

Thoughts on the Community Spirit

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The people are suffering. Our mad ruler, in her fervent persecution of all reasonable thought and all that is different, has attacked not only legitimate freedom fighters beyond the empire, but is even persecuting the peasants and the intelligentsia who dare point out the serious issues in her regime. It is very clear to all who open their eyes that, at its root, this suffering has been caused by two things: the egoistic and exploitative private market, and the unstable bourgeois elite who desperately support the sinking ship.

The market, due to its very nature, is destructive. Through constructs such as loans with interest or profit-managed regulation, the rich have crafted a system which ruthlessly undermines the power or self-determination of the workers. Poor workers or entrepreneurs need to take out loans to face the basic necessities of life, in which means the bankers amass wealth on the mere basis of their capital, sapping from society's work and participating in inflation, further stealing from the people. And businessmen, maximizing their own profits and that of the self-absorbed rulers, take the spoils of their workers' efforts to pay themselves mansions, horses, and other luxuries.

The fundamental failure of the private market is evident when compared to the normal world: all around us, humans live in peace and prosperity, in societies that respect everyone as equals and puts the community before the individual. Holderhold is a sprawling realm, which many small states decided to join out of their own free will, and without the complete imperialist incorporation of our own government; they live happily in productive communities. In the east, the Sun Empire has, with the sole power of cooperation through all classes and groups [ethnicities], established a prosperous society and defeated savage enemies. The success has grown so far as Maltazar, a bourgeois puppet. There, brave peasants through their lone efforts managed to defeat the modern armies of Imperial Denise [the Free Phoenix], the *dvergryk* [Dwarven Empire], and our own well-hated Cuprien. If the community spirit has brought them that far, then we can do the same.

Some individualists might ask, what can communism give us? The answer is, of course, evident. In the private-market world, people lack spirit: they are forced into a single money-centered empire, which enriches the elite, exploits the workers,

and suppresses the peasantry. Free opinions cannot be tolerated, because the system is inherently warped and, if it were to accept free discussion on political and economic theory, it would not be able to survive; the peasants would open their eyes to the slavery they have been reduced to. Communism offers freedom, that of the community and of the nation. A century ago, our people threw off the bonds of their savage overlords, and others joined them. They built farms and sawmills, and were prosperous and free; they claimed and built their nation, together and without aid. But then the Cuprien queen came, madly conquered all the free people, and forced them into an empire they do not want. But the communal spirit is not dead: we remain in our valleys, jungles, highlands and deserts, and it will take but a spark to reignite the nations the mad queen has spent decades destroying.

We know that humanity drifts along history, and it is only a matter of time until the people find themselves, establish their own nation free of imperialist centralization, and join the federation of social states that surround us. That is the inevitable end: those people on the empire's borders will wake up, take arms, and move the border further in. It is our duty as the Kambalean people, the sovereign community that claimed and built this land, to throw off the imperial yoke, welcome the destined and superior communist system, and to partake in the providence of the communist states.

The day of the People's Republic is imminent. The empire is less popular than ever, as the queen's madness and the market's failure grow apparent. All around us, the people are waking up and resisting the imperial troops who kill any that dare speak. But they cannot achieve silence with gunshots; the Kappaba has arisen. Together, this core of intellectual elite has drawn from the strength of the community, and is showing it the way. Hundreds of workers and peasants have found our flame and are forming the Kambalean Liberation Army, successfully fighting battalions of blue- and pink-clad murderers. In mere moments, the community will be its own suzerain, distinctions of rank will be abolished, and a true communist society will be built.

The further course to be taken is blindingly obvious. As a People's Republic, the first and the strongest, we will have to be a model for the others, just as Maltazar has been for us. It is clear that we have suffered greatly from the corrupting influence of market ideology; accordingly, we will have to purge ourselves completely of misleading and oppressive old constructs, so that the masses may be truly freed and the truths of communism be apparent even to their eyes. The corruption has seeped deeply into our society: all the factories are built in an

inherently exploitative way, of course, but it extends further: our cities, built under the imperial rule, are anti-socialist by nature. Urban people live off the work of their countryside brethren, producing luxury items necessary only to increase the wealth of the bourgeois. The cities must be emptied and leveled, and the individualist peasant farms made into effective and spirit-endowed communal enterprises. To wash our people of misleading preconceptions, everyone must return to the fundamental truths of the field. They must live in the fields and work the fields. Once we have built a social countryside, with food aplenty and the support of our brethren all around, we will be able to construct a new industry, a communist one, free of all bias and a model for all communist states. Our thorough cleansing and reconstruction will make Kambalea the most advanced community of all. It will be a difficult process, facing much resistance from the remains of the bourgeois, but it is possible if the community's spirit can be preserved. We Kambaleans have already shown we possess the spirit: with little weapons or military men, we are defeating those professionals the bourgeois are sending at us. We fought without industry; now, we will have grand community farms, from whence shall grow food aplenty; and from these seeds shall spring a new people and a new industry.