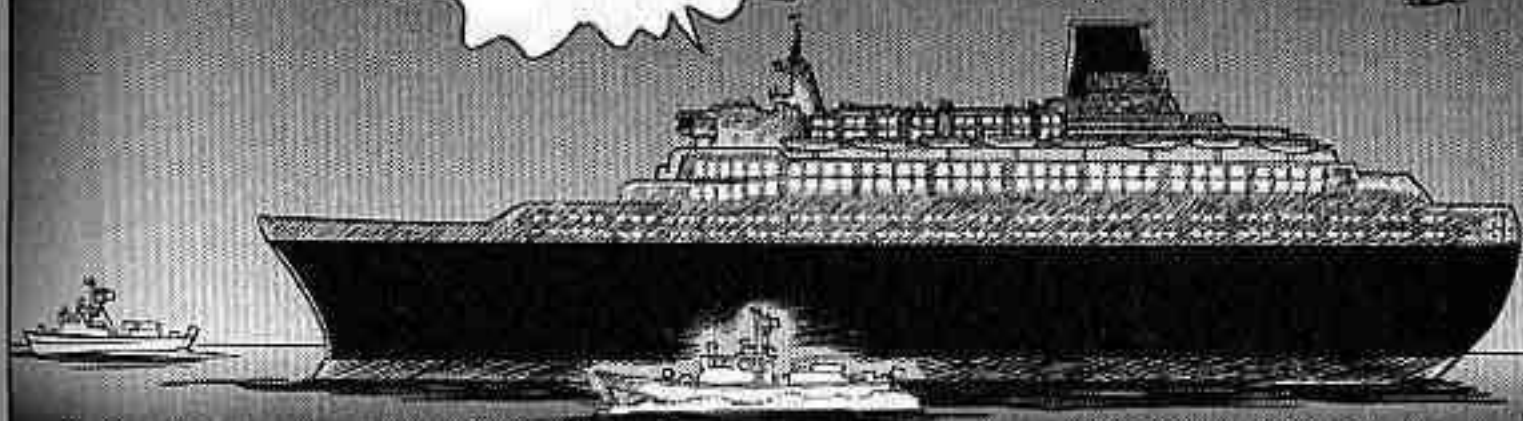


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PRESENCE



PHANTOM THIEF
#1412 IS
ALREADY ON
BOARD!?



I FOUND IT IN THE BATH-
ROOM! SONOKO-NEECHAN'S
DAD'S CLOTHES, AND
TOOLS FOR TRANSFORM-
ING! THE POLICE ARE
CHECKING IT OUT RIGHT
NOW!

OH
MY...

BY CHANG-
ING INTO
PAPA!?

OH... RAN
WENT TO LOOK
FOR YOU, CUZ
YOU WERE
TAKING SO
LONG...

HEY, WHERE
DID RAN-
NEECHAN GO?

I HARDLY
THINK
THERE WILL
BE ANY EVI-
DENCE...

HEH... BUT
THIS IS
HIM WE'RE
TALKING
ABOUT...

NOT
#1412...

THOUGHT
MAYBE YOU
GOT CAUGHT
BY PHANTOM
THIEF #1412...





AHH, HE'S INSPECTOR NAKAMORI FROM POLICE HEAD-QUARTERS...

WHO THE HECK IS HE...

HMPH ...

HE'S ON KID'S CASE ALL THE TIME...



HIS NAME IS KID THE PHANTOM THEIF!! IT'S CONFUSING SO PLEASE DON'T MESS IT UP!!

O, OK...

NAKAMORI GINZOU (41)
POLICE HEADQUARTERS
INSPECTION DEPARTMENT
INSPECTOR



BUT YOU KNOW...

LIKE YOU, HE'S A DEPEND-ABLE KNIGHT GUARDING OUR FAMILY'S TREASURE, THE "BLACK STAR"...



EVEN IF THEY ARE WELL MADE, THEY ARE FAKE...

IF YOU LOOK CAREFULLY, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO TELL...

IF YOU DON'T TELL ME WHICH ONE IS REAL, I CAN HARDLY PROTECT...



AND ALL BUT ONE ARE FAKE ONES...

ALL 500+ GUESTS HERE TONIGHT ARE WEARING THE BLACK PEARL!



THEN I'LL GIVE YOU ONE HINT...

BUT TO CHECK THEM ALL ONE BY ONE...



AND ONES LIKE YOURS THAT ARE CHEAP AND SHINE TOO BRIGHTLY...

OH...

AMONGST THEM, THERE ARE ONES LIKE MINE THAT ARE DULL AND DON'T SHINE...

TO A MOST APPROPRIATE PERSON...

I HAVE ENTRUSTED THE BLACK PEARL WITH THE PEACOCK GREEN SHEEN THAT MY GRANDFATHER TOOK A FANCY TO 60 YEARS AGO,

SUZUKI TOMOKO (43)
SONOKO'S MOTHER

OH! I KNEW IT WAS YOU!!

OH, BUT I THINK IT SUITS YOU QUITE WELL MOURI-SAN?

A JEWEL SUITS A WOMAN BEST, I GUESS...

COINCIDENTALLY, THERE IS ONLY ONE PERSON IN ALL THESE 500 THAT FITS THAT DESCRIPTION...

APPROPRIATE.....?

TOO BAD ISN'T IT SHOULJI-SAN...

I ALSO PLANNED TONIGHT'S DINNER...

YES! THANKS TO THIS LADY HERE AND HER HUSBAND, I WAS ABLE TO OPEN MANY STORES!

YOU'RE FROM THE HATAMOTO GROUP...

THANKS FOR LAST TIME!!

LONG TIME NO SEE!

THE FOOD YOU PREPARED FOR FLATTERY IS CRYING!

THANKS TO KID THE PHANTOM THIEF, THE CHAIRMAN IS ABSENT...

MIFUNE TAKUYA (26)
MIFUNE ELECTRON
INDUSTRY PRESIDENT

HATAMOTO SHOULJI (41)
FRENCH CUISINE RESTAURANT
MANAGER

CHEF



鈴木財閥60周年記念
舞上パーティ

UM, THIS IS CHAKI OF THE POLICE!

THE HALLWAYS WERE FULL OF POLICE...

HEY... HOW WAS IT OUTSIDE?

AH, RAN...

SO WHAT IF I AM!

I'M SURE SOME OF YOU HAVE HEARD ALREADY, BUT THAT INFAMOUS THIEF HAS ALREADY GOT ON BOARD!!

HE MIGHT EVEN BE AMONG YOU RIGHT NOW!

AFTER FINDING OUT ABOUT THE PERSON, HE CHANGES HIS FACE, AND CAN EVEN CHANGE HIS VOICE TO MATCH...

AS YOU KNOW, HE IS A MASTER OF DISGUISE!

HE'S SO EVIL IT CAN'T EVEN BE MEASURED!

CHAKI SHINTAROU (49)
POLICE HEADQUARTERS
INVESTIGATION SECTION
SECOND CHAPTER

PLEASE PAIR WITH SOMEBODY NEXT TO YOU, AND THINK OF A WORD THAT ONLY YOU TWO WILL NOW!

A SECRET WORD!

BUT WE WILL REFRAIN FROM THAT THIS TIME...

NORMALLY WE WOULD SEARCH YOU ALL ONE BY ONE...









HUH?



IS STILL ALIVE...



DON'T WORRY, MR INSPECTOR... FOR HE...

W, WHAT HAVE YOU DONE!?



RIGHT... HE IS A MASTER MAGICIAN I HIRED FOR SOME ENTERTAINMENT...



AFTER I PRETENDED TO SHOOT HIM WITH THIS MODEL GUN...

MY GUARDS CUSHIONED HIS FALL WITH THE TABLECLOTH...









YES... GO AHEAD...

COULD I CUT THOSE CARDS?



WAIT ONE SEC!

I WAS ALWAYS VERY SUSPICIOUS OF PEOPLE...



WHICH ONE IS KID?

WHICH ONE?

WOULD SOMEBODY ELSE LIKE TO AS WELL?



ARE BEGINNING... TO LOOK SUSPICIOUS...

THEY ALL...

SHIT...



AH...



I HAVE ENTRUSTED THAT BLACK PEARL TO A MOST APPROPRIATE PERSON...

IF I COULD JUST...

FIGURE OUT THE MEANING OF WHAT SHE WAS SAYING...





*THE WORD HE USED WAS "TSUKI", WHICH CAN ALSO MEAN "MOON".



4月19日
横浜港から出航する
Q・セリザバス号船上にて
本物の赤黒の星を
いただきに参上する
怪盗キッド

I SEE.....

SO THAT'S
WHY HE SAID
THAT IN THE
SECOND
NOTICE...





KID HAS APPEARED!!

I, IT'S KID...

EH?



KID!?

K,

Like Caesar who was fascinated with Cleopatra I am already beside you...

Kid the Phantom Thief



CALM DOWN EVERYONE, CHECK YOUR SECRET WORDS!!



DON'T WORRY... WE CAN CATCH HIM...

EH?

HE'S NOT A MAGICIAN...



HE'S JUST CREATING A DISTURBANCE AND GOING ALONG AT HIS OWN PACE...

HE HASN'T TAKEN IT OR GOTTEN AWAY YET...

HEY NAKAMORI-KUN! IT HASN'T ALREADY BEEN TAKEN, HAS IT?



BECAUSE HE'S HUMAN...

HE JUST USES TRICKS...