

FILE 4: A Really Sad Brotherhood







I EVEN RECEIVED A PHONE CALL AT THE EXACT TIME OF THE CRIME.

AND I STAYED IN MY WORK-ROOM WHICH IS ONE KILO-METER FROM HERE.



WITH MY FIANCEE HIROMI.

AND I TOLD YOU I WAS IN TOKYO.



AND WHAT'S MORE I LEFT A MESSAGE ON THE ANSWER-PHONE WHICH MEANS I CAN'T BE THE CULPRIT.

I TOLD YOU I WAS IN OSAKA.



NO, WE KNOW WHO THE CULPRIT IS.

THAT I PREFER HAVING YOU THREE IN THE POLICE STATION AS LONG AS WE ARE NOT SURE WHO THE REAL CULPRIT IS. YOU WILL GIVE ME MORE DETAILS THERE.

THAT'S TRUE BUT WHAT YOU ARE SAYING CHANGES SO EASILY ...



SHE WILL SHOW THEM AGAIN HER SKILL AS A SUPER DETECTIVE.

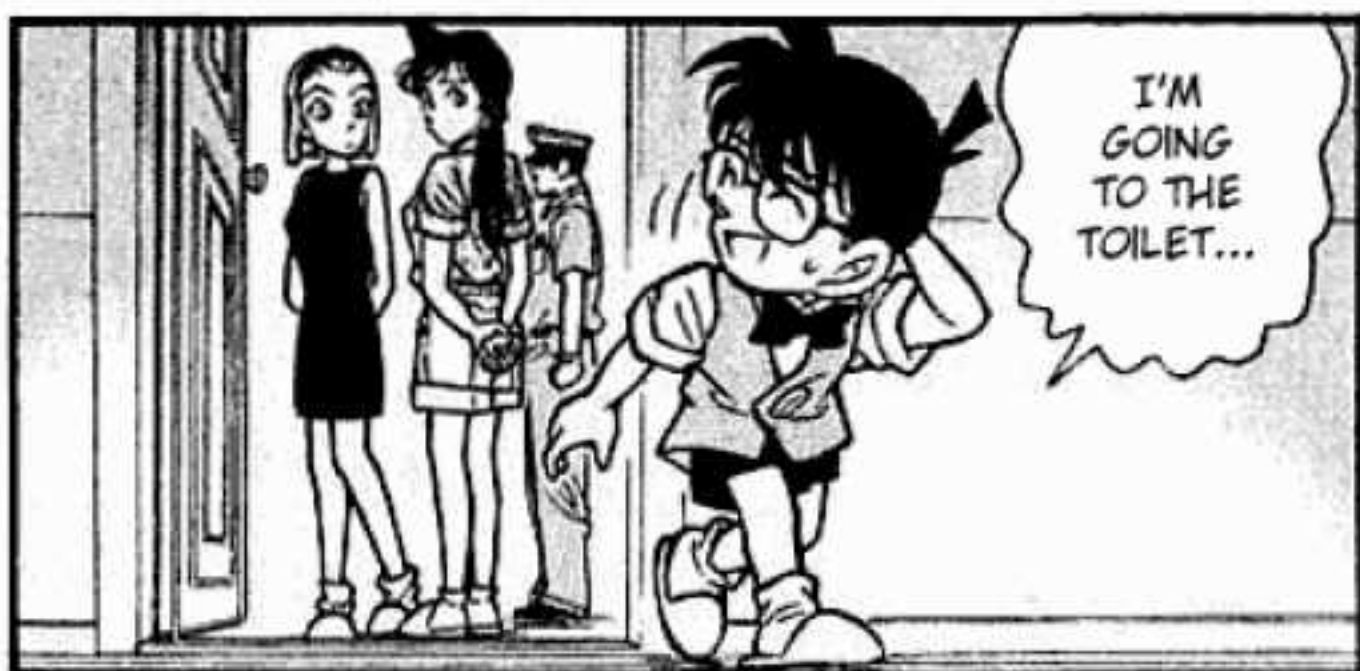


I WILL PUT SONO-KO TO SLEEP ...



THERE IS NO DOUBT ...

THE ONE WHO SAID STRANGE THINGS FOR HIS ALIBI...





HE MIGHT BE IN LOVE WITH ME...

ARE YOU CRAZY?



YES.

HE WAS AIMING ME AGAIN?



THAT'S ENOUGH!

UZZZZZ...!

HUH!



DAMN! WE WILL HAVE TO DO IT THE OTHER WAY: SONOKO AND RAN ARE GOING TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY TOGETHER.

GIVE ME THAT WATCH!!



WHAT?

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S STRANGE?



WHO?

THEN DON'T YOU THINK WHAT HE SAID IS STRANGE?



YES...

AROUND 23:30 DURING TEN MINUTES.

WELL, JUST BEFORE SEEING THE MURDERER THERE WAS A POWER CUT...





HUH?

THAT
THE CULPRIT
IS HIM!



?

THANKS
TO CONAN
I UNDER-
STAND
NOW.



DON'T
TELL ME YOU
STILL BELIEVE
I AM THE
MURDERER?

STAY
CALM
MISS!



AND THERE
IS NO WITNESS
TO PROVE M.
TAICHI WAS
REALLY AT THE
PACHINKO.



THE
SAME
GOES
FOR THE
CALL
OF M.
YUZO.

YOU SAY THAT
YOU WERE WITH
YOUR FIANCEE BUT
YOU COULD HAVE
MADE UP ALL OF
IT WITH HER.



PFFT!
WE CAN
LEARN ALL
THIS BY
READING
A TV
PROGRAM.

I ALREADY TOLD
YOU, AT THE TIME
OF THE MURDER
I WAS WATCHING
TV. AND IF I COULD
TELL YOU THERE
WASN'T ANY OTHER
CHANNEL TALKING
ABOUT THE MATCH
AT THIS TIME,
THEN I WAS
INDEED
WATCHING TV.



BUT...

NONE
OF YOU
THREE HAVE
A GOOD
ALIBI.



AND THE
CULPRIT
IS HIM.

ONE OF
YOU IS LYING
THAT IS
CERTAIN.



LET'S
LISTEN TO
HER, I'M
INTERE-
STED...

PFFT!
IT'S ONLY
A LITTLE
GIRL...

ONE
OF THEM
LIE?



THE MATCH WAS ONLY
BROADCASTED BY
THIS RADIO AND THE
SATELLITE'S CHANNELS,
AND THE SATELLITE'S
CHANNELS AREN'T
WORKING AT OUR
HOUSE.

WHAT IS MORE
IS THAT I TALKED
ABOUT THE RESULT
OF THE MATCH
BROADCASTED ON
A RADIO IN
OSAKA JUST
BEFORE THE
CRIME.



BUT BY
LUCK, I
PHONED
AND LEFT A
MESSAGE
ON THE
ANSWER-
PHONE
AT 23:34.

IT IS MOST
LIKELY THAT
NO ONE
WOULD BE
ABLE TO
TELL I WAS
AT THE
PACHINKO
YESTERDAY,



I CAN
DEDUCE
THEN
THAT YOU
DON'T
KNOW...

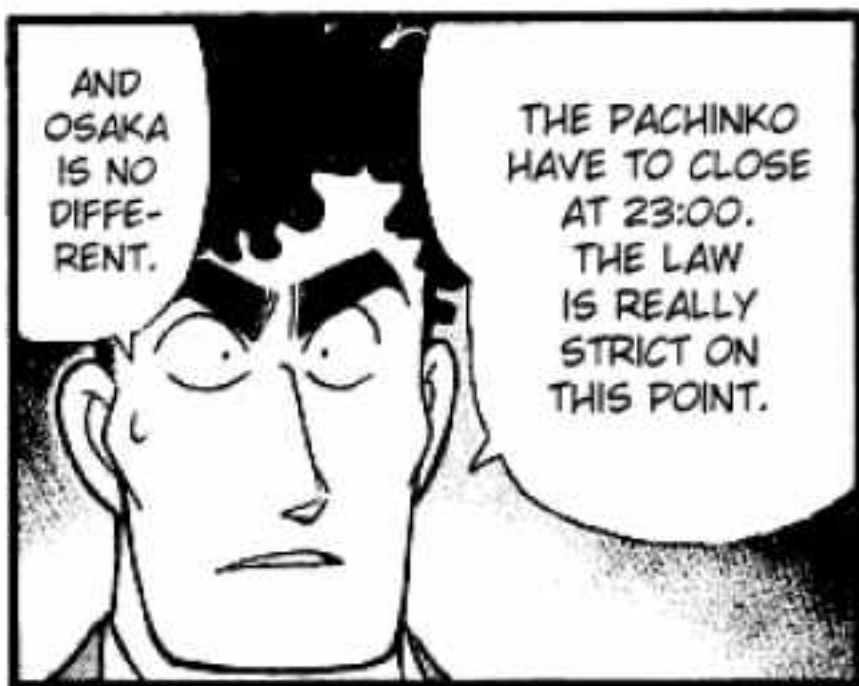
YES,
DEFINI-
TELY
CERTAIN.

ARE YOU
REALLY
CERTAIN
IT WAS
23:30
WHEN YOU
WERE AT
THE PACH-
INKO?

IT'S BECAUSE
I WAS AT THE
PACHINKO THAT I
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OF THE MATCH,
I COULDN'T HAVE
BEEN HERE.



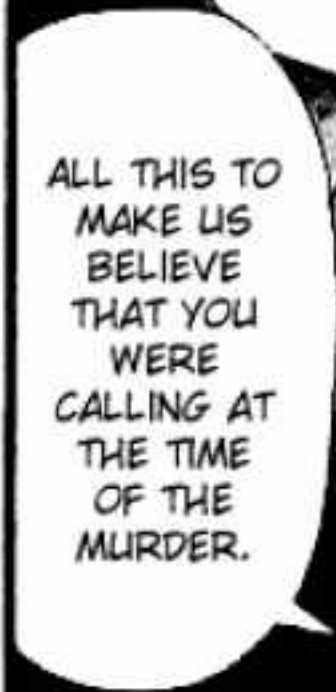
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YOUR FATHER HAD COME TO WATCH TV AT OUR HOUSE BECAUSE THE SATELLITE WASN'T WORKING AT YOURS...

THEN YOU CHANGED THE TIME BACK AND WAITED FOR YOUR FATHER TO COME BACK HOME.



ALL THIS TO MAKE US BELIEVE THAT YOU WERE CALLING AT THE TIME OF THE MURDER.



WHAT A MATCH, FATHER! THIS DIFFICULT VICTORY OF THE FALCONS ...

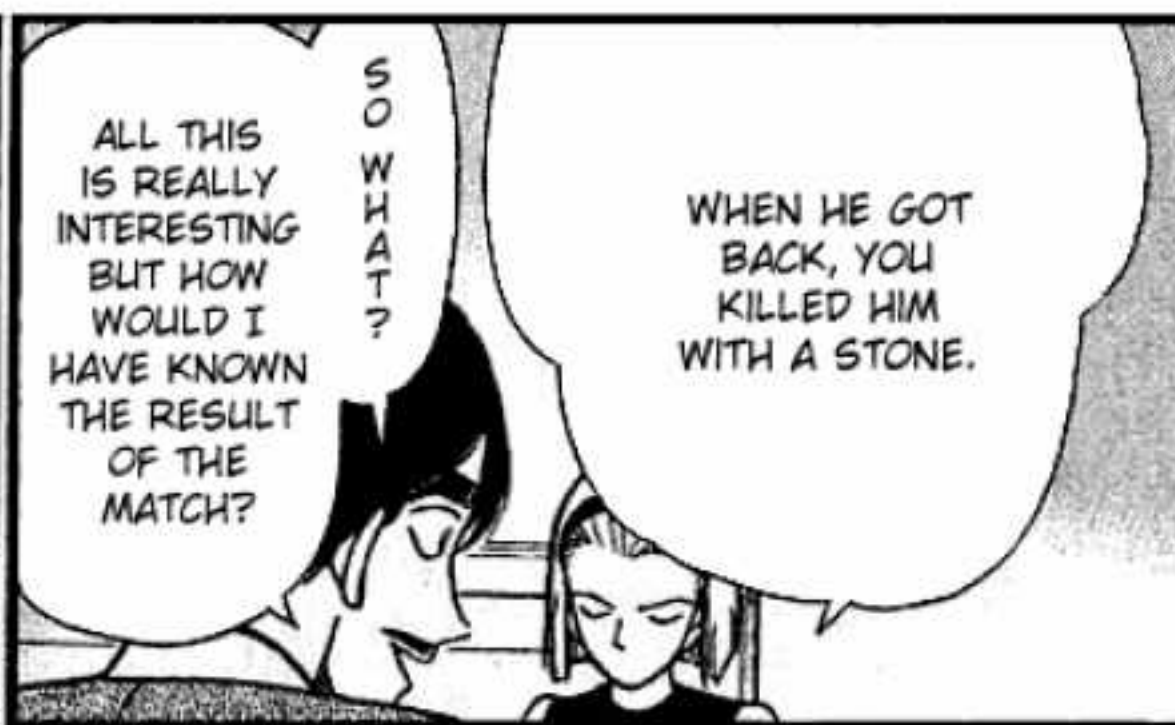


IN FACT, YOU WERE HIDING IN THE HOUSE AND YOU FOLLOWED THE MATCH HERE. WHEN IT ENDED, YOU RECORDED YOUR MESSAGE ON THE ANSWERPHONE, HAVING PREVIOUSLY CHANGED THE TIME TO AN EARLIER ONE!



IN FACT YOU KNEW EVERYTHING OF WHAT WAS HAPPENING HERE, AS IF YOU WERE THERE.

AND IF I WAS HIDDEN HERE, HOW COULD I HAVE KNOWN WHEN HE WAS GOING TO GO BACK?



ALL THIS IS REALLY INTERESTING BUT HOW WOULD I HAVE KNOWN THE RESULT OF THE MATCH?

S O W H A T ?

WHEN HE GOT BACK, YOU KILLED HIM WITH A STONE.



DON'T YOU REMEMBER SOMETHING WAS MISSING ON YOUR FATHER'S BODY?

WHO SAID IT WAS IN THE HOUSE?



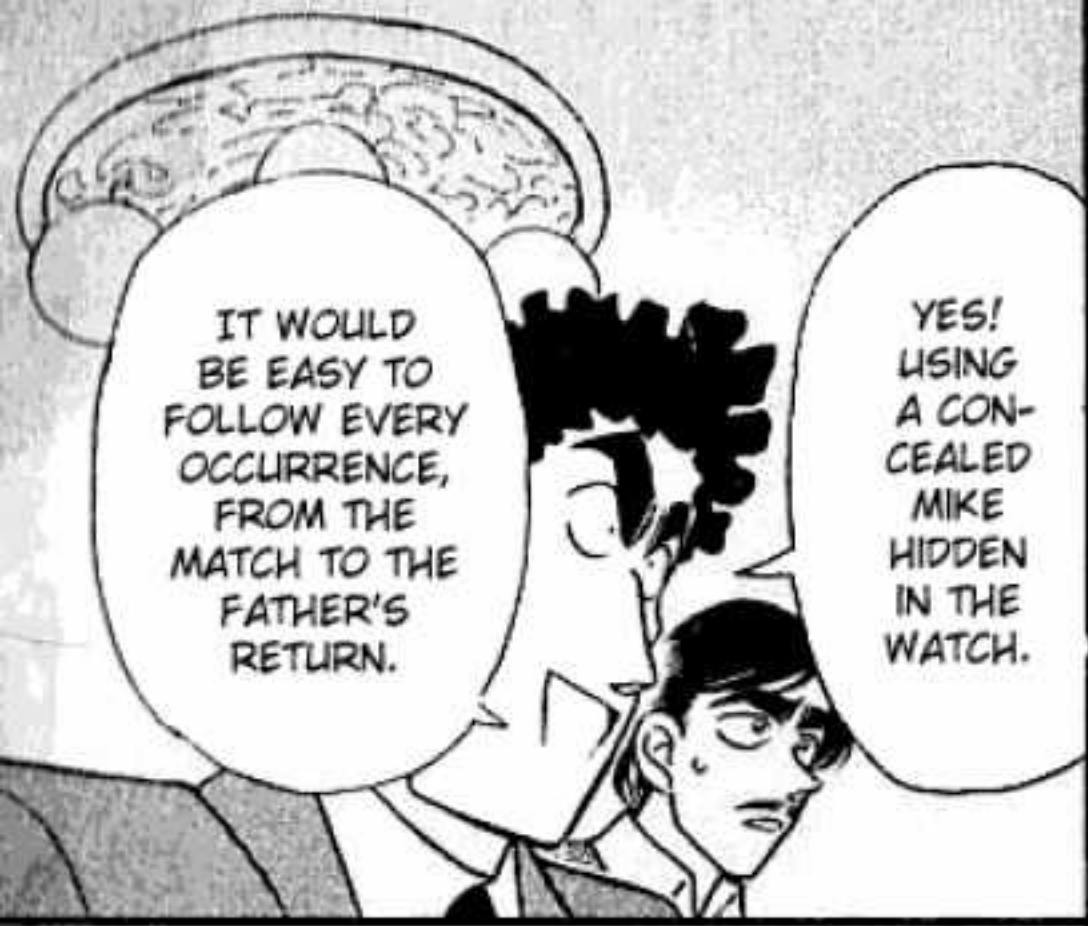
IF THAT IS WHAT YOU THINK, YOU JUST HAVE TO SEARCH THE HOUSE!

HAHAHA! ME, PUTTING A MIKE IN YOUR HOUSE?



A MIKE?

BECAUSE YOU WERE LISTENING TO US USING A MIKE...



IT WOULD BE EASY TO FOLLOW EVERY OCCURRENCE, FROM THE MATCH TO THE FATHER'S RETURN.

YES! USING A CONCEALED MIKE HIDDEN IN THE WATCH.



THE WATCH ?!



YES, THAT'S IT.

AFTER THE MURDER, HE TOOK THE WATCH TO MAKE SURE HE DIDN'T LEAVE ANY HINT.



I WOULD NEARLY WANT TO USE IT IN ONE OF MY NOVELS. GREAT DEDUCTION!

YOU ARE HIS SON. ALL OF THIS WAS MORE THAN EASY FOR YOU ...



AND BREAKING THE SATELLITE TO FORCE HIM TO COME HERE...

PUTTING A MIKE IN THE WATCH.



THAT MAY BE...

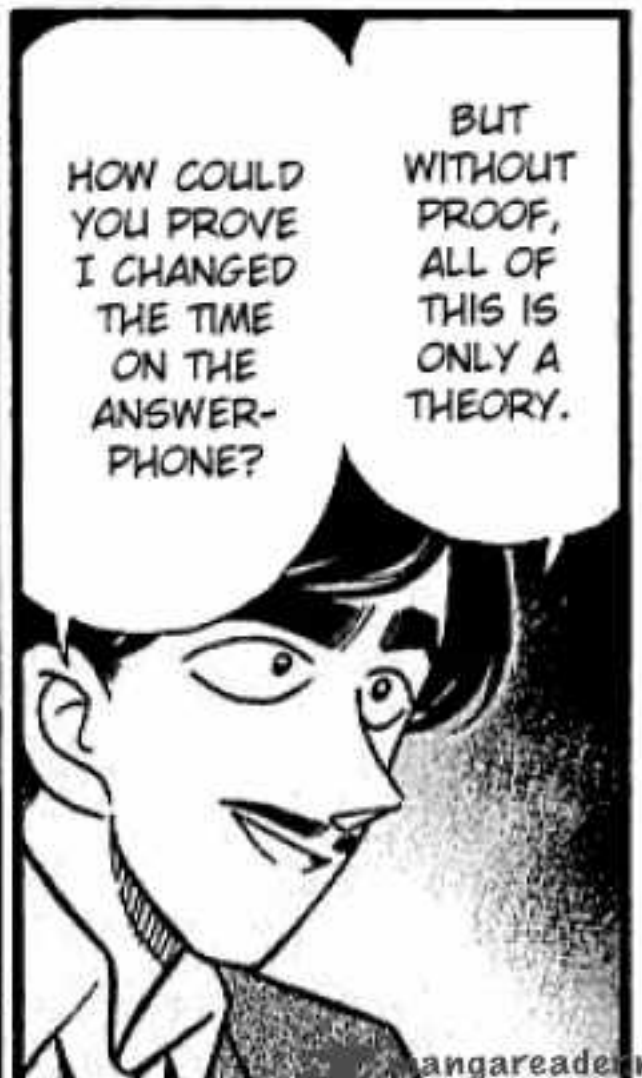
IT MEANS NOTHING WITHOUT PROOF...



AND THE MESSAGE LEFT BY YUZO...

PROVES I DIDN'T USE IT...

THE SHOWN TIME IS THE RIGHT ONE...



HOW COULD YOU PROVE I CHANGED THE TIME ON THE ANSWER-PHONE?

BUT WITHOUT PROOF, ALL OF THIS IS ONLY A THEORY.



YOU LEFT
A HINT
WHICH IS
IMPOSSIBLE
TO HIDE...

I
HAVE A
PROOF!



A
POWER
CUT?

YOU CAN'T SAY YOU
DON'T KNOW SINCE
YOU WERE THERE
TOO, BUT THERE
WAS A POWERCUT
DURING TEN MINUTES
AT 23:30.



WH...

WHAT?



!?

I GUESS YOU
KNOW WHAT
HAPPENS TO AN
ANSWERPHONE
WHEN THE
POWER IS CUT
...



BUT...
IN THAT
CASE...

NOW, HOW DO
YOU EXPLAIN
IT RECEIVED
A MESSAGE
FROM YOU AT
23:34?



OF COURSE
THE CLOCK STILL
WORKS USING
THE BATTERIES,
BUT IT'S
ABSOLUTELY
IMPOSSIBLE TO
RECORD A
MESSAGE!

IF THE
POWER IS
CUT, IT STOPS
WORKING,
THAT'S ALL!



SINCE HE
SAID HE
RECEIVED A
CALL AFTER
23:30, IT
MEANS HE
LIED!

IT'S
TRUE
FOR
YUZO
TOO!



THE
PHONE
RECEIVES
ENOUGH
POWER
FROM THE
PHONE
LINE.

BUT
THAT
IS
SO!

NO,
THAT
CAN'T
BE...



EVEN IF THE
POWER IS
CUT WE
CAN STILL
PHONE!

IT SEEMS
THERE ARE
A LOT OF
THINGS
YOU DON'T
KNOW.



IN
THAT
CASE
...



NO, IT WOULD
TAKE AN INCREDIBLE
LUCK TO MAKE
YOUR MESSAGE
AND THE TIME OF
THE MURDER
MATCHED.

IN THAT
CASE...
IT MUST BE
SOMEONE WHO
CHANGED
DELIBERATELY
THE TIME TO
GET ME
ACCUSED.



