

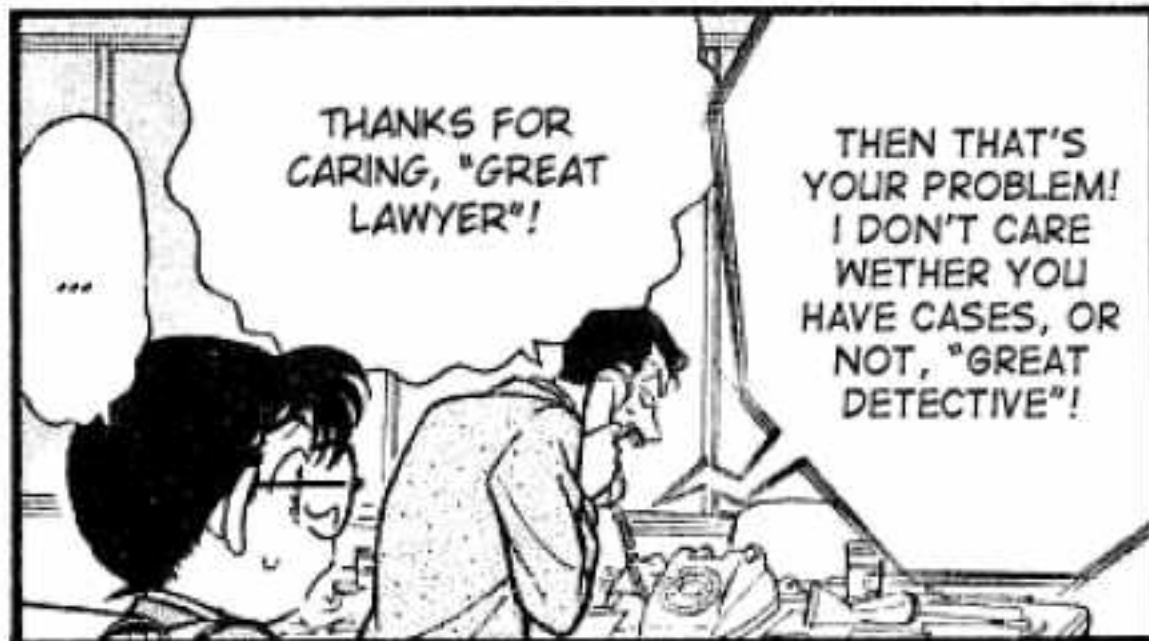
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HUH?
WHAT'S
THIS...?

I THINK
I'VE SEEN
IT BEFORE
...

THIS,
THIS
FACE
...







WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT? I JUST WANT MOM TO COME BACK SOONER!

KIDS SHOULDN'T MEDDLE IN ADULTS' BUSINESS.

HAHA, SHE'S PRETTY AWKWARD!

BOM!



HUH?

YOU SET THIS UP, RIGHT? RAN?

I THOUGHT IT WAS STRANGE WHEN SHE CALLED.



IT'S LIKE THIS ...

OH!

OH YEAH. YOUR PURPOSE FOR COMING IS...



MY HUSBAND PASSED AWAY A WEEK AGO.

Nanae Tsukumo (42)



YES, THAT'S RIGHT.

YOU THINK IT WAS?



AT LEAST, I THINK IT WAS.

NO, IT WAS SUICIDE.



COULD HE HAVE BEEN KILLED?

PASSED AWAY?



I WAS AFRAID SOMETHING BAD MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED. SO I WENT OUT TO THE BASEMENT WHERE HE USUALLY WORKS.

WHEN I CAME BACK, I COULDN'T FIND HIM. I CALLED OUT HIS NAME, BUT HE DIDN'T ANSWER.

A WEEK AGO, I LEFT MY HUSBAND ALONE AT HOME AND WENT OUT.



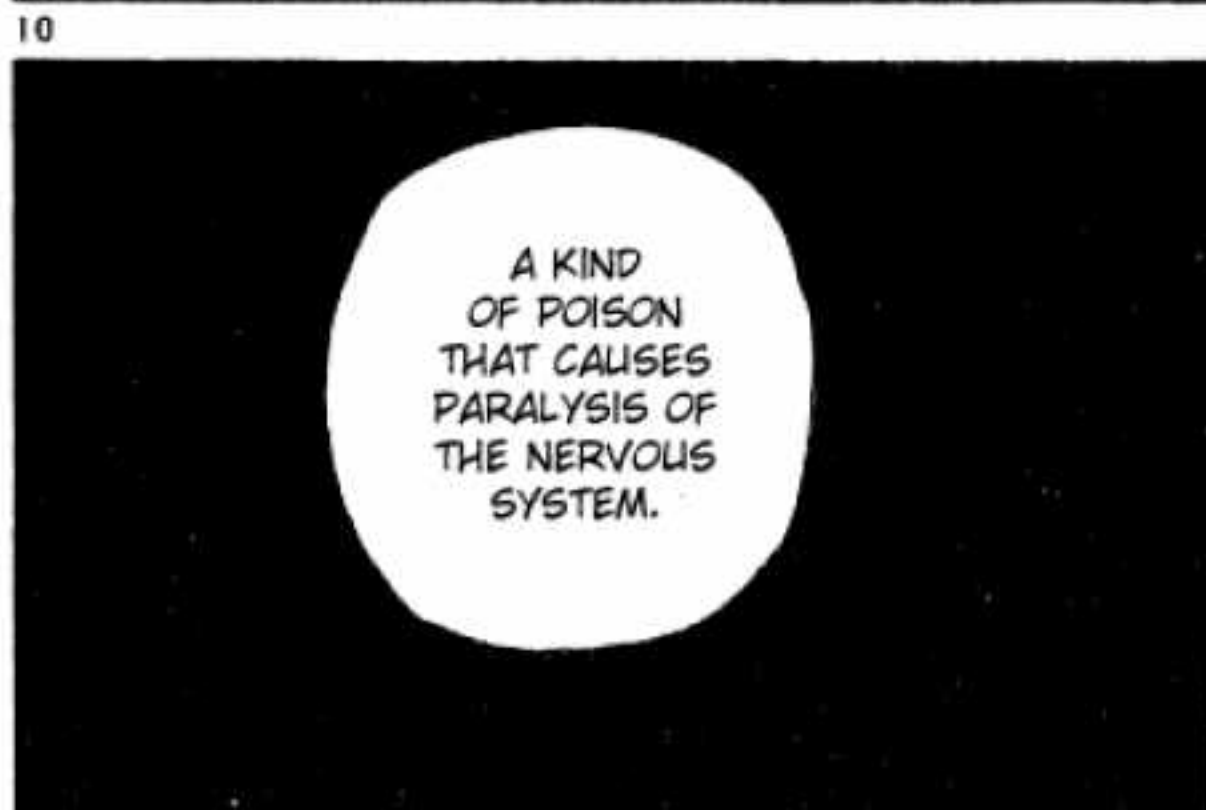
HE TOOK POISON.

AND THEN, I SAW HIM ON THE GROUND. HIS WHOLE BODY WAS FROZEN COLD.



I THINK THAT'S ...

ACONITINE?

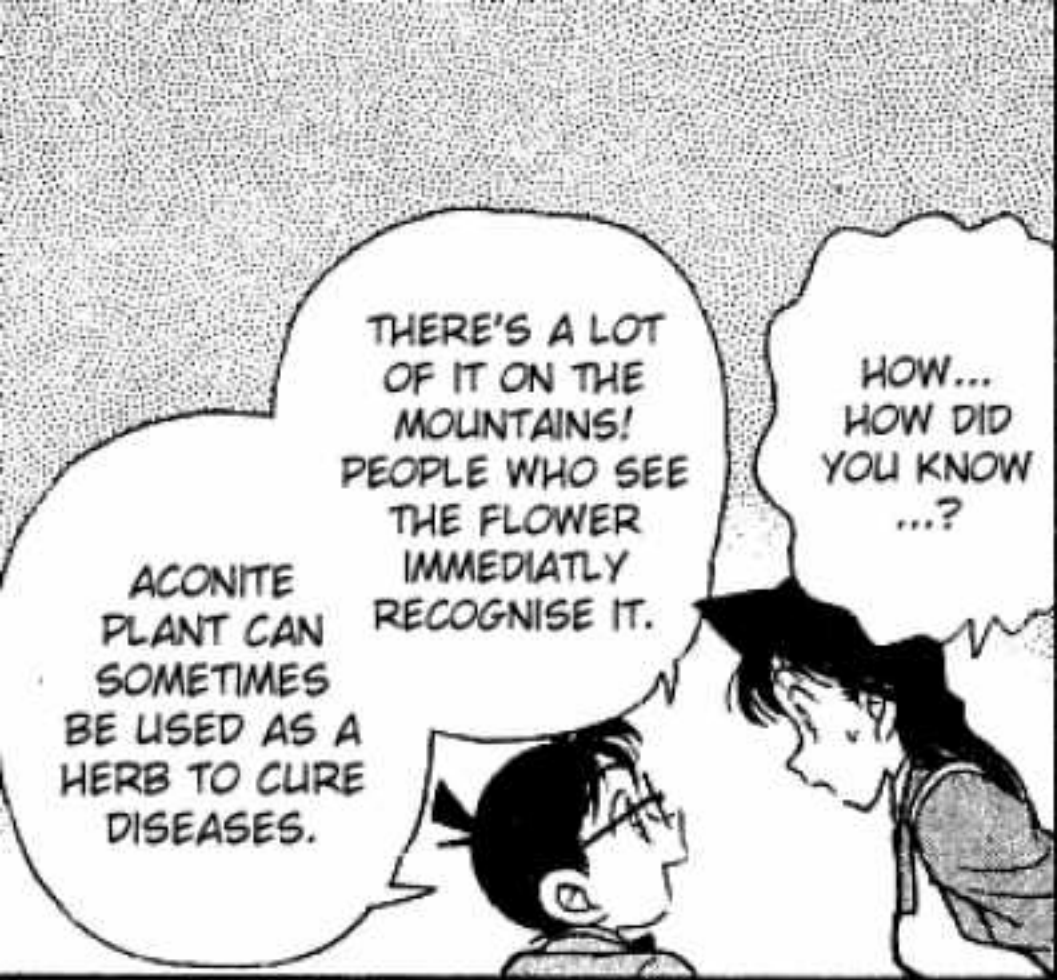


A KIND OF POISON THAT CAUSES PARALYSIS OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM.



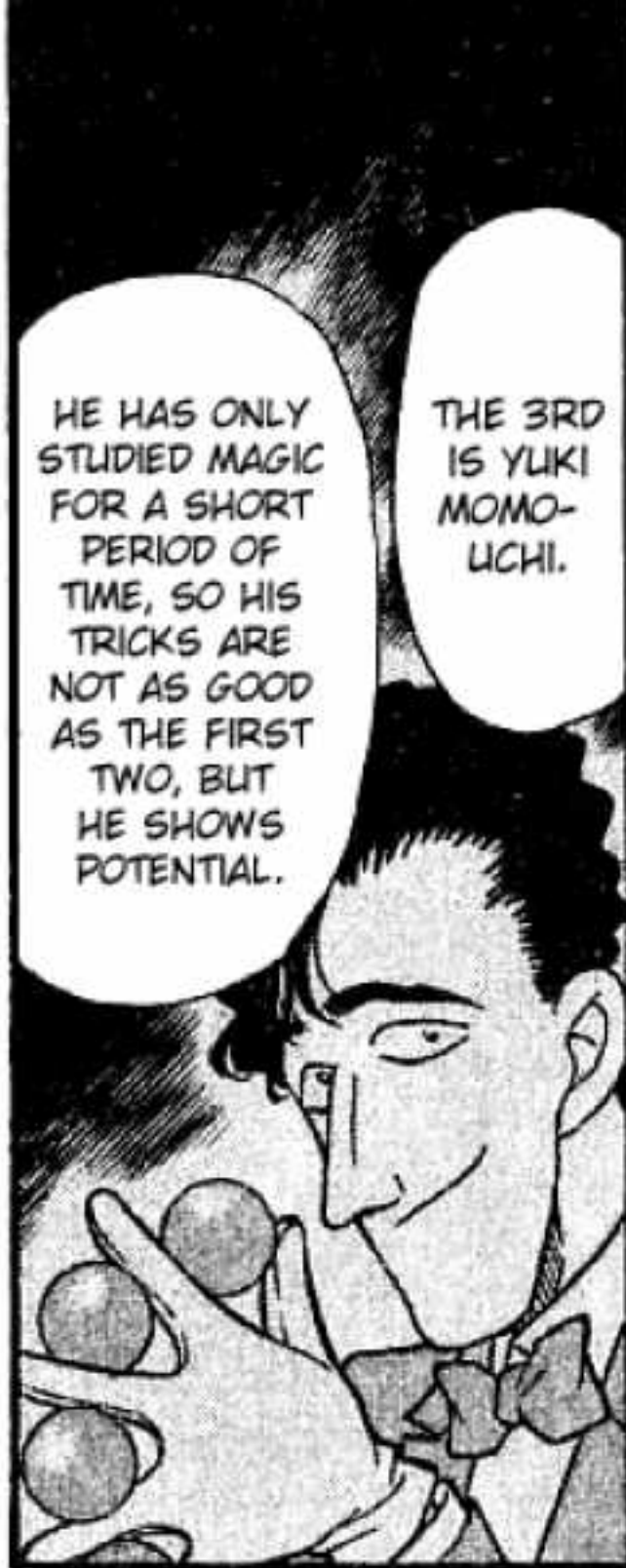
THE POLICE SAID IT WAS ACONITINE.

WHAT POISON?









HE HAS ONLY STUDIED MAGIC FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, SO HIS TRICKS ARE NOT AS GOOD AS THE FIRST TWO, BUT HE SHOWS POTENTIAL.

THE 3RD IS YUKI MOMO-UCHI.



NOW, SHE IS UNMATCHED IN JAPAN AS A FEMALE MAGICIAN.

THE 2ND IS MAKO MIYOSHI. STRONG PERSONALITY, EXCELLENT TALENT.



HE IS REGARDED AS MY HUSBAND'S HEIR.

ONE OF THE DISCIPLES IS KAZUMI ZANADA.



MY HUSBAND WAS SUPPOSED TO COME WITH US, BUT HE SAID HE DIDN'T TAKE JOBS WITH SUCH LOW PAY.

WITH ME AT RICE FLOWER GRAND HOTEL'S DINNER PERFORMANCE.



WHERE WERE THEY ON THAT DAY?

ALL 3 ARE VERY OBEDIENT SO THEY LIVE AT OUR HOUSE AND STUDY MAGIC.



IF THAT'S SO, THEN MY HUSBAND WOULD HAVE CALLED FOR HELP.

THERE'S A PHONE IN THE BASEMENT AND THE DOOR CAN EASILY BE UNLOCKED.

BUT WHAT IF THE POISON WAS IN A CAPSULE ...?



MY HUSBAND DIED DURING THE PERFORMANCE LITTLE BOY.

HEY KID!

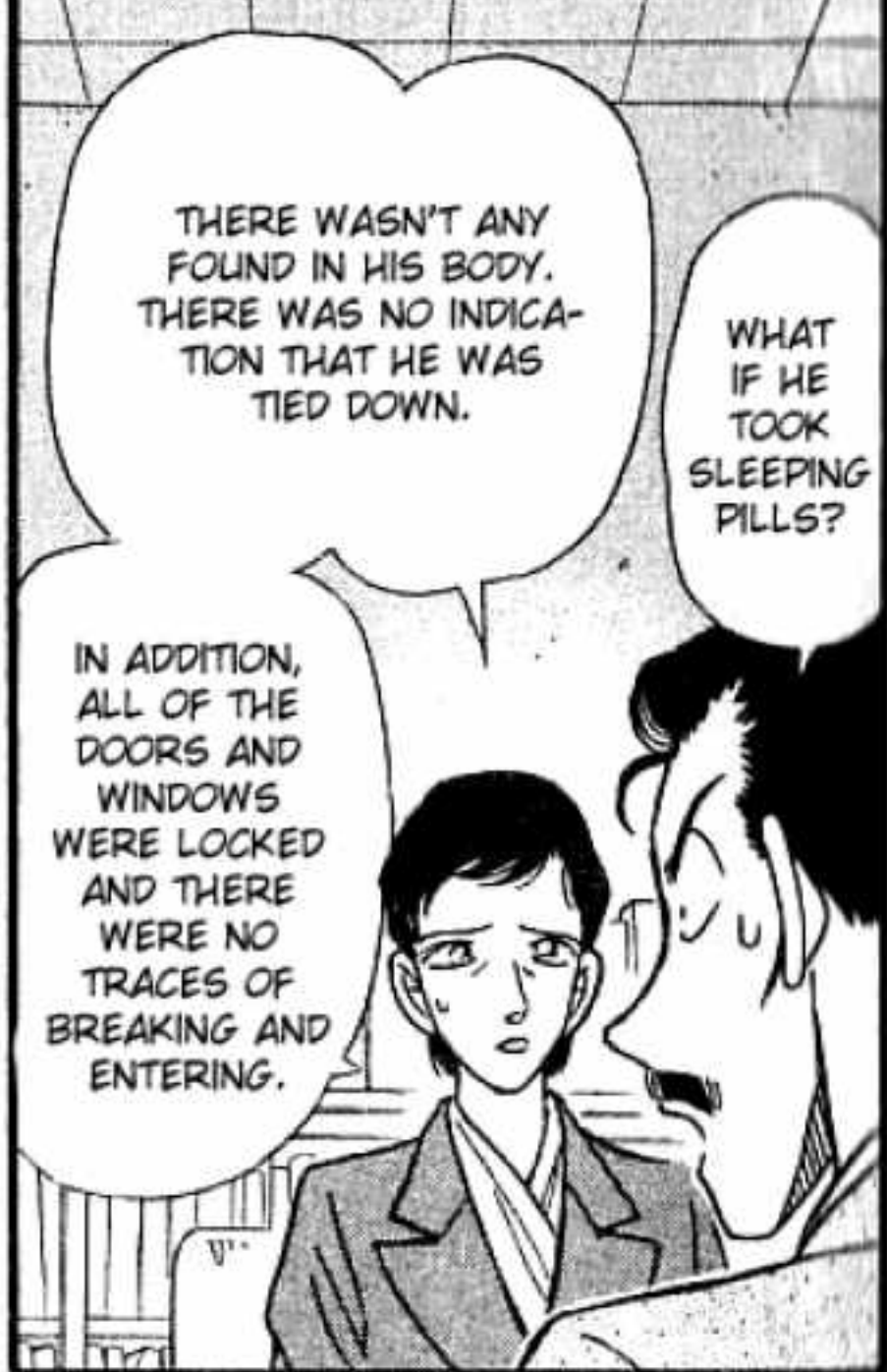
BUT THEY WERE AT THE HOUSE BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE, RIGHT? THAT MEANS THEY HAD MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO FEED HIM POISON.



BUT NO MATTER WHAT, MY HUSBAND COULDN'T HAVE COMMITTED SUICIDE.

YES, IT SHOULD BE...

THEN ISN'T IT SUICIDE?



THERE WASN'T ANY FOUND IN HIS BODY. THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT HE WAS TIED DOWN.

WHAT IF HE TOOK SLEEPING PILLS?

IN ADDITION, ALL OF THE DOORS AND WINDOWS WERE LOCKED AND THERE WERE NO TRACES OF BREAKING AND ENTERING.



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WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?



HE PREPARED A GIFT FOR HER A MONTH AGO, AND COULDN'T WAIT TO GIVE IT TO HER.

BECAUSE, TOMORROW IS MY DAUGHTER, AYANO'S BIRTHDAY.



THERE'S THIS...



THIS WAS ON THE BASEMENT TABLE...

BUT THAT'S NOT THE ONLY STRANGE THING!

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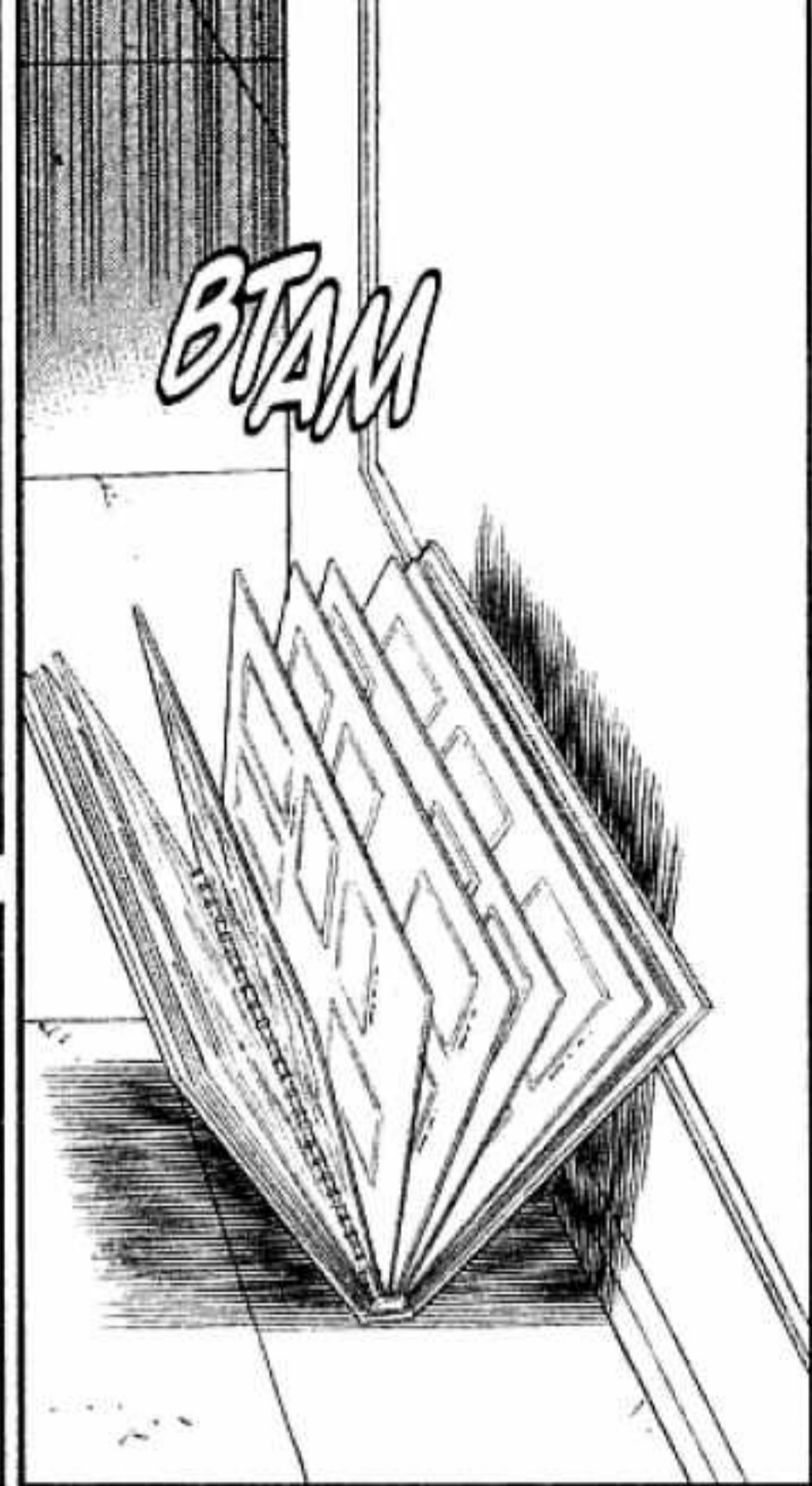
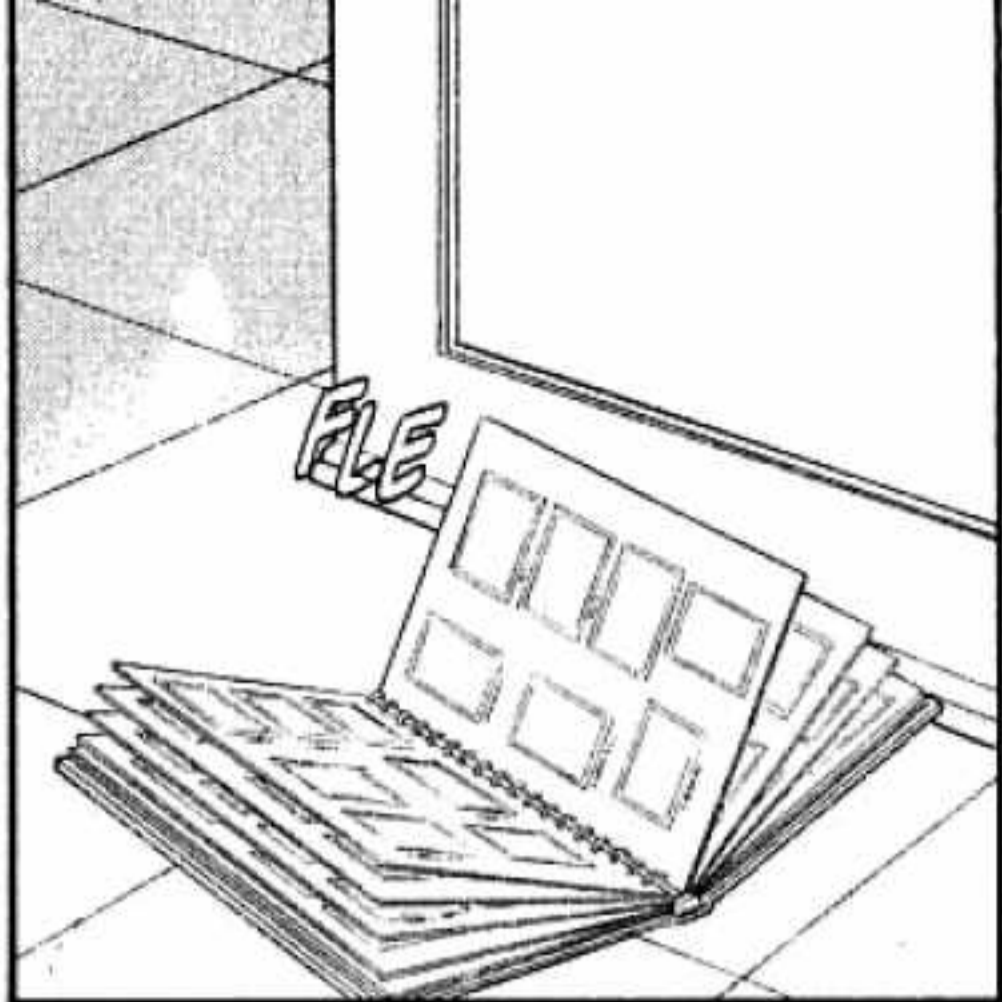


BUT MA'AM, WHEN A PERSON WANTS TO DIE...

CAN, CAN SOMEONE LIKE THAT COMMIT SUICIDE?







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