

...IN THIS CASE,
THE MURDER
TOOK PLACE
IN AN ISOLATED
TEMPLE HIGH
UP IN THE
MOUNTAINS...

THE THEORY
OF IT BEING
A MURDER
REJECTED,
BECAUSE IT
IS CONSID-
ERED
UNREA-
LIZABLE...

...A CUNNING
DECEPTION
ACCOMPLISHED
BY THE
MURDERER ON
THE CRIME
SCENE...


FILE 10:

The Power of Levitation



...BUT
CONAN
WILL
PUT AN
END TO
THIS
MASQUE-
RADE!

...THE
POWER OF
ONLY ONE
MAN IS NOT
ENOUGH TO
ACHIEVE
SUCH A
FEAT...



...THE HEAD-
MONK HAS
BEEN FOUND
HANGING FROM
A HIGH BEAM
...



...FLYING
IN THE
AIR...

...BECAUSE
THE
MURDERER
MADE USE
OF A FORCE,
A FORCE
THAT ALLOWS
ONE TO
FLOAT IN
THE AIR...

...OF
COURSE,
NO TRACES
OF THE
SET-UP
ARE
VISIBLE...

FILE 10: The Power of Levitation



...JUST
LIKE THE
TENGU OF
THE MIST!

DETECTIVE
CONAN





IT'S A
VERY
DARING
STRATEGY!

NOW I
GET IT!



YOU WANT
ME TO BRING
YOU BACK
HOME WITH
A POLICE
CAR?

INSPECTOR,
IF I MAY
ASK YOU
A FAVOR
...

ALL THAT'S
LEFT IS TO
INFORM THE
POLICEMEN
BEFORE
THEY LEAVE.



THANK
YOU
VERY
MUCH.

AFTER ALL,
YOU ARE
HELPING US
OUT QUITE
OFTEN, SO
...



EH?

AS WE ARE
ALREADY
AT IT, PLEASE
GIVE ME THE
KEYS OF
YOUR CAR.



COME BACK
HERE, DAMN
BRAT!

THANKS
FOR THE
KEYS!

CATCH

I'LL SEND
A LAD TO
COLLECT
IT LATER.







AND THEN HE HUNG HIM ON IT ...

AS THE MURDERER DIDN'T WALK ON, BUT FLOATED TO THE HEIGHT OF THE BEAMS WITH THE MONK ...



YES, IT'S THE WATERFALL ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WALL...

CAN YOU HEAR THAT NOISE?



YOU WANT TO MAKE US BELIEVE IN THE TENGU OF THE MIST ...?

FLOATED?



EXACTLY. THIS WATERFALL THAT FLOWS NOT FAR FROM THE WINDOW WHERE I AM RIGHT NOW.



...THE ROOM WITH WATER!?

FILL ...



DO YOU STILL THINK IT IMPOSSIBLE TO FLOAT TO THE BEAM?

IF ONE FINDS A WAY TO FILL THE ROOM WITH THE WATER FROM THE WATERFALL, BY DIRECTING IT THROUGH THIS WINDOW ...



THE INFLATABLE RUBBER BOAT...



IF THAT'S THE CASE, THE CULPRIT AND THE VICTIM MUST HAVE BEEN SOAKED! BUT THE CORPSE IS NOT!

HAHAHA... PLEASE BE A LITTLE BIT MORE SERIOUS, MOURI!



KANNEN MENTIONED IT YESTEDAY DURING DINNER.

EH?

YES, THAT'S TRUE.



HUH?



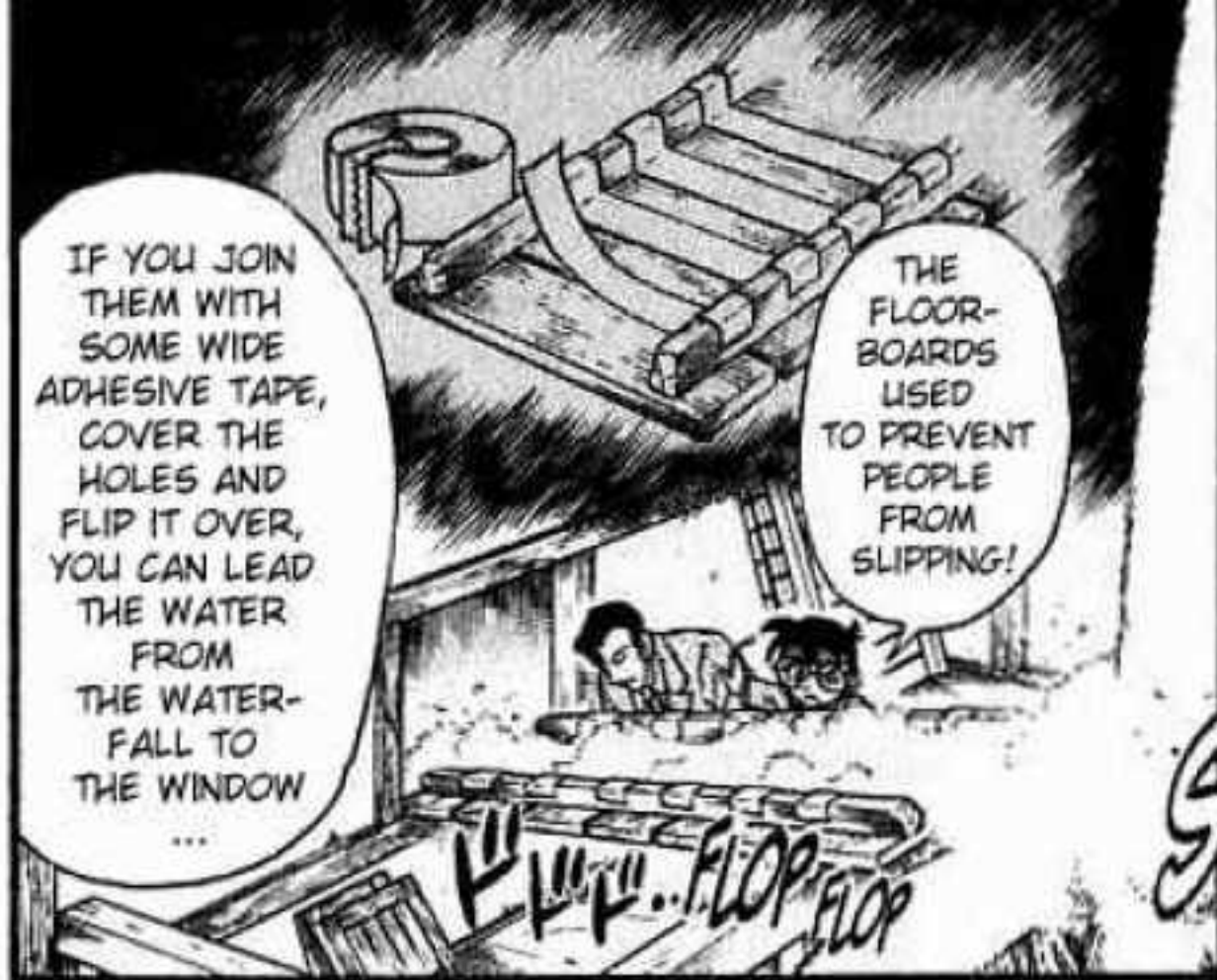
HOW DO YOU GET THE WATER INTO THE ROOM?

BUT THE WATERFALL AND THE WINDOW ARE STILL QUITE FAR APART ...



ONE CAN REACH THE BEAM WITHOUT GETTING WET.

BY PUTTING THE BODY IN IT AND COVERING IT WITH PLASTIC,



IF YOU JOIN THEM WITH SOME WIDE ADHESIVE TAPE, COVER THE HOLES AND FLIP IT OVER, YOU CAN LEAD THE WATER FROM THE WATER-FALL TO THE WINDOW ...

THE FLOOR-BOARDS USED TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM SLIPPING!



MOREOVER, WHERE THE TAPE HAS BEEN, SAKURA PETALS GOT STUCK, AS IF GLUED IN LINE...
THE SAKURA PETALS COMING DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAIN THROUGH THIS WATERFALL ...

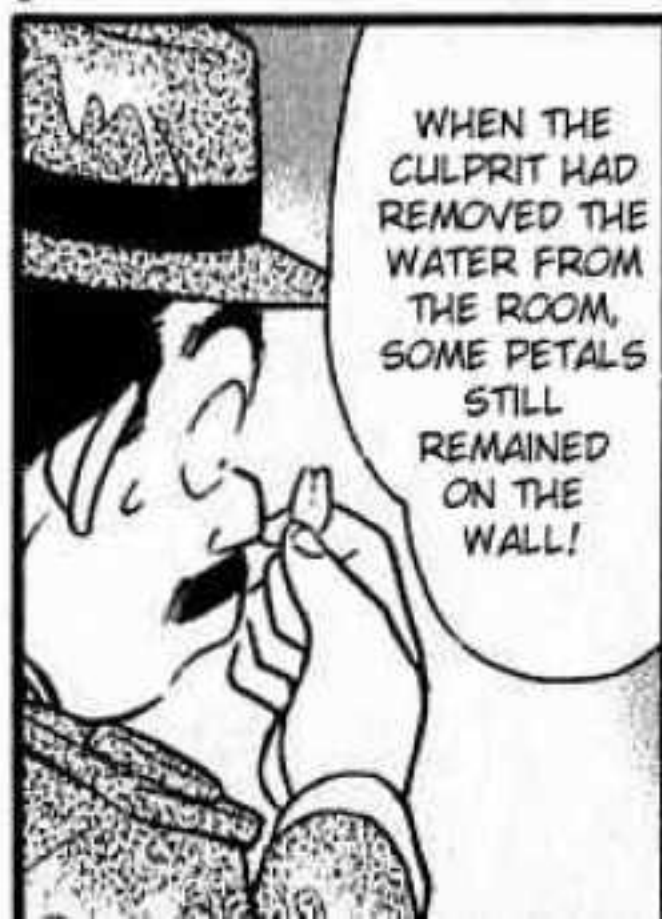


THE PROOF IS THAT THE FLOOR-BOARDS HAVE BEEN MODIFIED TO OBTAIN THE REQUIRED LENGTH ...



YES, I DID! LITTLE CONAN EVEN ASKED ME TO TAKE A PHOTO OF IT ...

ASK ONE OF YOUR MEN! ONE OF THEM HAS NOTICED THAT...



WHEN THE CULPRIT HAD REMOVED THE WATER FROM THE ROOM, SOME PETALS STILL REMAINED ON THE WALL!



LOOK NEAR YOUR FEET, INSPECTOR.



AND IT'S NOT ONLY ON THE FLOOR-BOARDS.

ALL THAT THEN REMAINED WAS JUST MAKING SURE THE VICTIM DID NOT GET WET...

THAT SHOULD HAVE MADE IT VERY WATER-TIGHT.

AFTER THAT, HE STARTED THE FILLING OF THE ROOM, THEN QUICKLY GOT BACK DOWN AGAIN AND RE-ENTERED THROUGH THE SMALL WINDOW, TAPING IT SHUT BEHIND HIM SO THAT IT WAS SEALED.

SO, AFTER HAVING BEEN STRANGLERED, THE HEAD-MONK WAS TAKEN HERE. THE MURDERER THEN CLOSED THE ROOM FROM ALL SIDES BY BLOCKING ALL REMAINING OPENINGS IN THE WALL WITH TAPE, AFTER WHICH HE GOT OUT VIA THE SMALL WINDOW...

...AND FINALLY GETTING OUT THROUGH THE UPPER WINDOW!

...HANGING THE HEAD-MONK ON THE BEAM WITH THE ROPE WHEN THE WATER LEVEL REACHED AND ...

AS A LITRE OF WATER WEIGHS ABOUT ONE KILOGRAM, THIS MEANS THERE WAS 72,9 TONS OF WATER IN THE ROOM!

THE RESULT OF MAKING A HOLE IN THE WALL AT THE BOTTOM OF SUCH A ROOM SHOULD NOT BE TOO DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE...

THIS ROOM IS ABOUT 4,5 TATAMIS* AND 10M IN HEIGHT. THE VOLUME OF THIS ROOM IS THEREFORE $2.7\text{M} \times 2.7\text{M} \times 10\text{M} = 72.9$ CUBIC METERS.

HE BROKE THE SMALL WINDOW AT THE BOTTOM WITH THE AXE WE FOUND!

BUT HOW DID HE MANAGE TO GET RID OF ALL THAT WATER?

*IN JAPAN, MEASURING ROOMS IS OFTEN DONE IN TATAMIS.



... WITH A FORCE LIKE THAT, THE WATER SPEWS OUT LIKE A JET-STREAM, BREAKING THE SURROUNDING WALL AS WELL AND LEAVING THAT HUGE HOLE!

THE SMALL WINDOW BREAKS UNDER A PRESSURE OF ABOUT 9.8×10^4 PA (PASCAL)...



CONAN HAS FOUND A PIECE OF WOOD BELOW THE TEMPLE...

CONAN?



BUT WE DIDN'T FIND ANY PIECES OF THE WALL, NOR THOSE OF THE WINDOW.

SO THAT'S HOW THE HOLE GOT HERE...



IT'S COMPARABLE TO THE FORCE OF A TRUCK HITTING YOU!

9.8×10^4 PA?



THE ROOM CAN BE EMPTIED FROM WATER IN JUST 10 SECONDS, BUT TO FILL IT UP...

BUT WHO COULD HAVE DONE THIS?



SUPPOSING ONE HOUR IS REQUIRED TO GET $10M^3$ OF WATER AND THIS ROOM BEING $72M^3$, MORE THAN 7 HOURS ARE REQUIRED TO FILL THE ROOM!

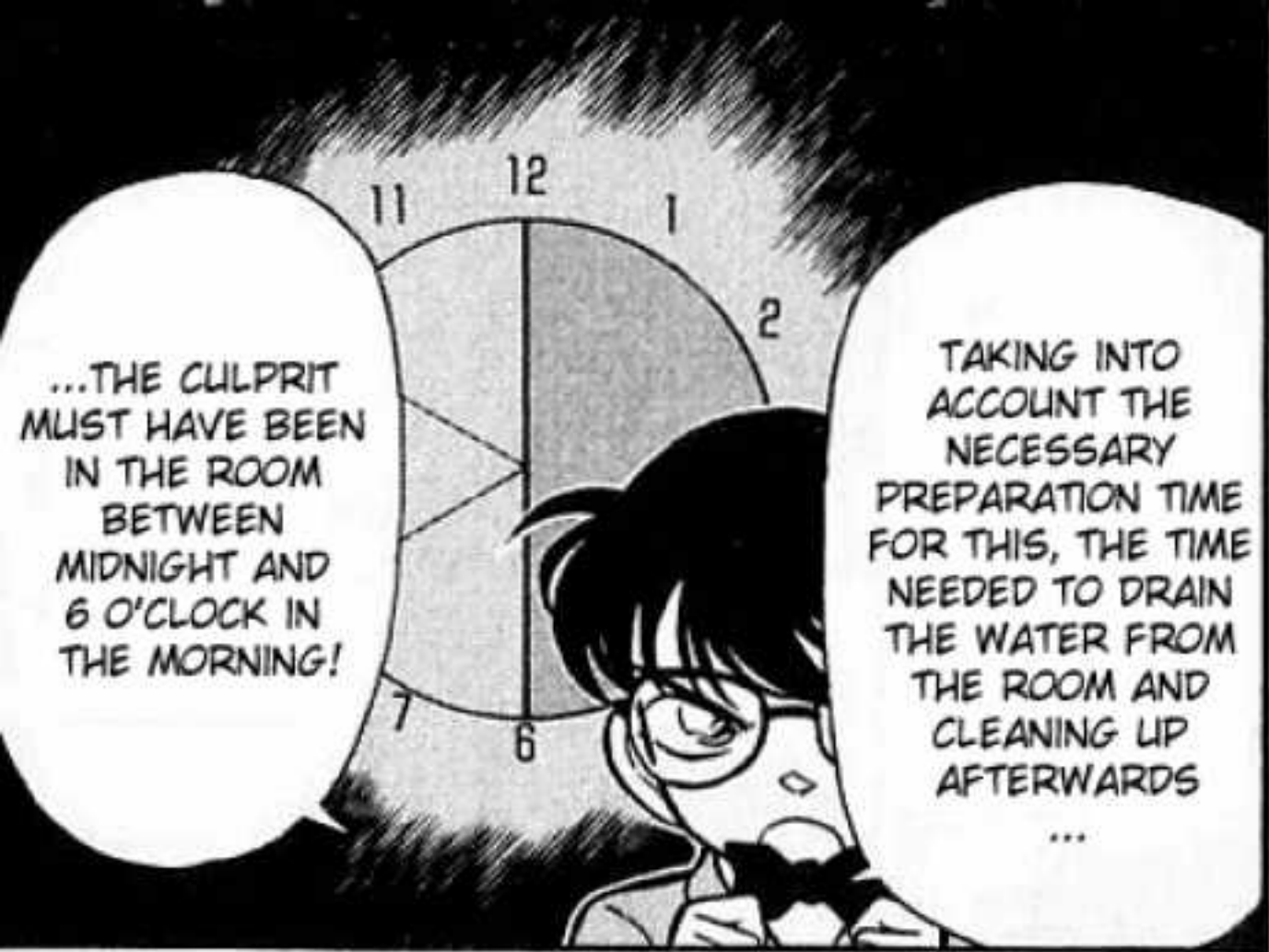
...THE QUANTITY OF WATER PASSING OVER THE BOARDS IS EQUIVALENT TO 5 TO 6 TIMES THE QUANTITY FROM A TAP.



A PIECE OF THE SMALL WINDOW WITH TAPE ON IT...

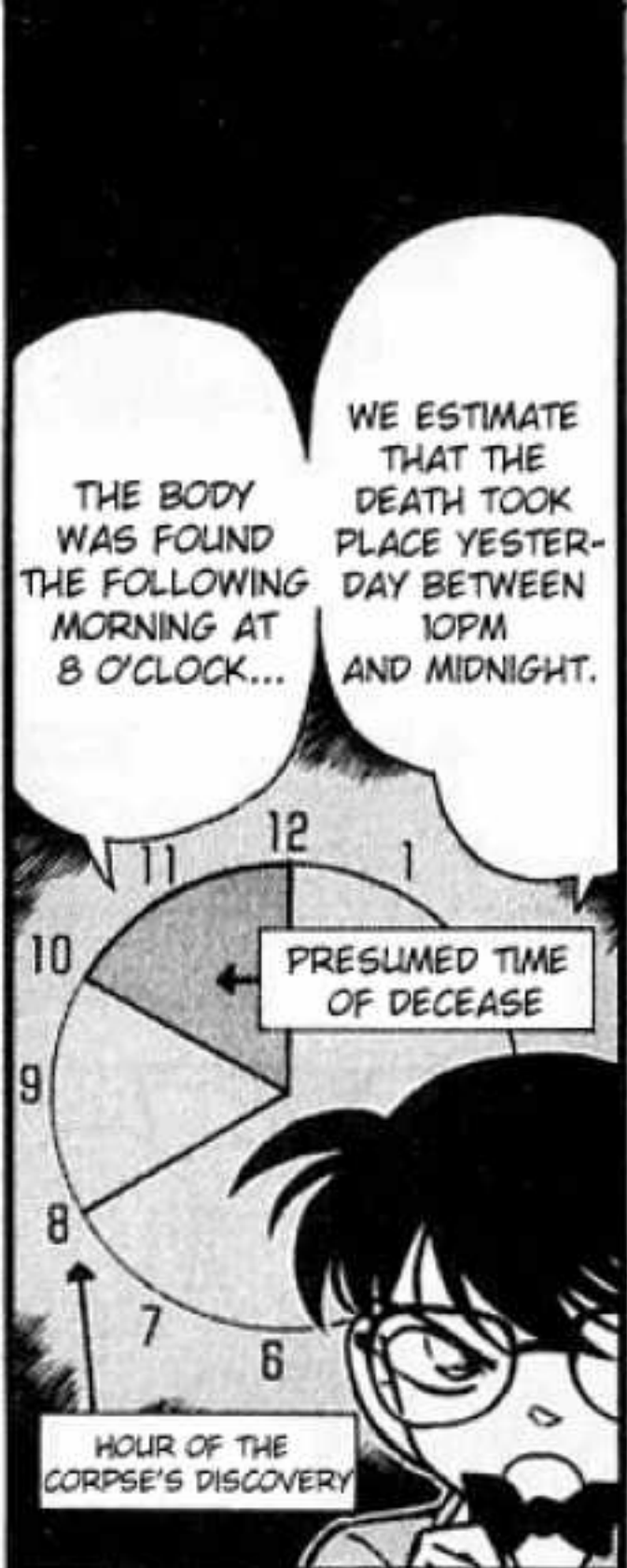
HM?

THIS IS IT, INSPECTOR!



...THE CULPRIT MUST HAVE BEEN IN THE ROOM BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 6 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING!

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE NECESSARY PREPARATION TIME FOR THIS, THE TIME NEEDED TO DRAIN THE WATER FROM THE ROOM AND CLEANING UP AFTERWARDS ...



THE BODY WAS FOUND THE FOLLOWING MORNING AT 8 O'CLOCK...

WE ESTIMATE THAT THE DEATH TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY BETWEEN 10PM AND MIDNIGHT.



WHAT'S THE LINK WITH THE MURDERER?



YOU TOLD ME THAT YOU WERE AWAKE UNTIL ABOUT 3 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING, DIDN'T YOU?

SHUNEN?



OF COURSE I KNOW IT ...

SHU... SHUNEN?



ANSWER! THE OTHER THREE DESHIS KNOW IT!

WHO WAS IT?

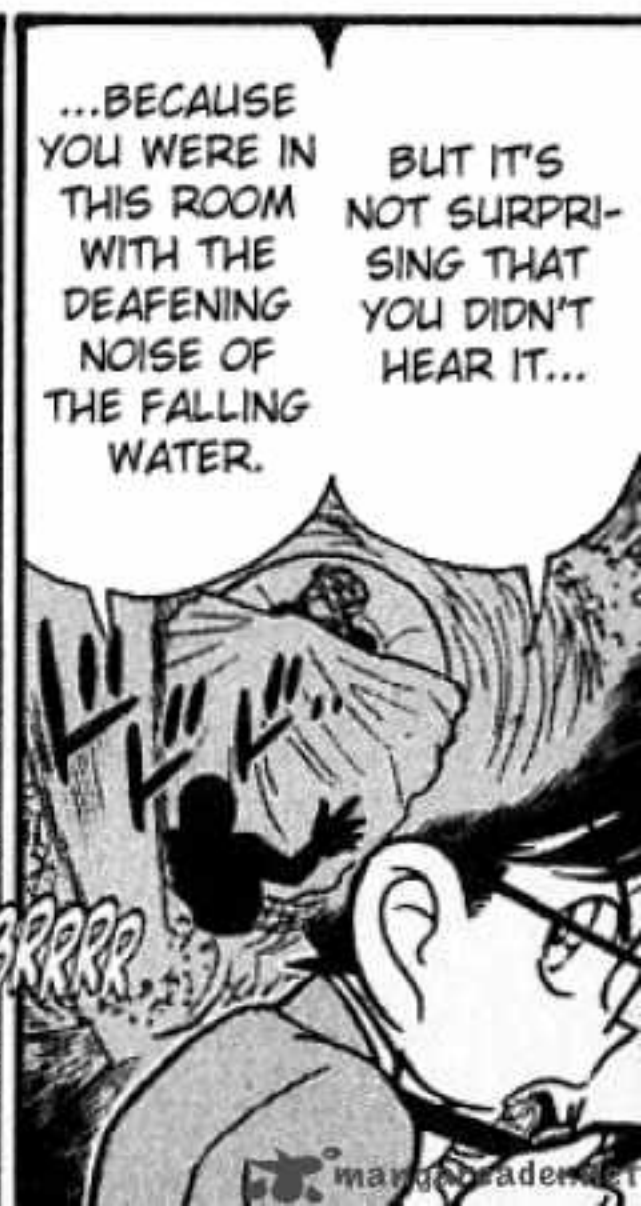


YESTERDAY NIGHT, SOMEONE SCREAMED, SCARED BY THE MASK OF THE TENGU...

SO YOU MUST HAVE HEARD HIM...



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IT DOESN'T SUPRISE ME THAT NOBODY KNEW IT. I WENT THROUGH A REMOTE TEMPLE ON PURPOSE, SO THAT I COULD COME HERE AS A DESHI WITHOUT RAISING ANY SUSPICIONS ...

YES... CHUNNEN WAS MY OLDER BROTHER...

WHAT?



...BECAUSE EVERYONE KEPT SILENT ABOUT THE CASE.

IT TOOK ME 6 MONTHS OF RESEARCHING TO FIND OUT HOW IT HAD BEEN DONE, BUT I COULDN'T FIND OUT WHO HAD DONE IT ...

MY GOAL FOR COMING HERE WAS TO UNCOVER THE MYSTERY OF MY BROTHER'S DEATH AND FIND THE CULPRIT.

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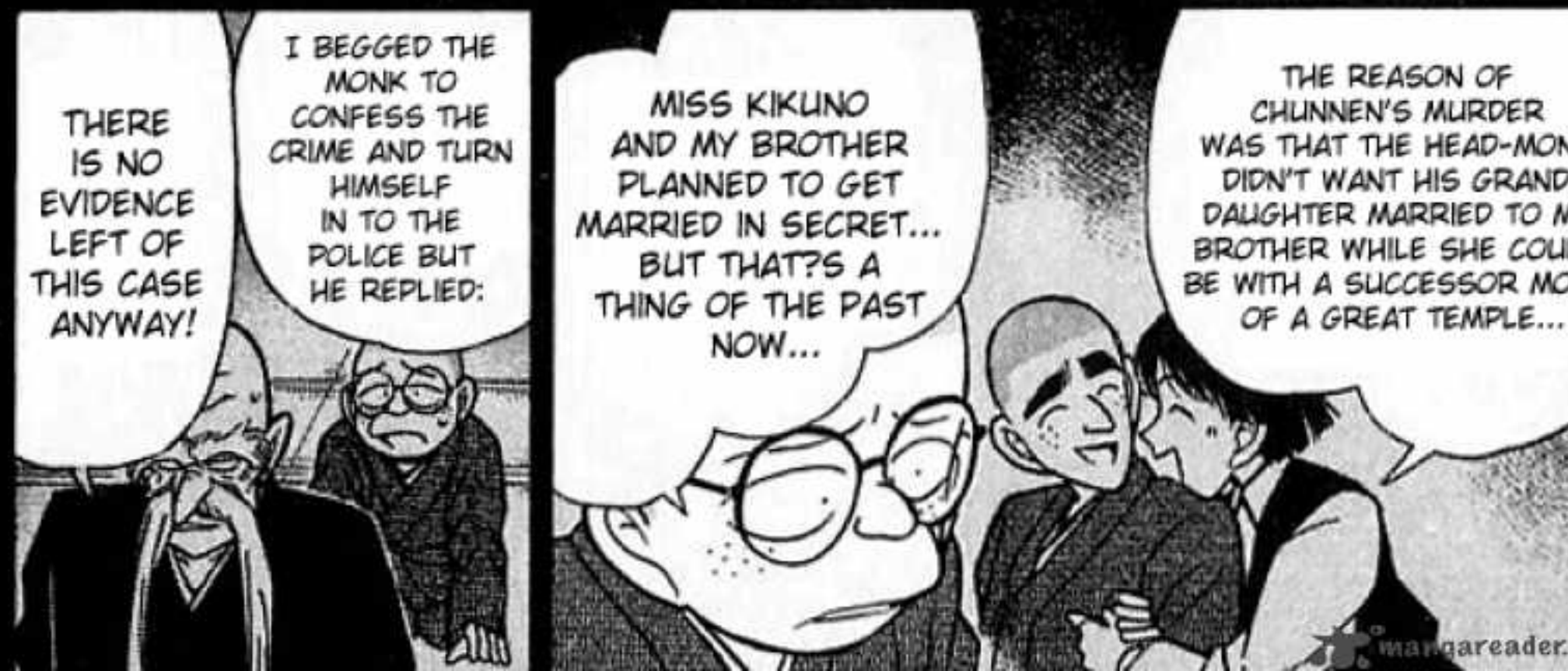


HE THEN TALKED A LOT ABOUT IT AS HE DIDN'T KNOW I WAS CHUNNEN'S BROTHER ...

LATER, I WENT TO THE MONK'S ROOM AND AS HE WAS DRUNK, I PRESSED HIM HARD WITH QUESTIONS ...

THE HEAD MONK BETRAYED HIMSELF WITH HIS ATTITUDE AND I FINALLY UNDERSTOOD!

BUT YESTERDAY, WHEN THE DETECTIVE ARRIVED...



THERE IS NO EVIDENCE LEFT OF THIS CASE ANYWAY!

I BEGGED THE MONK TO CONFESS THE CRIME AND TURN HIMSELF IN TO THE POLICE BUT HE REPLIED:

MISS KIKUNO AND MY BROTHER PLANNED TO GET MARRIED IN SECRET... BUT THAT'S A THING OF THE PAST NOW...

THE REASON OF CHUNNEN'S MURDER WAS THAT THE HEAD-MONK DIDN'T WANT HIS GRAND-DAUGHTER MARRIED TO MY BROTHER WHILE SHE COULD BE WITH A SUCCESSOR MONK OF A GREAT TEMPLE...

JUST LIKE HE KILLED MY BROTHER TWO YEARS AGO

I CARRIED HIM ON MY BACK SO THAT I WON'T LEAVE ANY TRACES AND TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE A SUICIDE.

UPON HEARING THAT, I LOST MY COOL AND STRANGLER HIM WITH MY KIMONO BELT

THE TEMPLE WHERE THE TENGU OF THE MIST APPEARED!

ALSO, THANKS TO THIS STORY, THE TEMPLE RECEIVED QUITE A REPUTATION, SO IT'S NOT THAT BAD!

HAHAHAHA

ALL I COULD DO WAS TO DISGUISE MY ACTS USING THE SAME METHOD HE USED

SEEING HIS DEAD-STILL BODY, I HAD NO OTHER CHOICE



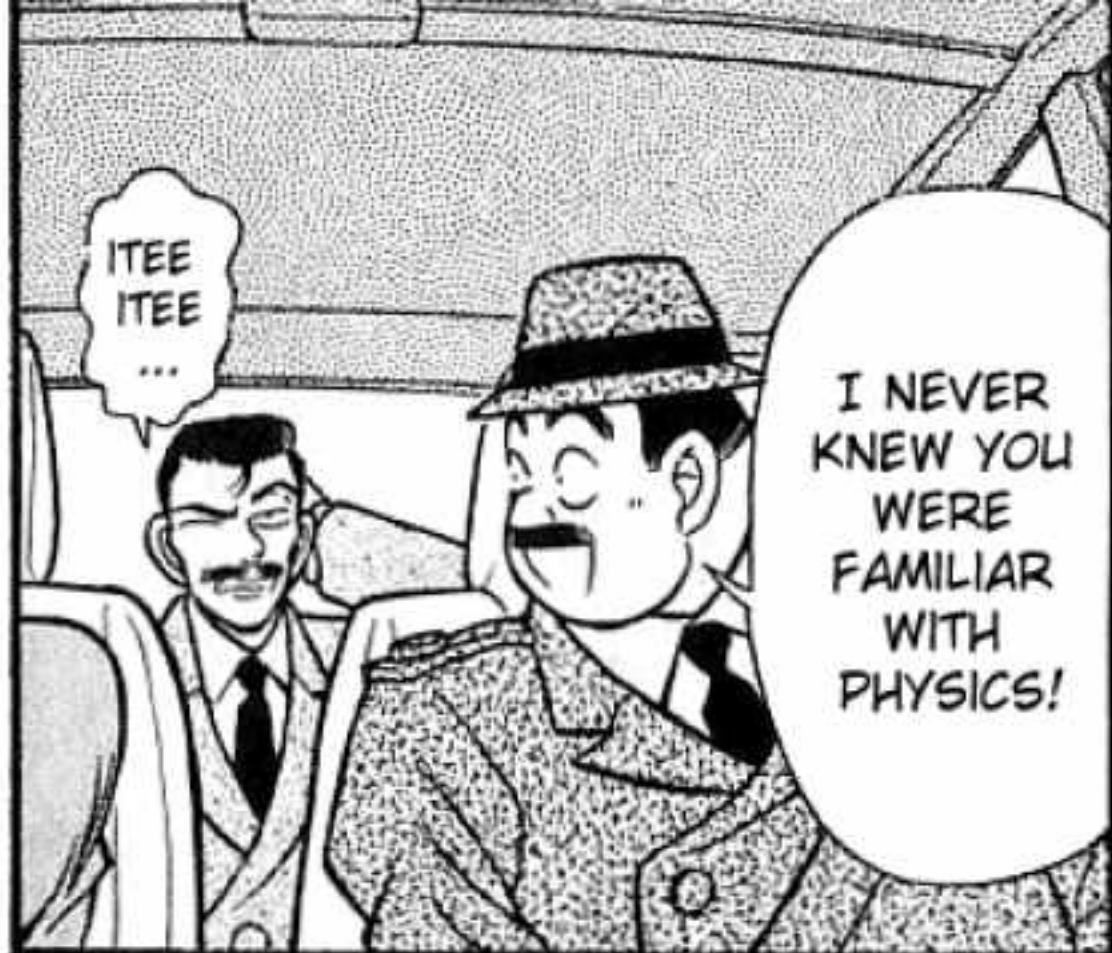
THIS WOULD ...

IF YOU HAD BEEN HERE TWO YEARS AGO

IT'S TOO BAD, MR MOURI...



THIS WOULD NEVER HAVE HAPPENED



TAKARAZUKA: JAPANESE OPERA MADE SPECIFICALLY FOR WOMEN.

