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IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SNOW



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What?
Say that
again...



This kid was
found laying
unconsciously
outside the
front door?

That's
right.



Home
come
this kid
is here?



The kid must
really want
to be here.

Just hours
ago, he
seemed
unwilling
to go.



I don't
think so.

Huh?

Conan
has told
me to
leave...



to go
away...



What did he mean?

I don't know. He went unconscious after he said that.

Would there be anything to do with "The King of Evasion" and "Shadow Manipulator" who are not here yet.

You should not assume anything bad. We don't know.



Here you are. I brought some pain relief pills with me, too.

After I examined him, he seems to have just a normal fever. He should get better soon after taking some pills and having a lot of sleep

Examine ?

Oh, I'm a medical student.


So, I have the habit of always carrying around some medicine with me.

I see

Let try to contact The King of Evasion again.

We may know more from him.





Hold on
inspector.

What do you mean that
we cannot do anything
until tomorrow morning?
My daughter is in that
house and she might
already be in danger.

Huh, you
don't
have to
shout at
me

The main bridge
was already
destroyed.
Another route is
too dangerous to
take during the
nighttime.

Although we can take the
copter, it's still too dangerous
especially at night and deep
into the mountain like this. It's
possible that the copter will hit
tall trees or electricity posts.
Moreover, we don't know if we
could land the copter some-
where near the house.

Then, you
should
make some
phone
calls to
the
house

We already
tried
several
times, but
none was
successful.

Any way, I'm going
to find a way to
get there as soon
as possible, just
stay still there,
OK?

Ran...



What?

Umm...

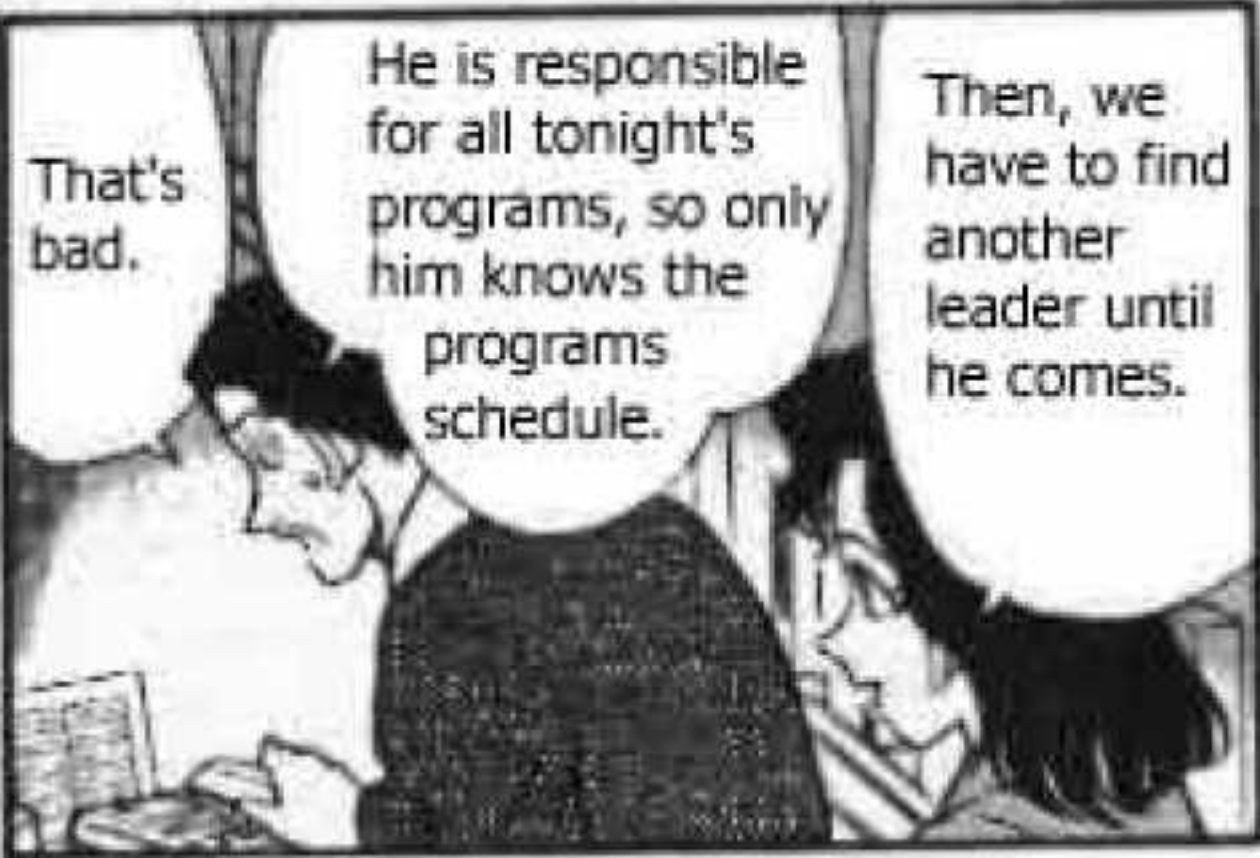


There is no dial tone.

I told you.

There may be a problem with the phone line some-where.

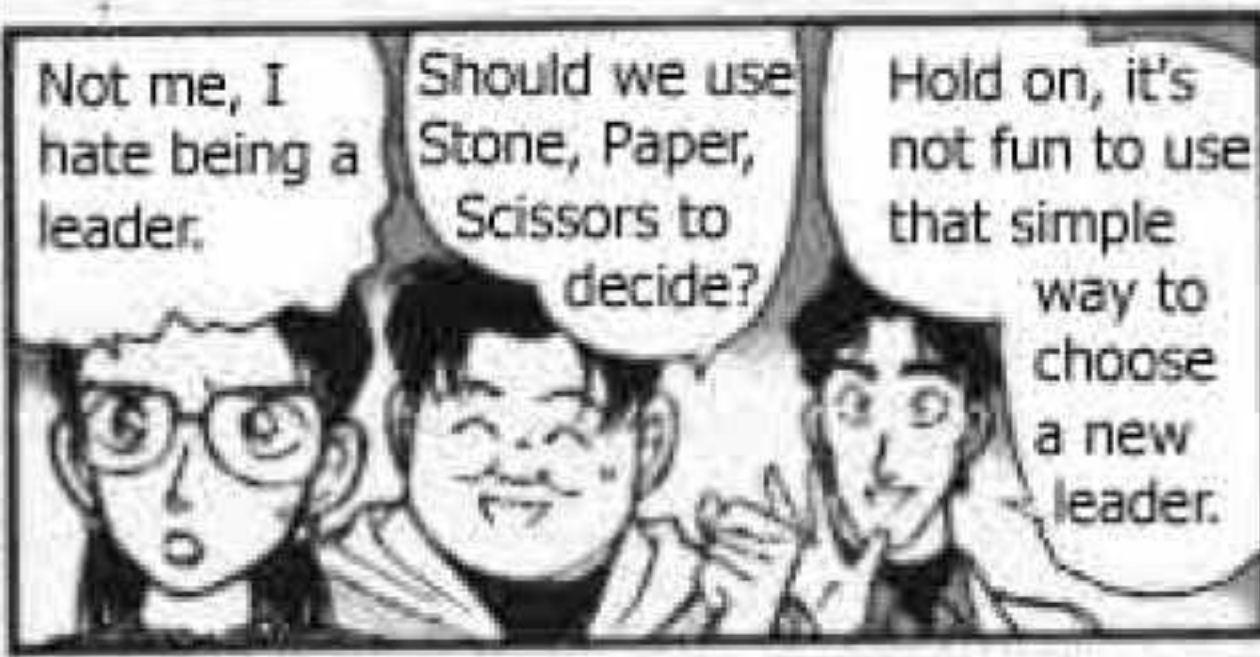
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That's bad.

He is responsible for all tonight's programs, so only him knows the programs schedule.

Then, we have to find another leader until he comes.



Not me, I hate being a leader.

Should we use Stone, Paper, Scissors to decide?

Hold on, it's not fun to use that simple way to choose a new leader.



We are members of Magic Lovers Club, right?

We should use a magic to choose.



A magic?



Right. I'd like to ask Ms. Sonoko to assist me.

Me?



First, we have to closed her eyes.....

with a white handkerchief.



Please hand me peper and a pen, anyone?



Here you are Mr. Magician.

OK OK I

Please write down every one's name on each paper.



Ok, Ok

After you finish, please flip the back side up and shuffle them all. Then give them to Sonoko



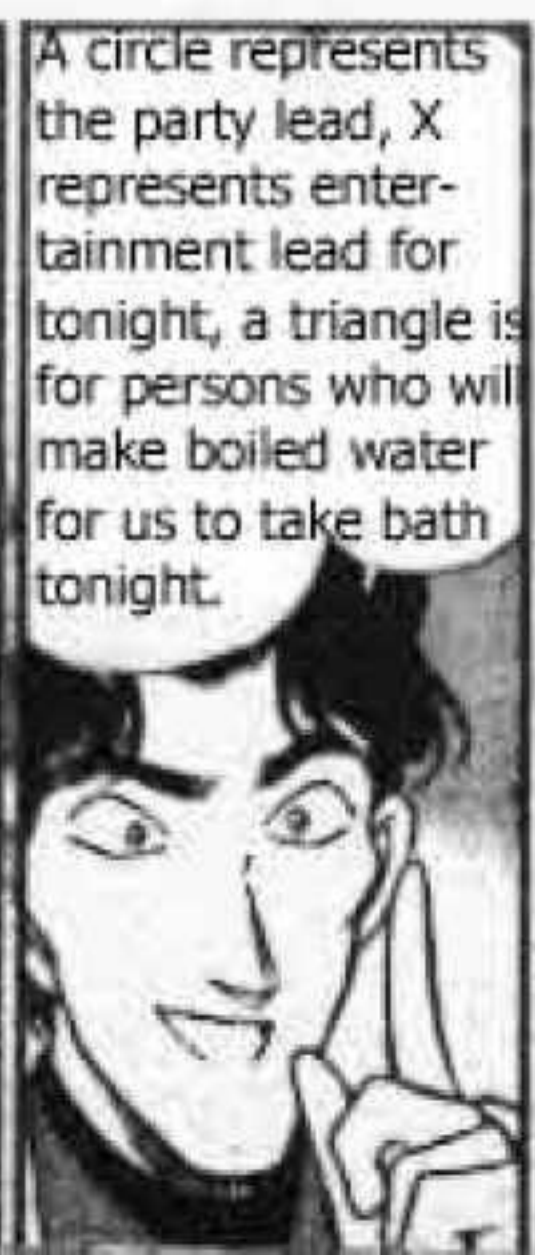
Sonoko, here you are.

The pen, too.



Sonoko, please write down randomly a circle, an X, and a triangle on each paper. There is no need to draw it nicely, just make sure that you don't write two symbols on one paper.

O X Δ ?

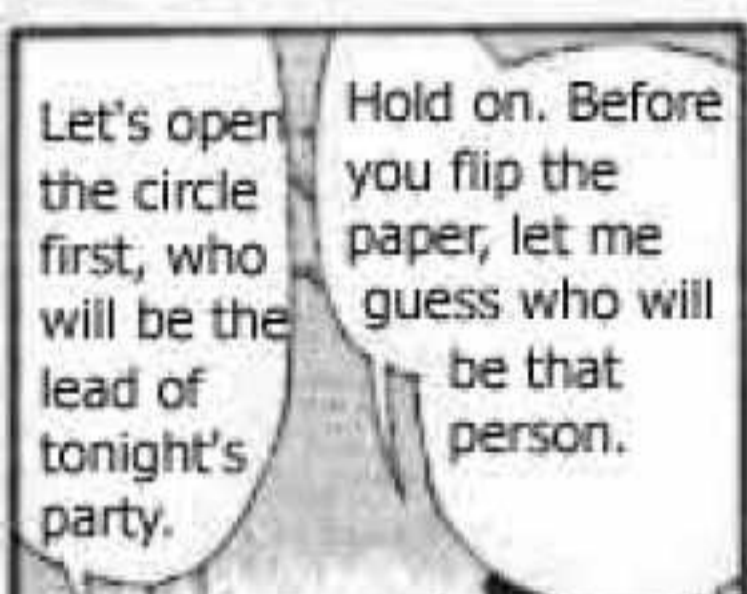
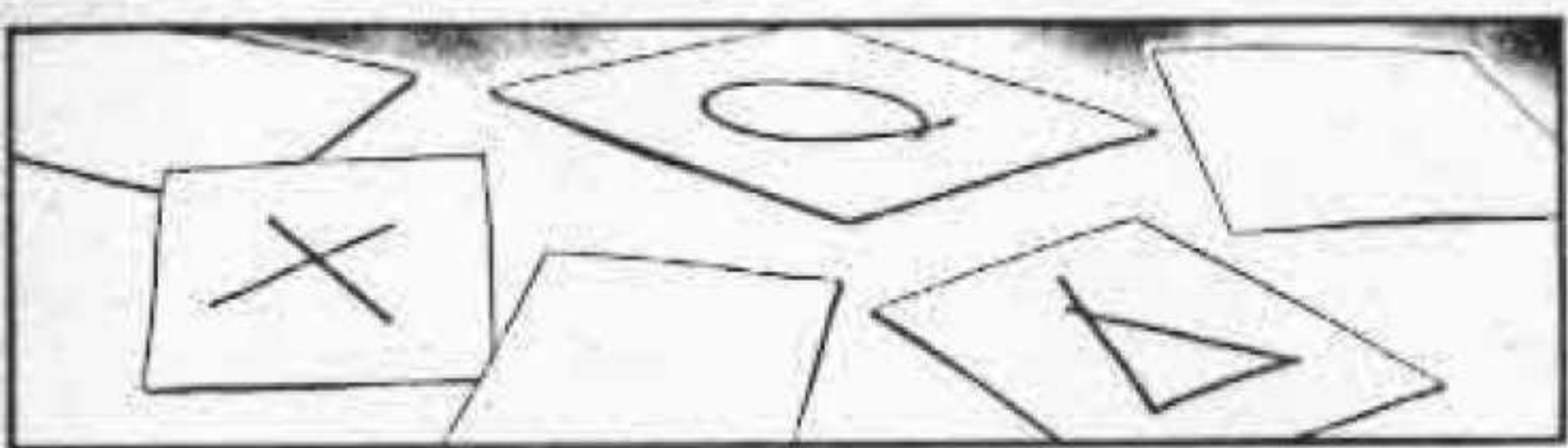


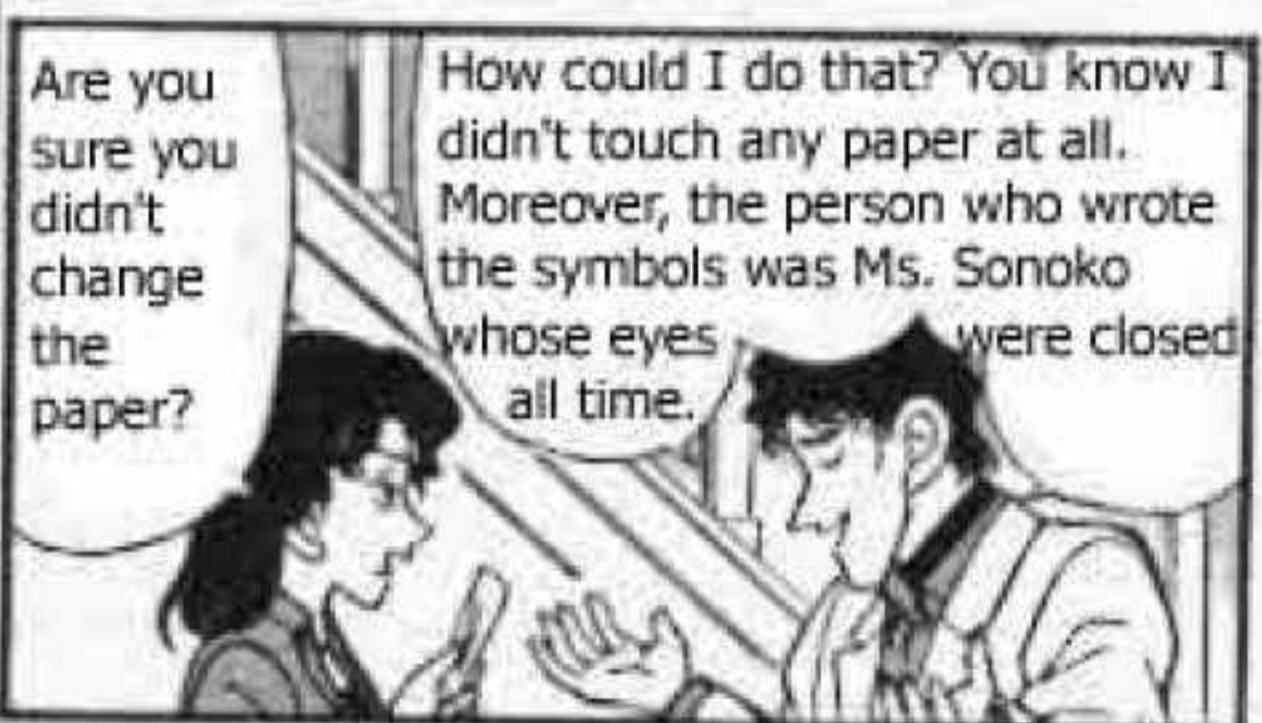
A circle represents the party lead, X represents entertainment lead for tonight, a triangle is for persons who will make boiled water for us to take bath tonight.



We do not have to hurry to select the games lead now

We are members of The Magic Lovers Club, right? So, before tonight's party starts, the games lead must keep himself in a room and think about some magic to show us tonight.







You, Mr. Doito.

What?



Oh my God. I'm not really good at it.

Let prove it.



Huh?

What?



That's not possible.

Well, well, well game leader. Let keep yourself in a room and think of some fun games.

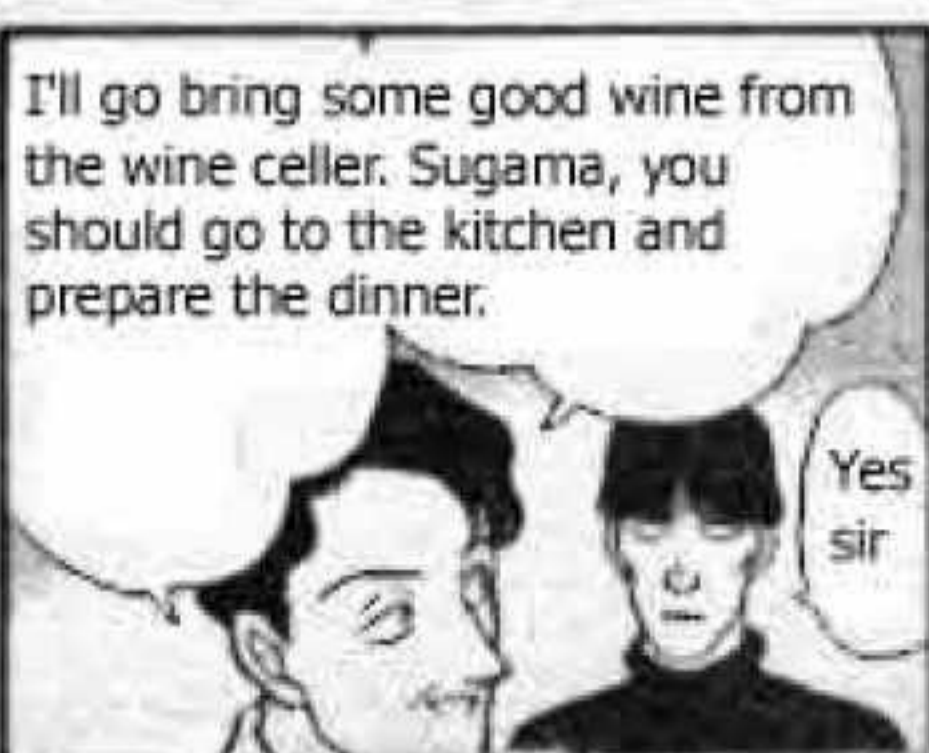


Hey, don't fail it next time.



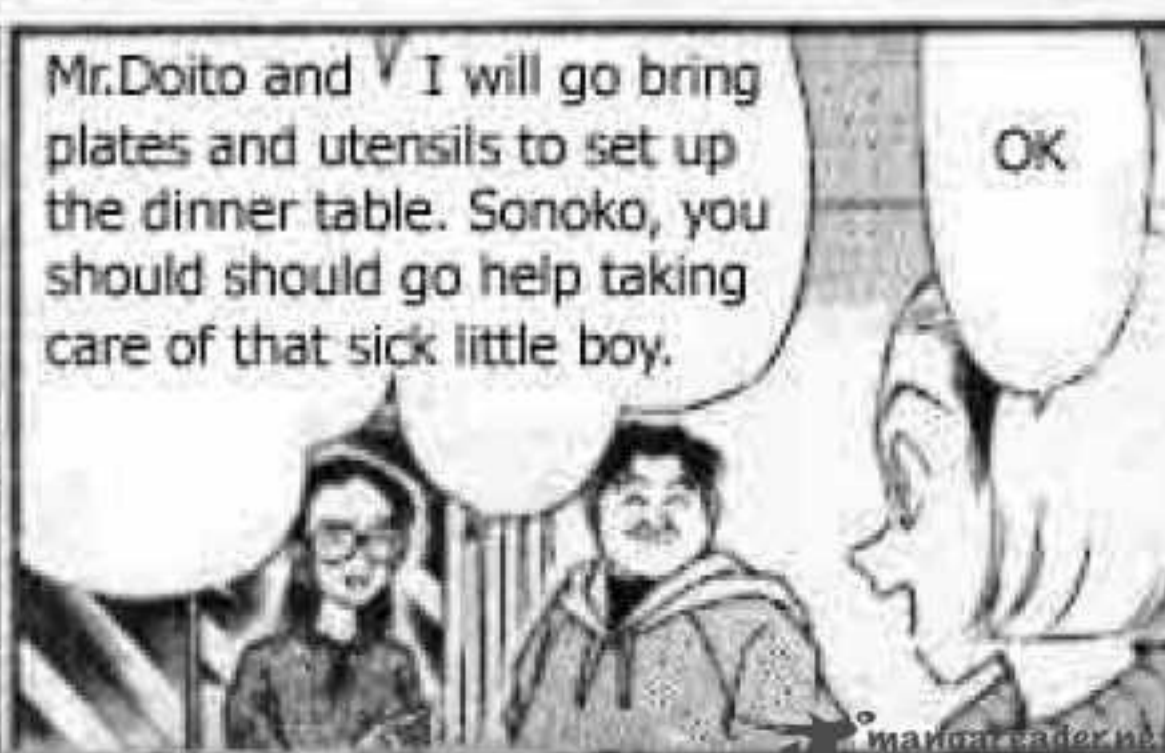
I have to be the party leader. What should I do? The leading experience I had was being a girl scout.

Take it easy. After the real leader comes, your role will be over.



I'll go bring some good wine from the wine cellar. Sugama, you should go to the kitchen and prepare the dinner.

Yes sir



Mr. Doito and I will go bring plates and utensils to set up the dinner table. Sonoko, you should should go help taking care of that sick little boy.

OK



How is Conan doing?

Much better. This is because of Doito's pills.



Although he is not the guy in your spec, he doesn't look that bad.

Really?

I think he is the medical student who enjoys eating too much.



Any way, I really wish you saw Mr. Hamano's magic.

Although he failed at the end, it's still really amazing.

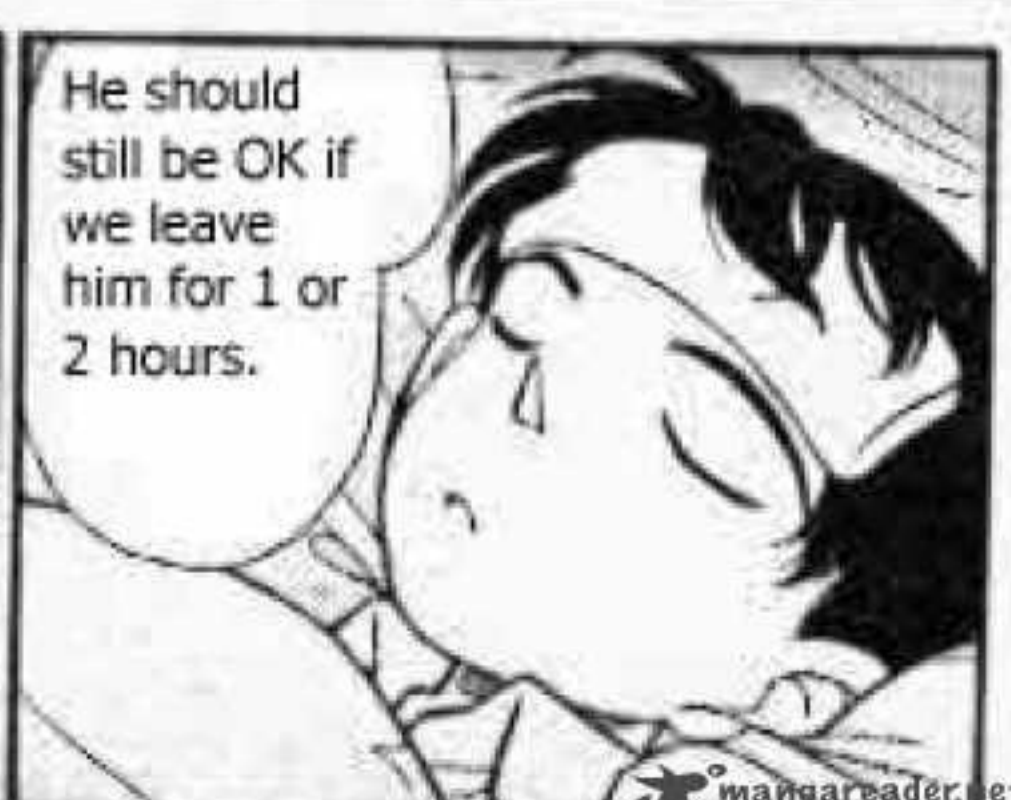
Is it?



After the dinner, he may have something else to show us. You'd better go with me

But Conan...

He should be alright. He's much better now, right?

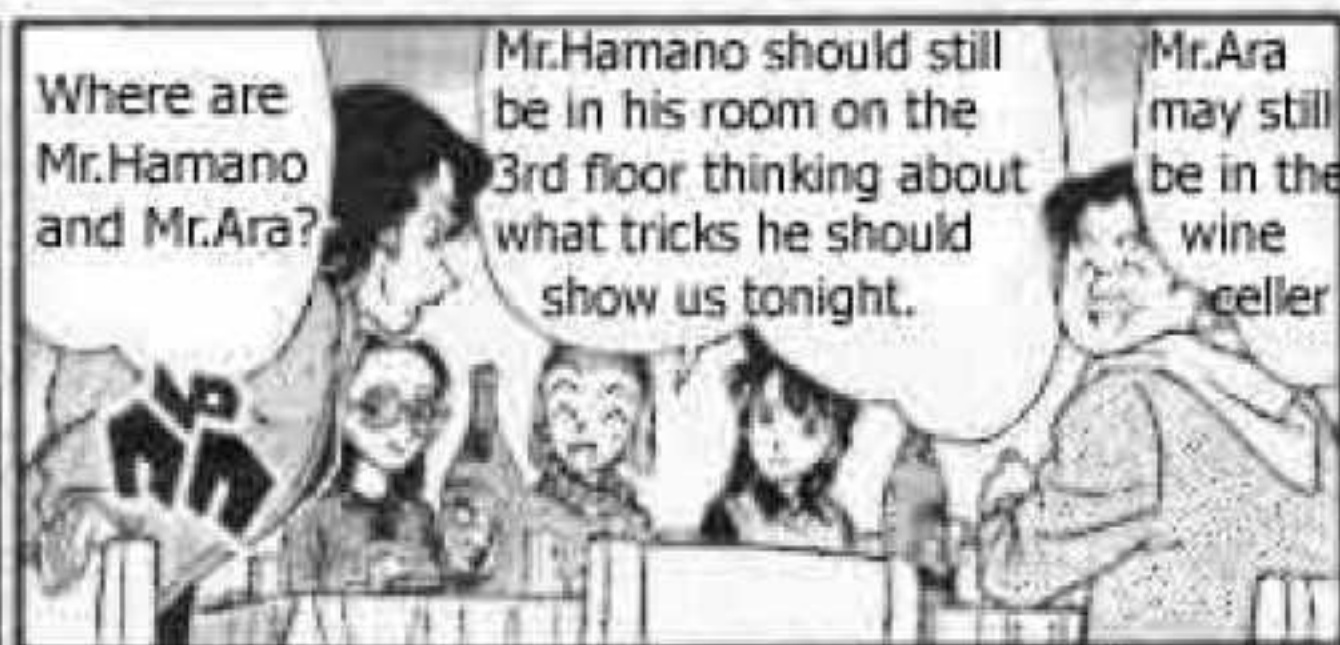


He should still be OK if we leave him for 1 or 2 hours.



Ah...The dinner is finished?

Come in and feel free to seat yourself



Where are Mr.Hamano and Mr.Ara?

Mr.Hamano should still be in his room on the 3rd floor thinking about what tricks he should show us tonight.

Mr.Ara may still be in the wine cellar



Oooh, I'm freezing

Here he comes



The Kind of Evasion and Shadow Manipulator have not come yet?

Both didn't get along well together. They might meet somewhere earlier and have some fight.



Did not get along well?

They once disputed about a magician

That's old stuff. Let's not talk about it right now.



Shadow Manipulator may not be coming

But the meeting leader like King of Evasion may be on the way here.



He is not coming either



He was murdered in his apartment.

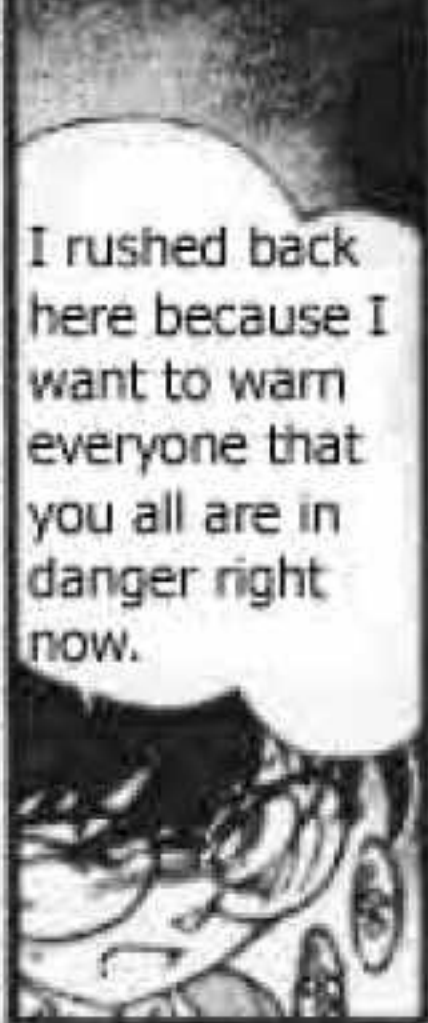
Murdered ???



His name is Tsutomoto Nishiyama, right?

Yeeeeees

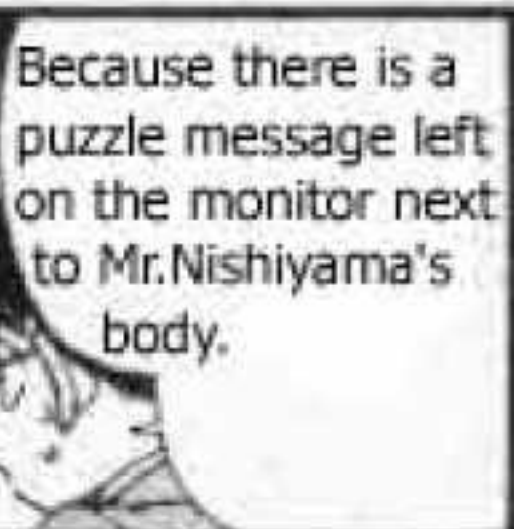
Then, what I heard from the radio should be correct



I rushed back here because I want to warn everyone that you all are in danger right now.



How come we must be in danger?



Because there is a puzzle message left on the monitor next to Mr.Nishiyama's body.



"This is the first victim

This is the first victim from Shadow Manipulator

from Shadow Manipulator"



Whhhhh...

What?!?!?



If it's because the thing they disputed about, Mr.Hamano was involved, too.



Then, he might also be ...



Isn't that Mr. Hamano?



What?

No...



How could he be there?



How is Mr. Hamano doing?

Mr. Hamano



Haaah?

Don't come in !!!



It's no use.

He's already dead.



What?

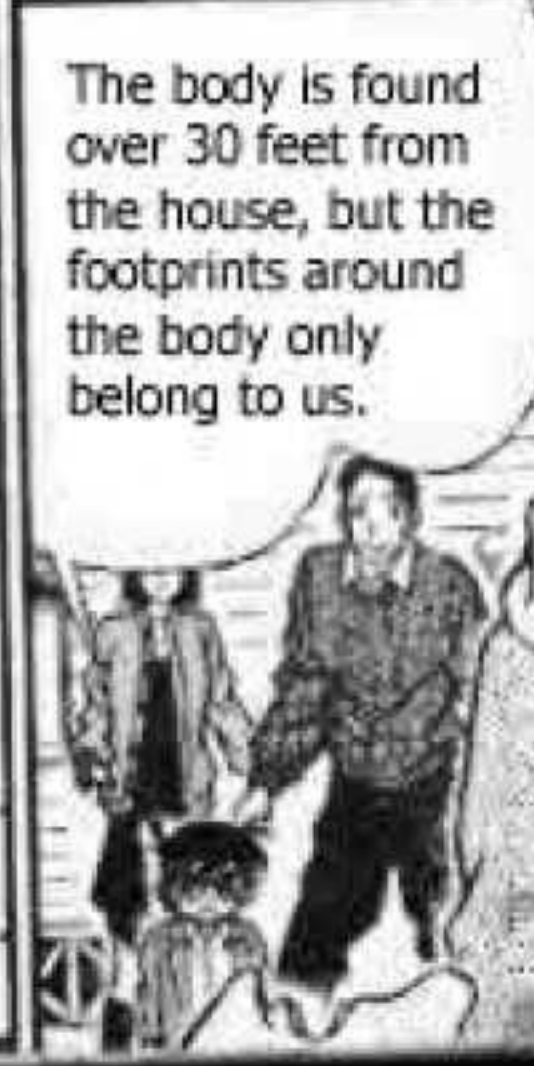
Don't mess up this crime scene more than this.

Crime scene?

Don't you get it?

The body is found over 30 feet from the house, but the footprints around the body only belong to us.

Yes. This is the murder that people without wings like us should not be able to commit.



This is the
impossible
murder.

