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THE INSPECTOR LEADS THE INVESTIGATION





THE VICTIM
IS MISS
KAYO MASUO,
42 YEARS
OLD



THE VICTIM'S
HUSBAND
WAS RINGING
HIS WIFE
FROM THE
STATION, DURING
THE CALL I
PRESSED THE
SPEAKER
BUTTON BY
ACCIDENT

WHAT?
INSPECTOR
SATO, YOU
HEARD HER
SHOUT?

THE TIME
OF DEATH
IS DEFINATELY
THE TIME
WHEN WE
HEAR HER
SCREAM



IT
DOESN'T
SEEM
LIKE SHE
STRUG-
GLED,
AND SHE
DIED
INSTAN-
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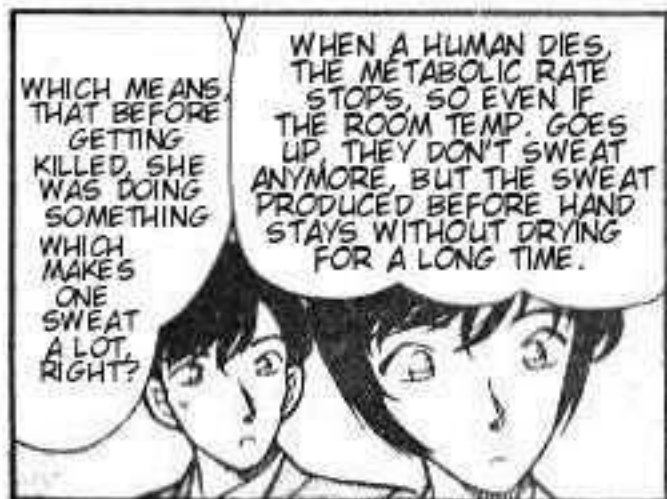
THE MURDER
WEAPON, A
KNIFE WHICH
WENT
THROUGH
HER
SPINE



SHE
WASN'T
ONLY
ON THE
PHONE.

SO THAT
MEANS
SHE WAS
ATTACKED
FROM
BEHIND
WHILE ON
THE PHONE

THAT'S...
WHEN WE
HEARD
MY WIFE
SHOUTING
OVER
THE
PHONE





DETECTIVE?

EDOGAWA
CONAN!
I'M A
DETECTIVE!



RIGHT!

WON'T
WE,
TAKAGI?



IF YOU
WORK FOR
OUR
BUREAU,
WE'LL LOOK
AFTER
YOU WELL

SO YOUNG
MAN, WHEN
YOU GROW
UP, DO YOU
WANT TO
BE AN
INSPEC-
TOR?



AH, I
SEE!
THAT'S
WHY HE
KNOWS
SO MANY
THINGS

YES! HE'S
THE YOUNG
MAN WHO
LIVES WITH
DETECTIVE
MOURI



SEARCH THIS
HOUSE FROM
TOP TO
BOTTOM! IT
MAY HAVE
BEEN A
ROBBERY

WE'LL TRY
TO FIND OUT
IF THERE
WERE ANY
WITNESSES



THE ONLY
OBJECTIVE
FROM THE
START
WAS THIS
WOMAN.

NO, IT'S
NOT AN
AVERAGE
ROBBERY





BECAUSE OF THE VICTIM'S SHOUT YOU HEARD OVER THE PHONE

AND WHY DON'T YOU THINK IT'S A ROBBERY?

NO!! I MUSTN'T THINK ABOUT THIS KIND OF THING AT WORK!!



SHIRATORI...



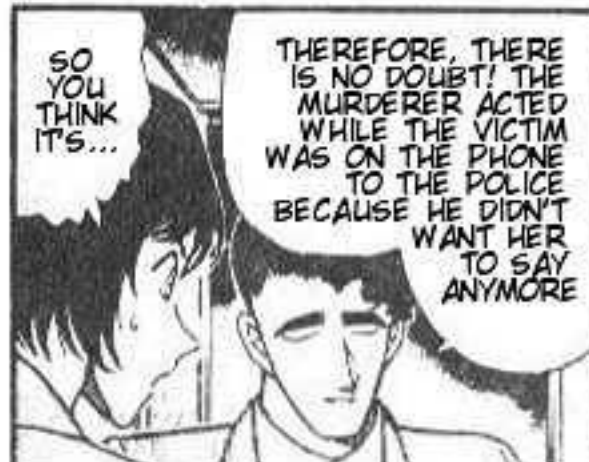
HE'D JUST RUN AWAY IF SOMEONE SHOUTED WHEN THEY SAW HIM

A REGULAR BURGLAR WOULDN'T ATTACK SOMEONE ON THE PHONE.



YES... SHE'D REMEMBERED SOMETHING ABOUT THE HOLDUP AT THE BANK AND WAS SUPPOSED TO COME WITH HER HUSBAND. BUT WHEN SHE WASN'T THERE AT THE AGREED TIME, HER HUSBAND RANG HOME A BIT WORRIED....

FURTHERMORE, THE VICTIM WAS TO COME TO THE STATION AND TESTIFY TODAY, RIGHT?



SO YOU THINK IT'S...

THEREFORE, THERE IS NO DOUBT! THE MURDERER ACTED WHILE THE VICTIM WAS ON THE PHONE TO THE POLICE BECAUSE HE DIDN'T WANT HER TO SAY ANYMORE



YES... WHEN I TALKED TO HER, SHE SAID, 'ARE YOU THE POLICEMAN FROM LAST NIGHT?'

DURING THE PHONE CALL, DID SHE SAY ANYTHING WHICH MIGHT SUGGEST SHE WAS TALKING TO THE POLICE?



AND HE MUST'VE KILLED HER, THINKING THAT SHE SAW HIS FACE THEN...

THE VICTIM HAD VERY CLOSE CONTACT WITH ONE OF THE CULPRITS SINCE HE THREATENED HER WITH A GUN...

YES, THE CULPRITS PROBABLY WERE THE SAME TWO PEOPLE WHO HELPED UP THE BANK!



EH?

BUT MRS MEGURE VOLUNTEERED TO BE A HOSTAGE



YES... BECAUSE OF HER BEHAVIOUR, HE SWAPPED HOSTAGES AND TOOK MEGURE'S WIFE WHO WAS AT THE BANK TOO...

FUTHERMORE, UNDERSTAND THE VICTIM STRUGGLED A LOT DURING THE HOSTAGE TAKING, SHE EVEN PULLED ON THE HAT OF ONE OF THE MEN



YES, THAT MUST BE WHAT YOUR WIFE WANTED TO TELL US!

OF COURSE !!

BY THE WAY, MY WIFE MENTIONED A FOREIGNER...



STILL.... DON'T YOU THINK IT'S ODD?



YES...

LET THEM KNOW THAT ONE OF THE CULPRITS IS VERY LIKELY TO BE FOREIGN!

TAGAKI! CONTACT THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATION BUREAU!









HM?

INTENDANT SHIRATORI!

WE LOOKED IN THE VICTIM'S BEDROOM.



NO WONDER HE KNEW THE HABITS OF THE VICTIM AND HIS WAY AROUND THE HOUSE

YES, IT'S TRUE... ACCORDING TO THE HUSBAND, THIS LADY HAD SPOKEN OF A STRANGE MAN LURKING AROUND THE HOUSE...

HE CAME IN THROUGH THE WINDOW IN THE CORRIDOR... THIS MURDER WAS ENTIRELY PREMEDITATED!



START QUESTIONING THE NEIGHBOURS! TRY AND FIND OUT IF ANYTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY HAPPENED IN THE LAST FEW DAYS, SOMEONE ASKING QUESTIONS OR WHO WAS LOOKING AT THIS HOUSE FOR INSTANCE...

AH, I KNEW IT!

HER PURSE AND HER JEWELLERY ARE QUITE VISIBLE, NO DOUBT, IT WASN'T A BURGLARY



I HAVE TO GET IT NOTICED QUICKLY OTHERWISE ...

THERE IS A BIG FLAW IN THIS THEORY.



AH, BY THE WAY I AM SUPER-INTENDANT FROM TODAY ON, SUPER-INTENDANT!

NO ...

YES...

HEY, HEY!

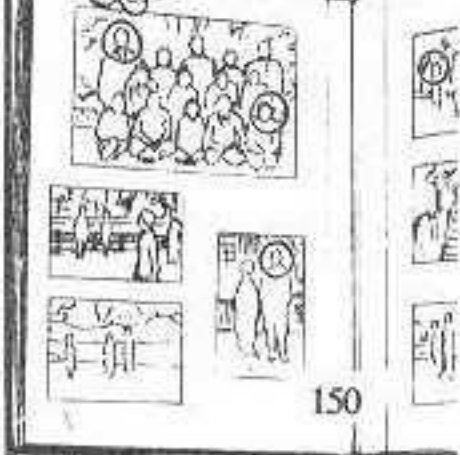


BUT ISN'T IT STRANGE?



SAY! COULD SOMEONE TAKE THIS KID BACK HOME?

HEY, HEY!









COM-
PLE-
TELY

I'VE GOT
IT NOW...

SO
THAT
WAS
IT...

OF
COURSE
...

HOW
YOU KILLED
YOUR WIFE
WHO WAS
TENS OF
KILOMETERS
AWAY...

AND HOW
IT ALL
WORKED
OUT!!