLAY. ISN'T KARMA SONAM YOUR COUSIN?

AP DOLAY IS DISTURBED, HOW DARE A YOUNG MAN LIKE SANGAY CAST
DOUBT ABOUT DASHO KARMA?

YES! KUENGA, ANYONE WHO DOUBTS
THE EFFECTIVENESS OF KARMA SONAM
IS A FOOL.

DASHO KARMA OR SANGAY,
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE. I
HEAR SANGAY IS A VERY GOOD
FRIEND OF YESHEYS. WHO KNOWS
WHERE THIS FRIENDSHIP
MIGHT LEAD?

heh...
heh...
heh...

YESHEY MAKES EXCUSES ABOUT GUARDING THE CROPS FROM THE WILD ANIMALS IN THE FIELD JUST TO MEET SANGAY.

YESHEY, I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU,
I AM STANDING FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS.

WHY ARE
YOU WORRIED?

WHAT! DO YOU HAVE
TO RUN FOR ELECTIONS?
I'M ALREADY WORRIED HERE.

WHY WOULD YOU EVEN STAND FOR ELECTIONS?
LOOK AT THE FAMILY TENSIONS FROM THE LAST ELECTION.
SOME PEOPLE ARE STILL NOT TALKING TO FAMILY MEMBERS
BECAUSE THEY VOTED FOR DIFFERENT PARTIES. DASHO KARMA
IS APA'S FIRST COUSIN, AND APA WILL NOT BE HAPPY
WHEN HE HEARS ABOUT THIS.

SANGAY TELLS YESHEY HE WANTS TO SERVE THE COUNTRY BY CONTRIBUTING HIS SHARE AND CAN MAKE
A DIFFERENCE.

APA WILL NEVER ACCEPT YOU IF
YOU'RE UNEMPLOYED. IT'S A BIG RISK IF YOU
DON'T WIN THE ELECTIONS AND LOSE YOUR
GOVERNMENT JOB.

I'M GLAD YOU HAVE SUCH DREAMS.
BUT LOOKING AT OUR SITUATION, WHY
DON'T YOU THINK TWICE. YOUR AMBITION
MIGHT PUT OUR RELATIONSHIP
AT RISK.

AT RISK? HOW?

AP DOLAY THINKS YESHEY IS A FOOL FOR GOING OUT WITH SANGAY.

SANGAY IS ONLY 28 AND WANTS TO BE AN MP.
IT TAKES YEARS TO REPLACE SOMEONE AS QUALIFIED AND
EXPERIENCED AS DASHO.

SANGAY IS YOUNG, BUT THAT'S HOW
DEMOCRACY WORKS. LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE IF HE
IS QUALIFIED, YOU MIGHT BE SURPRISED.

FOR AP DOLAY ANYONE STANDING AGAINST OUR FAMILY IS OUR ENEMY.

CHIMI, THIS BOY IS GREEDY, HE DOESN'T KNOW
HIS PLACE. HE SHOULD WORK HARD BEFORE HE ASPIRES TO
SERVE IN PARLIAMENT.

SANGAY MIGHT HAVE A DIFFERENT OPINION.
BUT DOLAY, WE NEVER SAW DASHO VISIT THE VILLAGE SINCE
2010 AND HE MADE PROMISES FOR THE LHAKHANG.
ALL WE HAVE IS RUINS.

AP DOLAY FEELS WE'RE LOSING OUR VALUES AND CULTURE IN THESE CHANGING TIMES.

YOUNG PEOPLE MUST LEARN TO SHUT UP AND RESPECT
THEIR ELDERS. IF SANGAY GOES AGAINST ME NOW,
HE WILL IN THE FUTURE TOO.

DOLAY... WAI...

PHENTO IS ANGRY WITH THE DASHO MP FOR NOT GIVING HIM ANY JOB.

WHAT ARE YOU COMPLAINING ABOUT?

MP'S NEVER LISTEN. THEY'RE ONLY THINKING ABOUT THE SIZE OF THEIR PRADO'S AND PATANG.

PHENTO LOST ALL THE MONEY HE RECEIVED FROM KUENGA IN GAMBLING.

EEE AAA... KUENGA, THEY GOT LUCKY WITH THE DICE.

WHAT A WASTER. MAYBE IT'S TIME YOU TALK TO OUR MP DASHO KARMA.

hee... hee...

THAT FAKE DASHO. ONLY LOOKS AFTER HIS OWN WELFARE.

WELL, THE NEXT ELECTIONS IS COMING SOON. YOU CAN CHOOSE A NEW LEADER.

KUENGA TELLS PHENTO THAT SANGAY IS STANDING FOR ELECTIONS. PHENTO THINKS ALL THESE POLITICIANS CARE ABOUT ARE VOTES.

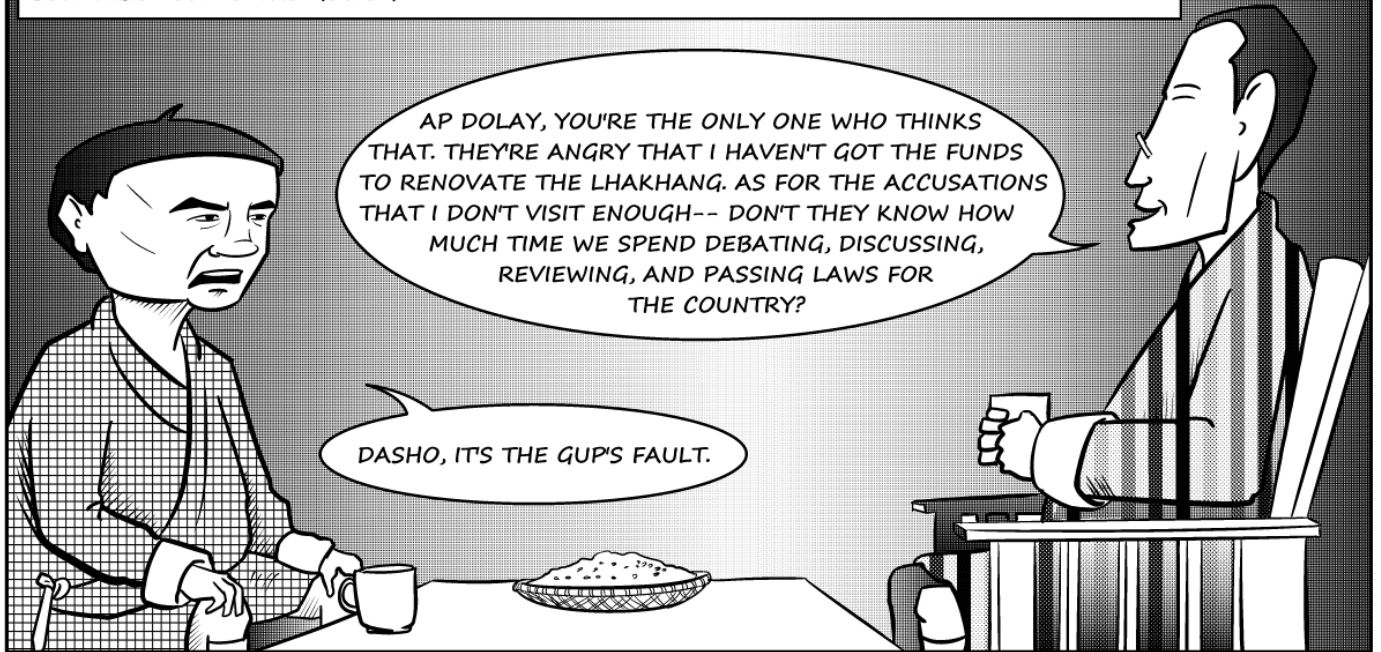
WHAT? THAT YOUNG BOY? WHY ARE THE PARTIES KEEPING THEIR CANDIDATES A SECRET? LEAVES LESS TIME FOR US TO UNDERSTAND.

YOU COULD TELL SANGAY TO GIVE YOU A JOB, OR YOU WON'T VOTE FOR HIM.

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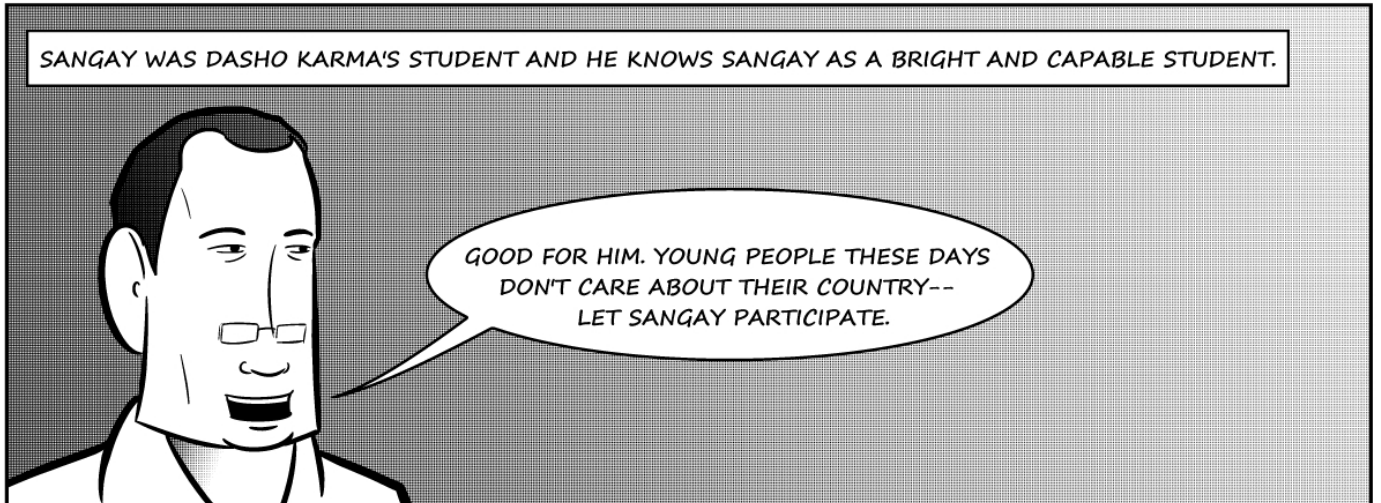
DASHO KARMA IS READY TO RETIRE FROM HIS JOB. AP DOLAY ONLY HAS PRAISES FOR DASHO'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE GEWOQ.



PEOPLE THINK DEMOCRACY MEANS ALL THEIR DREAMS COME TRUE.



SANGAY WAS DASHO KARMA'S STUDENT AND HE KNOWS SANGAY AS A BRIGHT AND CAPABLE STUDENT.



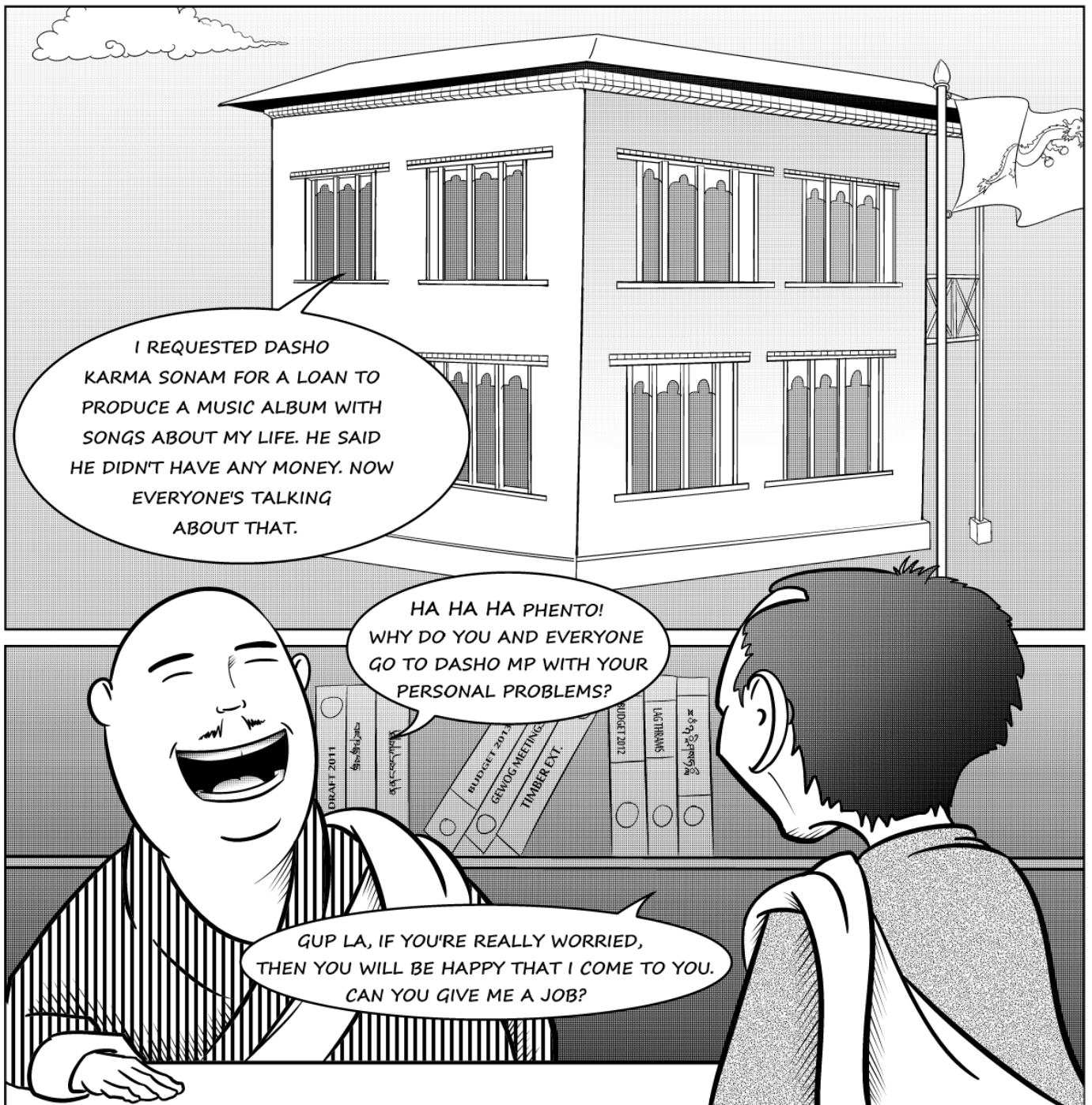
OVER AT AUM CHIMI'S HOUSEHOLD. YESHEY AND AUM CHIMI ARE TALKING ABOUT HOW KUENGA TALKED TO AP DOLAY ABOUT YESHEY AND SANGAY.





SANGAY SAYS IT IS ABOUT GIVING CHOICES OF CANDIDATES AND THAT HE HOPES AP DOLAY WILL UNDERSTAND.





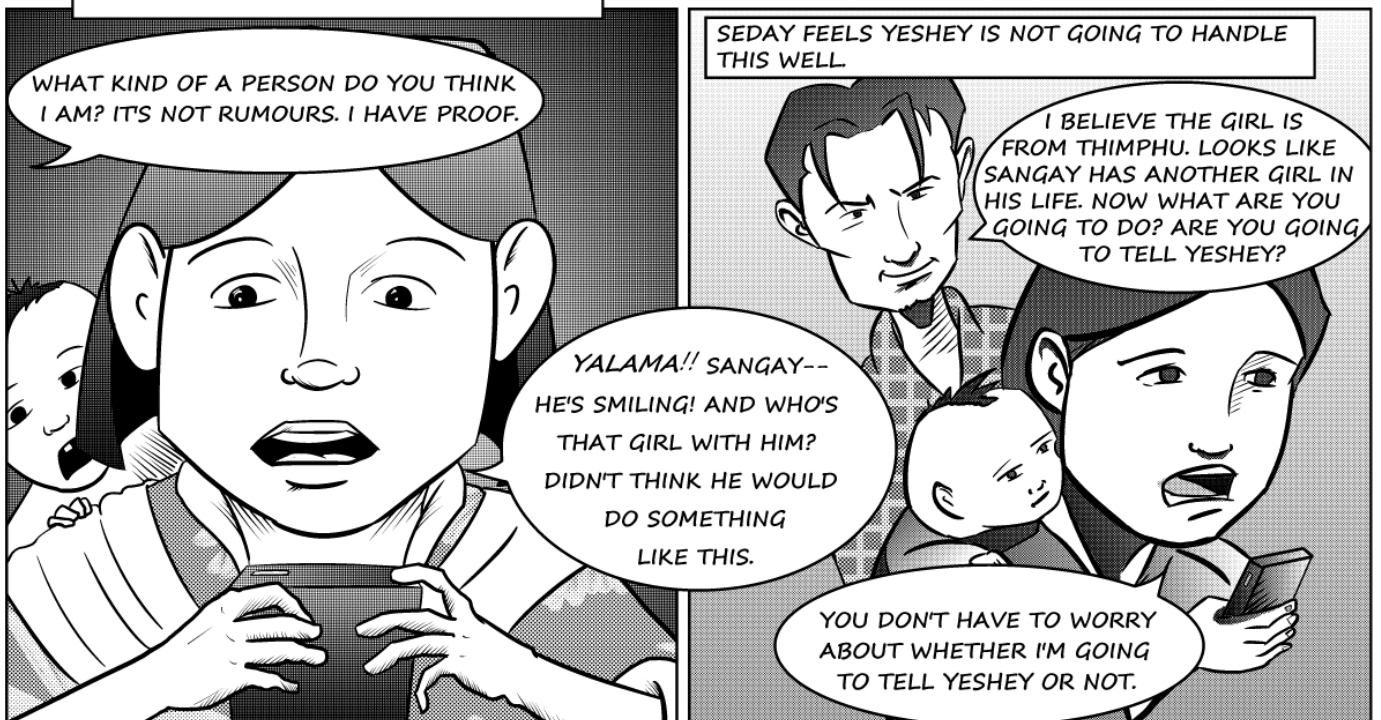
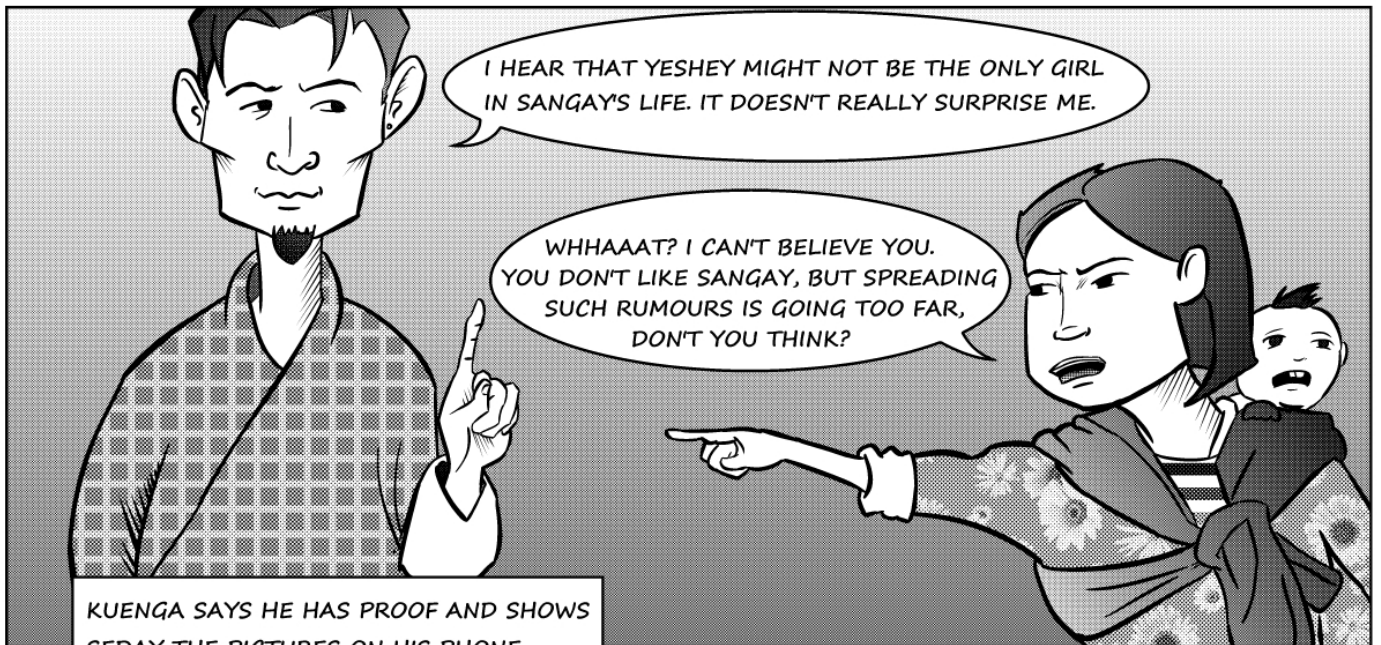
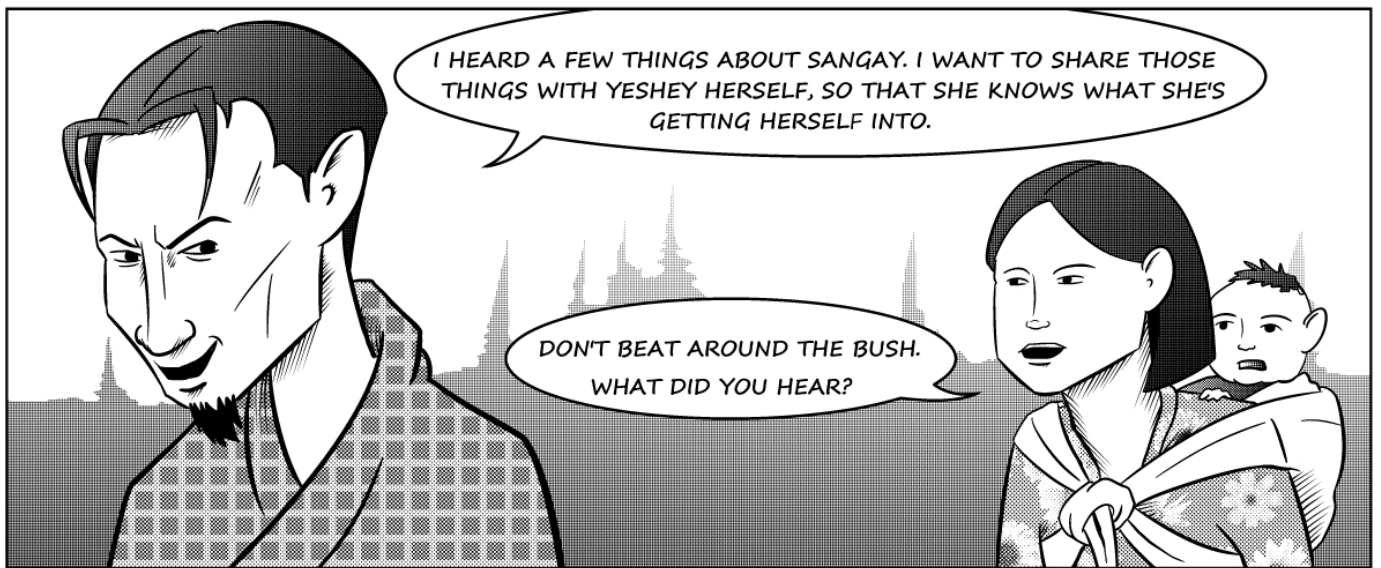
KUENGA OFTEN VISITS SEDAY WITH GIFTS FOR HER AND THE CHILDREN. THIS IS CREATING MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN SEDAY AND HER HUSBAND, KINLEY.

OH, SORRY FOR THE MISUNDERSTANDING.
I'M HERE TO SEE YESHEY.



SO YOU'RE USING MY CHILDREN
AND ME TO GET YESHEY.
YESHEY ONLY HAS SANGAY IN
HER MIND. GOOD LUCK TO YOU.



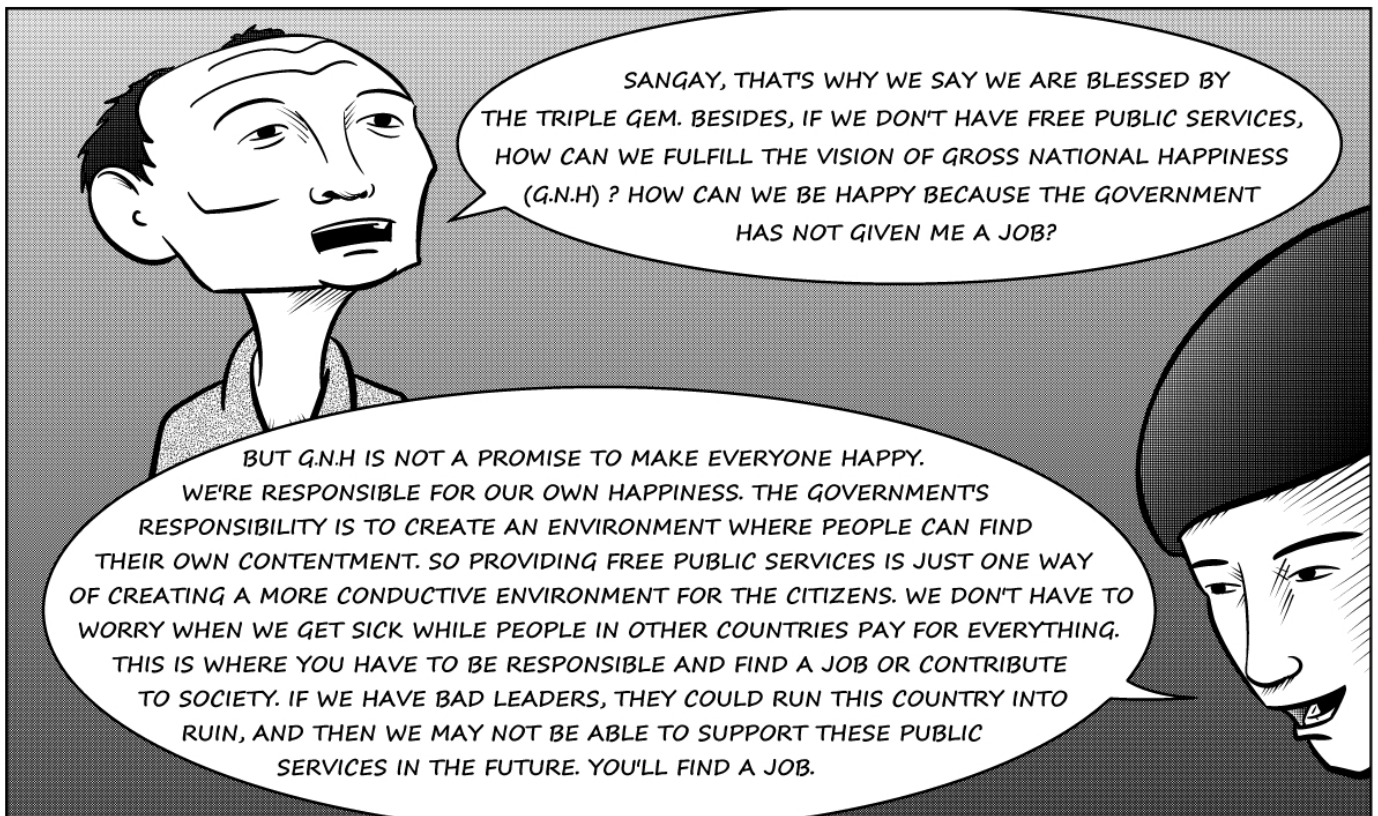




KUEANGA EXPLAINS WHAT FACEBOOK IS AND HOW A LOT OF PEOPLE UPLOAD PICTURES ONLINE WHERE EVERYONE CAN SEE IT.







AP DOLAY IS NOT IN A GOOD MOOD. HE IS SITTING ON THE PORCH OF HIS HOUSE. AS AP DOLAY DRINKS HIS BANGCHANG, YESHEY TRIES TO PUT IN A GOOD WORD FOR SANGAY.

APA WHAT IS WRONG WITH SANGAY PENJOR? HE'S A GOOD PERSON AND EVERYONE IN THE VILLAGE LIKES HIM. HE RESPECTS YOU AND AMA A LOT.

SANGAY IS JUST A KID!

AP DOLAY THINKS SANGAY IS TOO AMBITIOUS AND WANTS TO UNSEAT MP.

WHAT DOES HE KNOW ABOUT POLITICS AND SERVING THE PEOPLE? HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO CLEAN HIS MOUTH AFTER EATING.

JUST BECAUSE HE'S TAKING PART IN THE ELECTIONS DOESN'T MAKE HIM AN ENEMY.

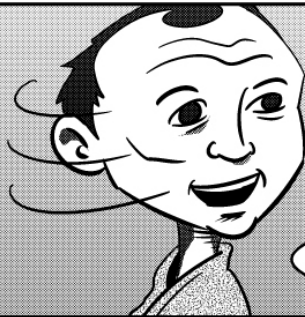
WHAT! AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, FIRSTLY, HE'S NOT A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY. SECONDLY, HE'S STANDING FOR ELECTIONS AGAINST DASHO KARMA, WHO IS YOUR UNCLE.

PHENTO IS UPSET AND SAYS THAT ALL THE REPRESENTATIVES ARE THE SAME. NONE OF THEM ARE GIVING HIM A JOB.

HA HA HA

hmmph!

YOU MIGHT BE A GOOD SINGER. WHEN I RUN FOR PARLIAMENT. I'LL INCLUDE YOU IN MY CAMPAIGN.



NOW YOU'RE TALKING, KUENGA. WHEN? ONLY WHEN YOU RUN WILL MY WISHES FOR A JOB AND MONEY BE FULFILLED.

WELL, I HAVE AN IDEA FOR A JOB FOR YOU.

I KNEW YOU WOULD SAVE ME. YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE WHO IS SUITABLE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE. WHAT'S THE JOB? I'LL DO ANYTHING FOR YOU.

UMM, YOU KNOW SANGAY IS RUNNING FOR PARLIMENT RIGHT? DID HE TELL YOU WHERE HE GOT FUNDS TO RUN HIS CAMPAIGN?

I DIDN'T ASK HIM THAT.

WELL, FIND OUT AND LET ME KNOW.

SANGAY MENTIONS HIS INTENTIONS OF PARTICIPATING IN THE COMING ELECTIONS TO THE GUP.

OH GOOD. YOU GUYS SHOULD REPRESENT OUR VILLAGE.
BUT WHAT WILL YOU OFFER THE PEOPLE?
HOW WOULD YOU HELP THE VILLAGE MOVE AHEAD IF YOU ARE ELECTED?



WELL, I THOUGHT I'D INCLUDE THE VIEWS OF OUR YOUTH, SINCE OUR PERSPECTIVES MATTER! THE YOUNGER GENERATION NEEDS TO FIND WAYS TO UNDERSTAND THE RURAL COMMUNITY BETTER, SO I'M THINKING OF INTRODUCING A KIND OF NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAMME WHERE YOUTHS ARE PLACED AS INTERNS THROUGHOUT BHUTAN TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COUNTRY. I'LL ALSO CONSULT ALL THE ELDERS TO LEARN FROM THEIR WISDOM AND TO SEE WHAT CHANGES ARE NEEDED.

SOUNDS LIKE GOOD IDEAS. GOOD LUCK AND GO AHEAD WITH IT.



WHEN YESHEY HEARS APA IS AGAINST SANGAY, HER WORRIES GROW EVEN BIGGER.

YOU MUST BE HAPPY APA IS STANDING IN MY WAY.
YOU NEVER LIKED SANGAY, EITHER.

MAYBE I KNOW SOMETHING
ABOUT SANGAY THAT YOU DON'T.
HAVE YOU NOT HEARD HE'S SEEING
ANOTHER WOMAN?

YESHEY IS SHOCKED HEARING SANGAY IS SEEING ANOTHER WOMAN. SHE CANNOT BELIEVE IT AND ASKS SEDAY WHO SHE HEARD IT FROM.

I COULD NOT BELIEVE UNTIL
KUENGA SHOWED ME THE PHOTOS
OF SANGAY WITH THIS WOMAN.

WELL, IF IT'S KUENGA, THEN
YOU AND APA HAVE FOUND
ANOTHER PERSON WHO IS
AGAINST SANGAY.

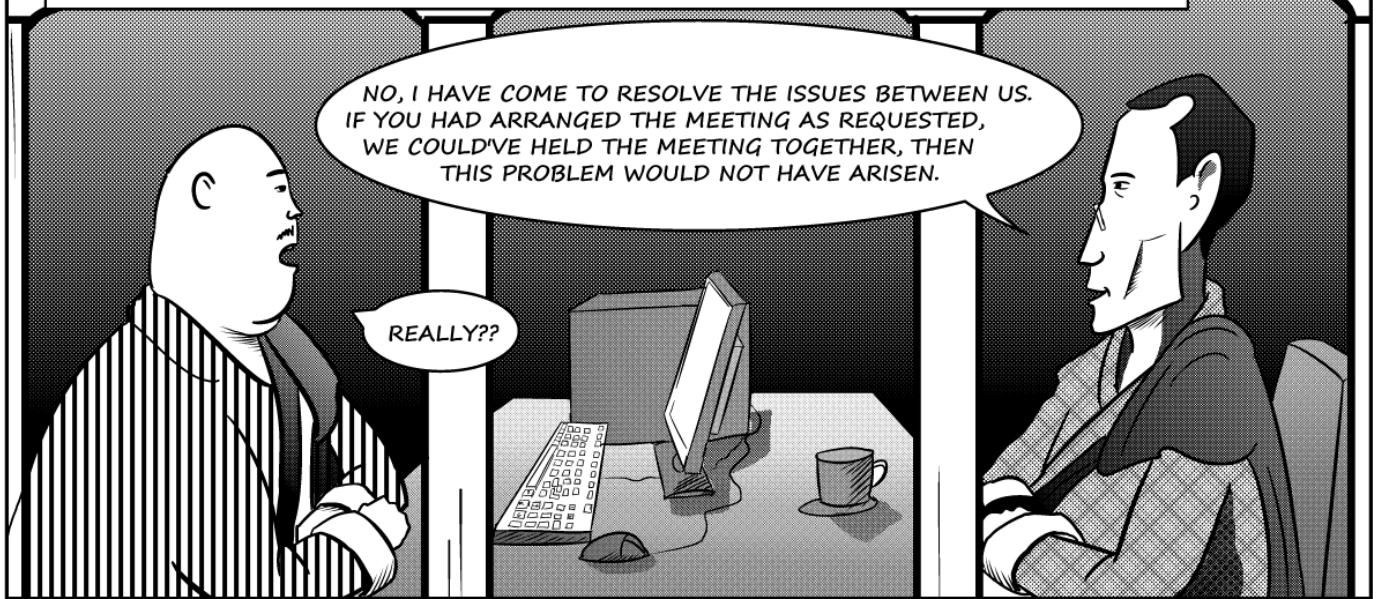
WELL, THE PROOF IS
IN THE PICTURE AND I CAN
GET IT FROM KUENGA TO
SHOW IT TO YOU.

YOU MUST OTHERWISE
I WILL KNOW THAT THIS IS PART OF THE PLOT
YOU HAVE HATCHED WITH KUENGA TO
KEEP ME AWAY FROM SANGAY!

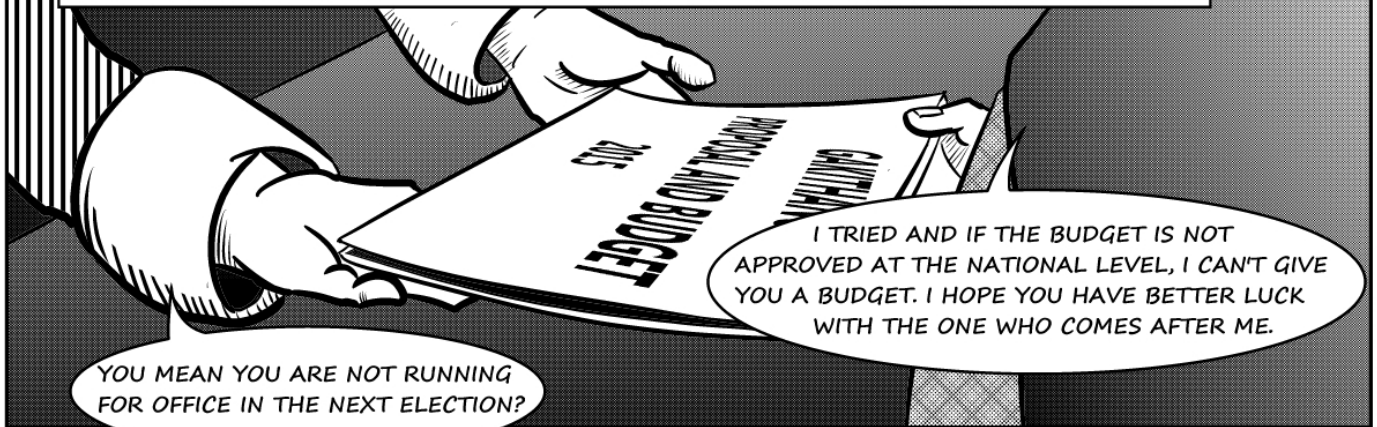
YESHEY IS ANGRY WITH SANGAY HAVING BEEN TOLD OF THE PICTURES OF HIM WITH ANOTHER WOMAN.



GUP ASKS DASHO KARMA IF HE HAS COME TO ASK FOR SUPPORT SINCE THE ELECTIONS ARE APPROACHING.



GUP TELLS DASHO KARMA THEY NEED MORE MONEY TO BUILD THE BRIDGE. OTHERWISE THE VILLAGE WILL FACE PROBLEMS DURING THE MONSOON.



PHENTO TEASES SANGAY ADDRESSING HIM AS A DASHO. AFTER THE ELECTIONS, SANGAY WILL BE A DASHO.

PHENTO, DON'T CALL ME A DASHO!

YOU WILL BE A DASHO. WITH SO MUCH MONEY, YOU'LL WIN. I'LL WORK AND EVEN SING FOR YOUR CAMPAIGN.

PHENTO CONTINUES HIS RAMBLING AND SAYS THAT WHEN SANGAY BECOMES AN MP, HE CAN TAKE ALL THE MONEY FROM THE MINISTRY AND GIVE IT TO EVERYONE.

FUNNY! I DON'T HAVE ALL THAT MONEY. DON'T YOU KNOW HOW ELECTIONS WORK HERE? AND HOW THE GOVERNMENT FUNDS DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES?

BUT DASHO, YOU MUST HAVE ENOUGH MONEY FOR ME, IF YOU DON'T, I WON'T VOTE FOR YOU!

ALL CANDIDATES ARE ON A TIGHT BUDGET FOR THEIR CAMPAIGNS. AND IF THERE IS ANY SORT OF CORRUPTION- THE ELECTION COMMISSION WILL PUT CANDIDATES BEHIND BARS.

IS THAT WHY YOU VOTE FOR PEOPLE? BECAUSE THEY DO YOU FAVOURS?

YES, DASHO. I GIVE MONEY, THEY GIVE VOTE. THAT'S DEMOCRACY.

NO! THAT IS CALLED CORRUPTION. YOU ELECT THE PEOPLE WHO'LL SERVE THE NATION, NOT CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WHO DO YOU FAVOURS IN RETURN FOR MONEY. THAT WOULD BE VOTE-BUYING.

AHH, BUT AREN'T ALL YOU POLITICIANS THE SAME? PLAYING GAMES WITH WORDS, MAKING PROMISES LIKE FARTS- ALL HOT AIR IN THE BEGINNING AND THEN THERE'S A BAD SMELL IN THE END. WE SEE PLENTY OF THAT ON GLOBAL TV.

GUP THINKS SANGAY IS A FINE YOUNG MAN.
KUENGA THINKS GUP SUPPORTS SANGAY.

EVERYONE KNOWS YOU AND DASHO KARMA
DON'T GET ALONG. WOULD YOU AND SANGAY
GET ALONG?

IT'S NOT LIKE THAT. I WOULD LIKE A CANDIDATE
WHO WILL CO-OPERATE WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES
AND DASHO KARMA DOES NOT DO THAT. WHILE
SANGAY HAS ASSURED US HE WOULD.

KUENGA SHARES HIS VIEW THAT POLITICIANS SAY ONE THING AND DO OTHERWISE.
DASHO KARMA MIGHT HAVE AGREED TO WORK WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES
BEFORE THE ELECTIONS.

YES, SOUNDS LIKE YOU'LL NOT BE
SUPPORTING SANGAY.

I DON'T THINK SANGAY IS LIKE OTHER POLITICIANS.
HE IS A MAN OF HIS WORDS. HAVING KNOWN HIM FOR A
LONG TIME, I'VE MORE REASONS FOR WANTING
SANGAY TO WIN.

YESHEY IS TIRED AND WORRIED ABOUT SANGAY
STANDING FOR ELECTIONS. EVERYTHING SEEMS
UNCERTAIN.

WE MUST MAKE SACRIFICES.

SACRIFICES? WE'VE BOTH MADE SACRIFICES.
I COULD HAVE PURSUED MY EDUCATION, MAYBE
EVEN GOT A JOB IN THE CIVIL SERVICE. BUT I STAYED
HOME. I GUESS I HAVE TO MAKE ONE MORE SACRIFICE-
YOU. WHY DON'T YOU MARRY YOUR
OTHER GIRLFRIEND?

YESHEY FEELS BETRAYED BY SANGAY. SHE DOES NOT WANT TO SEE SANGAY ANYMORE.



PHENTO AND KUENGA ARE ON THEIR WAY TO THE GUP'S ANNUAL CHHOKOE (PRAYERS)

♪♪... ALL GOOD PEOPLE SHOULD
THANK THE DEITIES FOR LEADING
US TO THE GUP'S HOUSE FOR SOME ARA
AND THE BEST EMA DATSHI. ♪♪
BUT BEFORE WE GET TO THE
CHHOKOE, WHY ARE DASHO KARMA'S
ZOMDUE GETTING CANCELLED? WHAT'S
THE PROBLEM? I KNEW DASHO
KARMA WAS NOT A
GOOD DASHO.

EXACTLY, DASHO HAS
NOT FULFILLED HIS
PROMISES. NOW WITH THE
UPCOMING ELECTIONS ON
IT'S WAY, HE IS TRYING
TO GET SUPPORT
FROM THE VILLAGE.

DASHO KARMA'S ZOMDUES WERE CANCELLED
BECAUSE I TOLD THE GUP THAT OUR MP CANCELLED HIS VISIT.
GUP WAS ANGRY BECAUSE HE PUT ASIDE HIS OTHER WORK TO
ORGANISE THE ZOMDUE. AND SO THE GUP SENT WORD THAT
THE MEETING WAS CANCELLED.

YOU DO THINGS VERY
QUIETLY. BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU
DID, OUR VILLAGERS ARE NOW NOT
IN FAVOUR OF OUR MP. WEI, YOU'RE
A SCARY PERSON.

KUENGA WARNS PHENTO, NOT TO TELL ANYONE, ESPECIALLY AP DOLAY.
IF AP DOLAY HEARS THIS, HE WOULD NOT WANT TO BE BUSINESS
PARTNERS AND ALL PLANS WILL GO DOWN THE DRAIN.

NOW, LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE A BIG CHANCE
TO MAKE YOUR LOVE LIFE WORK. IS IT A
FULL-PROOF PLAN?

Shhhh... WE ARE AT THE GUP'S
HOUSE. STOP THIS CONVERSATION
FOR NOW.

Mmm... I'M GOING TO EAT RICE AND PAA
WITH LOTS OF ARA, WHAT A GREAT COMBINATION.

♪♪ soo... ya la ♪♪

PHENTO COMES ACROSS YESHEY AND SEDAY IN CONVERSATION AND THINKS THE TWO ARE SHARING THEIR SECRETS.

WHAT SECRET? WE ARE ENJOYING THE WARMTH OF THE SUN.

HMM, ENJOYING THE SUN HERE IN THE VILLAGE WHILE SANGAY IS ENJOYING WITH ANOTHER GIRL IN THIMPHU.



PHENTO, WATCH WHAT YOU'RE SAYING...

WHO GAVE YOU THIS INFORMATION?

SEDAY, DON'T ACT LIKE YOU DON'T KNOW. THE WHOLE VILLAGE IS TALKING ABOUT IT.



GUP AND SANGAY DISCUSS SANGAY'S STEPS TOWARDS STANDING FOR ELECTIONS.

I JUST HAVE FEW FORMALITIES BEFORE I REGISTER WITH A PARTY AND THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF BHUTAN (E.C.B). HOW ABOUT YOUR WORK AZHA GUP?

GOOD, GOOD. AS HEAD OF THE VILLAGE, I SHOULD STAY "APOLITICAL". AND MY MAIN DUTY IS TO WORK TO BENEFIT OUR SOCIETY, AND ESPECIALLY MY GEWOG.

GUP THINKS DASHO KARMA IS NOT FULFILLING HIS DUTIES TO THE VILLAGE.

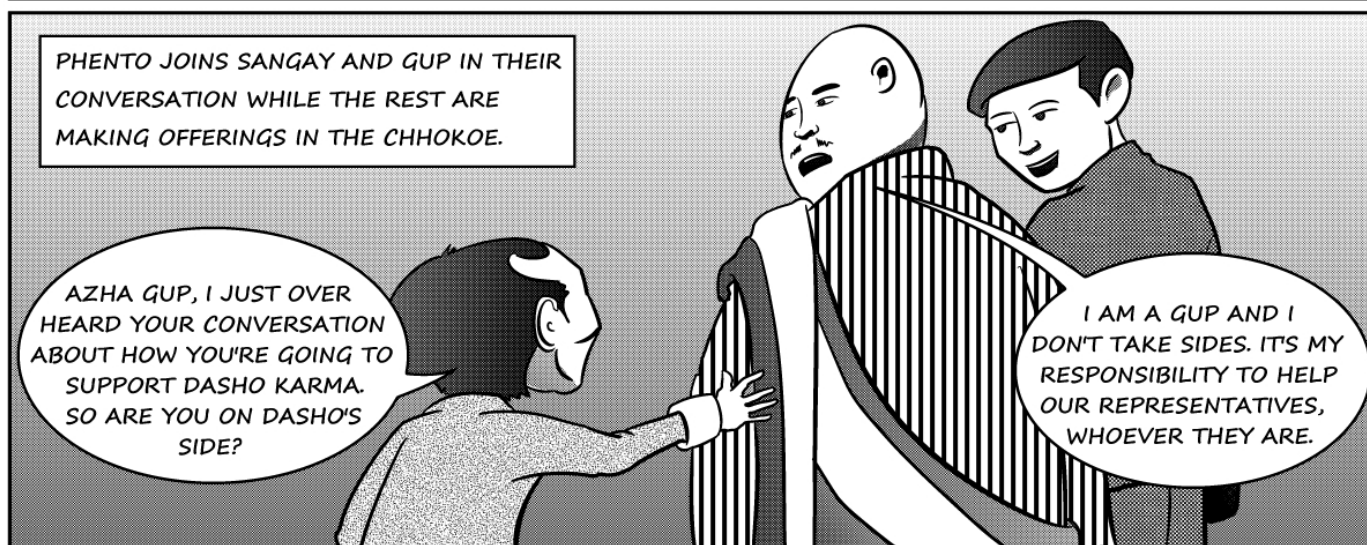
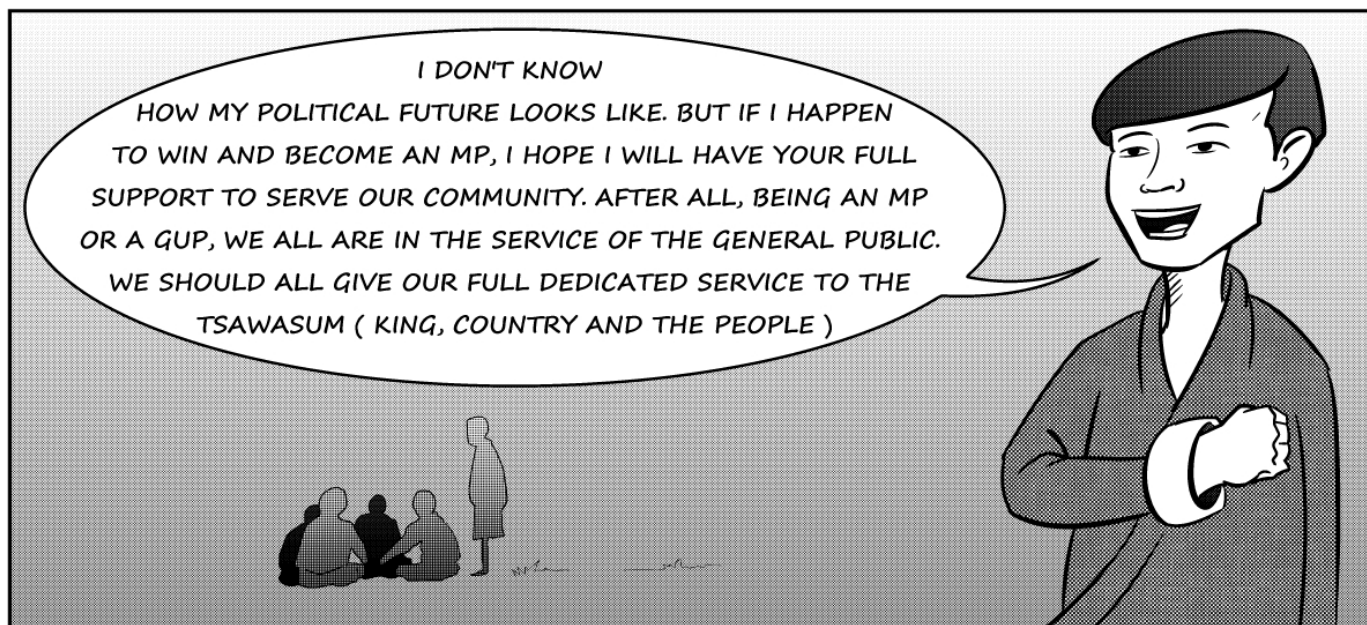
YOU'RE DOING A GOOD JOB. OUR PEOPLE SHOULD BE THANKFUL FOR YOUR DEDICATED AND SINCERE CONTRIBUTIONS.

BUT PERSONALLY, DASHO KARMA IS NOT FULFILLING HIS DUTIES TO THE VILLAGE. WE HAD HIGH EXPECTATIONS. AND MANY OF THE VILLAGE ACTIVITIES ARE STILL NOT COMPLETED. BUT THESE ARE MY PERSONAL VIEWS AS A CITIZEN AND NOT AS A GUP. PROFESSIONALLY, I'M TRYING MY BEST TO HELP THEM ALL.

SANGAY AGREES ON THE NEED FOR BOTH SIDES TO WORK TOGETHER TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

YOU'RE RIGHT AZHA GUP. WE CAN'T CLAP WITH ONLY ONE HAND. WE NEED BOTH SIDES TO WORK TOGETHER TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

SANGAY, THAT'S HOW DEMOCRACY WORKS.



SANGAY IS AT THE GUPS OFFICE USING THE INTERNET TO CREATE A FACEBOOK PAGE FOR HIS CAMPAIGN. SANGAY EXPLAINS THE USE OF FACEBOOK AND SOCIAL MEDIA TO THE GUP.

YALAMA... THERE'S ALREADY AN ACCOUNT IN MY NAME AND WITH MY PICTURE. I WONDER WHO CREATED IT?

SANGAY WANTS TO REPORT HIS FAKE FACEBOOK ACCOUNT TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF BHUTAN. THE ECB MONITORS SOCIAL MEDIA RELATED TO POLITICAL PARTIES.

LOOKS LIKE A LOT CAN HAPPEN ON THE INTERNET. ALL I DO IS READ THE NEWS ONLINE. BUT LOOKING AT WHAT YOU'RE GOING THROUGH, I'M NOT SURE I WANT TO CREATE A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT.

I MUST TAKE THIS UP WITH THE ECB AND PREVENT THE PERSONAL ATTACKS AND FALSE INFORMATION THAT SEEMS TO INCREASE BEFORE ELECTIONS.

SANGAY HAD READ IN THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS THAT PEOPLE DO DEFAME OTHERS, BUT DID NOT EXPECT THAT TO HAPPEN WITH HIM.

I'VE READ IN THE INTERNATIONAL NEWSPAPERS THAT PEOPLE DEFAME OTHERS ON SOCIAL MEDIA. BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT THIS TO HAPPEN TO ME. WHO WOULD DO THIS TO ME?

THIS IS A SERIOUS ISSUE SANGAY. YOU MUST FIND OUT AS SOON AS YOU CAN. I'M GUESSING IT'S ALREADY DONE YOU HARM.

SANGAY IS STILL TRYING TO PROVE HE DOESN'T HAVE A GIRLFRIEND. YESHEY IS STILL ANGRY AND DOESN'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT.

IT'S MEANINGLESS WANTING TO MEET UP WITH ME. YOU BETTER MEET UP WITH YOUR THIMPHU GIRL, WE VILLAGE GIRLS ARE JUST NOT AS ATTRACTIVE.

YESHEY, PLEASE TELL ME WHO SHOWED YOU THE PICTURE?

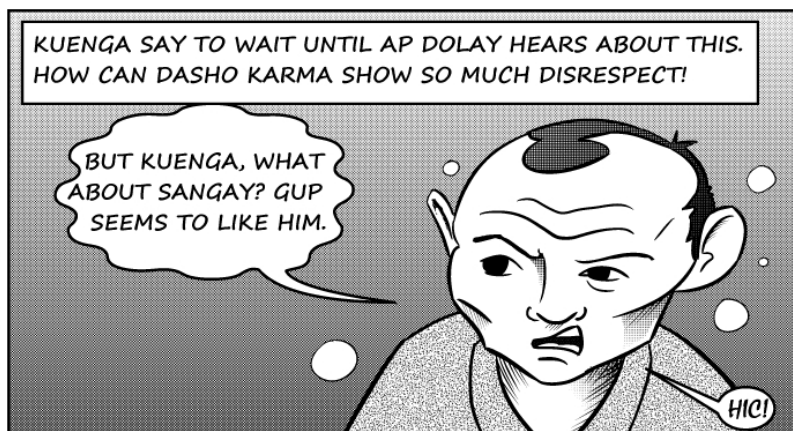
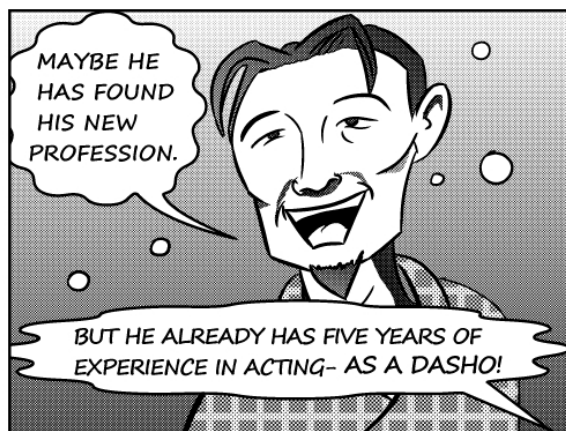
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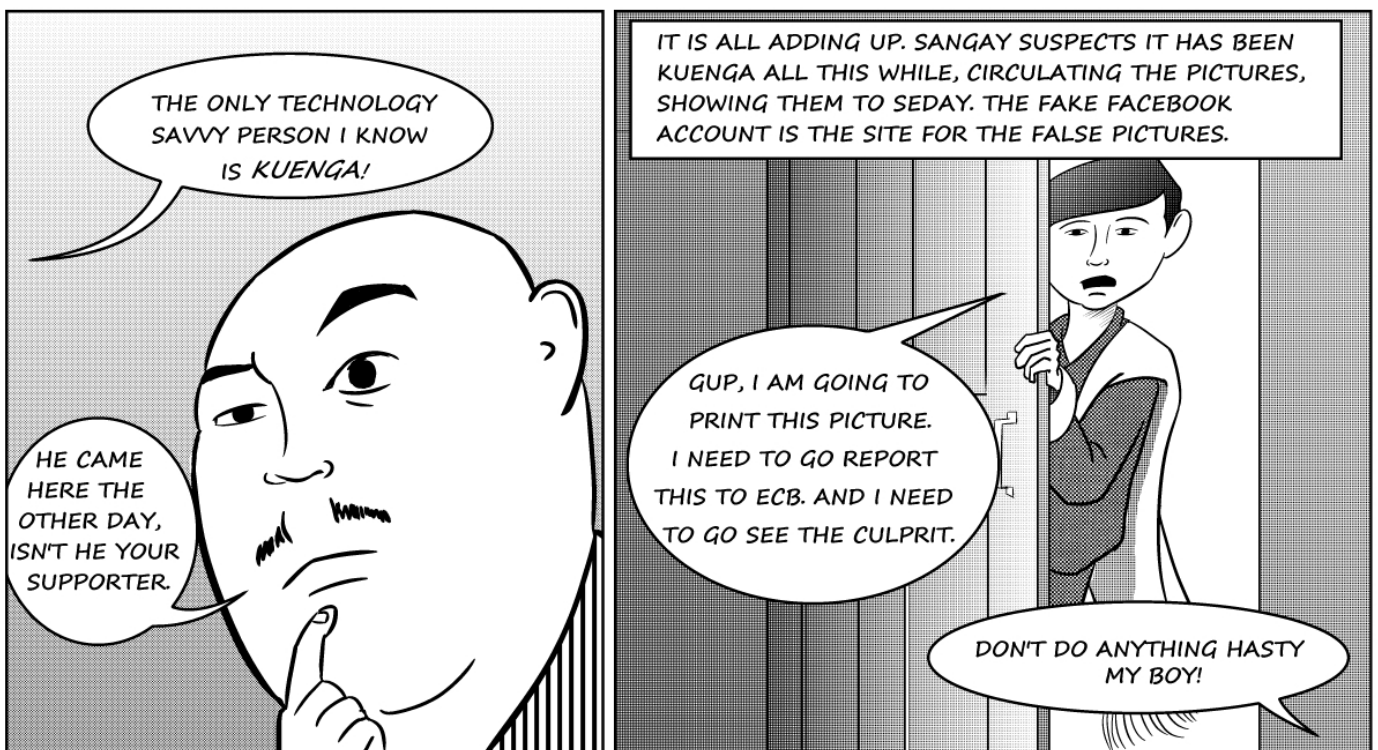
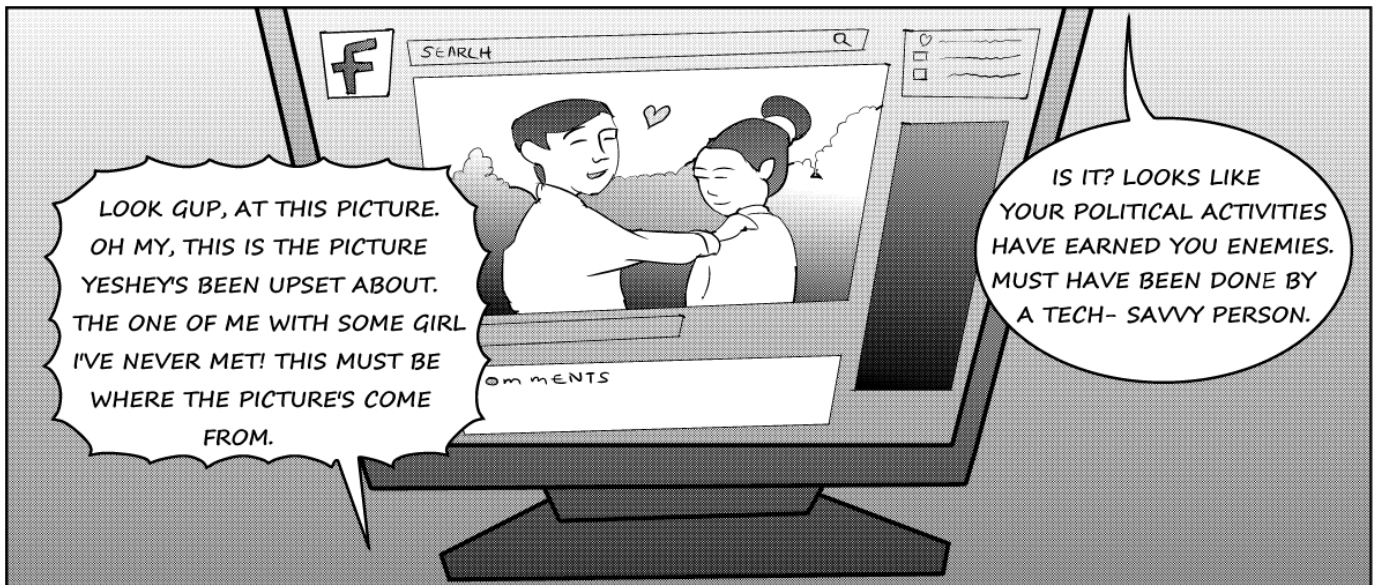
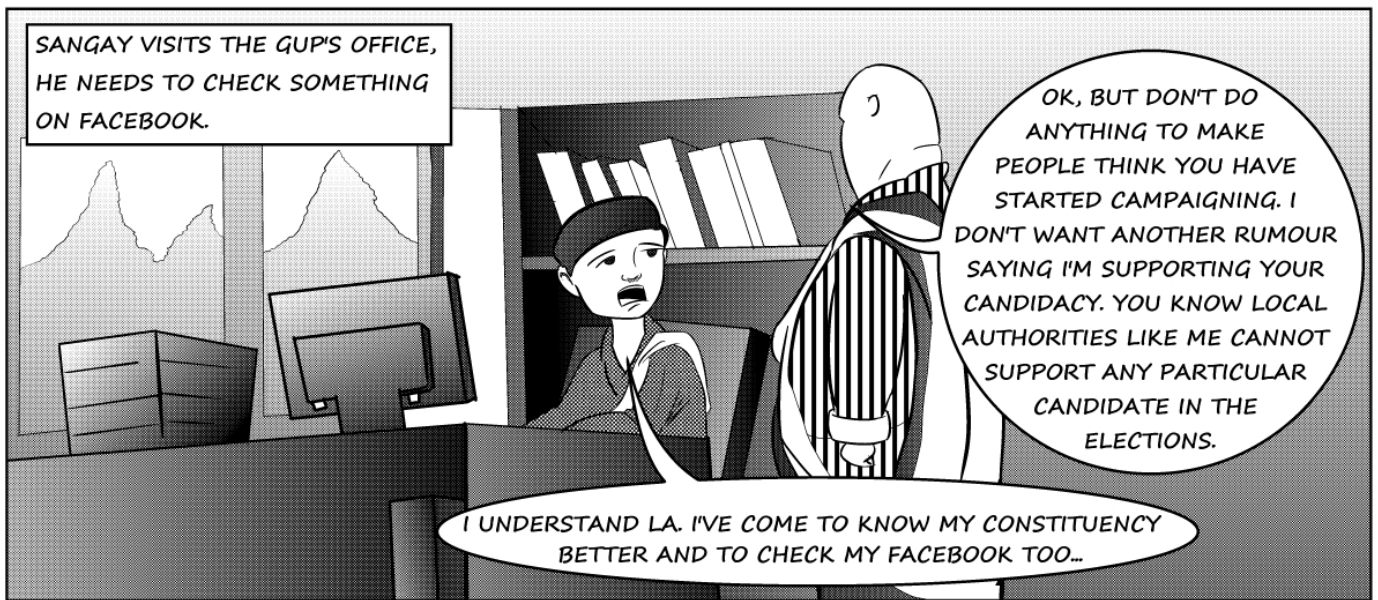
I SAW THEM ON KUENGA RABTEN'S PHONE.

THAT EXPLAINS IT. HE HAS MADE THIS PICTURE TO DEFAME ME. I SWEAR I'LL NEVER DO ANYTHING TO HURT YOU. PHOTOGRAPHS ARE EASILY MANIPULATED AND CHANGED THESE DAYS, DON'T BE FOOLED.

FINE, YESHEY, IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME. YOU'RE STUBBORN. I GUESS IT'S JUST MY BAD KARMA. I'LL JUST FOCUS ON MY ELECTIONS.

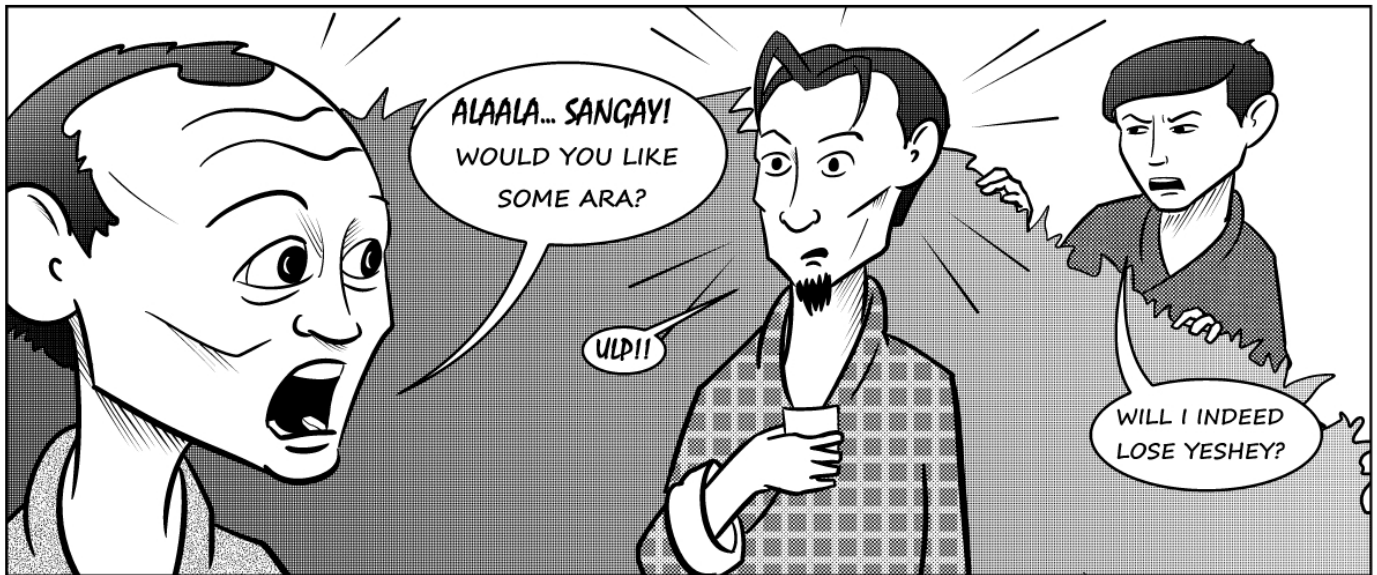
WELL, THAT WAS ALWAYS YOUR PRIORITY. CLEARLY I'M NOT THE RIGHT PERSON. WE'RE JUST NOT MADE FOR EACH OTHER. GOODBYE SANGAY!





KUENGA AND PHENTO ARE CELEBRATING, ENJOYING THEIR ARA. PHENTO SAYS THIS IS HOW VICTORY TASTES-- PUTTING DASHO KARMA AND SANGAY IN TROUBLE.

HA.. HA... PHENTO, DON'T GET TOO EXCITED. LOOKS LIKE SANGAY HAS LOST HIS REPUTATION AND WILL LOSE THE ELECTION. AND HE'LL SOON LOSE YESHEY. WHO WOULD YOU VOTE FOR?



KUENGA ACTS CLUELESS, PRETENDING TO BE VERY DRUNK AND THAT IRRITATES SANGAY. SANGAY TELLS KUENGA ABOUT THE PICTURE AND ACCUSES HIM OF BEING RESPONSIBLE.

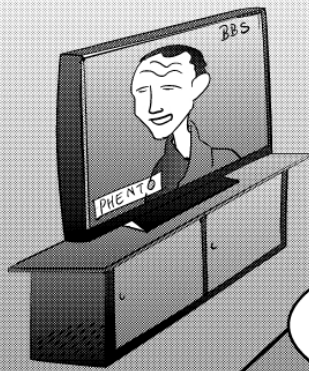
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE SAYING SANGAY, THIS IS DRUNKEN TALK. WHY DO YOU TAKE EVERYTHING SO SERIOUSLY?

I HEARD YOU AND PHENTO, DON'T PLAY DUMB.

HE'S NOT DUMB, HE'S JUST DRUNK!



SANGAY'S MOTHER SEES SANGAY'S INTERVIEW ON TV, AND IS SURPRISED TO SEE PHENTO STANDING FOR ELECTIONS TOO.



NOW PEOPLE KNOW YOUR PARTY IS REGISTERED AND WILL SEE THE CAPABLE CANDIDATES IN THE PARTY LIKE YOURSELF. AND WHO'S THIS PHENTO?

HA HA HA... THAT'S FUNNY. PHENTO JUST SAID HE IS STANDING FOR ELECTIONS JUST BECAUSE OTHER CANDIDATES ARE NOT ADDRESSING THE NEED FOR EMPLOYMENT AND IMPROVEMENT TO OUR ECONOMY.



AUM PEMA THINKS PHENTO DOES NOT DESERVE TO BE IN THE FINAL LIST OF CANDIDATES. SHE RECALLS HER FRIEND SAYING THAT PHENTO IS TELLING PEOPLE SANGAY IS USING THE CAMPAIGN FUNDS TO BUY VOTES.

DON'T WORRY AMA, PHENTO IS JUST MAKING ACCUSATIONS AND TRYING TO DEFAME ME. THERE ARE WAYS TO TELL MY SIDE OF THE STORY.

SANGAY, BE CAREFUL IF PHENTO CAN BRING YOUR CREDIBILITY DOWN, WHO KNOW WHAT OTHERS ARE DOING.



SANGAY IS ASSURING HIS MOTHER THAT EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE. WHO WILL BELIEVE WHAT PHENTO SAYS?

NOT EVERYONE KNOWS THAT PHENTO IS 'FULL OF NOTHING' OR GOOD FOR NOTHING. SO BE CAREFUL.

DON'T WORRY AMA. WHO WILL BELIEVE PHENTO?

SANGAY, PLEASE DON'T REPEAT THAT. IF YOU KEEP REPEATING LIES, PEOPLE WILL BELIEVE YOU ONE DAY. NOT EVERYONE KNOWS THAT PHENTO IS A MAN WHO IS GOOD FOR NOTHING.



KUENGA RUSHES TO AP DOLAY'S HOUSE EARLY IN THE MORNING FOR HIS CAMPAIGN.

I KNEW THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG AND HE'S JUST ACTING INNOCENT.

IT SEEMS SANGAY HAS MISUSED THE OFFICE FUNDS FOR HIS CAMPAIGN.

KUENGA SUSPECTS SANGAY HAS USED THE MONEY TO BUY VOTES. AP DOLAY WONDERS WHO SANGAY HAS BRIBED.

ISN'T IT TOO EARLY TO BE CAMPAIGNING? ECB HASN'T ANNOUNCED HIS CANDIDATURE FORMALLY.

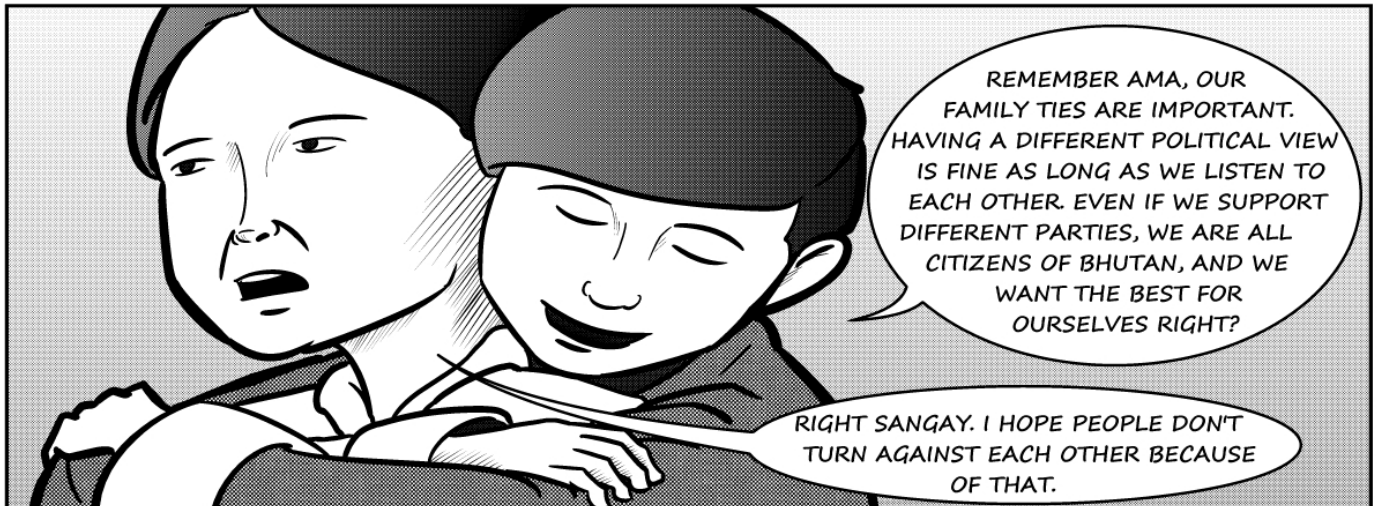
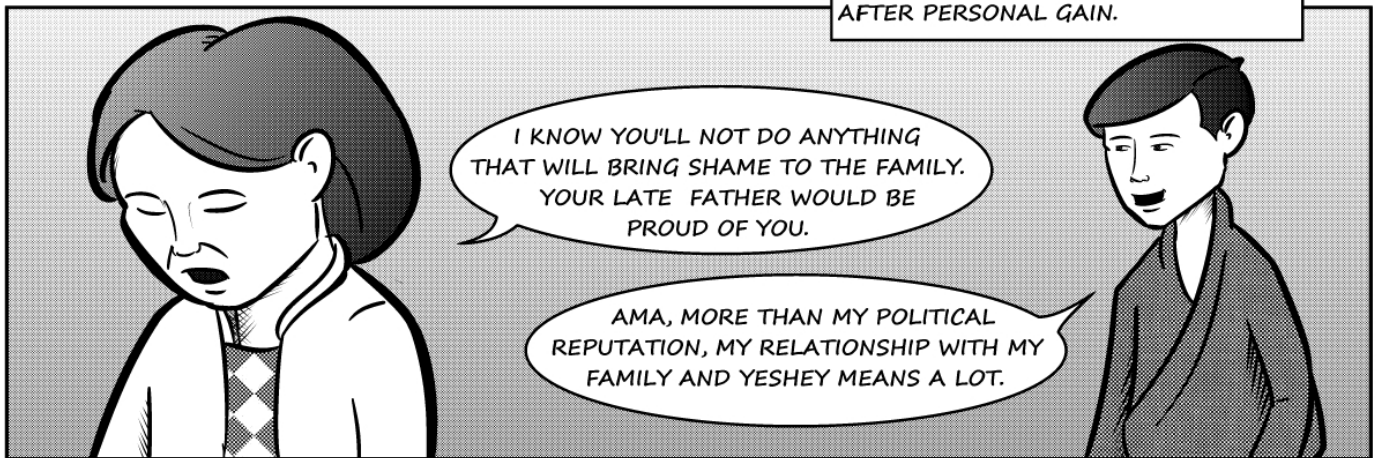
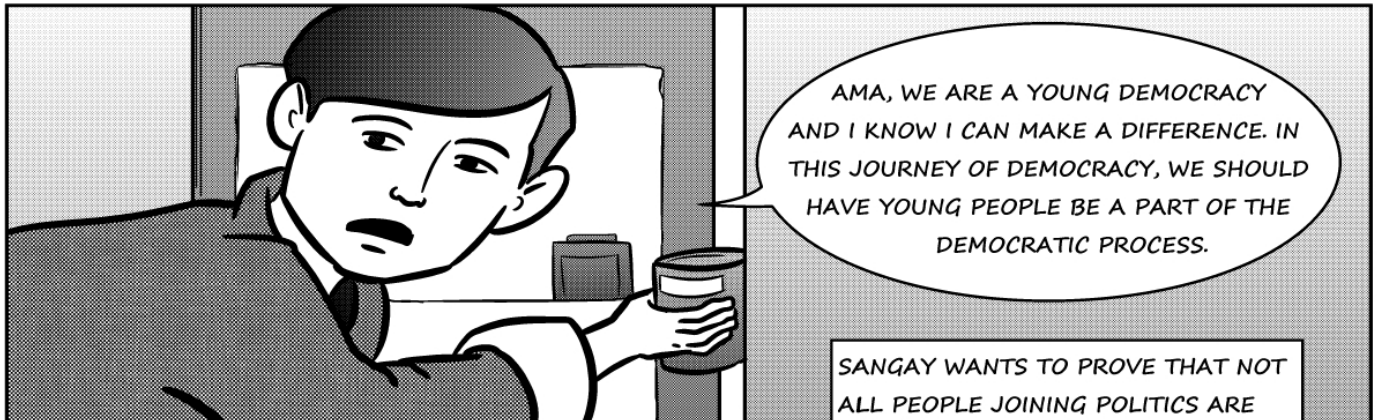
KUENGA SAYS HE HEARD THAT, SANGAY BRIBED PHENTO TO SUPPORT HIM. AP DOLAY FINDS SANGAY MORE STUPID.

EVEN THOSE ELECTED ARE "INFORMALLY CAMPAIGNING" WHENEVER THEY GO HOME. THEY USE ALL THE SOCIAL OCCASIONS FOR THAT TOO. THE EARLY BIRD CATCHES THE WORM. HAVEN'T YOU HEARD LA?

THE NEWS ALSO SAYS PHENTO AND SANGAY ARE SEEN BRIBING PEOPLE TO VOTE FOR HIS PARTY.

SANGAY HAS EMBARRASSED OUR VILLAGE.

AUM PEMA IS WORRIED AFTER HEARING RUMOURS ABOUT SANGAY. SHE ASKS SANGAY IF HE HAS TO JOIN POLITICS.



KINLEY WONDERS WHY YESHEY IS IN A SAD MOOD ON A BEAUTIFUL DAY.

YESHEY, IS SOMETHING BOTHERING YOU?
YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE YOURSELF TODAY.

IT'S ALL THAT RUMOURS THAT ARE GOING
AROUND, MAKING EVERYTHING COMPLICATED. EVERYONE IS
JUST SAYING THINGS WITHOUT THINKING IT WOULD HURT
PEOPLE'S FEELINGS AND SPOIL
RELATIONSHIPS.

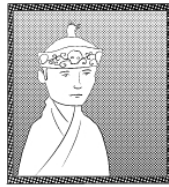
I UNDERSTAND
HOW IT MUST BE
AFFECTING YOU. BUT
YESHEY, DON'T BELIEVE
EVERYTHING, THERE
ARE ALWAYS TWO
SIDES TO A COIN.

SANGAY IS BACK FROM THIMPHU
AND TELLS GUP WHAT HAPPENED
IN THIMPHU.

AMA TOLD ME PHENTO HAS
BEEN SPREADING RUMOURS ABOUT ME BRIBING
OTHERS. ALL THIS IS STRESSING MY AMA. I NEED
TO KNOW WHO THE RUMOUR MONGER IS.

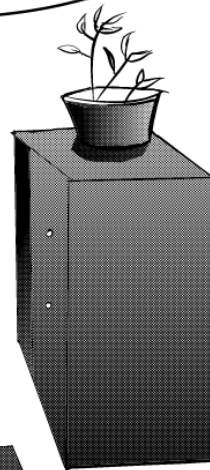
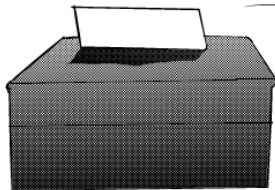
PHENTO HAS A LOT
TO SAY. HE DOES NOT HAVE
ANY PROOF. HE'S TEAMED UP
WITH SOMEONE. HOW ARE
YOU GOING TO PROVE
THEM WRONG?

AUM PEMA IS HAPPY TO SEE SANGAY SMILE AFTER MONTHS. THE ELECTION COMMISSION HAS REPORTED THAT THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST SANGAY HAVE BEEN PROVED WRONG. THE PICTURES ON THE INTERNET WERE ALSO FAKE.



I'M SORRY I PUT YOU THROUGH SO MUCH STRESS AMA, YOUR SUPPORT HAS BEEN ONE OF THE BIGGEST STRENGTHS.

DON'T WORRY, IF YESHEY LOVES YOU, SHE'LL UNDERSTAND.



AS FOR YESHEY, SHE HAS ALREADY ASKED ME TO CHOOSE BETWEEN HER AND MY CAREER.



KUENGA MEETS THE GUP ON HIS WAY TO THE TSHONGKHANG.

AZHA GUP, I WAS WONDERING IF EVERYTHING IS FINE BETWEEN YOU AND DASHO KARMA.

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK ANYTHING MIGHT BE WRONG? THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS, THAT I AS A GUP WAS BEING PARTIAL BY SUPPORTING SANGAY.

AZHA GUP, I CANNOT BELIEVE WE'VE SUCH PEOPLE WHO WILL SPREAD RUMOURS IN OUR VILLAGE.

GUP SAYS ALL THESE RUMOURS HAVE CREATED MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN DASHO KARMA AND HIM. AND THE GUP HAS BEEN TRYING TO STRENGTHEN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEADERS.

DASHO KARMA AND I WERE GETTING ON FINE AT ONE POINT. NOW, SOMEONE IS TRYING TO BRING DISHARMONY IN THE VILLAGE.

WELL I HEARD, DASHO KARMA MADE MORE ALLEGATIONS ABOUT YOU AND SANGAY.

BEFORE DASHO KARMA LEFT FOR THE PARLIMENT, HE TOLD THE VILLAGERS THAT YOU, THE GUP, GAVE SANGAY GOVERNMENT FUNDS FOR HIS CAMPAIGN.

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA.

WHY DO YOU FIND SUCH AN ACCUSATION FUNNY LA? I HEARD HIM SAY IT MYSELF.

ANYONE CAN SAY ANYTHING. THE ACCOUNTS ARE TRANSPARENT FOR ALL TO SEE. THIS MUST BE A MISUNDERSTANDING ON DASHO'S SIDE. I'LL SPEAK WITH HIM TO CLEAR IT UP.



SANGAY, YOU KNOW YOU'LL NOT STAND A CHANCE IN THE ELECTIONS. AND VERY SOON, YESHEY WILL BE IN KUENGA RABTEN'S ARMS, DID YOU KNOW THAT?



HA HA HA... PHENTO, WHERE DO YOU GET THESE NEWS FROM? YOU KNOW MORE ABOUT MY LIFE THAN ME.

KINLEY AND YESHEY ARE ARGUING OVER KUENGA'S FREQUENT VISITS, AND HIS FEEDING SEDAY WITH RUMOURS. KUENGA TOLD SEDAY THAT SANGAY IS NOW INVOLVED IN SMUGGLING TOBACCO.



KUENGA MIGHT HAVE AN AGENDA. HE MIGHT BE HIDING HIS INTENTIONS BY BLAMING OTHERS. HE MIGHT BE SMUGGLING TOBACCO AND USING SANGAY'S NAME.

THE RADIO IS ANNOUNCING THE CANDIDATES AND THE ELECTION RULES. AP DOLAY BELIEVES SUCH ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE IMPORTANT. KUENGA SAYS HE HAS NO TIME TO LISTEN ABOUT ELECTIONS ON THE RADIO, BUSINESS IS KEEPING HIM BUSY.

AP DOLAY, WE'VE BEEN DOING BUSINESS AND HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR A LONG TIME NOW, I'D LIKE TO TAKE OUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE NEXT STEP. I HOPE AP DOLAY YOU'LL FEEL THAT I'M TRUSTWORTHY AND WOULD BE A CAPABLE SON-IN-LAW LA.

guu... guu...

THAT'S A SURPRISE... HMM. SO YOU HAD AN EYE ON MY DAUGHTER YESHEY. BUT I THINK YOU'RE NO BETTER THAN THE LAST CANDIDATE SANGAY TO ASK FOR MY DAUGHTER'S HAND IN MARRIAGE.

AP DOLAY IS SUPRISED TO HEAR KUENGA'S PROPOSAL BUT HE THINKS KUENGA IS A BETTER MATCH THAN SANGAY FOR HIS DAUGHTER.

HOW MIGHT THAT BE? AP DOLAY LA?

WELL, SANGAY WAS STANDING AGAINST OUR MP DASHO, AND SO ARE YOU. SO YOU'RE NO BETTER.

HE HE... WHY DO YOU THINK I AM STANDING AGAINST DASHO KARMA?

AP DOLAY HAS HEARD THAT KUENGA IS SUPPORTING PHENTO WHO IS STANDING AGAINST DASHO KARMA IN THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS.

WELL THEN, DON'T YOU THINK THAT IS BETTER FOR YOU THAN THE PRESENT MP?

KUENGA, WHAT MAKES YOU BETTER THAN SANGAY? YOU ARE AS BAD AS SANGAY. BOTH OF YOU DON'T DESERVE MY DAUGHTER.

PHENTO IS CAMPAIGNING. THE WHOLE VILLAGE IS WONDERING WHAT PHENTO IS UP TO DISTURBING THE PEACE.

FELLOW VILLAGERS, LISTEN TO ME. IF YOU WANT RICE COOKER, MOBILE, TV... LEND ME YOUR EARS.

YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE NOT IN A POSITION TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN NIGHT AND DAY. YOU DRUNKEN MAN, WHY ARE YOU DISTURBING THE PEACE OF THE VILLAGE?

SEDAY, THIS IS MY CHANCE TO PERSUADE MY VOTERS.

PHENTO CONTINUES TO MAKE PROMISES AND SAYS HE'LL BE BETTER THAN DASHO KARMA AS AN MP.

I WILL GIVE YOU WHATEVER YOU NEED, A BETTER PHONE, CARS...

PHENTO, YOU THINK, DEMOCRACY IS GIVING THE PEOPLE MATERIAL GOODS AND MAKING PROMISES. WHAT ABOUT SOCIAL JUSTICE, GOVERNMENT FOR THE PEOPLE?

IF I DON'T GIVE PEOPLE MATERIAL GOODS THEN I SHOULD BE CONFINED TO THE RUBBISH HEAP LIKE THE OTHER CANDIDATES.
HA HA HA HA...

YA, LOOK AT HIM. CHANG ZAY DHE, JUST LIKE HE SAID, HE FELL ON THE HEAP OF RUBBISH JUST NEXT TO HIM.

CRASH!!

KUENGA IS GETTING IRRITATED WITH PHETNO'S STORIES ON HOW HE HAS BEEN CAMPAIGNING. HE'S ALSO ANGRY BECAUSE YESHEY REJECTED HIM.

WHAT HAPPENED BOSS? WILL YOU BE MARRIED SOON?

YOU'RE THAT DUMB EH? CAN'T YOU TELL BY MY HAPPY FACE, THINGS DIDN'T GO WELL WITH MY PROPOSAL TO YESHEY?

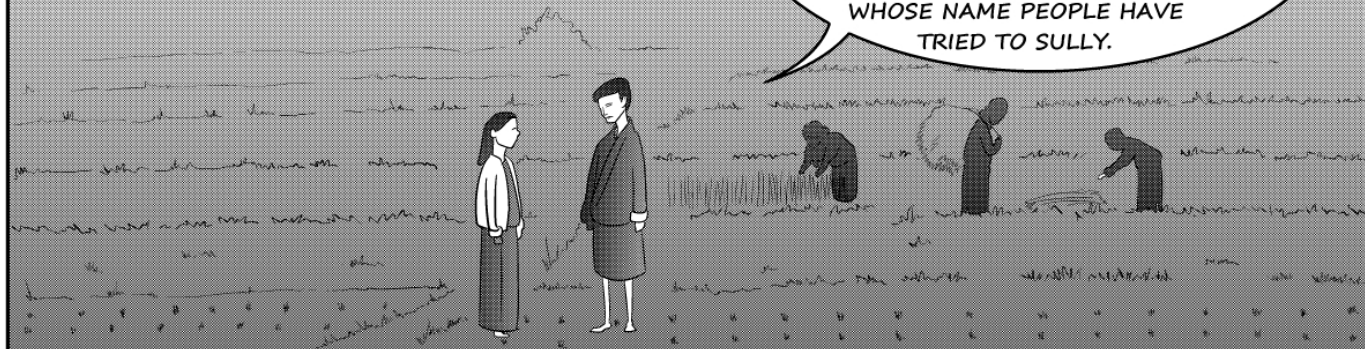
YOU HAVE TO ADMIT IT'S FUNNY. BEING DEPRESSED OVER BEAUTY THAT WILL FADE AWAY INTO WRINKLES AND FARTS.

DON'T WORRY BOSS. I'LL GET YOU A NICE GIRL. ONCE I'M A DASHO ALL THE CHAMCHAS WILL COME AND BEG ME TO MARRY THEM. I CAN GIVE YOU A FEW CHOICES THEN. BUT ON A MORE URGENT NEED, I NEED MORE MONEY FOR THE CAMPAIGN LA. I NEED TO GIVE ARA, PAA, NOSHA PAA, AND ALL. I HEAR THAT IS HOW YOU GET VOTES.

LOOK WHO'S THINKING LIKE A POLITICIAN!

SANGAY AND YESHEY ARE FINALLY MEETING AFTER ALL THE PROBLEMS. SANGAY HAS FINALLY PROVED HE IS NOT HAVING AN AFFAIR. SANGAY TELLS YESHEY HE SUSPECTS KUENGA TO BE THE ONE SPREADING THE RUMOURS AND CREATING THE FALSE PICTURES.

YESHEY, YOU KNOW WE CAN FOOL AROUND WITH PICTURES ON THE INTERNET, JUST LIKE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN MESSING AROUND WITH THE WORDS TO CREATE A LOT OF RUMORS. THE ELECTION COMMISSION KNOWS OF THIS HAPPENING TO CANDIDATES. I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE WHOSE NAME PEOPLE HAVE TRIED TO SULLY.



I KNOW YOU USED TO PHOTOSHOP PICTURES FOR FUN. BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE PEOPLE WILL DO IT TO HARM OTHERS. AND I DID WARN YOU ABOUT KUENGA.

YES, YOU DID. AND IT'S AMAZING HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE ON FACEBOOK IMPERSONATING POLITICAL PERSONALITIES AND EVEN RESPECTED LAMAS!



KUENGA THREATENS AP DOLAY AND SAYS THAT THEIR RELATIONSHIP IS MORE THAN BEING SUPPORTERS FOR DIFFERENT CANDIDATES.

DOLAY, I'M SURE YOU WILL NOT FORGET ABOUT THE BUSINESS WE'RE DOING TOGETHER. IN THIS BUSINESS OF OURS, YOU AND I CAN'T AFFORD TO LEAVE EACH OTHER, CAN WE?

KUENGA, DON'T GET SO UPSET. ALL I WAS TALKING ABOUT IS THE POLITICAL CONNECTIONS. DON'T WORRY, I'LL NOT DO ANYTHING THAT'LL HARM OUR BUSINESS.

THE ONLY REASON I AM SUPPORTING PHENTO IS TO MAKE SANGAY'S CAMPAIGN DIFFICULT. I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING AGAINST DASHO KARMA AND I WOULD NOT DARE TO STAND AGAINST DASHO MP.



PHENTO IS CAMPAIGNING. KINLEY AND THE OTHER RESIDENTS ARE LAUGHING AT PHENTO WHO'S PROMISING HAPPINESS FOR ALL

I'M A CANDIDATE IN THE COMING ELECTIONS. IF YOU WANT MOBILE VOUCHERS, CARS, JOBS, VOTE FOR ME. I'LL MAKE EVERYONE HAPPY.

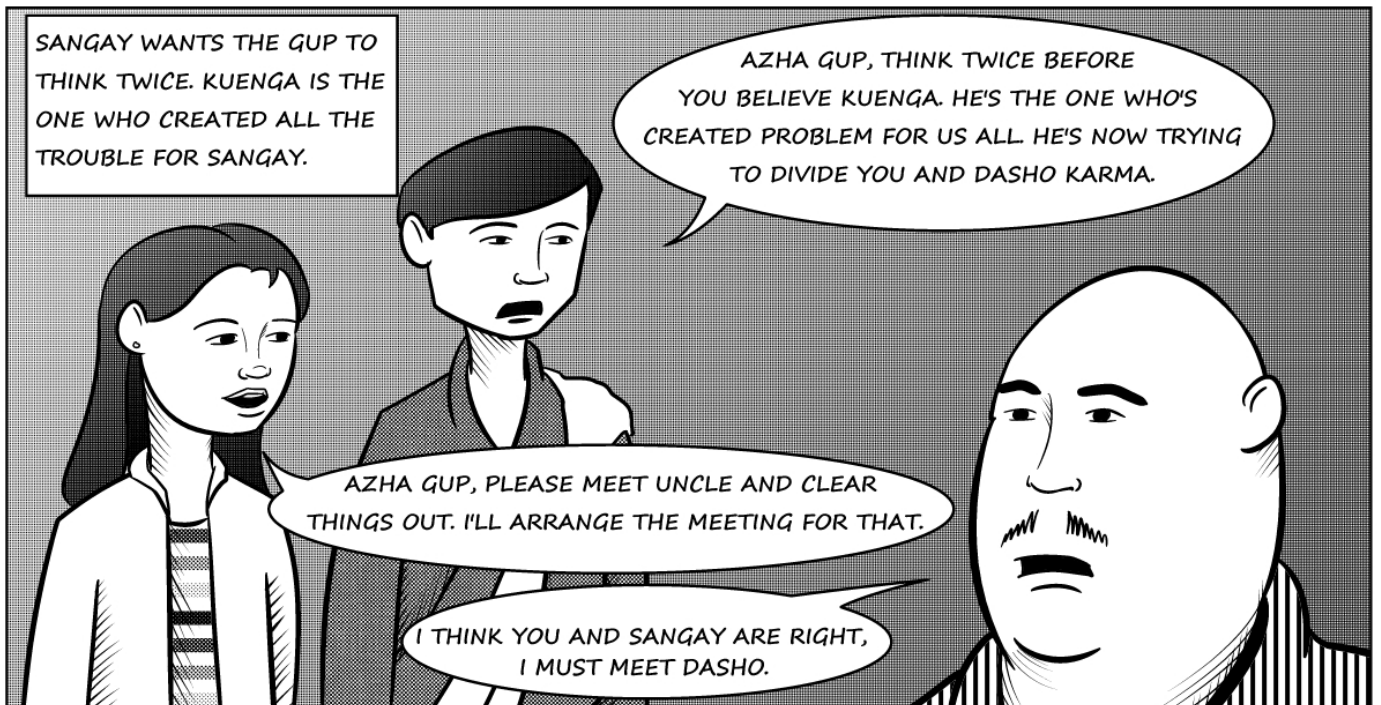
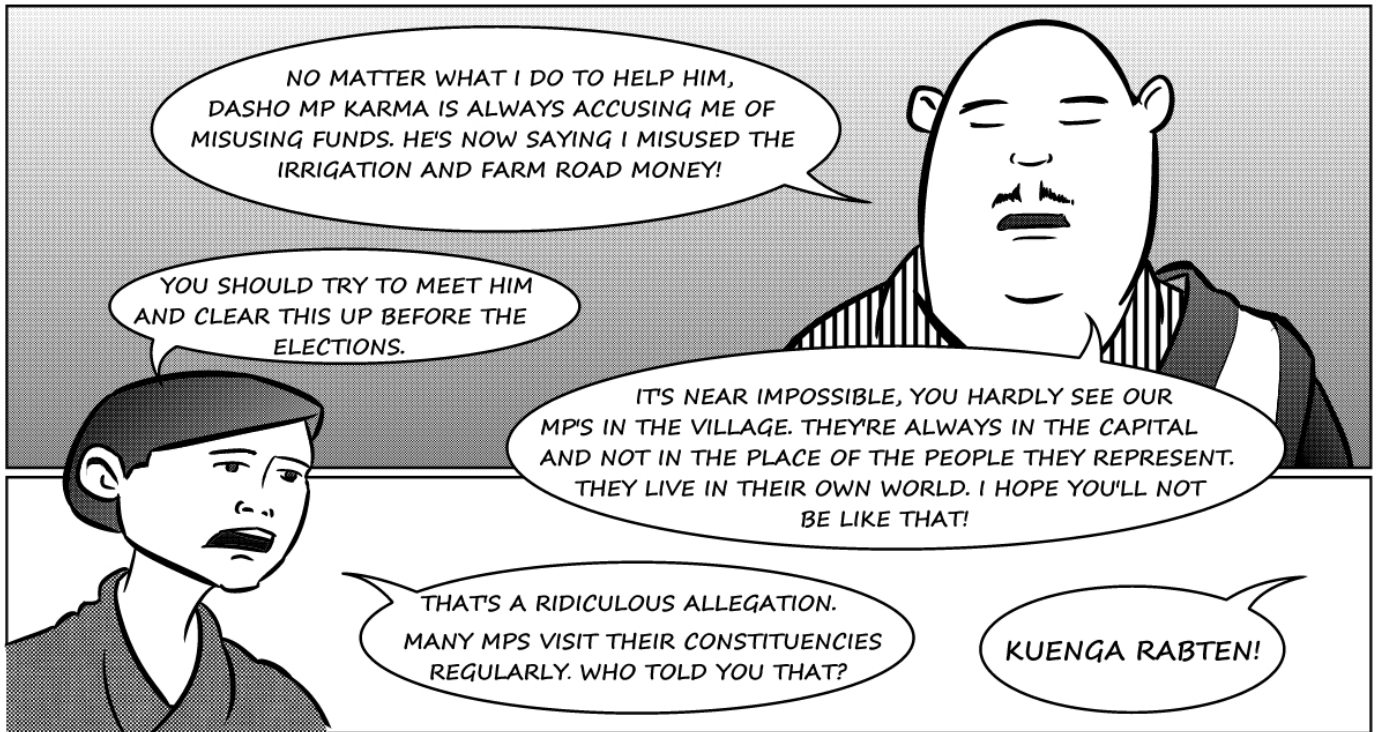
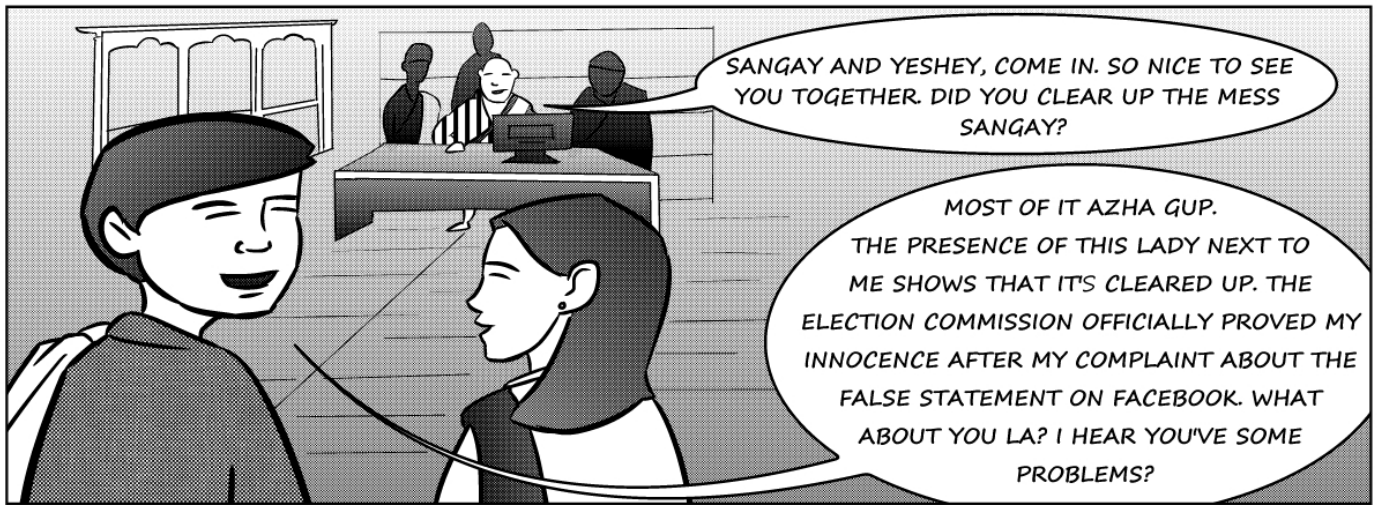
OK PHENTO, WE WANT TO KNOW HOW MUCH YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR DEMOCRACY. HOW MANY NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS DO WE HAVE? AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

NATIONAL COUNCIL? WE HAVE 50. WHAT DOES IT DO? EHHH...

PHENTO FAILS TO ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS. HE HAS NO IDEA HOW MANY MP'S AND NC'S WE HAVE.

AS FOR THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, WE HAVE 57 MEMBERS AND I'M GOING TO BE ONE OF THEM.

WRONG AGAIN PHENTO, WHERE DID YOU GET THE EXTRA 10? THERE ARE 47 MEMBERS IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. WE'VE JUST HEARD ON THE RADIO THAT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL IS THE HOUSE OF REVIEW- IT REVIEWS ALL THE POLICIES PUT UP TO THE PARLIAMENT.



PHENTO IS GOING AROUND THE VILLAGE CAMPAIGNING THAT HE HAS A RICH SUPPORTER.

VOTE! VOTE FOR ME! WHERE EVER THERE'S NO LIGHT, I WILL GIVE RICE COOKER. WHERE EVER THERE'S NO ROAD, I WILL GIVE SCHOOL BUS, WHERE EVER THERE'S NO ARA I WILL GIVE THEM VODKA... HAHHA FORGET DASHO MP.

HA HA HA... PHENTO, ARE YOUR RICH SUPPORTERS THE COWS AND THE FROGS? YOU SHOULD STAY IN A BAR, YOU DON'T BELONG IN POLITICS.

AP DOLAY, WHEN I BECOME A DASHO, YOU WILL COME LOOKING FOR ME.

AP DOLAY, LOOK AT THIS BLANK CHEQUE. IT SHOWS THAT MY SUPPORTER IS THE RICH KUENGA RABTEN.

KUENGA!! HOW CAN KUENGA SUPPORT THIS TSAGAY AND BETRAY ME.

BANK OF BHU

AUM PEMA WONDERS WHY SANGAY LEFT HIS NICE GOVERNMENT JOB TO JOIN POLITICS. SANGAY KNOWS HIS JOB IS DIFFICULT, BUT...

THERE'S SO MUCH GOSSIP AND RUMOURS THESE DAYS. SANGAY, WHY DID YOU JOIN POLITICS? YOU HAD SUCH A NICE JOB WITH THE MINISTRY. YOU'LL NEVER BE FREE FROM GOSSIP AGAIN.

AMA, YOU'RE RIGHT. BUT IT'S A JOB THAT SOMEONE HAS TO DO. OUR DEMOCRACY IS YOUNG AND NEED YOUNG PEOPLE TO TAKE THE LEADERSHIP ROLES. WE TALK ABOUT EQUITY AND JUSTICE, ARE THE PEOPLE BEING SERVED? I WANT TO DO MY PART.

IT WON'T BE EASY, SANGAY. BUT MY SUPPORT IS WITH YOU.

AP DOLAY FEELS KUENGA IS BETRAYING HIM BY NOT SUPPORTING DASHO KARMA SONAM.



GLAD TO FIND YOU ALONG WITHOUT THAT JOKER PHENTO FOR A CHANGE.

PHENTO IS JUST A STOOGE. HE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT. BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU AP DOLAY? YOU DON'T LOOK SO WELL.

I'M NOT WELL BECAUSE I'M NOT SURE IF YOU'RE ON MY SIDE.



AP DOLAY, I AM ALL ON DASHO KARMA'S SIDE.

WELL, I ALSO HEAR YOU ARE FUNDING PHENTO'S CAMPAIGN.

DON'T BELIEVE WHAT YOU HEAR. AP DOLAY, BOTH OF US KNOW WHO OUR OPPONENT IS. PHENTO IS JUST A COVER FOR WHO WE'RE REALLY GOING AGAINST. BY THE TIME WE'RE DONE, SANGAY WILL WATCH DASHO SONAM RECEIVE HIS KABNEY FOR THE SECOND TIME.

HA HA KUENGA, THAT BIG HEAD OF YOURS IS NOT EMPTY AFTER ALL.

WELL, I WONDER, IF MY AIM OF GETTING MARRIED WILL COME TRUE.

KUENGA, WE'VE BEEN WORKING TOGETHER FOR A LONG TIME. I'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU AS MY RELATIVE, EVEN AS MY SON-IN-LAW.

THEN THAT'S SETTLED. I'M LOOKING FORWARD SO MUCH TO BEING YOUR SON-IN-LAW AS WELL AS BUSINESS ASSOCIATE!

HANG ON A MINUTE KUENGA, IT'S NOT AS EASY AS ALL THAT. THE PROBLEM AS YOU KNOW IS YESHEY HERSELF. I'M SURE YOU'VE HAD A CHANCE TO DISCOVER HER FEELINGS.

I'M SORRY, IT WOULD BE SUCH A PITY IF THINGS DON'T WORK OUT BETWEEN US. SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE AP DOLAY. YOU KNOW THAT THE LONGER I REMAIN YOUR BUSINESS PARTNER AND NOT YOUR RELATIVE, THE MORE LIKELY THE NATURE OF OUR BUSINESS TOGETHER IS LIKELY TO GET OUT MENA?

THAT WILL NOT HAPPEN.



AUM CHIMMI AND KINLEY ARE WORRIED AP DOLAY WILL NOT AGREE TO THE MARRIAGE OF SANGAY AND YESHEY.

WELL, YESHEY IS NOT GETTING ANY YOUNGER, AND IT'S NOT AS IF THERE AREN'T ANY GOOD MEN WHO WANT TO MARRY HER. TWO ARE DESPERATELY WANTING TO MARRY HER AND I'M FRUSTRATED BEING IN BETWEEN ALL THIS. YESHEY IS IN LOVE WITH SANGAY, BUT HER APA WANTS HER TO MARRY KUENGA RABTEN. ALL THIS IS TORTURING HER AND HER RELATION WITH HER APA IS BEING AFFECTED. THIS AFTERNOON, SANGAY'S MOTHER CAME TO VISIT ME AND FORMALLY ASKED FOR YESHEY'S HAND IN MARRIAGE. NOW IT'S MY JOB TO TALK TO APA.

AMA, WHAT'S WRONG?
SOMETHING IS BOTHERING YOU.

AMA, APA'LL ONLY LISTEN TO YOU.

PHENTO'S HAPPY ABOUT HIS CAMPAIGN BUT KUENGA IS NOT.

YOU WERE NOT SUPPOSED TO TELL PEOPLE I AM YOUR SPONSOR. ESPECIALLY NOT TO AP DOLAY WHO NOW KNOWS THAT I'M SUPPORTING YOU TO STAND AGAINST HIS OWN COUSIN-DASHO KARMA NO LESS!

EVERYONE WILL FIND OUT SOON. OUR POLITICAL AIMS ARE HIGH, AND THEY MUST SEE US WORK TOGETHER. AND WHEN WE EMERGE AS WINNERS, EVERYTHING WILL BE OURS. PRADOS, MAIDENS, ANYTHING OUR HEARTS DESIRE.

SHUT UP PHENTO. I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR LOUD MOUTHING NONSENSE. FROM NOW ON YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN. NOW GET OUT OF HERE!

HOW CAN YOU DO THIS BOSS? WHAT ABOUT OUR ELECTION CAMPAIGN? NOW THERE'S NO HOPE FOR ME OR OUR PEOPLE.. ALL IS LOST.

BACK IN AP DOLAY'S HOUSEHOLD, AUM CHIMI SAYS AP DOLAY HARDLY HAS TIME FOR FAMILY WITH HIS BUSY BUSINESS AND POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

AP DOLAY,
DON'T YOU
THINK OUR
YESHEY SHOULD
GET MARRIED?

YES, AND THE BEST MATCH IS
KUENGA RABTEN. HE HAS WEALTH,
LOOKS AND HE LOVES YESHEY.

THAT'S YOUR VIEW,
BUT HAVE YOU ASKED YESHEY
WHAT SHE WANTS? DO YOU
THINK FORCING HER IS THE
RIGHT THING TO DO?

AUM CHIMI IS NOT HAPPY TO HEAR AP DOLAY DECIDE THE MAN FOR YESHEY WITHOUT ASKING YESHEY.

I AM THE FATHER, I KNOW WHAT'S
BEST FOR HER.

IT'S SANGAY SHE WANTS TO
MARRY AND YOU KNOW THAT. EVERYTHING
HE'S BEEN ACCUSED OF HAS BEEN PROVED
WRONG, THEY WERE DESIGNED TO TURN YOU
AGAINST SANGAY. CAN'T YOU
SEE THAT?

AP DOLAY, TO STAND AGAINST
SOMEONE IN A DEMOCRATIC ELECTION DOES
NOT MEAN THAT ONE IS AGAINST THAT PERSON.
OR THAT THEY ARE OR HAVE TO BE ENEMIES.

YOU KNOW AS WELL AS ANYONE THAT HE
IS STANDING AGAINST MY COUSIN IN THE ELECTIONS.
HE IS, THEREFORE, AN ENEMY.

SAYS WHO?

MY DEAR AP,
OUR KING HAS BLESSED US
WITH THIS GIFT OF DEMOCRACY SO THAT
THE CITIZENS HAVE A CHOICE TO CHOOSE
A LEADER. SANGAY AND KARMA ARE JUST
HAVING A HEALTHY DEBATE AS TO
WHAT'S RIGHT FOR BHUTAN.

THE DEBATE IS AT THE GEWOG HALL. THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY HAS COME TO WATCH THE DEBATE. PHENTO AND DASHO KARMA ARE SEATED IN FRONT OF THE AUDIENCE.

I'M LATE. I'M LATE FOR A VERY IMPORTANT DATE. LET ME TELL YOU THERE IS NO GNH, THERE IS ONLY GNS, GROSS NATIONAL SADNESS IN A DEMOCRACY.

WITH DUE RESPECT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOU COMING ON TIME. AND ON THAT NOTE, HOW CAN THERE BE GNH IF WE HAVE DRUNK PEOPLE STANDING FOR ELECTIONS?

DASHO, I WAS LATE FOR A VERY GOOD REASON. I WOULDN'T FIND MY KEY TO GNH.

MY BOTTLE OF ARA TEY. THE DEBATE IS ABOUT HAPPINESS AND I AM NOT HAPPY WITHOUT MY ARA.

PHENTO, GNH COMES FROM PATRIOTISM AND PUBLIC SPIRIT AND NOT FROM ARA. ARE YOU SOBER ENOUGH TO DO THIS DEBATE OR SHALL WE CALL IT OFF?

I'D LIKE TO RESPOND TO DASHO LA. GNH DOES NOT COME FROM THIS NEW DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM EITHER. I'VE TRIED IT AS A VOTER AND ALSO AS A CANDIDATE. IN, THIMPHU I AM CAMPAIGNING FOR A RETURN TO THE OLD SYSTEM.

WE ALL KNOW WE HAVE SOME TEETHING PROBLEMS, BUT IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE THE NEW DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM THAT'S BEEN USHERED IN A SUCCESS. AND WE'LL NOT DO THAT BY ATTENDING POLITICAL MEETINGS IN A DRUNKEN STATE.

DASHO KARMA AND GUP ARE NOT HAPPY ABOUT HOW RUMOURS HAVE BEEN GOING AROUND IN THE VILLAGE.

WE'VE HEARD THAT YOU HAVE BEEN TELLING PEOPLE HOW AZHA GUP WAS GIVING THE GOVERNMENT'S MONEY TO SANGAY FOR HIS CAMPAIGN. THESE ALLEGATIONS ABOUT YOUR SPEAKING AGAINST AZHA GUP IS ALL OVER THE VILLAGE.

OOF..., AS IF THERE'S NOT ENOUGH TROUBLE BETWEEN MYSELF AND GUP ALREADY. PEOPLE ARE STIRRING UP MORE TROUBLE. WHO DID YOU HEAR THIS FROM?

IT'S ALL OVER. YOU MEAN YOU DID NOT SAY ANYTHING ALONG THOSE LINES ABOUT GUP?

OF COURSE NOT. I MAY HAVE DIFFERENCE IN OPINION WITH AP GUP, BUT IT'S NOT EVEN ENTERED MY MIND THAT GUP WOULD DO SUCH A THING.

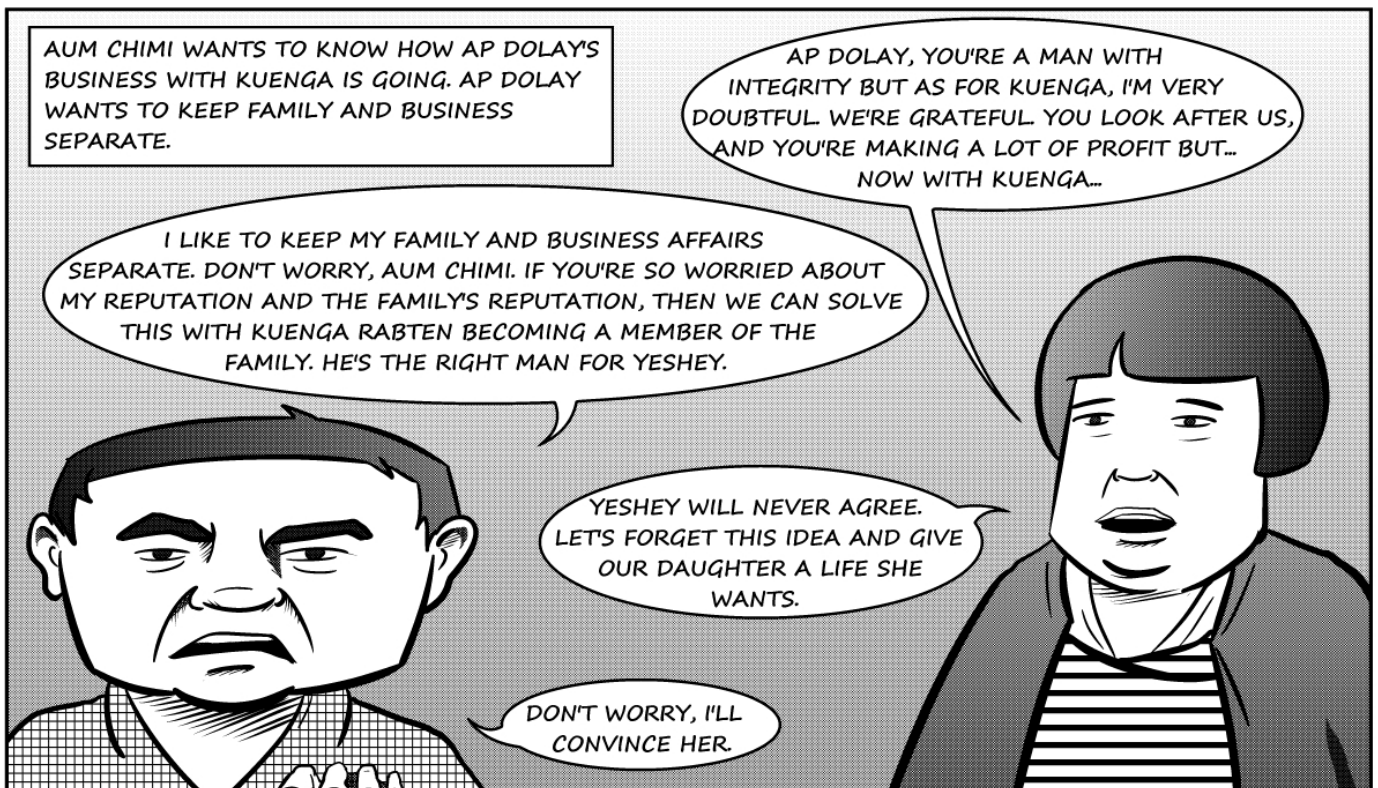
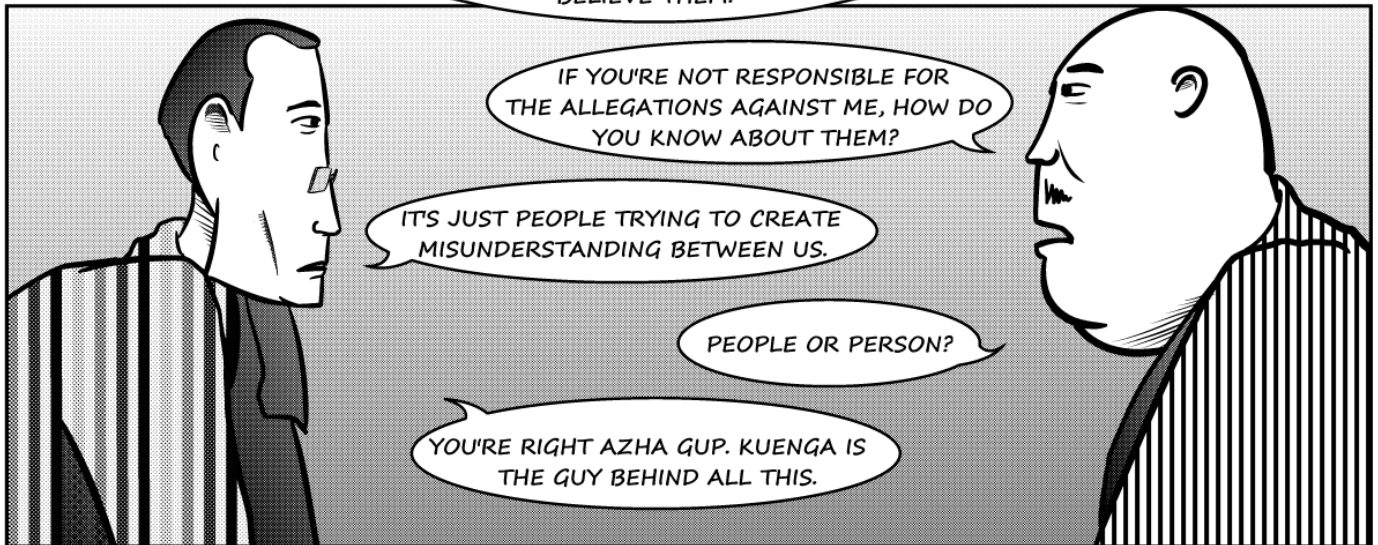
WELL I HEARD THIS FROM KUENGA RABTEN, HE KNOWS A LOT ABOUT THESE THINGS.

I'M GOING TO MEET AZHA GUP TOMORROW AND CLEAR THINGS UP. AND YOU SHOULD WATCH OUT FOR KUENGA RABTEN. THERE ARE RUMOURS ABOUT YOU TOO, AP DOLAY.

RUMOURS??!
WHAT RUMOURS??

RUMOURS ABOUT WHY YOU'RE BOTH SO CLOSE AND THE BUSINESS YOU'RE DOING TOGETHER.

DASHO KARMA AND GUP ARE CLEARING THINGS ABOUT HOW RUMOURS ON THEIR RELATIONSHIP HAS UNNECESSARILY CAUSED CONFUSION AND DISTRUST.



SANGAY AND GUP ARE TALKING ABOUT HOW OUR PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND A HEALTHY DEBATE IS GOOD FOR THE COUNTRY.

HELLO AZHA GUP.

YES SANGAY. COME IN,
HOW ARE YOU?

AZHA GUP, IT'S NOT BEEN AN EASY JOURNEY. BUT I'VE BEEN TRYING HARD TO KEEP MY SPIRITS UP DESPITE ALL THESE RUMOURS. I NEVER IMAGINED THERE'D BE SO MANY PROBLEMS FOR A PERSON WHO ATTEMPTS TO STAND FOR ELECTIONS.

THAT'S THE SPIRIT SANGAY. DON'T BE AFFECTED BY RUMOURS. AND THERE WILL BE OBSTACLES BUT I'M HAPPY TO SEE THAT YOU'VE NOT GIVEN UP.

A PROBLEM IN OUR DEMOCRATIC PATH IS THAT PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND A HEALTHY DEBATE ON THE FUTURE OF BHUTAN IS FOR EVERYONE'S GOOD. IT DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE AGAINST ANYONE. BUT WE TAKE IT ALL PERSONALLY.

THAT'S WHY PEOPLE LIKE YOU SHOULD STAND FOR ELECTIONS. WE CAN VOTE FOR THOSE WHO'LL MAKE OUR COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE.

THIS GIFT OF DEMOCRACY NEEDS TO BE SUSTAINED WITH GOOD PEOPLE. AND WE WANT TO SEE MORE ABLE, THINKING PEOPLE WITH INTEGRITY TAKE PART IN THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS.

LET'S HOPE WE CAN AVOID BAD FEELING. TENSIONS FROM THE LAST ELECTIONS TOOK A LONG TIME TO COOL DOWN.

IN THE MEANTIME, A DISTURBING PHONE CALL COMES THROUGH.

LA AMA... YOU MEAN IT WAS KUENGA?...
ACCUSING ME OF WHAT? DAMAGING A CHORTEN!
HE'S GETTING MORE RIDICULOUS AND DESPERATE..
OK I'LL GO AND LOOK AT IT NOW..

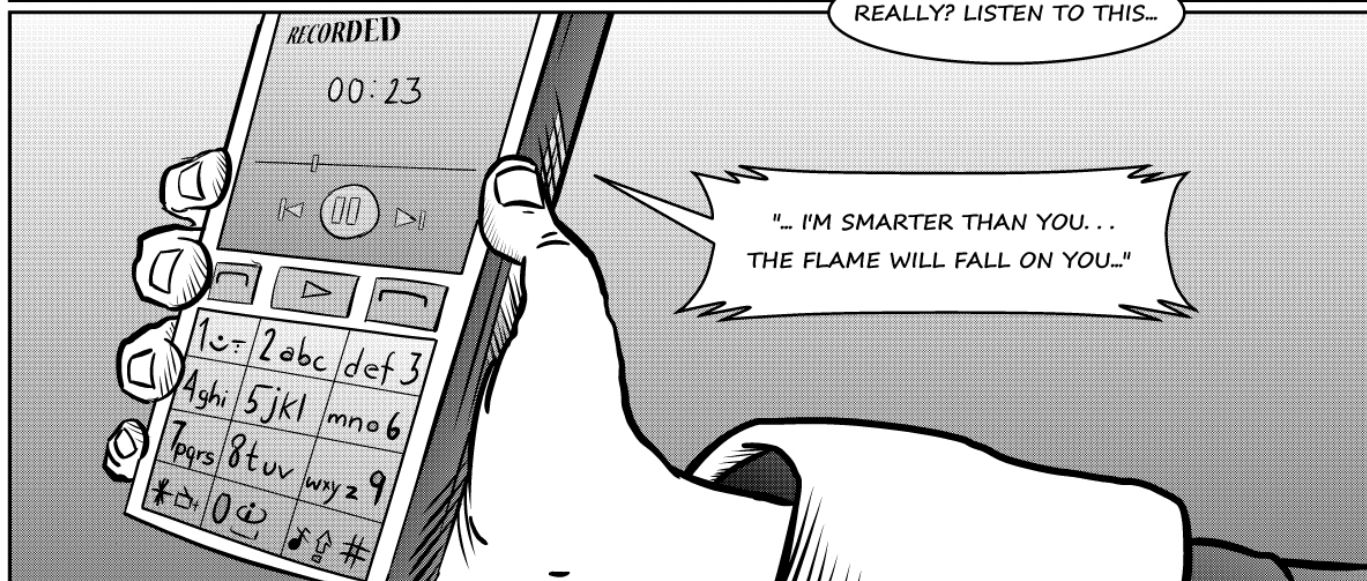
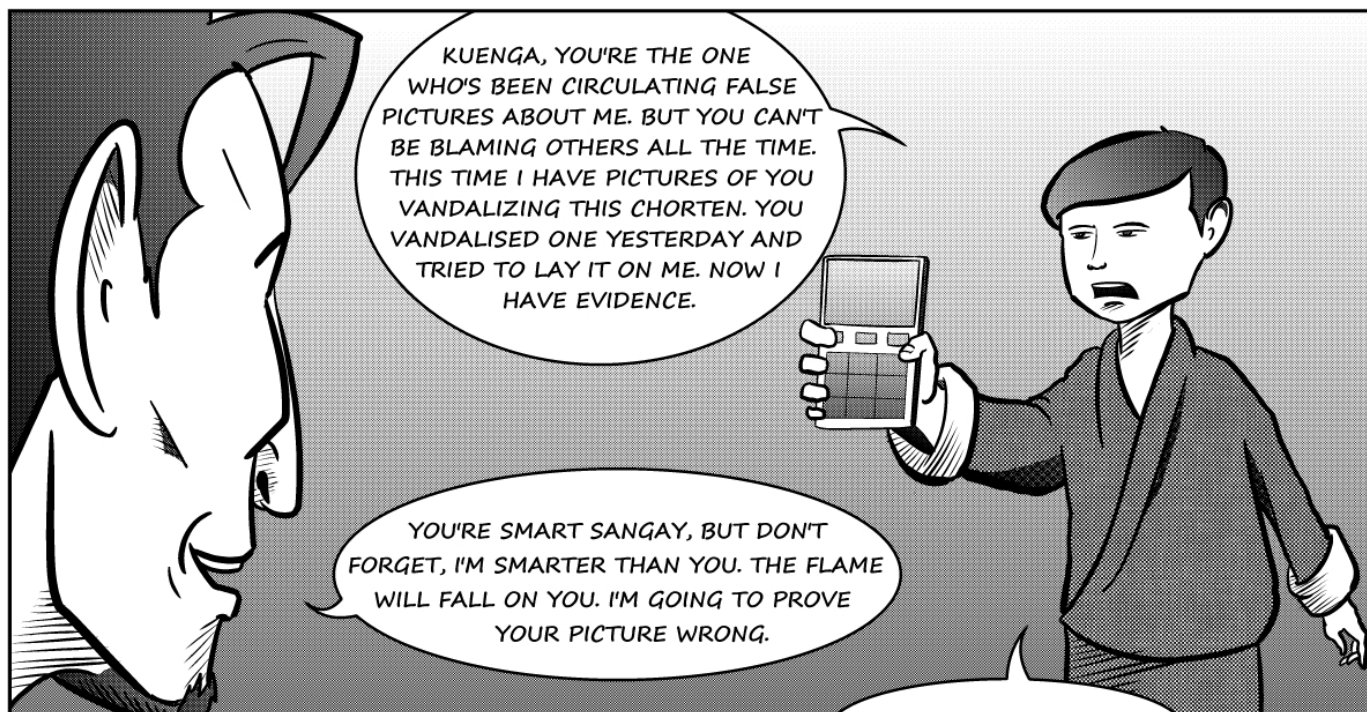


WHAT WAS ALL THAT ABOUT?

IT WAS AMA.
SHE SAYS KUENGA
WAS ON THE PHONE
WITHOUT REVEALING HIS
IDENTITY BUT SHE KNOWS
HIS VOICE.. HE WAS
INSINUATING THAT I
DAMAGED A CHORTEN. AMA
THINKS THERE'S MORE TO
IT THAN MEETS THE EYE..
I BETTER GO NOW TO
CHECK THIS OUT.







GUP IS SUGGESTING THAT SANGAY STAND FOR THE GUP ELECTIONS TO GAIN MORE EXPERIENCE AT THE LOCAL LEVEL AND THEN JOIN THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS.

I'VE BEEN WANTING TO SHARE SOMETHING WITH YOU. A WAY OUT OF YOUR PROBLEMS WITH YESHEY'S APA IS TO RUN FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS INSTEAD OF PARLIAMENT. YOU'LL GAIN EXPERIENCE FOR THE NEXT ELECTIONS AND LEARN TO SEE THINGS FROM BOTH PERSPECTIVES.

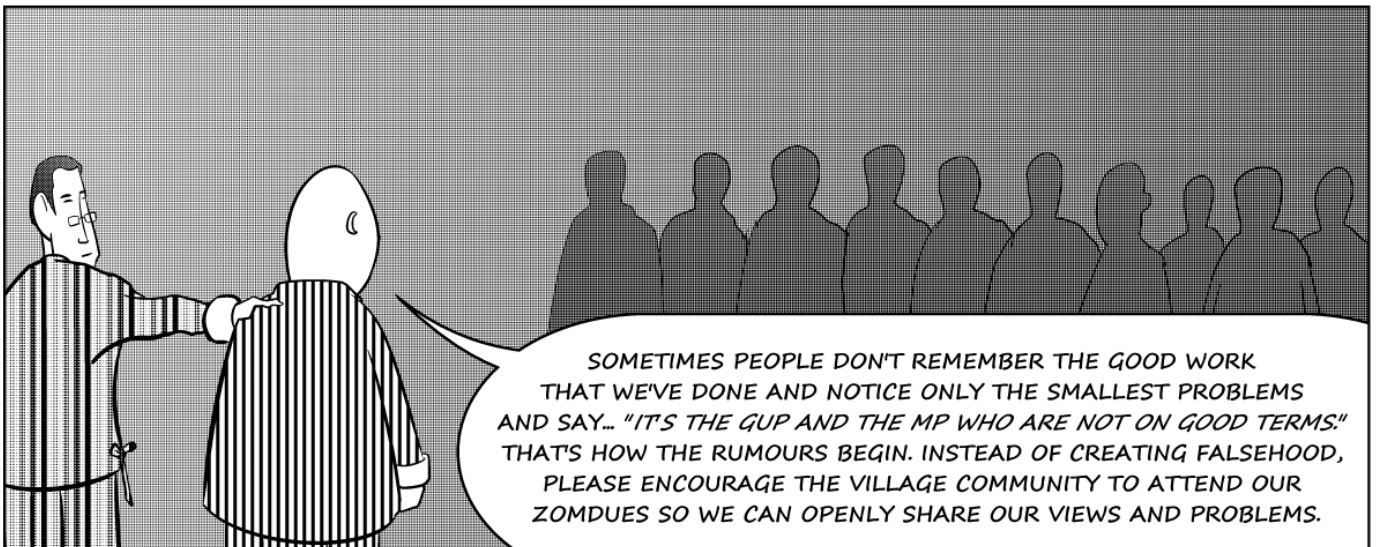
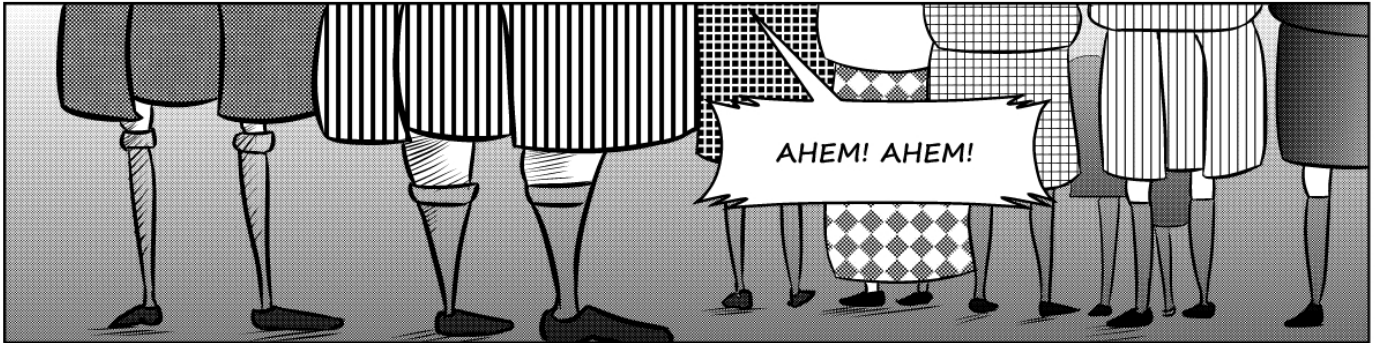
IN THAT CASE I'LL BE STANDING AGAINST YOU.

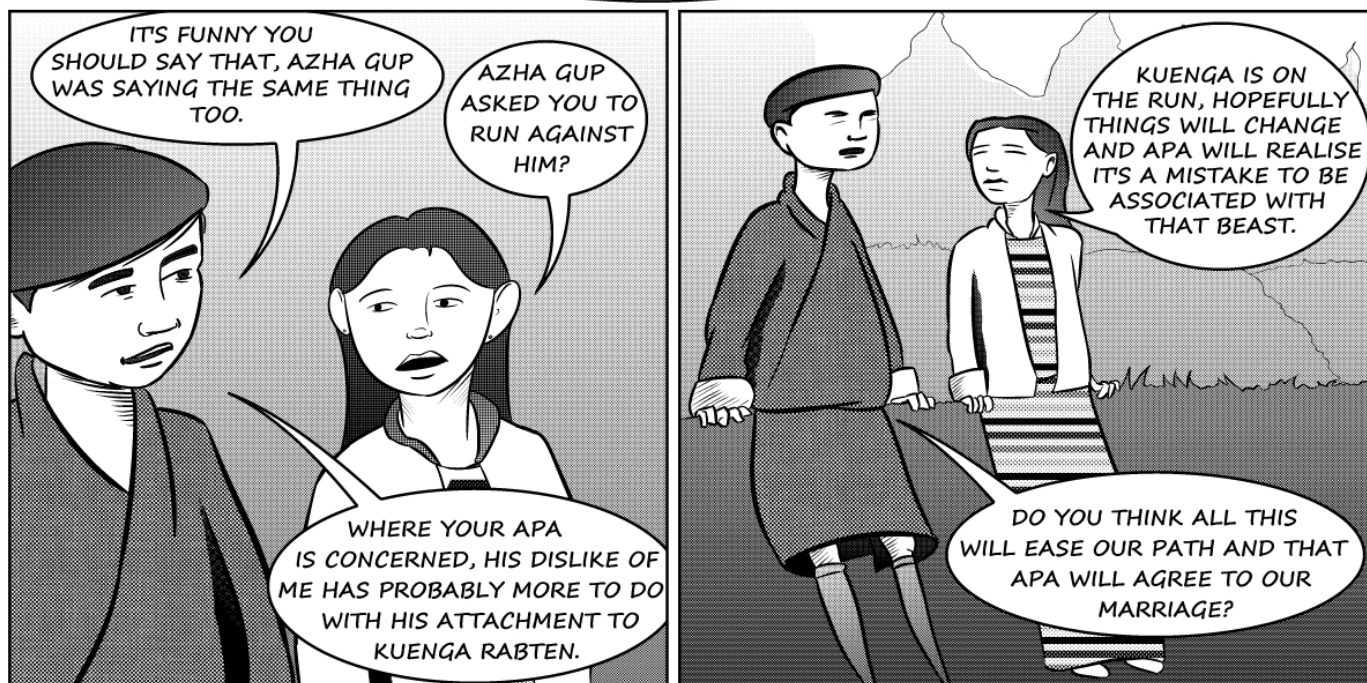
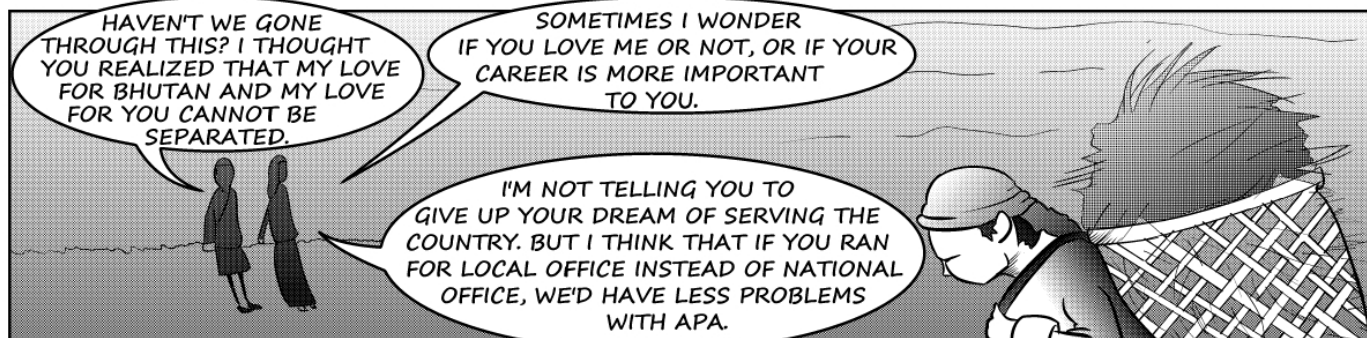
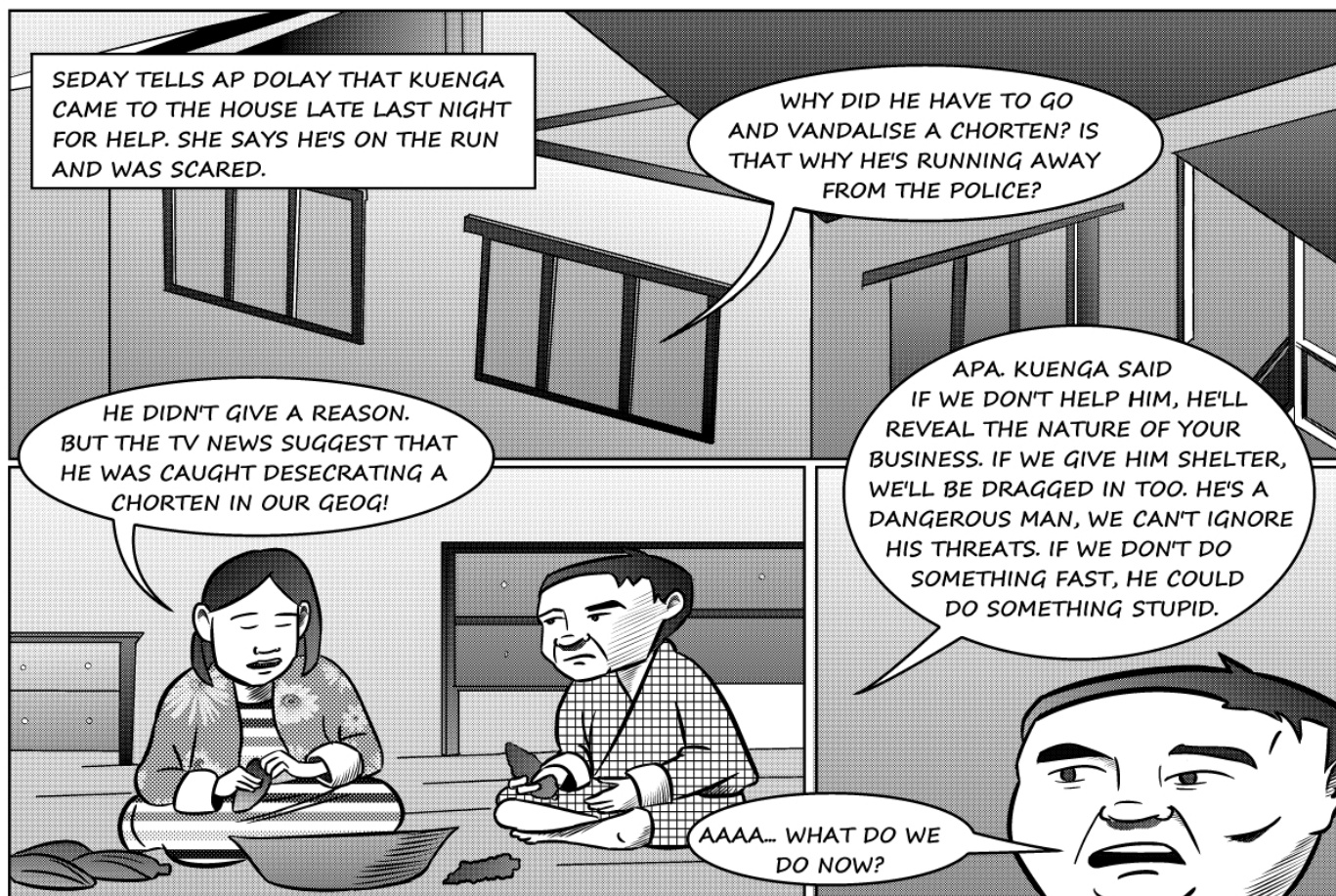
HA HA HA

THERE'S NO PROBLEM, I'VE BEEN SERVING FOR A LONG TIME AND IT'S TIME TO MOVE ON NOW. I HAVE NO PROBLEM PASSING THE BATON TO THE YOUNGER GENERATION.

WHEN THE ELDERS AND THE PEOPLE BELIEVE IN US, IT ENCOURAGES US TO PARTICIPATE.

GUP AND DASHO ADDRESS THE RUMOR BETWEEN THE LOCAL AND NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES. GUP SAYS THE GOOD WORK IS NOT ACKNOWLEDGED BUT LITTLE ISSUES ARE NOTICED AND RUMOURS ARE CREATED.





BACK AT THE GUP'S OFFICE.

I NEVER THOUGHT SUCH AN HOUR WOULD COME... AZHA GUP, I'VE BEEN CALLED UP TO THE ELECTION'S OFFICE AND TOLD TO GIVE BACK ALL THE MONEY I GOT FROM KUENGA RABTEN FOR MY CAMPAIGN.

DIDN'T YOU KNOW, INDIVIDUALS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH A PARTY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO RECEIEVE DONATIONS. AND YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO USE DONATIONS FOR CAMPAIGN PURPOSES. YOU'RE LUCKY YOU'RE NOT IN JAIL AS FOR KUENGA, WHEN THE AUTHORITIES FIND HIM, HE WILL CERTAINLY BE IN JAIL

I'VE MADE A LOT OF MISTAKES. AND KUENGA IS THE SOURCE OF ALL MY WOES.

PHENTO ADMITS THAT KUENGA WAS THE PERSON WHO STARTED ALL THE SPECULATION ABOUT SANGAY TRYING TO BUY VOTES, AND ABOUT AZHA GUP USING GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO FINANCE SANGAY'S CAMPAIGN.

AZHA GUP, PLEASE GIVE ME A JOB. ANY JOB. OTHERWISE, I KNOW WHAT JOB I'LL HAVE TO ADOPT.

WHAT'LL THAT BE?

SOB...
SOB...

THE JOB OF A BEGGAR. I'LL BE ON THE STREETS!

IN AP DOLAY'S HOUSEHOLD.

YOU KNOW YOUR APA WANTED A MARRIAGE BETWEEN YOU AND KUENGA RABTEN FOR SO LONG. HE'S NOT GOING TO AGREE YOU TO MARRYING SANGAY.

AMA....

AND WITH KUENGA ON THE RUN, YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT A CORNERED MAN WILL REVEAL OR SAY. I'M AFRAID KUENGA RABTEN IS GOING TO GIVE APA BIGGER PROBLEMS.



SANGAY TELLS GUP HE IS THINKING OF RUNNING FOR THE LOCAL ELECTIONS FIRST.

YESHEY AND I AGREE THAT IT WOULD BE GOOD TO GET SOME EXPERIENCE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT FIRST, BEFORE RUNNING FOR NATIONAL ELECTIONS.



AND IT'LL SHOW THAT YOU'RE NOT TAKING TOO MUCH ON TOO SOON, THAT YOU WISH TO SERVE RATHER THAN JUST GOING FOR GLORY. IF HIS MAJESTY HAD BEEN GREEDY FOR POWER, HE WOULD HAVE HELD ON TO IT. AS I SEE IT, IT IS A TRADITION OF BHUTANESE DEMOCRACY NOT TO BE SEEKING POWER, BUT TO SERVE PEOPLE.

IF ONLY ALL OUR DEMOCRATS WERE LIKE YOU, AZHA GUP.

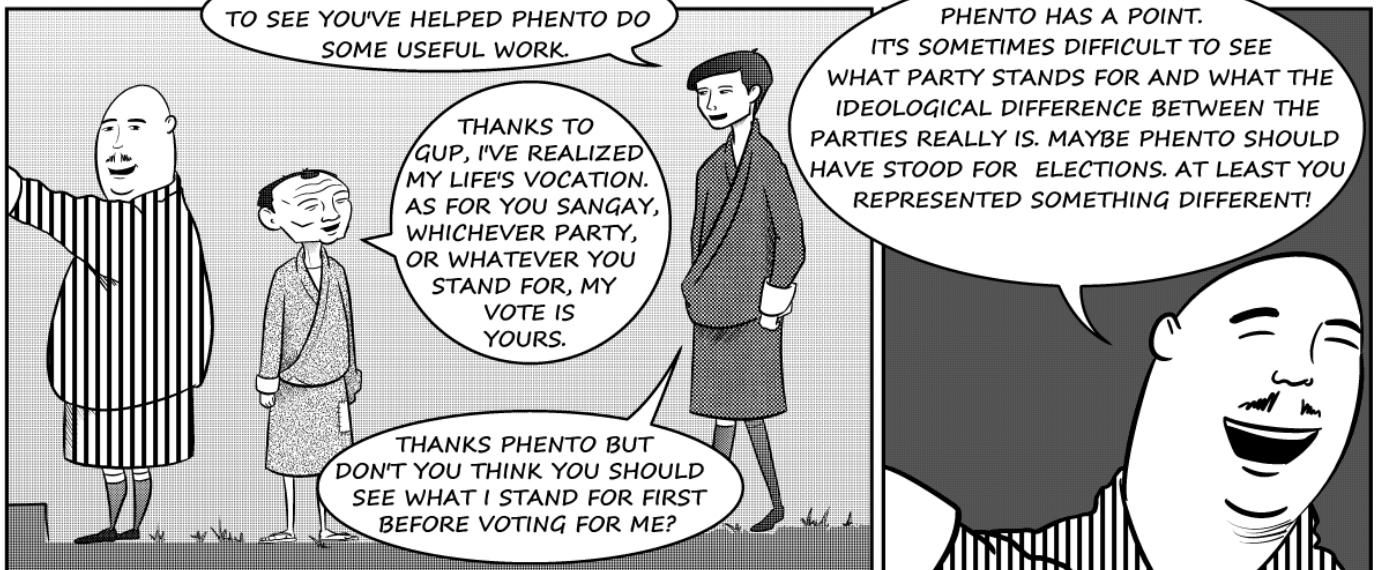
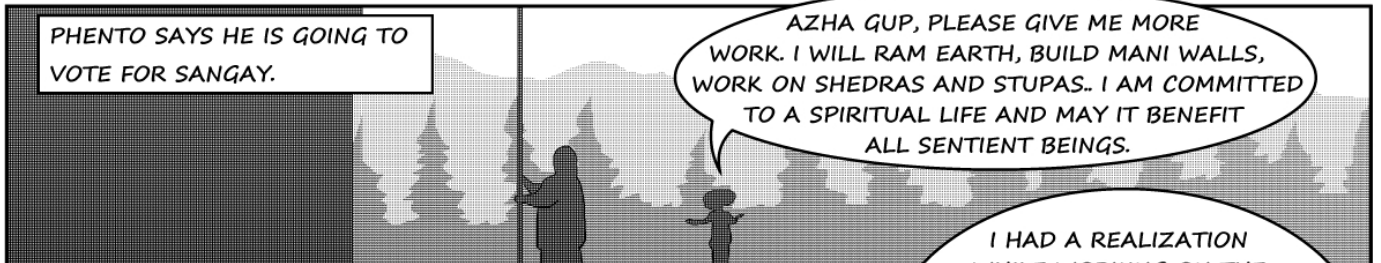
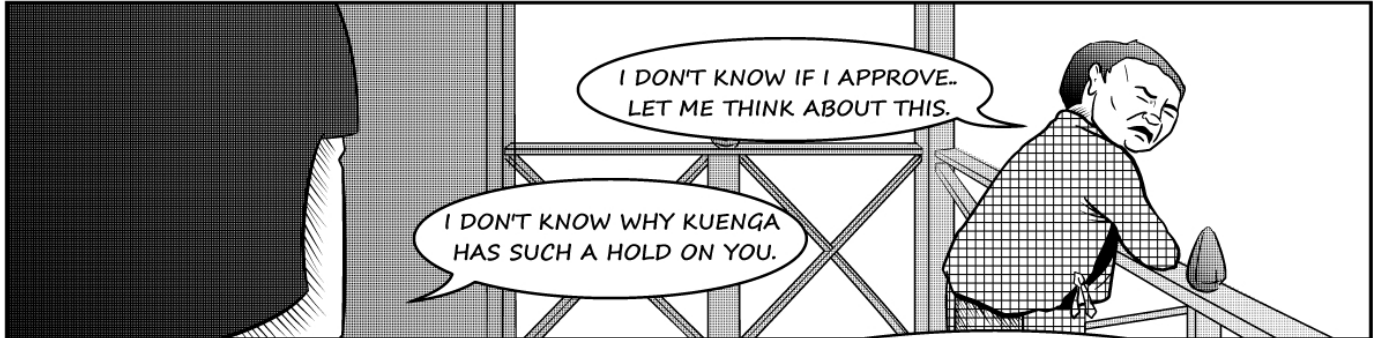
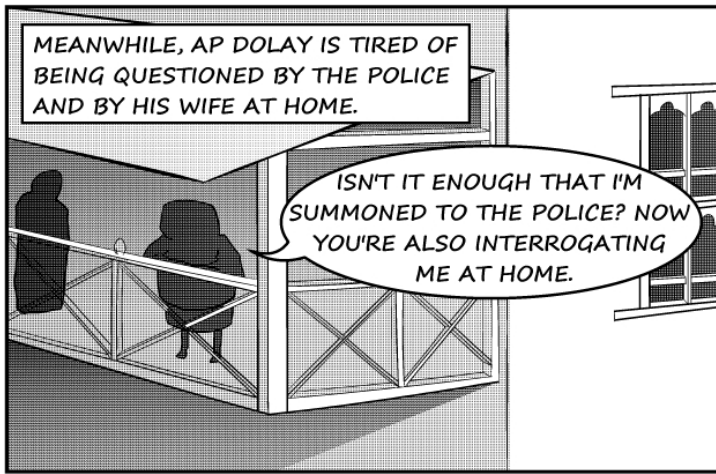


MEANWHILE AT AP DOLAYS HOUSE, THERE IS A KNOCK ON THE DOOR...

WHO IS IT?

IT'S THE POLICE.





SEDAY AND KINLEY ARE WORKING ON IMPROVING THEIR RELATIONSHIP. KINLEY WISHES HE HAD QUESTIONED THE MAN WHO ALMOST RUINED HIS FAMILY.

I HOPE I'M NOT DISTURBING YOU. WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU LOOK UPSET.

KINLEY WANTS TO CATCH KUENGA AND HAND HIM OVER TO THE POLICE. HE THINKS THERE'S SOMETHING BETWEEN KUENGA AND ME, WHEN THE PERSON KUENGA WANTS TO MARRY IS YOU!

AFTER ALL THESE YEARS OF MARRIAGE YOU'RE STILL SUSPICIOUS OF ONE ANOTHER?

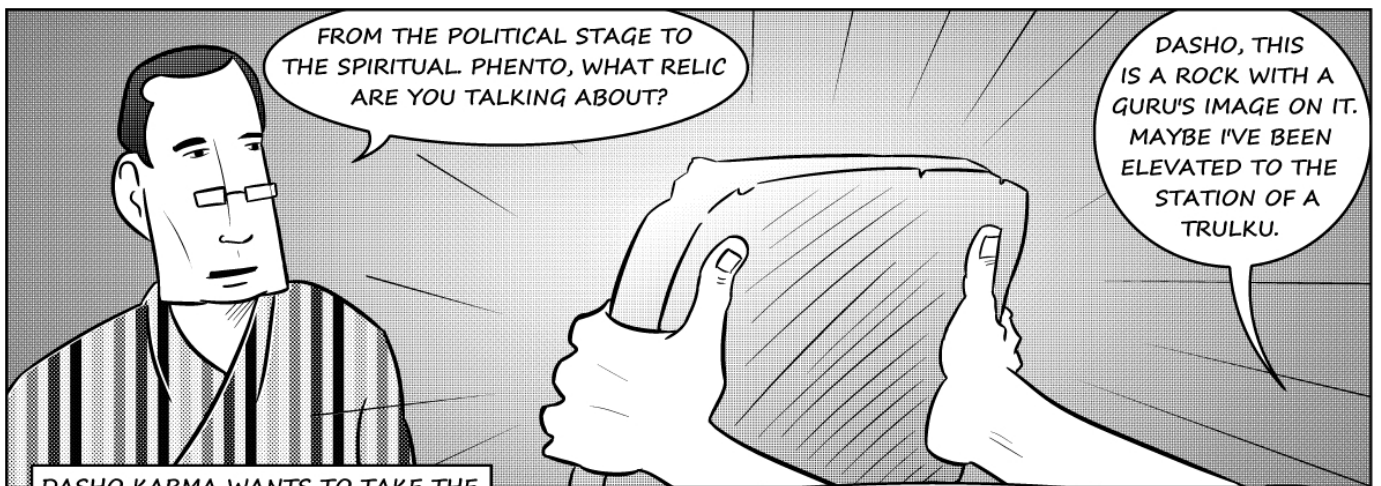
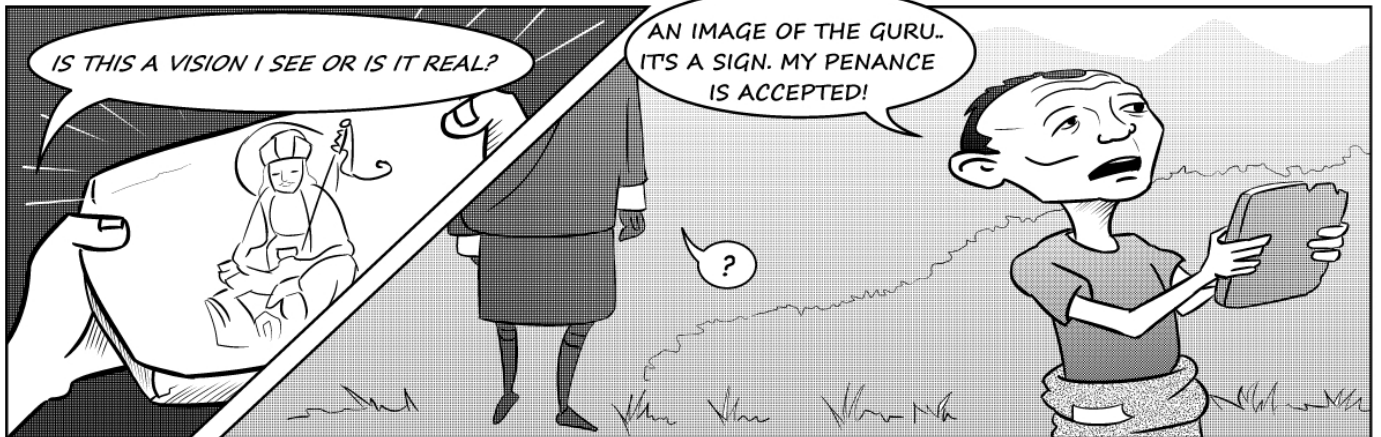
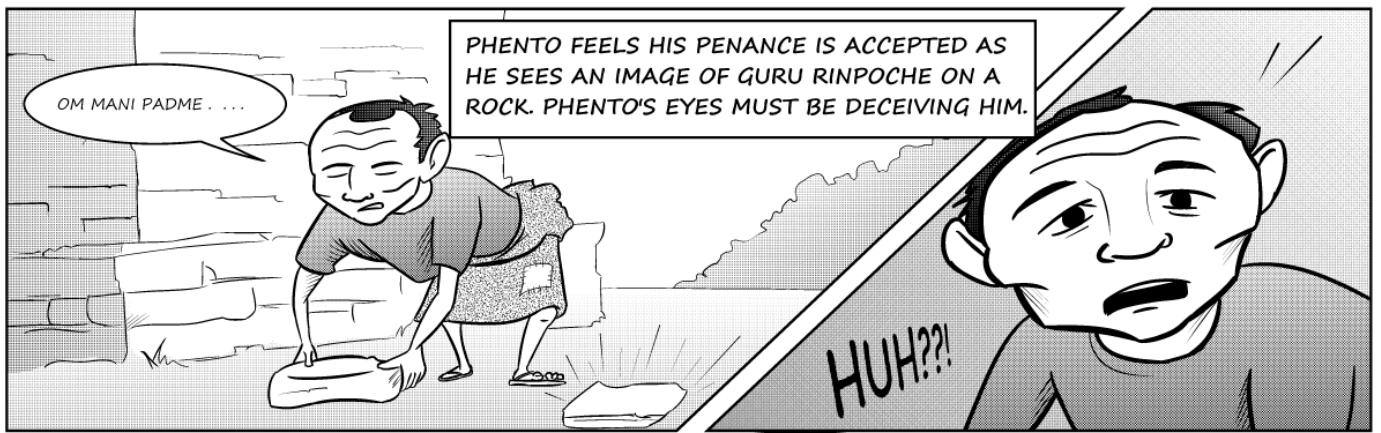
I SUDDENLY REALISED THAT MY COMPLETE TRUST IN THE FAMILY IS SHAKEN BECAUSE I DID NOT QUESTION WHY A MAN LIKE KUENGA COMES TO OUR HOME TO TEMPT US WITH ALL HIS GIFTS. I SHOULD HAVE QUESTIONED HIS INTEGRITY.

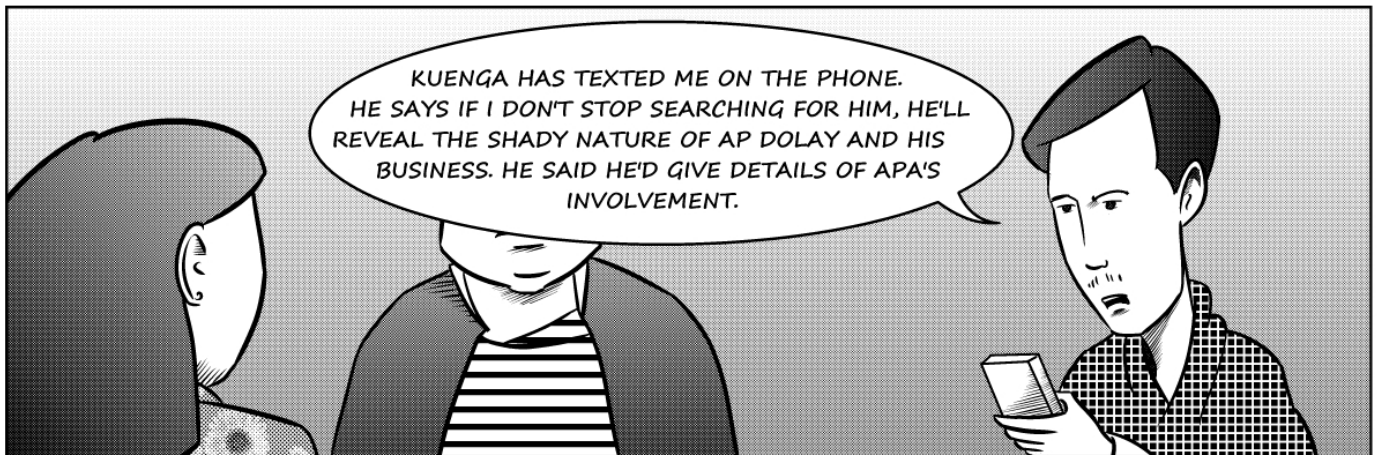
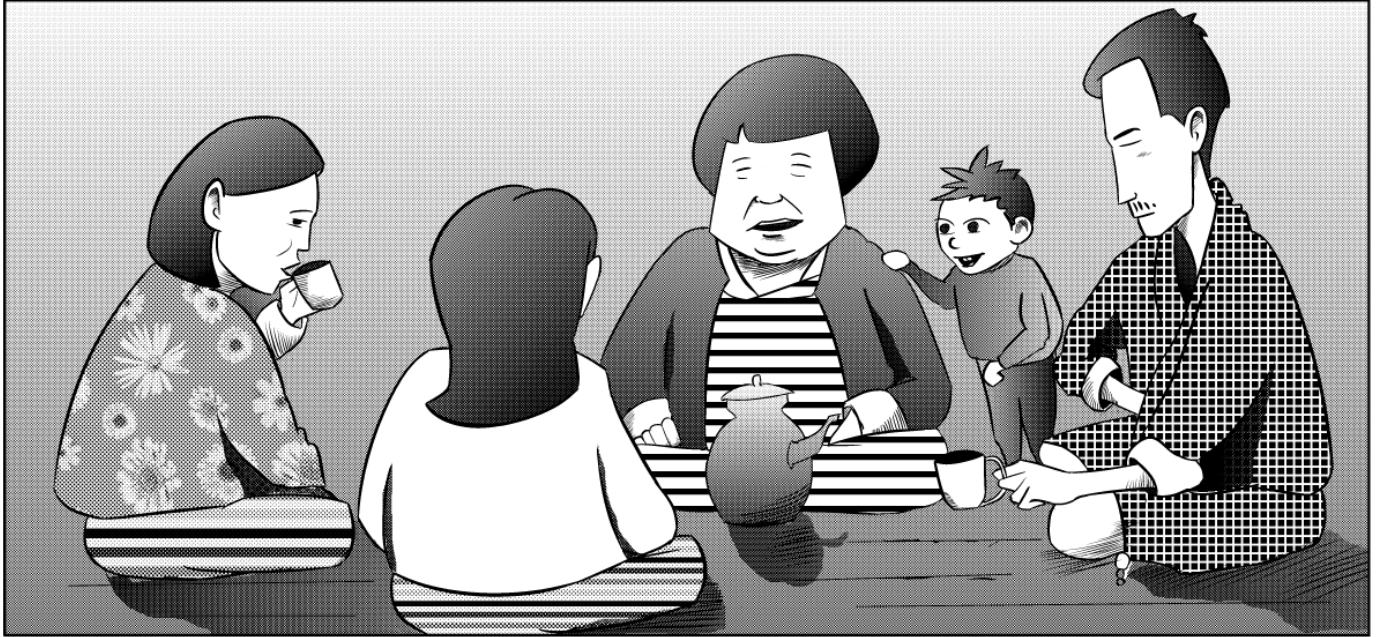
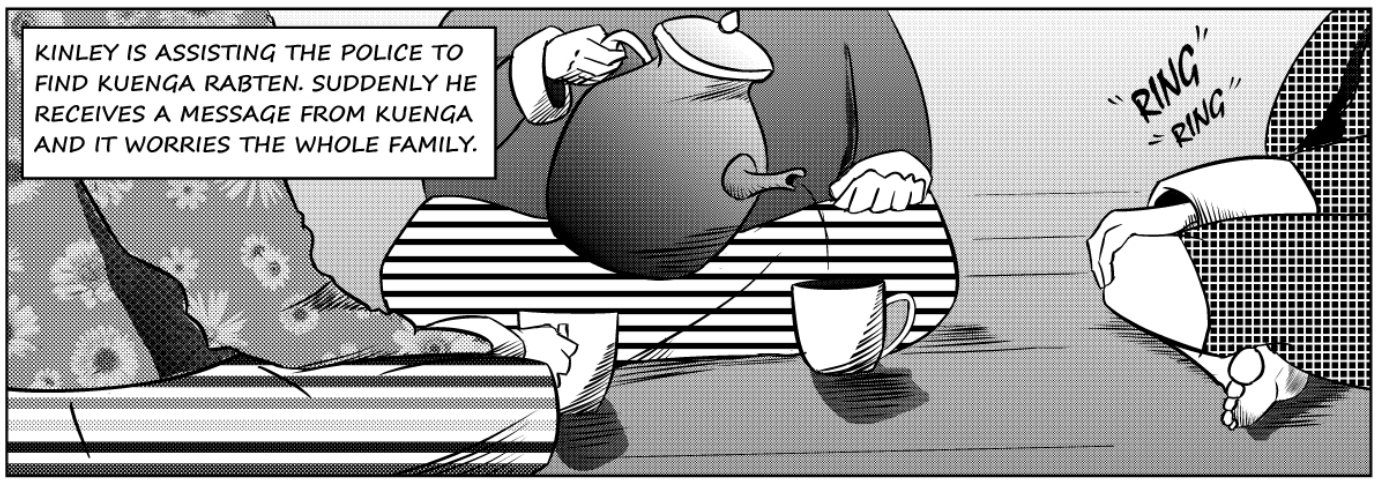
DON'T BLAME YOURSELF ACHO. HOW MANY OF US QUESTION? MOST OF US KEEP OUR VIEWS TO OURSELVES AND ACCEPT SITUATIONS WITHOUT QUESTIONING. IT'S AS IF WE'RE WRONG TO QUESTION THINGS. APA DOES BUSINESS WITH KUENGA. SO IF WE QUESTIONED KUENGA, IT WOULD BE LIKE QUESTIONING APA'S DECISION.

MAYBE YOU SHOULD BE THE POLITICIAN AND NOT SANGAY. HA!

ALL THIS HAS TAUGHT ME THAT NO ONE IS ALWAYS RIGHT. SOME PEOPLE THINK IT'S DISRESPECTFUL TO DISAGREE WITH OTHERS. OR THAT ASKING QUESTIONS MEANS QUESTIONING ANOTHER'S AUTHORITY. THIS MUST CHANGE. SANGAY SAYS THAT IN A DEMOCRACY WE MUST SHARE OUR VIEWS EVEN IF THEY'RE DIFFERENT.

YES, BUT IN OUR HOUSEHOLD, IT SEEMS TO BE NOT A QUESTION OF TOO LITTLE DIFFERENCE IN OPINION, BUT TOO MUCH!





MP DASHO KARMA VISITS AP DOLAY WHO IS KNOWN FOR BEING ABLE TO TELL IF AN ITEM IS A RELIC OR NOT.

PHENTO FOUND THIS AT THE CHORTEN AND SAYS HE SAW AN IMAGE OF THE GURU ON IT.

WHAT IS IT?
A RELIC?

I KNOW SOME PEOPLE SEE THE SACRED IN EVERYTHING- ROCKS, TREES AND CAVES-I DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY I'M AFRAID. IT'S LIKE LOOKING AT A PERSON AND WONDERING IF HE OR SHE HAS QUALITIES TO BE A CANDIDATE AT THE ELECTIONS.

HA HA HA...
I WOULD LOOK PRETTY STUPID HANDING IT OVER IF IT WAS JUST A ROCK.

DASHO SAYS HE'LL HAND IT OVER TO THE AUTHORITIES ONCE HE FINDS OUT HOW REAL IT IS.

JUST HAND IT OVER TO THE AUTHORITIES. IF IT TURNS OUT TO BE A RELIC, BOTH YOU AND I COULD BE IN TROUBLE. IT'S A SERIOUS OFFENCE.

WHY SHOULD THE AUTHORITIES EVER THINK THAT WE ARE HOLDING THIS ITEM FOR ANY OTHER REASON THAN TO ASCERTAIN IF IT IS AN ANCIENT ARTIFACT, OR JUST A ROCK? YOU REALLY ARE ACTING STRANGELY TODAY AP DOLAY. IS EVERYTHING OKAY?

POLICE TASHI MEETS AP GUP TO TALK ABOUT KUENGA'S CASE. POLICE TASHI INFORMS GUP ABOUT THE ROCK PHENTO FOUND AND WANTS TO KNOW WHY DASHO KARMA TOOK IT.

I MUST SAY YOU DID A GOOD JOB PUTTING PHENTO TO WORK. I WENT TO SEE THE CHORTEN AND HE'S DONE A GOOD REPAIR JOB.

BETTER THAN THE TROUBLE HE WAS CAUSING WITH HIS POLITICKING! AND IT KEEPS HIM AWAYS FROM KUENGA RABTEN.

I DOUBT IF KUENGA WILL BE BACK AT THE CHORTEN. HE LEFT TOO MUCH OF A TRAIL THERE- AND IT SEEMS THE DAMAGE HE DID THERE WAS NOT FOR NO REASON. PHENTO HAS UNCOVERED A POSSIBLE RELIC FROM THERE BUT OUR MP HAS TAKEN IT AWAY. WE'RE GOING TO QUESTION DASHO KARMA, SO BE WARNED AP GUP.

KARDINCHE FOR KEEPING ME INFORMED AS THE LOCAL LEADER. IF YOU HAVE TO QUESTION DASHO KARMA, PLEASE DON'T BRING ME INTO IT. I WOULDN'T LIKE HIM TO THINK I AM STOKING UP MORE TROUBLE FOR HIM.

PHENTO THANKS THE GUP FOR MAKING HIM REPAIR THE CHORTEN AS IT GAVE HIM THE CHANCE TO GET ENLIGHTENED.

IF YOU HAD NOT GIVEN ME THE SACRED TASK OF TIDYING UP THE CHORTEN, I'D NEVER HAVE FOUND THE SACRED ROCK AND BE ENLIGHTENED. IN MY VISION, A LAMA WAS BIDDING ME TO A MONASTERY. SO, I'LL NOT RESUME MY DUTIES AT THE CHORTEN.

ENLIGHTENED? WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT AND KUENGA IS ASKING FOR SHELTER. HE THREATENS TO REVEAL WHAT HE KNOWS IF AP DOLAY DOESN'T HELP HIM.

HEY AP DOLAY...

CHIRP
CHIRP

HEY AP DOLAY-
ARE YOU AWAKE?

WH... WHO'S THERE?
KUENGA?!

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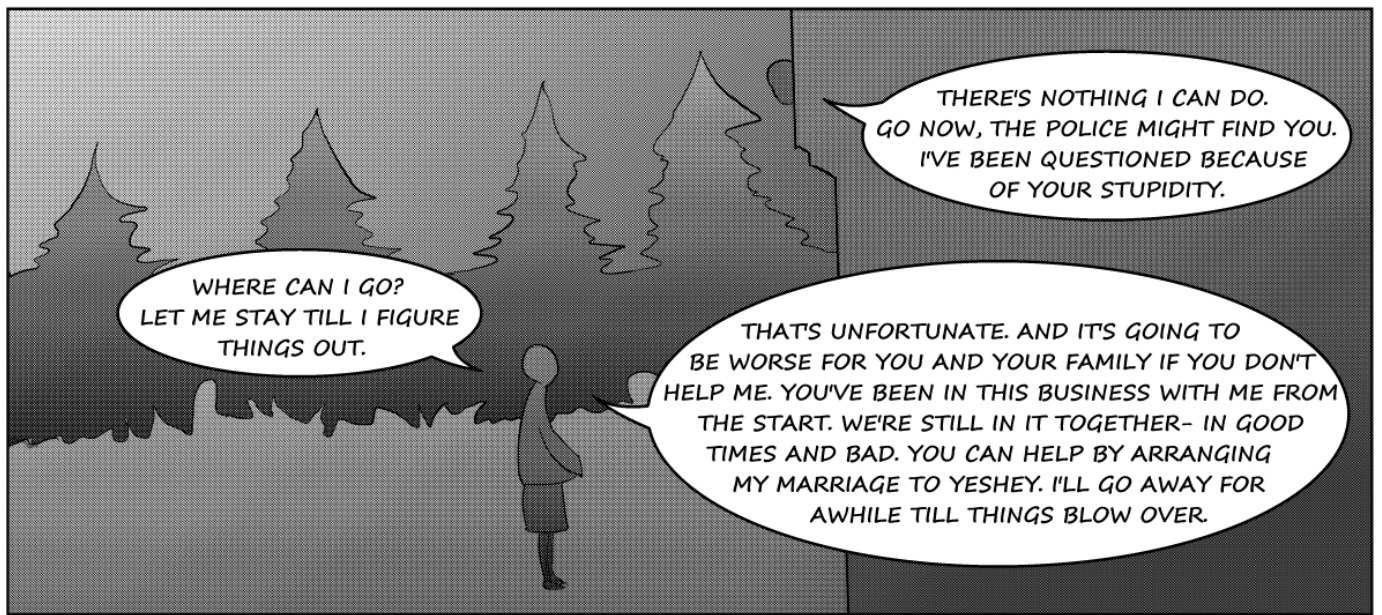
BECAUSE OF YOUR
ACTIVITIES I CAN'T EVEN
SLEEP AT NIGHT. I REGRET
THE DAY I TOOK YOU IN
AS A FRIEND.

YOU WERE HAPPY TO
WORK WITH ME WHEN THINGS
WERE GOING WELL. NOW YOU
DON'T EVEN WISH TO BE
ASSOCIATED WITH ME. OR GIVE
ME SHELTER!



YOU SHOULD NOT BE
SEEN AROUND HERE. GET
AWAY WHILE YOU CAN. THEY'LL
LOCK YOU UP WITHOUT A
SECOND THOUGHT.





AP DOLAY CALLS SANGAY HOME.
SANGAY AND YESHEY ARE BOTH
NERVOUS.

SO SANGAY, YOU
WISH TO MARRY
MY DAUGHTER?

YES LA.
WE'VE KNOWN EACH
OTHER SINCE OUR
SCHOOL DAYS.

LET'S CLEAR SOME THINGS.
I'VE NOTHING AGAINST YOU
BUT I BELIEVED KUENGA WOULD
BE A BETTER MATCH FOR YESHEY.
WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT HE'D TURN
OUT TO BE SUCH A BAD CHARACTER?
SECONDLY I DIDN'T LIKE YOU
OPPOSING MY COUSIN AS I THINK
DASHO KARMA IS DOING A
GOOD JOB AS MP.

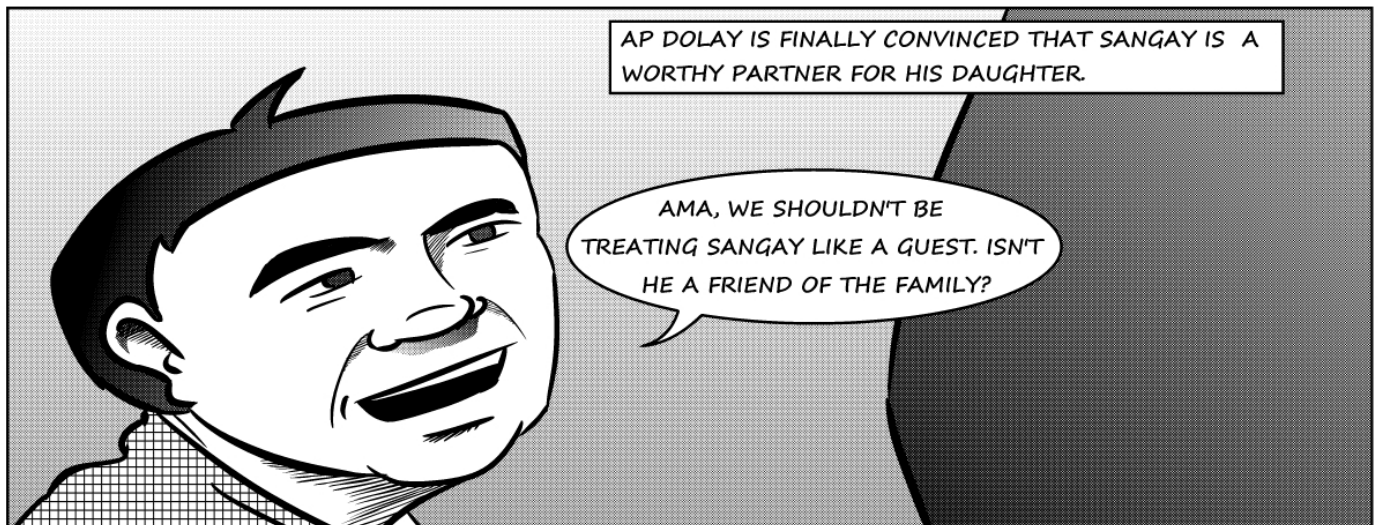
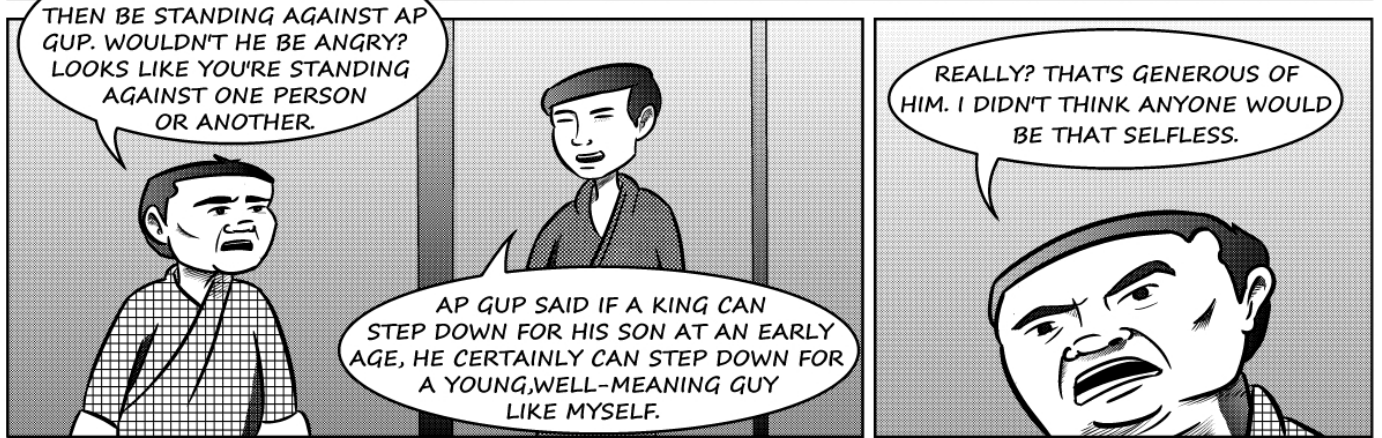
I'VE ASPIRATIONS TO
SERVE MY CONSTITUENCY.
OUR COUNTRY IS GOING
THROUGH INTERESTING
TIMES, THE INITIAL YEARS OF
DEMOCRACY. WE'RE SHAPING
HISTORY. TILL NOW, WE'VE BEEN
SUBJECTS OF OUR BENEVOLENT
KINGS AND NOW, I FEEL THE
TIME HAS COME FOR CITIZENS
TO PLAY THEIR PART, BE IT IN
VOTING FOR THE RIGHT
CANDIDATE OR OFFERING
ONESELF AS A CHOICE FOR
A CANDIDATE.



BUT IF YOU WERE ELECTED,
IT WOULD MEAN HE'LL NOT BE
AN MP ANYMORE. THAT'S
OPPOSING HIM ISN'T IT?



NOT REALLY.
HE HAS HIS PLANS
AND I HAVE MINE. IF THE
PEOPLE BELIEVE IN HIS
PLANS, THEY'LL ELECT HIM
AND VICE VERSA. IF HE'S
ELECTED, I'D WISH HIM WELL.
THE WHOLE IDEA OF
DEMOCRACY IS TO OFFER
CHOICES. IF IT WERE NOT
DASHO KARMA OR ME, IT
WOULD BE SOMEONE ELSE.
SO IT'S NOTHING PERSONAL.
IN SOME PLACES, WE
EVEN HAVE COUSINS
STANDING AGAINST
EACH OTHER!



DASHO KARMA FINALLY FINDS PHENTO AND TELLS PHENTO THE ROCK HAS AN IMAGE OF GURU. PHENTO SAYS HE ONLY CONSULTED KUENGA TO TRY TO CHANGE AND IMPROVE THE COUNTRY.

DASHO, I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH KUENGA. I THOUGHT HE COULD HELP IMPROVE THE COUNTRY BUT HE COULDN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE EVEN IN A DEMOCRACY. SO, IT'S BETTER FOR ME NOW TO ADOPT THE SPIRITUAL PATH AND LET EVERYTHING GO.



PHENTO, JUST BECAUSE YOU COULD NOT BRING CHANGE IN A DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE SYSTEM ITSELF IS FLAWED.



MAYBE IT'S TIME TO PASS THE BATON OF DEMOCRACY TO THE YOUNGER GENERATION.

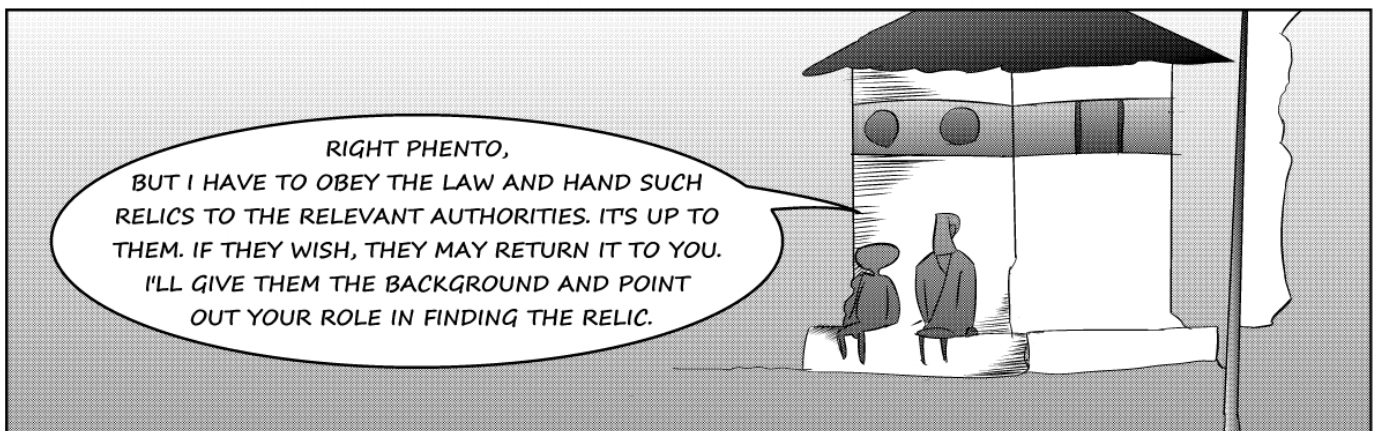
THIS SHOWS YOU'RE FOLLOWING THE SPIRITUAL PATH, ADOPTING SELFLESSNESS. YOU MAY STAY WITH ME.

DASHO SAYS THE PATH IS FOR PHENTO, BUT DASHO WANTS TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR FLEDGING DEMOCRACY.

DEMOCRACY IS FAILING IN MANY COUNTRIES BECAUSE IT'S BEEN RUN BY PEOPLE WHO ARE INCOMPETENT, CORRUPT OR WHO ARE HEARTLESS.

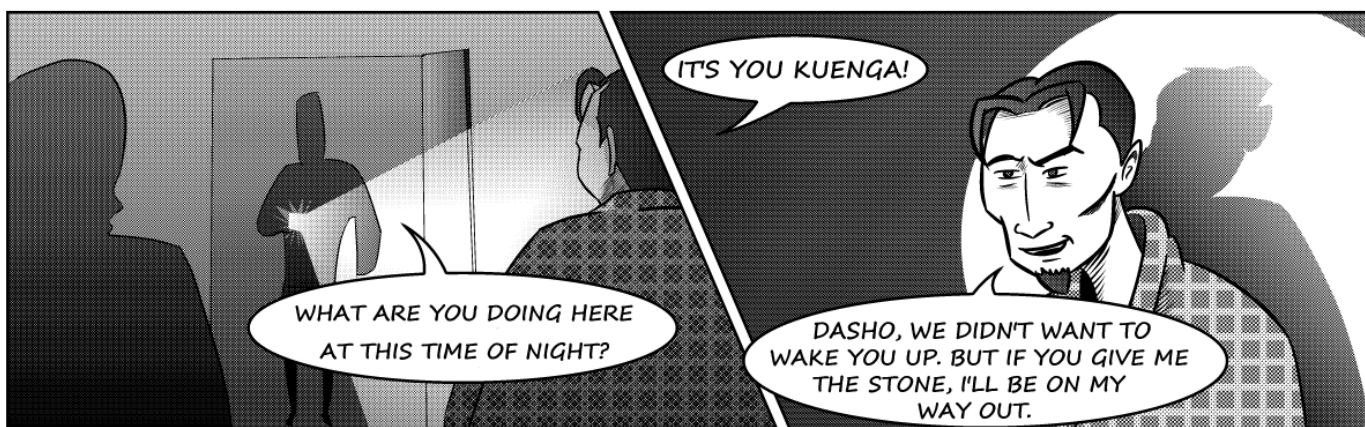
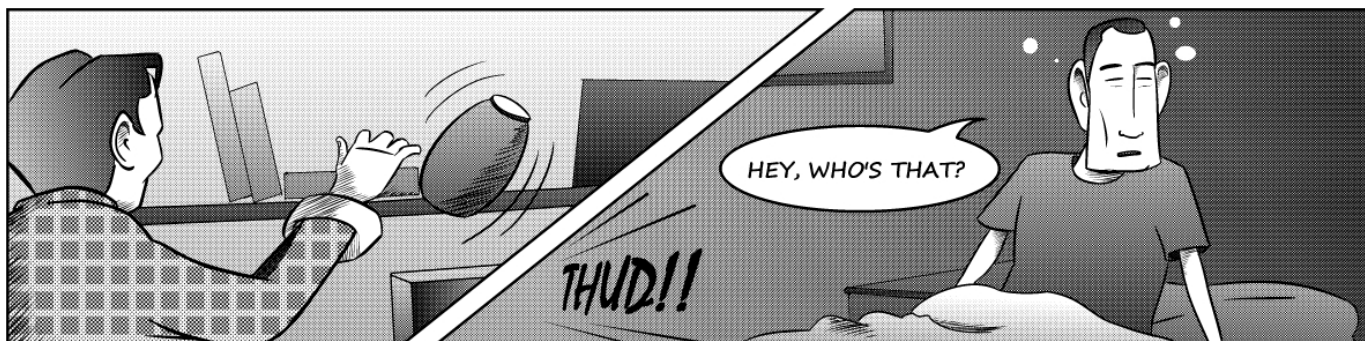
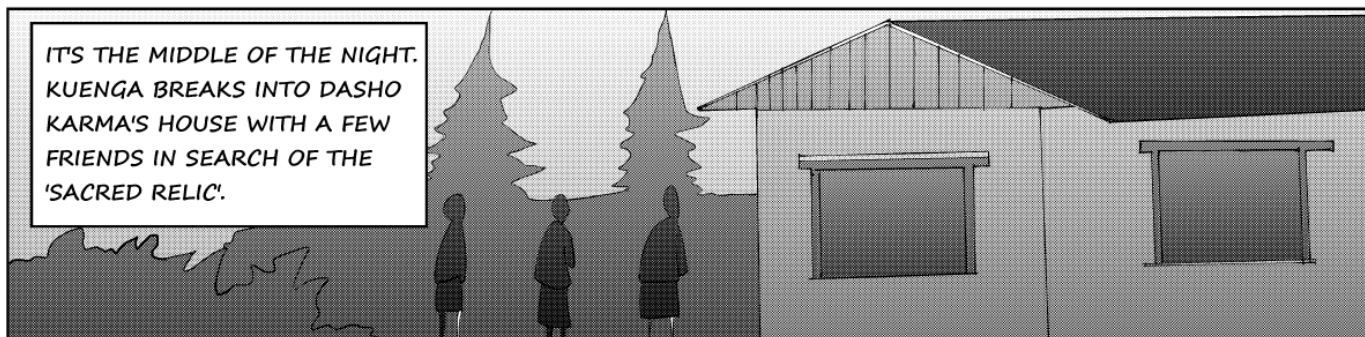


TALKING ABOUT SELFLESSNESS, MAY I HAVE MY SPECIAL ROCK OF GURU RIMPOCHE? I CAN TURN IT INTO A STATUE AND KEEP IT WITH ME AS A PERMANENT SOUVENIR OF MY PASSAGE TO ENLIGHTENMENT.



RIGHT PHENTO, BUT I HAVE TO OBEY THE LAW AND HAND SUCH RELICS TO THE RELEVANT AUTHORITIES. IT'S UP TO THEM. IF THEY WISH, THEY MAY RETURN IT TO YOU. I'LL GIVE THEM THE BACKGROUND AND POINT OUT YOUR ROLE IN FINDING THE RELIC.

IT'S THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT. KUENGA BREAKS INTO DASHO KARMA'S HOUSE WITH A FEW FRIENDS IN SEARCH OF THE 'SACRED RELIC'.





DASHO KARMA TELLS POLICE TASHI HOW KUENGA RABTEN ALMOST ROBBED HIM OF THE STATUE PHENTO FOUND.

AP DOLAY CAN TELL A RELIC FROM A ROCK AND HE SAID I SHOULD HAND IT OVER TO THE AUTHORITIES. I WAS GOING TO HAND OVER THE RELIC TO YOU WHEN THIS HAPPENED.

DASHO, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO KEEP IT UNTIL SUCH TIME YOU HAND IT TO THE RELEVANT AUTHORITY. DUE TO THE SENSITIVITY OF IT, I HAVE TO PUT IT IN SAFE-KEEPING. WHERE IS IT?

THANK YOU TASHI. YOU SAVED MY LIFE AND SAVED THE RELIC. I HOPE KUENGA RABTEN IS CAUGHT SOON. HE'S THE CAUSE OF ALL THE TROUBLE IN OUR PEACEFUL VILLAGE.

WE'RE DOING OUR BEST TO CATCH KUENGA AND ANYONE ASSOCIATED WITH HIM. I'M SORRY THEY ROUGHED YOU UP UNDER MY WATCH. I'LL LEAVE A CONSTABLE HERE AT YOUR HOME FOR THE TIME BEING.

POLICE TASHI IS AT AP DOLAY'S HOUSE AND TELLS THEM ABOUT KUENGA TRYING TO ROB DASHO AT NIGHT. POLICE TASHI QUESTIONS AP DOLAY.

RECENT EVENTS HAVE REALLY DISTURBED OUR VILLAGE OF GAKITHANG. HAVE YOU SEEN KUENGA IN THE LAST FEW DAYS?

NO, IF I HAD I WOULD'VE INFORMED THE POLICE AND HANDED HIM OVER IMMEDIATELY.

AP DOLAY SUDDENLY BECOMES NERVOUS WHEN POLICE TASHI ASKS ABOUT KUENGA'S BUSINESS.

AP DOLAY, YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT BUSINESS KUENGA'S INTO? ANTIQUE SMUGGLING.

ARE YOU SURE?

WELL, WHY WOULD HE WANT TO GET THE STUFF OFF DASHO KARMA OTHERWISE?

WHAT WILL HE DO NEXT? NOW HE'S ATTACKING AN EMINENT MEMBER OF OUR SOCIETY. THAT'S UNHEARD OF!

THE WHOLE FAMILY PLANS ON PERSUADING AP DOLAY TO ALLOW YESHEY AND SANGAY'S MARRIAGE.

WE MUST TAKE YESHEY AND SANGAY ALONG TO SEE APA. SANGAY WILL PROPOSE THEN AND THERE. KINLEY AND I WILL CONVINCE APA. WE WILL SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE.

OF COURSE AMA.

TO BE CONTINUED IN THE NEXT SEASON...

