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A magic trick



WE'VE FOUND POISON TRACES ON THE HANDLE, ON THE LATCH...

HMM

Hida finances

FRUITS

LOANS CREDITS

... LEADS US TO THINK THAT THE VICTIM LEFT HIS OFFICE, TOUCHED SOMETHING COVERED WITH POISON AND LOCKED HIMSELF IN THE OFFICE

THE SHAPE OF THE TRACES, THAT OF HIS THUMB, ...

OK! LET'S START BY THE BIG ROOM WHERE ALL THE DESKS ARE

I'D LIKE THE LABORATORY TEAM TO COVER WITH REACTIVE ALL THE ROOMS OF THIS BUILDING

..THAT HIDA WAS DEADLY POISONED

AND IT WAS WHEN HE LICKED HIS FINGER IN ORDER TO COUNT THE NOTES AS HE USED TO ...



IF NOT, THEY'LL HAVE TO SPEND THE NIGHT HERE!

HEY! YOU TWO! HELP THEM!

TAP TAP TAP



NO... NOTHING IN PARTICULAR...

I HOPE YOU HADN'T TOUCHED ANYTHING WHEN YOU ARRIVED...



THE CULPRIT HAD TO KNOW HIDA'S TIC. THAT MAKES YOU ALL POTENTIAL SUSPECTS

TAP TAP



YES. AFTER THAT, I HAVEN'T LEFT MR. MORI ANY MORE

YOU DISCOVERED THE CORPSE AT THE SAME TIME AS THEM...

ANYWAY, I'M GOING TO KEEP YOUR PHONE TEMPORARILY



I'D FORGOTTEN IT HERE. WHEN I CAME BACK TO GET IT, I MET MR. MORI AND THE OTHERS

ONLY THIS MOBILE PHONE...

HISAYOSHI MINAMISAWA. 34. EMPLOYEE AT "HIDA FINANCES"



I'M HERE!

WHERE'S THE YOUNG WOMAN WHO WAS HERE A MOMENT AGO?

OH?



HMM?

HEY!
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?



AH!
OK, I
GET IT!

DON'T DO
THAT!
DON'T TOUCH
ANYTHING
WITHOUT MY
PERMISSION!

CLIC



I'D
THOUGHT
WE COULD
HAVE SOME
FOR A
SHORT
TIME...

CAN'T YOU
SEE IT?
I'M MAKING
SOME TEA...

TAKAKO FUJI. 29.
EMPLOYEE AT "HIDA
FINANCES"



HOW COULD I
HAVE WITH
THOSE
POLICEMEN
GLOWERING
AT US?

HAVE YOU
TOUCHED
ANYTHING
SINCE YOU
ARRIVED?



NO...

WHAT ABOUT
YOU?
EXCEPTING
THE TOILETS,
HAVE YOU
TOUCHED
ANY-
THING?



OK...

A POLICEMAN
WAS
WATCHING
ME, HE'LL
CONFIRM
IT...

OH, ME
TOO...
I WENT
THERE
JUST
AFTER
HER

I ONLY
WENT TO
THE
TOILET
ONCE
WHEN I
ARRIVED



YES, I SENT SOME DOCUMENTS FROM HOME AND I JUST WANTED TO VERIFY IF I'D RECEIVED THEM BECAUSE I HAVE TO USE THEM TOMORROW

YOUR COMPUTER?



I ASKED A POLICEMAN AND HE ALLOWED ME TO DO IT IF IT WAS JUST A LITTLE BIT...

WELL... I TOUCHED MY COMPUTER... A LITTLE BIT...

**HIROSHI IINO. 31.
EMPLOYEE AT
"HIDA FINANCES"**



I... I'M SORRY

IT'S QUITE ANNOYING THAT YOU'VE TOUCHED IT WITHOUT MY PERMISSION



IF YOU WANT TO SMOKE, DO IT NEAR THE ASHTRAY

...

AND YOU! BE CAREFUL! YOU'RE DROPPING ASHES ON THE CRIME SCENE!



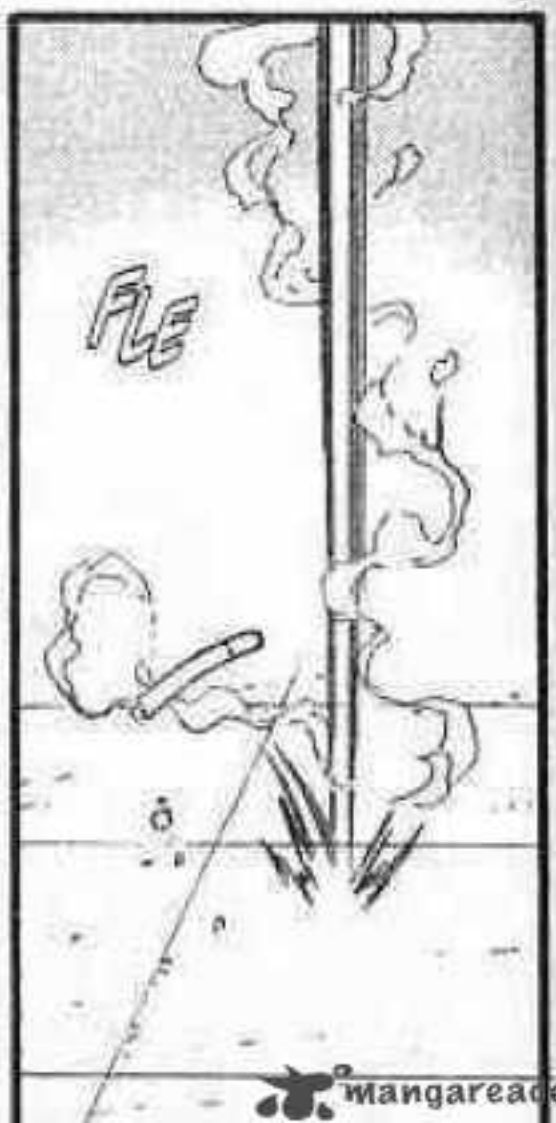
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IS IT BETTER NOW, MR. DETECTIVE?



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CLAC



PFFF

COME ON, MORI...

YOU...



HEY, WHAT HAPPENS?

...



SO STOP WANDERING AT YOU WISH!

WE REMIND YOU THAT YOU ALL ARE SUSPECTS!



AH, YES...

COME ON! LET'S GO TO THE BIG ROOM TO MEET EVERYBODY

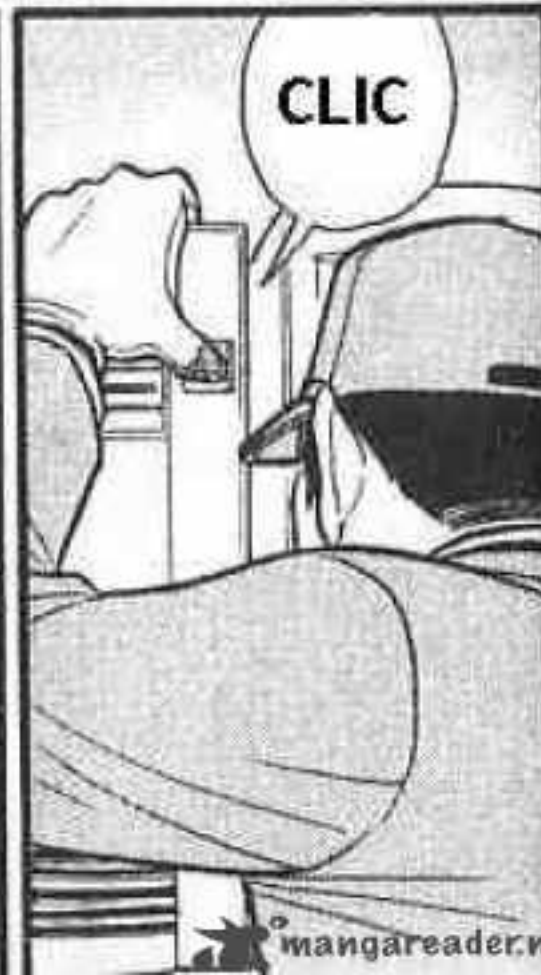


ALL OF THEM HAVE ENTERED THE TOILET ONCE



REALLY ...

TAP TAP TAP





EH, OH!

I'LL DO IT,
DON'T
TOUCH IT!

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NO!

DON'T
TOUCH
IT!



THEY'LL
BE ABLE
TO
UNDER-
STAND...

YES, IF
THEY PRESS
THE WRONG
KEY AND
THAT THING
APPEARS...



DID YOU
THINK I
DIDN'T
KNOW IT?

...THAT YOU'VE
CREATED A
FICTITIOUS
ACCOUNT IN WHICH
YOU STOCK THE
MONEY YOU STEAL
AWAY FROM
"HIDA
FINANCES"

?



NO
BUT...

WON'T YOU HAVE
KILLED THE
BOSS BECAUSE
HE DISCOVERED
IT?



WHAT AN
IDIOT!
EVEN MR.
HIDA WAS
SUSPICIOUS

I...
I HAVEN'T
DONE
ANYTHING

NO...
IT'S
FALSE

STEAL
AWAY?

IT'S ONE OF YOUR CLIENTS!
ASSUME YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!

ONE OF YOUR CLIENTS VANISHED LEAVING EMPTY THE CREDIT HE HAD WITH US. MR. HIDA ASKED YOU TO PAY IT BACK FROM YOUR OWN POCKET

WE COULD SAY THE SAME ABOUT YOU, MINAMISAWA. YOU WOULD HAVE ALSO WANTED TO KILL MR. HIDA

DIDN'T HE?

?

HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE SUNK IN PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF HIM?

THAT'S TRUE...

AND WHAT ABOUT YOU? YOU HAVEN'T STOPPED SAYING: "A CROOK LIKE THAT DESERVED TO DIE"

WHEN YOU'RE NOT ABLE OF PAYING A DEBT, YOU DON'T BORROW MONEY. COMMITTING SUICIDE AND LEAVING A GREAT DEBT IS THE SAME AS A THEFT, THAT'S ALL!

... THE ONE WHO BORROWS IT IS GUILTY AS WELL

IF THE ONE WHO LENDS THE MONEY IS GUILTY...

HOW COULD THIS COMPANY WORK WITH SUCH A STAFF?

DAD!

THIS WOMAN DESERVES SOME SLAPS!

THAT'S ENOUGH! SIT DOWN ON THE SETTEE



**WHAT?
NO OTHER
POISON TRACE
HAS BEEN
FOUND IN THE
OFFICE?**



... THE DOOR
HANDLE AND THE
LATCH HAD
TRACES OF
POISON

ONLY THE
THUMB, THE
BANKNOTES,
...



NO, ALL THE
THINGS THE
VICTIM COULD
HAVE TOUCHED
HAVE BEEN
CHECKED...

AND THE
TOILET?
THE KITCHEN?



WHAT?

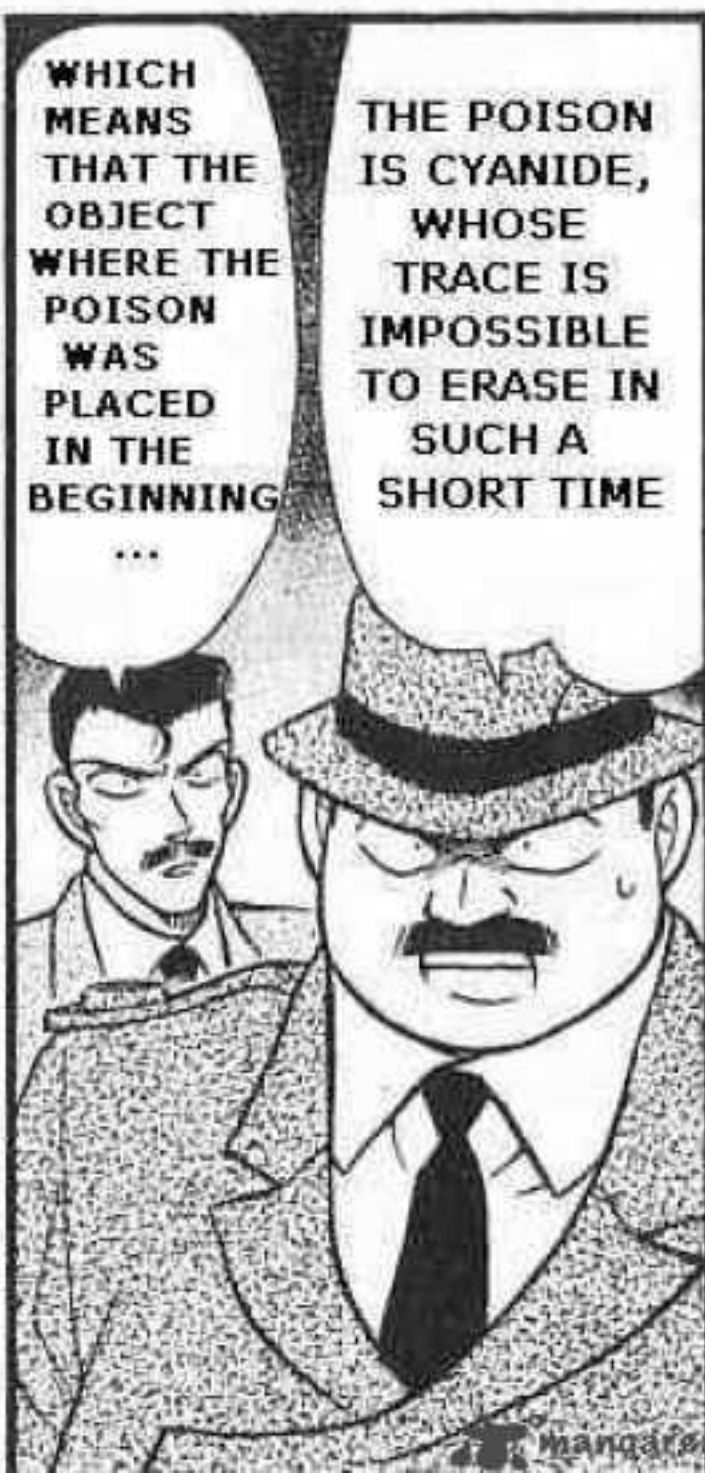
... IS STILL
ON ONE OF
YOU!



OK

LET'S
START BY
MINAMISA-
WA

SO, I'M
GOING TO
ASK YOU TO
SHOW ME
ALL THE
ITEMS YOU
HAVE ON
YOU



WHICH
MEANS
THAT THE
OBJECT
WHERE THE
POISON
WAS
PLACED
IN THE
BEGINNING
...

THE POISON
IS CYANIDE,
WHOSE
TRACE IS
IMPOSSIBLE
TO ERASE IN
SUCH A
SHORT TIME



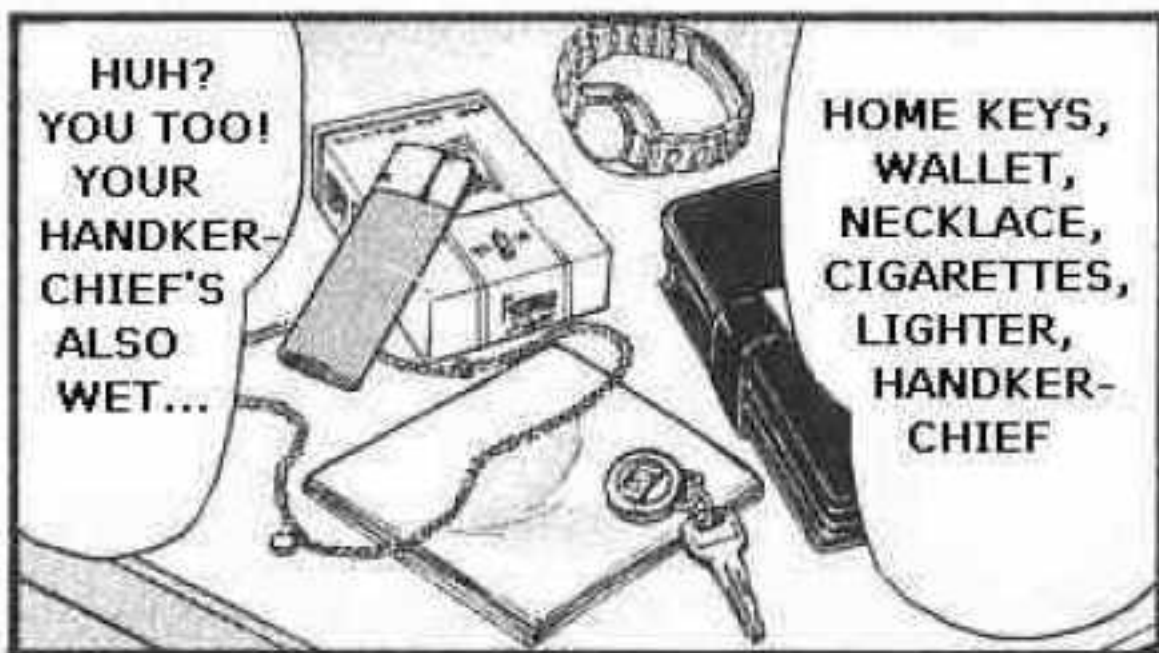
WELL, IT'S YOUR TURN, MISS FUJI

IT'S... IT'S BECAUSE I'VE BEEN TO THE TOILET A MOMENT AGO...

HMM... YOUR HANDKERCHIEF IS SLIGHTLY WET...

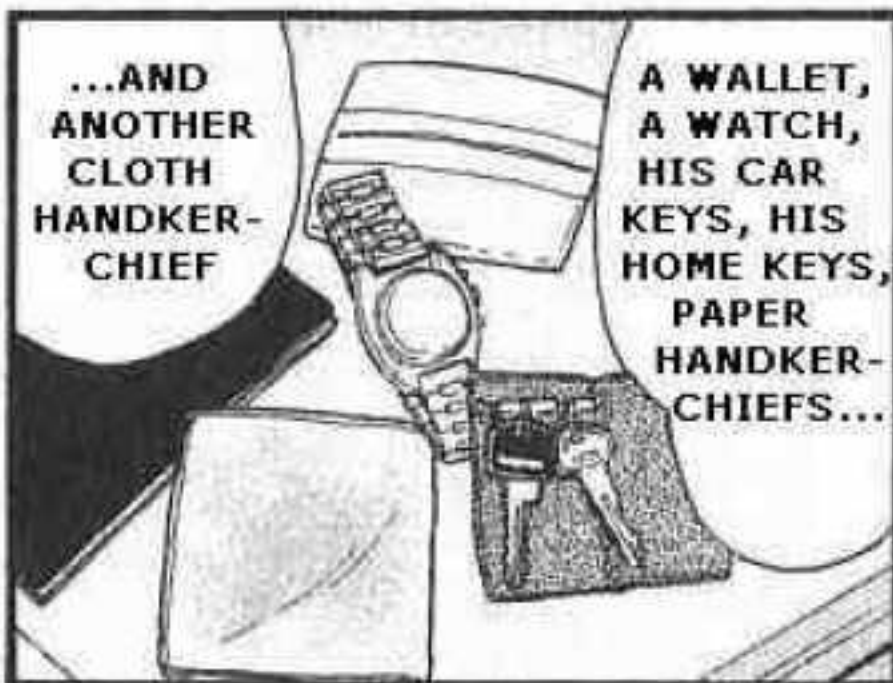


WELL... A WALLET, A WATCH, THE KEYS OF MY HOUSE, A NOTEBOOK, AN UNDERGROUND PLAN, A HANDKERCHIEF...



HUH? YOU TOO! YOUR HANDKERCHIEF'S ALSO WET...

HOME KEYS, WALLET, NECKLACE, CIGARETTES, LIGHTER, HANDKERCHIEF



...AND ANOTHER CLOTH HANDKERCHIEF

A WALLET, A WATCH, HIS CAR KEYS, HIS HOME KEYS, PAPER HANDKERCHIEFS...



YES!

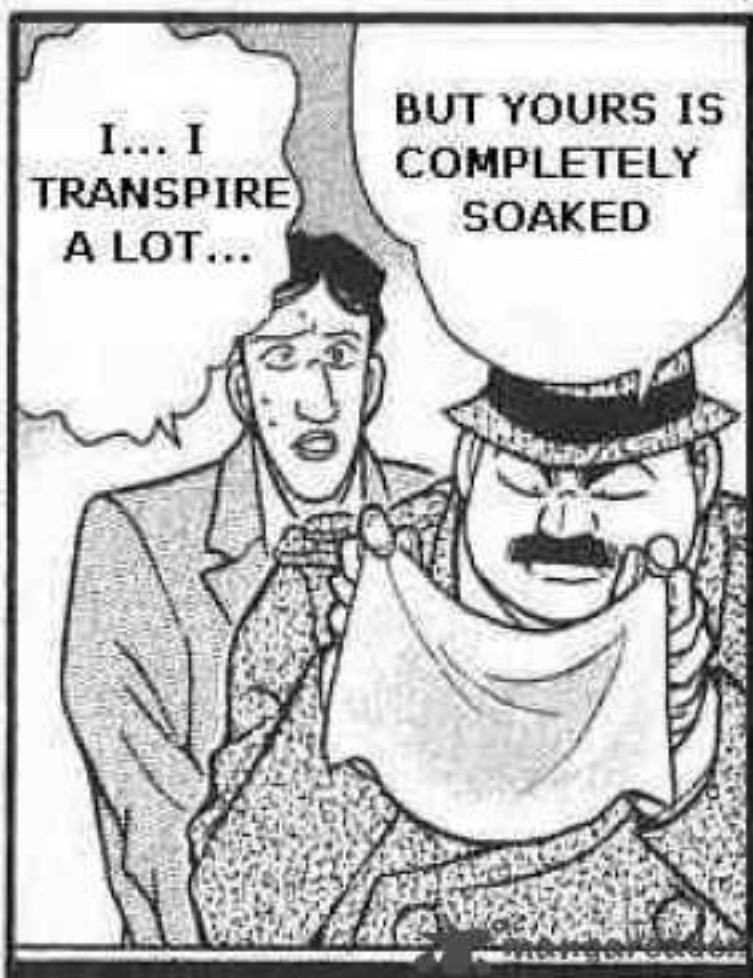
YOUR TURN, MR. IINO!

SO WHAT? I'VE ALSO BEEN TO THE TOILET...



IF ONE OF YOU IS THE CULPRIT...

ANYWAY, WE'LL KNOW AFTER USING THE REACTIVE...



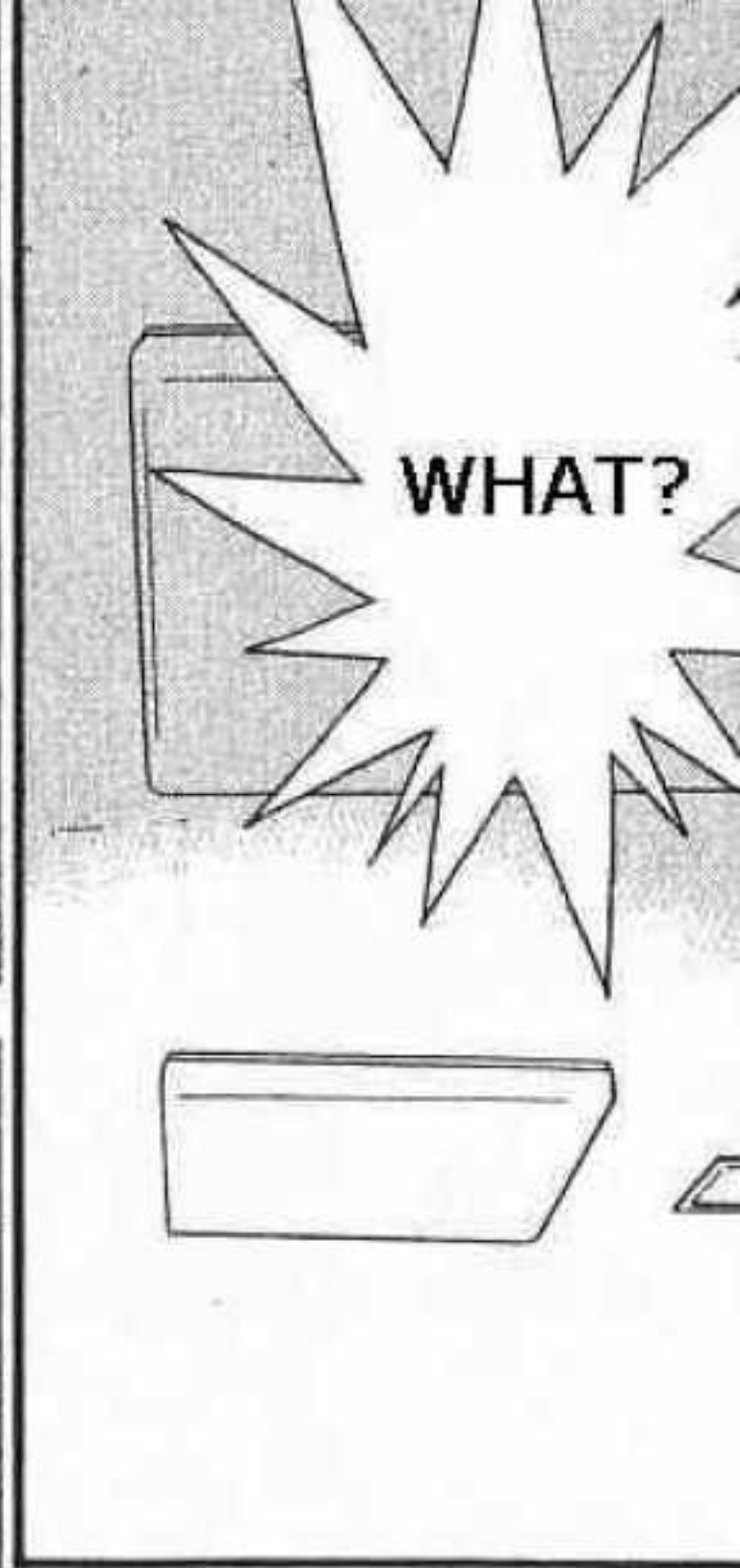
I... I TRANSPIRE A LOT...

BUT YOURS IS COMPLETELY SOAKED



NO, NOT ANY...

NO TRACE OF POISON ON THE PERSONAL ITEMS?



WHAT?



NO, ALL THE ROOMS HAVE BEEN SEARCHED A WHILE AGO

THEY COULD'VE HIDDEN IT SOMEWHERE ...



I THOUGHT YOU HAD TO TELL US WHO THE MURDERER WAS



PFF

YES

SO, CAN I GET MY THINGS BACK?



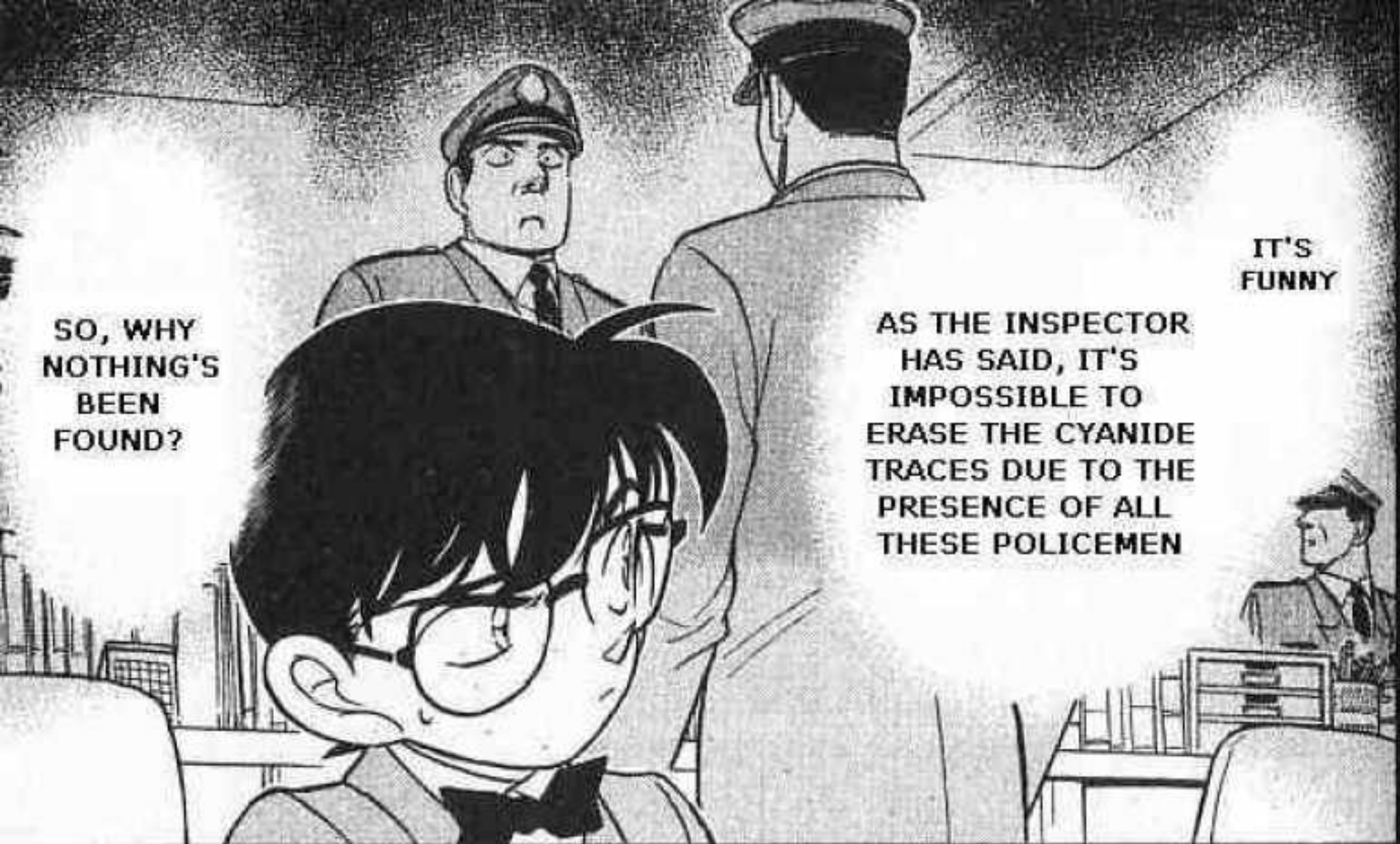
OH, IT'S YOU! ... NO, THIS IS NOT THE BEST MOMENT, REALLY...

TIP



I HAVE A CALL...


EH... MAY I TAKE MY TELEPHONE?



SO, WHY
NOTHING'S
BEEN
FOUND?

IT'S
FUNNY

AS THE INSPECTOR
HAS SAID, IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE TO
ERASE THE CYANIDE
TRACES DUE TO THE
PRESENCE OF ALL
THESE POLICEMEN



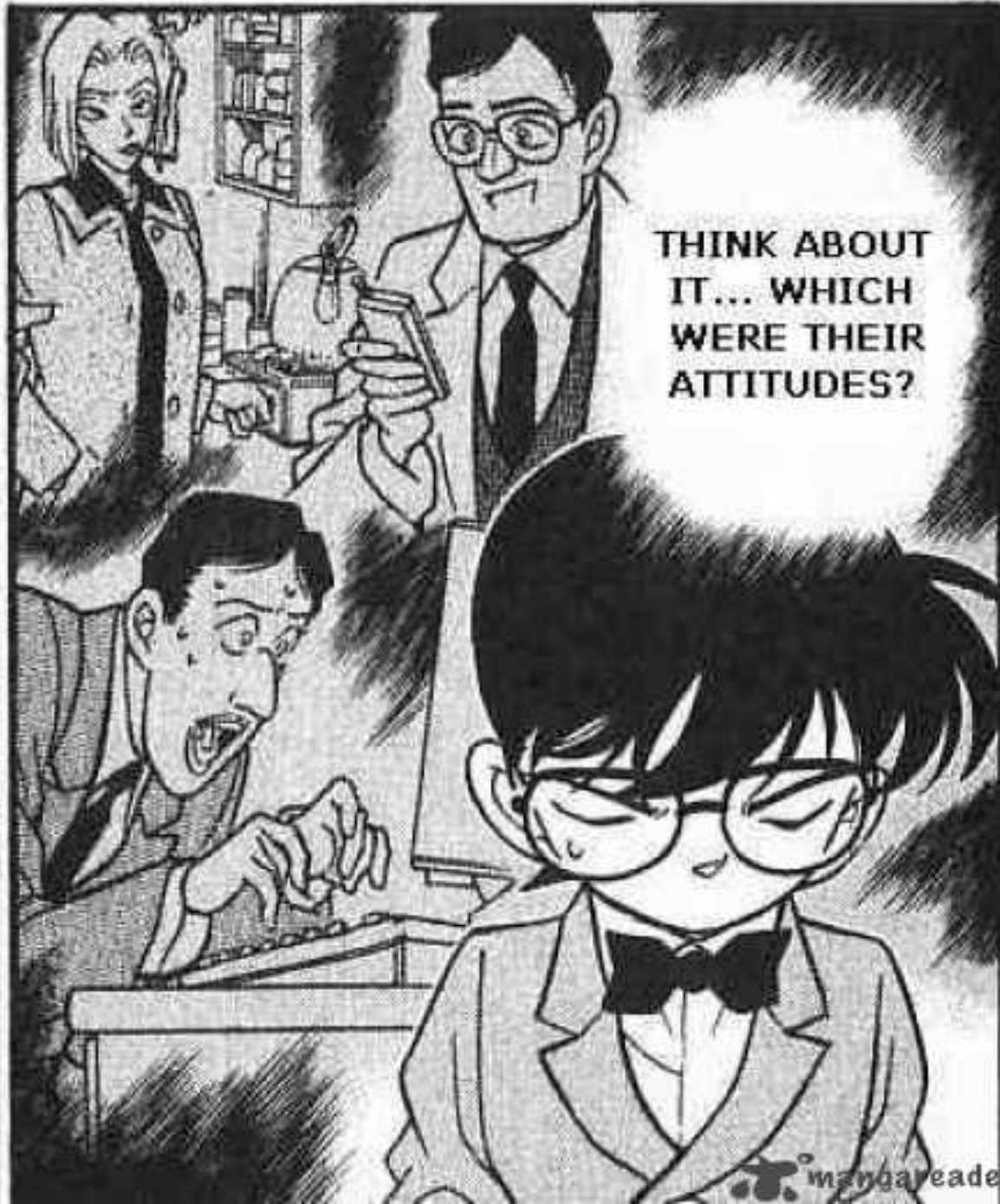
THAT'S NOT
POSSIBLE...
HE WAS
ALONE IN HIS
OFFICE

THE
MURDERER
WOULD'VE
MANAGED
TO PUT THE
CYANIDE
ONLY ON
THE
VICTIM'S
THUMB

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THE
THINGS
THEY DID
WHEN
THEY
ARRIVED



THINK ABOUT
IT... WHICH
WERE THEIR
ATTITUDES?



WAIT, I STILL
HAVEN'T...

COME ON!
WE'RE
GOING
HOME!



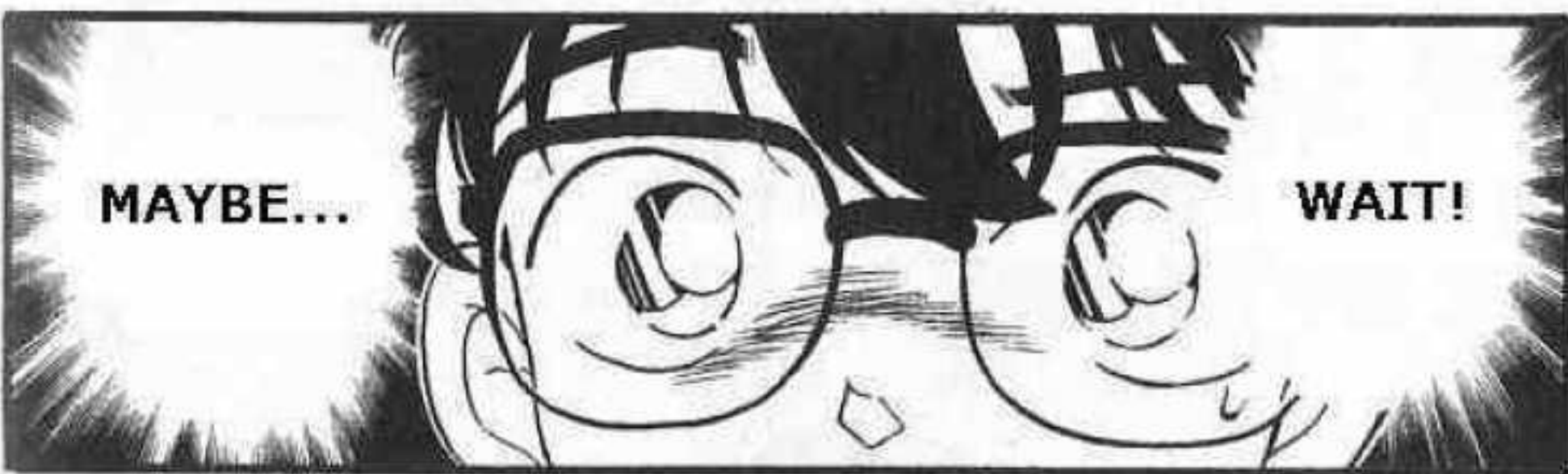
YOU
LOOK
SERIOUS

WHAT
HAPPENS,
CONAN?



BUT IT'S
TRUE...
SINCE SOME
TIME AGO...

HEY!



MAYBE...

WAIT!



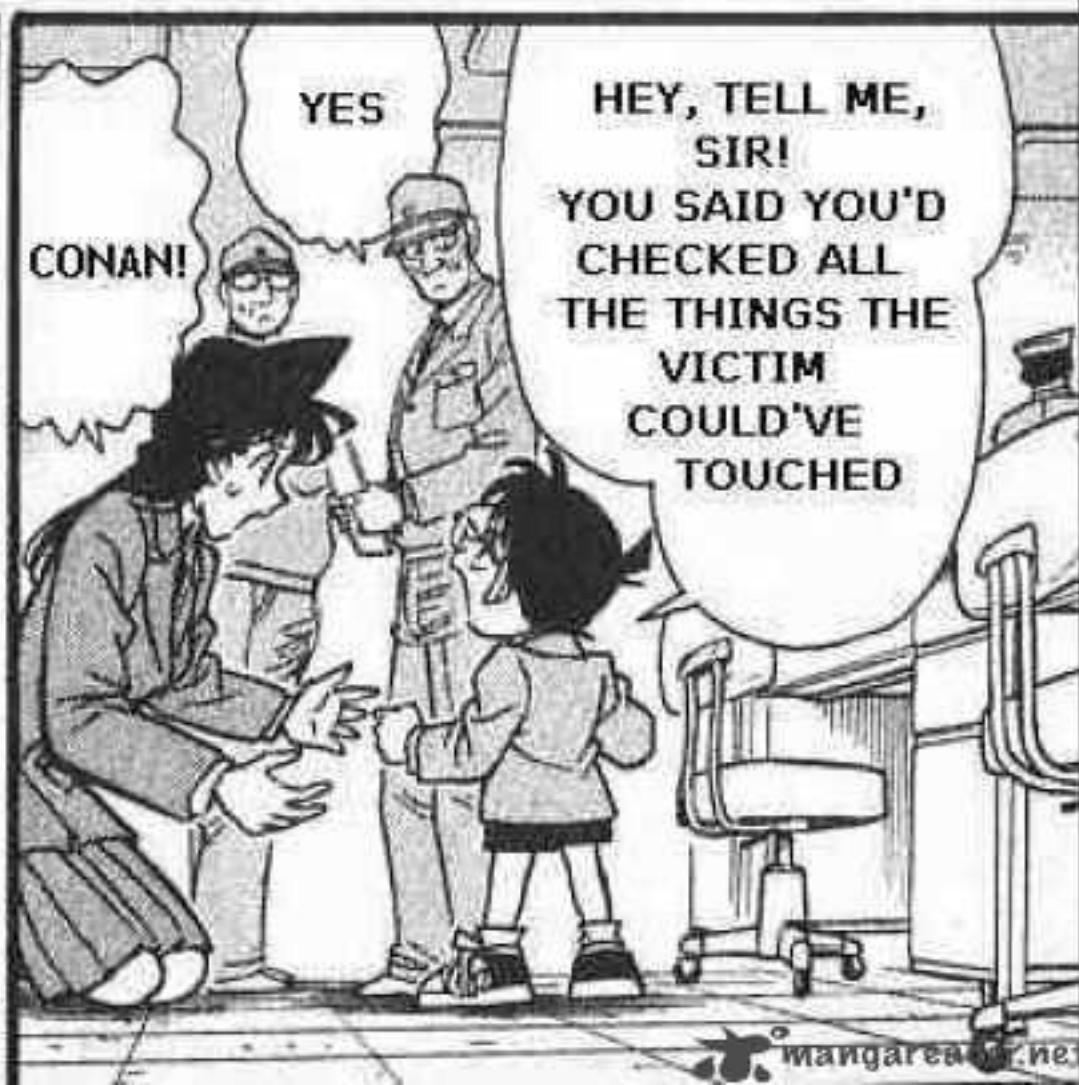
SOME-
THING
ABNOR-
MAL?



OF
COURSE

HAVE YOU
ALSO
CHECKED
THE
FINGER-
PRINTS?

HAVE YOU
FOUND
SOMETHING
ABNORMAL?



YES

CONAN!

HEY, TELL ME,
SIR!
YOU SAID YOU'D
CHECKED ALL
THE THINGS THE
VICTIM
COULD'VE
TOUCHED



EVERYTHING'S CLEAR NOW! THAT'S WHY SINCE SOME TIME AGO...

WHAT? WHAT HAPPENS?

BUT HOW DO YOU KNOW IT?



... I ALSO FOUND THAT TO BE WEIRD

YES, INDEED, AS YOU SAY...



THAT THING CAPABLE OF CONCEALING THE CYANIDE TRACES

IN THAT CASE, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND THAT THING...



A PLACE WHERE WE CAN ACT WITHOUT BEING SEEN

AND THE PLACE WHERE I HAVE MORE POSSIBILITIES TO FIND IT...

IT'S...



BLEACH

I
FOUND
IT!

**BLEACHING
AGENT**

*Do not pour on
skin. For use only
with water. 1985*

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...AND THE
TIME THIS
PERSON
ENTERED
THE TOILET

?

THIS
PERSON,
THAT
ATTITUDE,
THOSE
ABNORMAL
FINGER-
PRINTS...

THIS IS
WHAT THE
MURDERER
HAS USED

AS I
THOUGHT, THE
OUTPOURINGS
FROM THE
CORK REVEAL
THAT THIS
PRODUCT HAS
BEEN USED A
SHORT TIME
AGO

EVERYTHING
COINCIDES

**BLE
AG**

**...MY
CULPRIT!**

**I'VE
FOUND...**



**THE
MURDERER
HAS
MANIPULATED
THE VICTIM
AND
POISONED
HIM ...**

**IN THAT
OFFICE, WHERE
MR. HIDA WAS
ALONE,**



**...AS IF BY
MAGIC**

