



I TOLD YOU NOT TO TAKE THIS MOUNTAIN PATH, DIDN'T I?!

**FILE 8:**  
**The fasting room.**



OH, ENOUGH ALREADY! I THOUGHT IT WAS A SHORTCUT!

NOT ONLY DID WE GET LOST, WE ALSO HAVE A FLAT TIRE ...  
EVEN THOUGH WE GOT TO SEE THE BEAUTIFUL CHERRY BLOSSOMS, WE CAN'T TURN BACK NOW.



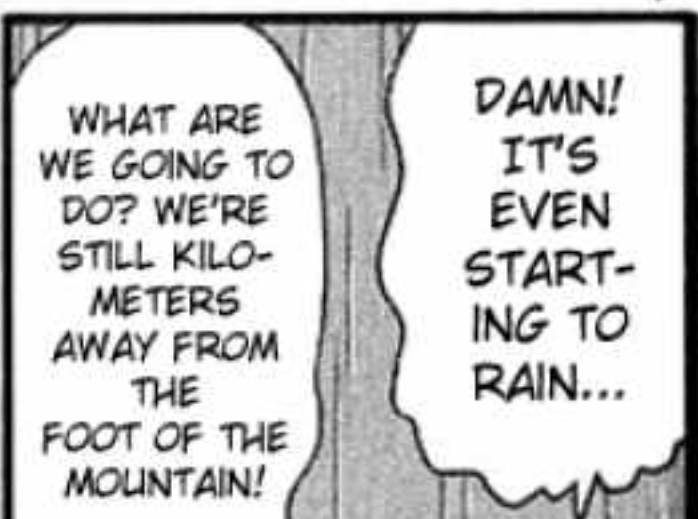
OH!

WHAT?!

...WE'LL HAVE TO SPEND THE NIGHT IN THE CAR...

AND THERE ISN'T A SINGLE SOUL WITHIN MILES...

I GUESS...



WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? WE'RE STILL KILOMETERS AWAY FROM THE FOOT OF THE MOUNTAIN!

DAMN! IT'S EVEN STARTING TO RAIN...



IT'S A TEMPLE!

LOOK... OVER THERE...



MAYBE THERE ARE PEOPLE AROUND HERE!



**FILE 8:**

**The fasting  
room.**







ARE YOU JOURNALISTS OR TV REPORTERS?

EH?

I WON'T LET MY GUARD DOWN JUST BECAUSE THERE'S A CHILD WITH YOU!



WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE...?

AAGGH!



ACTUALLY, WE'RE LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO STAY THE NIGHT...

GET OUT OF HERE! THIS IS NO PLACE FOR LAYMEN\*!!!

MY CAR BROKE DOWN AND...

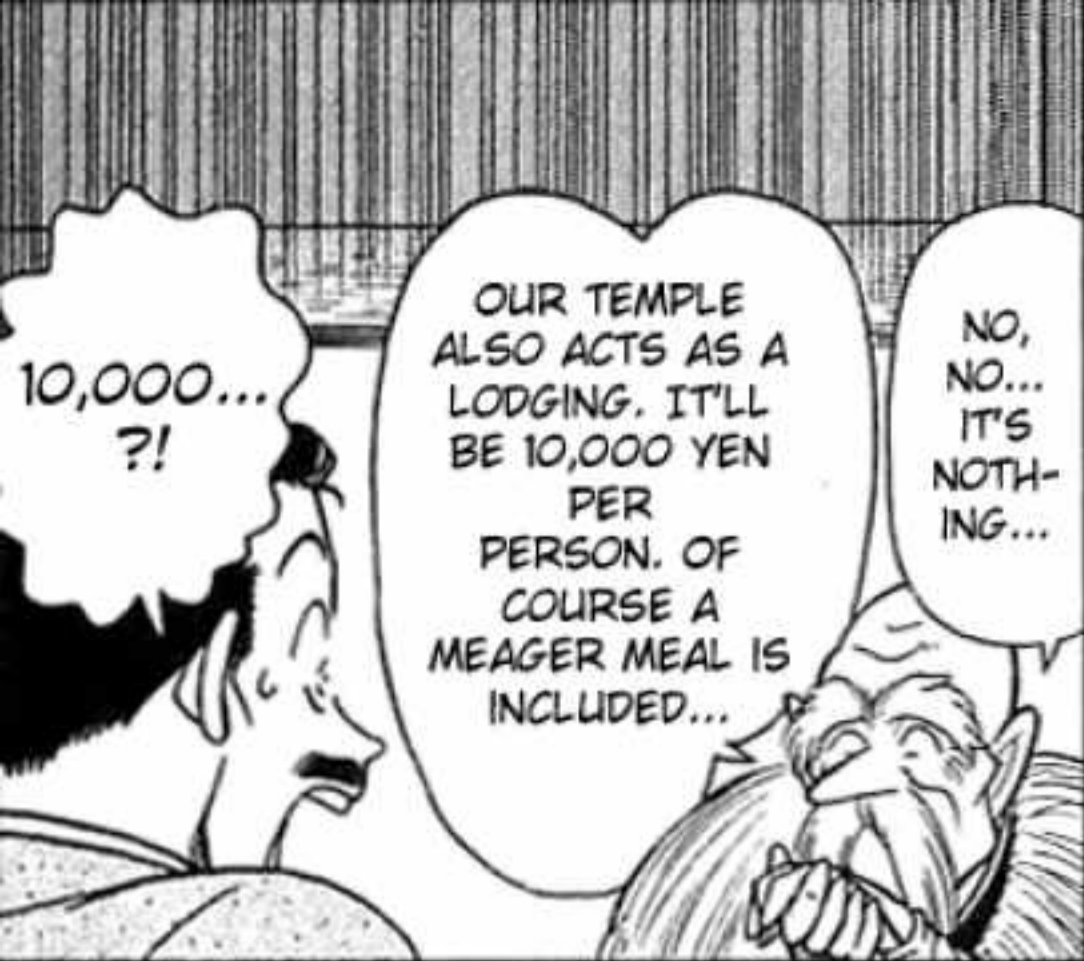


YES...

BUT IF IT BOTHERS YOU, IT'S NOT MUCH OF A PROBLEM ...

WHAT?! YOU WANT TO STAY HERE OVERNIGHT?!

\*TN: LAYMEN ARE "OUTSIDERS", PEOPLE WHO ARE NEITHER MONKS NOR DISCIPLES OF THE TEMPLE.



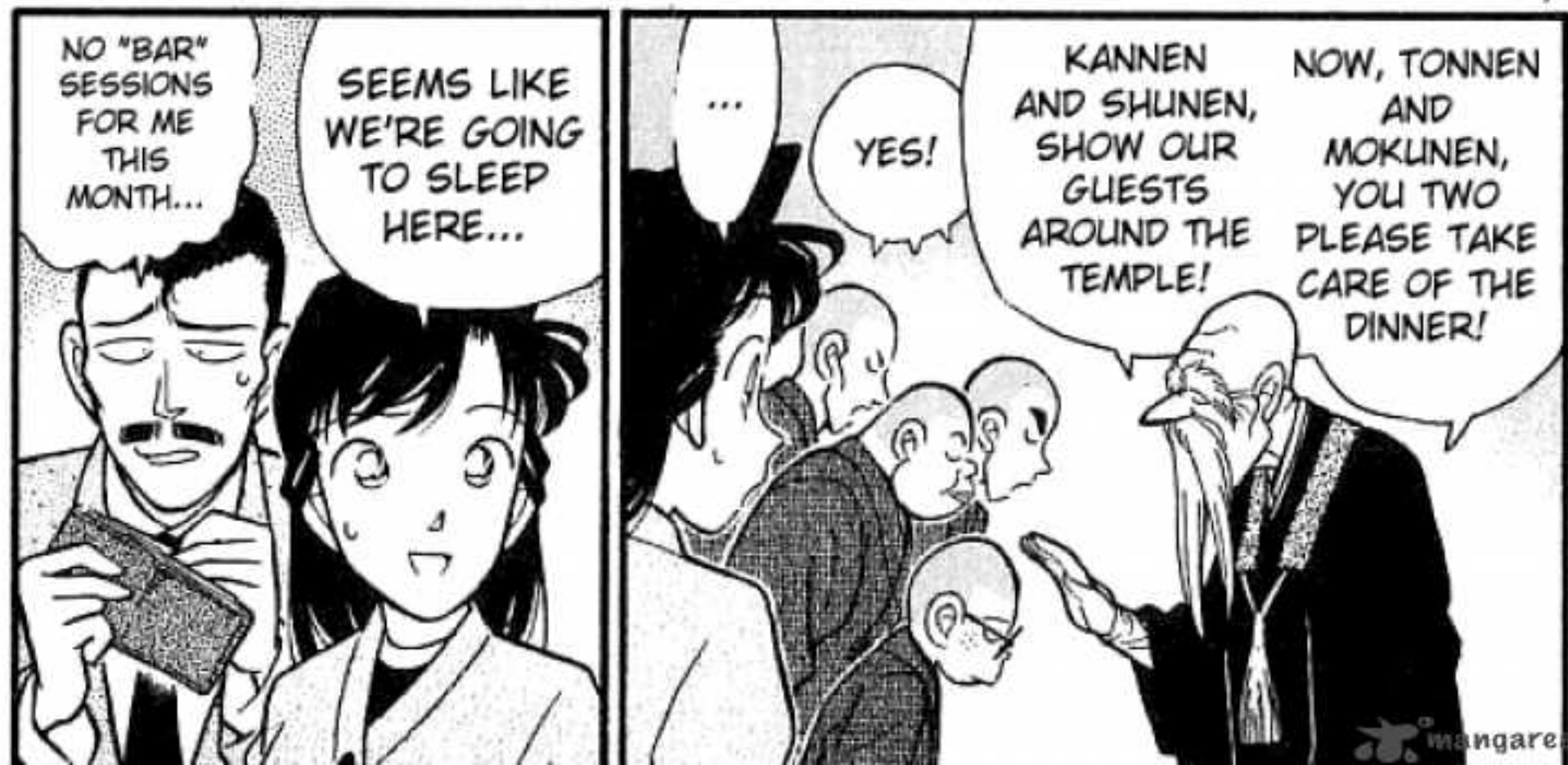
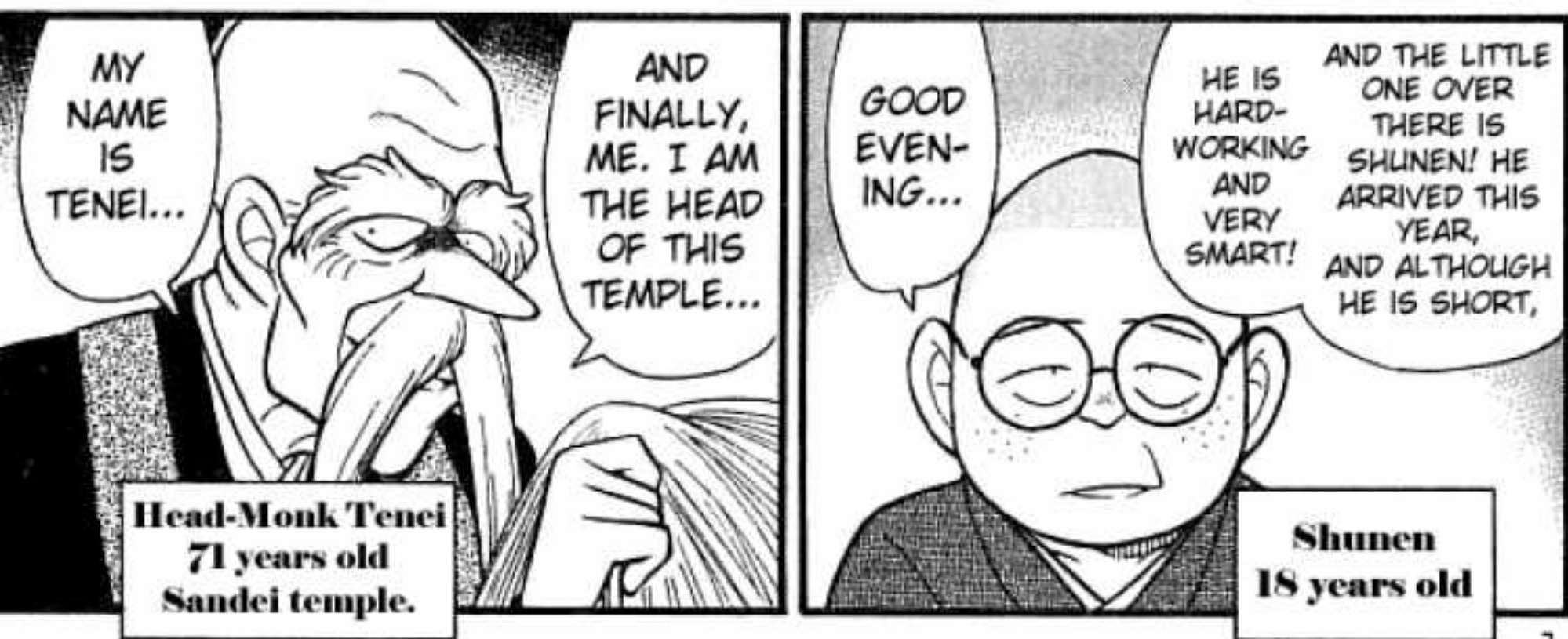
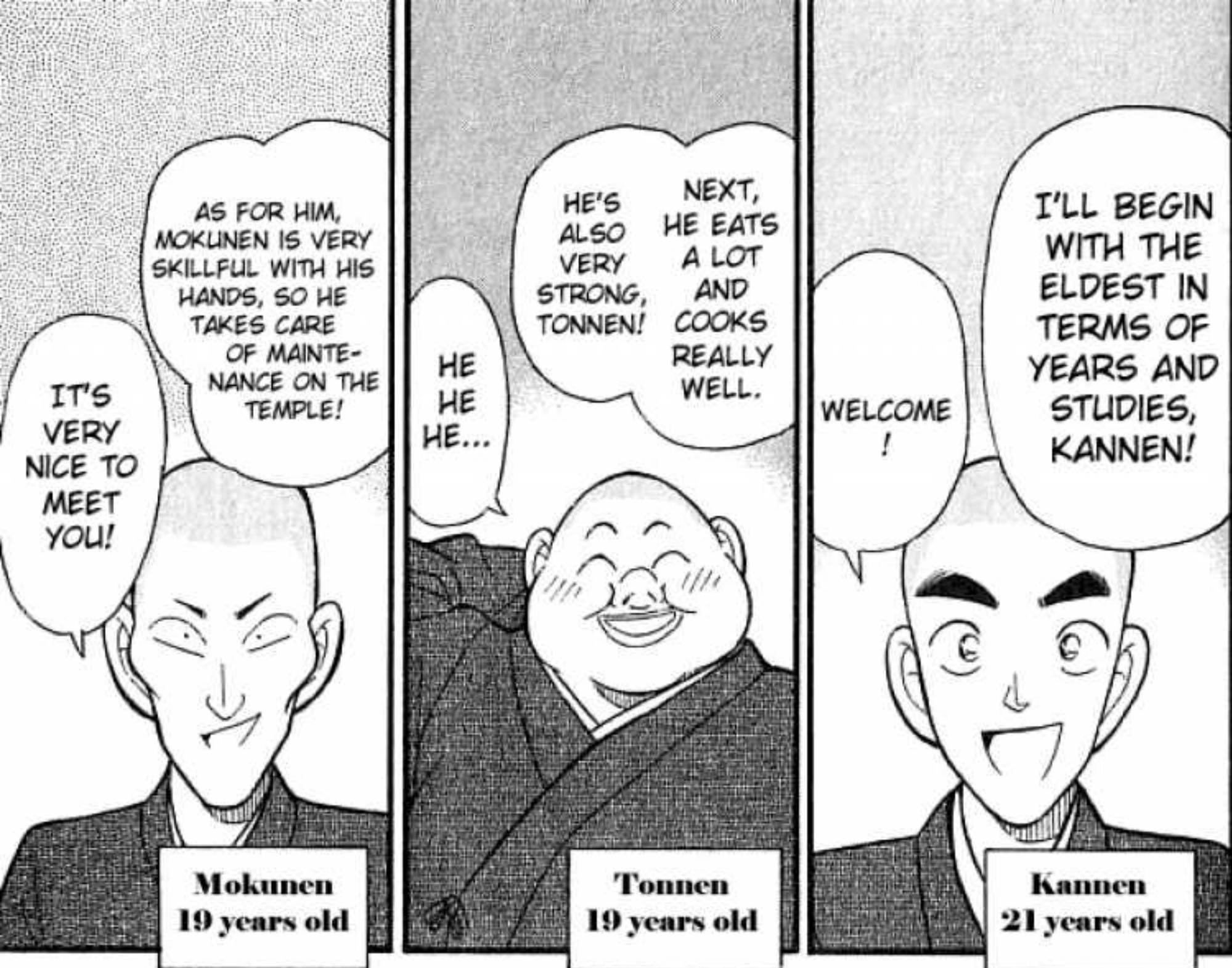


\*TN: THE TENGU OF THE MIST, A DEMON WITH A LONG NOSE. PRETTY WELL KNOWN IN JAPAN. MORE EXPLAINED LATER IN THE CHAPTER.



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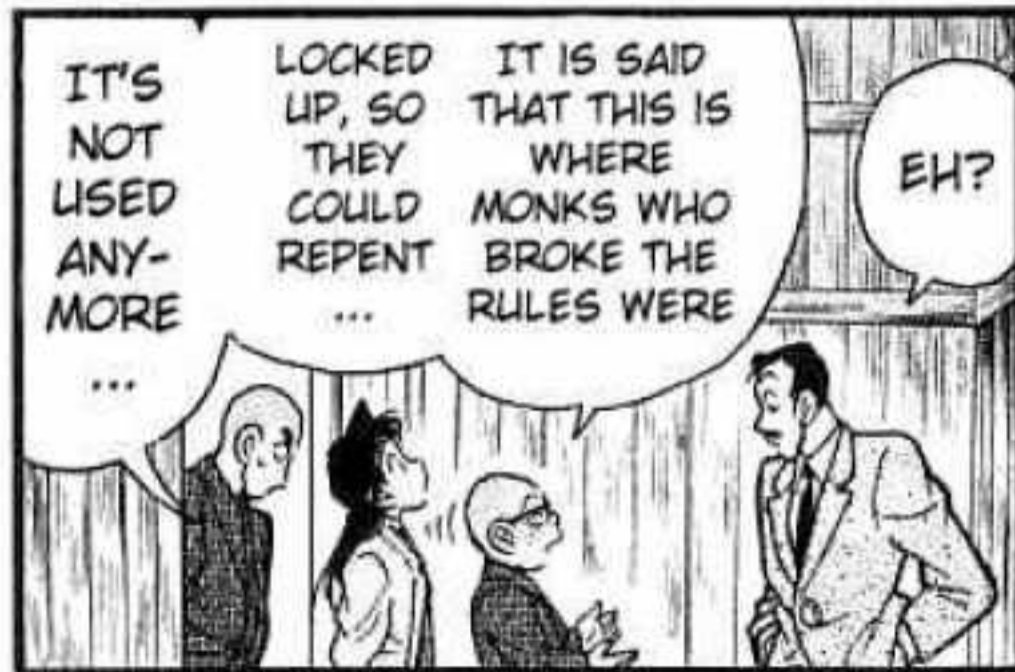
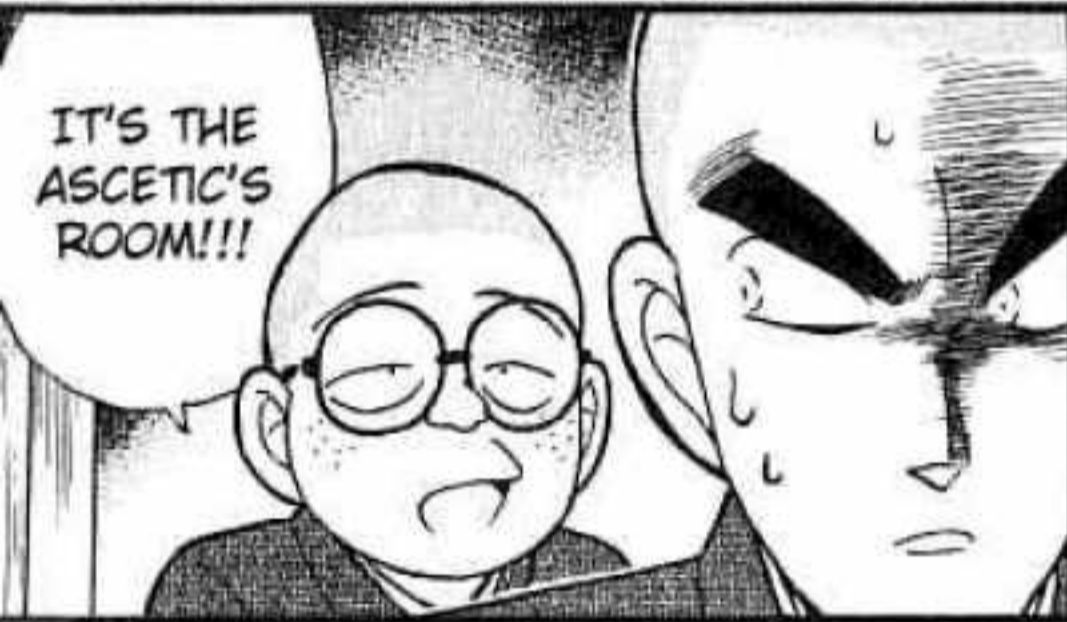








\*EN: DESHI LITERALLY MEANS "DISCIPLE". MUST ADMIT IT DOES FLOW MORE. #D







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BRRRR

WOAAH!  
SUPERB  
!!!



CHERRY  
BLOSSOM  
PETALS?

LOOK!



FLOP  
FLOP

WATCH  
YOUR  
STEP!

WE USED  
WOODEN BOARDS  
TO PREVENT  
PEOPLE FROM  
SLIPPING, BUT  
IT'S  
STILL DANGER-  
OUS...



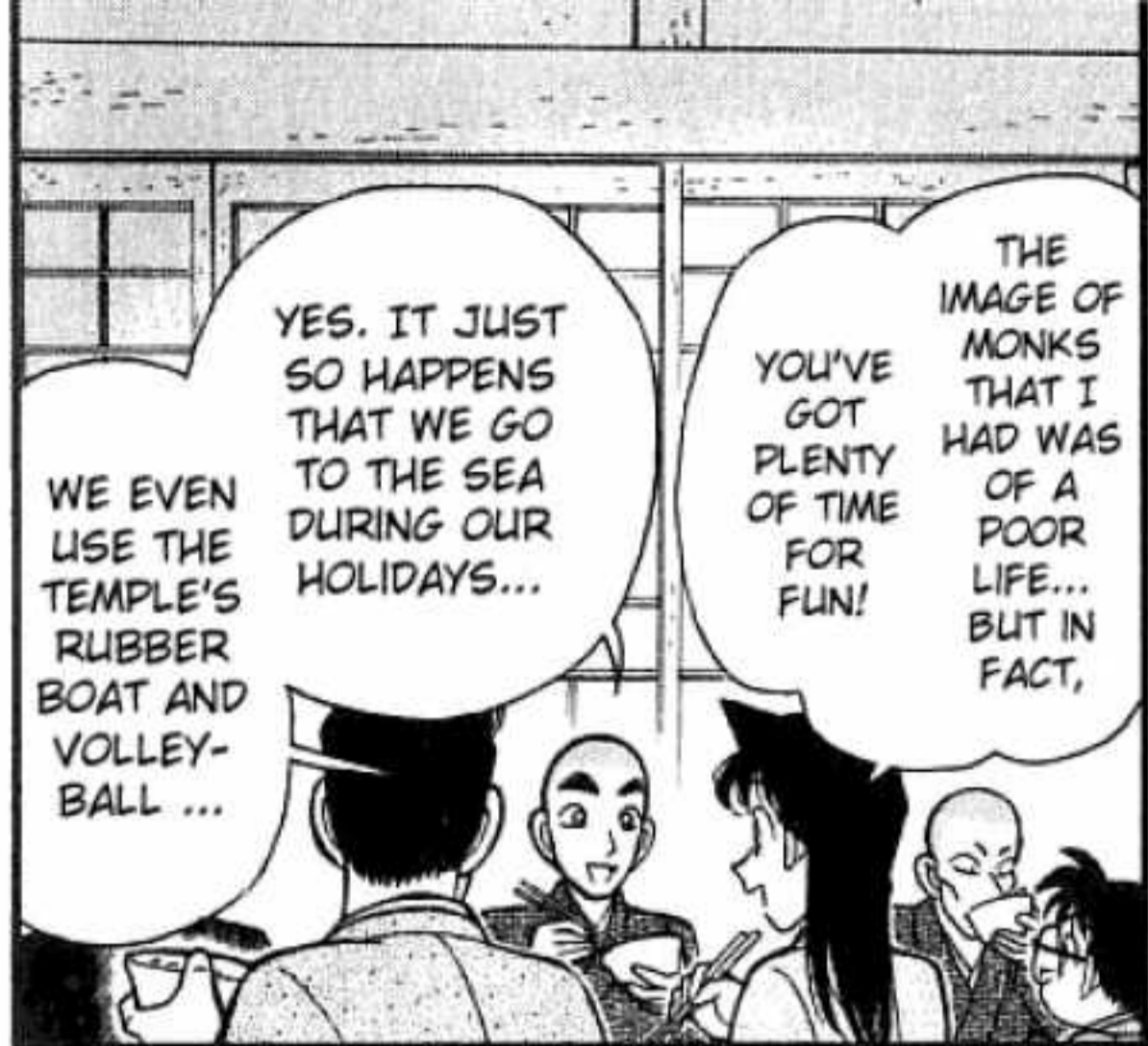
AS  
DINNER  
WILL  
SOON  
BE  
SERVED  
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I  
SUGG-  
EST WE  
GO  
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SO  
NICE...

YES...  
DRAGGED  
BY THE  
CURRENT,  
THEY COME  
FROM THE  
CHERRY  
BLOSSOM  
TREES AT  
THE TOP OF  
THE MOUN-  
TAIN...



WE EVEN USE THE TEMPLE'S RUBBER BOAT AND VOLLEY-BALL ...

YES. IT JUST SO HAPPENS THAT WE GO TO THE SEA DURING OUR HOLIDAYS...

YOU'VE GOT PLENTY OF TIME FOR FUN!

THE IMAGE OF MONKS THAT I HAD WAS OF A POOR LIFE... BUT IN FACT,



OH REALLY...



THERE'S SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN BUGGING ME FOR AWHILE ...

GOD! YOU SHOULDN'T BE TALKING ABOUT THINGS LIKE THAT!!

I'LL TELL YOU THAT EVEN THE HEAD-MONK ISN'T LEFT INDIFFERENT AT THE SIGHT OF YOUNG GIRLS IN BIKINIS!



WHAT IS THIS "TENGLU OF THE MIST" ANYWAYS?



IT'S NOTHING KID... JUST AN OLD SUPERSTITION...

SEN-SEI!

PARDON ME, BUT I ACCIDENTALLY LET IT SLIP ...

WHO TOLD YOU ABOUT THIS, KIDDO?!



EH?



SEIZES THE CORPSES AND EATS THEIR FLESH... IT'S A DEMON FROM ANCIENT TIMES ...

IT GLIDES THROUGH THE AIR, CLIMBS TO THE TOP OF A TREE, SEIZES

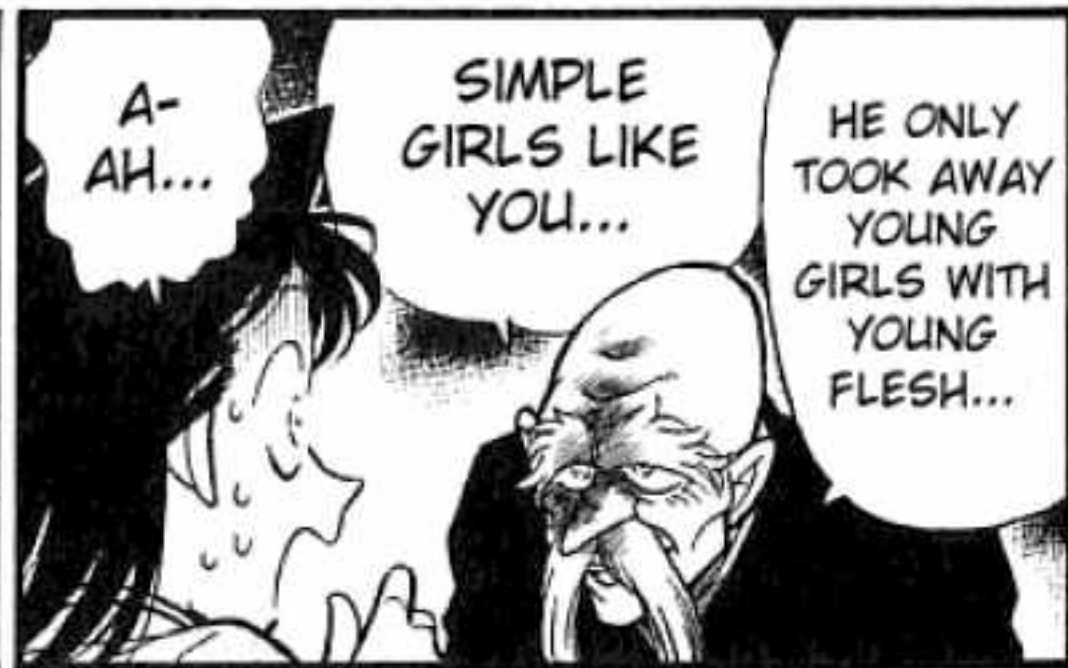
DURING RAINY DAYS, THE TENGU ENTERS VILLAGES LIKE A FOG...

AND WITH DIVINE STRENGTH, BREAKS THROUGH WALLS AND KIDNAPS PEOPLE...



BUT IN THE END, IT'S JUST A LEGEND!

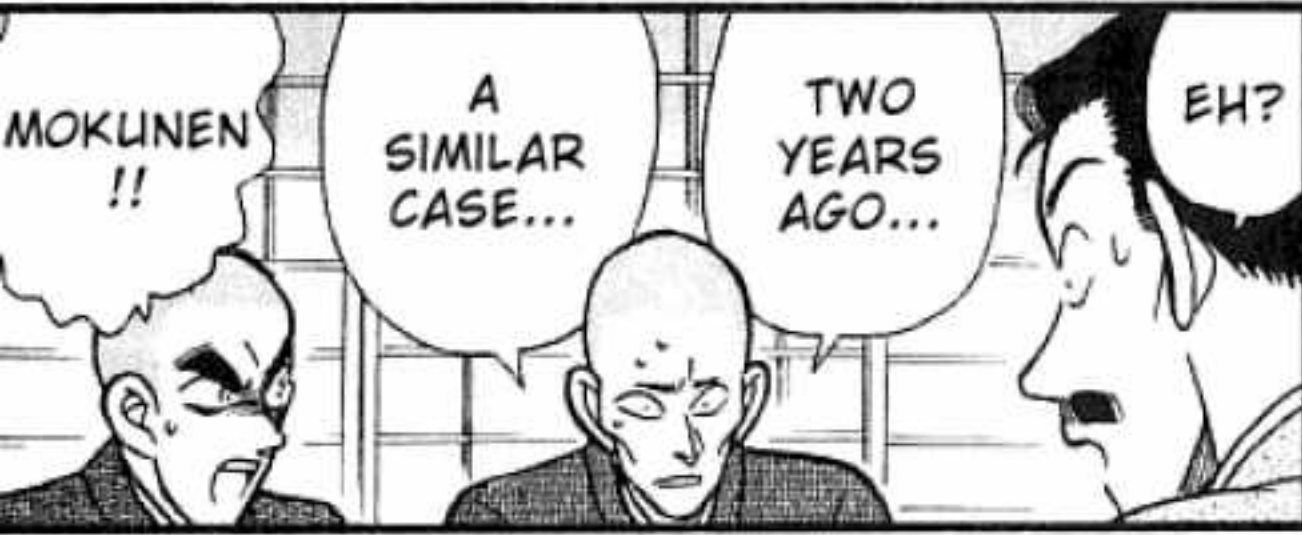
OBVIOUSLY!



A-AH...

SIMPLE GIRLS LIKE YOU...

HE ONLY TOOK AWAY YOUNG GIRLS WITH YOUNG FLESH...



MOKUNEN !!

A SIMILAR CASE...

TWO YEARS AGO...

EH?



BUT, IT'S NOT A LEGEND AS SUCH...



MAYBE YOU COULD UNDERSTAND SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

YOU ARE THE FAMOUS DETECTIVE KOGORO MOURI!



HEY, MISTER KOGORO, DON'T YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT IT?



KOGORO  
MOURI  
?!

KO...



IN FACT,  
TWO YEARS  
AGO, A  
YOUNG  
MONK...

PLEASE  
LISTEN TO  
THIS  
STORY!

WITH YOU  
AROUND, NO  
MYSTERY  
REMAINS  
UNSOLVED!

THE  
FAMOUS  
DETECTIVE  
MOURI?!



DINNER'S  
OVER!  
PREPARE  
THE BEDS  
AND GET  
BACK TO  
YOUR  
ROOMS!!

BUT,  
SENSEI...

HAVE YOU  
FORGOTTEN  
ALREADY  
THAT WE  
PROMISED  
OURSELVES  
NOT TO  
TALK ABOUT  
THIS  
ANYMORE??



ENOUGH  
!!  
CALM  
DOWN!!



EARLY  
TOMORROW  
MORNING!

MR. DETEC-  
TIVE, I WILL  
LEND YOU A  
ROOM, BUT  
PLEASE PART  
THIS PLACE

AH,  
ERR,  
NO...

.....



WHAT? I'M SCARED! IT HAPPENS, YOU KNOW!

SHE CAN'T GO TWO TO THE TOILET BY HERSELF ... SHE'S A BIG GIRL, BUT

TWO O'CLOCK! TWO O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING!

SHE'S A BIG GIRL, BUT

\*YAWN\*



THAT RAN... WAKING US UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT...



BAH...! WE WON'T FORCE THEM TO TELL US ABOUT IT IF THEY DON'T WANT TO!!

SAY... DOESN'T THAT STORY BUG YOU?



GAH...

SSSU

ARE WE TALKING ABOUT ME?



HM...

APP-EARED! ONE THING'S FOR SURE, IT'S NOT THE TENGU OF THE MIST THAT'S

AAAAAAA









WIFE

I'M ALRIGHT, BUT TONNEN COULDN'T GET BACK TO SLEEP...



YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SCREAMED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, RIGHT?!

AH, SORRY ...



HE PROBABLY JUST FELL ASLEEP ALL DRUNK IN ONE OF THE ROOMS...

KANNEN JUST WENT TO LOOK FOR HIM CAUSE HE WAS BEING LATE...

I DON'T SEE KANNEN AND THE HEAD MONK...



AAAAGH!!



THE TENGU ...

THE...

SHAT

KANNEN ?!



TAP TAP TAP



IT SEEMS AS THOUGH IT CAME FROM THE ASCETIC'S ROOM...

IT WAS KANNEN'S VOICE!!



THE TENGU  
OF THE  
MIST HAS  
STRUCK  
AGAIN!!!