




Once upon a time...


In Canada, in the belle province of Québec, a people developed public services for all.

The services helped give easier access to care, education and early childhood learning - all without conditions. Rich or poor, everyone had a right to them.



One day, new elves took the reins of our belle province, making the population lots of fine promises - help for the middle class, investments in education and health, etc.

But these new rulers proved to be outrageously selfish goblins, wanting to keep everything for themselves and their friends. So they prepared huge gifts  for them, leaving the less well-off to fight for the crumbs that fell beneath the table. They slashed away shamelessly at social services and the handful of assistance and solidarity measures that were still left.

As if that were not enough, they started to loot the pockets of middle-class people directly, raising various rates and fees, including for child care, so as be able to offer even finer gifts  to their friends. The government's goblins called that austerity.

Doctors, business people, bankers... All their friends were delighted with how well they were treated.

But the people didn't see it the same way. They decided to fight to save what their forefathers had spent years building. It was out of the question to simply stand by and let all their public services be destroyed without raising their voices in opposition!

This was when a movement of solidarity began to grow. Numerous actions of resistance were organized to show Québécois all they could lose if they didn't react to the massive destruction of all the services for the population.





Ordinary people quickly realized that this government had no recognition or appreciation for the middle class, largely composed of public-sector workers hard and directly hit by austerity, or for women, who accounted for 80% of workers in the public sector. These were the people who took care of seniors, troubled young people, children, people with handicaps and all those who needed health care, social services and education



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Despite this mobilization, it was clear that the hearts of the goblins were very selective, and Coiteux, Couillard and Barrette were devoid of humanism. They continued to destroy, with cutbacks everywhere, even if it hurt these who needed services the most.



They played the "might is right" game, evoking the threat of special legislation. But in doing so, they kindled stronger resistance in people's hearts. The people decided to join together and wage what proved to be a hard battle.

Together, they achieved much. There were demonstrations, posters, signs, stickers and lots of louder and louder noise. They decided to boycott their uniforms. Trumpets, whistles and rattles were sounded. Coalitions were created, along with broader alliances. Everyone moved forward together, hand in hand.

Right now, the battle continues. We hope that these mean elves will finally understand what this battle's about: our profound sense of equality and the need for genuine recognition and appreciation.

We also hope that their hearts will grow big enough to help people in need. What's good for some is just as good for the others.

Continue to advance together, since together we can move mountains!



