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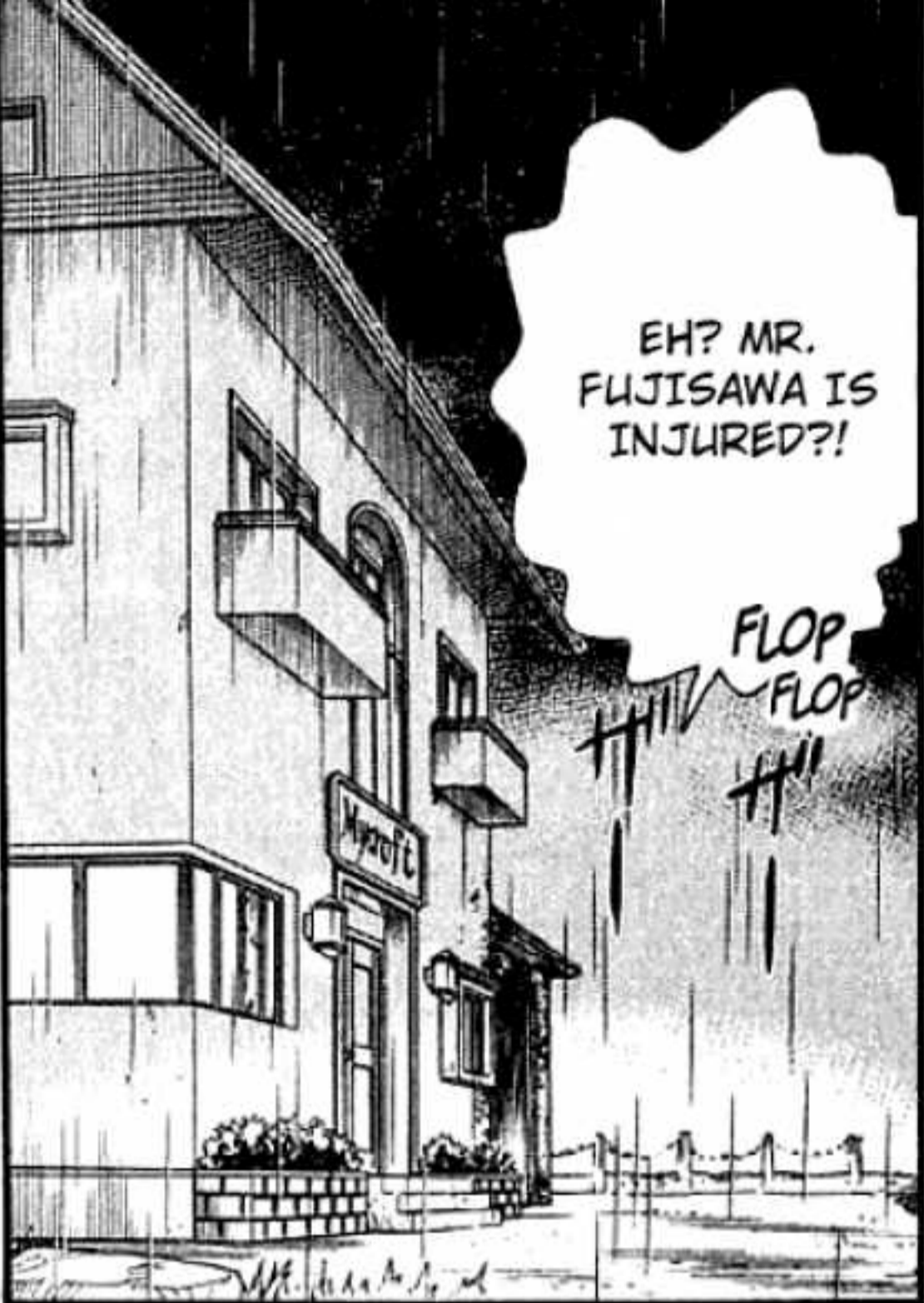




WHO DID IT?

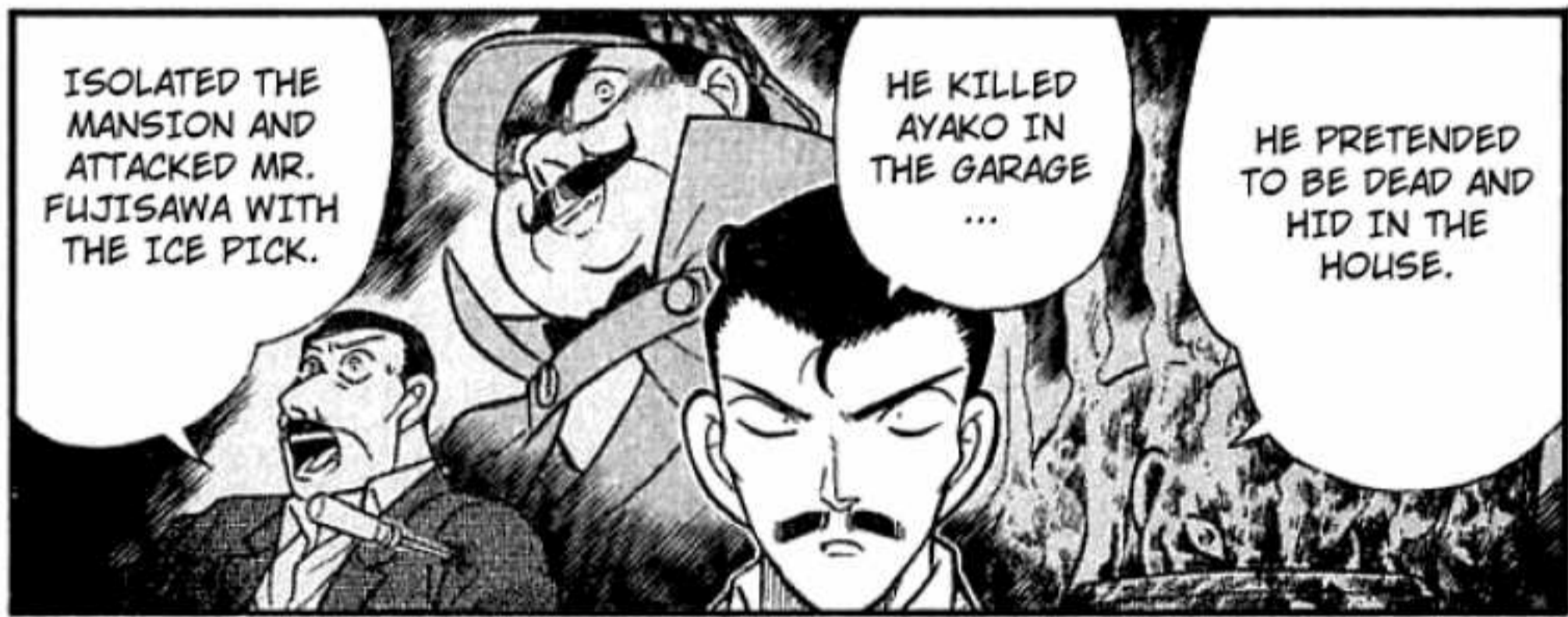
THE OWNER.

LHHH ...



EH? MR. FUJISAWA IS INJURED?!

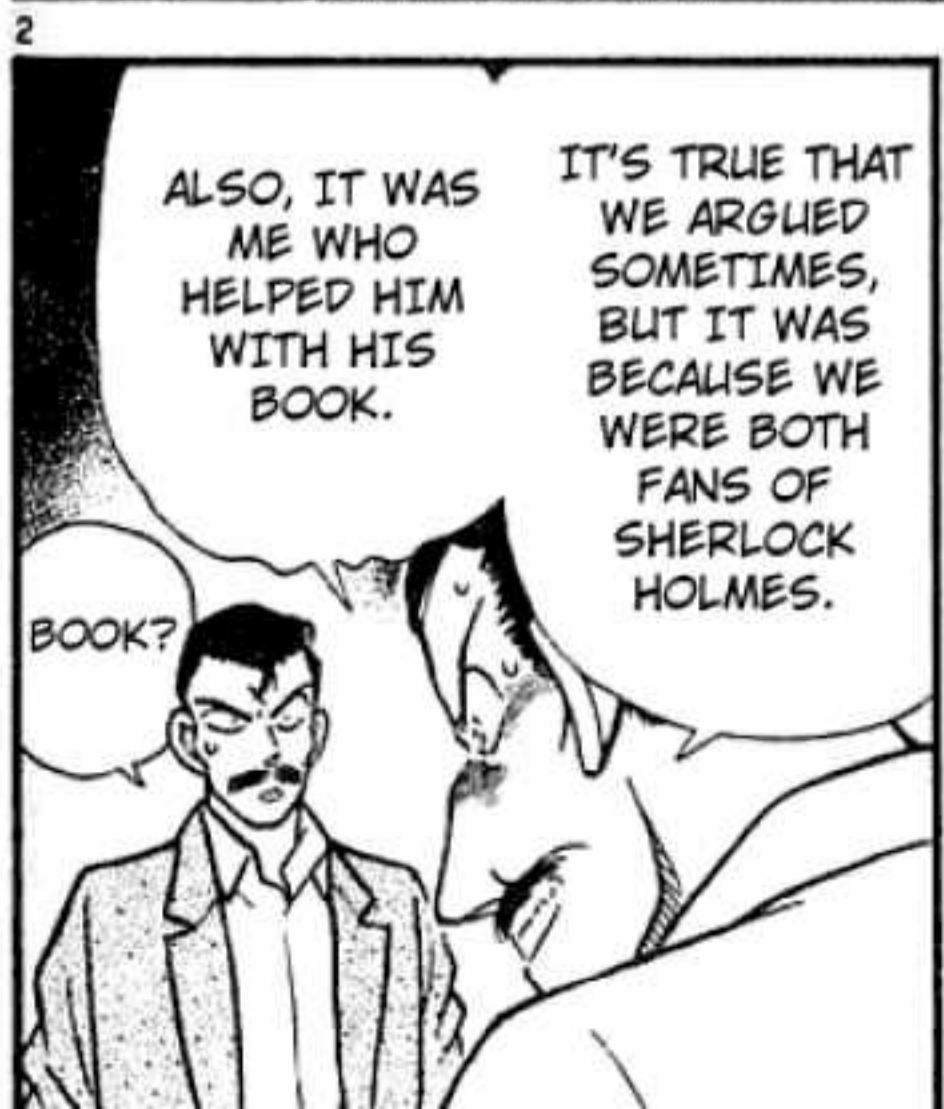
FLOP FLOP
HII HII



ISOLATED THE MANSION AND ATTACKED MR. FUJISAWA WITH THE ICE PICK.

HE KILLED AYAKO IN THE GARAGE ...

HE PRETENDED TO BE DEAD AND HID IN THE HOUSE.



ALSO, IT WAS ME WHO HELPED HIM WITH HIS BOOK.

IT'S TRUE THAT WE ARGUED SOMETIMES, BUT IT WAS BECAUSE WE WERE BOTH FANS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES.

BOOK?



SHIT. WHY WOULD HE WANT TO KILL ME?

AND RAN AWAY, BREAKING THE WINDOW!

...
BUT, HE MAY WANT TO PAY ME FOR MY WORK THIS WAY.

HE TOLD ME THAT, IF I HELPED HIM, HE WOULD LET ME TAKE PART IN THE CONTEST.

IT'S NAME WAS "THE MOCKERY OF IRENE ADLER."

YEAH. LAST YEAR, THE OWNER PUBLISHED A BOOK ABOUT HOLMES.

IRENE ADLER
...

LE SOUVIRE MOQUEUR D'IRENE ADLER
MONTREUSE KANAKI
LE SOUVIRE MOQUEUR D'IRENE ADLER

AMONG ALL THE PARTICIPANTS, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO KNEW HIM IN PERSON.

HMMMM, IT'S VERY STRANGE.

WHY DOES HE TREAT US LIKE THIS?

ANYWAYS, I MET AYAKO HERE ON THIS TRIP.

YES!
RAN! GO AFTER THE OWNER!

HMMM, THE ONES ATTACKED WERE ALL LINKED WITH THE OWNER... IT'S GETTING MORE AND MORE SUSPICIOUS.

HER FATHER AND THE MASTER WERE CLOSE FRIENDS. THAT'S WHY HE INVITED HER TO THIS CONTEST EVERY YEAR.

EH?

MISS AYAKO ALSO KNEW HIM.



NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU SEARCH, YOU WON'T FIND ANYTHING.

IT'S TOO LATE!



THE MURDERER MUST HAVE USED IT!

THAT'S RIGHT! IT HAD PIECES OF GLASS!



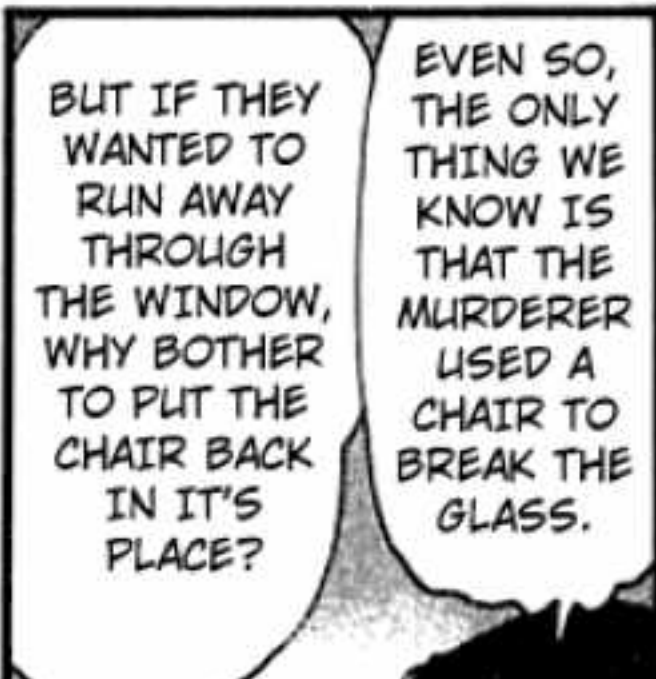
THE MURDERER USED IT TO BREAK THE WINDOW AND LEFT IT THIS WAY!

LOOK AT THIS CHAIR! IT'S OUT OF PLACE!



SO THEY DECIDED TO BREAK THE GLASS AND ERASE THE FINGER-PRINTS.

MAYBE THEY DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE FINGER-PRINTS, IF THEY THREW THE CHAIR, THEY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO ERASE THEM.



BUT IF THEY WANTED TO RUN AWAY THROUGH THE WINDOW, WHY BOTHER TO PUT THE CHAIR BACK IN IT'S PLACE?

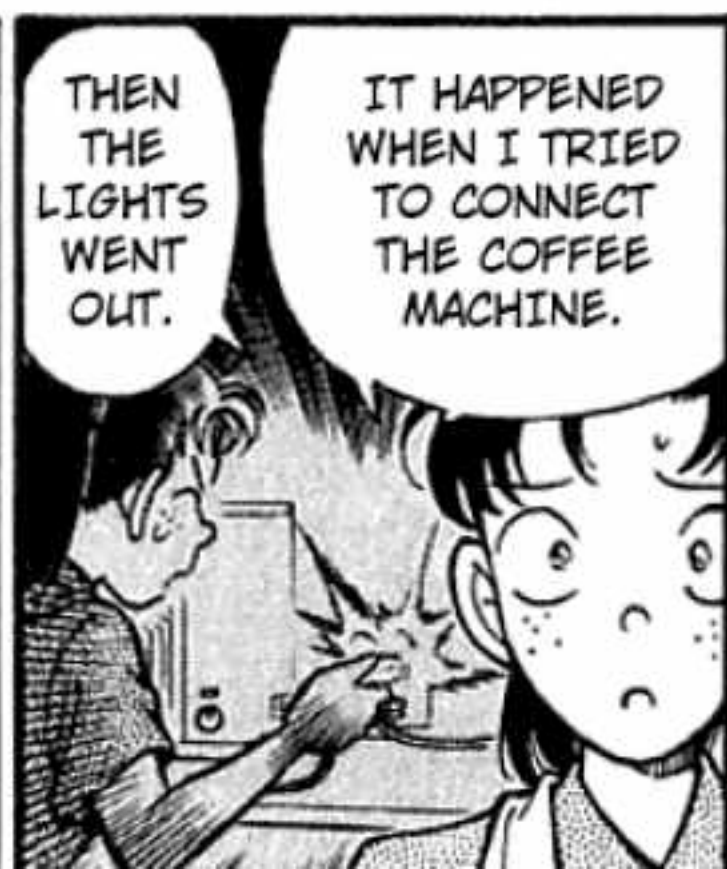
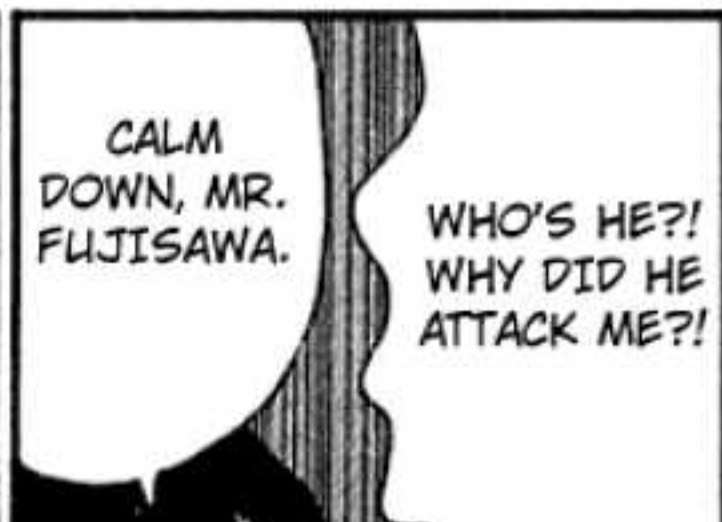
EVEN SO, THE ONLY THING WE KNOW IS THAT THE MURDERER USED A CHAIR TO BREAK THE GLASS.



WHEN THE ELECTRICITY RETURNED, AS WE WERE OCCUPIED THEY WERE ABLE TO CLEAN OFF ALL THE FINGERPRINTS FREELY!

THEN PUT THE CHAIR BACK IN PLACE AGAIN, TRYING TO TRICK US!







THIS IS THE ORIGIN OF THE POWER OUTAGE.

AH, YES, THE SOCKET IS BURNT.



LOOK IT WAS THERE!



SOMEONE PREPARED IT TO CREATE A SHORT CIRCUIT.

THERE'S A WIRE AROUND THE PLUG.



EVERY BOX HAS ONE OF THESE WIRES ATTACHED.

LOOK



MAYBE FROM HERE?

BUT WHERE COULD HE GET A WIRE FROM?



NOW I KNOW ...

HO HO HO ...



MR. KAWATSU AND MR. TOGANOU.

WHO OPENED THE BOXES?

AND IT'S THE SAME ONE AS HERE...



AREN'T YOU?!

THE MURDERER IS MR. KAWATSU!



THEY WERE IN THE LIVING ROOM WHEN THE OWNER'S CAR EXPLODED!

YES, BUT YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE THAT DOESN'T HAVE AN ALABI! THE OTHERS DO HAVE ONE!



I WASN'T ALONE! THERE WERE 3 MORE PEOPLE IN THE KITCHEN!

WAIT A MOMENT!



YOU ATTACKED MR. FUJISAWA WITH THE ICE PICK, LEAD BY THE LIGHTNING!

AND THEN, WHEN ALL WAS DARK,

AND YOU, HIDING FROM THE OTHER THREE, USED THE WIRES FROM ONE OF THE BOXES, PUT IT IN THE SOCKET AND CREATED THE POWER OUTAGE!



BELIEVE YOUR EXPLANATION, MOURI!

BUT I STILL CAN'T



YEAH, IF WE DIDN'T PUSH HIM, MR. FUJISAWA, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN KILLED!

ISN'T THAT TRUE?

BUT YOU COULDN'T ATTACK HIM BECAUSE OF THE KIDS!





YES, THE LAST TIME I TOOK PART IN A CASE WHERE KUDO APPEARED, THAT KID VANISHED,

KUDO?

HE HAS THE BODY OF A CHILD BUT HIS MIND IS LIKE KUDO'S

...

THIS KID ISN'T TALKING NONSENSE, HE KNOWS WHAT HE'S SAYING!



LEFT THE SCENE.

AND ONLY CAME BACK WHEN KUDO

...



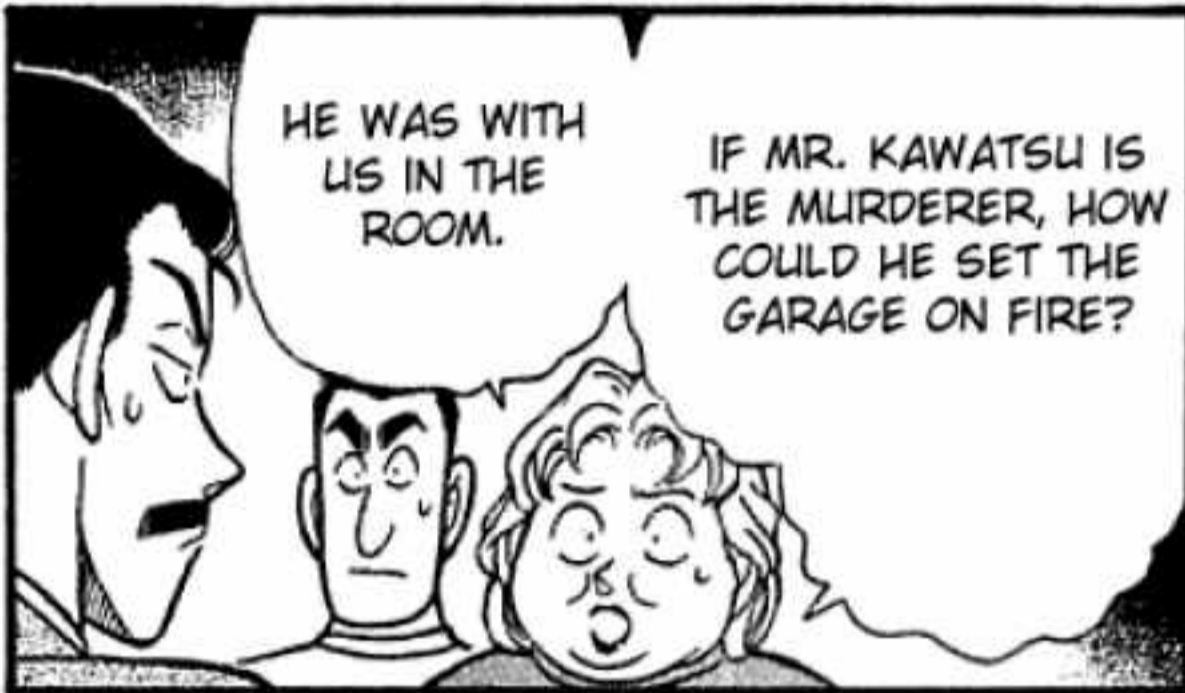
REALLY IS...

AH, THEN THIS KID...



IT
CAN'T
BE...

NAH...



HE WAS WITH
US IN THE
ROOM.

IF MR. KAWATSU IS
THE MURDERER, HOW
COULD HE SET THE
GARAGE ON FIRE?



AND
YOU SIR,
DON'T YOU
FIND IT
STRANGE?

ITS
BETTER
NOT TO
THINK
SUCH
SILLY
THINGS.

NOBODY
CAN
SHRINK OR
GROW LIKE
THAT. THE
ONE WHO
COULD DO
IT WOULD
BE ABLE
TO COMMIT
THE
PERFECT
CRIME...



THAT'S
RIGHT!

AND IN THE
FIRST CASE,
BEFORE FALLING
OFF THE CLIFF,
THE CAR
ACCELERATED.



DON'T TRUST HIM AT
ALL! I KNOW HIM AND
HE TENDS TO MAKE
THE WRONG
CONCLUSIONS!

YOU HAVE
NO RIGHT
TO JUDGE
ME!



YEAH,
BUT...

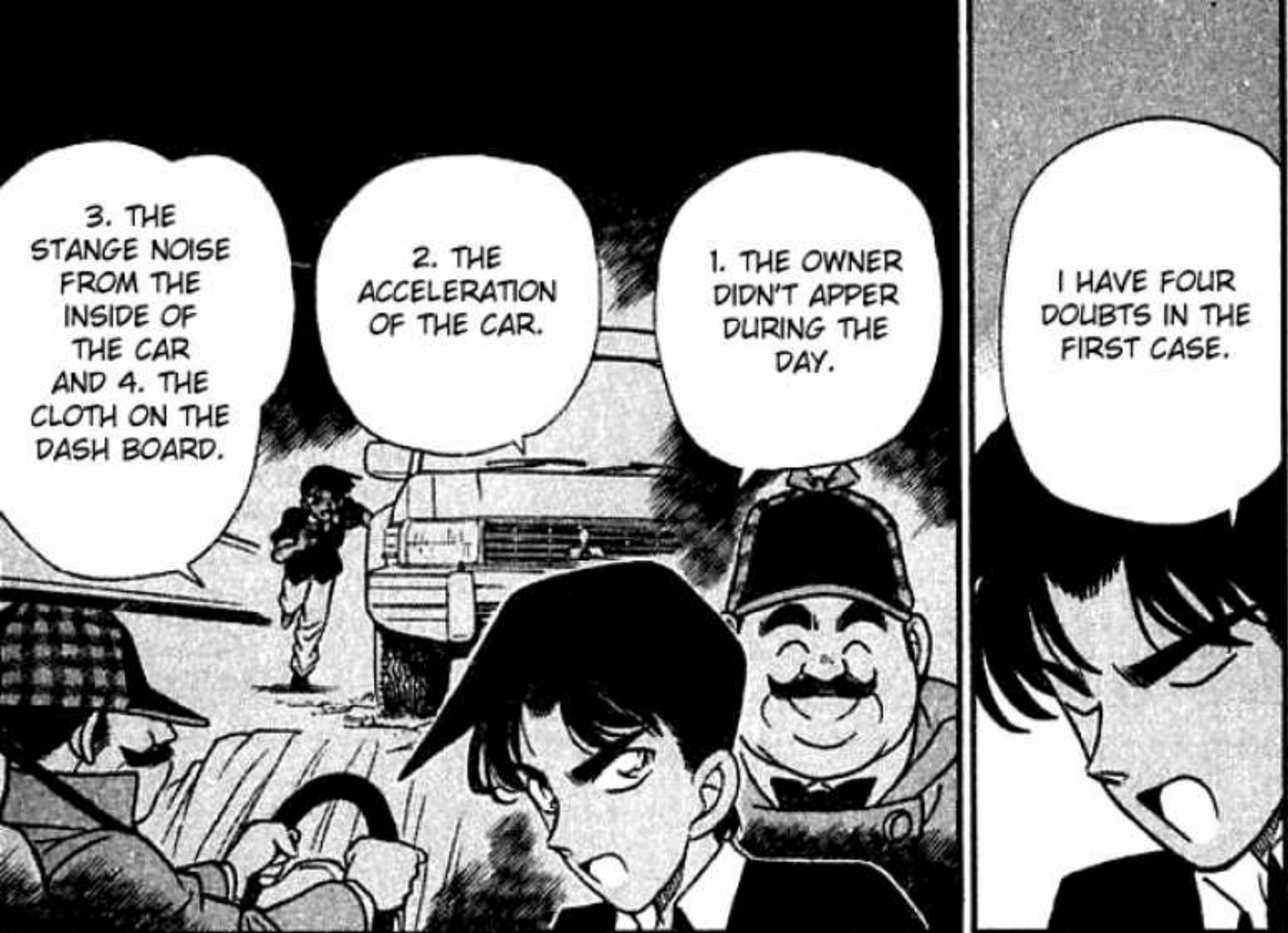
THEN YOU
KNOW WHO
SET THE
GARAGE ON
FIRE?



EHH?

BUT THE
1ST IS
STILL
DOUBTFUL
...

HE'S
RIGHT. I
ALREADY
UNDER-
STAND THE
2ND CASE,



3. THE STANGE NOISE FROM THE INSIDE OF THE CAR AND 4. THE CLOTH ON THE DASH BOARD.

2. THE ACCELERATION OF THE CAR.

1. THE OWNER DIDN'T APPER DURING THE DAY.

I HAVE FOUR DOUBTS IN THE FIRST CASE.

AND THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE...

YES, IT WAS COVERING THE DASHBOARD

A CLOTH?

HUH?
THE OWNER WAS MURDERED BEFORE THE CAR STARTED TO MOVE. THE BODY ALREADY HAD ACHIEVED RIGORMORTIS

WHEN THE CAR WENT OVER, THE BODY DIDN'T MOVE.

THE OWNER HAD HIS HANDS FIRMLY SEIZED TO THE STEERING WHEEL!

FIRST I THOUGHT IT COULD BE SUICIDE, BUT AFTER THE OTHER ATTACKS, I'M SURE IT WAS LIKE THAT...



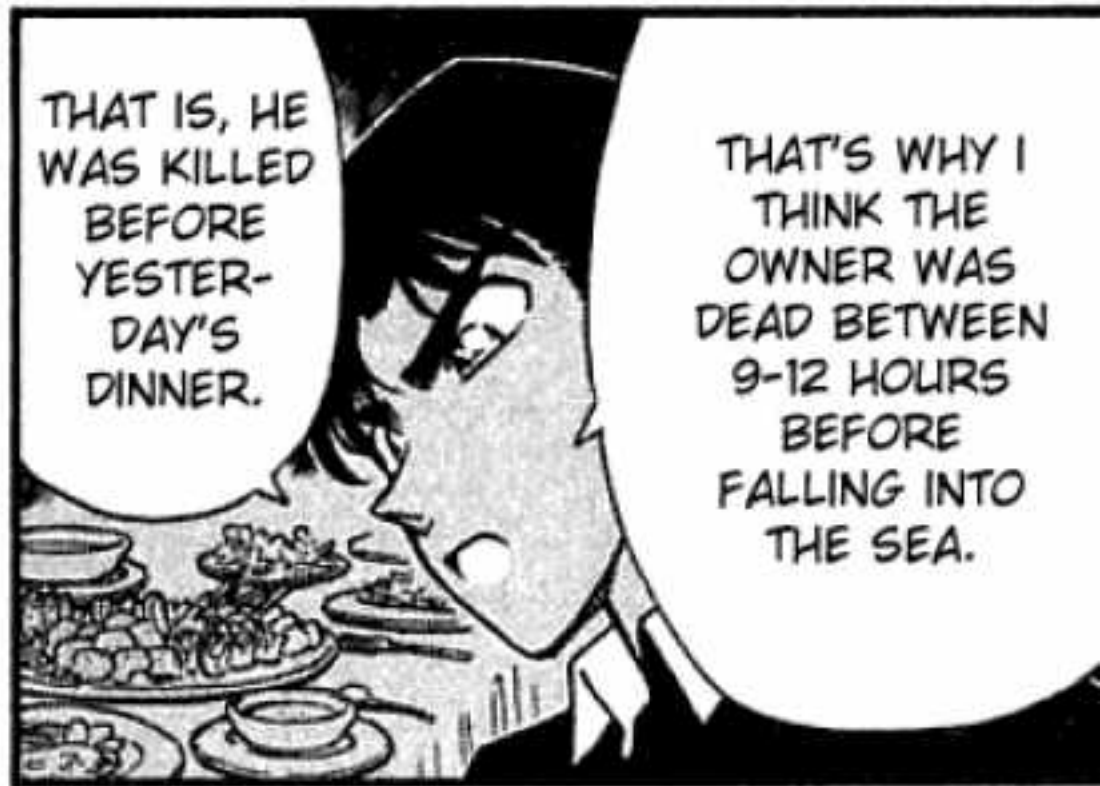
'RIGORMORTIS' LASTS FOR MORE OR LESS 30 HOURS. AFTER THAT THE BODY LOOSENS.

AFTER PASSING AWAY, THE BODY BEGINS TO GET RIGID BETWEEN 30 MINUTES AND 2 HOURS. 9-12 HOURS LATER, THE PROCESS FINISHES AND THE BODY ENDS UP TOTALLY RIGID.



MAYBE HE WANTED IT TO SEEM LIKE A MURDER ...

BUT I DON'T KNOW WHY THE MURDERER PUT THE BODY IN THE CAR SO SOON...



THAT IS, HE WAS KILLED BEFORE YESTER-DAY'S DINNER.

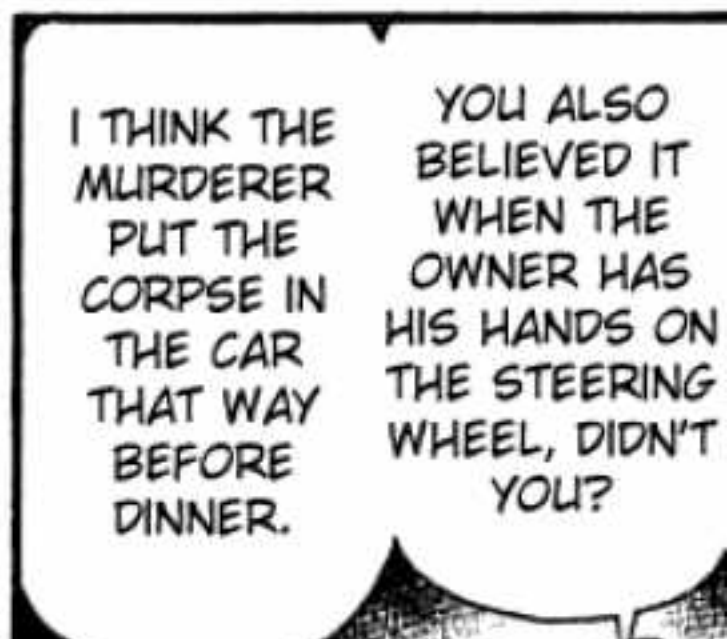
THAT'S WHY I THINK THE OWNER WAS DEAD BETWEEN 9-12 HOURS BEFORE FALLING INTO THE SEA.



THE DEAD CAN'T MOVE.

BUT HOW DID THE CAR SPEED UP?

THAT'S WHY I THINK THE MURDERER IS ONE OF THOSE WHO LEFT THE LIVING ROOM AFTER DINNER.



I THINK THE MURDERER PUT THE CORPSE IN THE CAR THAT WAY BEFORE DINNER.

YOU ALSO BELIEVED IT WHEN THE OWNER HAS HIS HANDS ON THE STEERING WHEEL, DIDN'T YOU?



MOVE?!

THE DEAD ...



HE WAITED UNTIL THE CORPSE WAS RIGID, AND AFTER DINNER, WENT TO THE GARAGE AND STARTED THE CAR.



BUT I DON'T HAVE THE PROOF!

AND THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD HAVE DONE IT...



IT CAN'T BE!

THE MURDERER TRICKED US!



IF SHE FOUND SOMETHING IN THE MURDERER'S ROOM...

WAIT A MOMENT... AT MIDDAY, AYAKO WAS IN THE CORRIDOR WITH HER EXAM...



THE MURDERER IS...!!



IT ALL FITS!



THAT'S IT!



**MISS MARIA
TODA, THE
FORTUNE
TELLER!!**



YES, THE
MURDERER
IS...

EH?

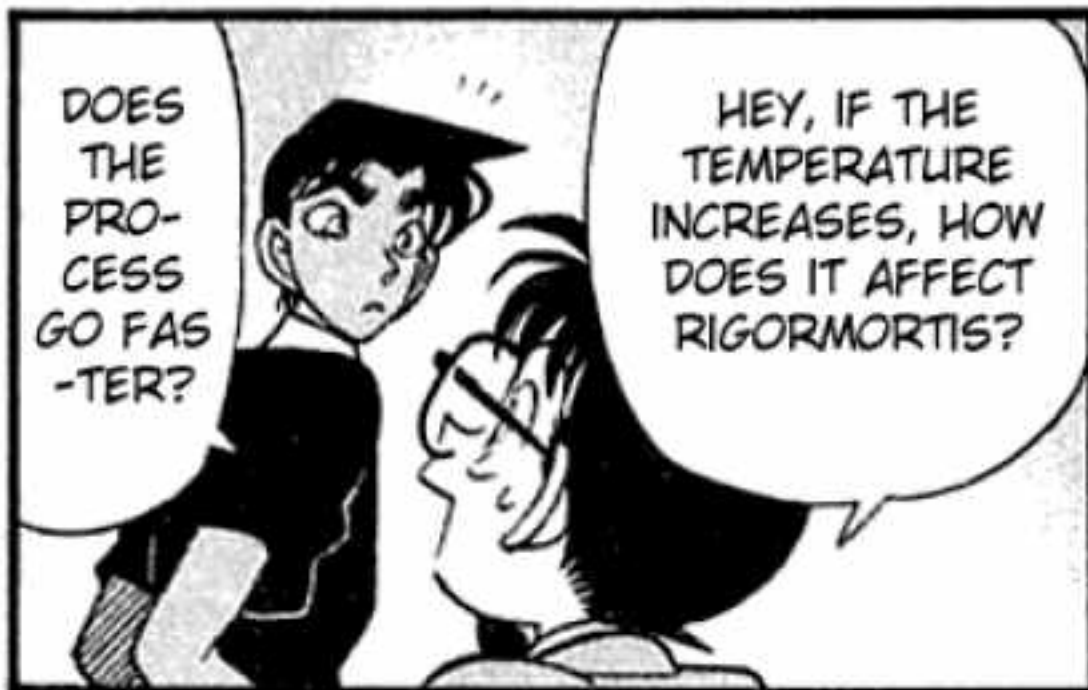


I'LL HAVE
TO MAKE
HIM GO
TO SLEEP
QUICKLY.

WHAT
AN
IDIOT

AND YOU DID
THE SAME
WITH AYAKO!

I'M SURE YOU
HYPNOTISED
THE OWNER
AND MADE HIM
COMMIT
SUICIDE!



DOES
THE
PRO-
CESS
GO FAS-
-TER?

HEY, IF THE
TEMPERATURE
INCREASES, HOW
DOES IT AFFECT
RIGORMORTIS?



BUT I HAVE
TO BE
CAREFUL,
HATTORI
COULD SEE
ME WHILE I
SPEAK.



...



DON'T
YOU...?

YOU
KNOW IT...



