

Case 1:
A "talking" cloth...





THE MESSAGE
LEFT BY THE
VICTIM IS
CLEAR!

NO
DOUBT!!



SO THAT'S
THE MUR-
DERER!

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MR.
KOGO-
RO!

DID
YOU
SEE,
ON THE
SOFA,
THE...



...PUT IT
BACK TO
ITS ORIGI-
NAL PLACE,
ON THE
SOFA...

...AND TAKE
CARE OF
KOGORO



FIRST
OF ALL,
TAKE THIS
LIGHTER...





TIED AND STABBED MR. OYAMA!!

I'VE JUST FIGURED OUT WHO...



WHO IS IT? WHO IS IT? TELL US! IS HE HERE?

COOL!!

WHAT?



YES, YOU FOUR ONLY!

AND ONLY YOU FOUR KNEW THAT PROFESSOR OYAMA WATCHED TELEVISION ALONE...

YES! WE THINK THE CRIME TOOK PLACE BETWEEN 9:30 PM AND 10:00 PM



YOU HAVE A TICKET ON WHICH THE TIME IS PRINTED ON.

YOU, MR. TOBITA, YOU WENT "NIGHT SKIING" BETWEEN 9 AND 10 PM...



SO ONLY MR. KANAZAWA WHO WAS TAKING A BATH AND MISS NAKAHARA WHO WENT SHOPPING ARE LEFT.

YOU WERE ALONE FOR ONLY 3 MINUTES. A MURDER LIKE THIS ONE IS IMPOSSIBLE IN SO LITTLE TIME.

YOU, MISS EZUMI, WERE HERE WITH RAN AND CONAN.

EVEN IF THE TICKET IS ANONYMOUS I THINK THAT IF YOU DIDN'T GO, IT WOULD BE EASY TO CHECK WITH THE SKI STATION...
YOU SAY YOU CAME BACK EARLIER BECAUSE OF THE STARTING BLIZZARD...

BECAUSE OF THAT I BELIEVE YOU.

AND YOU KNOW I BROUGHT BACK THE FOOD YOU GUYS ASKED FOR...

I TOLD YOU IT TAKES APPROXIMATELY 40 MINUTES BACK AND FOURTH FROM THE STORE!

WAIT A MINUTE!!

SO TELL ME HOW MUCH IT COSTED?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT I DID WITH IT!

HUH?

SO WHAT HAPPENED TO THE RECEIPT?

NO, YOU DIDN'T FORGET...

YES, IT HAPPENS!

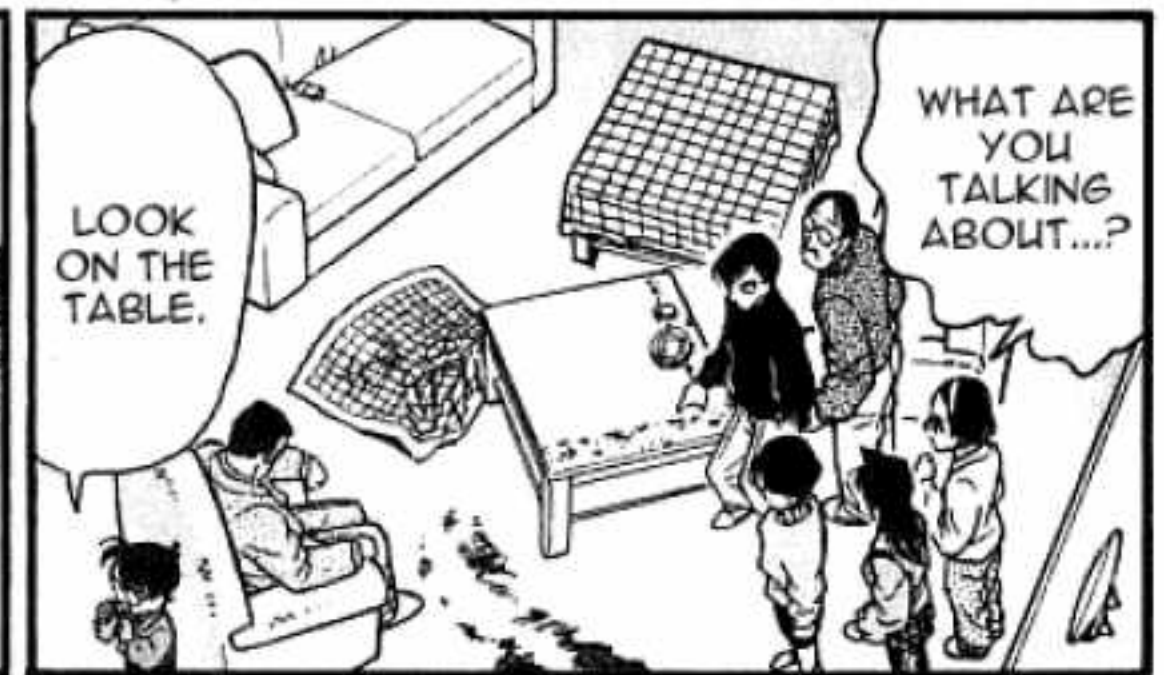
SO? YOU JUST CAME BACK AND YOU'VE ALREADY FORGOTTEN?

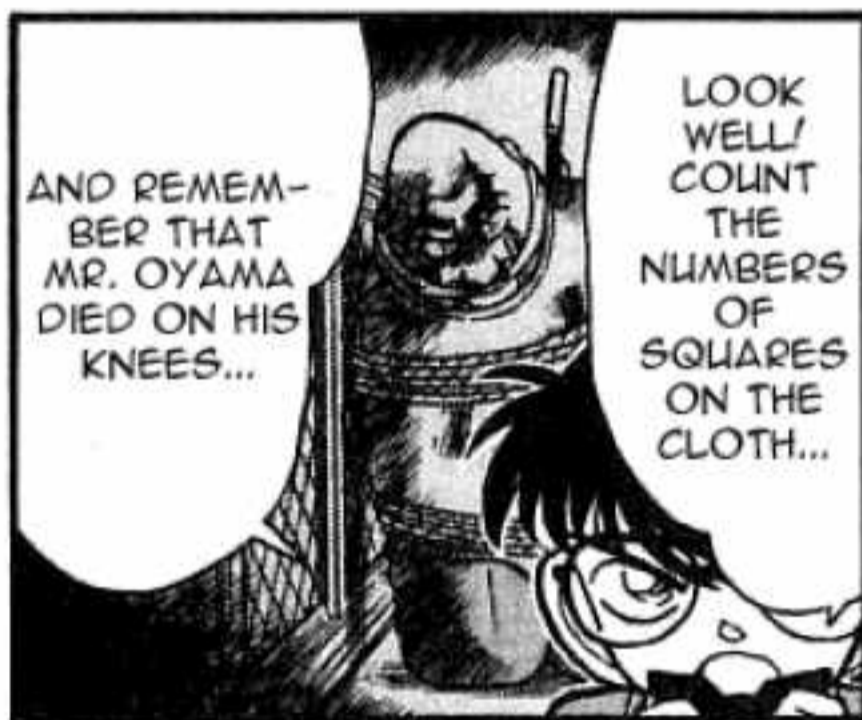
HM...

YOU DON'T KNOW, IT'S DIFFERENT.











WHEN YOU BUY SOMETHING IN A STORE THEY ALWAYS GIVE YOU A RECEIPT NO?







WITH WEIRD COINCIDENCE, EACH OF YOUR NAMES CONTAINS AN IDEOGRAM WHICH CAN BE FOUND ON SHOGI PAWNS

	OYAMA MASASHI.		KING
	KANAZAWA TOMOYASU.		GOLDEN GENERAL
	TOBITA GINJI.		ROOK AND SILVER GENERAL
	EZUMI KAHO.		BISHOP AND PAWN
	NAKAHARA KAORI.		LANCE


M.OYAMA WAS ON HIS KNEES AND PLACED THE CLOTH TO MAKE A 9X9 "BOARD" BECAUSE HE WANTED TO EVOKE THE GAME OF SHOGI!!

ON THE BOARD...

SO... ALL YOU NEED IS TO PLACE THE PAWN...

FOR THE EXCEPTION OF THE CHARACTERS WHICH HAVE THE HORSE ON THEM, ALL THE PAWNS WERE THERE!

WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT, IT'S TRUE OYAMA OFTEN SAID WE WERE MISSING A HORSE...

 HORSE

TRY NOT LEAVING YOUR PRINTS ON IT.

YES!

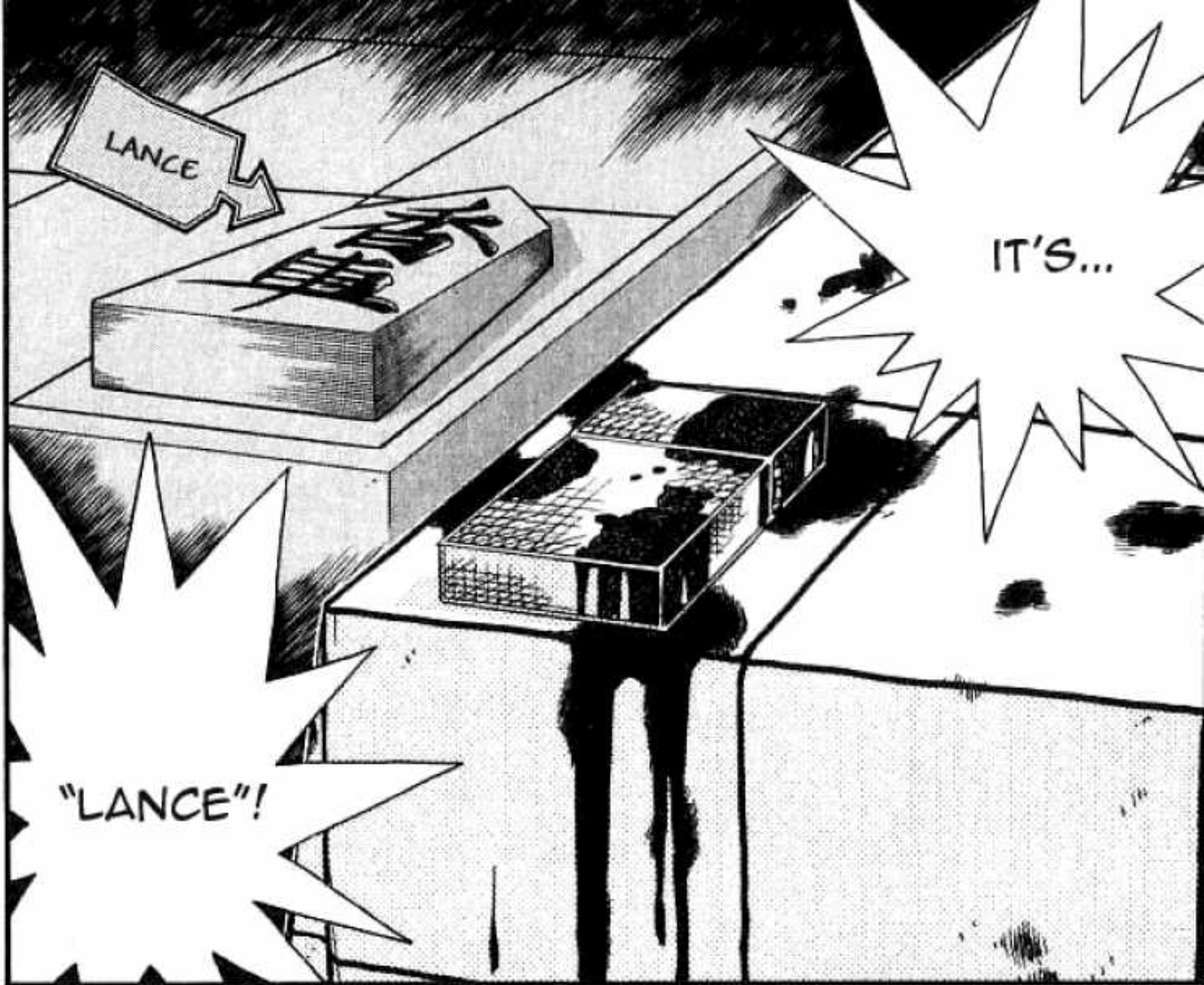
RAN! COULD YOU PLACE THE LIGHTER ON THE CLOTH AND THEN PUT IT ON THE SOFA?



THE PAWN DESIGNATING THE AGRES-SOR!!!

THE RIGHT SPACE IS WHERE THE TRACES STOP.

YOU CAN'T GET IT WRONG, ONLY ONE PLACE ON THE CLOTH CORRESPONDS TO THE SHAPE OF THE LIGHTER.



LANCE

IT'S...

"LANCE"!



THIS MESSAGE IS FOR YOU!!!

MISS NAKA-HARA!



YES, IT'S THE STARTING PLACE OF THE LANCE PAWN IN SHOGI...



THEREFORE IT'S THIS PART THAT'S NEAR THE END OF THE TABLE, EVERYTHING THEN BECOMES CLEAR.

IT'S THE ONLY PLACE WHERE THE BLOOD STREAKED, MAKING LINEAR TRACES!




LOOK WELL!

BUT HOW COULD YOU KNOW THIS BEFORE PUTTING THE CLOTH?



AND IT'S YOU THAT THIS PAWN IS POINTING AT...



THE MURDERER PROBABLY DID THAT TO ACCUSE ME...

WHAT PROVES IT, IS A MESSAGE LEFT BY PROFESSOR OYAMA?



BUT...

OH, I SEE...



YOU THINK?

UNLESS THE CLOTH JUST SLID AND THE LIGHTER WAS JUST THERE...




NO! I DIDN'T TOUCH ANYTHING!!

BECAUSE IT'S YOU, RIGHT?



NO...

IT'S PROBABLY THE ASSASIN, WHEN MR. OYAMA FOUGHT...



SO WHY DID YOU REMOVE THE CLOTH?

HOWEVER, THE CLOTH WAS REMOVED AND THE LIGHTER THROWN ON THE SOFA...

IF IT WAS A RUSE BY THE MURDERER TO GET YOU ACCUSED, HE WOULD HAVE MADE IT MORE EASIER TO FIND.

IT'S PROBABLY THE AGRESSOR THAT, WHEN RETURNING TO THE CRIME SCENE, REMOVED THE CLOTH AND THE LIGHTER.

THAT'S BECAUSE THE CLOTH AND THE LIGHTER WERE MOVED AFTER THE BLOOD WAS DRY.

ALSO THE LIGHTER LEFT NO TRACES ON THE SOFA.

LIKE YOU CAN SEE THE TRACE OF THE BLOOD IS VERY CLEAR,

YOU!

IN FACT, PROBABLY THE PERSON WHO DISCOVERED THE BODY!

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BUT THAT'S WHEN YOU NOTICED...

AAARGH

THIS DONE, YOU YELLED.

AND YOU PRE-TEXTED GOING TO SEE WHAT MR.OYAMA WAS DOING TO ASSURE YOURSELF THAT HE WAS DEAD.

ME BEING A DETECTIVE PROBABLY WORRIED YOU...

AND YOU UNDERSTOOD HE LEFT A MESSAGE!

THAT THE PROFFESOR ON HIS KNEES WASN'T IN A NATURAL POSE...



WAS FOUND ON THE SOFA...

THAT'S WHY THE LIGHTER...



SO YOU QUICKLY SWIPED THE CLOTH AND LIGHTER AWAY.

SINCE WE WERE COMING RUNNING, YOU HAD TO ACT FAST.



KAORI...

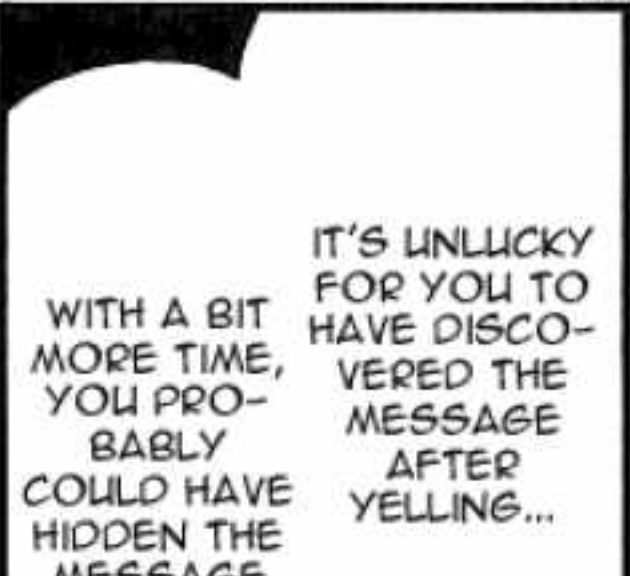
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AM I MISTAKEN, MISS KAORI NAKAHARA?



YOU CLAIMED THESE PRODUCTS WEREN'T IN THE STORE. IT'S POSSIBLE FOR THE SALAD, BUT UNLIKELY FOR THE ICE CREAM...

ANOTHER THING, ON THE GROCERY LIST WAS ICE CREAM AND SALAD.



WITH A BIT MORE TIME, YOU PROBABLY COULD HAVE HIDDEN THE MESSAGE BETTER...

IT'S UNLUCKY FOR YOU TO HAVE DISCOVERED THE MESSAGE AFTER YELLING...



ENOUGH...

IF YOU DID...

I WOULD HAVE PROBABLY BELIEVED YOUR ALIBI...



IT WASN'T THAT THE STORE RAN OUT, BUT THAT YOU DIDN'T BUY IT IN ADVANCE.

THAT'S WHAT PUT ME ON THE TRACK.





KAORI...

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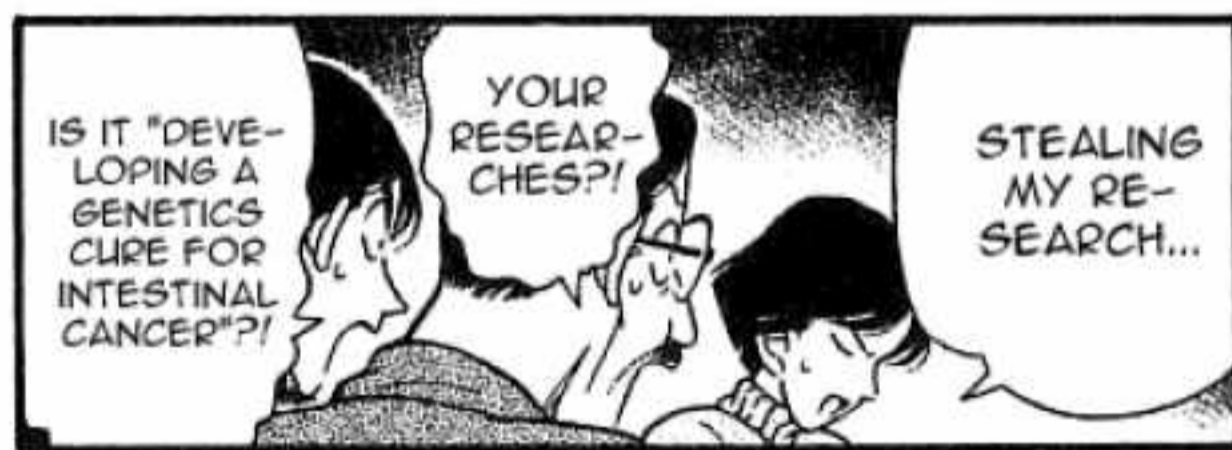
ENOUGH!!! I TOLD YOU IT WAS ENOUGH!



OUR PROFESOR, MASASHI OYAMA!!

YES...

I KILLED HIM...



IS IT "DEVELOPING A GENETICS CURE FOR INTESTINAL CANCER"?!

YOUR RESEARCHES?!

STEALING MY RESEARCH...

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THE RESULT OF SIX YEARS OF PASSIONATE RESEARCH!

YES! HE TOOK IT!



YES, I RESPECTED HIM LIKE I DID MY FATHER..

WHY KAORI?! I THOUGHT YOU TWO WERE GOOD FRIENDS?! NO?

IT'S BECAUSE OF THAT I COULDN'T FORGIVE HIM...



A MEMORY ...

A MEMORY I WROTE IN REMEMBRANCE OF MY DEAD FATHER...



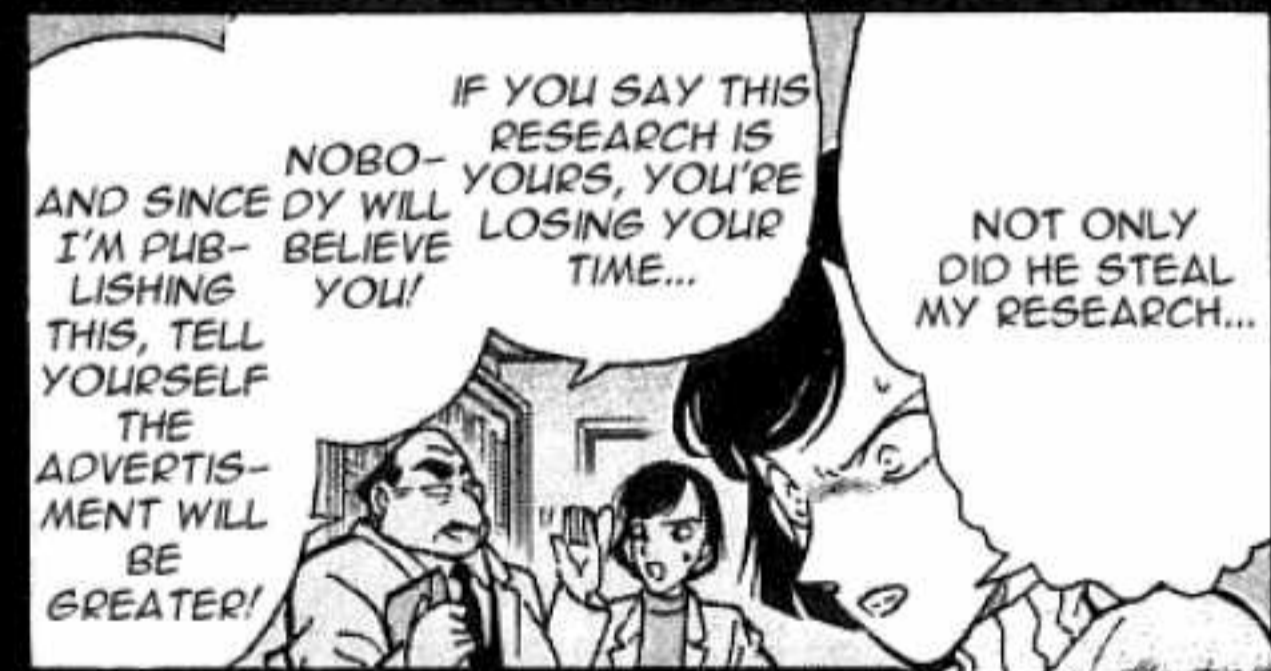
YES...



FROM INTESTINAL CANCER.

YES... MY FATHER DIED WHEN I WAS A KID...

HUH?



AND SINCE I'M PUBLISHING THIS, TELL YOURSELF THE ADVERTISEMENT WILL BE GREATER!

NOBODY WILL BELIEVE YOU!

IF YOU SAY THIS RESEARCH IS YOURS, YOU'RE LOSING YOUR TIME...

NOT ONLY DID HE STEAL MY RESEARCH...



HAHAHAHAHA!

I'M SURE YOUR DAD WILL LOVE THIS ADVERTISEMENT!



I BECAME A DOCTOR AND THOROUGHLY RESEARCHED INTESTINAL CANCER...

SO THAT IT WOULDN'T HAPPEN ANYMORE LIKE IT DID WITH MY DAD.



THIS MAN WHO DIRTIED MY FATHER'S MEMORY AND THE RESEARCH I LOVED...

WAY TO KILL HIM WITH THE GREATEST SUFFERING: BY PENETRATING HIS LUNGS.

THIS DAY, I DECIDED ON A PLAN TO KILL HIM.



AND I COULDN'T KNOW THAT A BRILLIANT DETECTIVE WOULD COME HERE!



I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT THAT...

I HAD IT PERFECTLY PLANNED, EXCEPT THAT HE WOULD LEAVE A MESSAGE...



SO THEN WHY...?

I DIDN'T LIE WHEN I SAID THERE WAS NO SALAD BUT I DID BUY THE ICE CREAM...



IT CONCERNS THE SALAD AND THE ICE CREAM!

HUH?



THERE'S AN ERROR IN YOUR LOGIC...

THIS SAID MR. DETECTIVE...

