

**File 05:**

**In The Mother's Chest**





WHEN DID YOU RECIEVE IT?

WHEN DID...

THERE IS NO INHERITANCE FOR YOU. DO NOT COME IF YOU WANT TO HOLD ON TO YOUR LIFE.



WH...



OF COURSE, THERE WAS NO SENDER NAME.

A MONTH AGO! IT WAS SENT TO ME IN BRAZIL!

WHEN?!

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THIS THING HAS MADE, ME CURIOUS ...

PFT... I WASN'T INTERESTED IN MY BROTHER'S INHERITANCE ... BUT...



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HE'S  
LEFT-  
HANDED?!

HE'S  
...



YES.

DID  
YOU SEE  
HIROMI?



SO,  
HE'S A  
FAKE.

NO, WE CAN'T BE SURE  
IT'S REALLY THE SCAR  
WE'RE LOOKING FOR...  
HE COULD HAVE KNOWN  
OF UNCLE'S OLD SCAR  
AND BY CHANCE HE HAD  
A SCAR TOO...



NO... BUT  
HE HAS  
THAT OLD  
SCAR ON  
HIS LEG  
SO HE  
SHOULD  
REALLY BE  
YOSHIFUSA.

YUKI-  
CHAN,  
DO YOU  
REMEM-  
BER?

BUT IF  
UNCLE  
WAS  
LEFT-  
HANDED  
OR NOT  
...



I  
THINK  
HE'S THE  
REAL  
ONE.



IT PROVES THAT HE'S LEFT-HANDED!

SEE? HE HAS THE GLOVE ON HIS RIGHT HAND!



EH?

TAKE A LOOK AT THE PHOTO I FOUND IN THE LUMBER-ROOM!



WHAT?

AND EVEN HIS HAND-WRITING IS THE SAME...

I... IT'S TRUE ...



THE KANJI ARE IDENTICAL TO THE ONES HE WROTE BEFORE!

Happy New Year

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I FOUND THIS POSTCARD HE SENT FROM BRAZIL WITH THE PHOTO!



OH ...



HE'S MY SON, MINE!

HA, HA, HA ...

YOU REALLY ARE THE SON OF YUSAKU KUDO, ONE OF THE BIGGEST DETECTIVE STORY WRITERS!

SO YOU ASKED THAT TO VERIFY ...



WHAT ACCIDENT?

YES ...

EVEN IF THERE WAS THAT ACCIDENT ...



THERE'S STILL THIS OLD WELL?



EH?

MY MOTHER DIED BY FALLING IN IT.



...THEN WE FOUND THE BODY IN THIS WELL...

WE SEARCHED FOR HER, BUT COULDN'T FIND HER. THE NEXT MORNING WE DECIDED TO CALL THE POLICE...

15 YEARS AGO, MY MOTHER DISAPPEARED ALL OF A SUDDEN...



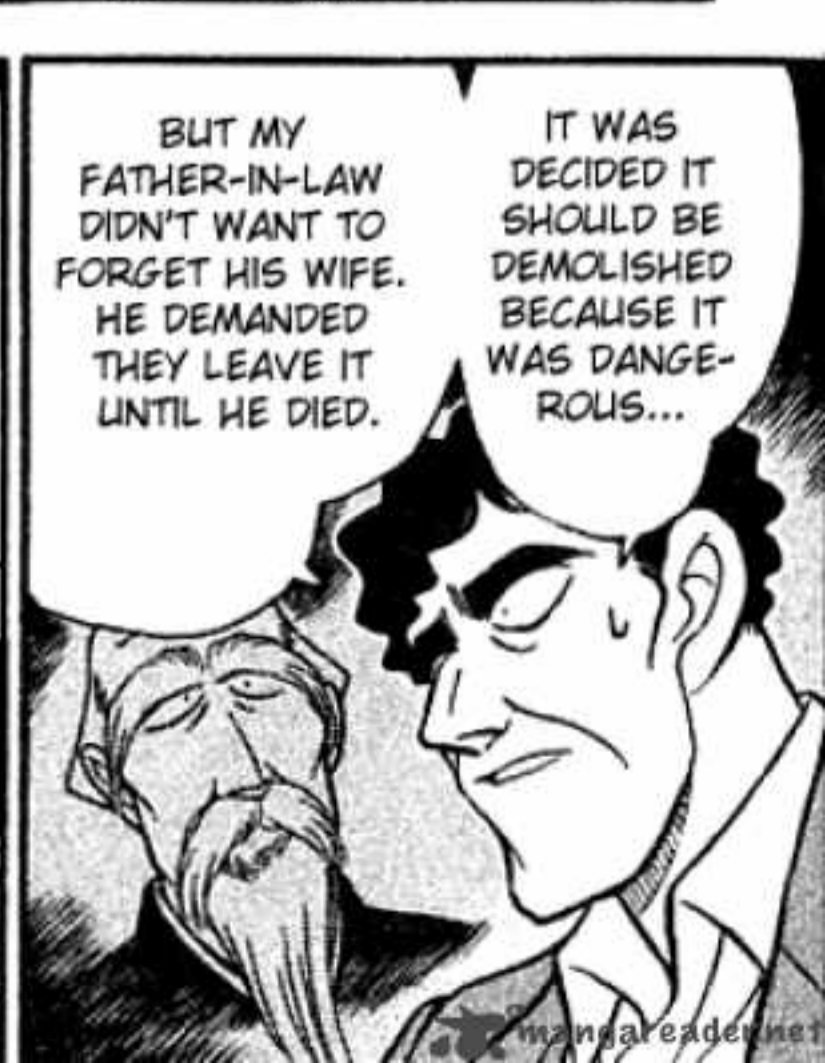
BUT THE WORST HAPPENED AT HER FUNERAL!

WHY?



I DID IT TO AVOID ANY RISKS!

IS THAT WHY THIS IS ENCLOSED?



BUT MY FATHER-IN-LAW DIDN'T WANT TO FORGET HIS WIFE. HE DEMANDED THEY LEAVE IT UNTIL HE DIED.

IT WAS DECIDED IT SHOULD BE DEMOLISHED BECAUSE IT WAS DANGEROUS...



HE INSINUATED THAT ONE OF US PUSHED HER DOWN!

MY MOTHER'S OLDEST BROTHER STARTED TO SCREAM!



MY MOTHER CLIMBED ON THE WELL'S BORDER TO CATCH A FLOWER AND SHE SLIPPED.

THAT TREE NEAR THE WELL!

CAMELLIA?



THE CAUSE WAS THE CAMELIA THAT UNCLE YOSHIFUSA PLANTED FOR MY PARENT'S WEDDING!

AND INSTEAD? WHAT HAPPENED?



AND FINALLY HER HOPE HAD COME TRUE... IN HER HAND WAS A CAMELLIA FLOWER...

THAT YEAR AUTUMN WAS ALREADY ARRIVING, BUT THE FLOWERS HADN'T SPREAD YET...

SHE PROBABLY WANTED TO SHOW IT TO US... SHE LIKED THOSE FLOWERS VERY MUCH...



THIS ISN'T CERTAIN ...



CALM DOWN. HE HAS NO RIGHTS TO THE SUCCESSION.

HMF... IF HE'S STILL ALIVE, EVEN HE WOULD WANT A PIECE OF THE INHERITANCE!

HMM... HE WAS ALREADY OLD THEN, SO I THINK HE'S DEAD...



AND NOW WHAT'S WITH HIM?

BUT MY MOTHER'S BROTHER NEVER ACCEPTED THAT REASONING ...



EH?  
REALLY?

SO THERE'S EVEN  
THE RISK THAT  
THIS MAN WILL  
BE HERE TOMORROW  
EVENING, WHEN THE  
TESTAMENT WILL  
BE OPENED!!



WHEN  
HE WAS  
ALIVE,  
MY HUSBAND  
WAS VERY  
CLOSE  
TO THAT  
MAN.

IF IN PART OF  
HIS WILL, MY  
HUSBAND WROTE  
THAT PART OF HIS  
INHERITANCE WOULD  
BE GIVEN TO HIM,  
WE CAN'T DO  
ANYTHING...



AFTER ALL  
HE STILL  
HAS A  
GRUDGE  
WHICH HAS  
BEEN  
GROWING  
FOR 15  
YEARS...

IF HE'S  
STILL  
ALIVE,  
HIS PRE-  
SENSE IS  
UNAVOID-  
ABLE.



IN ANY CASE, THIS  
DOESN'T BOTHER ME,  
AS WHEN THE FIRST  
WIFE DIED, I STILL  
WASN'T A MEMBER  
OF THIS FAMILY.



EH?



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WOMAN  
MARRIED MY  
FATHER 5  
YEARS AGO  
ONLY TO  
TAKE THE  
INHERITANCE.  
NOW SHE'S  
ACTING LIKE  
A MEMBER  
OF OUR  
FAMILY.

SU...  
SURE,  
MOTHER.

I HAVE TO GO.  
A FRIEND OF  
MINE HAS  
INVITED ME  
TO A PARTY  
AFTER HIS  
WEDDING LUNCH.  
TAKE CARE OF  
IT ALL, HIROMI.





HE WAS THERE, A MOMENT AGO...

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WH... WHAT HAPPENED?

WHO'S THERE?!

WHO-



A STRANGE MAN!!

HE WAS LOOKING BEHIND THE BACK DOOR...

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IT'S STRANGE, I WAS SURE THERE WAS SOMEONE HERE...

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ARE YOU SURE, KID?

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THERE'S NO ONE ...



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A...  
AH...

OH YES. I BOUGHT MORE  
FIREWOOD THIS  
MORNING, IT'S  
NEAR THE  
LUMBER ROOM.

WELL,  
SEE  
YOU  
LATER!



WAIT A  
MOMENT,  
I'M ON THE  
PHONE...

MACHIKO!  
DO YOU  
WANT TO  
DRINK  
WITH ME?



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AND WE ARE  
STILL IN THE  
MOURNING  
PERIOD... I  
CAN'T BELIEVE  
IT!

SEEMS  
THAT  
MOTHER  
IS  
ENJOYING  
HERSELF  
...



GOOD,  
THIS  
CALMS  
ME...

OH, SO  
THIS IS  
TONIGHT'S  
DINNER...



PFT, IT  
SHOULD  
BETTER  
BE...

OF  
COURSE  
IT WAS  
ONLY A  
JOKE!



LIN-  
UNCLE!

CARLOS, YOU  
DON'T NEED  
TO TASTE  
MY FOOD.

WHAT?



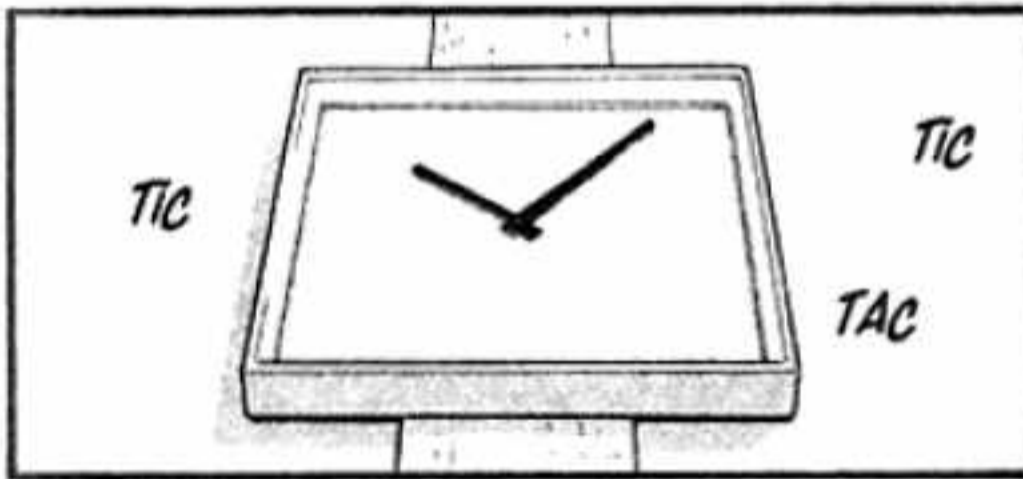
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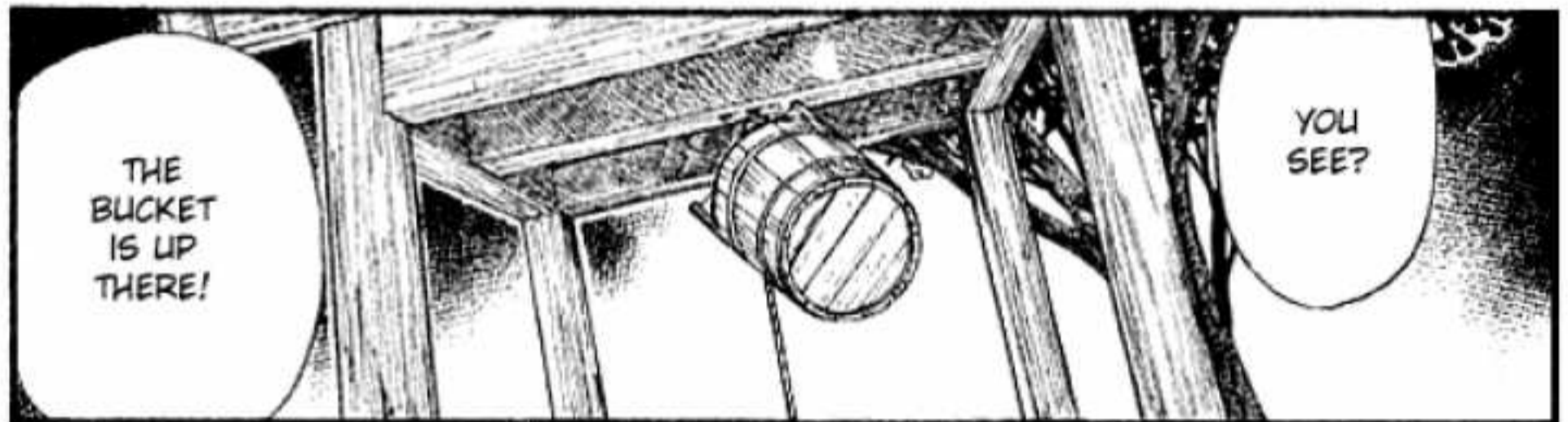
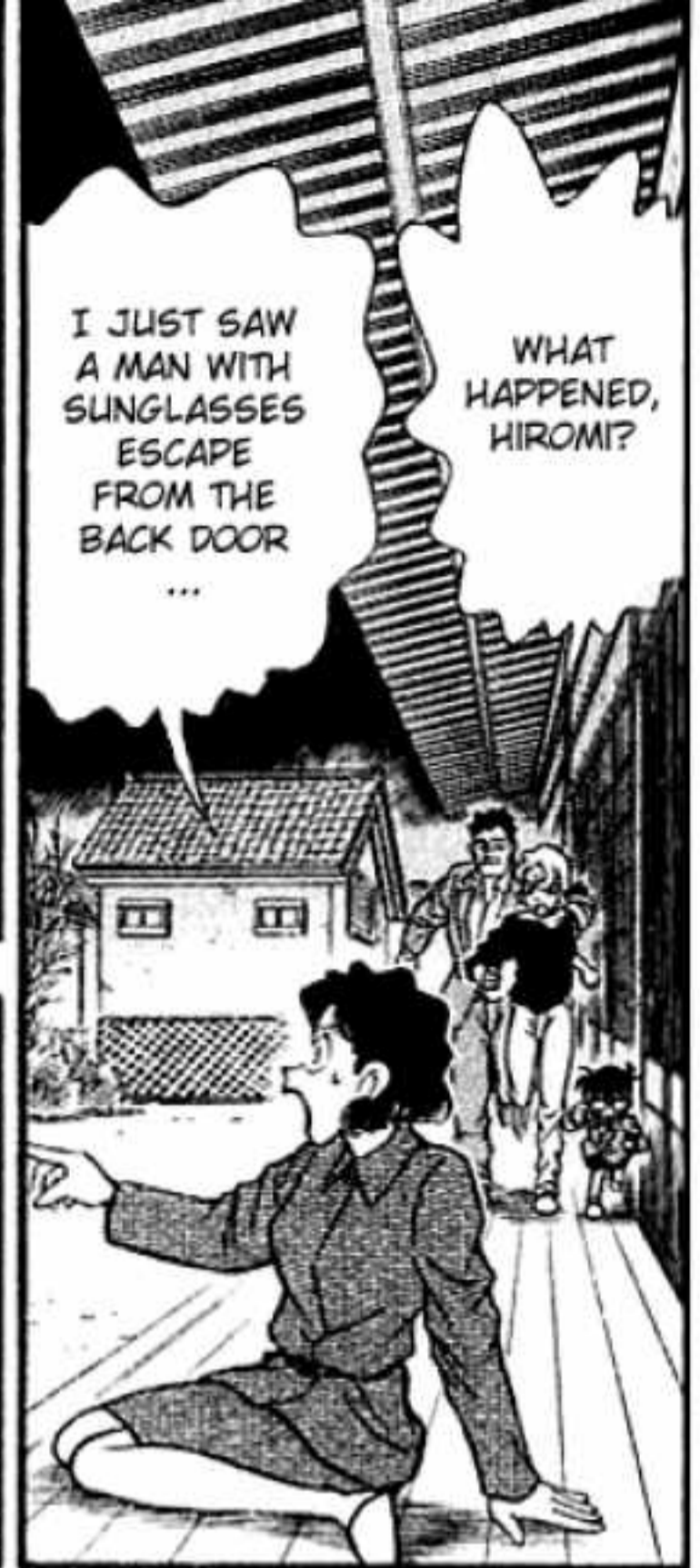




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MO...

MOTHER!!





S... SOMEONE OF US HAS...?!

WH... WHAT?!

NO, SHE HAS SIGNS OF A KNIFE WOUND ON HER CHEST! IT'S WHAT KILLED HER!



HOW CAN IT BE...

MAYBE SHE COMMITTED SUICIDE BY JUMPING IN THE WELL...



NO, NO ONE...

WHEN I WAS IN THE BATH, DID ANYONE LEAVE THE ROOM?



YES, SHE WAS CALLING FROM THE HOTEL IN FRONT OF THE STATION.

THE LAST TIME SHE CALLED WAS 9 PM, RIGHT?

I MADE THE BATH BEFORE 10 PM...



SHE MUST HAVE BEEN KILLED AND THROWN IN THE WELL WHILE I WAS TAKING A BATH!

FROM THAT HOTEL, IT TAKES ALMOST AN HOUR TO COME HERE!

THEN ANYONE AMONG US COULD HAVE KILLED HER!



WHAT IS IT?

WHAT?!



HM? THERE'S SOMETHING IN THE POCKET.

BUT WHY WOULD HE HAVE KILLED MY MOTHER?

YOU SAW A MAN WITH SUNGLASSES BEFORE, DIDN'T YOU?



THEN, WHO IS THE CULPRIT?

WELL, I COULD BE THE CULPRIT, BUT I'VE NEVER MET HER BEFORE TODAY, SO...



A  
CAMELLIA!



BUT  
THIS  
IS...

BUT...



THE  
MAN  
I SAW  
IS...

TH...  
THEN...



AFTER  
15 YEARS  
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