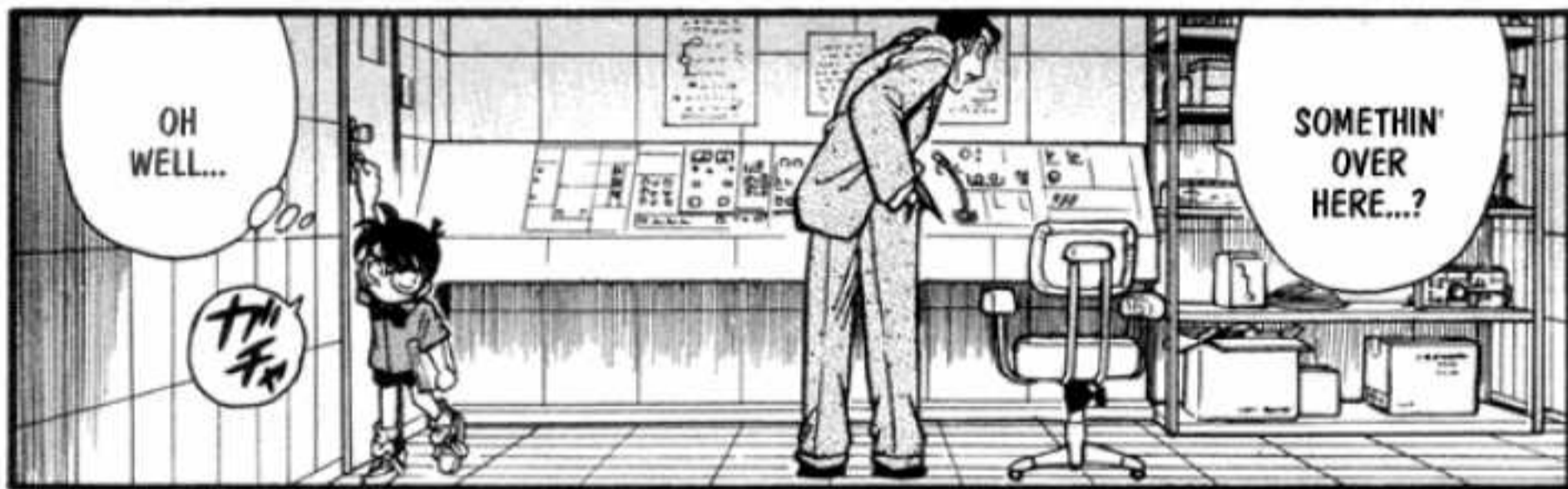


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な まえ ひ みつ
名前の秘密!!

The Secret of the Name!!

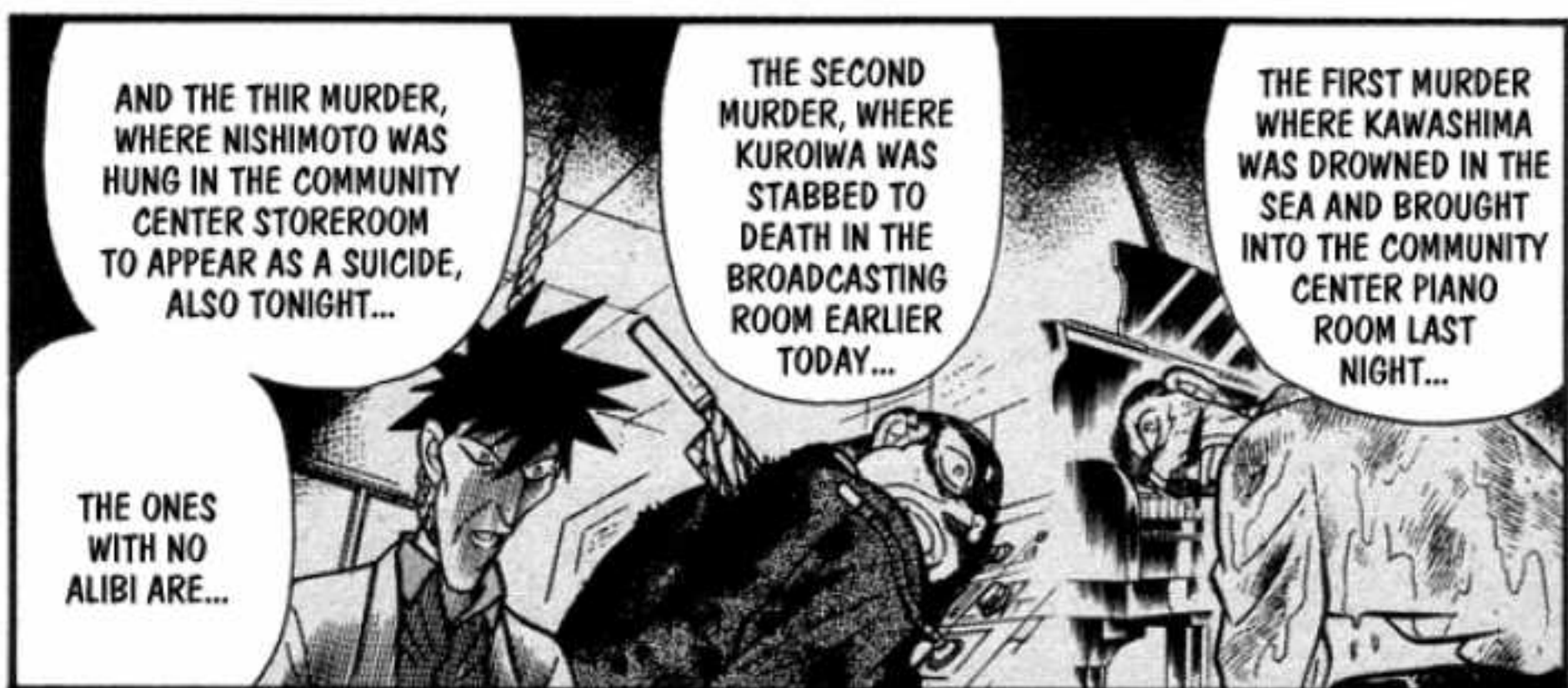




YOU HAVE NO CHOICE. THE THREE MURDERS ON THE ISLAND, NAMELY...

B, BUT...

AT ANY RATE, WE'LL TAKE YOU IN TO THE MAIN STATION TOMORROW MORNING...



AND THE THIR MURDER, WHERE NISHIMOTO WAS HUNG IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER STOREROOM TO APPEAR AS A SUICIDE, ALSO TONIGHT...

THE SECOND MURDER, WHERE KUROIWA WAS STABBED TO DEATH IN THE BROADCASTING ROOM EARLIER TODAY...

THE FIRST MURDER WHERE KAWASHIMA WAS DROWNED IN THE SEA AND BROUGHT INTO THE COMMUNITY CENTER PIANO ROOM LAST NIGHT...

THE ONES WITH NO ALIBI ARE...



MURA-SAWA-SAN, MAKING THREE...

AND, FOUND UNCONSCIOUS AFTER BEING KNOCKED OUT BY SOMEONE IN THE PIANO ROOM AT THE TIME NISHIMOTO'S BODY WAS DISCOVERED...

THE TWO OF YOU, SHIMIZU-SAN AND HIRATA-SAN...



I've figured it out, Inspector!!

THE IDENTITY OF THE MURDERER BEHIND THESE THREE INCIDENTS...

BUT WHEN HE COMES TO, WE MAY BE ABLE TO FIND OUT EXACTLY WHO ATTACKED HIM...

HE IS STILL UNCONSCIOUS AND RECEIVING TREATMENT AT A LOCAL CLINIC...



何?!

THAT WAS...

YES... THE MAN WHO KNOCKED OUT MURASAWA-SAN IN THE PIANO ROOM...



Most of what happened on this island...

EH?

O, OTOU-SAN?! IN THE BROADCAST ROOM?



WHAT?!

You, Hirata-san!!



Hirata-san has been making deals...

BUT, WHY WOULD HE...



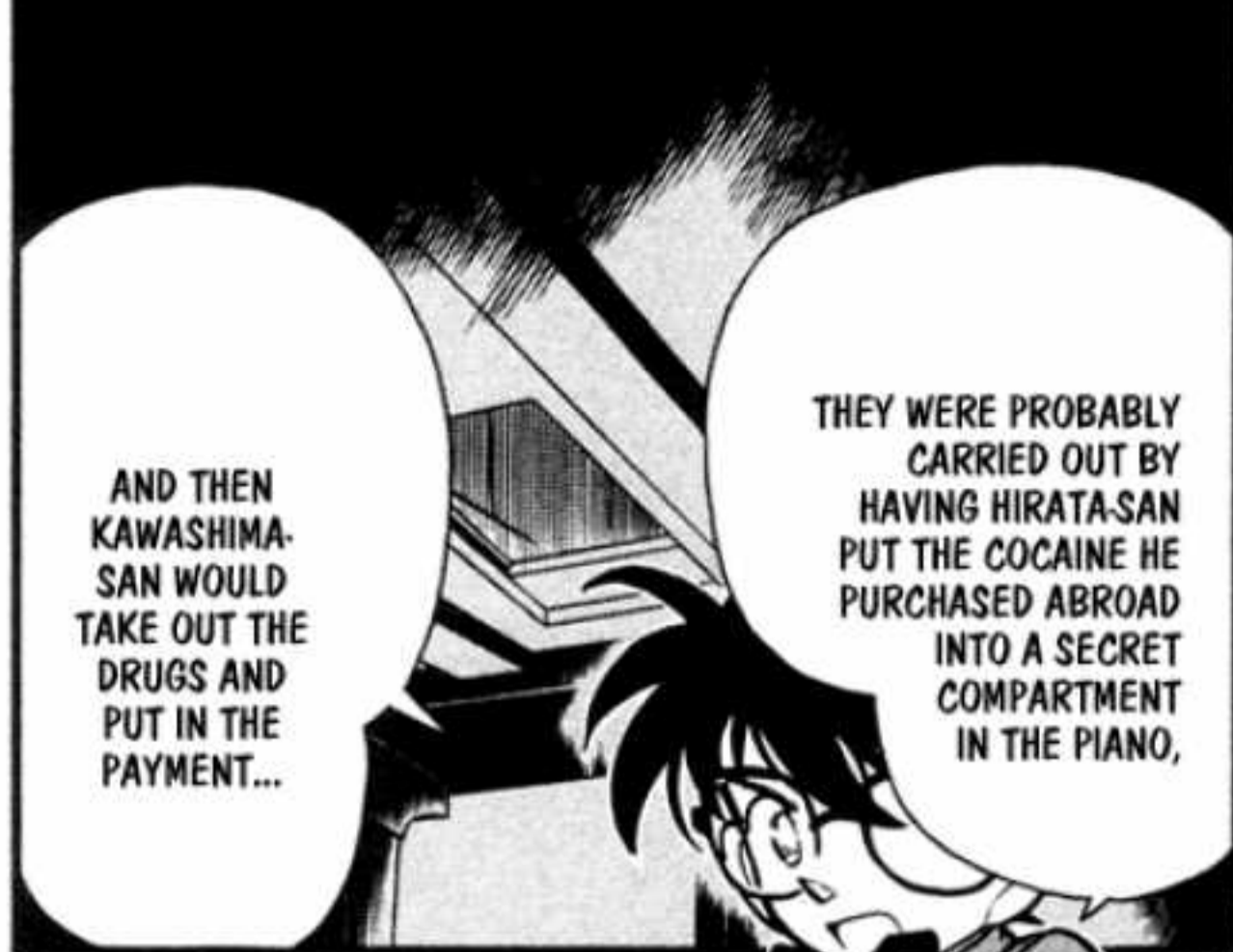
COCAINE DEALS!!

IN THE PIANO ROOM WHERE KAWASHIMA-SAN WAS KILLED,



Hirata-san's left hand is injured... That probably happened when he broke the window to escape after hitting Murasawa-san...

And I suppose that means the suspicious figure outside the piano room last night was also you, Hirata-san?



If he was the killer, he wouldn't have brought Kawashima-san back into the piano room after killing him...

Because if that room turned into a crime scene, the secret compartment in the piano might be discovered...

EH?

HOWEVER, HIRATA-SAN HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE THREE MURDERS!!

But I don't think he is either...

HUH?

Y-YOU MEAN MURASAWA IS THE KILLER?

The problem here is why Murasawa-san was in the center at the time of the third murder...

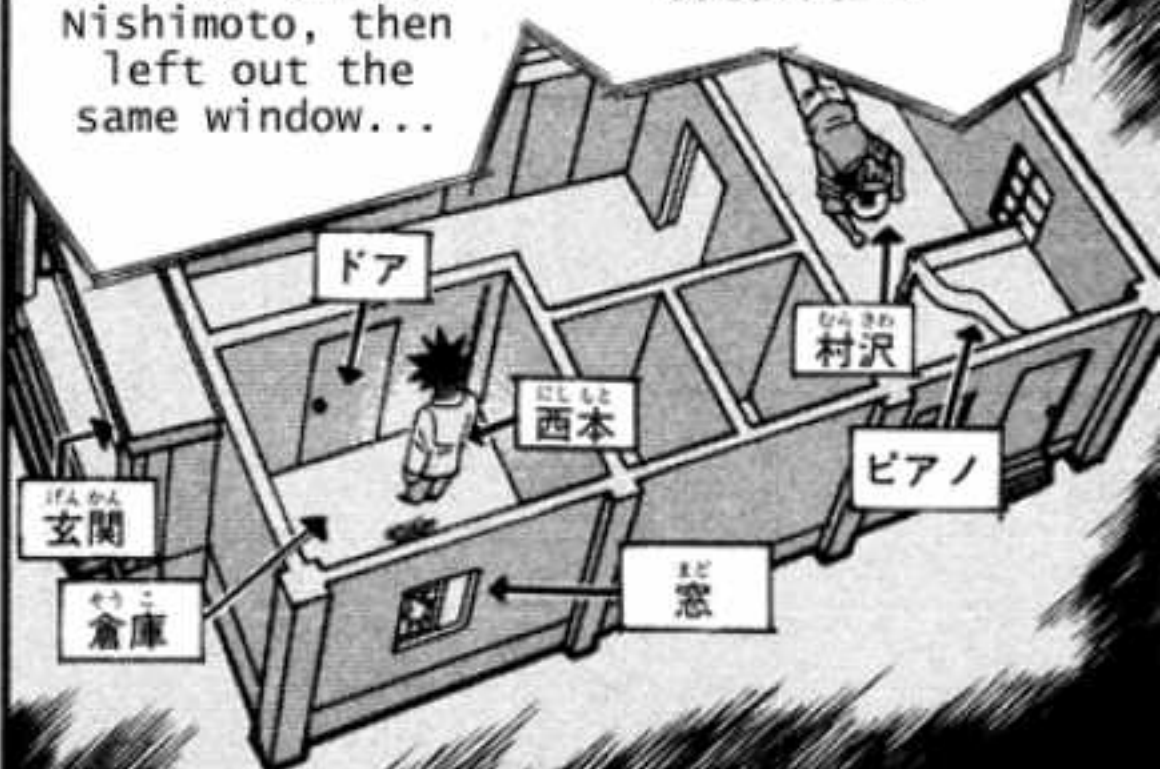
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But, though the killer added a will to make Nishimoto-san's death appear a suicide, he forgot to put a step near the body's feet...

It would be natural to think that he heard someone approaching the community center and ran off in a hurry...

which means the killer broke through the storeroom window, killed Nishimoto, then left out the same window...

when Ran found Nishimoto-san's body, the entrance to the building was open, but the storeroom door was locked from the outside...





FROM WHAT WE KNOW,
ALL THREE MURDERS
WOULD REQUIRE THE
STRENGTH OF A MAN...
AND ALL THE MEN
WITHOUT AN ALIBI...

SO,
WHO IS
THE
KILLER?



So it would be
hard to imagine
that person re-
entering in the
front door and
going to the
piano room...

RI,
RIGHT...



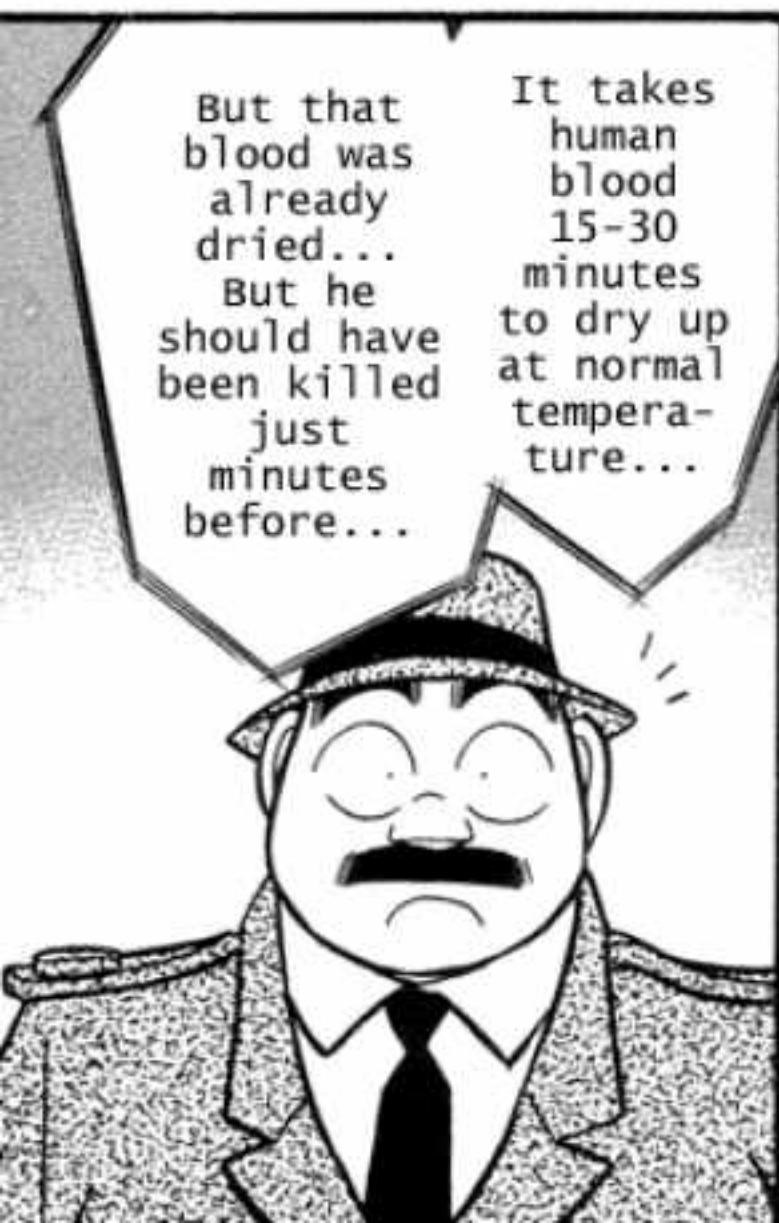
Now we
must
examine
the
second
murder...

THE ONLY
SUSPECT LEFT
WITHOUT AN
ALIBI IS
SHIMIZU-SAN...



WE CAN ASSUME THAT
KUROIWA-SAN WAS
KILLED JUST BEFORE HIS
BODY WAS DISCOVERED,
RIGHT AFTER 6:30,
LEAVING SEVERAL
SUSPECTS...

MAYOR KUROIWA
WAS STABBED IN THE
BROADCAST ROOM,
AND BASED ON THE FIRST
5:30 OF THE TAPE
STARTED AT THE TIME
OF HIS DEATH...



But that
blood was
already
dried...
But he
should have
been killed
just
minutes
before...

It takes
human
blood
15-30
minutes
to dry up
at normal
tempera-
ture...



Don't
you
find
that
odd?

HMM,
YOU'RE
RIGHT...



WHEN CONAN FELL
ON TOP OF THE CODE
IN BLOOD LEFT
AT THE SCENE,
IT WAS NOT
ERASED...

BUT
REMEM-
BER...



WHAT?!

WH,



A FALSE
ESTIMATED
TIME OF
DEATH!!

YES...
THAT WAS A
TRICK SET
UP BY THE
KILLER,



IF THE KILLER
STARTED THE
TAPE AFTER HE
KILLED KUROIWA,
IT WOULD
INEVITABLY
HAVE TO START
IN A FEW
MINUTES...

AND THERE WAS
ONLY 5 1/2 MINUTES
OF BLANK SPACE
AT THE HEAD
OF THE TAPE!!



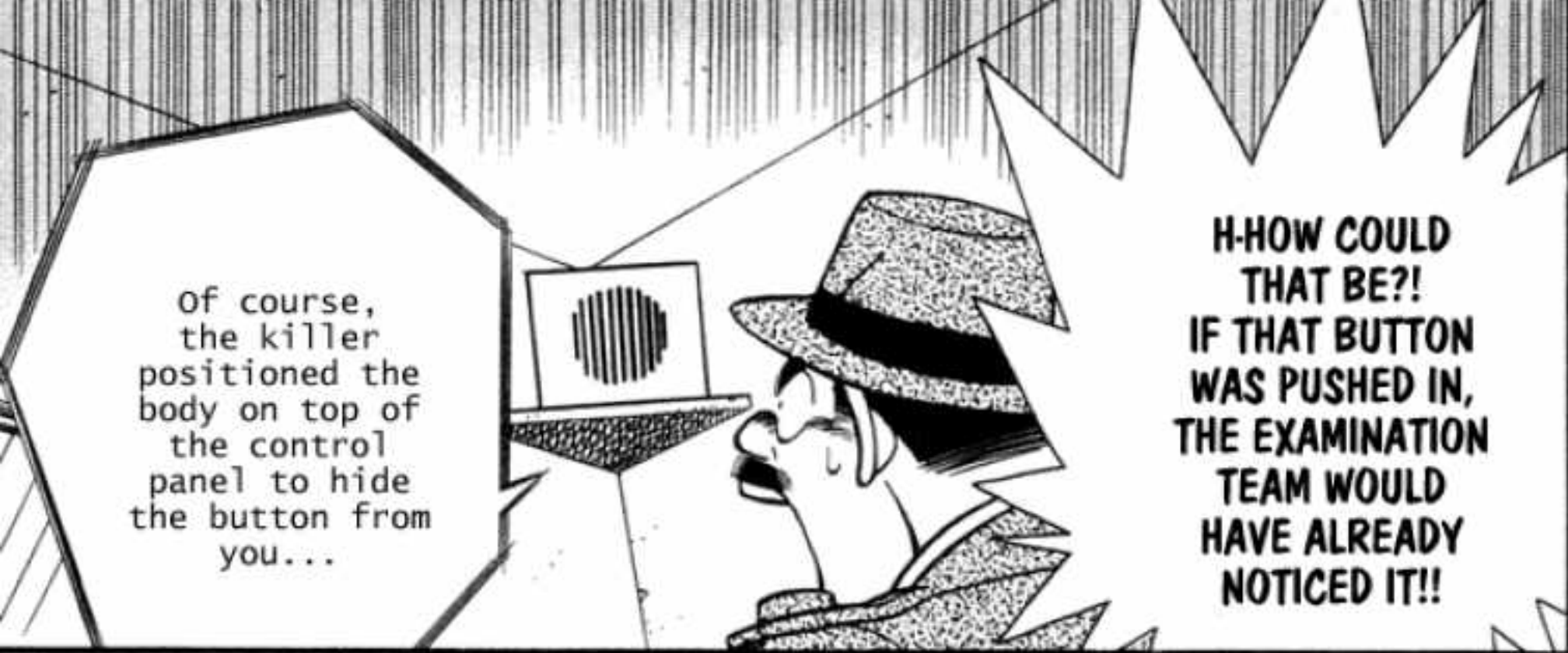
BUT THAT
TIME WAS
CONFIRMED
BY NARUMI
SENSEI IN HER
EXAMINATION...

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THE KILLER PUT
IT ON THE BLANK
SIDE FIRST, WHICH,
WITH THE REVERSE
CONTROLS, COULD
DELAY THE SONG
FOR OVER 30
MINUTES!!

IT WAS ON
REVERSE...




Of course, the killer positioned the body on top of the control panel to hide the button from you...

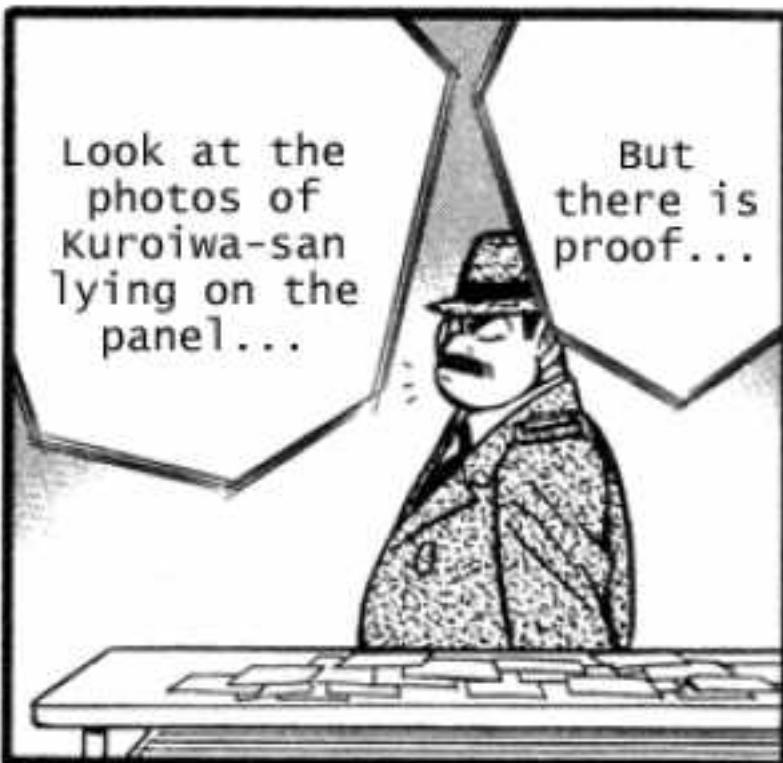
H-HOW COULD THAT BE?! IF THAT BUTTON WAS PUSHED IN, THE EXAMINATION TEAM WOULD HAVE ALREADY NOTICED IT!!



And when the body was moved, it was gone...




There is a shining button near Kuroiwa-san's neck, is there not?

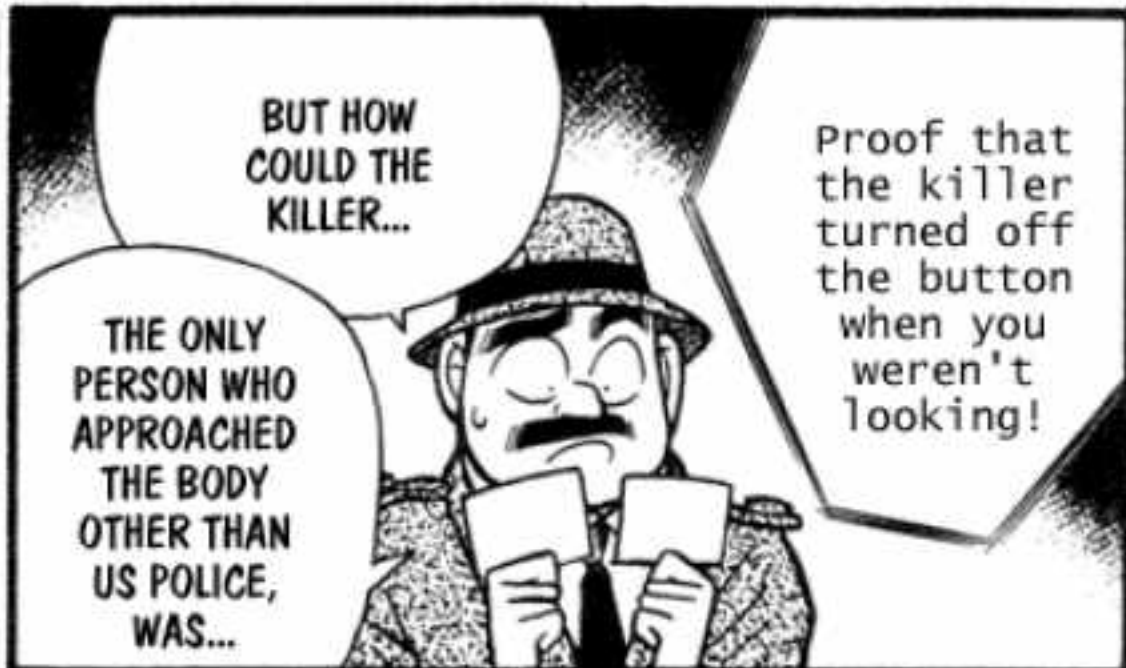


Look at the photos of Kuroiwa-san lying on the panel...

But there is proof...




!?



BUT HOW COULD THE KILLER...

THE ONLY PERSON WHO APPROACHED THE BODY OTHER THAN US POLICE, WAS...

Proof that the killer turned off the button when you weren't looking!



WAS EXAMINING THE BODY AT THE TIME...

THAT'S RIGHT! THE ONE WHO COULD EASILY GET TO THE BODY, AND THE ONE WHO FALSIFIED THE TIME OF DEATH...



NA,
NARUMI
SENSEI?!



It was you,
Narumi
Sensei!!!



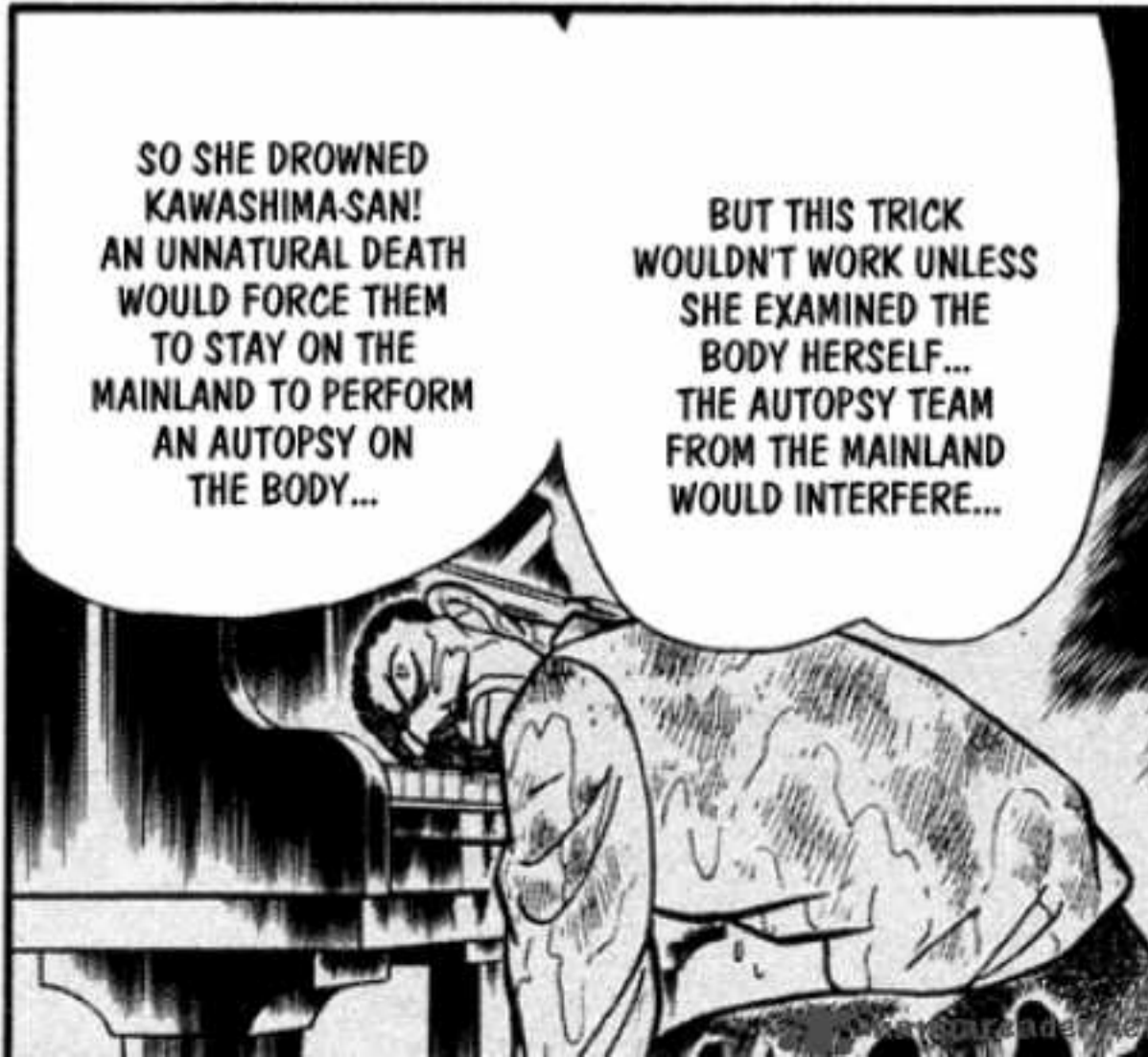
WE WERE
FOOLED INTO
THINKING THE
MURDERER
USED THE BLANK
SPACE TO ESCAPE
FROM THE SCENE,
CHANGING THE
ESTIMATED
TIME OF
MURDER...

THE BLANK
SPACE BEFORE
THE SONG IN
THE FIRST MURDER
WAS FORE-
SHADOWING
THE SECOND
MURDER!!



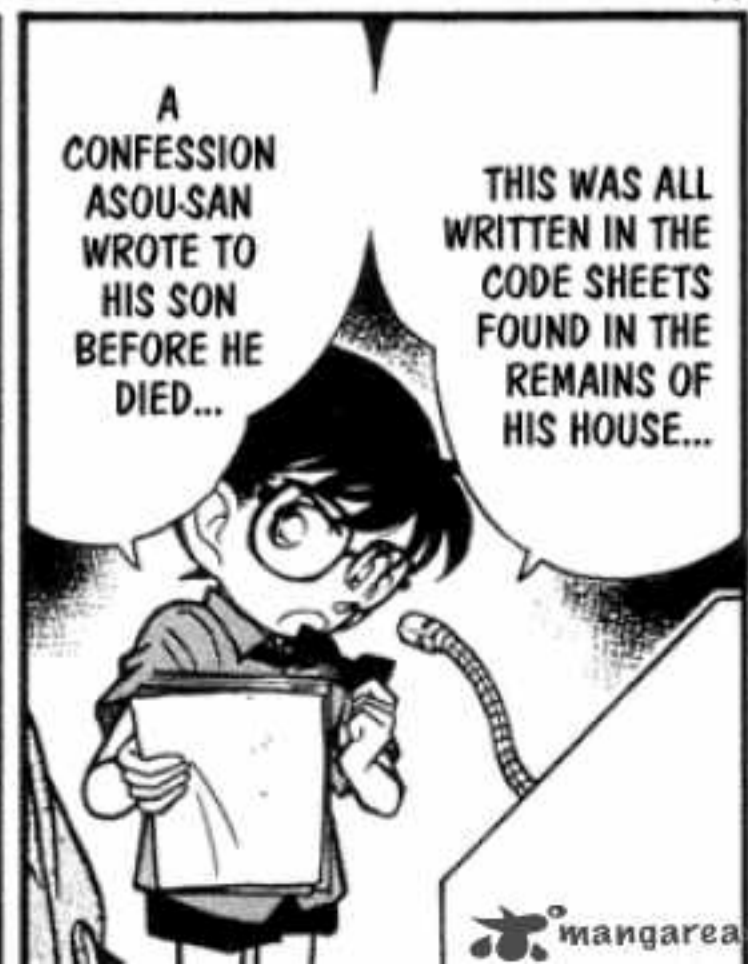
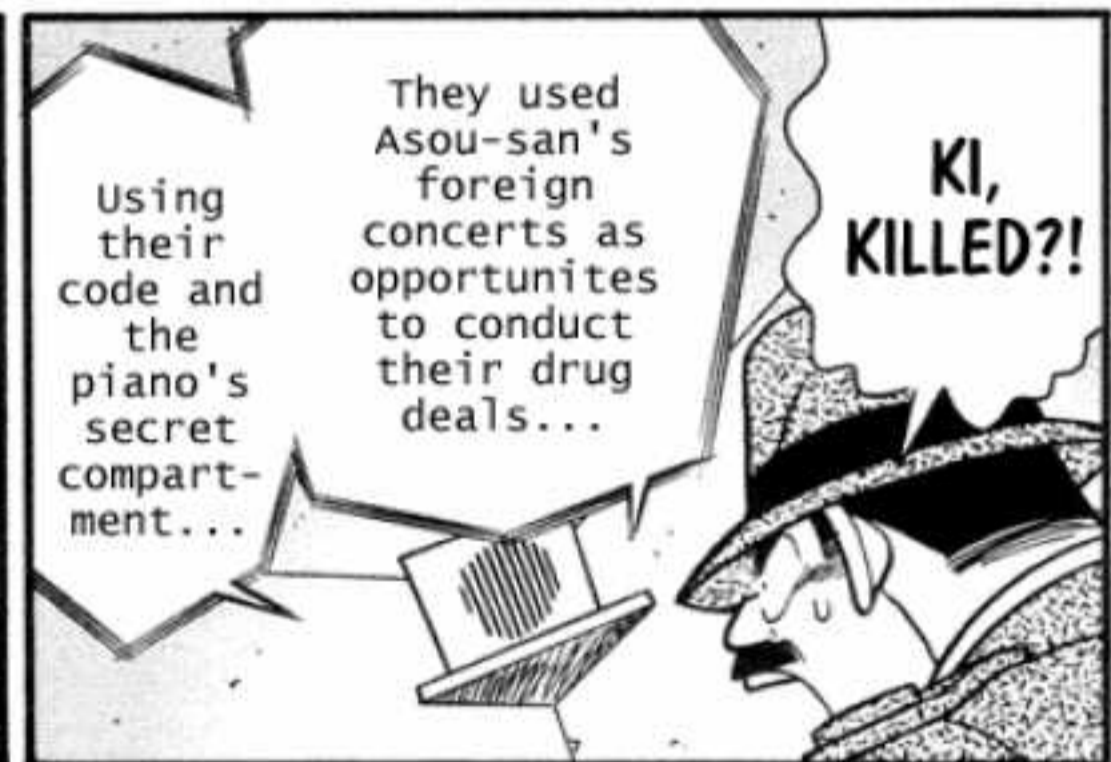
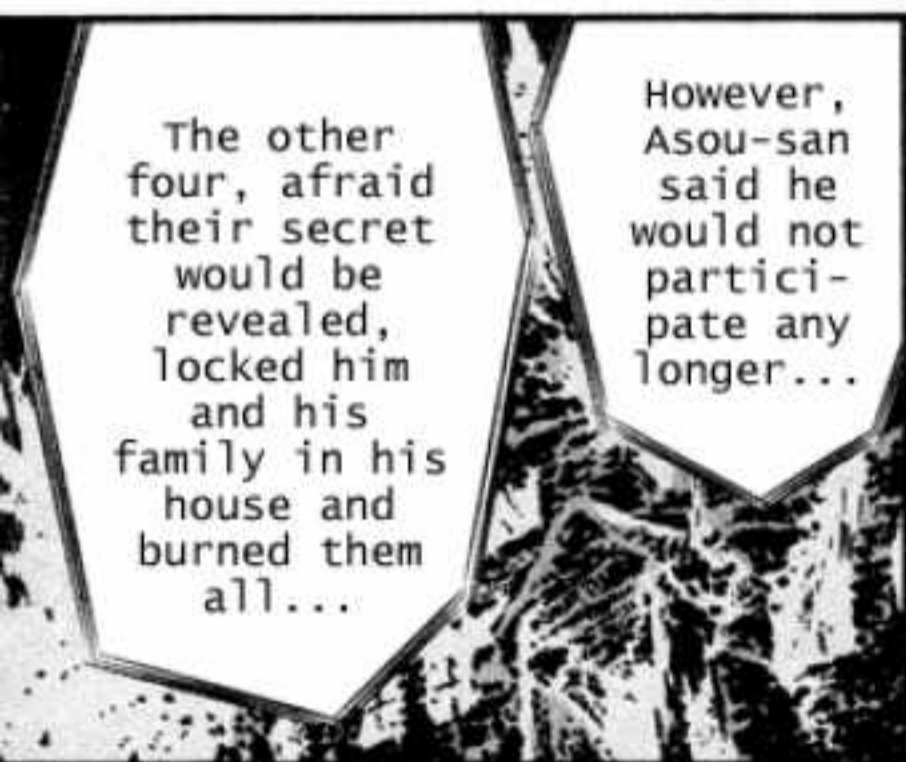
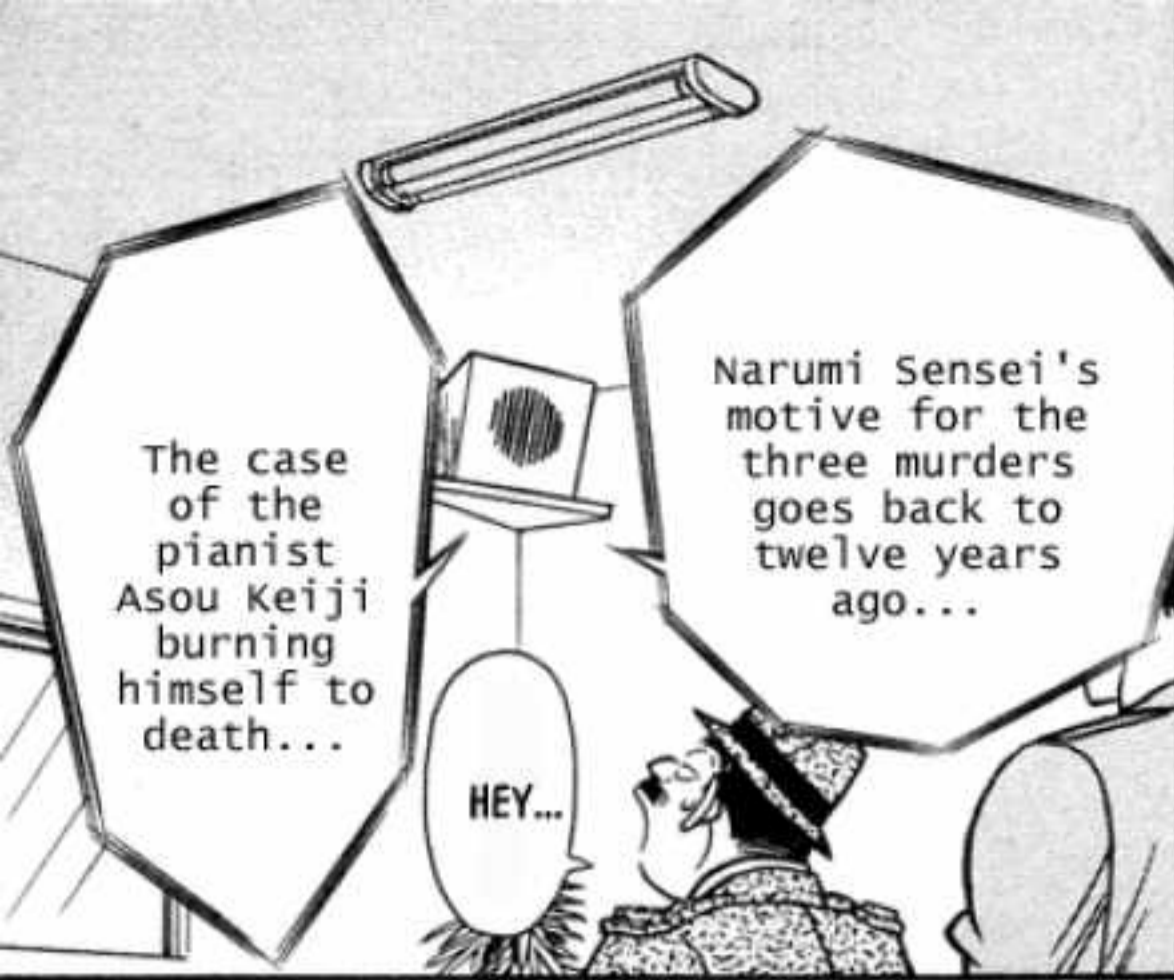
ESTA-
BLISHING
HER OWN
ALIBI!

THEN NARUMI
SENSEI "EXAMINED"
KUROIWA-SAN'S
BODY, CARRYING OUT
THE TRICK AND
THROWING THE
ESTIMATED TIME
OF DEATH...



SO SHE DROWNED
KAWASHIMA-SAN!
AN UNNATURAL DEATH
WOULD FORCE THEM
TO STAY ON THE
MAINLAND TO PERFORM
AN AUTOPSY ON
THE BODY...

BUT THIS TRICK
WOULDN'T WORK UNLESS
SHE EXAMINED THE
BODY HERSELF...
THE AUTOPSY TEAM
FROM THE MAINLAND
WOULD INTERFERE...





ASOU KEIJI'S SON, ASOU SEIJI!!

YES! NARUMI SENSEI'S TRUE NAME IS SEIJI...



TO KEEP US FROM ASSUMING A WOMAN COULD BE A SUSPECT...

I SEE... SO THAT'S HOW SHE HAD THE STRENGTH TO DO IT...



Asai was probably the last name of his guardian...

B-BUT...



I THINK I KNOW WHERE SHE WENT!!

FIND HER!!



WHAT?! SHE RAN AWAY!!



I, INSPECTOR, THE CULPRIT IS MISSING!

SO IT WAS ALL TO AVENGE HER FATHER...



THE TSUKIKAGE ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTER!

TO THE PLACE WHERE ASOU KEIJI-SAN'S PIANO IS KEPT...





-COMMUNITY CENTER-



IT, IT CAN'T BE,
NARUMI
SENSEI WAS
PLANNING TO
DIE FROM THE
BEGINNING...

WE CAN'T DO
IT, INSPECTOR!!
IT'S LIKE SOMEONE
POURED GAS
ALL OVER THE
PLACE FIRST!



OTOU-SAN...

IT'S
OVER...



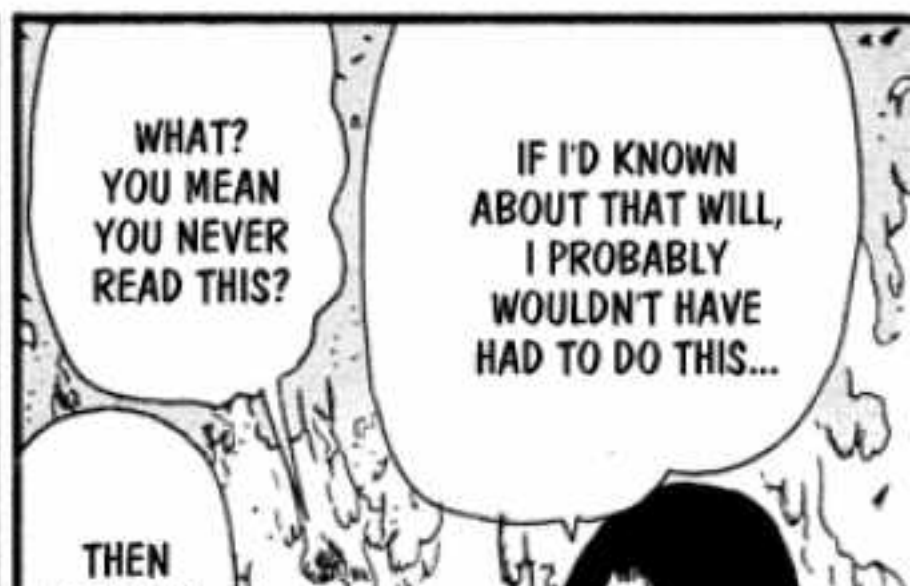
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IT'S NOT
OVER YET...



ALL
OVER...

PING

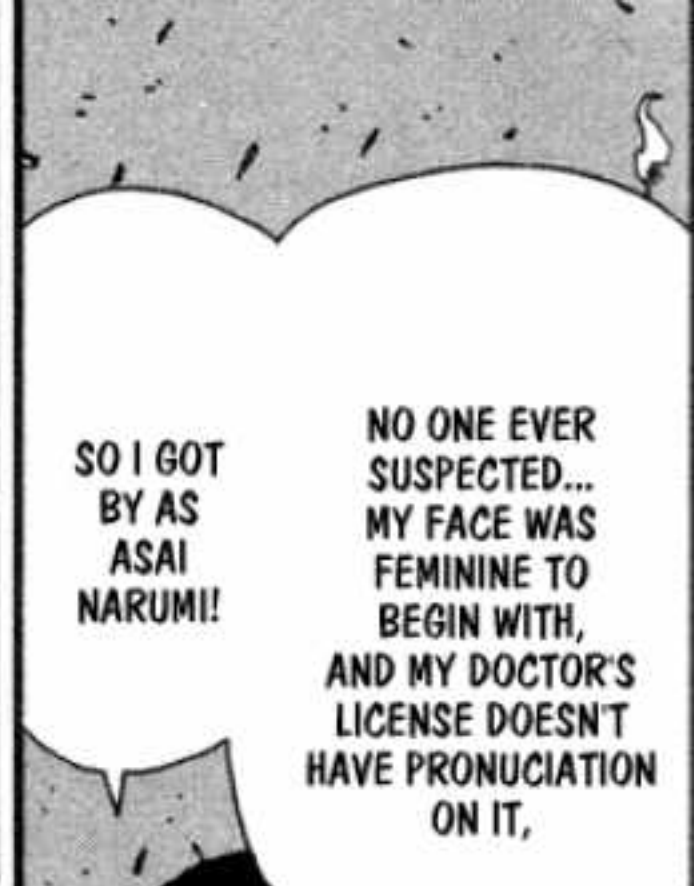




I SEE...
SO YOU STAYED
OUT ALL NIGHT
WITH US TO
DELAY YOUR
TURN...

THAT THEY MIGHT
SEARCH A BIT
AND FIND OUT
I WAS A MAN...

BUT I WAS
WORRIED
WHEN THEY
DID THE
INTERRO-
GATIONS...



SO I GOT
BY AS
ASAI
NARUMI!

NO ONE EVER
SUSPECTED...
MY FACE WAS
FEMININE TO
BEGIN WITH,
AND MY DOCTOR'S
LICENSE DOESN'T
HAVE PRONUCIATION
ON IT,



I DONT KNOW...
HE WAS KIND
OF A LECHER...

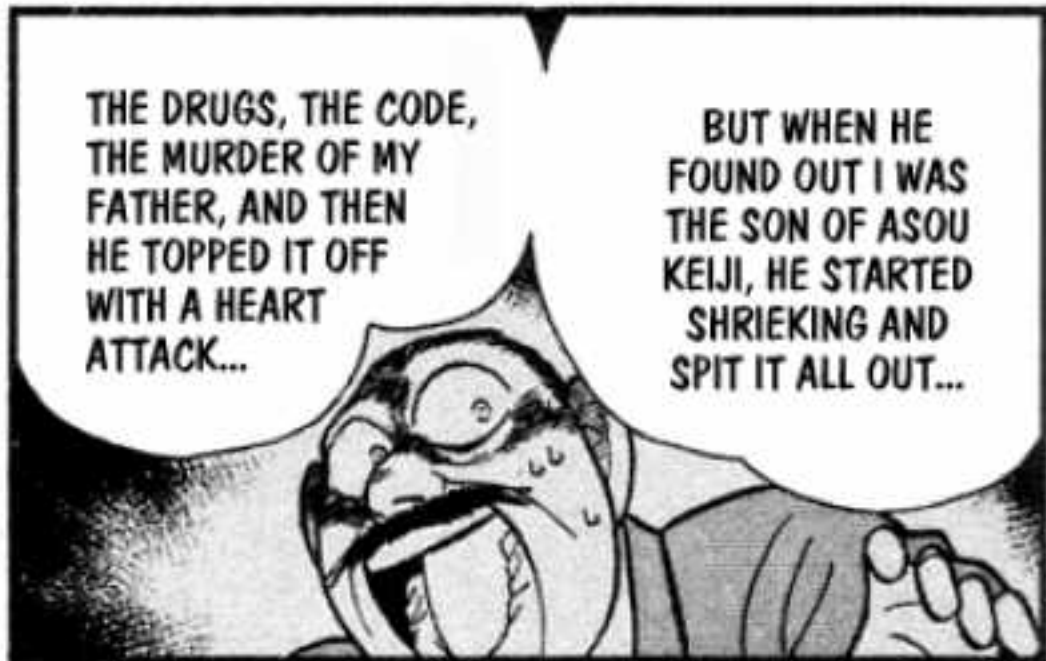
CALLED
YOU? WHY?

I LEARNED THE FULL
STORY OF MY FATHER'S
DEATH 2 YEARS AGO,
WHEN THE PREVIOUS
MAYOR KAMEYAMA
CALLED ME HERE!



WHEN I SAT
BY HIS BODY
AND PLAYED
MY FATHER'S
BELOVED
'MOONLIGHT'
AS A FUNERAL
PIECE...

THAT WAS
THE TIME...
WHEN I
THOUGHT
OF THESE
MURDERS...



THE DRUGS, THE CODE,
THE MURDER OF MY
FATHER, AND THEN
HE TOPPED IT OFF
WITH A HEART
ATTACK...

BUT WHEN HE
FOUND OUT I WAS
THE SON OF ASOU
KEIJI, HE STARTED
SHRIEKING AND
SPIT IT ALL OUT...

SFX: Cough Cough 15



WE CAN
STILL...

COME ON,
LETS GET
OUT OF HERE,
SEIJI-SAN...



BUT I GOT PANICKED
WHEN HE TRIED
TO DESTROY MY
FATHER'S MUSIC
SHEETS...

I WAS GOING
TO HAVE
NISHIMOTO'S
SUICIDE BE
PERFECT
AS WELL...



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HE APPARENTLY HAD GREAT RESPECT FOR THE PIANIST ASOU KEIJI, AND HAD REPAIRED THE PIANO FROM TIME TO TIME...

HE HAD BEEN IN THE CENTER THAT NIGHT BECAUSE HE HEARD THE PIANO WOULD BE DISPOSED OF SOON, AND HE WANTED TO TUNE IT ONE LAST TIME...

IN THE MORNING MURASAWA-SAN AWOKE AND TOLD US ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED WHEN HE WAS ATTACKED...

THE CENTER BURNED UNTIL DAWN, UNTIL THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT...



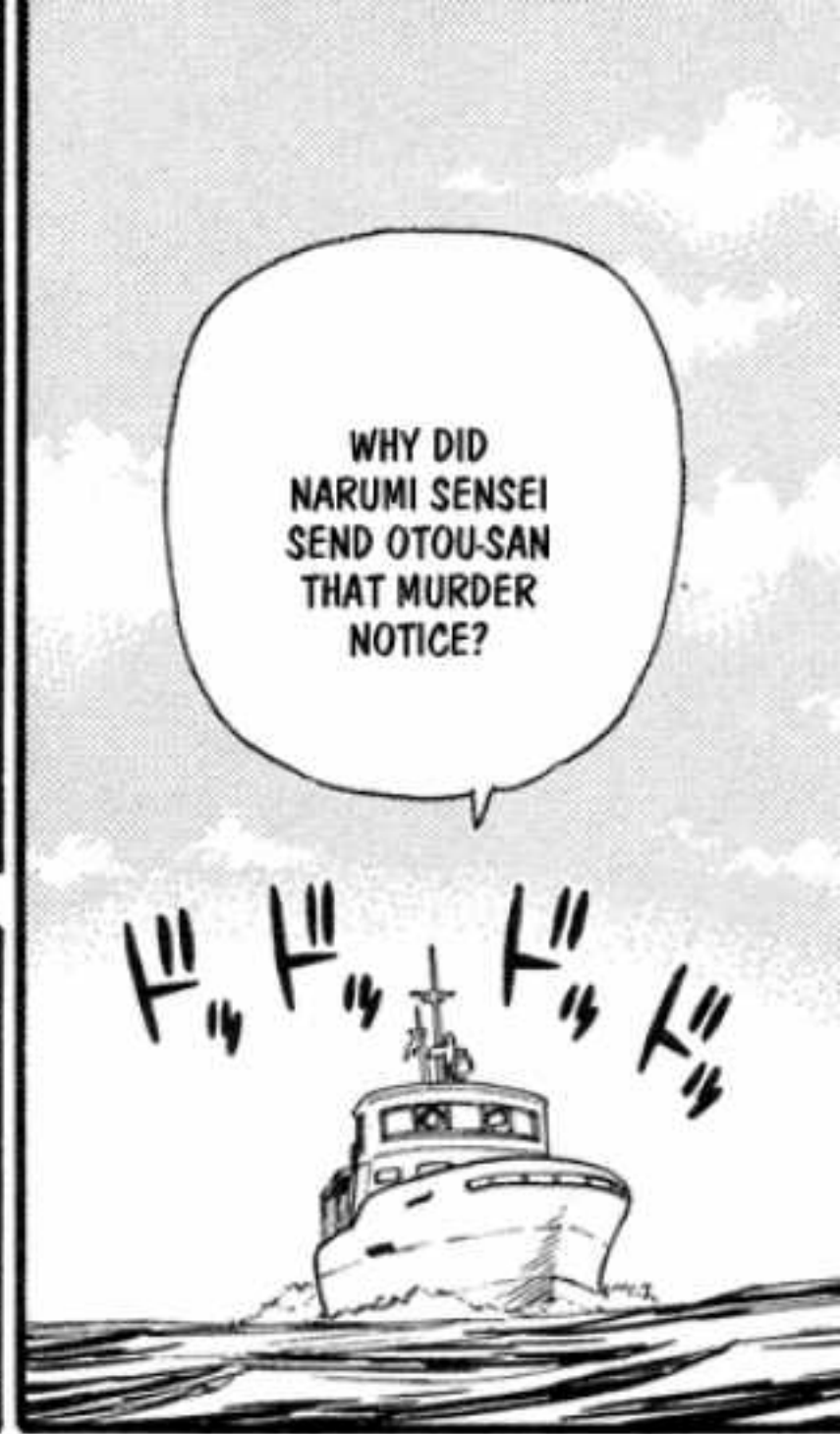
AS HIRATA-SAN'S EXAMINATION CONTINUED, WE GOT ON A BOAT AND LEFT TSUKIKAGE ISLAND BEHIND US...

A LARGE AMOUNT OF COCAINE WAS SEIZED FROM HIRATA-SAN'S HOUSE, AND HE WAS ARRESTED...



KUWA...

I GUESS IT WAS A CHALLENGE TO HIM AFTER ALL...



WHY DID NARUMI SENSEI SEND OTOU-SAN THAT MURDER NOTICE?



STOPPED FROM MURDERING...

SHE PROBABLY WANTED TO BE STOPPED...



NO WAY, YOU LOOK LIKE YOU DIDN'T!

OH, I FORGOT IT COMPLETELY...



EH?

SO, WHAT WAS THAT CODE NARUMI SENSEI PLAYED?

18 Little Detective Thank you



TANTISAN
CHISANA

TELL ME, YOU FORWARD YOUNG MAN!

OW!

ARIGATONA