

FIXED!

LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD -
THE CCCS OFFICERS SET
THINGS RIGHT



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SHEESH,
THIS IS BORING.

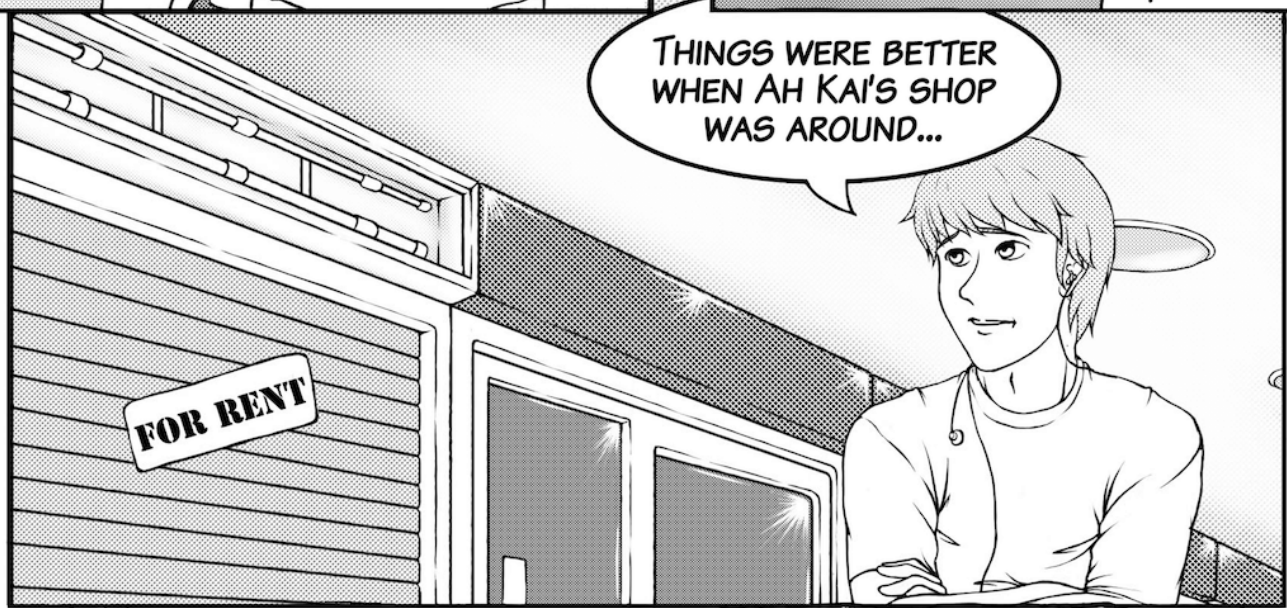
ONE FRIDAY EVENING...



THE PHONES ARE
RIDICULOUSLY EXPENSIVE AND
THEY'RE SLOW TO BRING IN
THE NEWER MODELS.

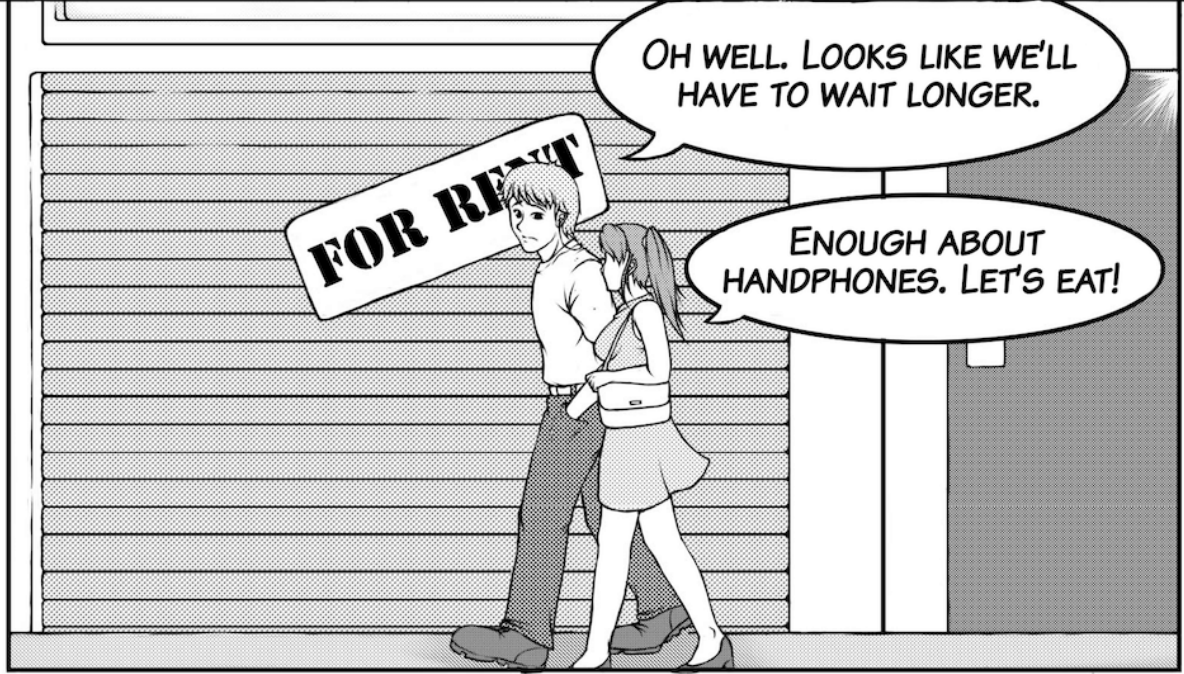
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THINGS WERE BETTER
WHEN AH KAI'S SHOP
WAS AROUND...

FOR RENT



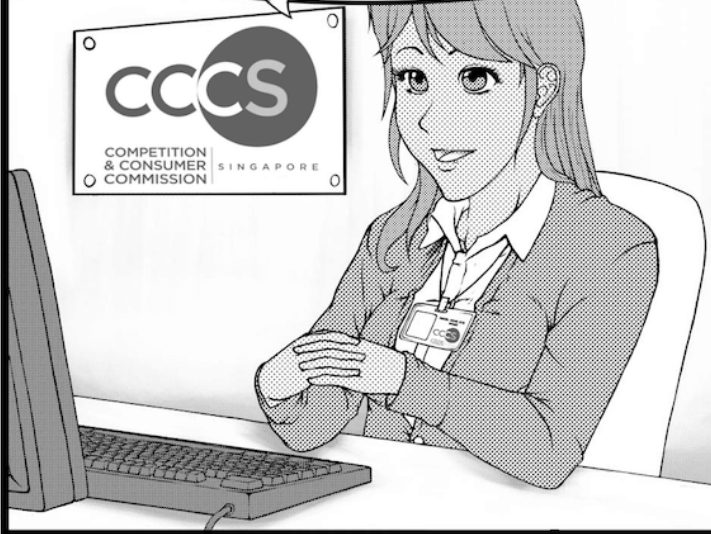
OH WELL. LOOKS LIKE WE'LL
HAVE TO WAIT LONGER.

ENOUGH ABOUT
HANDPHONES. LET'S EAT!

FOR RENT

MEANWHILE, AT THE COMPETITION AND CONSUMER COMMISSION OF SINGAPORE...

SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT A CHAIN OF HANDPHONE SHOPS ARE IN THIS GROUP TO ELIMINATE COMPETITORS, AH KAI?

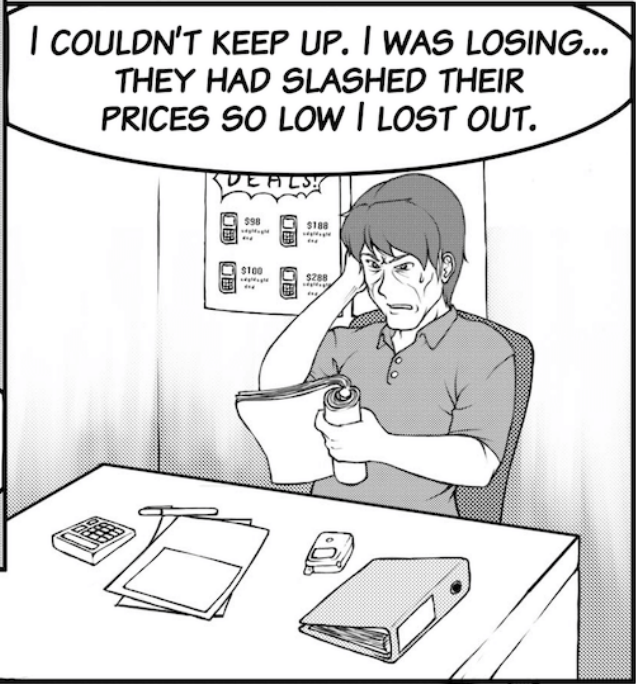
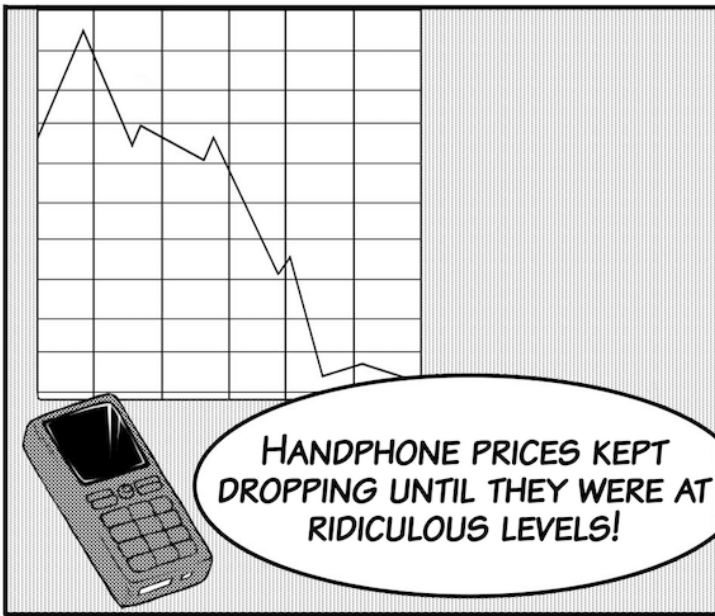


YEAH, THEY ASKED ME IF I WANNA JOIN 'EM.



BUT I REFUSED. THEY GOT REAL ANGRY. TOLD ME THEY'D RUN ME DRY IF I DON'T JOIN 'EM.







WE'VE NOTED YOUR COMPLAINT, AH KAI. WE WILL LOOK INTO THIS MATTER AND KEEP YOU INFORMED.

THE COMPLAINT LOOKS LEGITIMATE. WE SHOULD INVESTIGATE IT.

I AGREE WITH YOU. LET'S DO IT.

I'LL GO CHECK ON THE SHOP ACCOUNTING RECORDS.

THEN I'LL GO AHEAD AND CONTACT SOME OF THE HANDPHONE CONSUMERS.



WE'RE FROM THE COMPETITION AND CONSUMER COMMISSION OF SINGAPORE. WE'RE HERE TO CHECK ON THE ACCOUNTS OF THE STORE.

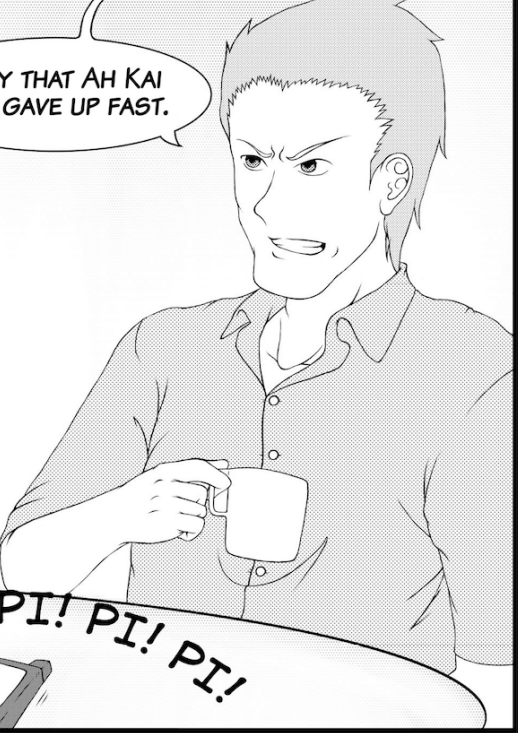
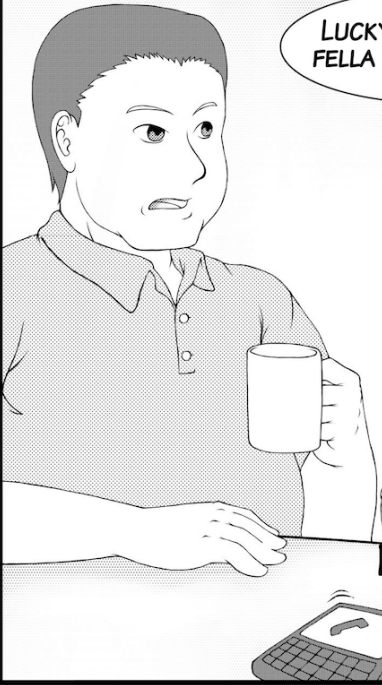
L-LET ME CALL MY MANAGER...



ISN'T THE PRICE TOO HIGH?

WHY WORRY? WE OWN THE SECONDHAND HANDPHONE MARKET. WE CAN SET ANY PRICE WE WANT!

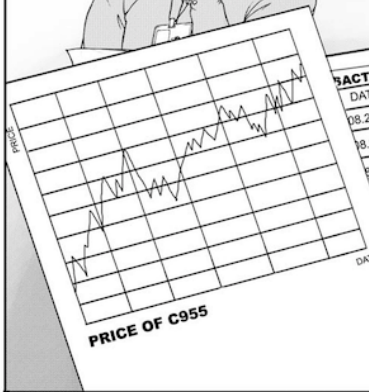
LUCKY THAT AH KAI FELLA GAVE UP FAST.



PI! PI! PI!



ALRIGHT, WE'VE GOT A CASE.
LET'S CALL THEM IN...



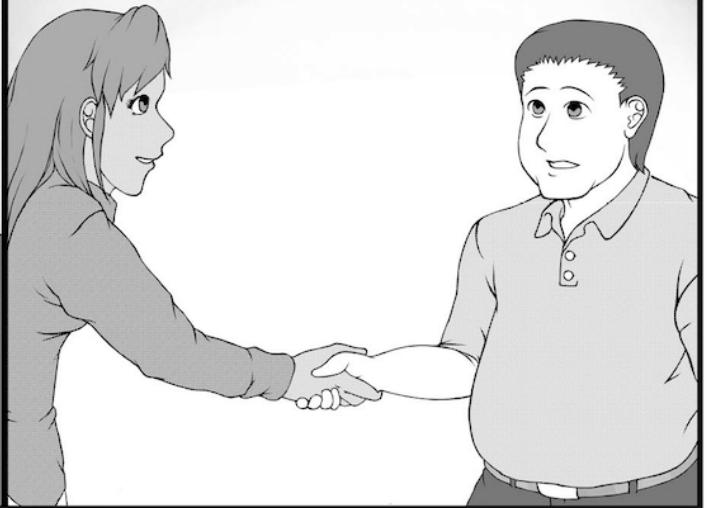
TRANSACTIONS FOR MONTH OF AUGUST 2018				
DATE	AMOUNT	ITEM	TYPE	STAFF
08.08.2009	\$S60.00	C955	NETS	ANDY
08.08.2009	\$S80.00	N2000	CASH	JULIE
08.08.2009	\$S60.00	C955	NETS	ANDY
08.08.2009	\$S90.00	S50	NETS	ANDY
08.08.2009	\$S60.00	C955	NETS	ANDY
08.08.2009	\$S100.00	N2002	CASH	JULIE
08.08.2009	\$S60.00	C955	NETS	ANDY
08.08.2009	\$S150.00	C925	CASH	JULIE
08.08.2009	\$S60.00	C955	NETS	ANDY
08.08.2009	\$S60.00	C955	NETS	ANDY
08.08.2009	\$S60.00	C955	NETS	JULIE
08.08.2009	\$S60.00	C955	NETS	JULIE
08.08.2009	\$S60.00	C955	NETS	ANDY



PLEASE HAVE A SEAT.



THANK YOU FOR
YOUR COOPERATION.



WE WILL LET YOU KNOW THE
OUTCOME OF THE INVESTIGATION...



SOME TIME LATER...

CCCS Issues Infringement Decision

Original comic by Mammert, Sherman Chua back in 2009. New edit for an all-new CCCS is done by K.C. Ng, Collateral Damage Studios. We are one of the best since professionalized. We are one of the best since professionalized in Singapore and internationally. This manga, as one of the first we've done, still has a soft spot in our heart. It has been a really fun working on it.

CARTEL BUSTED!

Under Section 34, involved parties were severely fined.

"Fixed" was intended to help you identify possible cartel activities and show you how to bring them to the attention of the Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore (CCCS). CCCS was set up to register and enforce the Competition Act to maintain and promote competitive markets.

Cartel is an agreement between producers or suppliers of a good or service to fix prices and/or limit their production.

Price fixing is illegal, beware! Bewarned.adsd. CDS Studio.

CCCS Fines Resale Handphone Cartel

Carthel Fong and Mr. Felix Prince invited to setting up a cartel to fix resale handphone prices. After an affected business lodged a complaint to Competition & Consumer Commission of Singapore (CCCS), an investigation was conducted.

CCCS reminds the consumers that cartels and price fixing are illegal activities. Mr. Fong and Mr. Prince were severely fined under Section 34.

Price Fixing is illegal.

Mr. Carthel Fong confessed to setting up the illegal cartel with fellow CCCS members.

IT WAS NOT ONLY THE CONSUMERS THAT BENEFITTED. RETAILERS COULD REAP THE PROFITS OF THEIR HARD-EARNED EFFORT WITHOUT FEAR OF BEING OUTDONE BY A CARTEL.



AH KAI'S HANDS



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What is a cartel?

A cartel is an agreement between producers or suppliers of a good or service to fix prices and/or limit their production.

There are 4 main types of cartel conduct :

- (a) Price Fixing
- (b) Bid Rigging
- (c) Market Sharing
- (d) Production Controls

Why are cartels bad?

Cartels prevent competition since there is little or no incentive to lower prices or provide better quality goods or services. For example, economic studies have shown that cartels, on average, overcharge by 30%, thus raising costs. As a result, businesses and consumers are hurt and there is likely to be harm to the Singapore economy as well.

How can CCCS help you if you spot a cartel?

Although cartels generally operate in secret, you may be in a position to spot them in your industry. You can alert CCCS and CCCS will investigate accordingly. CCCS has substantial investigation powers which it can exercise.

You may contact CCCS at the following:

Hotline

1800 325 8282

Email

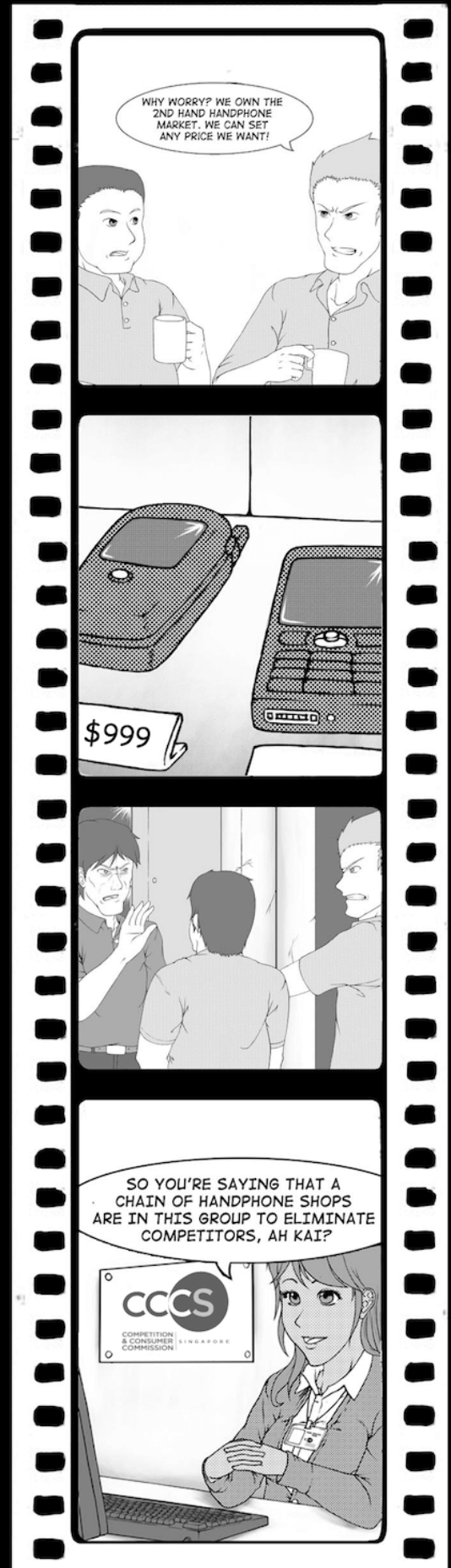
cccs_feedback@cccs.gov.sg (Enquiries/Feedback)

How can CCCS help if you are part of a cartel?

CCCS has a leniency programme to encourage cartel members to come forward to provide information on the cartel.

Under the leniency programme, a cartel member who is the first to come forward and provide evidence of cartel activity before investigations start, will be given full immunity from financial penalty.

More information can be found at www.cccs.gov.sg



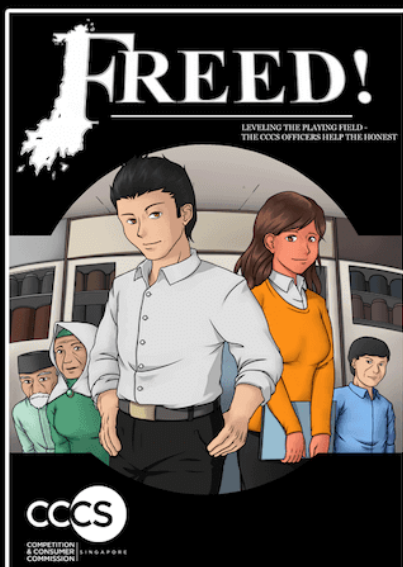
Other titles in the CCCS Manga Series



'Foiled!' was published to help you understand what types of business conduct are regarded as an abuse of dominance, which is against the law under the Competition Act.

Ling and her master arrived in The City of Champions to set up Red Phoenix Martial Arts School. However, the dominant player, Black Tiger Combat School would not allow that!

It is up to CCCS to set things right!



'Freed!' was intended to create awareness about the CCCS's Leniency Programme which was set up to encourage cartel members to come forward to provide information on cartels.

Edward Lim was an honest businessman till he joined a cartel. Soon, he realised the negative effects of a cartel and he wanted to get out of it.

CCCS is here to help!



'Fused!' was published to help businesses better understand the voluntary merger notification regime in Singapore.

Two lovebirds unite in love as they plan to merge their businesses. However, they need to know how will their merger affect competition in the shopping district.

Will CCCS stop the merger?



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