

The road taken

We are the lost generation. Our future is standing under stormy clouds, falling into pieces. Who are the ones who we blame for this current situation? The economic recession, high unemployment, depression, low salary, expensive primary needs... it's always easy to point fingers, but making decisions, fixing problems and working our way out is what we have to do, and that is something that "the big bosses" can't fit in their covetous heads. If instead of arguing like kids over the last cupcake they had thought a little bit more about on what they should have spent our money, we wouldn't be like this.

You call us the dead generation. You couldn't be more wrong! We are not the hopeless generation; we are the generation of hope. You left us all alone in the maelstrom... but as you can see we are all clearly alive. Hope is what makes us strong. It is why we are here. It is what we fight with when all else is lost and when our time comes, we will fight for a better future for ourselves, and for our children and even for everyone else that doesn't care about us, we are all people, we are human. We will be the leaders of tomorrow. Times are going to be hard for a while, but that's natural. Things like these take time to recover...

Even in these harsh times, we all have the tools to work on our future. We go to school, we have money and we have all the right materials, we just need to work hard. Naturally, there are some teenagers that want to study, to be doctors or to be lawyers to help their family and their community... but they don't have any money or they don't have a school or teachers where they live. So we should be thankful for what we own and not wine about how slow our computer is or the misfortune of not having a parking space near our house, when there are children and teens that live in a constant nightmare, fighting against warlords, poverty and famine. If we don't help them, it will not be bad just for our generation, but for the whole world. We live in an advanced age, we have the internet. We can all spread a word in a second, so we should be able to help them with our knowledge over the internet and our creativity, even if it's just a small doodle or a can of baked beans, we have the power to leave a mark on our planet, we just need to make it happen.

Also, there are others that don't want to work, don't want to study, all they want is being served by others. For them is much easier to carry a butterfly knife and harvest an innocent soul for a quick buck, than stack sticks and stones and build a shelter for their family. This is the wrong path to choose... the path that is infested with dry lands and dead logs. Although sometimes the bright path is surrounded by smog, everyone should choose to walk that road. So, if you are listening carefully to these words I'm saying... then do not do what others know is right, make a stand and do what you think is better. I hope you don't get lost, I really do.

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