

# 9 - THE KAPPAS' WORK REFORM

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**[00:16]** ---

*GeGeGe no Kitaro*

**[00:20]** ---

'Scuse me. Coming in.

**[00:22]** ---

What?!

**[00:23]** ---

Taromaru-san, was it?

I've got a juicy proposition for you.

**[00:35]** ---

*The world you see isn't all there is.*

**[00:38]** ---

*There are things you can't see.*

**[00:41]** ---

*See? In the darkness behind you...*

**[01:01]** ---

*Ge, ge, gegege no ge*

**[01:01]** ---

*ge ge gegege no ge*

**[01:05]** ---

*Slumbering in bed in the morning*

**[01:05]** ---

*asa wa nedoko de gu gu gu*

**[01:09]** ---

*It's so fun, it's so fun*

**[01:09]** ---

*tanoshiina tanoshiina*

**[01:13]** ---

*Ghosts don't have school*

**[01:13]** ---

*obakenya gakkou mo*

**[01:17]** ---

*Or tests or anything*

**[01:17]** ---

*shiken mo nannimo nai*

**[01:21]** ---

*Ge, ge, gegege no ge*

**[01:21]** ---

*ge ge gegege no ge*

**[01:26]** ---

*Let's all sing together, gegege no ge*

**[01:26]** ---

*minna de utaou gegege no ge*

**[01:29]** ---

*Ge, ge, gegege no ge*

**[01:29]** ---

*ge ge gegege no ge*

**[01:34]** ---

*Sports festivals in the graveyard at night*

**[01:34]** ---

*yoru wa hakaba de undoukai*

**[01:38]** ---

*It's so fun, it's so fun*

**[01:38]** ---

*tanoshiina tanoshiina*

**[01:42]** ---

*Ghosts don't die*

**[01:42]** ---

*obake wa shinanai*

**[01:46]** ---

*Or get sick or anything*

**[01:46]** ---

*byouki mo nannimo nai*

**[01:50]** ---

*Ge, ge, gegege no ge*

**[01:50]** ---

*ge ge gegege no ge*

**[01:54]** ---

*Let's all sing together, gegege no ge*

**[01:54]** ---

*minnade utaou gegege no ge*

**[01:58]** ---

*Let's all sing together, gegege no ge*

**[01:58]** ---

*minnade utaou gegege no ge*

**[02:03]** ---

*Let's all sing together, gegege no ge*

**[02:03]** ---

*minnade utaou gegege no ge*

**[02:14]** ---

But, why bring all these cucumbers  
to a brand-new building like this?

**[02:19]** ---

Who knows? The company president told me not to ask.

**[02:24]** ---

Let's go.

**[02:25]** ---

Oh, right...

**[02:26]** ---

Huh?

**[02:34]** ---

Stop! Don't get involved.

**[02:52]** ---

CHAPTER 9

**[02:53]** ---

THE KAPPAS' WORK REFORM

**[03:01]** ---

These were all in the Yokai Mailbox?

**[03:04]** ---

Yeah. And this is just today's...

**[03:07]** ---

Let's see...

**[03:09]** ---

"The spark between my wife and I has gone out. Is this because of a *yokai*?"

**[03:13]** ---

"My exam scores are bad."

**[03:16]** ---

"I've been having post-urination dribblage."

**[03:18]** ---

Are they stupid?

**[03:20]** ---

I'm not sure about this blaming everything on *yokai*.

**[03:25]** ---

'Scuse me. Coming in.

**[03:26]** ---

Oh! Looks like they're already rolling in. What a haul!

**[03:31]** ---

What does that mean?

**[03:34]** ---

Well...

**[03:35]** ---

Ta-daa!

**[03:36]** ---

I put up an ad on the web.

**[03:36]** ---

YOKAI MAILBOX  
ASK ANYTHING

**[03:39]** ---

So this is your doing!

**[03:41]** ---

We'll solve problems in a flash,  
make a bunch of cash, and--

**[03:45]** ---

Fine. If Kitaro won't do it...

**[03:49]** ---

Hey, Sand Witch!

**[03:52]** ---

Oh? Who's this?

**[03:54]** ---

A guest.

**[03:56]** ---

Hello. I'm Taromaru the Kappa.

**[03:59]** ---

Sand Witch-san always  
takes good care of me.

**[04:02]** ---

Hmm. Does she now?

**[04:04]** ---

Yes. When you mix Sand Witch-san's sand  
with them, cucumbers grow well.

**[04:09]** ---

The Kappa tribe live deep in the Tono  
mountains eating cucumbers, don't they?

**[04:14]** ---

Yes!

**[04:15]** ---

Oh, that's right. Sand Witch-san, here.

**[04:20]** ---

Some cucumbers as thanks.

**[04:23]** ---

Thank you.

**[04:24]** ---

Hah! The barter system, huh?

**[04:26]** ---

If you sold that sand to the Kappa,  
you could make a huge profit.

**[04:29]** ---

There are things in this world  
more valuable than money!

**[04:34]** ---

You mean cucumbers? Talk about shabby!

**[04:37]** ---

You can have this sand instead!

**[04:40]** ---

Man! Honestly, nobody has any greed.

**[04:45]** ---

Huh?

**[04:47]** ---

Hmm...

**[04:49]** ---

"My father is the president of  
an IT company.

**[04:52]** ---

He's been so busy recently  
he's never home.

**[04:55]** ---

He's working without time to sleep  
and seems strange."

**[04:58]** ---

Hey!

**[04:59]** ---

What are you standing around for?!  
Get me a change of clothes!

**[05:03]** ---

Yes, yes.

**[05:04]** ---

I don't have time!

**[05:06]** ---

It's Sunday,  
but, he's still going to work.

**[05:09]** ---

I'm heading out!

**[05:10]** ---

Honey, won't you at least eat with us?

**[05:13]** ---

I don't have time to eat!

**[05:14]** ---

I made a reservation to eat French food  
at a five-star hotel next month, didn't I?

**[05:22]** ---

I don't care about French food...

**[05:26]** ---

Food at normal restaurants  
tastes better...

**[05:29]** ---

Things look serious.

**[05:31]** ---

Dad used to be nicer...

**[05:35]** ---

That's definitely the work of a *yokai*.

**[05:37]** ---

Huh?

**[05:38]** ---

Your father is being haunted by  
the *yokai*, Isogashi.

**[05:42]** ---

The *yokai*, Isogashi?

**[05:43]** ---

Will you get rid of it?

**[05:45]** ---

Of course.

**[05:46]** ---

But in that case...

Shall we discuss your budget?

**[05:51]** ---

I see. The *yokai*, Isogashi...

**[05:54]** ---

When haunted by the *yokai*, Isogashi, one  
is filled with excess vigor and energy

**[05:59]** ---

and they find that they can't sit still...

**[06:03]** ---

But, Dad.

**[06:04]** ---

Hm?

**[06:05]** ---

I haven't heard  
any rumors about Isogashi recently...

**[06:09]** ---

What?! I did something to a human?

**[06:12]** ---

I'm being falsely accused!

**[06:13]** ---

This is the *yokai*, Isogashi?

**[06:20]** ---

Yeah! You got a problem with that?!

**[06:23]** ---

You seem to have  
a lot of spare time these days.

**[06:26]** ---

Sure, I used to have fun  
haunting different humans.

**[06:32]** ---

But, these days,  
I don't even have to bother...

**[06:38] ---**

It's become a world where everyone's  
working like crazy...

**[06:43] ---**

Have you haunted any humans recently?

**[06:47] ---**

It's been ten years since I last did.

**[06:52] ---**

Well, perhaps in a world like this,

**[06:56] ---**

there's no need for  
a *yokai* like me anymore...

**[07:05] ---**

The Japanese kanji for "busy"  
means "the death of one's heart."

**[07:08] ---**

Even without being haunted by Isogashi,  
humans who have lost their hearts

**[07:13] ---**

forget about kindness and compassion  
and just work until they die...

**[07:22] ---**

There you have it, Rat Man.

**[07:24] ---**

The man in that letter  
is just a workaholic.

**[07:31] ---**

Like I'm gonna leave  
a potential tasty profit alone.

**[07:35] ---**

We can't anymore!

**[07:37] ---**

Wait! Are you running out on me?!

**[07:40] ---**

Shut up! We can't work  
for such a low salary!

**[07:43] ---**

What?!

**[07:44] ---**

Oh! What a coincidence.

**[07:46] ---**

This building...  
That guy's company must be inside.

**[07:50] ---**

There are things in this world  
worth more than money!

**[07:54] ---**

Don't you have any dreams or aspirations?!

**[07:56]** ---

You're one to talk!

**[07:58]** ---

Oh, hey! Wait!

**[08:01]** ---

Things worth more than money, huh?

Someone else mentioned that.

**[08:05]** ---

...more valuable than money!

**[08:08]** ---

Oh yeah. That time with the Kappa...

**[08:11]** ---

-Hey! You there!

-Huh?

**[08:13]** ---

Huh?!

**[08:14]** ---

Wanna work for me?

**[08:15]** ---

Wh-Wh-What?!

**[08:18]** ---

There's nothing to worry about!

**[08:20]** ---

Newcomers are welcome.

It's a casual, warm workplace!

**[08:23]** ---

Wait, I'm not into that sort of...

**[08:26]** ---

Don't be so shy!

**[08:28]** ---

My high school classmate, Ogawa,  
founded the Little River Corporation.

**[08:33]** ---

My college mate, Onogi,  
puts out bestseller after bestseller.

**[08:38]** ---

I can't get left behind!

**[08:41]** ---

Please!

**[08:43]** ---

Let's dream the dream together!

**[08:47]** ---

Oh!

**[08:49]** ---

In that case, I know of someone  
who'll work for dirt cheap.

**[08:53]** ---

What?

**[08:58]** ---

Ya-hoo!

**[09:07]** ---

Your cucumbers really are yummy, Taromaru.

**[09:10]** ---

We can't harvest a lot at once, though.

**[09:13]** ---

That's what makes them good!

**[09:15]** ---

Someday I'd like to feed you  
tons of cucumbers, Jiromaru...

**[09:25]** ---

Here. Take this.

**[09:26]** ---

Thanks, Taromaru!

**[09:31]** ---

Hello.

**[09:34]** ---

You! I met you in the GeGeGe Forest...

**[09:37]** ---

That's right. I'm the BiBiBi no Rat Man.

**[09:40]** ---

Taromaru-san, was it?

I've got a juicy proposition for you.

**[09:44]** ---

A juicy proposition?!

**[09:46]** ---

Right, this is perfect.

Listen up, everyone!

**[09:52]** ---

Do you wanna eat lots of these  
tasty-looking cucumbers?!

**[09:55]** ---

We do!

**[10:03]** ---

That's right. Looking good.

**[10:05]** ---

Looking good. Keep it up.

**[10:10]** ---

It's time for the cucumbers you've  
been waiting for! Three per person!

**[10:20]** ---

What do you think, Mr. President? Really  
cuts down on labor costs, doesn't it?

**[10:24]** ---

After all, their wages are only  
three cucumbers an hour!

**[10:27]** ---

Eight hours of labor only costs you 24!

**[10:31]** ---

Indeed. It's magnificent!

**[10:33]** ---

Who knew you could hire *yokai* as  
employees in this labor shortage?

**[10:41]** ---

Taromaru!

**[10:42]** ---

Hey, what's wrong?!

**[10:43]** ---

My plate... It's dry...

**[10:45]** ---

I feel weak...

**[10:48]** ---

What? They have such a weakness?!

**[10:50]** ---

Well, they're Kappa after all...

But fear not!

**[10:54]** ---

Ta-daa! Moisturizing gel!

**[10:57]** ---

Rub this on your plate and it'll maintain  
the moisture for 24 hours without water.

**[11:06]** ---

Woo-hoo! I feel strength rising!

**[11:14]** ---

KAPPA

**[11:18]** ---

KAPPA ALPHABET

**[11:19]** ---

-*"Bottom's up!"*

-*"Let's do it!"*

**[11:20]** ---

*"Cheers!"*

**[11:21]** ---

What? You're sold out of cucumbers?!

**[11:24]** ---

You were out yesterday, too!

**[11:26]** ---

*The nationwide cucumber shortage  
is showing no sign of subsiding.*

**[11:28]** ---

WHY ONLY A CUCUMBER SHORTAGE?

**[11:30]** ---

ONE CUCUMBER PER PERSON

**[11:30]** ---

*The cause of the shortage remains unclear.  
Experts believe someone is buying all...*

**[11:38]** ---

Let's go.

**[11:39]** ---

Oh, right...

**[11:40]** ---

Huh?

**[11:44]** ---

Stop! Don't get involved.

**[11:53]** ---

You saw...

**[11:56]** ---

We saw nothing!

**[11:58]** ---

Don't worry.

**[11:59]** ---

We won't kill you...

**[12:01]** ---

We're just gonna  
remove your *shirikodama*...

**[12:13]** ---

We're wasting time.  
Let's get back to work!

**[12:22]** ---

-Taromaru...  
-Hm?

**[12:24]** ---

Is this right for us?

**[12:27]** ---

Sure, we can eat lots of cucumbers,  
but living every day like this...

**[12:32]** ---

Yeah, life back home was laid back.

**[12:36]** ---

But, at best we could only eat  
about three cucumbers a day.

**[12:41]** ---

Cucumbers are just a luxury.  
We don't need to eat that much to survive.

**[12:46]** ---

Rather, the time to lazily swim  
in the river or take naps is...

**[12:52]** ---

You two!

**[12:54]** ---

What are you slacking off there for?  
Get back to work!

**[13:03]** ---

Hey! What's wrong?!

**[13:05]** ---

My plate... It's dry...

**[13:09]** ---

Aren't you using the moisturizing gel?

**[13:11]** ---

There are limits to moisturizing gel!

**[13:15]** ---

Mr. President, we can't continue  
in these working conditions!

**[13:18]** ---

What?

**[13:19]** ---

Taromaru!

**[13:21]** ---

I request that our working conditions  
be improved!

**[13:25]** ---

Will you provide us with a shower room  
we can freely use 24 hours a day?

**[13:30]** ---

I like it!

**[13:32]** ---

You've got a sharp sense!  
Come dream the dream with me!

**[13:38]** ---

You like them, Mr. President?

**[13:38]** ---

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

**[13:40]** ---

Yes! I want to keep increasing Kappa  
employees and expand the business!

**[13:45]** ---

Leave it to me!

**[13:47]** ---

However, from here, the management fee  
per Kappa will be...

**[13:50]** ---

about this much.

**[13:52]** ---

-No. I don't need you anymore.  
-Huh?

**[13:55]** ---

From here, I'll negotiate  
directly with the Kappa.

**[13:58]** ---

W-W-W-Wait a minute!  
What about my services so far?!

**[14:04]** ---

Huh?

**[14:10]** ---

What's wrong, Rat Man?

**[14:15]** ---

Hey, Kitaro, this lethargic manner.  
Is it possible that...

**[14:20]** ---

his *shirikodama* has been removed?

**[14:22]** ---

His *shirikodama*?

**[14:24]** ---

Was this a Kappa's doing, Dad?

**[14:26]** ---

Come to think of it,  
maybe the national cucumber shortage is...

**[14:33]** ---

That's refreshing!

**[14:35]** ---

You know, working this hard  
for only three cucumbers an hour?

**[14:40]** ---

Let's negotiate better wages.

**[14:42]** ---

We could probably get  
five cucumbers an hour.

**[14:44]** ---

Could we rent out the sumo arena  
so we can do some wrestling?

**[14:48]** ---

Everyone! Don't be fooled!

**[14:51]** ---

-Huh?  
-Look at this!

**[14:53]** ---

It's a convenience store want ad.

**[14:55]** ---

It pays at least  
1,000 yen an hour at night!

**[14:58]** ---

At 50 yen a cucumber, you could buy 20!

**[15:02]** ---

20?!

**[15:03]** ---

We've been...

**[15:05]** ---

getting exploited!

**[15:07]** ---

Wh-What is this, you guys?!

**[15:10]** ---

You've been cheating us  
and forcing us to work!

**[15:13]** ---

The law guarantees our weekly work hours  
and minimum wage!

**[15:18]** ---

Then try and sue me.

**[15:20]** ---

Too bad, though.

**[15:22]** ---

While laws of employment apply to humans,  
they don't apply to Kappa.

**[15:29]** ---

The same goes for your wages.

**[15:31]** ---

Sure, working at a convenience store  
will earn you enough for 20 cucumbers.

**[15:35]** ---

But, do you think Kappa like you  
can just work at a convenience store?

**[15:40]** ---

Of course you can't.

**[15:41]** ---

If you did, there'd be panic in the city!

**[15:44]** ---

You've got no choice but to huddle in this  
building, unseen by people, and work!

**[15:50]** ---

In that case...

**[15:53]** ---

We'll just have to make it a world  
where Kappa

**[15:56]** ---

-can work openly!  
-What?!

**[15:59]** ---

What are you doing?!

**[16:10]** ---

Huh?

**[16:27]** ---

*Emergency! The metropolitan area  
is being overrun*

**[16:30]** ---

*by a mysterious group  
with plate-like things on their heads!*

**[16:35]** ---

*Even near here...*

**[16:40]** ---

PLEASE STAND BY

**[16:48]** ---

Don't you think that's about enough?

**[16:53]** ---

The humans--

**[17:00]** ---

Hey, Kitaro! Get a grip!

**[17:03]** ---

Dad... I don't feel like  
doing this anymore.

**[17:10]** ---

O-Oh no...

**[17:13]** ---

How dare you do that to Kitaro!  
I'll fight you!

**[17:16]** ---

We won't hold back  
just because you're a girl!

**[17:19]** ---

We'll take your *shirikodama*!

**[17:23]** ---

No!

**[17:25]** ---

No!

**[17:27]** ---

Freaks! Stay away!

**[17:30]** ---

Wally Wall!

**[17:35]** ---

W-Wally Wall...

**[17:39]** ---

That was close!

**[17:40]** ---

A-whoosh!

**[17:42]** ---

Try to take my *shirikodama* if ya can!

**[17:46]** ---

C'mon!

Ya can't tell where my butt is, can ya?

**[17:50]** ---

I see it! Right here!

**[17:53]** ---

Ya got me...

**[17:56]** ---

Falling Cotton...

**[18:01]** ---

Taromaru!

**[18:03]** ---

Stop this!

**[18:04]** ---

Remember the taste of cucumbers  
made with my sand!

**[18:08]** ---

Sand Witch-san...

**[18:10]** ---

I don't want to have to remove  
your *shirikodama*...

**[18:14]** ---

Taromaru...

**[18:16]** ---

So we'll remove it instead!

**[18:26]** ---

Sand Witch!

**[18:27]** ---

Catchick!

**[18:36]** ---

Huh. Everyone's gone all lethargic.

**[18:40]** ---

After all this time,  
is it my turn to shine again?

**[18:44]** ---

Oh?

**[18:45]** ---

Oh! Isogashi!

**[18:58]** ---

Hey, Kitaro!

**[19:05]** ---

Remote Controlled Geta!

**[19:08]** ---

Hair Needles!

**[19:11]** ---

Spirit Hair Chanchanko!

**[19:15]** ---

Kitaro!

**[19:17]** ---

You saved us!

**[19:20]** ---

Taromaru!

**[19:23]** ---

So fast!

**[19:32]** ---

Stop it, Taromaru!

**[19:35]** ---

Kitaro-san, please forgive my brother!

**[19:39]** ---

Here's your *shirikodama* back!

**[19:49]** ---

Taromaru, this world isn't for us.

**[19:53]** ---

Let's go back home.

**[19:55]** ---

B-But...

**[19:57]** ---

the cucumbers...

**[19:59]** ---

Forget those!

**[20:00]** ---

The cucumbers you shared with me  
were tastier than a million cucumbers!

**[20:20]** ---

Jiromaru...

**[20:23]** ---

Taromaru...

**[20:42]** ---

Over already?!

**[20:44]** ---

And I was having such fun  
for the first time in so long...

**[20:56]** ---

This Hamburg steak is delicious!

**[20:59]** ---

Really? Then you can have half of mine!

**[21:02]** ---

Yay! Hooray!

**[21:09]** ---

Ya-hoo!

**[21:17]** ---

I guess you only need the cucumbers  
you're going to eat a day.

**[21:20]** ---

Yup!

**[21:23]** ---

Take half of mine.

**[21:25]** ---

Thanks.

**[21:29]** ---

I've finally realized  
what true happiness is!

**[21:33]** ---

We'll live the self-sufficient,  
slow life in the country!

**[21:36]** ---

Our always-together-as-a-family,  
happy life awaits!

**[21:40]** ---

I don't wanna live in  
the country like this! I can't take it!

**[21:43]** ---

Huh?!

**[21:44]** ---

Go do that on your own!

**[21:47]** ---

Huh?!

**[21:48]** ---

See you!

**[21:50]** ---

H-Hey! W-Wait!

**[21:53]** ---

I guess, working too much  
or living the slow life...

**[21:56]** ---

Rather than go to the extremes,  
people should take things in moderation.

**[22:00]** ---

Humans have it tough, huh, Dad?

**[22:06]** ---

Oeoeo

**[22:06]** ---

oeoeo

**[22:07]** ---

Oeoeo

**[22:07]** ---

oeoeo

**[22:08]** ---

Oeoeoeoeo

**[22:08]** ---

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**[22:11]** ---

*Perhaps the truth lies  
In what you can't see*

**[22:11]** ---

*mienaimono ni koso shinjitsu ga  
arukamo nante*

**[22:16]** ---

*Do you believe that?  
If you close your eyes*

**[22:16]** ---

*kimi wa shinjirukana? me wo tojireba*

**[22:19]** ---

*A new story will begin*

**[22:19]** ---

*hajimaruyo atarashii monogatari*

**[22:24]** ---

*The really important things*

**[22:24]** ---

*taisetsu na mono wa itsudatte*

**[22:30]** ---

*Are always things you can't see*

**[22:30]** ---

*me niwa mienai monosa*

**[22:35]** ---

*Looking up to a nameless sky*

**[22:35]** ---

*namae no nai sora wo miage*

**[22:37]** ---

*I bittersweetly counted dreams*

**[22:37]** ---

*hiki komogomo yume wo kazoeta*

**[22:41]** ---

*Are you honest with yourself?*

**[22:41]** ---

*kimi wa jibun ni shoujikikai?*

**[22:43]** ---

*The wind tickled my nose*

**[22:43]** ---

*kaze ga hana wo kusugutta*

**[22:48]** ---

*Lost in the dark night, oeo eo*

**[22:48]** ---

*yamiyo ni magirete oeo eo*

**[22:51]** ---

*Oeo eo oeo eo*

**[22:51]** ---

*oeo eo oeo eo*

**[22:54]** ---

*From behind you, oeoeo*

**[22:54]** ---

*kimi no ushiro kara oeoeo*

**[22:56]** ---

*Oeoeo oeoe o o o*

**[22:56]** ---

*oeoeo oeoe o o o*

**[23:06]** ---

*Dad, it looks like theyokai*

*at Mana's school*

**[23:09]** ---

*have gotten involved in some incident.*

**[23:11]** ---

*Next time on GeGeGe no Kitaro*

**[23:14]** ---

*"Vanishing! The Seven School Mysteries"*

**[23:17]** ---

*The door to the unseen world opens...*

**[23:19]** ---

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