INTRODUCTION

A total ecological catastrophe is rapidly unfolding, which may soon threaten the ability of our planet to support life. This is an effect of global capitalism, which requires the unfettered and constantly expanding transformation of natural materials into commodities. Under capitalism, production isn't based on rationally meeting humanity's needs; its purpose is solely for the accumulation of wealth by a tiny minority of the population. The majority of people are exploited in the process, or kept in poverty as a reserve labor pool. Because a capitalist economy compels perpetual growth, no reforms or adjustments can make it sustainable.

Exposing capitalism's effects, such as global warming and pollution, is one crucial part of building a movement to transform society. That was my goal with these cartoons when I drew them during the years 2009-2012. Today there are ever-increasing numbers of people doing this, which is very encouraging. But if we are to find viable solutions, we must do more than describe symptoms and warn of dire consequences. We must get to the root of the problem: figure out how to end global capitalism and eliminate the class divisions that enable private wealth accumulation.

During the years since I drew these cartoons, I have come to understand more deeply that capitalism can only be destroyed by overturning the fundamental social relation underpinning it: the domination of the working class by the capitalist class. By collectively emancipating themselves from wage slavery, the international working class can lead a mass movement capable of defeating capitalism, and thereby open up a way forward for humanity as a whole.

Today there is a need to go beyond asserting that global warming is real or that pollution harms living beings. We can easily see and feel these horrifying facts. The only people who deny them do so because denial is in their economic interest. Profiteers will never change through persuasion. Only by all of us stepping up to build a broad mass movement, with workers in the lead, can we become strong enough to challenge, defeat and overthrow the class currently in power. Only then can we possibly end this omnicidal system and construct a truly sustainable and just way of life. The future of all species depends on it.

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