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I am only a man, who pursues his passion.

But I don't accomplish anything special...

Kikuemon (78)
Real name:
Mankichi Tsuchiya,
Potter





The name Kikuemon is given from teacher to student. I myself am the fifth Kikuemon.

As sixth?



You know that you will get the name Kikuemon as sixth!

I also hope, that you will get back your old form soon!

Shut up!

Maybe you shouldn't try to copy our teacher!



Shut up!

A few days ago, I chuck away one of the articles of your father, and he scold me awful!

Yes! Every time your father solves a case, he is all excited!

A big fan?



That you are a big fan of Mr. Mouri!

Why dont you tell him?

Masuko Tsuchiya (42) - widow of Kikuemon's son



Dont hurry guys! I havent told him yet!

?

Yes, please!

But now please tell us, which pottery Mr. Mouri had chosen!



Okay, she is right!

哈哈哈哈哈



They are all precious uniques, with several million yen value

Sh-Shall I really...

And now please choose one of this pottery!



I want you to get one of my works! I also could have brought you one but I found it would be better to ask you to come and let you choose yourself!

What?



You are right!

You should not assume this!



Dad...!

Se-several million yen?



They are my students! Let me introduce them to you!

Who are this two?



Cant get it!

Cool! Its really Kogoro Mouri!



I am only in poor form. But I think my skills will be back soon!

And this guy is Ryuichi Seto, who is recently in an artistically impasse.

Ryuichi Seto (35) - Student of Kikuemon



Nice to meet you!

This is Yoshihiko Arita. He is studying busy and I think his work is getting unique.

Yoshihiko Arita (36) - Student of Kikuemon



S-Sure, wait just a moment...

I want to show Mr. Mouri my latest work, the Fuusuimaru, which will be judged to public soon! Can you take it from the garden house?



But father...?

Actually I intend to keep it, but for you I will pass on it!

An art treasure? Are you serious?



What?!



Hm, I think I will take this teacup...



Sure...

That's great! Mr. Mouri will you escort me to the furnace?



He is at the furnace!

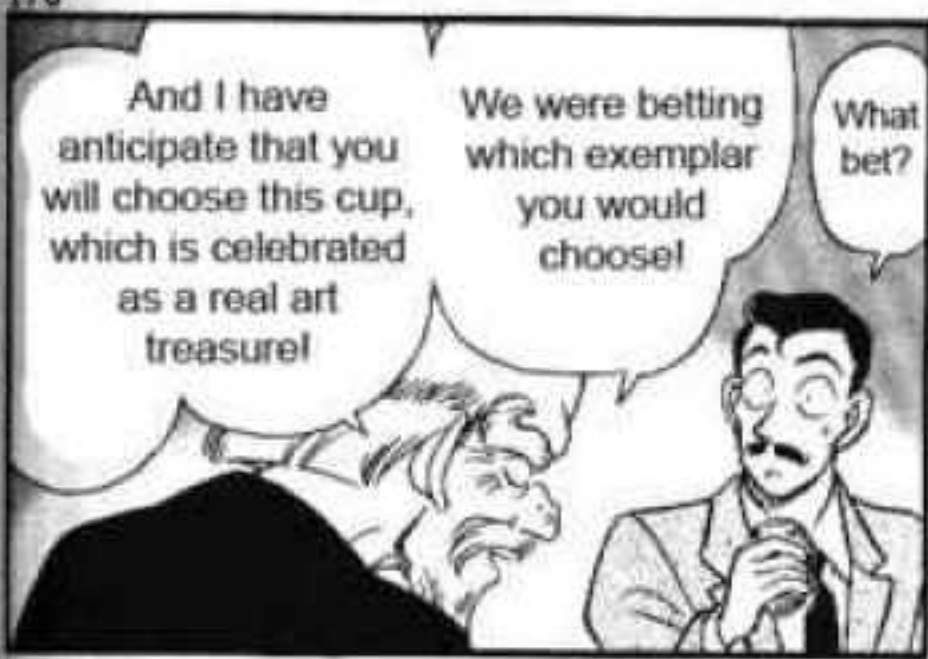
In fact where is Oya?



What?!



Ha?



And I have anticipated that you will choose this cup, which is celebrated as a real art treasure!

We were betting which exemplar you would choose!

What bet?



Seems like, I have won my bet.

You are a real detective, I pay you my respect!



Let me think, it is about...

How much is this cup?



We shouldn't have betted!

Don't pretend, like you have not known!

About 10 Millions?!



...10 Million Yen...



If you dont work with a happy mind, you cant creat arts!

You can see doubts and affliction in your works.



Mabeey I should abandon the pottery...

Ha ha ha



...you will make precious art treasures...

But if your heart is as clean as a mirror...



Such a huge furn-nacel

Wow!



The shards are the remains of pottery. Masuko destroyed them.

What is with that pile of shards?



I think the green ceramic will be finished before dinner!

Oyal How are you?

Kaoru Oya (36) - Student of Kikuemon



Our teacher is not even looking at works she dislike.

Dont underestimate her eye for arts!

Destroy? But why should she...?



That was Masukos voice, wasnt it?

What is going on there?!

It came from the garden house!



You can talk! This month she let only two of my works pass!

But she got very rigorous in the last months, do you think so too?

None of my works passed in 3 months!



I see ...

I commit her the decision, who will get the name Kikuemon after my death!

I am not surprised that my son, who should be my successor, fell in love with her. She has a great appreciation of art!

The Fuusuimaru has only returned to earth.

Everything what has a form, has to elapse at any time...



Aaah ...

Ah...

!?

I am a bit exhausted. I will take a nap until dinner.

Let my students clean this up, and prepare the dinner for our guests, please.



N-nonsens!

That must be your curse, Kaorui Cause your work got crashed everytime!

The Fuusui-maru ?!

T-the...



A marble?

Please, let me do! Just go to the living room and sit down!

It is okay!

A-and then...

I am sorry! I must have been slipped when I tried to climb up the ladder!

How could that happen?!

How ...





What about the case with my classmates***?

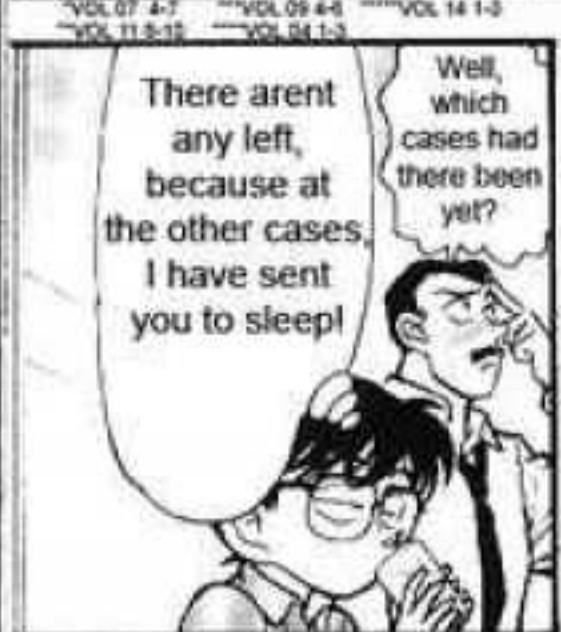
I want to listen to the "tengu of the mist" case**!

Yes, please tell us about the Moonlight island case*!



Lets stop talking about pottery! Why dont you tell us about your cases?

If you want me too



There arent any left, because at the other cases, I have sent you to sleep!

Well, which cases had there been yet?

Und you also talked about the case in the museum**** and the case with the magicians*****!

Really?

You have told about it before!



Yes, and she is in high spirits, when she is drunk!

She likes to skull, or not?



Bring us more wine !!

More wine!!



Dont worry! Father will die soon, so it is not his buisness

But are you sure, about giving us such a expensive tea cup?



Don't worry! I will bring her to her room!

Don't bother! When she is drunken, she sleeps like a log.



If you sleep here, you will catch a cold...

Ah...

哇哈哈哈哈哈



Do you think so? I thought you had present 10 works last year, hadnt you?

She is right, I am an old man. I cant manage more than 2 or 3 good artworks per year.



It is okay...

M-Matsuko!

He cant make so much artworks, anyway!

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Mr. Moun?

Mr. Moun, time to get up!



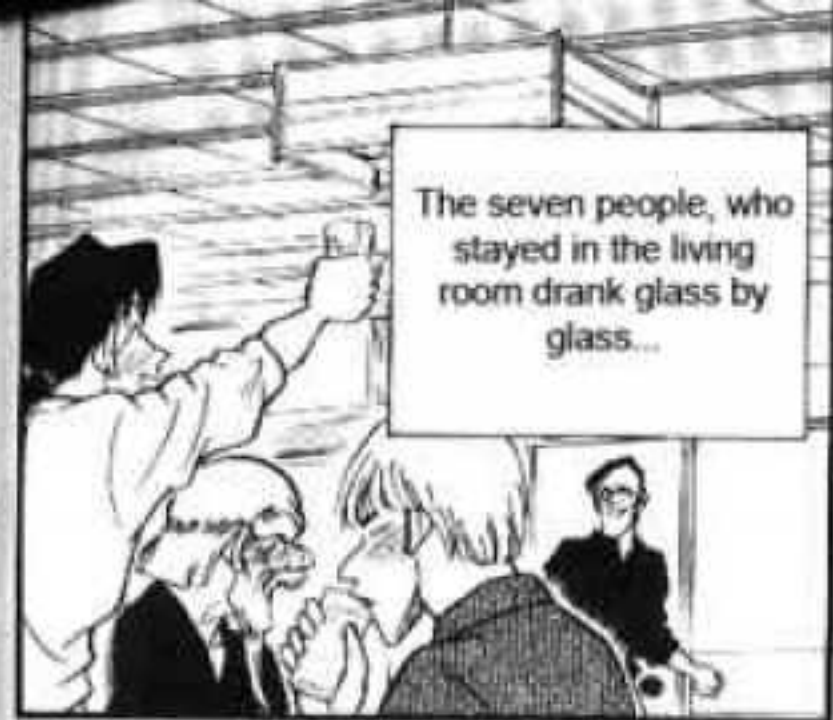
Can you please go, and rouse Masuko? I could do with a breakfast!



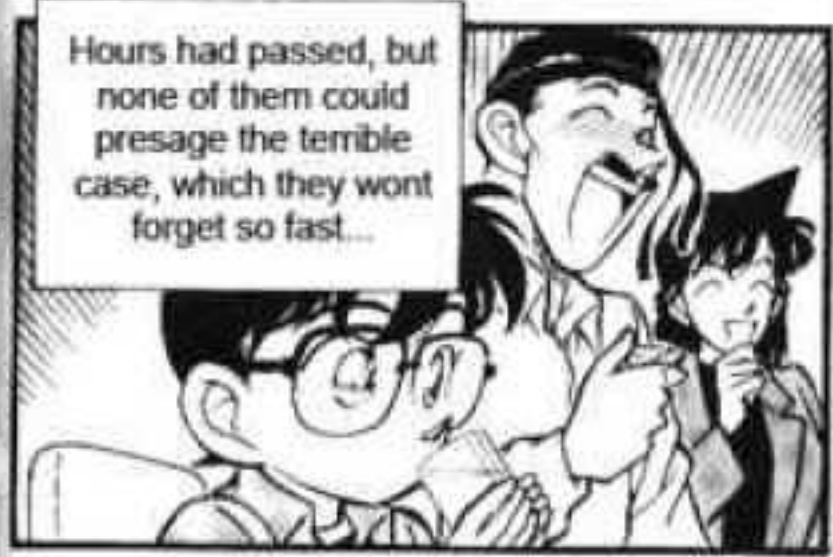
Are you surprised? He isn't for nothing called...

He has a deep sleep!

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ZZZ



The seven people, who stayed in the living room drank glass by glass...



Hours had passed, but none of them could presage the terrible case, which they won't forget so fast...



The cheery evening ended late at night.



Maybe she went to the supermarket to buy something for the breakfast!

Strange, where should she go so early?



Sorry, but Matsuko's bed is stone-empty!

Yeah, you are right!

the "sleeping" Kogoro!



She doesn't answer.

Strange...



Ring



That's a good idea! Otherwise she will buy that much, that we'll feel surfeited the whole day!

Shall I call her on her mobile phone?



Ohhh...

Morning...

Already 8 o'clock?



Yawn...



Sounds like something had broken!

What?

W-What was that noise?



B-Boy?!

Is there anybody in the garden house?

H-Hey!

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