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It must be similar...

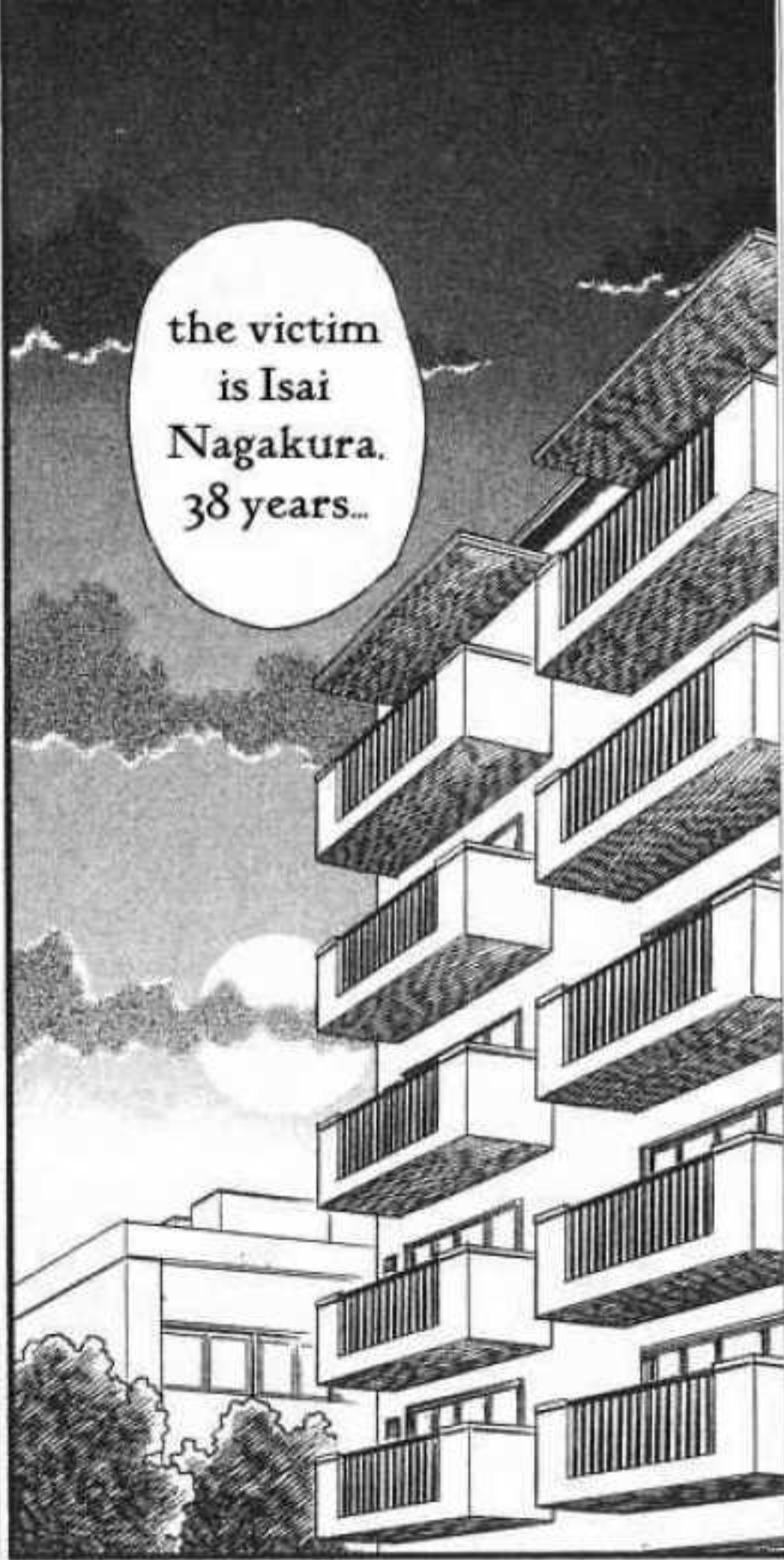


At first sight, I'd say she was strangled with a very fine wire... or something similar

this is a death by strangulation.



Nagakura Isami. 38 years. Former actress. Wife of Kosaburo Hijikata.



the victim is Isai Nagakura. 38 years...

I can't certainly say that it was right after the crime but...

And you. Were you here at the moment of the crime?



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Then we looked in that direction

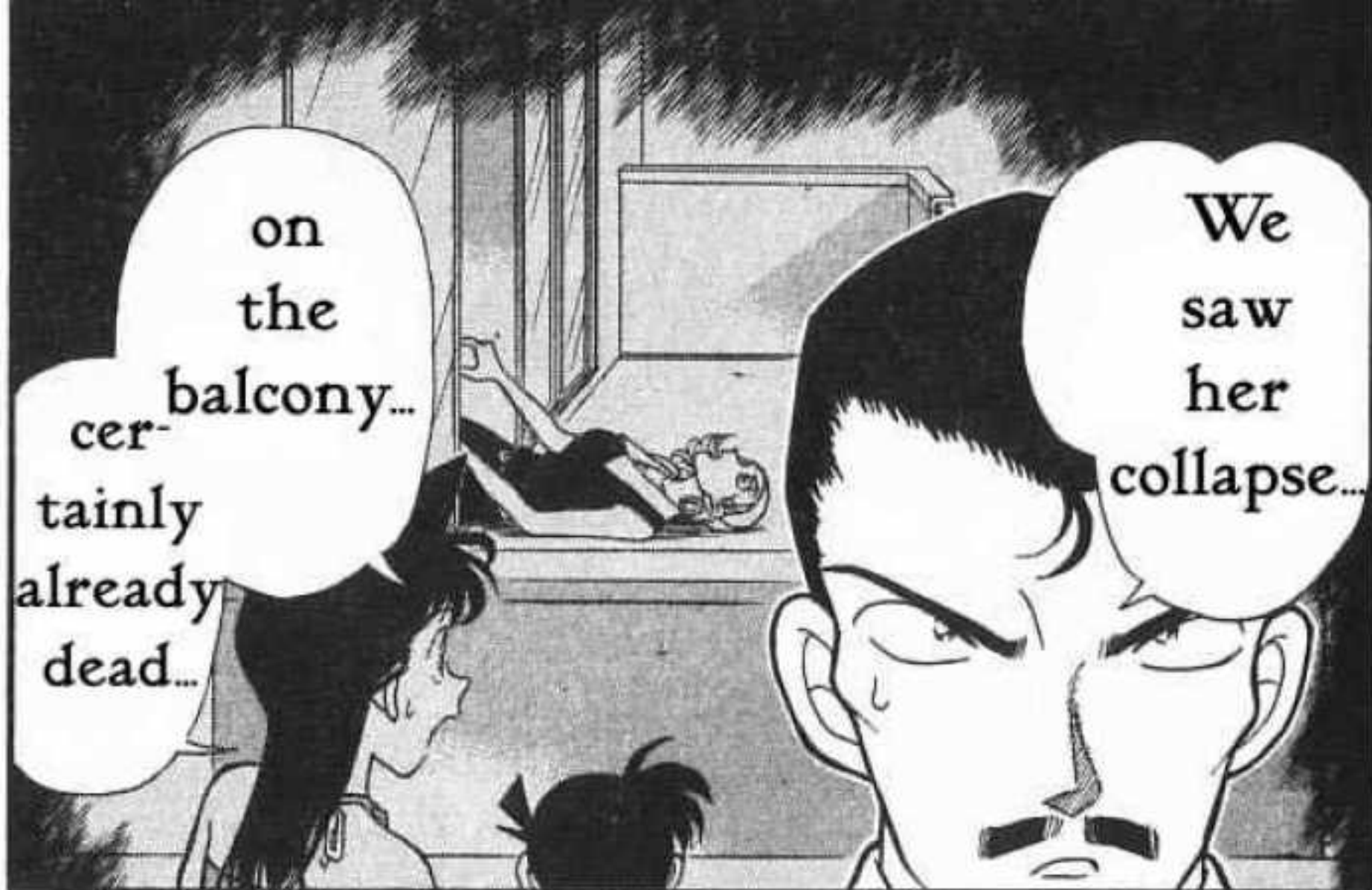
Our attention was attracted by the ringing of the phone coming from Mr Okita's room



We were by chance on the balcony

Mr. Hijikata, the two children and me saw Miss Isami falling





on the balcony...
cer-
tainly
already
dead...

We
saw
her
collapse...

I asked Mr. Hijikata to watch the door while I went down to the reception to take the spare keys...

but the door was closed and despite of knocking many times, nobody came to open...

I ran there immediately...

and then? what happened?

Eh, calm down...

I finally could enter the apartment and noted the facts...



Don't make fun of us!!

so don't start to suspect me...

and I did not hear any ringing at my door...

It was me who was surprised by the discovery of the body on the balcony...

Hajime Okita
29 years. Actor.

I stayed in front
of the door
all the time
so no one
could leave there!

you are the
only one
able to do
such a
thing!!

You keep
denying it
despite
everything!!

Kosaburo Hijikata.
51 years. Actor
husband of
Isami Nagakura.

Mr. Hijikata
asked me
to wait
for him
here...

I was in
this room
listening
to music...

Why don't you
give us your version
of the facts, Mr.
Okita? Where were
you between 16:00
and 16:30, at the
supposed time
of the crime?

Come
on,
Mr. Hijikata...

Yes... I wanted to
know if the rumour
on the relation
between Isami
and Okita was
founded or not

Mr.
Hijikata...?

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What?!

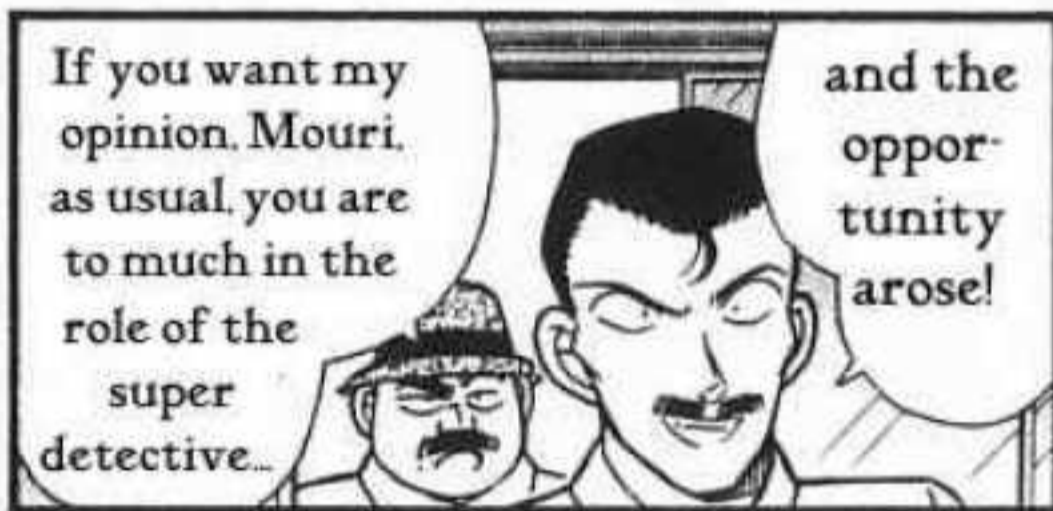
but we
have other
reasons to
suspect
you...

but if it
was me
who told
you that,
goddamn!

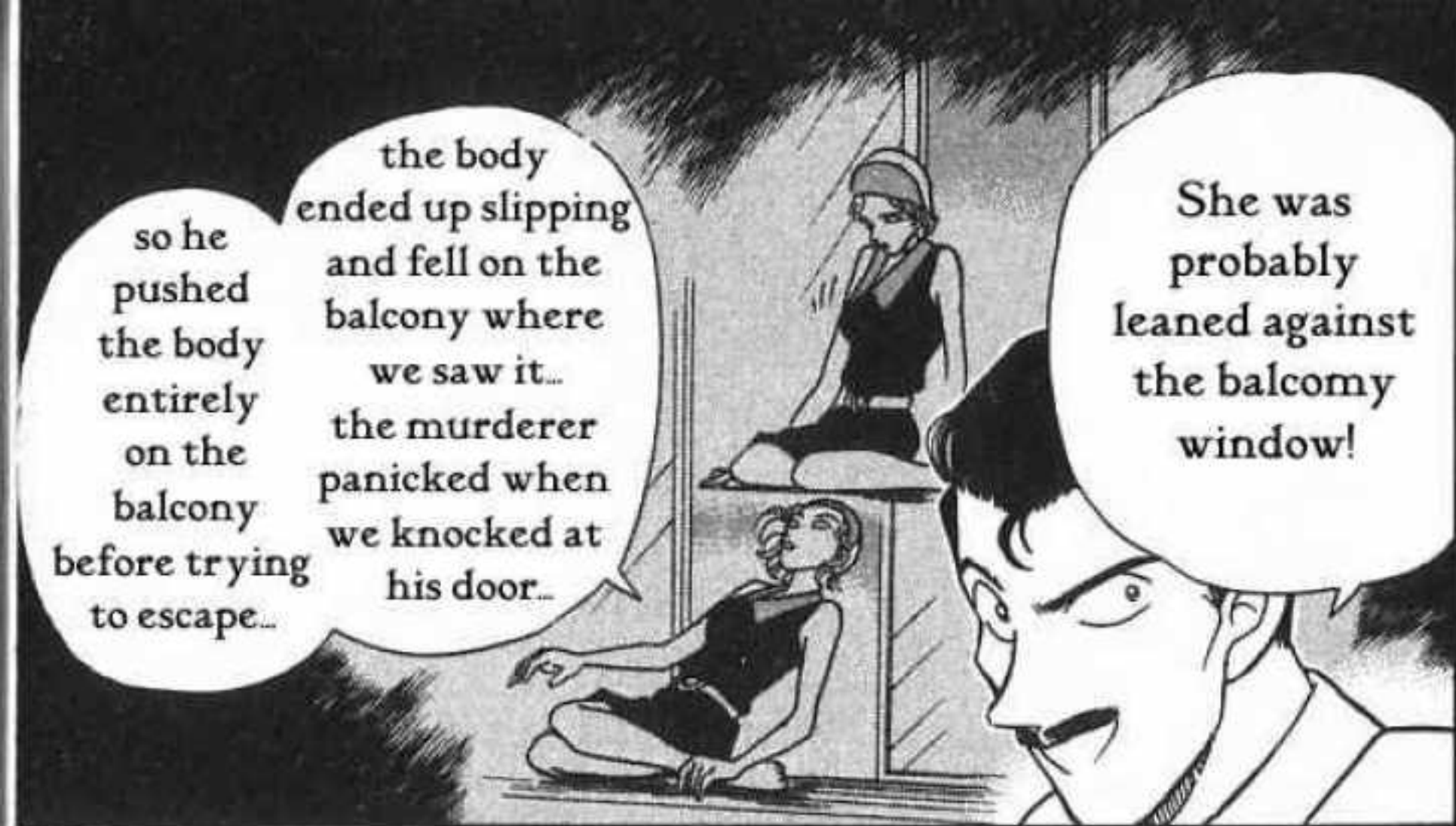
that
turned
to an
argument
and you...

Before Mr. Hijikata came here,
Miss Isami did.
So you two
could agree
on what
to say.

It's a pity...
No one
will ever
know if
it was
true...







so he pushed the body entirely on the balcony before trying to escape...

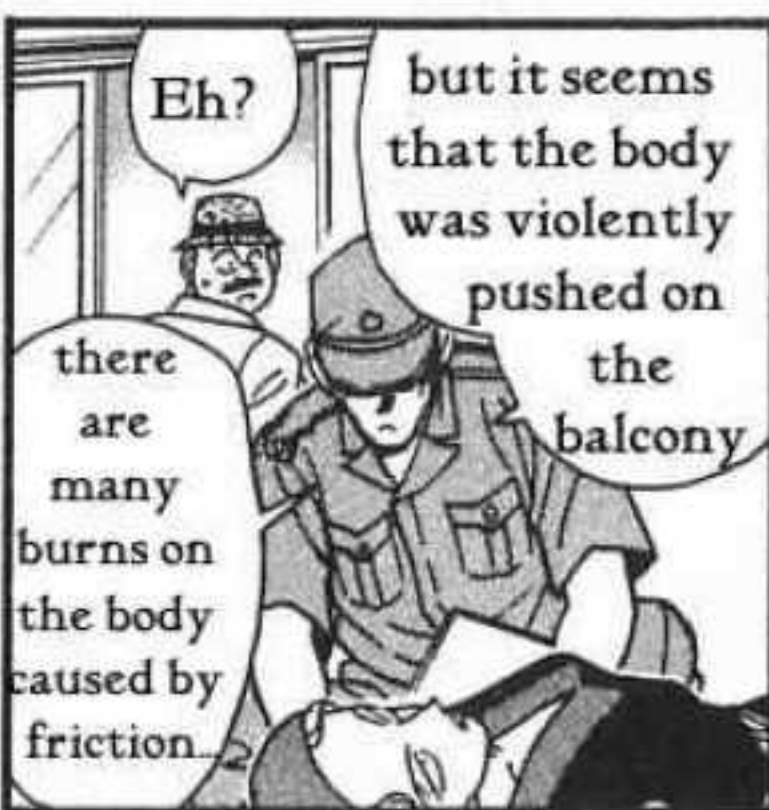
the body ended up slipping and fell on the balcony where we saw it... the murderer panicked when we knocked at his door...

She was probably leaned against the balcony window!



Not so quickly, please!!

It seems you were very scared...



Eh?

there are many burns on the body caused by friction...

but it seems that the body was violently pushed on the balcony



I've already told you it wasn't me!

Am I right, Mr. Okita?



Yes... in what respect as for Isami, I don't know... to me, I have never come here before...

I'm not lying! Isn't this right Hijikata?



I'll repeat it again! I did not see Isami entering. I didn't even know that she was there! They had told me both of them would come...



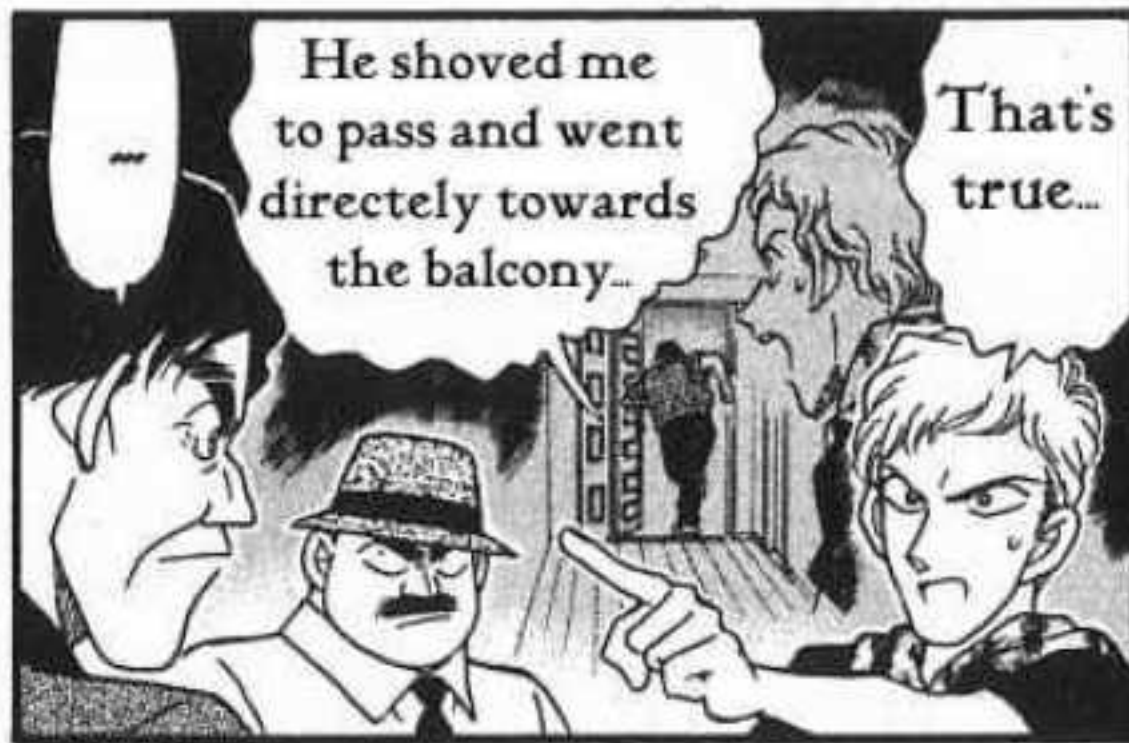
Eh?

You are really great, Mister!



Yet you had never come here! You are a true soothsayer!

Of course! You went directly to the balcony when you entered!



...
He shoved me to pass and went directly towards the balcony...

That's true...



What?!

Eh?!



Hm...



That's why this looks familiar for you...

Yes... I'm owner of all the top floors so...

You seem to know this disposition very well...



but from the 5th floor, all the apartments have the same disposition, except that the left side and right are reversed...

You know, boy, I don't have any special hability!



Don't worry, this is simply to take your statement! There's no doubt about the culpable...

Me, why?

I will ask you to also accompany us...



Please, take Mr. Okita to the police station, he is our principal suspect!

But...



That's frequent in simple cases like this

I'm sure that he will end up acknowledging it...



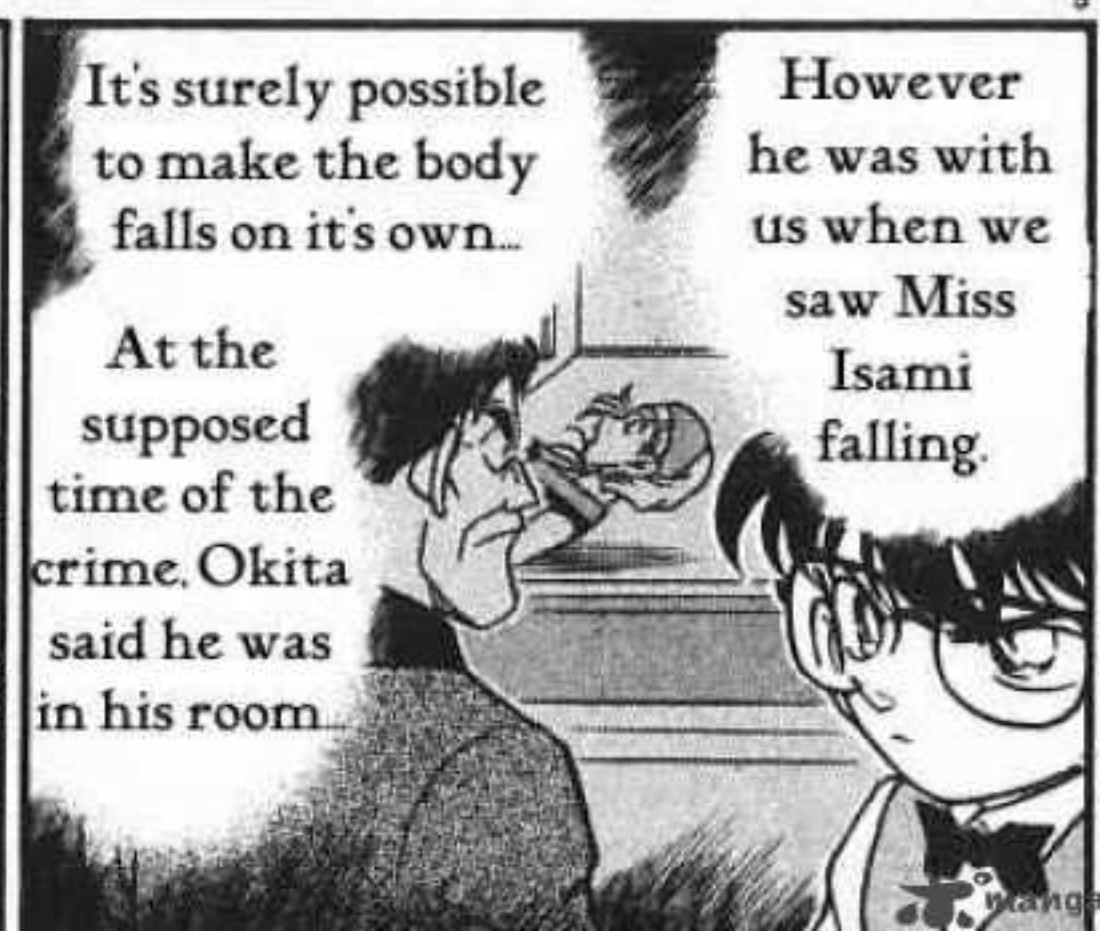
This man expressionless face toward the body of his late wife...

There are some odd things...

Maybe, but I don't think this is a simple case...



I don't see how one could transport the body while somebody is in the apartment...



It's surely possible to make the body falls on it's own...
At the supposed time of the crime, Okita said he was in his room...

However he was with us when we saw Miss Isami falling.



I'll answer it!

May I answer?

TOOT!
TOOT!



Eh?

TOOT!

TOOT!



I'm in the building hall...

What's the matter? What do you need me for?!



Ah, inspector, this is Takagi!

Hello?

Yes?



Hey...

But...



Could you please come down here I can't manage this alone!

What?!



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It's the journalists, they want to know more about the murder!



I'll go down!

All right, all right...

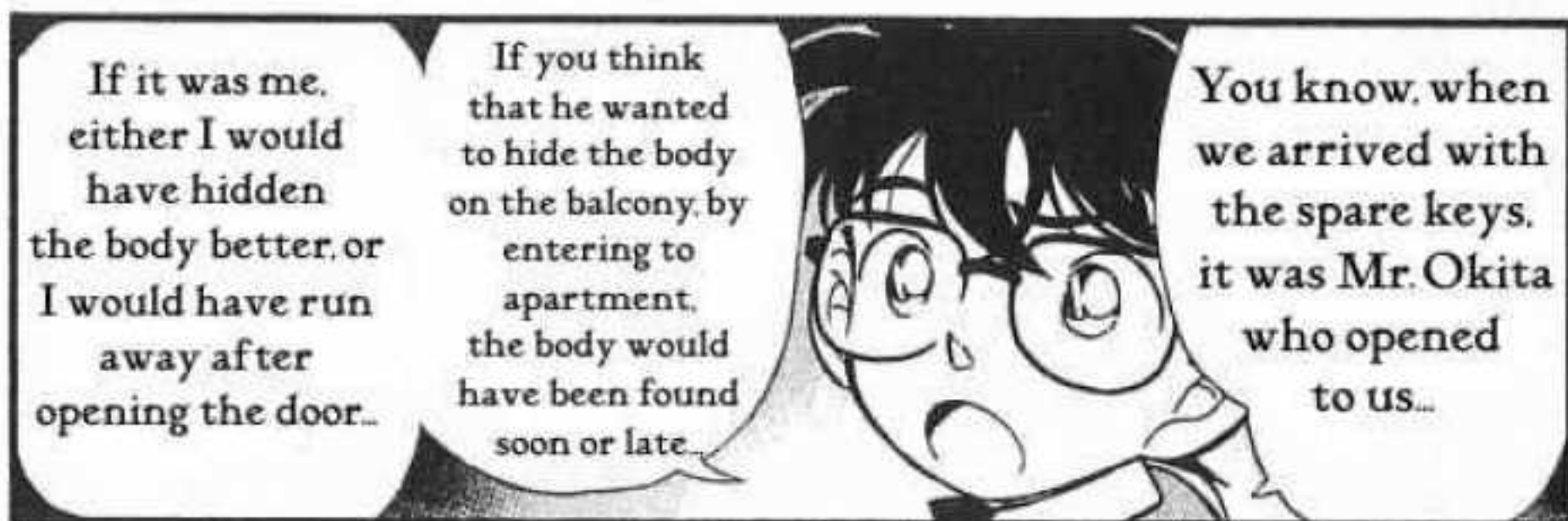
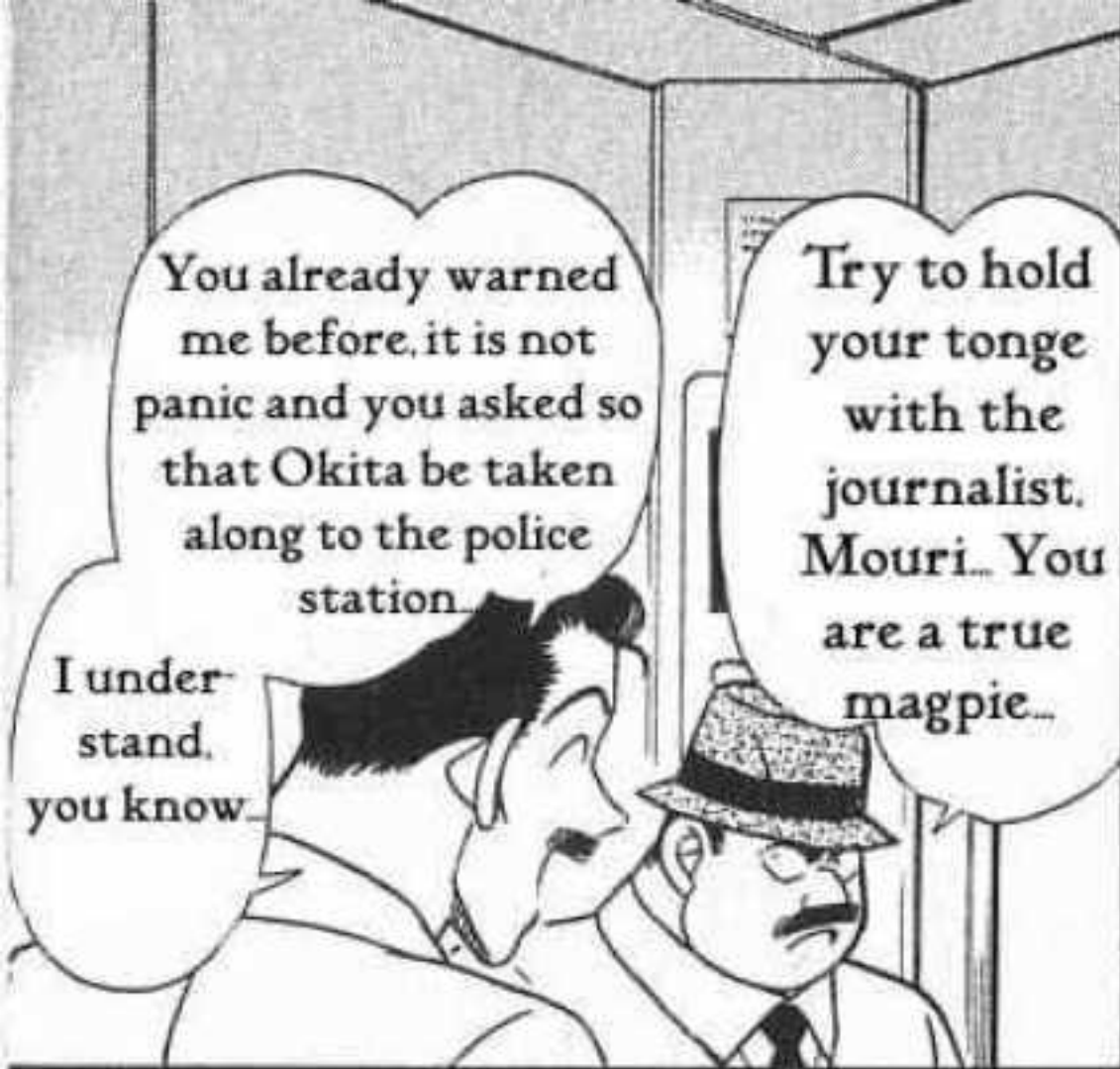
Ah, ok...



This is the only one...

No...

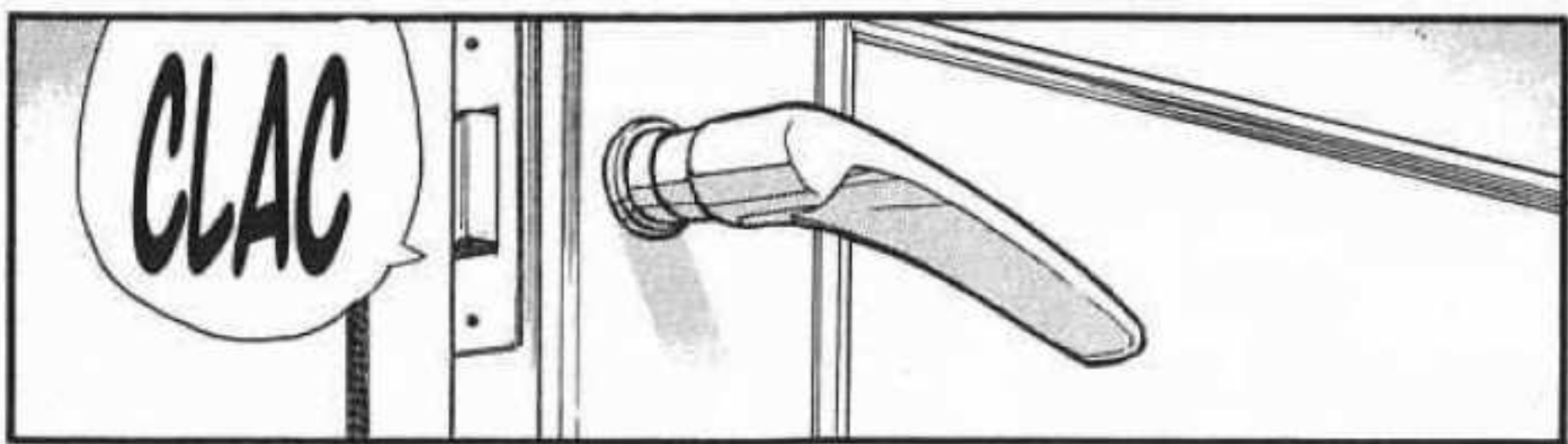
Are there any other telephones?

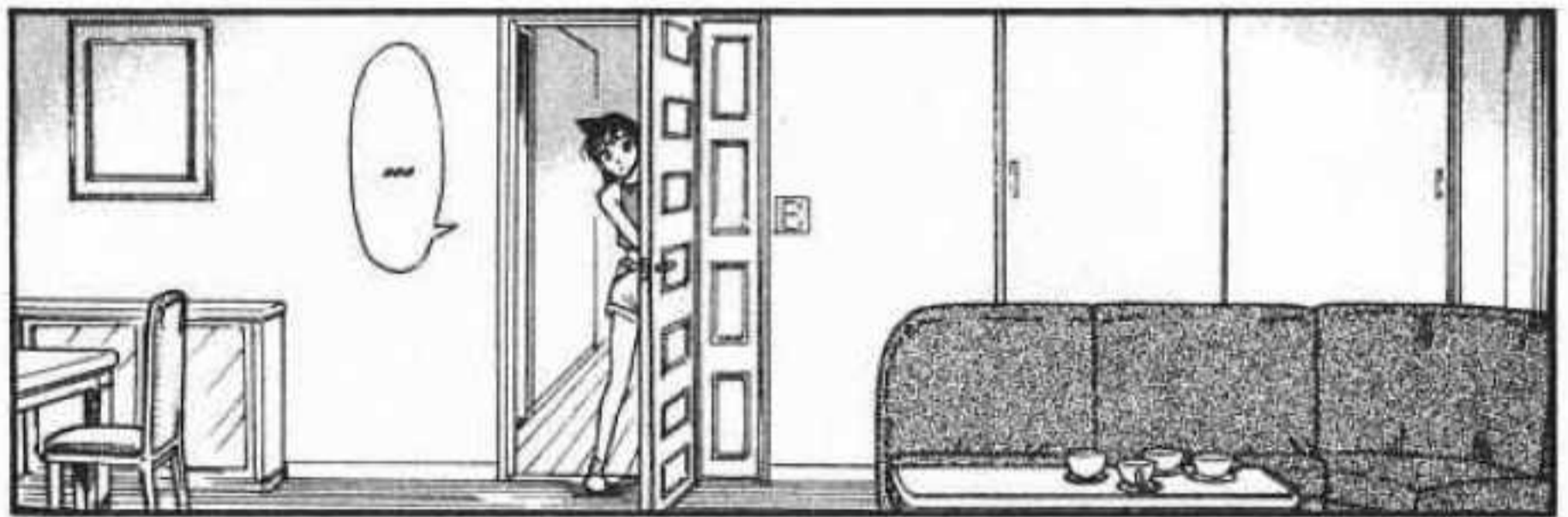




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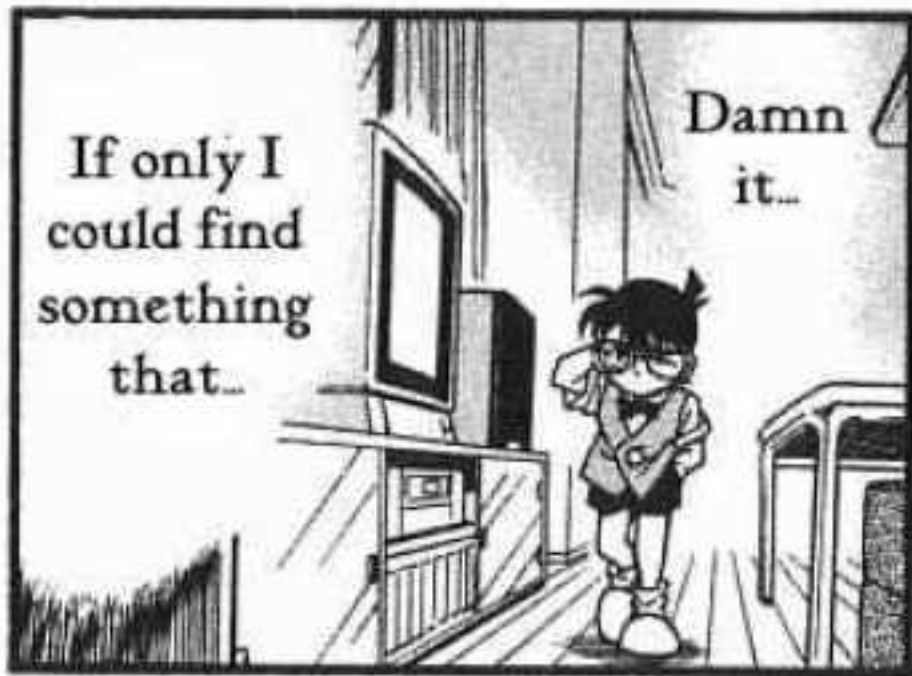




if only...

I could explain all that to everyone and confront Mr. Hijikata until he breaks down but...

I could have irrefutable proof...



If only I could find something that...

Damn it...



Are you there?

Conan?



Eh?

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CLANG



If I remember right, at that moment...

Wait a minute...





If I know Kogoro well...

This is it!!!

Bingo!

Normally here...

TAC

Mr. Hijikata is the culprit!

There's no doubt...

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with his apartments...

With this small scene setting. He fooled us...