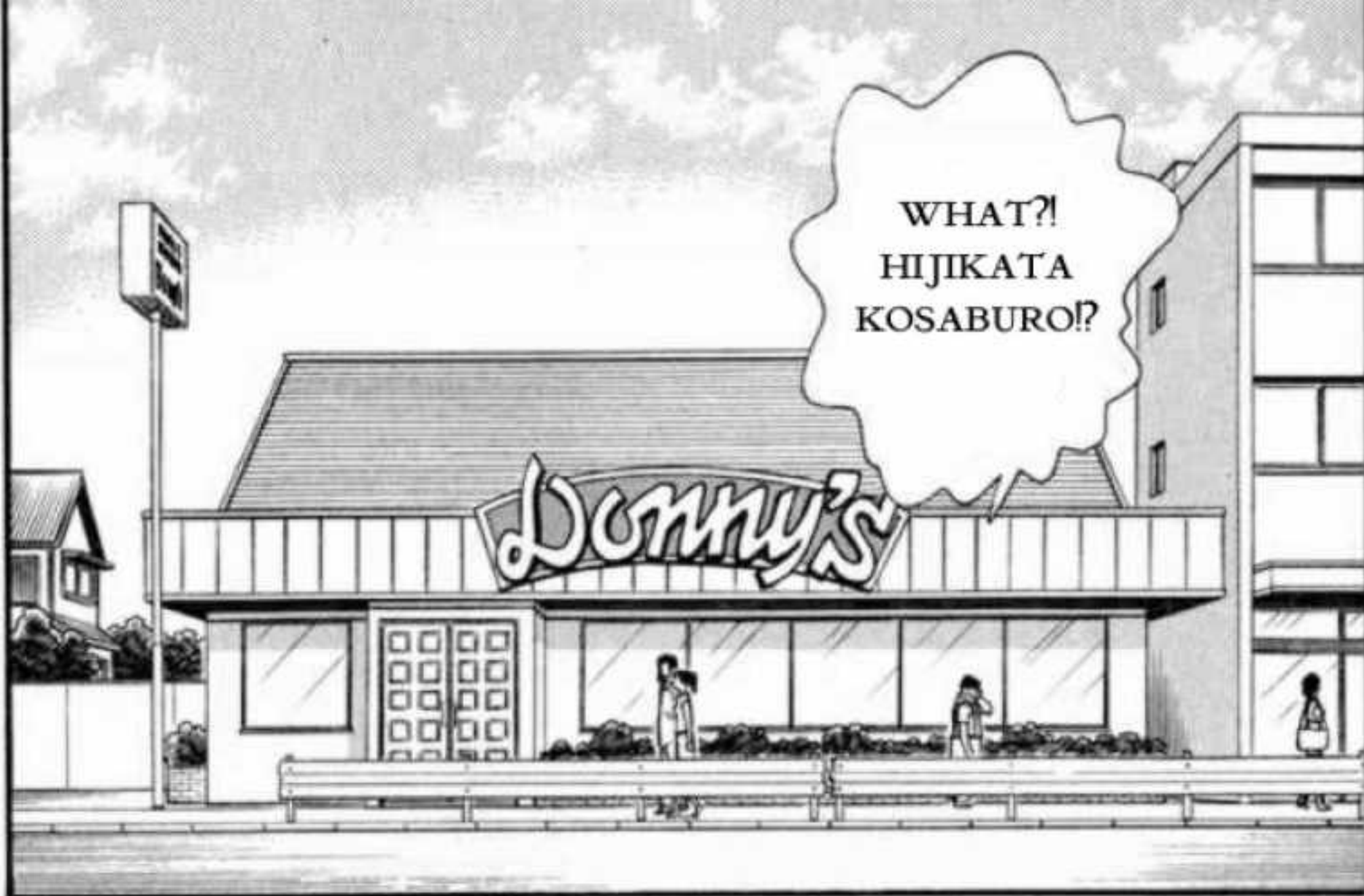


**FILE 10:**

**THE ACTORS GATHERED**





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NOT SO LOUD GIRL!

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WAAH! KOSABURO HIJIKATA!?



AAAHH!

GONE DOWN A LITTLE EH?

THAT WAS NOT VERY NICE..

KOSABURO HIJIKATA 51 YEARS. ACTOR



BECAUSE OF THE DIVORCE PROBLEM WITH YOUR WIFE?

A RE-PORTER?

WHO KNOWS IF THERE IS A REPORTER HID IN THE CORNER



WHAT CAN YOU DO? IT'S TO BE EXPECTED WHEN YOU HAVE SUCH BEAUTIFUL WOMAN FOR WIFE!

SHE WAS SEEN DISCUSSING WITH A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG MAN AND BOOM! THE PRESS GOES AND SAYS: 'SHE HAS AN AFFAIR WITH A YOUNG MAN!'

MY WIFE ISAMI IS USED TO THIS KIND OF RUMORS



NO. NO! THAT'S JUST A BASELESS RUMOR!

A DIVORCE PROBLEM?



SEN-SEL?



SENSEI!

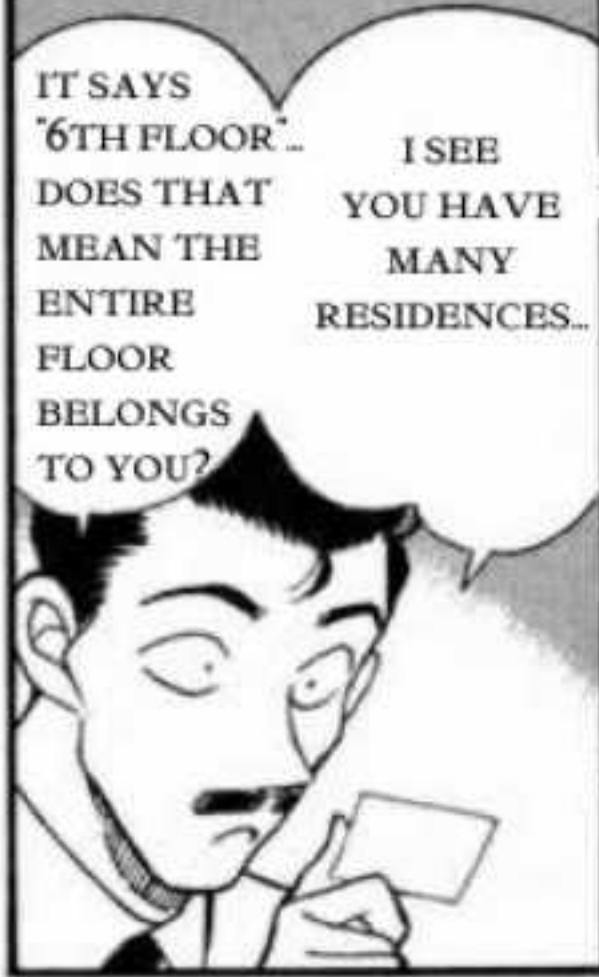


WE'D BETTER LEAVE THIS RESTAURANT AND GO TO MY HOME..

WELL. THAT'S HOW IT WAS..









ISAMI NAGAKURA!?

HELLO! THANK YOU!

WELCOME, MR. DETECTIVE!



YOU ARE WHERE ACCOMPLICES! DID THIS "DISCORD" RUMOR COME FROM..?

DON'T TEASE ME!

YOU KNOW, HE ONLY KNOWS HOW TO SWING A SWORD..



TO TEACH MY HUSBAND!

THANKS FOR AGREEING TO COME ESPECIALLY..

ISAMI NAGAKURA. 38 YEARS OLD. HIJIKATA'S WIFE.



NEWS-PAPERS MOTIVE IT'S TO ENTERTAIN PEOPLE

YES.. IF ONLY WE COULD INVITE HERE ALL THOSE THAT WROTE THESE CALUMNIES..

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THANK YOU..

PLEASE, MAKE YOURSELVES COMFORTABLE..

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I DON'T KNOW THAT YET..

WILL YOU SETTLE WITH OKITA..?

AND AFTERWARDS? WHEN YOU FINISH WITH ME.



IF YOU MUST BLAME SOMEONE, BLAME YOURSELF FOR YOUR AFFAIR..

WHO WOULD IMAGINE YOU ARE EXTORTING YOUR HUSBAND FOR MAINTENANCE FEES BEFORE DIVORCE..

BRAVO. WHAT SUPERB ACTING..



DIDN'T WE AGREE TO TALK TO OKITA?

AND YOU? WHAT WERE YOU THINKING? MAKING A DETECTIVE COME HERE..



WHAT DID YOU WANT ME TO DO? SOMEONE ALWAYS STAYS AT HOME TO EAT..

YOU CLEANED THE ROOM AND CHANGED THE FURNITURE DISPOSITION

YOU'VE NOT BEEN YOURSELF LATELY



I MADE THIS ARRANGEMENTS FOR A REASON..

DON'T SAY THAT..

I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE YOU HAVE TO SAY BUT..



THAT'S MY INTENTION ANYWAYS..



OK..

I'LL WAIT FOR YOU IN THE OFFICE, COME SOON..

ANYWAY, YOU TAKE CARE OF THE DETECTIVE







IT TOOK ME SOME TIME..

MY WIFE HAS MORE PRACTICE THAN ME WITH THIS KIND OF THINGS..



SORRY TO HAVE MADE YOU WAIT..

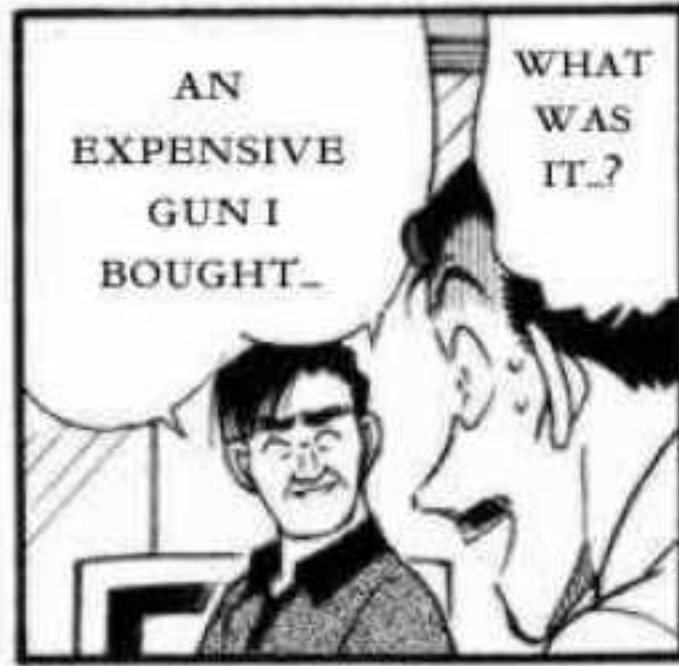
I BROKE A SMALL METAL PIECE OF THE GUN..

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YES. SHE WENT TO SEE A FRIEND..

DID YOUR WIFE LEAVE?



AN EXPENSIVE GUN I BOUGHT..

WHAT WAS IT..?



I WAS SURE TO HAVE LEFT IT HERE HOWEVER..

OH?



EH?

I HAVE A SMALL GIFT FOR YOU MOURI-SENSEL.



YES. MORE REAL..

LET'S MAKE IT MORE REALISTIC!

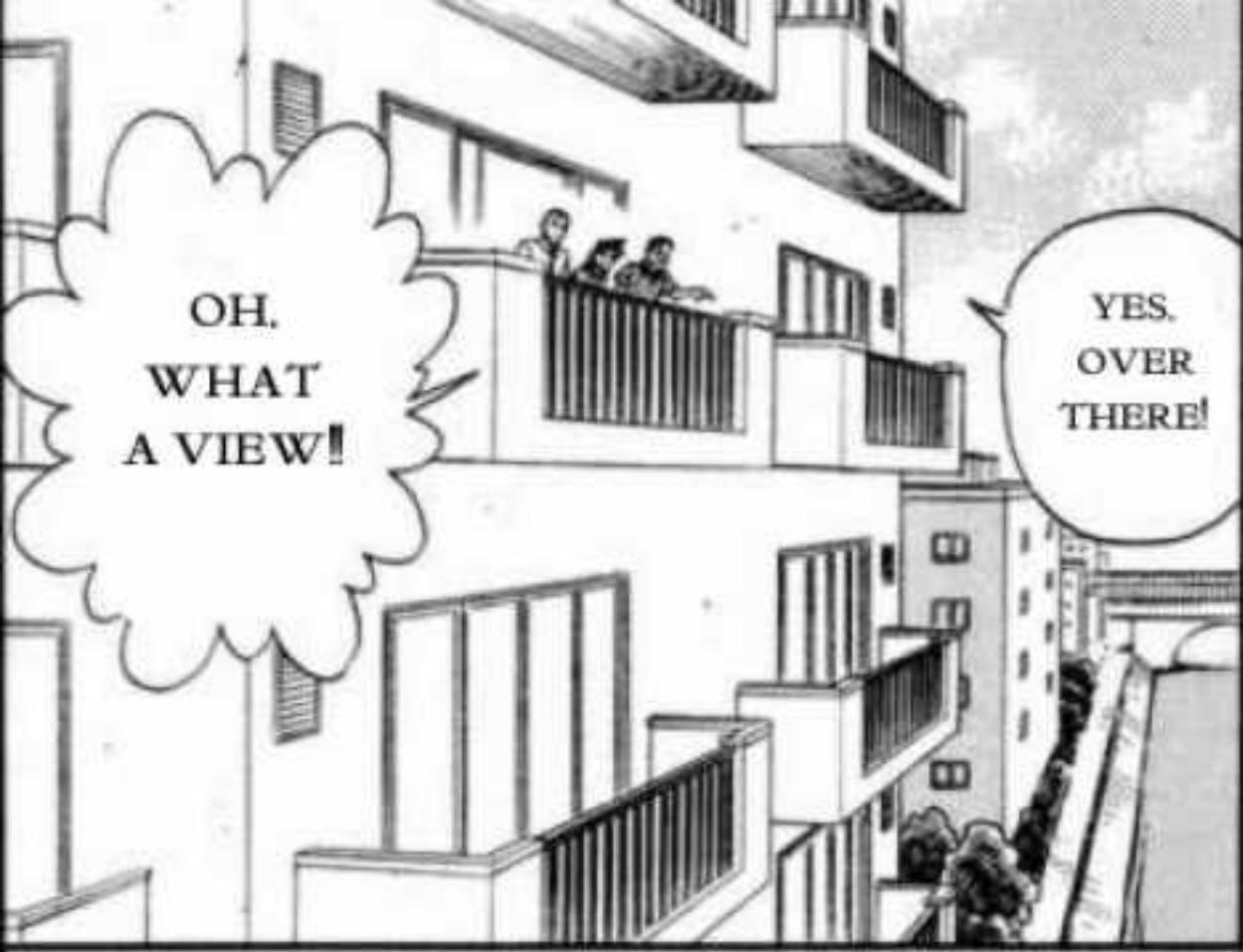
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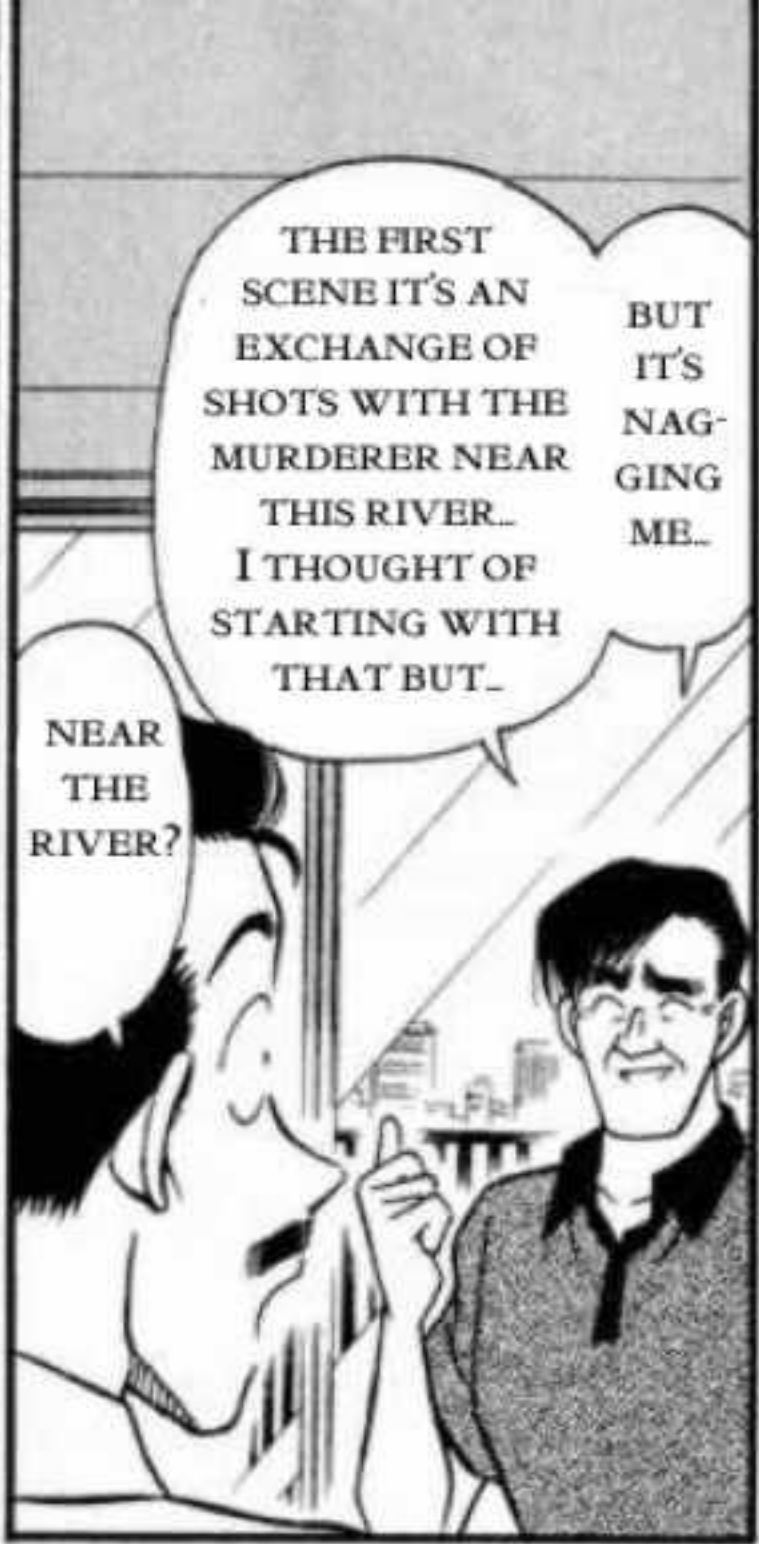
BESIDES NOWADAYS DETECTIVES ON TV DON'T CARRY FIRE WEAPONS ANY MORE..

OH. THAT'S NOT NECESSARY..

YOU KNOW I MUST LEARN HOW TO BE A DETECTIVE, HOWEVER I'M VERY BAD HANDLING FIRE WEAPONS..



YES. OVER THERE!



THE FIRST SCENE IT'S AN EXCHANGE OF SHOTS WITH THE MURDERER NEAR THIS RIVER. I THOUGHT OF STARTING WITH THAT BUT...

BUT IT'S NAGGING ME...



YEAH, I OFTEN TAKE A LOOK AT NIGHT.

IT MUST ALSO BE VERY BEAUTIFUL AT NIGHT.



YES, DO YOU UNDERSTAND NOW WHY REPORTERS THINK THAT...

SO, THAT'S OKITA'S APARTMENT...



YES, IT'S AT OKITA'S...

AH, THE PHONE...

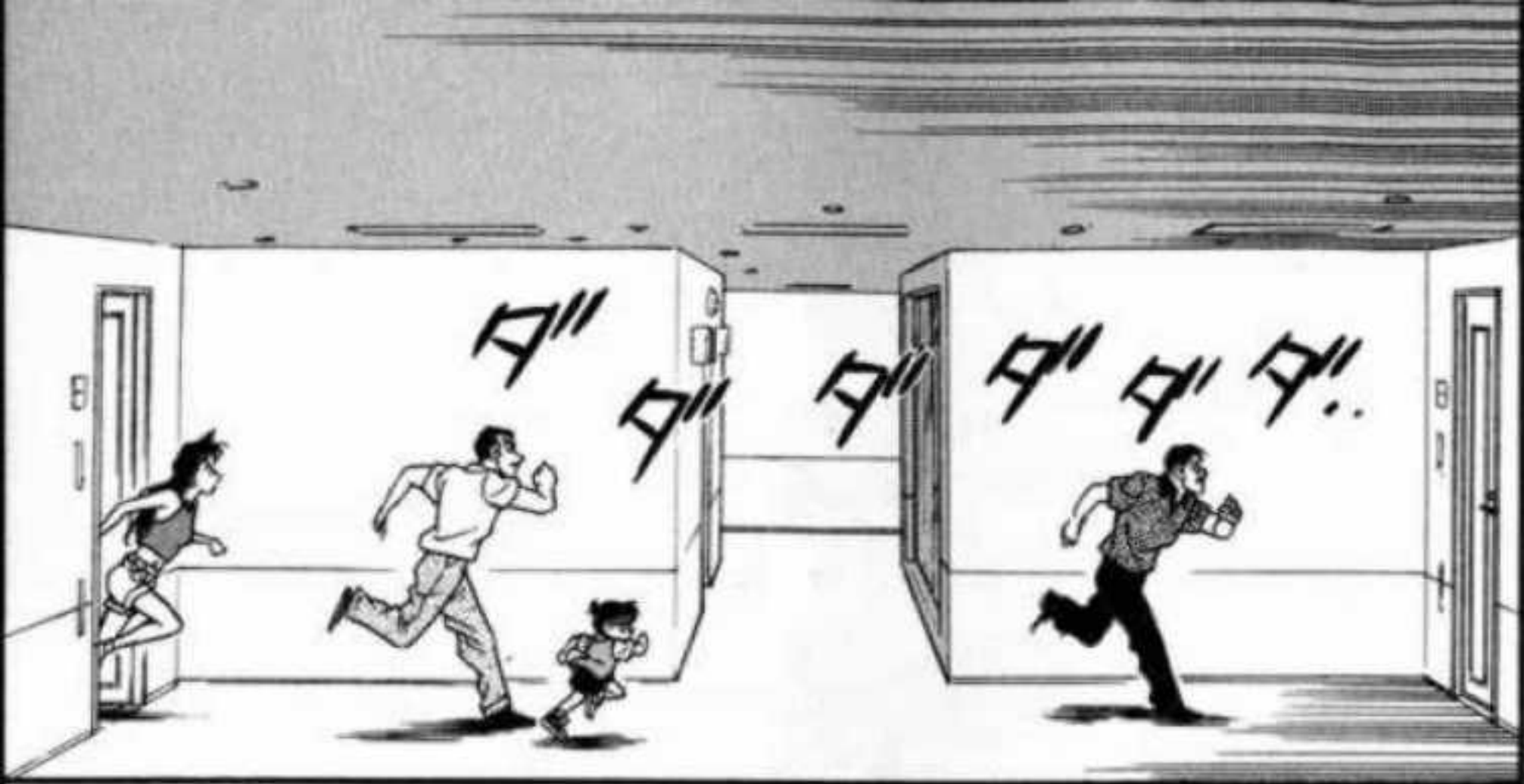
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EH?







DAD.  
THE POLICE  
IS HERE!

JUST GIVE  
ME THE  
SPARE KEY!

THAT'S  
NOT  
POSSIBLE?!



WE'RE  
GOING!



EH?!  
HIJIKATA'S  
WIFE?!



NO.  
HOW-  
EVER...

IS THIS  
ELEVATOR  
BROKEN  
OR WHAT?



DAMN IT!  
IT DOESN'T  
SEEM TO  
MOVE!



OK...

WE'RE  
GOING.  
CONAN-  
KUN!



IT DOESN'T  
MATTER.  
LET'S GO  
THROUGH  
THE STAIRS!!









SHE'S BEEN DEAD FOR AT LEAST THIRTY MINUTES..



BY A WIRE SIMILAR TO A FISHING LINE..

SHE WAS STRANGLLED..



ON MY APARTMENT BALCONY?

BUT WHY IS ISAML..



WHO ELSE COULD HAVE DONE THIS BESIDES YOU?!

DON'T PLAY DUMB! WE SAW SHE FALLING THROUGH YOUR ROOM WINDOW!!



IT ONLY REMAINS TO FIND THE WIRE AND THE CRIME MOTIVE..

AAAH..

YES.. LIKE HE SAYS, BESIDES HIM, I DON'T SEE WHO..



EH?



WAIT  
A  
MOMENT...

HIJIKATA-SAN.  
I KNOW IT'S  
VERY DIFFICULT  
BUT YOU SHOULDN'T  
TOUCH HER  
ANYMORE BEFORE  
THE INVESTIGATION  
TEAM ARRIVES..



DON'T  
TELL ME  
THIS CASE...

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