

FILE 03: MURDER WILL HAPPEN SOON

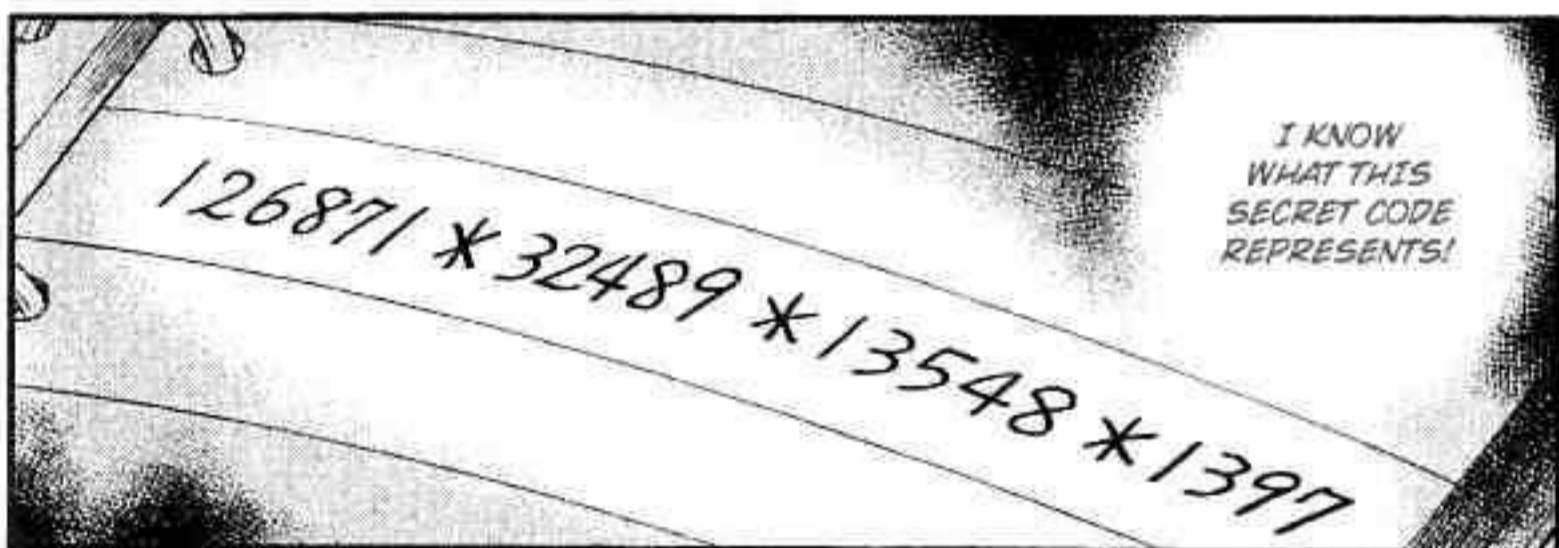




I UNDERSTAND NOW!

SO THAT'S IT!

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I KNOW WHAT THIS SECRET CODE REPRESENTS!

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THERE'RE SOME PENS IN THE DESK.

DO YOU HAVE ANY LEAD?



OH NO! THERE'S NO MORE LEAD!

CLIC CLIC



IF IT'S LIKE THIS, THEN THE CODE WOULD MEAN...



THE POLICE SAID THE LITTLE GIRL DID THAT.

HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO LOOK AT THOSE NUMBERS?

...

THE COLORED MARKERS USED FOR MAGIC TRICKS ARE GONE TOO!



HUH?

HUH? STRANGE, MY HUSBAND ALWAYS KEEPS THEM HERE.



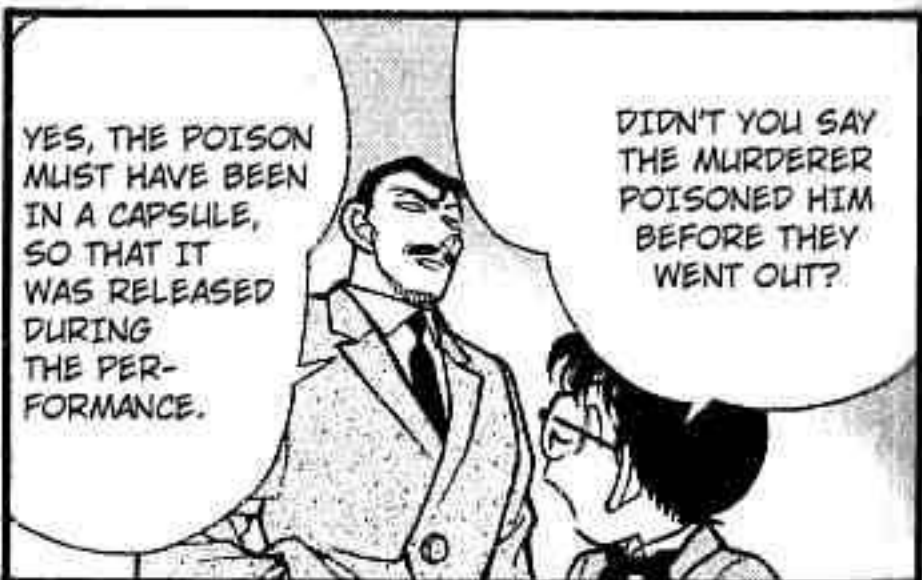
THAT MEANS YOUR HUSBAND DIDN'T USE THE PHONE THAT DAY?

ON THE DAY MY HUSBAND DIED, MY DAUGHTER WAS WITH US, SO THOSE NUMBERS MIGHT HAVE BEEN PUNCHED IN EARLIER.



IF IT WERE ME, I WOULD TRY TO LEAVE A CLUE.

THEN THE VICTIM MUST HAVE BEEN TRAPPED HERE?



YES, THE POISON MUST HAVE BEEN IN A CAPSULE, SO THAT IT WAS RELEASED DURING THE PERFORMANCE.

DIDN'T YOU SAY THE MURDERER POISONED HIM BEFORE THEY WENT OUT?



PHONE WIRE ...

PHONE ...



YEAH, THE PHONE WIRE COULD HAVE BEEN UNHOOKED TOO.

IDIOT! IF YOU COULD USE THE PHONE, THEN YOU'D USE IT TO CALL FOR HELP!



THERE'S ONLY THIS PHONE.

THIS ROOM DOESN'T HAVE A PEN OR PENCIL.

THE MURDERER ALSO USED CARDS TO COVER UP THE PHONE. IF THE PHONE WAS FOUND AT THE SAME TIME AS THE BODY, THEN THE MURDERER WOULDN'T HAVE TIME TO HOOK THE PHONE BACK IN.

ALL THREE SUSPECTS ARE MAGICIANS, SO TO DO SOMETHING WITHOUT BEING NOTICED IS EASY FOR THEM!

SO THE MURDERER UNHOOKED THE PHONE AND THEN LURED YOUR HUSBAND HERE! AFTER THE BODY WAS FOUND, THE MURDERER HOOKED IT BACK IN.

BUT ...

BUT FOUND ALL OF THE PENS AND PENCILS WERE TAKEN, AND THE PHONE WAS UNHOOKED AS WELL.

AND THE VICTIM, WHO WAS FED THE POISON, WANTED TO LEAVE A CLUE.

SO THEN HE GLUED THE TWO CARDS TOGETHER, AND USED THEM TO HINT US!

EVEN IF THE PHONE WAS UNHOOKED, IT COULD STILL STORE NUMBERS AS LONG AS THE POWER SOURCE IS STILL PLUGGED IN.

THE ONLY THING LEFT WAS TO USE THE NUMBER KEYS ON THE PHONE.

THAT'S WHY I NEED...

NOW ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS FIGURE OUT WHAT THESE NUMBERS MEAN.

OR IT WOULD BE EASILY NOTICED BY THE MURDERER OTHERWISE.

YES, YOUR HUSBAND, IN FEAR OF SOMEONE ERASING HIS CODE, PILED MORE CARDS ON THE PHONE.

THEN THOSE NUMBERS ARE...



WHAT?

HERE YOU GO.



IT'S NOTHING GREAT!

NO.



CAN YOU TELL ME?

YOU THOUGHT OF SOMETHING FUNNY?



DON'T YOU WANT TO WRITE SOMETHING?

IT'S MY PENCIL.

AH! YES!



THEN I SEE THESE STRANGE SHAPES.

BUT IF I LOOK AT THE POSITION OF THE NUMBERS ON THE NUMBER KEYS OF THE PHONE,



IF I LOOK AT THE CODE LIKE THIS, I CAN'T MAKE ANYTHING OUT OF IT.

I SEE.

THE FIRST GROUP OF NUMBERS FROM THE START TO * IS 12687

GRAT GRAT



IT'S THE ENGLISH LETTER "D"!

D!



C!

HOLD ON, THE NEXT GROUP IS 32489, WHICH IS...

REALLY? THIS SHAPE IS D?



KNOW WHAT YOUR HUSBAND WANTED TO TELL US BEFORE HE DIED!

AND WHEN WE ADD THE REST, 13548 AND 1397 WE WILL...



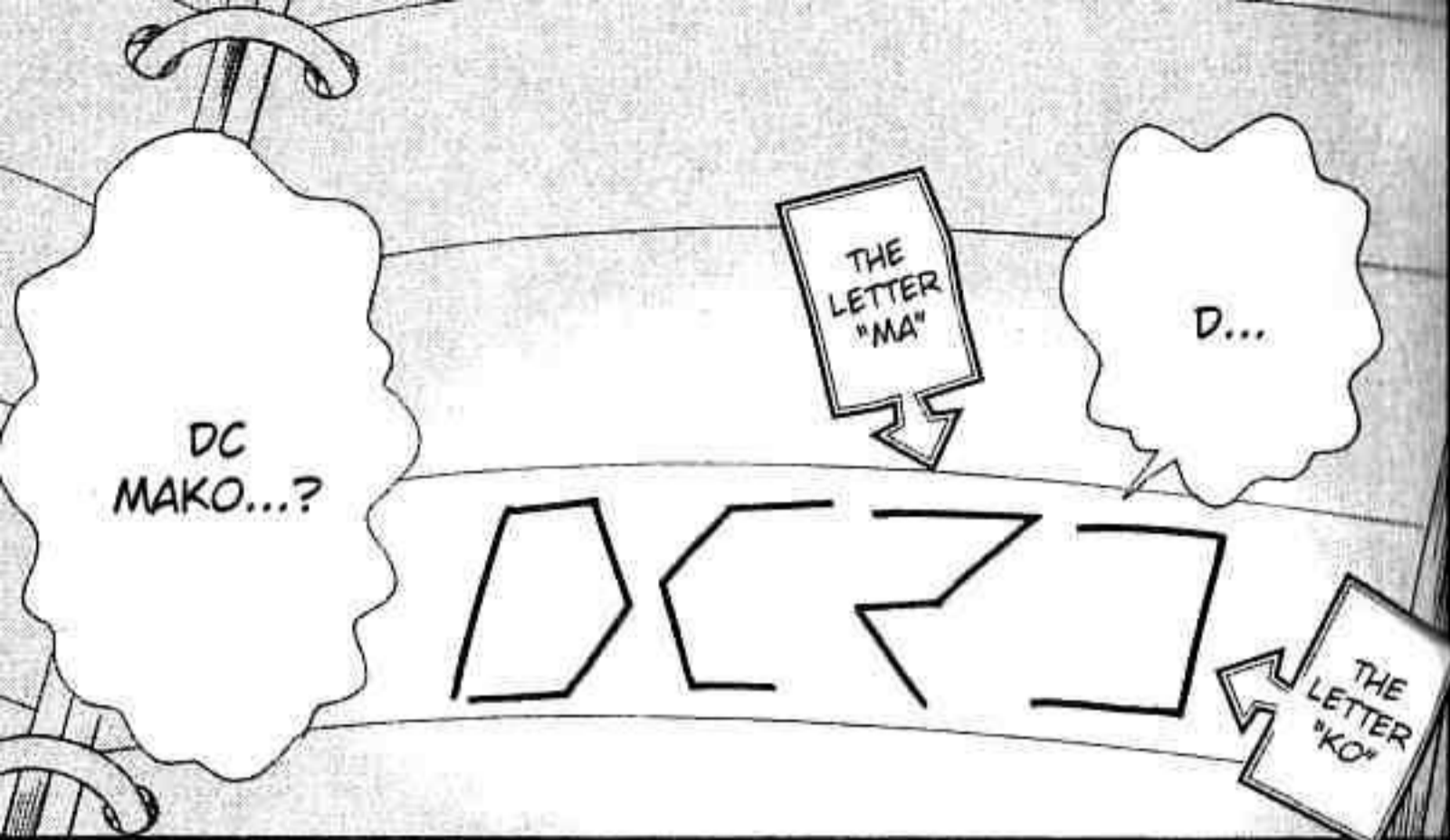
INDICATE FOUR LETTERS!

SO THESE NUMBERS WITH * AS SPARATERS,

26871 * 32489
1397
* 1:



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MAKO'S
GOING
TO...

WHAT?!



I'LL TAKE YOU
SOMEWHERE
MUCH MORE
FUN!



HOW
CAN THIS
BE?!

DCRZ

YOUR HUSBANDS
MESSAGE 'DC MAKO'
MEANS THAT 'MAKO'
WILL KILL AGAIN!

YES!
MAKO
MIGHT
WANT
TO KILL
YOUR
CHILD.



EVERYONE
GO LOOK
FOR HER IN
SEPARATE
DIRECTIONS!

CALL THE
OTHER
DESCIPLES
HERE!





COULD IT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THAT PERSON?

BUT WHY DID MAKO KILL MY HUSBAND?

I GUESS WE CAN ONLY CALL THE POLICE AND HAVE THEM LOOK FOR HER.



NOPE, SHE'S NOT THERE.

HOW ABOUT THAT SIDE?

DAMN! WE CAN'T FIND HER!



SO IT WAS YOSHIRO KINOSHITA AFTER ALL!

THE PERSON WHO WORE A BLACK HAT.

THAT PERSON ON THE PHOTO ON THE BASEMENT WALL!



I THOUGHT IT WAS STRANGE, BUT I DIDN'T THINK...

MAKO WAS SOLEMNLY HOLDING THAT PHOTO.



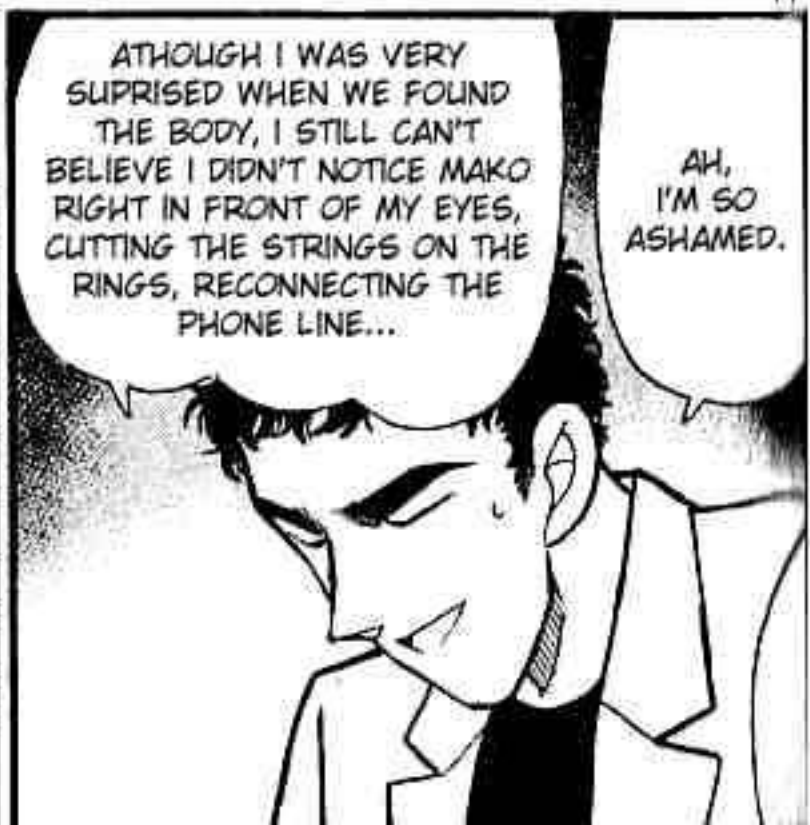
ONE NIGHT I WENT TO THE BASEMENT AND I SAW BY ACCIDENT.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

WASN'T HE THE MASTER-MIND MAGICIAN WHO DIED 12 YEARS AGO?

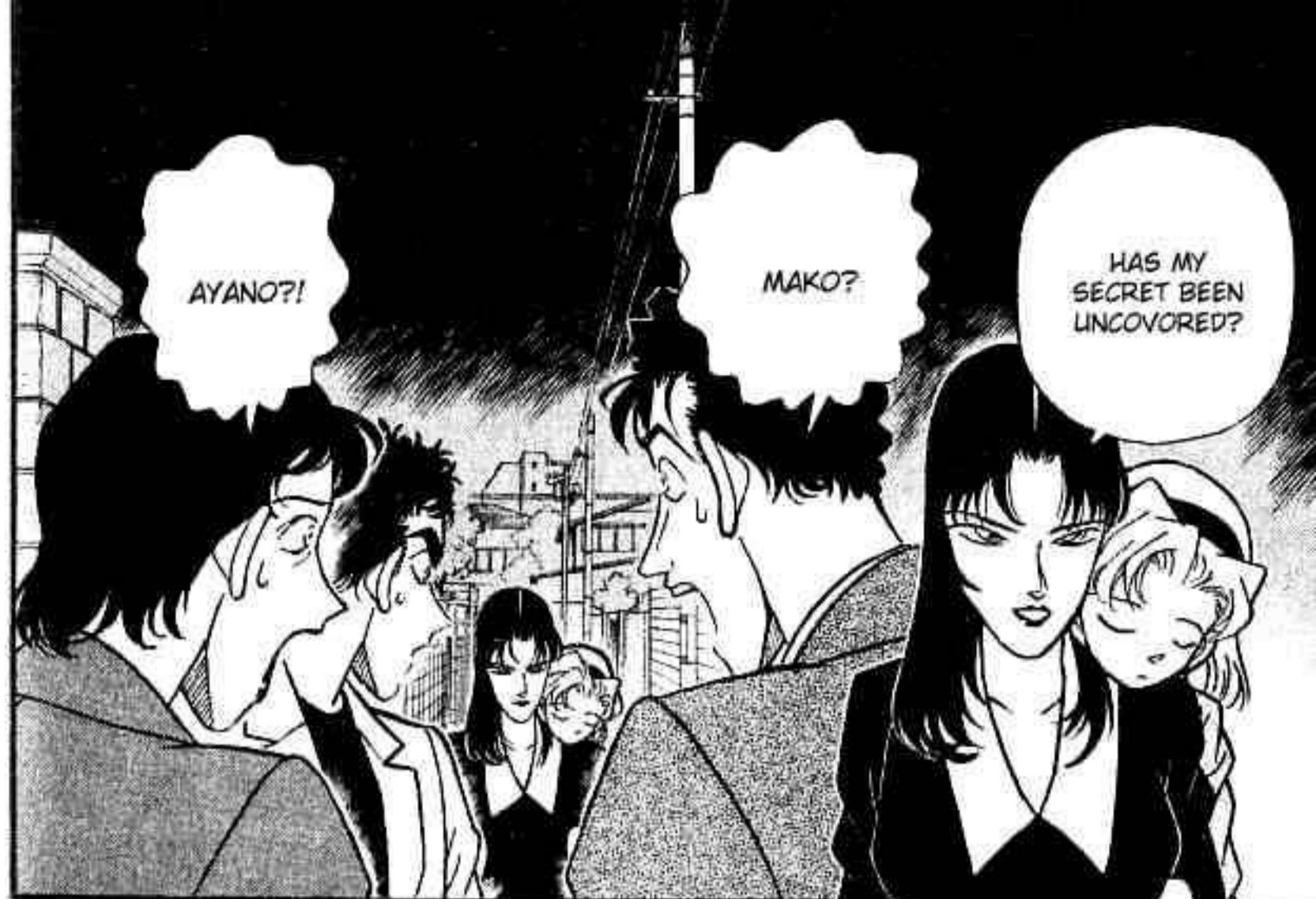


WHAT HAPPENED?



ALTHOUGH I WAS VERY SUPRISED WHEN WE FOUND THE BODY, I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE I DIDN'T NOTICE MAKO RIGHT IN FRONT OF MY EYES, CUTTING THE STRINGS ON THE RINGS, RECONNECTING THE PHONE LINE...

AH, I'M SO ASHAMED.





HE WAS ONLY 20 AND HAD ALL THE FAME AND GENIUS OF A BRILLIANT MAGICIAN.

THE YOSHIRO KINOSHITA YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT WAS MY BROTHER, WHO WAS 14 YEARS OLDER THAN ME.

FOR ME, WHO LOST BOTH OF MY PARENTS AT AN EARLY AGE, HE WAS MY MOST IMPORTANT PERSON.



MOTOYASU TSUKUMO ACTUALLY ENVIED MY BROTHER'S TALENT!

BUT, HE ACTUALLY SAW HIM AS AN ENEMY, AND KILLED HIM!



HE WAS TAMPERING WITH THE HANDCUFFS MY BROTHER USED FOR HIS PERFORMANCE.

THAT DAY, 14 YEARS AGO, BACK-STAGE.



IT'S TRUE, I SAW IT.

HOW COULD MY HUSBAND ...



THAT INCIDENT WAS TREATED LIKE AN ACCIDENT.

THEN MY BROTHER DROWNED IN THE WATER BECAUSE HE COULDN'T GET HIS HANDCUFFS OPEN.



THAT WAS WHY I CALLED HIM TO THE BASEMENT JUST BEFORE HIS DAUGHTER'S 7TH BIRTHDAY AND KILLED HIM.

WHEN MY BROTHER WAS MURDERED, I HAD MY 7TH BIRTHDAY. AFTER THAT, MY BIRTHDAYS WERE SPENT ALONE.



THAT'S RIGHT. RELATIVES ADOPTED ME AND GAVE ME THEIR NAME SO HE DIDN'T NOTICE.

SO YOU BEGAN YOUR STUDIES TO AVENGE YOUR BROTHER?



THAT WAS WHY I THREATENED TO KILL HIS DAUGHTER.

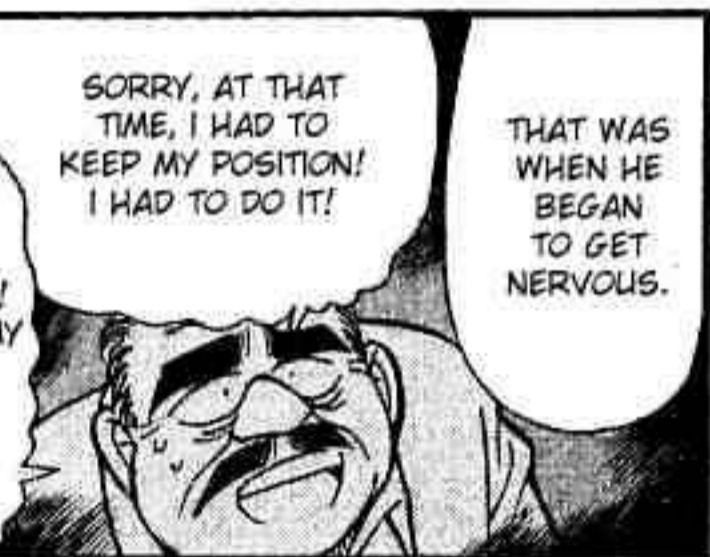
AFTER I MADE HIM TAKE THE POISON, I TOLD HIM MY TRUE IDENTITY, BUT HE WASN'T SURPRISED OR NERVOUS.



AFTER ALL, CHILDREN ARE INNOCENT.

I WANTED TO KILL HER, BUT I COULDN'T DO IT IN THE END.

KILL ME! SPARE MY DAUGHTER!



SORRY, AT THAT TIME, I HAD TO KEEP MY POSITION! I HAD TO DO IT!

THAT WAS WHEN HE BEGAN TO GET NERVOUS.



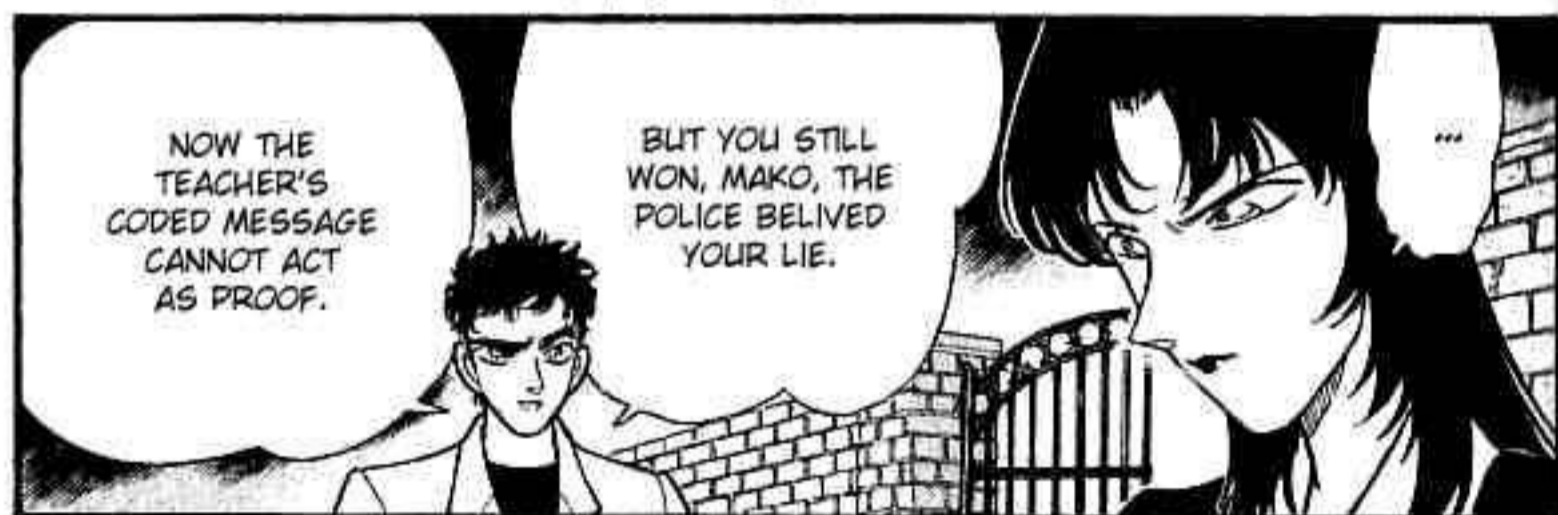
YOU ARE WRONG, MAKO.

HAHA! JAPAN'S NUMBER 1 MAGICIAN IS NOT SO HARD TO HANDLE!



AND HE TOOK THE CAPULE WITH THE POISON RIGHT AWAY, WITHOUT KNOWING.

HAHA, HE WAS SO DUMB, WHEN I CALLED HIM TO THE BASEMENT, I TOLD HIM I HAD A NEW TRICK TO SHOW HIM, HE IMMEDIATLY LET ME TIE UP THE RINGS.





WHAT?!

AH! SHOOT!
I FORGOT
TO BUY THE
INGREDIENTS
FOR DINNER!

BUT
...



WE WERE
GOING
HOME TO
EAT DINNER.
RAN WAS
GOING TO
COOK.

AFTER THAT,
WE SENT
MAKO TO
THE POLICE
STATION TO
CONFESS.

OH, IT'S
ALREADY
PAST
MIDNIGHT.



BE
QUICK,
I'LL WAIT
FOR YOU.

DON'T WORRY,
I'LL GO WITH
CONAN TO THE
STORE TO BUY
SOME THINGS.

AH?

I'M
HUN-
GRY!

STORE OPEN
24/7



RAN?

HEY!



WE DO
HAVE
TO GO
BACK!

YES.



LET'S
GO BACK
HOME
FIRST!

WHAT'S
WRONG?
ARE YOU
LOST?



THIS ISN'T
THE WAY TO
THE STORE!



SHINICHI.