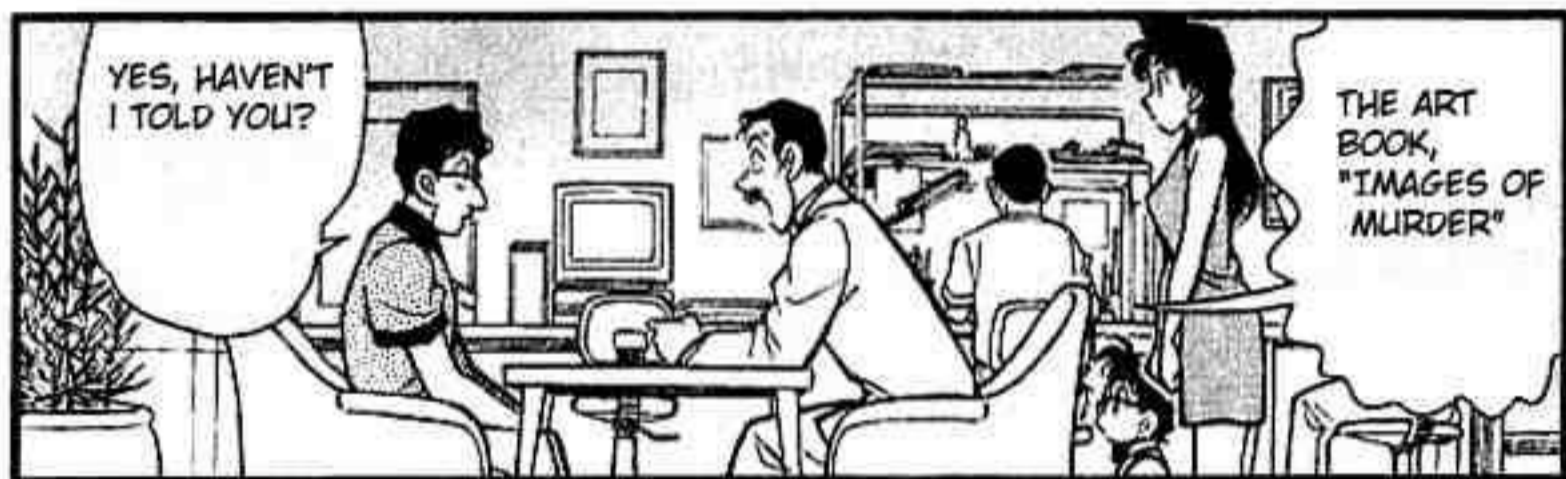
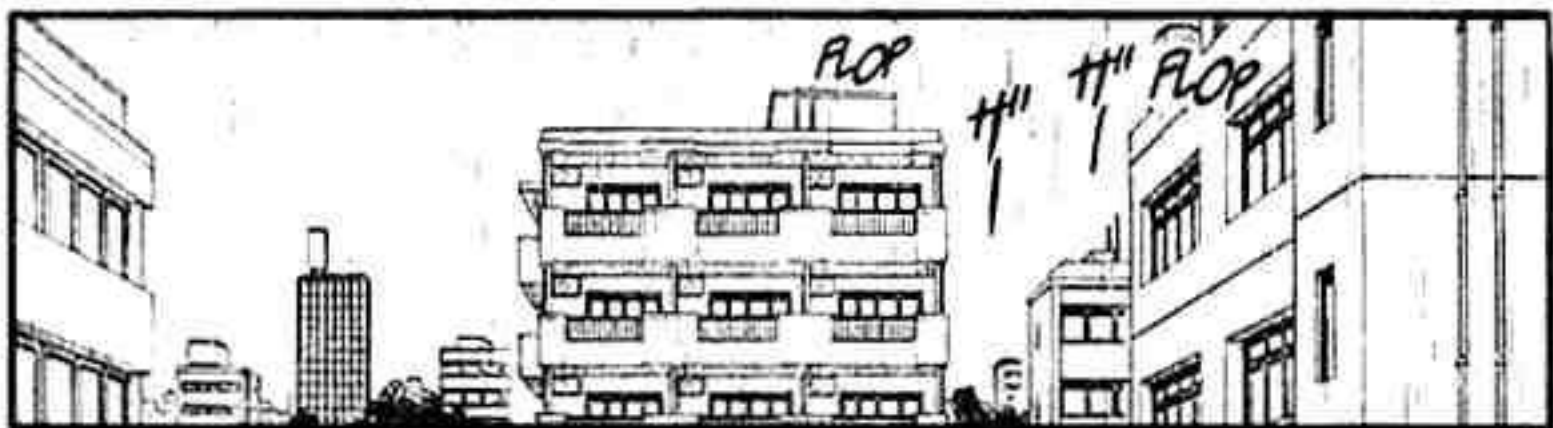


File 5:

The Falling Corpse









PAINT?

WHAT IS THIS?

HANAOKA KENJIN (48) PAINTER



OH, YOUR AWAKE.

WH... WHAT ARE YOU DOING



ISN'T IT A BEUTIFUL SHADE? IT JUST CAME OUT TODAY!

NO, IT'S NAIL POLISH!

CHOUNO IZUMI (25) ASSISTANT



BY THE WAY, SHOULD'NT YOU GET GOING? TCHAC!



GEEZ ...



OH, THAT'S EXACTLY WHY I DID IT!

STOP PLAYING AROUND... WHAT IF MY WIFE NOTICES...



HERE, SEE!

I ALREADY PUT YOUR SOCKS AND PANTS ON.

OH SHOOT !!

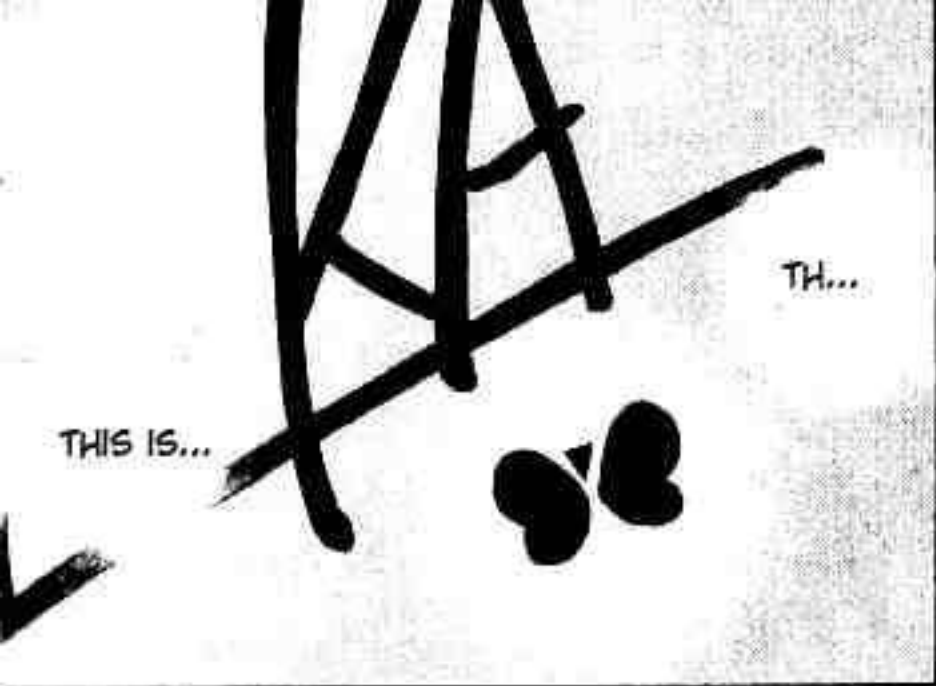


AT THE OFFICE AT 5 PM.

I THOUGHT YOU WERE MEETING WITH DETECTIVE WHAT'S-HIS-NAME...









FOR LIFE

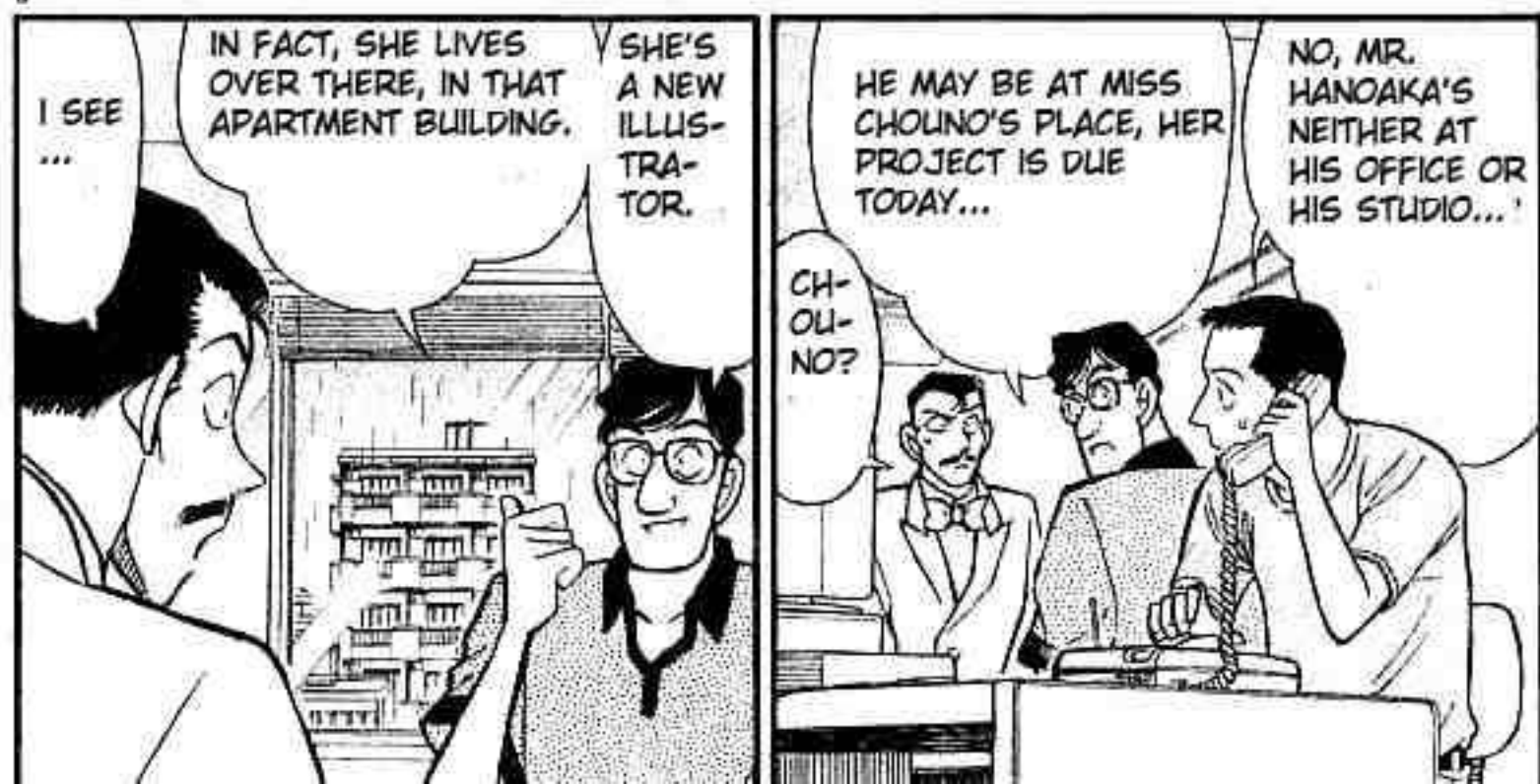
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IT'S 5:30 PM
ALREADY!

HOW LONG IS
HE GOING TO
MAKE US WAIT
HERE?

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I SEE
...

IN FACT, SHE LIVES
OVER THERE, IN THAT
APARTMENT BUILDING.

SHE'S
A NEW
ILLUS-
TRA-
TOR.

HE MAY BE AT MISS
CHOLINO'S PLACE, HER
PROJECT IS DUE
TODAY...

NO, MR.
HANOAKA'S
NEITHER AT
HIS OFFICE OR
HIS STUDIO...!

CH-
OL-
NO?



I... I DIDN'T MEAN TO KILL HER...



OH SHIT! WHAT HAVE I DONE?!



REALLY, I DIDN'T MEAN TO DO IT.



HELLO, THIS IS CHOUNO. I'M NOT AVAILABLE RIGHT NOW. PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE AFTER THE BEEP



BRING!

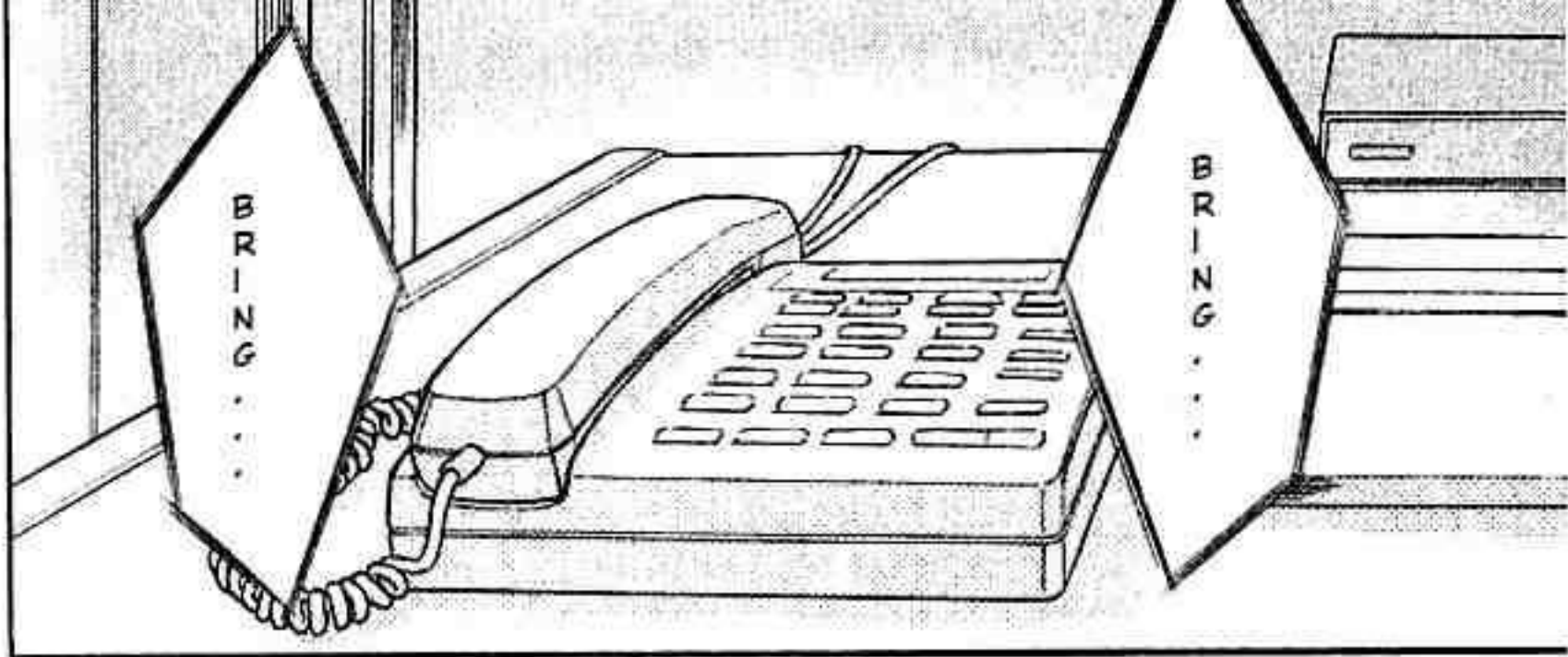


SMILE



NO, HE ISN'T THERE EITHER

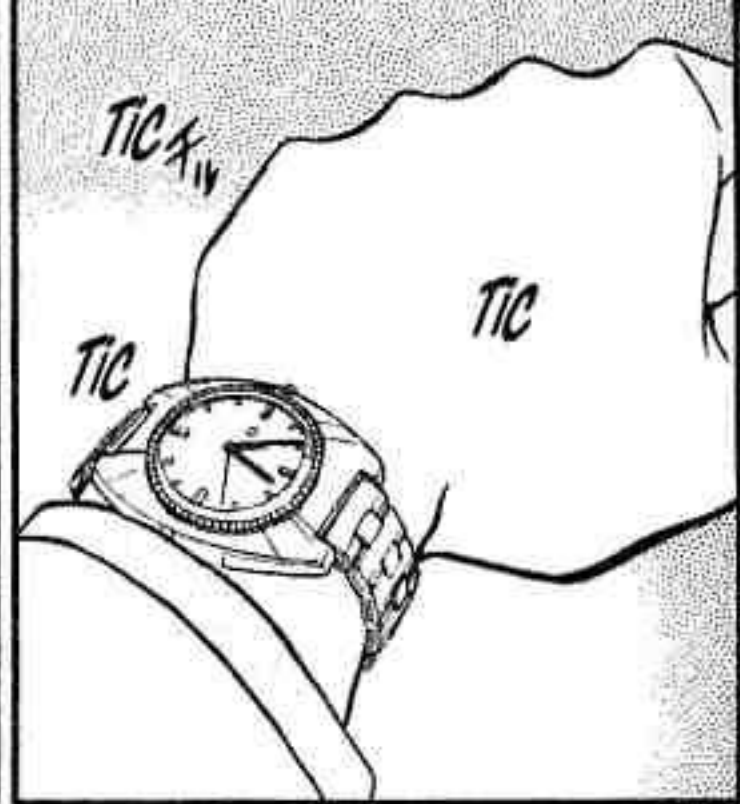
HELLO? THIS IS TANAKA FROM THE OFFICE. ARE YOU AWAKE MISS CHOUNO?





W...WAIT!

DAMN! IT'S TAKING WAY TO LONG! I'M SORRY BUT I HAVE TO GO!



AH, I AM SO SORRY, I FELL ASLEEP AT THE STUDIO...

MR. HANOAKA!



SHE TOLD ME ON THE PHONE THAT SHE WAS ALSO SLEEPING AFTER FINISHING THE PROJECT THIS MORNING.

MISS CHOUNO'S?

I HAD TO ARRANGE FOR MISS CHOUNO'S PROJECT TO BE PICKED UP BY THE DELIVERY SERVICE.



YES, THE PHONE CALLS WOKE ME UP... BUT I HAD TO TAKE CARE OF SOMETHING. REGRETABLY, IT TOOK LONGER THAN I THOUGHT.

AT THE STUDIO? WE CALLED THERE A NUMBER OF TIMES.



MY NAIL?

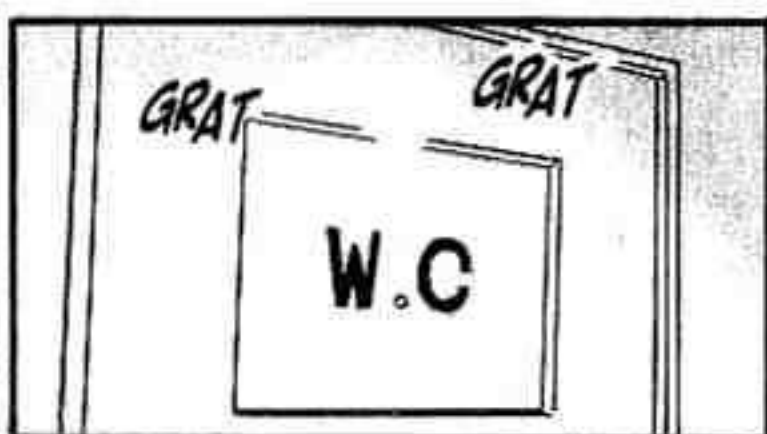
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR NAIL?

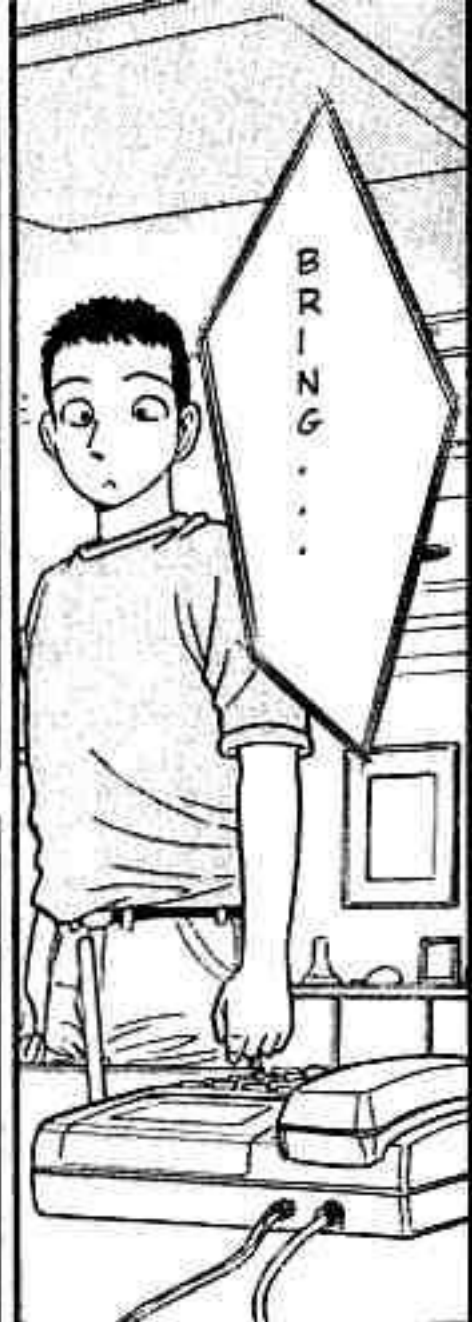


OH!

I TRULY APOLOGISE FOR MAKING YOU WAIT.











SHE
JUMPED?!



SHE...

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CALL THE
POLICE!!!

DON'T
JUST
STAND
THERE!

NO
WAY
...

M...
MISS.
CHOU-
NO...



YES...
THOUGH SHE
WAS NEW,
SHE CER-
TAINLY
WAS A
GIFTED
ARTIST.

MR. HANAOKA
DO YOU
RECOGNIZE
HER AS AN
ILLUSTRATOR
FROM YOUR
OFFICE?



THE
DECEASED
IS CHOUNO
IZUMI AGE
25



Y..
YES..

THAT'S WHEN
YOU ALL SAW
HER FALLING
OFF



BUT ... SHE
CALLED ME AND
SAID "I HAVE NOT
ALLEN, I CAN'T GO
ON LIKE THIS
ANYMORE"

THEN, ALL OF
SUDDEN
FROM THE
VERANDA



I'M SURE SHE WAS ...

WAIT ...



A CONTACT LENS?



HM?



NO, IT CAN'T BE...

I'D SAY IT WAS SUICIDE.

HMMM... SINCE THERE ARE SO MANY WITNESSES ...



IN THAT CASE THE SUSPICIOUS PERSON IS...



SHE WAS DEAD BEFORE SHE FELL TO THE GROUND, THEN SHE WAS PUSHED OVER THE RAILING BY SOMEONE.

IT WAS A MURDER.



BUT DID HE
HAVE AN
ACCOMPLICE
PUSH HER
OVER THE
RAILING?

BUT THERE
WAS NOONE
ON THE
BALCANY
WHEN SHE
FELL.



MR. HONOAKA
WHO TRIED
TO STOP
MISS CHOUNO
OVER THE
PHONE...



THEN
HOW?



WHEN HE
WAS IN HIS
OFFICE SO FAR
AWAY?!

HOW DID HE
MANAGE TO
MAKE HER
FALL OFF?