

of completing this mission. To make it short, at the end of the year our manager friend was so happy, he came to inform us that the bank decided to pay special bonuses to the leaders. He continued, "But we have deducted from your bonus the amount you received for managing the Souq Al Mubarakiya project." I was surprised and said, "So, if I insisted on not doing the Mubarakiya project, I would be getting my full bonus?" He answered, "Well, yes." I met with his supervisor who said, "Your friend insisted on that because he thought we could have made more money on the project without your pre-conditions."

This was disappointing, but it didn't upset me. I was more proud because I was able to do right by the tenants of Mubarakiya who received what they deserved. When I entered the market with my daughter, it was enough reward for me to see it crowded with people. It made me feel happy knowing that I had a small role in this. It was a kind of happiness that our friend the manager cannot feel, because people who measure happiness with money will never experience such a feeling. My daughter admired the story and tells it to her children whenever they come here.