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The Writer

That Disappeared





IT'S THE SON, THE SON!

THE CRIMINAL IS THAT PERSON... NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT!



HEH HEH HEH... TONIGHT'S BLOODY SERIAL MURDER... I, MATSUDA SAMONJI, HAS SEEN THROUGH EVERYTHING !!



IT'S REALLY THE WIFE OF THE MURDERED MAN...

NO WAY, THE SON IS A FAKE ...

NO DOUBT, THE CRIMINAL IS THE SON!

YOU JUST CAN'T ERASE IT!! SHONEN SUNDAY... LIVELY, ENERGETIC...

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WHATEVER, IN THE END IT'LL JUST BE A STUPID KID'S GUESS ...

SEE!

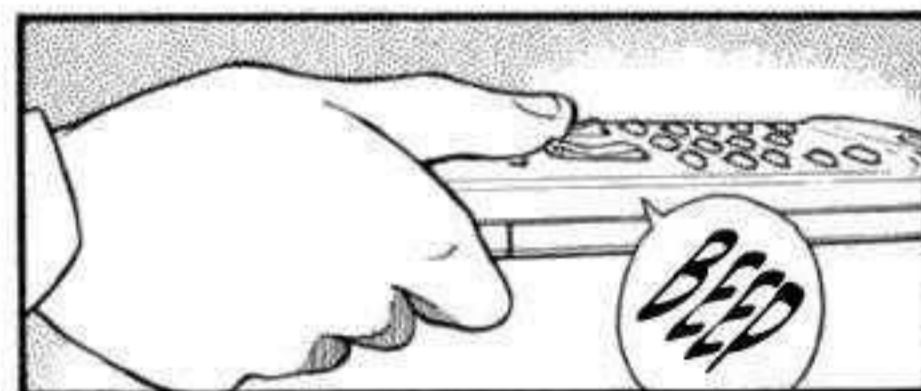


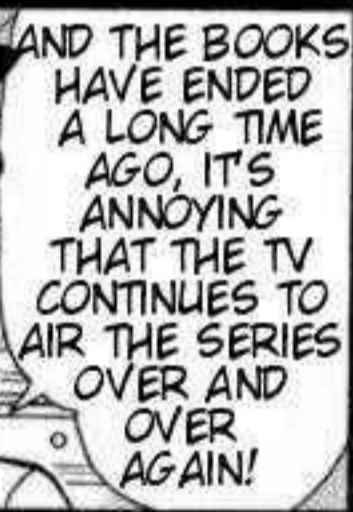
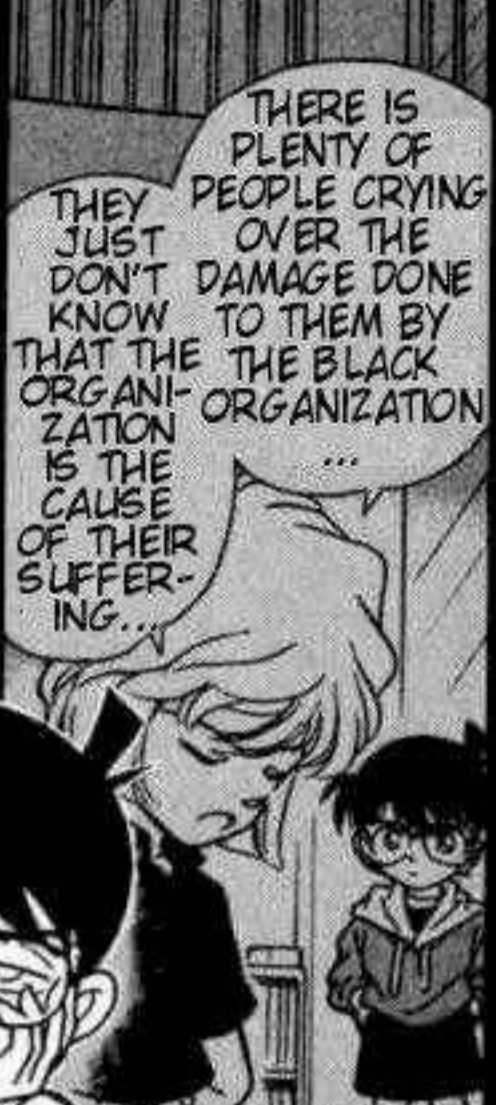
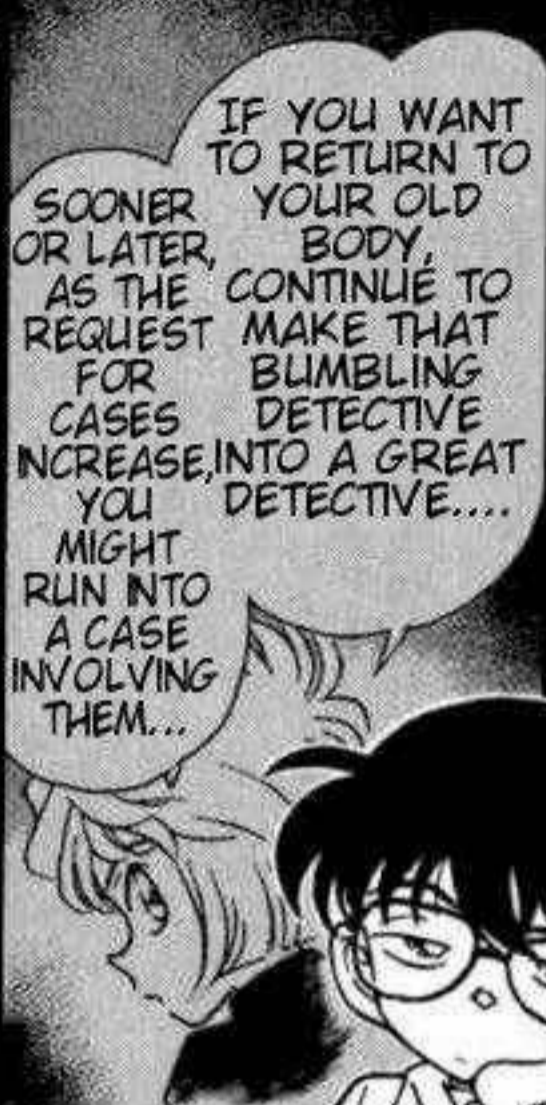
I'LL JUST GO WITH THE SAME PERSON YOU WENT WITH, RAN-NEECHAN.



HUH?

HEY CONAN, WHO DO YOU THINK IT IS?









SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING!
COME ON IN!



SHE'S STUNNING ♡

SORRY, BUT TODAY ...



COULD HE AT LEAST HEAR ME OUT?

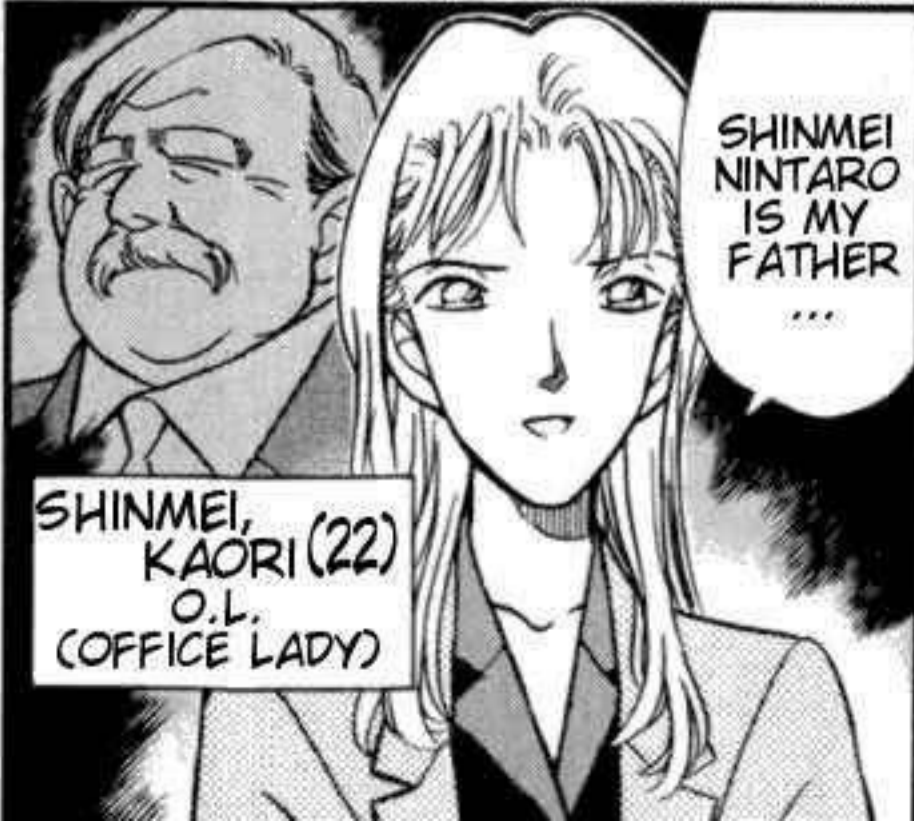


I APOLOGIZE PLEASE EXCUSE MY DAUGHTER'S LACK OF MANNERS, ...



SHINMEI KAORI ?

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SHINMEI, KAORI (22)
O.L.
(OFFICE LADY)

SHINMEI NINTARO IS MY FATHER ...



YES ...

THE MYSTERY NOVELIST ...

BY SHINMEI YOU MEAN ...

WE WERE
JUST
WATCHING
YOUR
FATHER'S
EXCELLENT
WORK ON
TV!

WOW!
YOU'RE THE
DAUGHTER
OF THAT
FAMOUS
WRITER!

NO, ACT-
UALLY
....

COULD IT BE
YOU WANT
PERMISSION FOR
ME TO APPEAR
IN YOUR
FATHER'S
NOVEL?

SO? WHAT
BROU-
GHT
YOU
HERE?

RIGHT
?! RIGHT
?!
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NO MATTER
WHEN YOU HEAR
IT, SAMONJI'S
LINE OF
POETRY IS
GREAT!

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TWO
MONTHS
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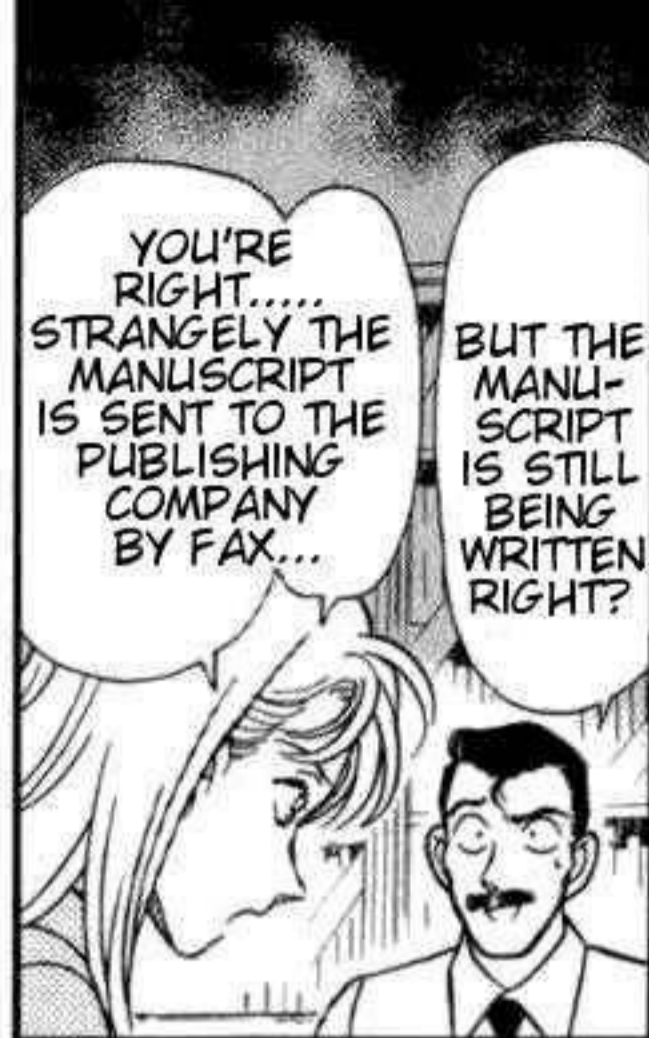
MY
FATHER...
HE'S
GONE
MISSING
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WITH
YOUR
MOTHER
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BUT
HE'S
DISAP-
PEARED
ALONG FROM
WITH THE
MY HO-
USE!
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WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?
YOUR
FATHER
BEGAN
WRITING
THE SERIES
AGAIN TWO
MONTHS
AGO...



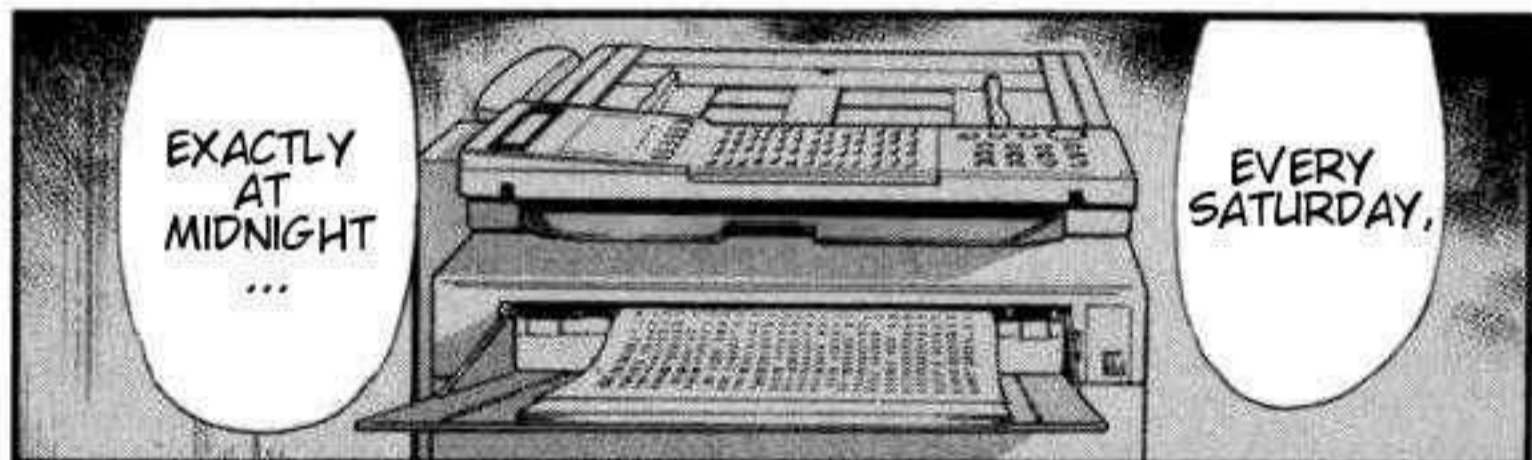
YOU'RE RIGHT..... STRANGELY THE MANUSCRIPT IS SENT TO THE PUBLISHING COMPANY BY FAX...

BUT THE MANUSCRIPT IS STILL BEING WRITTEN RIGHT?



OF COURSE I ASKED AROUND, RELATIVES AND EVERYONE ELSE I KNOW, BUT NO ONE KNEW WHERE THEY WENT...

IT WAS ABOUT A WEEK BEFORE THE SERIES BEGAN WHEN MY FATHER AND MOTHER DISAPPEARED... THEY LEFT A NOTE SAYING THEY WERE GOING OUT FOR A LITTLE WHILE...



EXACTLY AT MIDNIGHT ...

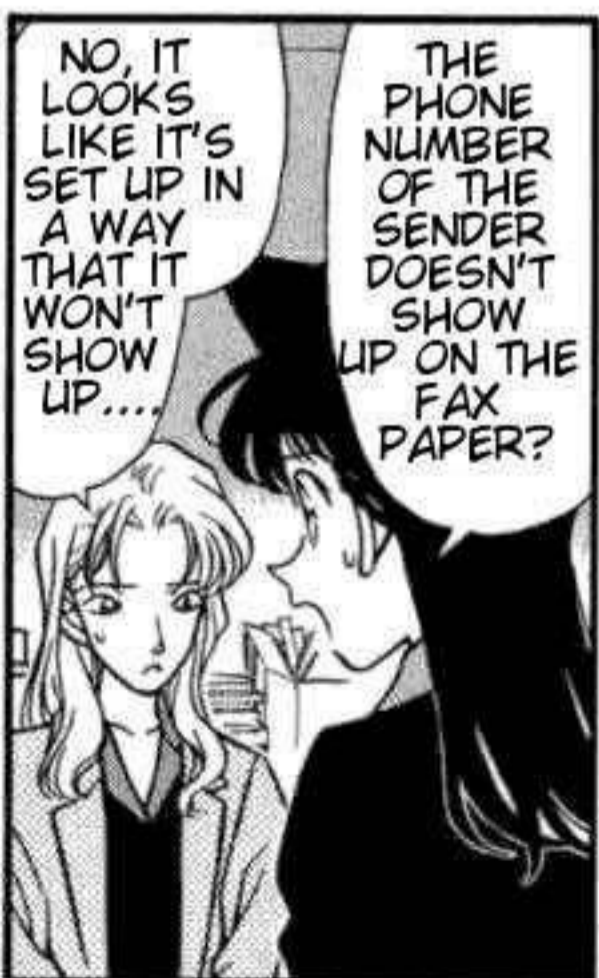
EVERY SATURDAY.



THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT TOO AT FIRST...

AND IS SENDING THE MANUSCRIPT BY FAX FROM THE HOTEL HE'S STAYING AT...

HE PROBABLY JUST WENT ON VACATION WITH YOUR MOTHER ...



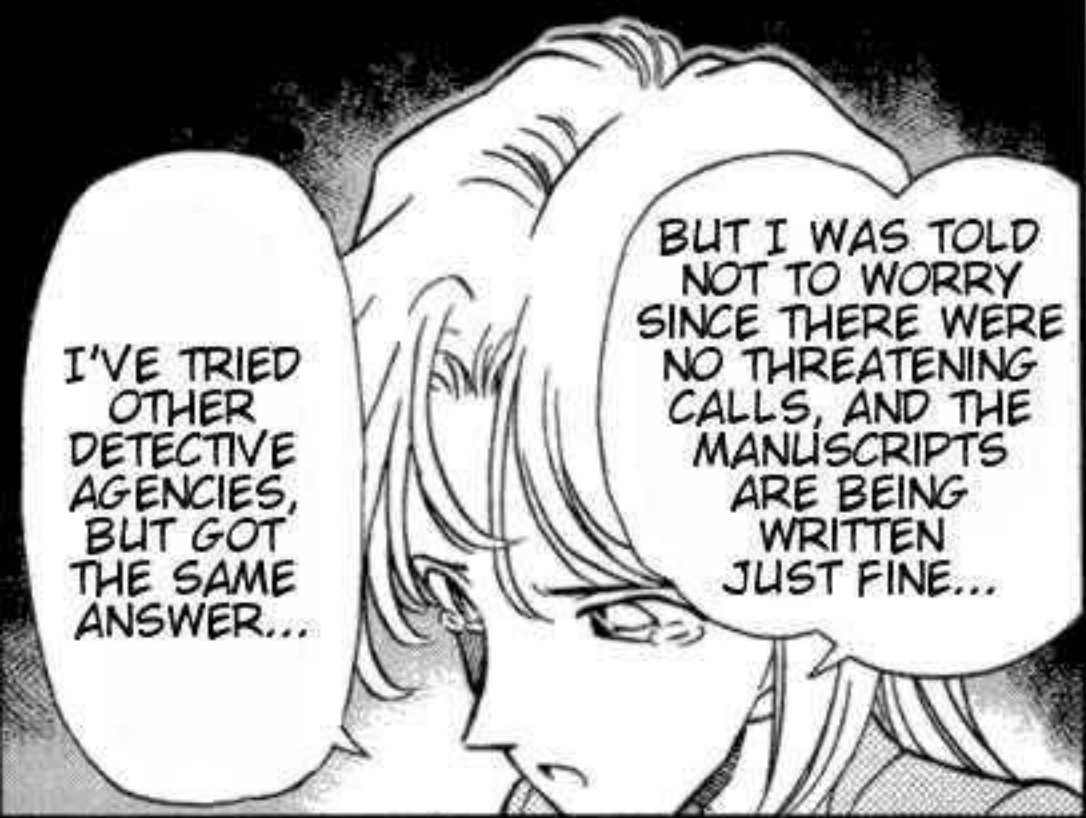
NO, IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S SET UP IN A WAY THAT IT WON'T SHOW UP....

THE PHONE NUMBER OF THE SENDER DOESN'T SHOW UP ON THE FAX PAPER?



I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK THAT SOMETHING HAPPENED TO THEM !!

BUT FOR MY PARENTS NOT TO CONTACT ME AT ALL FOR TWO MONTHS



I'VE TRIED OTHER DETECTIVE AGENCIES, BUT GOT THE SAME ANSWER...

BUT I WAS TOLD NOT TO WORRY SINCE THERE WERE NO THREATENING CALLS, AND THE MANUSCRIPTS ARE BEING WRITTEN JUST FINE...



YES, I DID ASK FOR A SEARCH TO BE DONE FOR MY PARENTS ...

DID YOU NOTIFY THE POLICE ?



.....

YOU'RE REALLY MY LAST HOPE...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ...



JUST SITTING HERE IS A WASTE OF TIME...

IT'S NO USE ...



OK !!

O,



WE CAN WORRY ABOUT IT THERE...

FIRST OF ALL, LET'S HEAD TO THE PUBLISHING COMPANY WHERE THE MANUSCRIPT IS SENT...



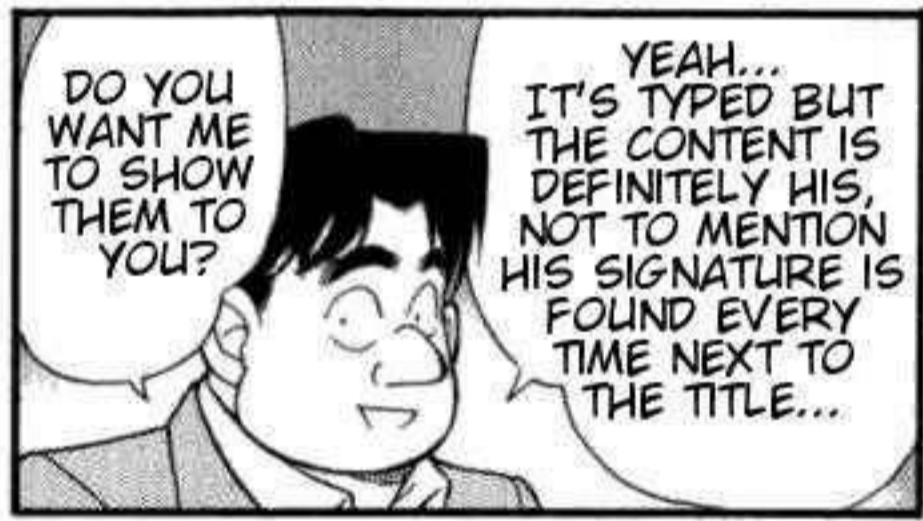
ARE THEY REALLY WRITTEN BY MR. SHINMEI HIMSELF?

IT SHOULD ARRIVE HERE BY FAX IN A LITTLE BIT...

TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT ...



YES, MR. SHINMEI'S MANUSCRIPTS ARE SENT HERE EVERY WEEK....



DO YOU WANT ME TO SHOW THEM TO YOU?

YEAH... IT'S TYPED BUT THE CONTENT IS DEFINITELY HIS, NOT TO MENTION HIS SIGNATURE IS FOUND EVERY TIME NEXT TO THE TITLE...

*PUBLISHING CO. NAME: DAIGAKUKAN



THE TITLE IS "THE CLIMAX OF 1/2"

HMM ...



MR. SHINMEI IS PROBABLY SO ABSORBED IN HIS WORK THAT HE JUST FORGOT TO CONTACT YOU!



I'M SURE THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT KAORI-SAN ...



YES, I MADE SURE OF IT LAST TIME I CAME...

IS THIS DEFINITELY YOUR FATHER'S SIGNATURE?



ANYTHING WOULD BE HELPFUL ...

THE ONLY THING I CAN THINK OF IS...

YES, WE DISCUSSED THINGS BRIEFLY BEFORE THE SERIES BEGAN, BUT I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ANYTHING UNUSUAL...



HAVEN'T YOU BEEN IN CONTACT WITH HIM CONCERNING THE SERIES?

UNUSUAL?

WAS THERE ANYTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT MR. SHINMEI?



ACTUALLY WE HAVE BEEN BUT ASKING MR. HIS SHINMEI TO ANSWER RESUME WAS THE SERIES ALWAYS SINCE THE SAME ABOUT 4 YEARS AGO...

HUH?



I GUESS THE FACT THAT HE RESUMED THE "DETECTIVE SAMONJI" SERIES...



ALL OF A SUDDEN WE GOT A CALL FROM HIM SAYING "I WANT TO REVIVE SAMONJI, CAN YOU OPEN SOME PUBLISHING SPACE ON YOUR MAGAZINE?"

SO WE WERE JUST ABOUT TO GIVE UP WHEN TWO MONTHS AGO ...

SAMONJI DIED.... THERE WILL BE NO COMING BACK TO LIFE...



ON THE STORY EXPLANATION PAGE, IT WAS WRITTEN ...

HMM... THIS ISN'T ABOUT MR. SHINMEI HIMSELF BUT ...

ANYTHING ELSE?



SO WE HAD TO CANCEL THE PLANNED SERIES AND PUT "SAMONJI" ON INSTEAD...

ALL OF A SUDDEN WE GOT OUR WISH ...



"IF YOU WANT TO EXCEED MY INTELLIGENCE, I SUGGEST YOU SOLVE THE REAL MYSTERY OF THE CASE FIRST."

"THIS IS A NOTICE TO ALL THE GREAT DETECTIVES IN THE COUNTRY ..."



IT WAS JUST UNUSUAL FOR SUCH A MILD-MANNERED PERSON LIKE MR. SHINMEI ...

OF COURSE WE ARE LUCKY TO GET SO MUCH ATTENTION ...



THANKS TO THAT WE'VE BEEN SWAMPED WITH PHONE CALLS AND FAN LETTERS SAYING "THAT PERSON IS SUSPICIOUS" OR "THIS IS THE TRICK."

WHAT A PROVOCATIVE MESSAGE ...



DIE-HARD, CRAZED FANS ...?

THEN AGAIN THE DIE-HARD CRAZED FANS HAVE BEEN WAITING 10 YEARS FOR THE REVIVAL OF THE SERIES SO ALL THE FAN RESPONSE IS TO BE EXPECTED ANYWAY..



I THOUGHT THIS WAS ALSO UNUSUAL ...

AND THERE'S ANOTHER THING ...



WOW ...

FOR EXAMPLE, ABOUT HALF A YEAR AGO, SOME OUT OF CONTROL FAN MADE A THREATENING CALL, SAYING "IF YOU DON'T BEGIN PUBLISHING THE SERIES, I WILL PUT THE BUILDING ON FIRE."

EVEN THO' THE SERIES CONTAINS ALMOST 40 BOOKS, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPENED!

HE IS SUPPOSED TO BE A NOVELIST STAYING IN FRANCE!

IN THE NOVEL HE IS SAMONJI'S OLD FRIEND! ALTHOUGH NOT A VERY WELL KNOWN ONE, ...

HUH?

MR. SHINMEI HIMSELF APPEARS IN HIS NOVEL !!

I SEE

THE POINT IS PROBABLY SO MR. SHINMEI CAN SAY THAT HE LEARNED ALL ABOUT THE CASES FROM SAMONJI!

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THIS SCENE IS MR. SHINMEI'S 1ST APPEARANCE, WHEN SAMONJI CALLS HIM IN FRANCE FOR HIS OPINION ON A CERTAIN CASE....

WOW, IT REALLY IS HIM!

HE IS A PRETTY INTERESTING CHARACTER ...

YEAH, A LITTLE BIT...

SURE KID

BUT CAN YOU READ KANJI?

HEY, CAN I SEE THAT SCENE?



受話器の奥で、友人の眠そうな声が答えた。

「力になってくれ? すまないけど、全く目が覚めてないんだ……うーん、そうだな、十二時……いや、それじゃ早過ぎるか……一時ぐらいにまた電話してくれ……私が承知すると、彼は強い口調でこう付け足した。

「CALLは三回までだ! 忘れるなよ。」

一回で取ればいいが、三回なら気を遣ってくれ!

私はまだ夢の中だから……まあ、他ならぬ君の頼みだからね。そう無情にもノーとは言えんよ。いいか、間違えるなよ。一方、

「う言い放つと、私の返事も待たないからもうずのよう

に会ってからもうずのよう



THAT'S STRANGE ...

RIGHT HERE ...



THE "ONE" IN ONE O'CLOCK IS IN NUMBERS!

THE "TWELVE" IN TWELVE O'CLOCK IS IN KANJI BUT...



COULD IT BE ...?

YOU'RE RIGHT, THAT IS WEIRD...

WOW THIS GUY MUST HAVE BEEN REALLY OUT OF IT!



WHAT?

HERE LOOK!

...HE EVEN TOLD US "IF YOU GO AGAINST MY WILL AND CHANGE ANY OF THE LETTERS, I WILL CANCEL THE SERIES IMMEDIATELY"

MR. SHINMEI TOLD US OVER AND OVER "YOU CAN'T CHANGE ANYTHING, THE WORD EXPRESSIONS ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO A NOVELIST"

WE ALSO WANTED TO CHANGE IT TO MAKE IT MORE READABLE, BUT...

NO, THAT'S NOT THE CASE!

A MISPRINT THAT'S POSSIBLE RIGHT?





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I
KNEW
IT
!!



HUH?

IT'S IN
THE EXACT
SAME SPACE
FOR
CHAPTERS
6 TO 8!

THERE'S
SOME-
THING
WRONG
WITH HIS
SIGNA-
TURE
...

BAH!!

YOU
LITTLE
BRAT
!!



MAYBE
HE
DIDN'T
WANT
TO
KEEP
SIGNING
IT BY
HAND
OR...

WHY
WOULD
HE DO
THAT?

SO WHAT,
IT JUST
MEANS HE
COPIED HIS
SIGNATURE
...

IT'S NOT
IN THE
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COULDN'T
SIGN HIS
NAME,
MEANING
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OR
COULDN'T
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NO WAY!

NO,



IT'S NOT 100%, THERE'S STILL A CHANCE THAT HE COULD BE ALIVE...

Y, YES!!

CALL THE POLICE!! GET THE POLICE HERE RIGHT NOW!!



MR. SHINMEI COULD POSSIBLY BE ALREADY DEAD...

RIGHT?



THE HIDDEN MESSAGE THAT MR. SHINMEI LEFT TO US DETECTIVES ...

THE KEY TO SAVING HIS LIFE IS THIS NOVEL ...

IT'S DEFINITELY SOMEWHERE IN HERE !!