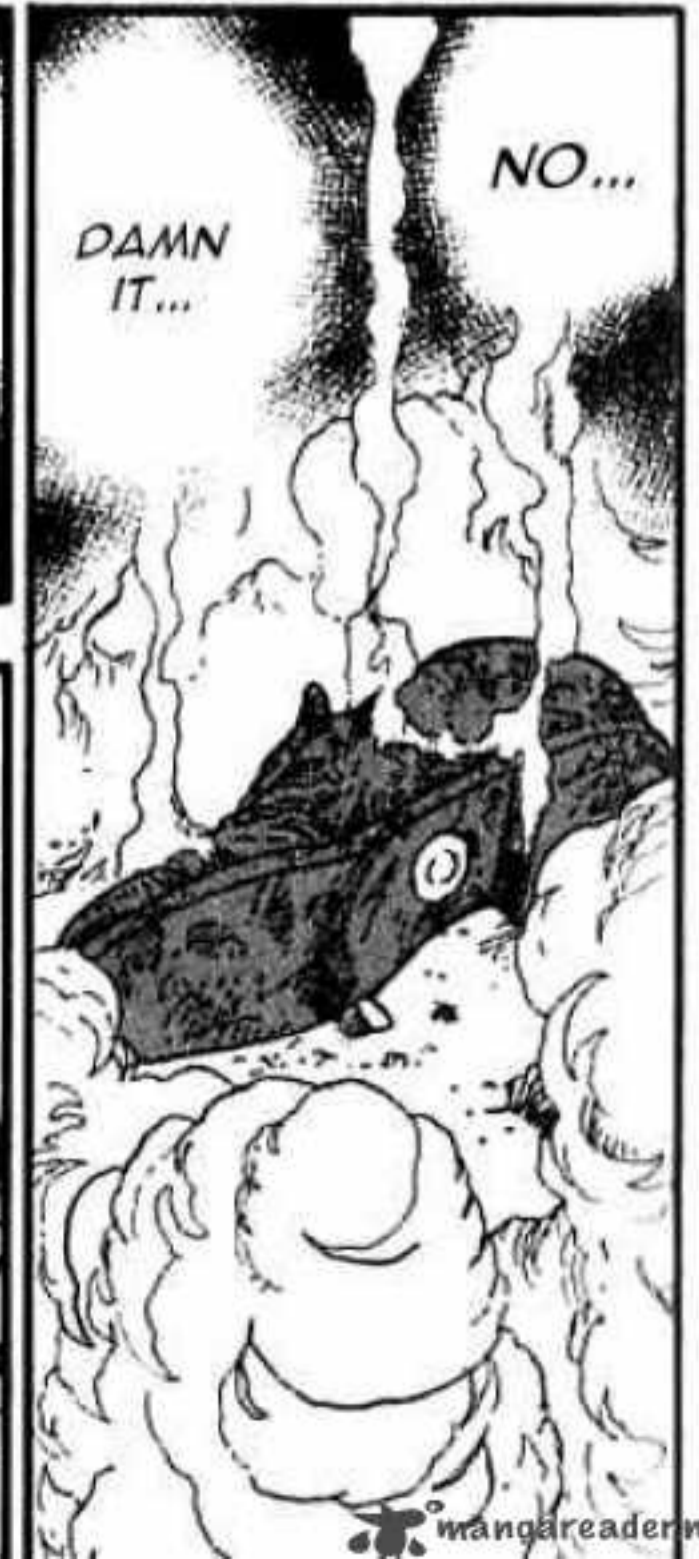


FILE 5: THE BOMB'S DESTINATION









SHIT!

IT HAD TO HAPPEN NOW, WHEN I HAD FINALLY GOTTEN MYSELF A LEAD ON THOSE CROOKS!



WHO COULD HAVE PUT IT THERE?

WAS THE BOMB ACTUALLY TARGETED TOWARD THAT GUY?

BUT THAT EXPLOSION... COULD IT HAVE BEEN A MERE COINCIDENCE?



IT SEEMS THAT THIS CASE ...



WHAT'S WRONG? I CAN'T OPEN IT ...

OH, THERE IT GOES ...

JUST BEFORE THE EXPLOSION, THAT GUY ...



...

FLE



HMM,
WHAT A
CRUEL
MURDER
...

AND IT APPEARS
THAT THE
BOMB WAS PUT
NEXT TO THE
DOOR OF THE
TOILET THAT
IS CLOSEST TO
THE WINDOW

THE
EXPLOSION
HAS BEEN
DONE IN
THE REST-
ROOMS,
INSPECTOR



TERRO-
RISTS?



NO...
HIS BODY
IS IN
PIECES, AND
THERE'S
NO CLUE
LEFT TO
IDENTIFY
HIM WITH
...

...IS HIS
IDENTITY
KNOWN?

ONE MAN
WAS
KILLED
...



WE SAW
NOTHING
...

NO...

YOU GOT HERE
IMMEDIATELY... DID
YOU SEE ANYONE
OR ANYTHING
SUSPICIOUS?



IS THAT
TRUE,
CONAN?

...THE
VICTIM,
I SAW HIM!

I DIDN'T
SEE
ANYONE
SUSPICIOUS,
BUT...

EH?

I DID!



YES, WE RAN INTO HIM WHILE WE WERE GOING DOWN THE HALL ...

WHAT?

AND YOU SAW HIM AS WELL, MR. NAKAJIMA ...



THAT GUY WAS ABOUT 3 METERS TALL

I THINK HE WAS FROM KANSAI...



...WAS IT THAT MAN?

THAT'S RIGHT...



AND HE HAD USED THE KANSAI DIALECT

I HEARD HIM SAY SOMETHING BEFORE THE BOMB EXPLODED, WHEN HE WENT TO THE RESTROOM

WHY DO YOU SAY HE WAS FROM KANSAI?

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I CAN'T TELL THEM THAT I PUT A MICROPHONE ON HIS SHOE, AND HEARD EVERYTHING THAT WAY ...

YES, I'M VERY LUCKY ...



YOU WERE VERY CLOSE TO THE RESTROOM, RIGHT?

BOY, YOU ARE LUCKY YOU AREN'T HURT



THEN, IT'S CLEAR THAT THE BOMB WAS PUT IN THE DOOR OF THE RESTROOM THE VICTIM ENTERED TO...

HE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT THE DOOR...



MR. PRESIDENT!

CAN I SAY SOMETHING?



BUT WE STILL HAVEN'T DISCOVERED WHAT THE MOTIVE WAS. SURELY, THE BOMB WASN'T PUT THERE ONLY FOR THE FUN OF IT...

IF SO, THE BOMB WAS CERTAINLY LEFT IN THE BATHROOM ...



I'M CALLED ISHIKAWA, AND I'M THE PRESIDENT OF MANTENDO CORP. TODAY WE WERE TO SHOW OUR NEW PRODUCTS IN THIS HOTEL, BUT...

PRESIDENT?



BUT I NEVER THOUGHT THAT THIS KIND OF THING WOULD HAVE HAPPENED

FLE



I DECIDED TO BRING IT TO TODAY'S PRESENTATION BECAUSE I WANTED TO SHOW ITS AMUSING CONTENTS TO MY EMPLOYEES



LETTER, YOU SAY?

A FEW DAYS AGO, I GOT AN ODD LETTER

CLIC



MY GOD, THIS IS ...

!?



I APOLOGISE, BUT I REALLY THOUGHT IT WAS JUST A PRANK ...

WHY DIDN'T YOU REPORT TO THE POLICE ABOUT THIS NOTE RIGHT AFTER YOU RECEIVED IT!?



AN ANONYMOUS NOTE!

Cancel the Presentation, or something terrible will happen.



...AND THE ROUND THING IS THE COMPANY'S EMBLEM ATTACHED TO THE BRIEF-CASES.

THE KEY IS FOR ONE OF OUR COMPANY'S BRIEFCASES ...

THIS IS A KEY, BUT WHAT ABOUT THE ROUND THING?



WHAT?

INSPECTOR, THESE TWO OBJECTS WERE FOUND AMONG THE RUINS...



THIS SURELY WAS A POWERFUL EXPLOSION... THE IRON WAS COMPLETELY BENT IN HALF.

WHAT?



HE GOT IT FROM THE CLOAK-ROOM ...

WHY DID HE HAVE IT?



THAT PERSON HAD ONE OF THOSE BRIEF-CASES...

LOOK, LIKE THAT



IF THE EXPLOSION HAD COME FROM THE OUTSIDE, THEN THE EMBLEM WOULD HAVE BEEN BENT INWARDS...

SOMETHING SURELY ISN'T RIGHT... THAT EMBLEM IS BENT BACKWARDS ...



WHAT?



THE DEAL WAS COMPLETED. IT WAS SIMPLE

WAIT A SEC... THAT PERSON...



THEN, THE ONE WHO CAUSED THE EXPLOSION ...

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!



WHAT IF HE WAS SOME CLIENT WHO CAME TO OUR PRESENTATION?

NO ...

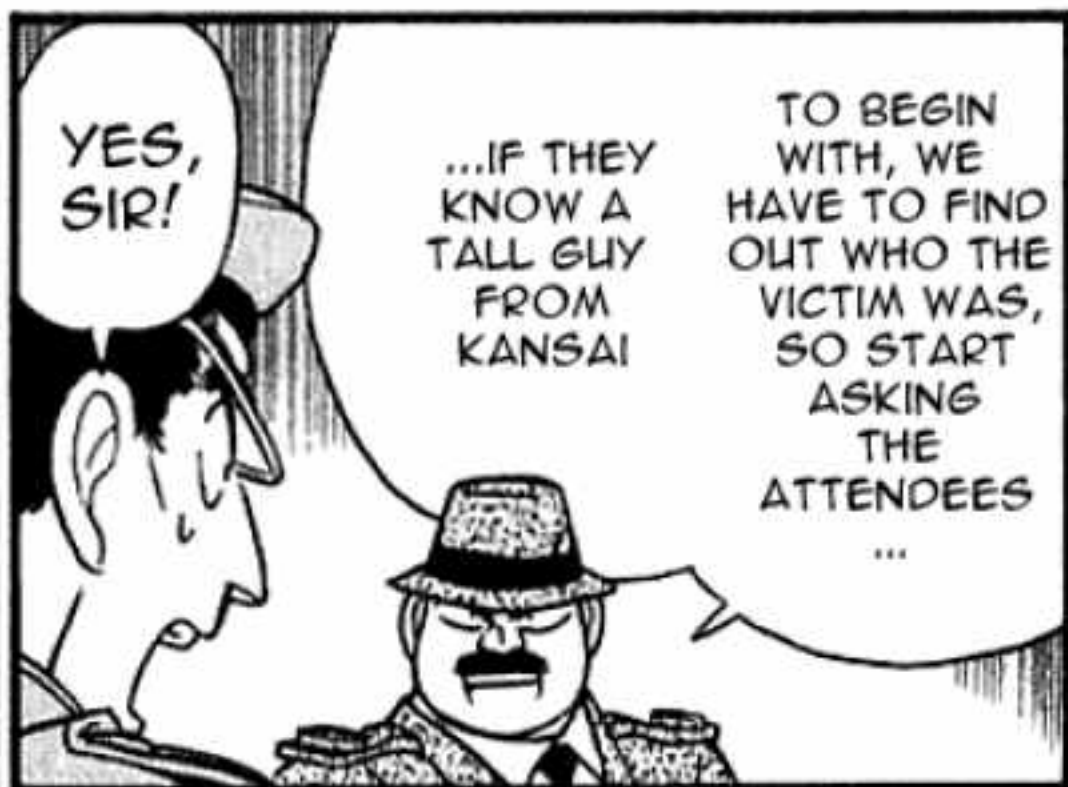
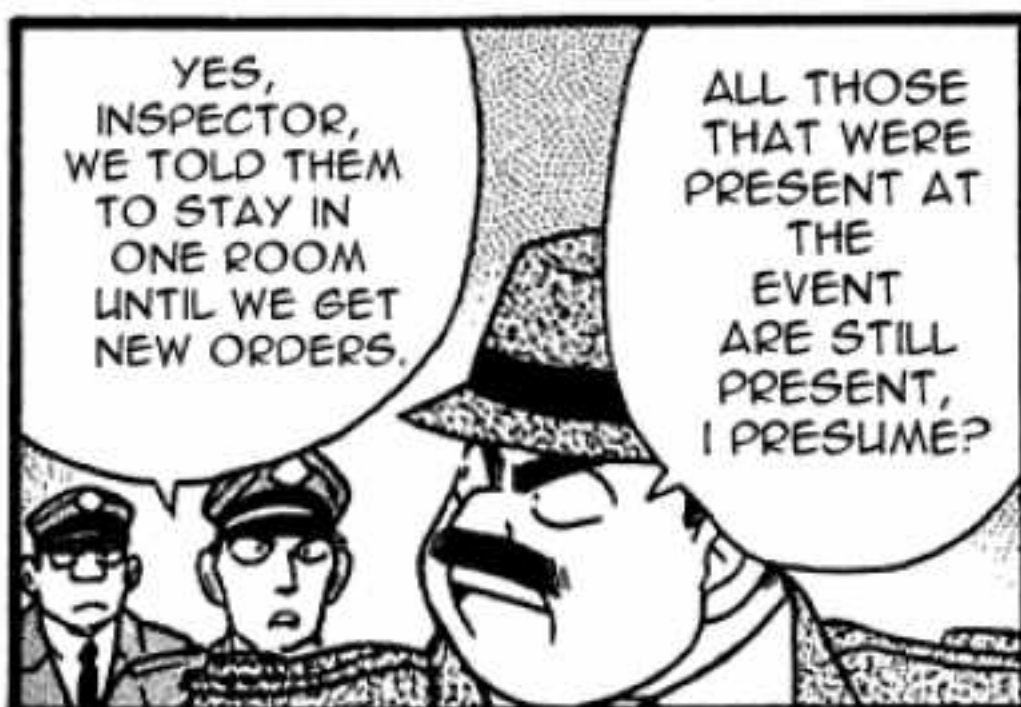
YOU TWO, DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE FROM THE COMPANY WHO IS VERY TALL, AND SPEAKS KANSAI?



IT'S VERY POSSIBLE ...

EH?

IF THAT PERSON HAD ONE OF MY COMPANY'S BRIEFCASES, THEN HE COULD POSSIBLY BE AN EMPLOYEE OF MINE...





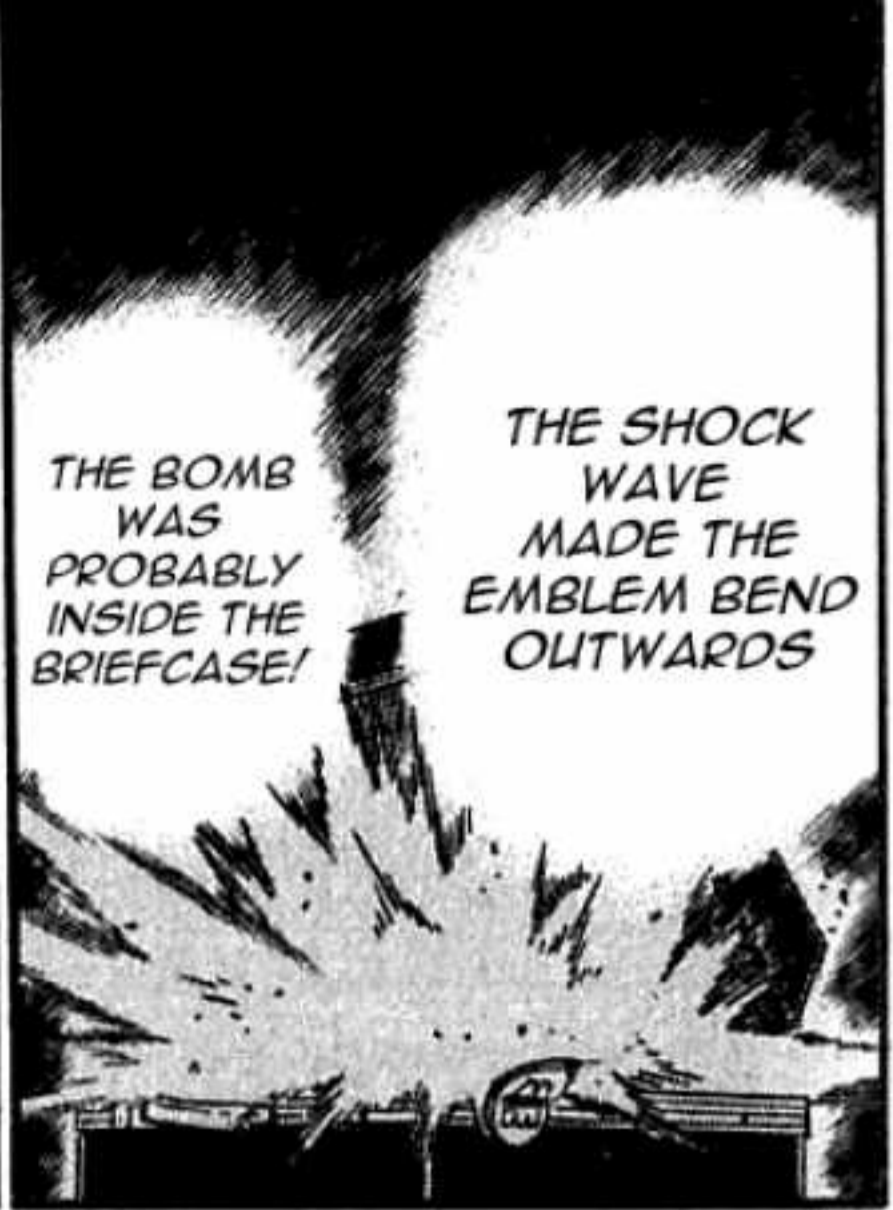
HE MEANT THE KEY DIDN'T FIT INTO THE HOLE OF THE BRIEFCASE!

WHAT'S WRONG? I CAN'T OPEN IT ...

WHEN THAT MAN SAID "I CAN'T OPEN IT" HE DIDN'T MEAN THE DOOR, BUT THE BRIEF CASE!

AND WHEN IT DID OPEN UP, IT BLEW UP ON HIM.

OH, THERE IT GOES ...



THE BOMB WAS PROBABLY INSIDE THE BRIEFCASE!

THE SHOCK WAVE MADE THE EMBLEM BEND OUTWARDS



...THAT GUY TEQUILA SURELY LEFT BEHIND A SIMILAR BRIEFCASE...

I'M SURE THAT THE MURDERER EXCHANGED BRIEFCASES WITH HIM ...



THE MURDERER HAD GIVEN THAT MAN THE TOKEN FOR THE BRIEFCASE THAT CONTAINED THAT BOMB!

BY EXCHANGING TOKENS, YOU COULD VERY EASILY MAKE A TRADE



...AND THE EXCHANGE WAS SURELY ACOMPLISHED USING THE CLOAKROOM TOKENS!



THE CLOAK-ROOM!



IF SO, THE ONE HE MADE THE DEAL WITH HASN'T TAKEN BACK HIS BRIEFCASE YET...

...WE THOUGHT IT STRANGE THAT HE CAME HERE TO TAKE HIS BRIEFCASE SO SOON, AFTER HE ENTERED ...



REA-LLY?

ONLY THAT MAN CAME HERE TO TAKE SOMETHING FROM THE CLOAK ROOM...



...AND HE SURELY STILL IS IN THIS HOTEL.



I STILL HAVE A CHANCE TO COME OUT OF THIS WINNING.

WELL, NOT EVERYTHING IS LOST YET

TAP TAP TAP



NO,,, NO

DO YOU THINK THAT MAN HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE EXPLOSION?

TAP



WHERE IS THE HIDING PLACE OF GIN AND VODKA!

THE ONE WHO MADE THE DEAL WITH THAT GIANT MAY STILL BE ABLE TO HELP ME DISCOVER ...



THAT'S RIGHT, IF YOU CHECK ALL THE OBJECTS IN THE CLOAKROOM BEFORE THEY ARE RETURNED TO THEIR OWNERS, YOU MIGHT FIND OUT SOMETHING.

A PLAN?

YES, THAT TALL GUY WHO DIED TOOK THE BRIEFCASE WITH THE BOMB, ACCORDING TO THE PLAN HE HAD WITH ANOTHER GUY, WITH WHOM HE MADE A DEAL?



THE BOMB WAS INSIDE THE BRIEFCASE?

BROUA
BROUA



DAMN IT, THESE GUYS DON'T BELIEVE ME...

HA HA HA HA HA

KID, STOP WATCHING SO MUCH SPY MOVIES!



YOU CAN'T! RIGHT NOW HE IS VERY BUSY!

I HAVE TO TALK TO THE INSPECTOR!



FIND WHO?

...FIND THEM?

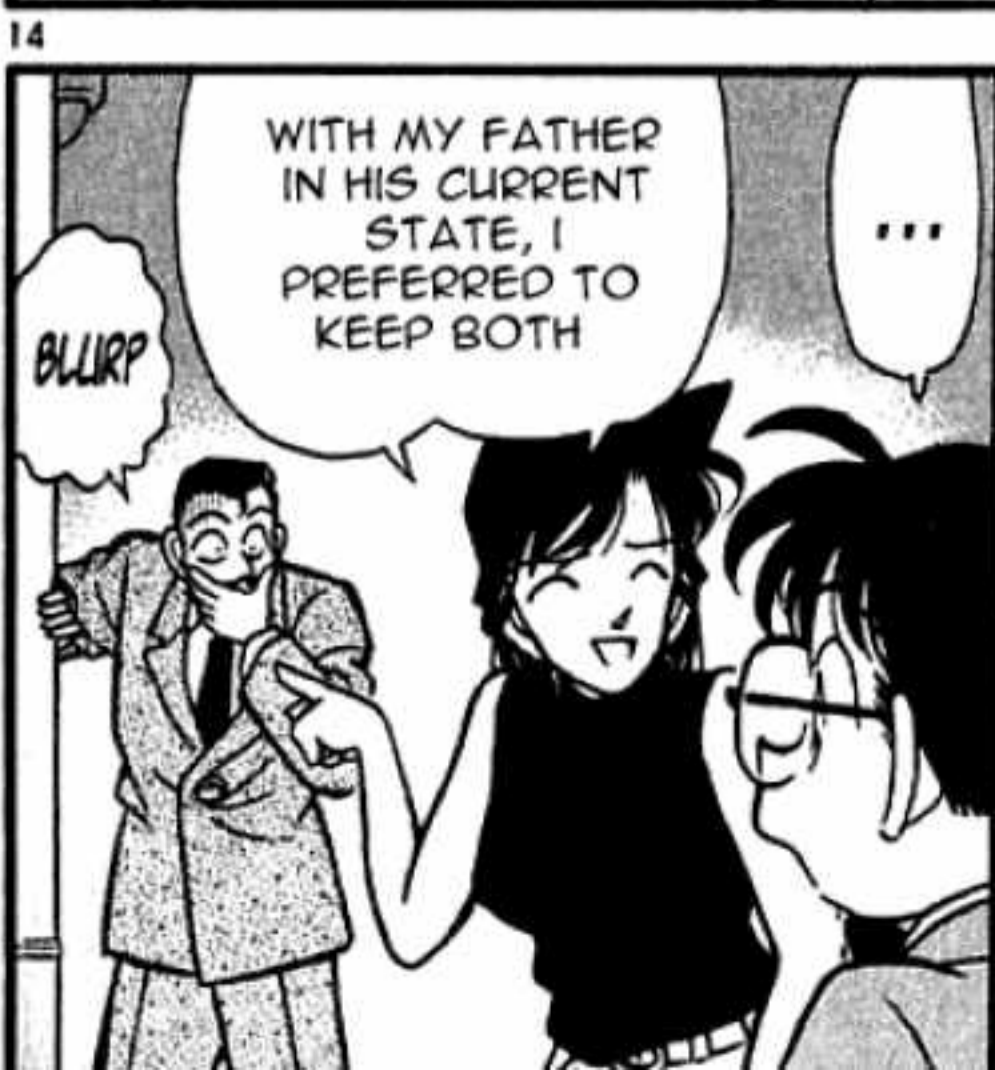
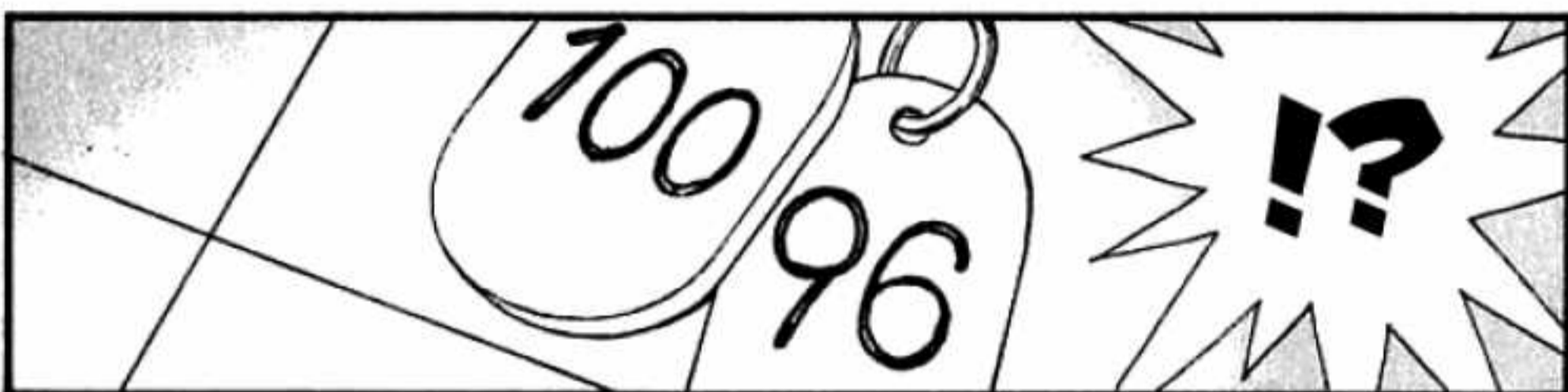


LET ME GO! THE MURDERER IS GONNA ESCAPE!

AND IF THAT HAPPENS, WE WILL LOSE ALL POSSIBILITY TO...

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TAC





ONE OF THOSE THREE EMPLOYEES!

SO, A NUMBER BETWEEN KOGORO'S AND OURS ...



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JUST A SEC... THE NUMBER THAT GIANT HAD WAS ...



ONE OF THOSE THREE MEN...



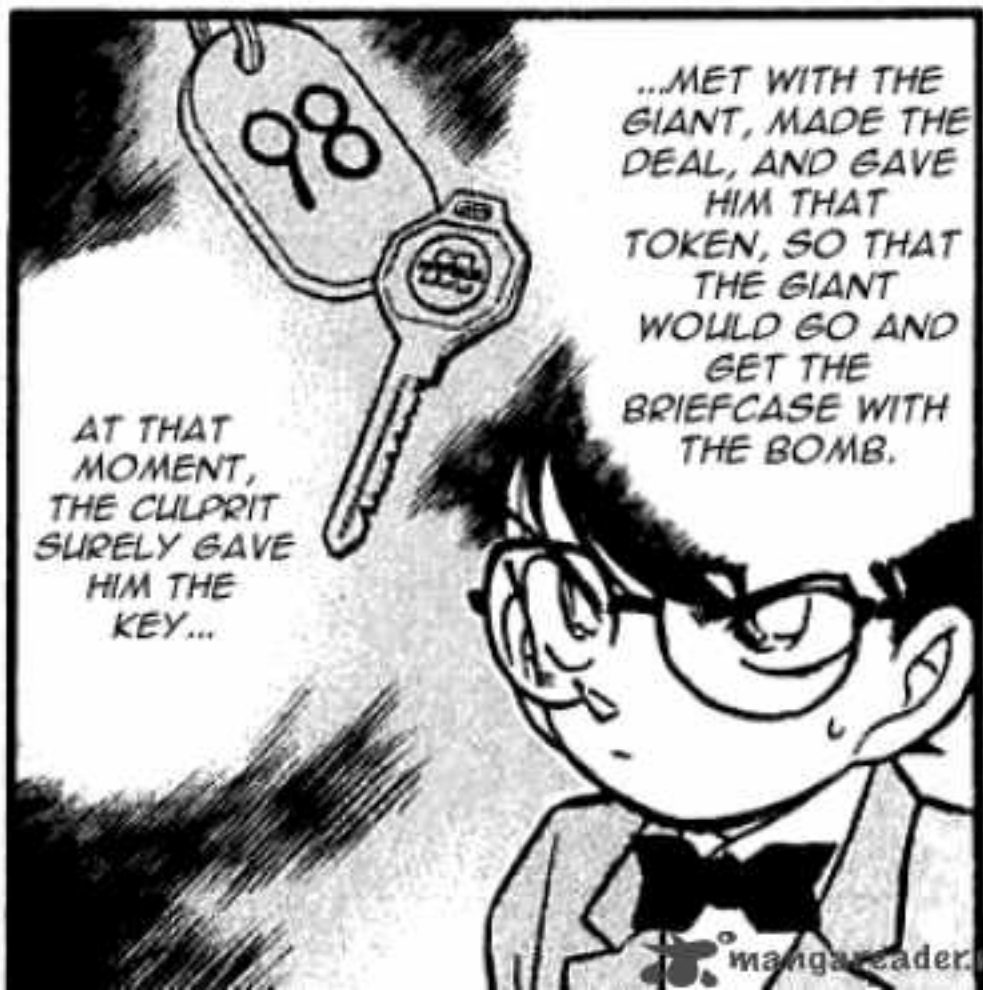
...BETWEEN THOSE THREE, ONE WAS AIMING TO KILL THAT GIANT. HE LEFT THE BRIEFCASE WITH THE BOMB IN THE CLOAK ROOM...

EVEN IF I DON'T KNOW HIS MOTIVES, I AM SURE THAT...



...AND WHEN HE OPENED THE BRIEFCASE ...

...THEN THE GIANT WENT INTO THE REST-ROOM TO CHECK THE CONTENTS OF THE BRIEFCASE



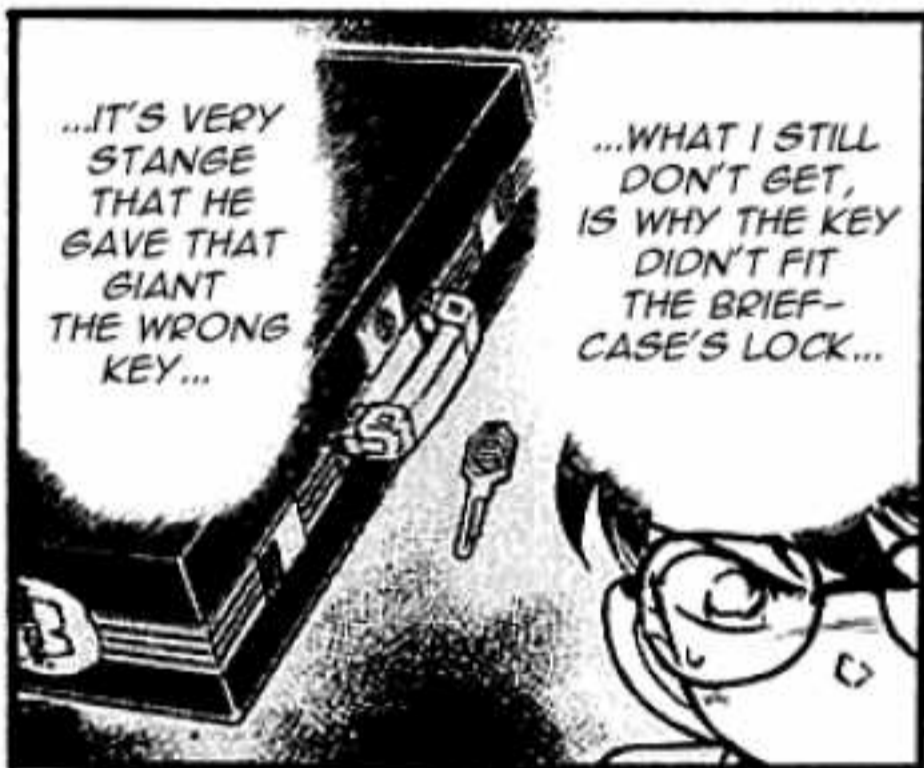
AT THAT MOMENT, THE CULPRIT SURELY GAVE HIM THE KEY...

...MET WITH THE GIANT, MADE THE DEAL, AND GAVE HIM THAT TOKEN, SO THAT THE GIANT WOULD GO AND GET THE BRIEFCASE WITH THE BOMB.



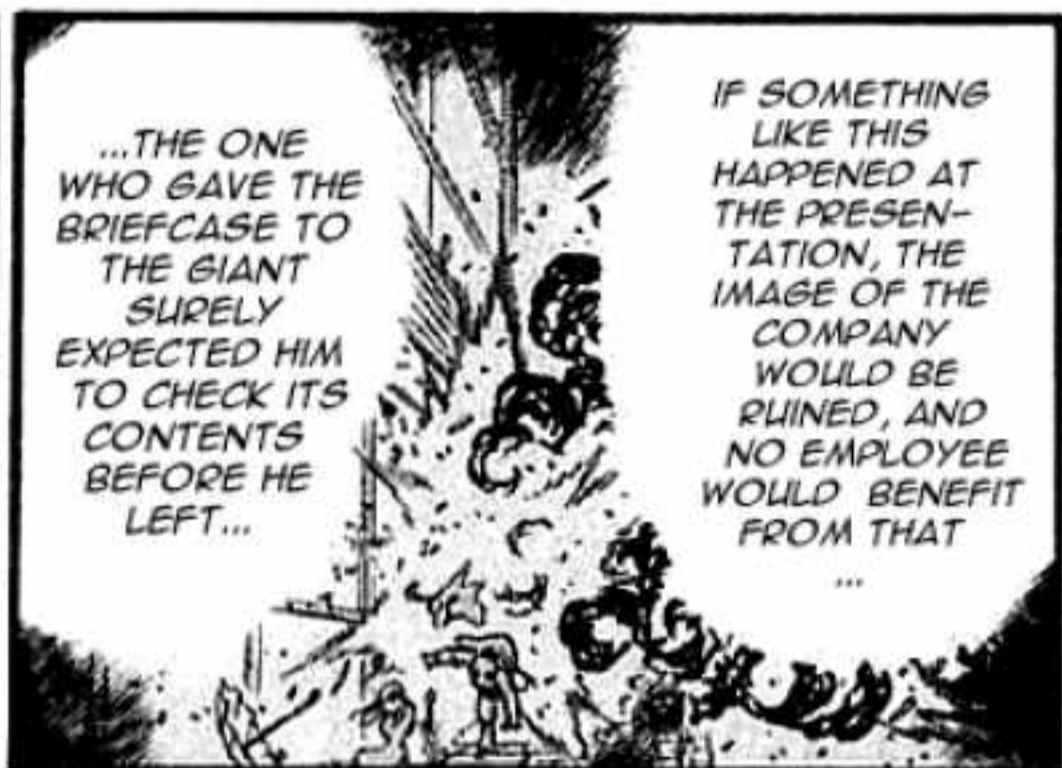
IF THE PERSON WHO MADE THE DEAL WITH THE GIANT HAD INDEED WANTED TO GET RID OF THE OF HIM, HE WOULDN'T HAVE MET HIM IN THIS HOTEL.

SOMETHING HERE'S NOT RIGHT!



...IT'S VERY STANGE THAT HE GAVE THAT GIANT THE WRONG KEY...

...WHAT I STILL DON'T GET, IS WHY THE KEY DIDN'T FIT THE BRIEF-CASE'S LOCK...



...THE ONE WHO GAVE THE BRIEFCASE TO THE GIANT SURELY EXPECTED HIM TO CHECK ITS CONTENTS BEFORE HE LEFT...

IF SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPENED AT THE PRESENTATION, THE IMAGE OF THE COMPANY WOULD BE RUINED, AND NO EMPLOYEE WOULD BENEFIT FROM THAT ...



BROUAA

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...AND NO ONE SUSPICIOUS WAS SEEN, EITHER.

NO ONE RECOGNIZED THAT GIANT ...



...I MAY HAVE BEEN WRONG!

ALTHOUGH ...



