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# THE SAKURADA GATE

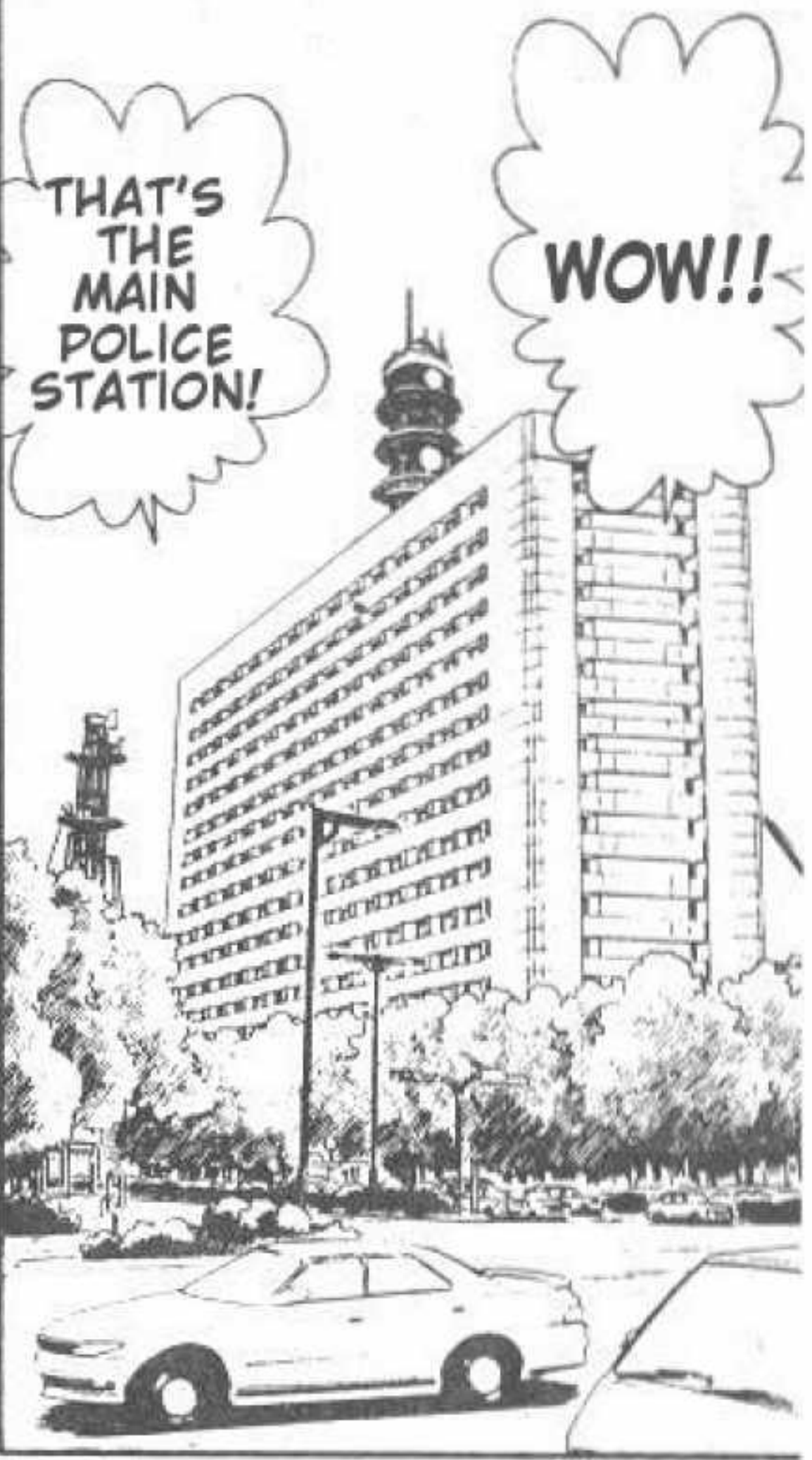




IT'S A BIT LIKE THE HQ OF THE JAPANESE POLICE!

THAT'S WHERE LOTS OF CASES ARE SOLVED, RIGHT?

IT'S BIG !!



THAT'S THE MAIN POLICE STATION!

WOW!!



COME ON!

IT'S EXCITING



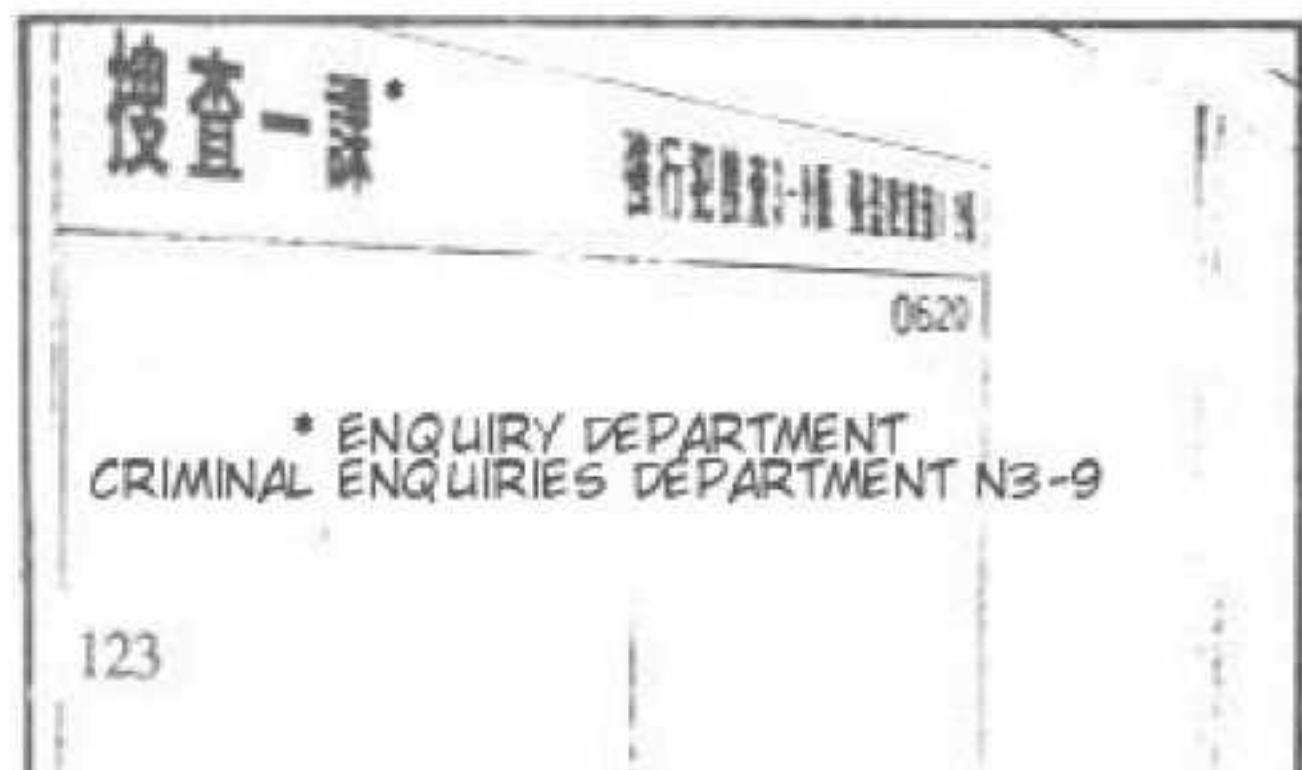
ERR!  
AH, YES!

WHAT'S THE MATTER... CONAN, YOU WERE EXCITED TOO! YOU SAID YOU COULD HEAR THEM TALK ABOUT UNSOLVED CASES...



YES, WE DIDN'T COME ON A PICNIC...

WE WERE ASKED HERE ABOUT THE CASTLE CASE!!





YOU WATCH TOO MANY MOVIES ...

WE THOUGHT THAT ON THE WAY IN, WE'D SEE LOTS OF PEOPLE STARING AT US NASTILY...

POLICE OFFICES ARE ALWAYS FULL OF CIGARETTE SMOKE.



ISN'T THAT SO AMAZING?

YES, THEY'RE ON MISSIONS OUTSIDE...

THERE AREN'T MANY PEOPLE



YES, THE INSPECTOR'S WIFE WAS AT THE BANK AND SHE WAS REALLY BULLIED AND SLIGHTLY INJURED, SO THE INSPECTOR IS REALLY GOING FOR IT!



THE FAMOUS HOLD-UP FROM 3 DAYS AGO AT HAICHIDO BANK, WHERE 200,000,000 YEN WAS STOLEN?



HE'S NOT HERE, HE'S AWAY IN CHARGE OF THE BANK HOLD-UP

HEY? WHERE'S INSPECTOR MEGURE? WE CAME HERE ON HIS REQUEST...



AS I HAVE ANOTHER APPOINTMENT AT 5:00

LET'S GO IN A ROOM AND START,

AH!



YES...

SO YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S GOING TO TALK WITH US, INSPECTOR?



THE BUTTON ON YOUR CUFF IS GOING TO FALL!



INSPECTOR TAKAGI

AND YOUR SHIRT IS ALL CREASED

YOUR COLLAR ISN'T VERY CLEAN EITHER...

AH! YOU'RE RIGHT!



AT LEAST, SOMEONE I LIKE ...

I ALREADY HAVE SOMEONE



THANK YOU, BUT...

I CAN INTRODUCE YOU TO MY COUSIN'S GRAND-DAUGHTER



WHAT?

DON'T YOU HAVE A GIRLFRIEND?







IT'S SOMETHING WE MUST KEEP SECRETLY IN OUR HEART.

THE WORD 'JUSTICE' ISN'T A WORD YOU CAN INVOLVE ON ANY OCCASION...



NO ...

I OVERDID IT A BIT, DIDN'T I?



YES ....

DO YOU UNDERSTAND, YOUNG DETECTIVES?



YES, IT HAS TO DO WITH THIS CASE ...

WEREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO GO TO THE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ON THE THEFT OF THE 200 MILLION WITH INSPECTOR MEGURE?

BUT MISS SATO, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?



THE DIRECTOR'S WIFE WAS ALSO AT THE BANK. SHE WAS THREATENED WITH A GUN. SHE MUST'VE REMEMBERED SOMETHING...

WHY WITH HIS WIFE?



HE'S COMING AT 2:00 WITH HIS WIFE

THE DIRECTOR OF THE AGENCY, WHO WAS ATTACKED, RANG ME UP YESTERDAY AND SAID, 'I REMEMBERED SOMETHING, SO I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT IT,' AND WE'RE SUPPOSED TO MEET HERE...





OH, I SEE. I GET IT

YES, THE DIRECTOR MENTIONED IT TO ME ON THE PHONE. WE'LL COME TOGETHER IN THE AFTERNOON FOR SAFETY. I'M AFRAID OF MY WIFE BEING TARGETTED BY THE CULPRIT!



SHE SAID, 'I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE CULPRIT SO I'LL COME AND SEE YOU ALONE AT 5:00

THAT'S WEIRD. I GOT A SIMILIAR PHONE CALL FROM HIS WIFE LAST NIGHT...



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LISTEN, TAKGAI! I ASKED MIWAKO BY GETTING HER DRUNK...

NO NOTHING SPECIAL



LAST NIGHT I DRANK TOO MUCH IN A BAR AND I'M TOLD THAT I COULDN'T STOP TELLING HER MY LIFE STORY, BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER A THING...

WHAT?

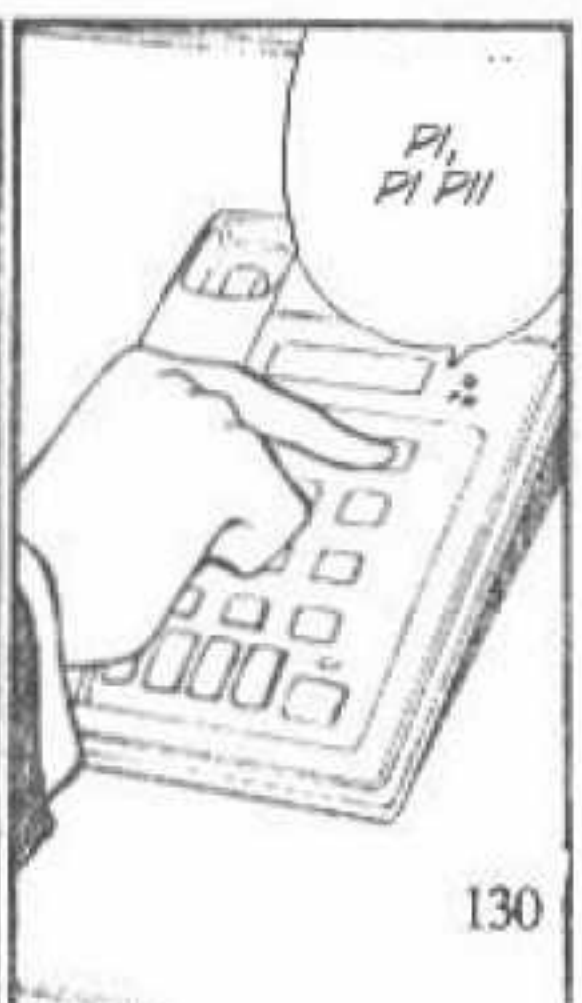
BY THE WAY, DID YUMI OF THE TRAFFIC SECTION TELL YOU ANYTHING?



MAYBE... MAYBE... YOU KNOW WHO?

WHAT?

I THINK SHE'S IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE IN THE INVESTIGATION BUREAU!







\*AHHHH!!!



呼呼 —

HAS ANYTHING STRANGE HAPPENED TO YOU IN THE PAST 3 DAYS?

IS MY WIFE ALRIGHT?

NOTHING'S CERTAIN. MAYBE SHE SHOUTED WHEN SHE SAW A BURGLAR

NO...

IT'S LIKELY THAT ONE OF THE CULPRITS FEARING SHE MIGHT IDENTIFY HIM, DECIDED TO SILENCE HER FOR GOOD

MY WIFE TOLD ME THAT A STRANGE MAN WAS LURKING AROUND THE HOUSE LAST NIGHT

THE KID! WHEN DID YOU..?

SHE WAS ON THE PHONE TO THE POLICE. IF IT HAD BEEN A BURGLAR, I THINK SHE WOULD'VE SAID SO

WHOOA!



HANG ON, KID!

NO TIME TO TAKE HIM BACK! OUR PRIORITY IS TO GO AND SEE WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS WOMAN!

WHAT DO WE DO?





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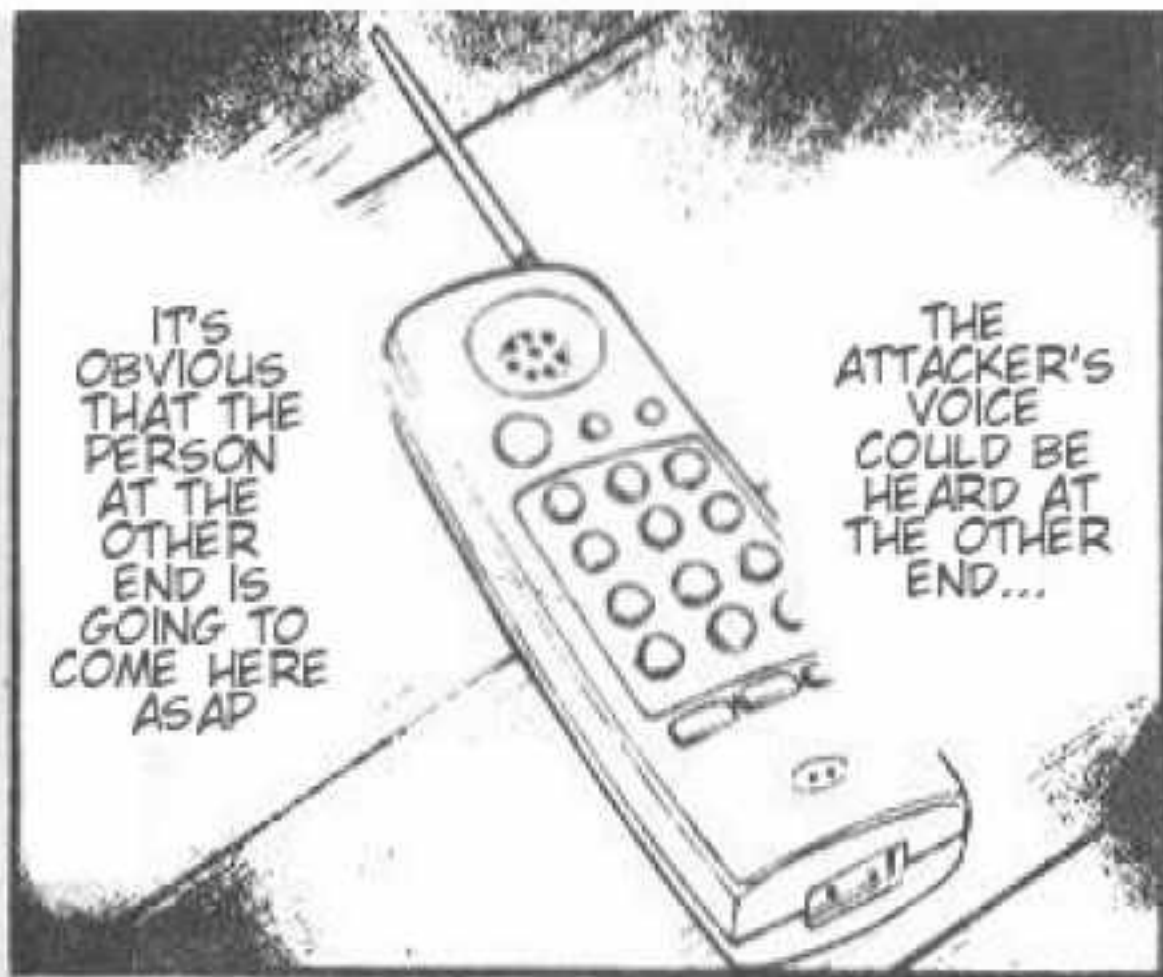






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THE ATTACKER'S VOICE COULD BE HEARD AT THE OTHER END...



AND WOULD ANYONE REALLY ATTACK SOMEONE WHO'S ON THE PHONE?



THE PERSON WHO ORGANISED THIS MURDER



HIS ATTITUDE AND THE STRANGE WORDS HE SAID AT THE POLICE STATION



WOULD BE...