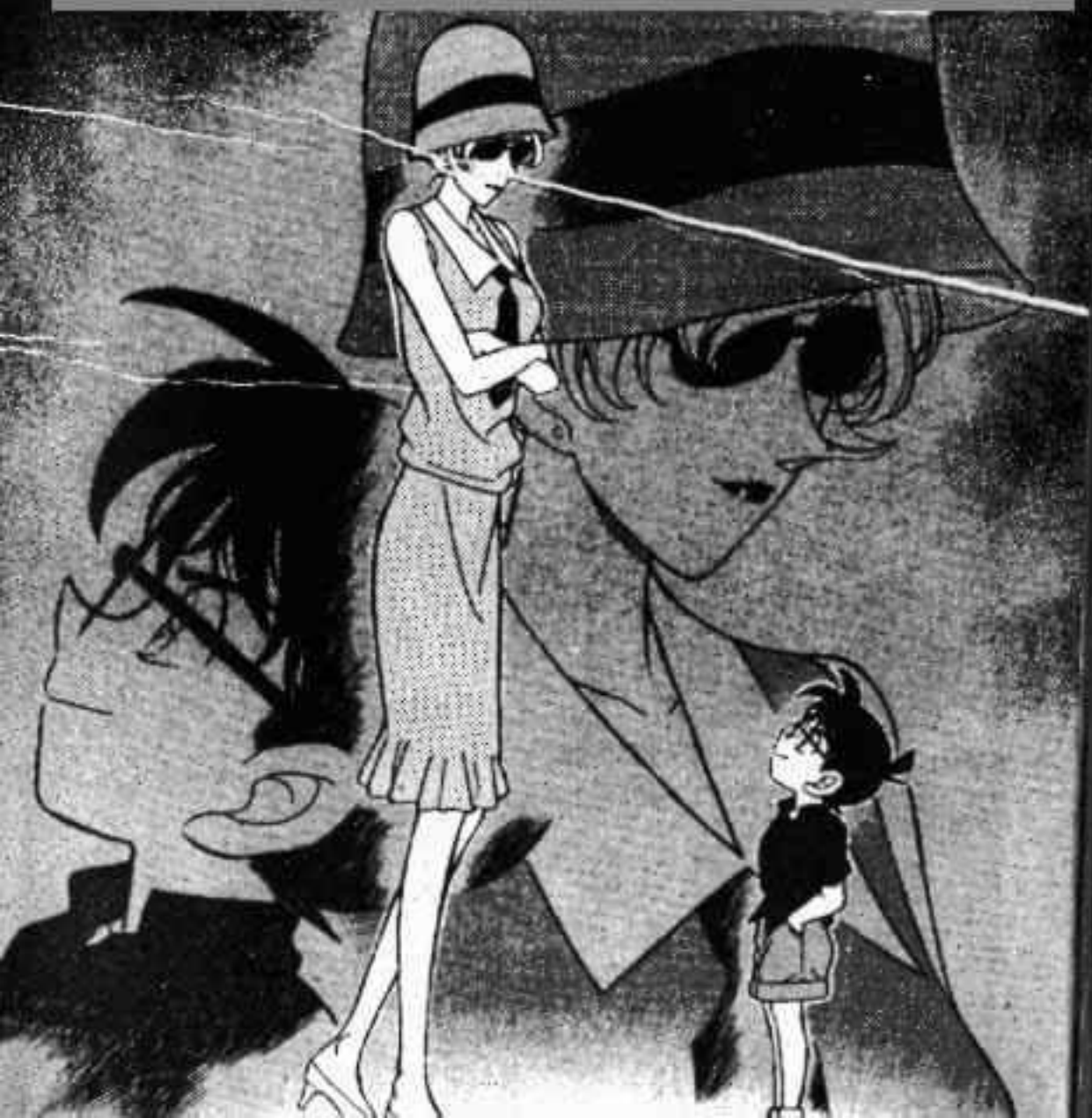


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FSHOOM

IT'S TIME
TO REVEAL
YOURSELF
.....

YOU ALREADY
LET OUT
YOUR TAIL
.....

MADAM
....?


HMM

AHHH
.....

YOU
GOT ME
.....



SHIN-CHAN




YOU MAY BE ABLE TO TRICK OTHERS, BUT YOU SHOULD NOT THINK YOU CAN TRICK YOUR OWN SON JUST BY CHANGING THE HAIR STYLE AND APPLYING LIBSTICK !!

IT TOOK ME A WHILE BEFORE I WAS ABLE TO SET THIS HAIR STYLE.



HOW COME YOU HAVE TO DISGUISE YOURSELF AND TAKE THIS TRAIN ?

DON'T YOU REMEMBER I'M A CELEBRITY IN JAPAN?



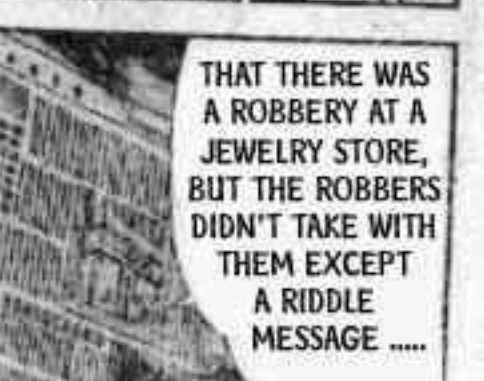
FROM WHICH PERIOD ?

FORGET ABOUT IT THEN




ANYWAY, I'M HERE BECAUSE OF THE NEWS I READ FROM A JAPANESE NEWSPAPER IN AMERICA


.....



THAT THERE WAS A ROBBERY AT A JEWELRY STORE, BUT THE ROBBERS DIDN'T TAKE WITH THEM EXCEPT A RIDDLE MESSAGE



IT'S REALLY THAT NOVEL !!



YUSAKU SAID THAT

.....

BOTH THE PROFESSIONAL ROBBERS AND THE MESSAGE THAT A ROBBER LEFT BEFORE RUNNING AWAY "IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE THIS"

ARE IDENTICAL TO A NOVEL HE WROTE 10 YEARS AGO

.....

THE MINOR DIFFERENCE IS THE STORE IN THE NOVEL IS AN ANTIQUE STORE, NOT A JEWELRY STORE.

AND THEN, WHAT ...?

WE SEARCHED FOR THE JEWELRY STORE'S PHONE NUMBER. THEN, WE CALLED AND ASKED THEM IF THE OWNER HAD A PLAN TO TRAVEL ANYWHERE THAT HAD TO PASS A LONG TUNNEL. THIS IS BECAUSE THE OWNER OF THE ANTIQUE STORE IN THE NOVEL WAS SUPPOSED TO BE KILLED IN THE TRAIN.

THE OWNER PLANNED TO TAKE HOKUTOSEI 6 DAYS AFTER THAT.

WE TRIED TO EXPLAIN TO HIM, BUT HE REFUSED TO LISTEN.

SO, WE HAD TO BUY THE TICKETS FOR THIS TRAIN AND TRY TO PREVENT ANY CRIME FROM HAPPENING.

HOW COME YOU FAILED TO PREVENT IT?

WHO WOULD THINK THE MURDER WOULD HAPPEN WHEN I WENT TO THE RESTROOM

....?

YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME EARLIER !!


I WAS NOT ABLE TO GET TO YOU BECAUSE YOU WERE WITH RAN ALL THE TIME. MOREOVER, I WAS NOT YET CERTAIN THE CRIME WOULD HAPPEN.

THAT'S WHY YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING, RIGHT?



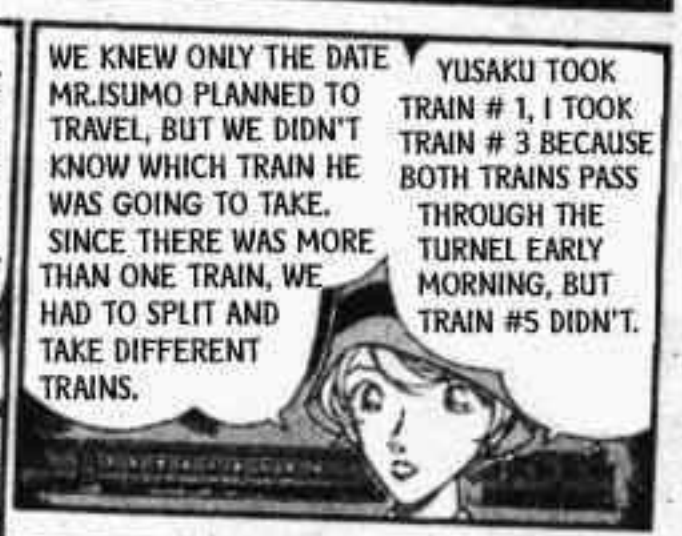
WHAT ?
ARE YOU
TELLING
ME HE
DIED
BECAUSE
OF ME
?

I DIDN'T
SAY THAT
.....




WHERE IS
THE NOVEL'S
OWNER
?

HE TOOK
THE OTHER
HOKUTOSEI
TRAIN. HE
MAY BE IN
SAPPORO
ALREADY




WE KNEW ONLY THE DATE
MR.ISUMO PLANNED TO
TRAVEL, BUT WE DIDN'T
KNOW WHICH TRAIN HE
WAS GOING TO TAKE.
SINCE THERE WAS MORE
THAN ONE TRAIN, WE
HAD TO SPLIT AND
TAKE DIFFERENT
TRAINS.

YUSAKU TOOK
TRAIN # 1, I TOOK
TRAIN # 3 BECAUSE
BOTH TRAINS PASS
THROUGH THE
TUNNEL EARLY
MORNING, BUT
TRAIN #5 DIDN'T.



I
GET
IT
.....

NIGHTTIME
IS THE BEST
TIME TO
COMMIT
A CRIME
.....



WHAT
IS THE
WHOLE
STORY
?

DID DAD
TELL YOU
ABOUT IT
?

THAT'S
.....
UM.....



HEY
DON'T TELL
ME THAT
.....

AMM
.....

WHAT
?!

HE
ALREADY
FORGOT
!?

VOOOMM

DIDN'T HE
WRITE IT
HIMSELF
...?

BUT,
THAT
WAS 10
YEARS
AGO.

HE FINISHED
JUST THE FIRST
PART OF THE
STORY BEFORE
THE MANU-
SCRIPT WAS
ROBBED
.....

ROBBED
?

YES. A MESSENGER FROM
THE PUBLISHER CAME AND
PICKED UP THE MANUSCRIPT.
HE WENT TO A BANK ON THE
WAY BACK TO THE OFFICE,
BUT THE BANK WAS
ROBBED WHILE HE WAS
THERE.

DAMN IT !!
WE GET LESS
THAN WE
EXPECTED.

HEY !!
WE'LL START COLLECTING
MONEY FROM YOU. GIVE
ME ALL YOUR BAGS.

THE MANU-
SCRIPT
WAS IN
THE BAG,
RIGHT ?

YES. HE
HAND IN
THE BAG
WITH THE
MANUSCRIPT
TO THE
ROBBERS

THEN,
YUSAKU
CANCELLED
THE NOVEL.
HE DIDN'T
FINISH IT.

WERE
THOSE
ROBBERS
....?

YES. THE
HEAD
OF THE
BOBBERY
GANG WAS
.....

ASAMA
YASUJI WHO
HAS TURNED
TO A CORPSE
RECENTLY
!!

IS IT STRANGE
THAT THE ROBBER
WHO TOOK THE
MANUSCRIPT WAS
DEAD EXACTLY LIKE
IN THE NOVEL
?

THAT'S
RIGHT

GOD MIGHT
WANT TO
PUNISH HIM
....?

ARE YOU
INSANE
?

CONAN ?
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING THERE
!?

R...
RAN
!?

I CAME TO
TALK TO
THIS OLD
LADY.

OW
!

YOU CAME
TO TALK
TO ME,
A YOUNG
LADY,
RIGHT?

Y...
YEP

I
SEE

MOM
!

LET'S GO
TO THE
LOBBY
CAR.

DAD IS GOING
TO SHOW
OFF THE
DEDUCTION.

WHAT
?

IT LOOKS LIKE
HE'S ALREADY
AHEAD OF
YOU.

IT'LL BE
GLAD IF HE
REALLY IS
.....

VOOOOM

WHAT ?
YOU WANT TO
SHOW OFF THE
INVESTIGATION
...!?

THE
CRIMINAL
KILLED
MR.ISUMO.

THEN, HE
RAN PASS
YOUR ROOM
.....

HE SHOT TO
BREAK THE
WINDOW AND
THEN JUMPED
OUT OF THE
TRAIN
.....

HE DIED
BECAUSE
HE HIT THE
GROUND
.....

ARE YOU
SAYING THAT
THE CRIMINAL
IS NOT ASAMA
YASUJI WHO
HAS DIED?

NO, THE
CRIMINAL
IS REALLY
ASAMA
YASUJI

THEN, THERE IS
NOTHING ELSE TO
BE INVESTIGATED
?!?

WHAT
ABOUT
THE PER-
SUASIVE
?

PER-
SUA-
SIVE
?

THE MOST IMPORTANT POINT IS
THE RIDDLE MESSAGE "IT'S NOT
SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE THIS"
THAT MR.ASAMA SAID WHEN
TRYING TO RUN AWAY AFTER
ROBBING THE JEWELRY STORE

WOULD IS
BE EASIER
TO UNDER-
STAND IF I
EXPLAIN
.....

THAT MR.
ISUMO AND
ASAMA SET UP
THE ROBBERY
.....

WHAT
!?

MR.ISUMO MIGHT
HAVE AGREED WITH
ASAMA TO ROB THE
JEWELRY STORE TO
GET THE INSURANCE
MONEY
.....

HE WOULD HAVE
GOTTEN ALL JEWELS
BACK PLUS THE
INSURANCE MONEY.
THE EASY JOB LIKE
THIS, ANYONE
WOULD AGREE TO
FOLLOW
.....

B ... BUT WHEN THE
ROBBERY HAPPENED,
MR.ISUMO PUSHED THE
ALARM BUTTON TO
MAKE ASAMA RAN AWAY
WITHOUT TAKING ANY-
THING WITH HIM !!

ACTUALLY, MR.
ISUMO DIDN'T
WANT HIS STORE
TO GET ROBBED
AT ALL
.....


HE WANTED TO LOOK LIKE A HERO
TO PROMOTE HIS ELECTION
CAMPAIGN FOR THE MAYOR. THAT'S
WHY HE NEEDED ASAMA TO GET
INVOLVED.

WHAT WOULD
HAPPEN IF
ASAMA WAS
ARRESTED
AND HE
CONFESSED
THE TRUTH
?

THAT'S GOOD. MR.ISUMO WANTED
ASAMA TO BE ARRESTED. SINCE
HE WAS A PROFESSIONAL
ROBBER, NO ONE WOULD
BELIEVE IN WHAT HE SAID
ANYWAY.

BUT,
ASAMA
WAS ABLE
TO ESCAPE
.....

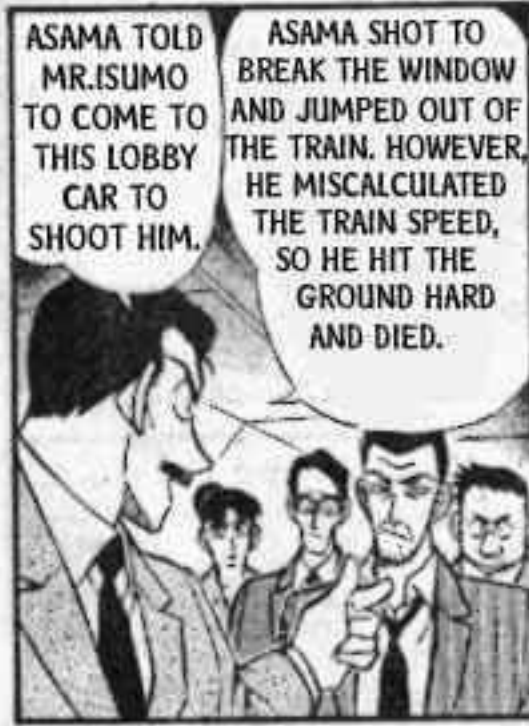
HE CALLED MR.
ISUMO WHO, AT
THAT TIME, WAS
AFRAID TO BE
REVENGED
.....



ASAMA TOLD
MR. ISUMO TO
TAKE THE
HOKUTOSEI
TRAIN
.....

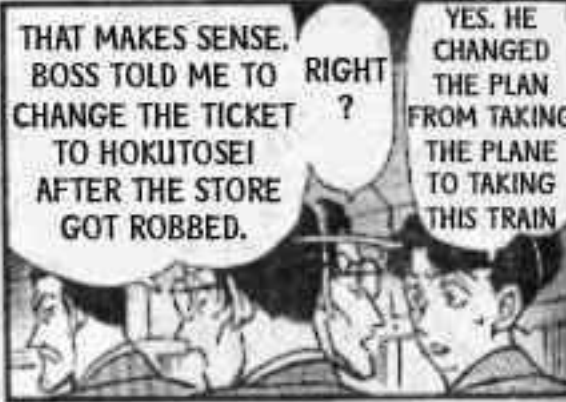


JUST TO TALK
ABOUT THE
AGREEMENT
AGAIN
.....



ASAMA TOLD
MR. ISUMO
TO COME TO
THIS LOBBY
CAR TO
SHOOT HIM.


ASAMA SHOT TO
BREAK THE WINDOW
AND JUMPED OUT OF
THE TRAIN. HOWEVER,
HE MISCALCULATED
THE TRAIN SPEED,
SO HE HIT THE
GROUND HARD
AND DIED.



THAT MAKES SENSE.
BOSS TOLD ME TO
CHANGE THE TICKET
TO HOKUTOSEI
AFTER THE STORE
GOT ROBBED.


RIGHT
?

YES. HE
CHANGED
THE PLAN
FROM TAKING
THE PLANE
TO TAKING
THIS TRAIN



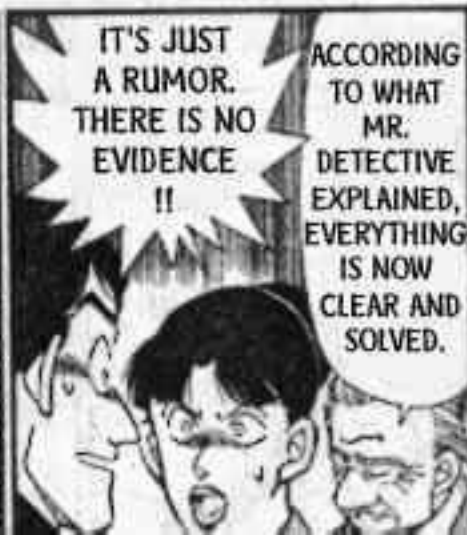
HOW DID MR.
ISUMO GET
TO KNOW
ASAMA
?

MAYBE
BECAUSE
OF DRUG
...




THE
NEWSPAPER
HAD A NEWS
EARLIER
THAT MR.
ISUMO

INVOLVED
IN A
SELLING
SPEED
DRUG
CASE.



IT'S JUST
A RUMOR.
THERE IS NO
EVIDENCE
!!

ACCORDING
TO WHAT
MR.
DETECTIVE
EXPLAINED,
EVERYTHING
IS NOW
CLEAR AND
SOLVED.



THE CITY IS
LUCKY NOT TO
HAVE THIS GUY
TO BE THE
MAYOR
.....

HUMPT.....
YOU WANT TO
PASS GUILD TO
THE DEAD MAN,
RIGHT
....?

PLEASE
CALM
DOWN

THE CRIMINAL IS
ALREADY DEAD. THERE IS
NO NEED TO INVESTIGATE
FURTHER. MY DEDUCTION
REALLY HELPS,
RIGHT MR.OFFICER ?

UM
...

.....

IF IT'S REALLY
A NORMAL
CASE, THAT
SHOULD BE IT
.....

BUT, WHAT
HAPPENED IS
THE SAME AS
THE NOVEL
DAD WROTE.

MOREOVER,
THE PERSON
WHO TOOK
THE ORIGINAL
MANUSCRIPT
WAS ASAMA
YASUJI, THE
MURDERER IN
THIS CASE
.....

THERE MUST
BE SOMETHING
.....

HIDDEN IN
THIS CASE
.....

MR. OFFICER,
PREVIOUSLY,
THERE WERE 3
MEMBERS IN
THE ROBBERY
GANG,
RIGHT ?


HUH
?

DO YOU
KNOW
WHO
THEY
WERE
?

WE KNOW ONLY
ASAMA WHO
WAS ALSO THE
GANG'S LEADER,
A WOMAN WHO
DIED BECAUSE
OF DRUG. WE
DON'T KNOW
THE LAST
MEMBER.

ONLY ASAMA ROBBED
THE JEWELRY STORE
RECENTLY. THE
MISSING GANG
MEMBER MIGHT
HAVE RETIRED
ALREADY.

I
SEE
.....

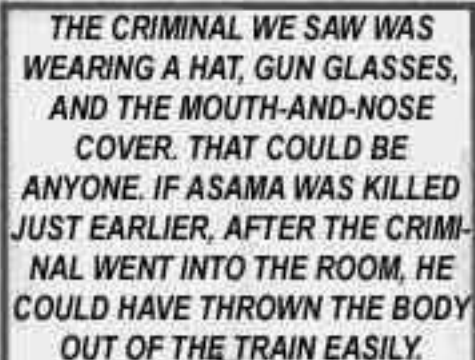


POSSIBLY,
ONE OF THOSE 4
PEOPLE IS THE
MISSING GANG
MEMBER

.....

AND ALSO THE
PERSON WHO
READ DAD'S
NOVEL

.....



THE CRIMINAL WE SAW WAS
WEARING A HAT, GUN GLASSES,
AND THE MOUTH-AND-NOSE
COVER. THAT COULD BE
ANYONE. IF ASAMA WAS KILLED
JUST EARLIER, AFTER THE CRIMI-
NAL WENT INTO THE ROOM, HE
COULD HAVE THROWN THE BODY
OUT OF THE TRAIN EASILY.




BUT,
AFTER THE
CRIMINAL
SHOT US,
HE WENT
INTO THE
ROOM.

THE DOOR WAS
CLOSED NOT TOO
LONG BEFORE WE
GOT THERE.




AFTER WE
OPENED
THE DOOR,
WE SAW THE
WINDOW WAS
BROKEN AND
THE ROOM
WAS EMPTY.

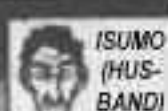
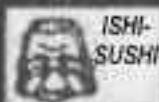


THERE WAS NO
OTHER WAY OUT
EXCEPT JUMPING
OUT OF THE
WINDOW

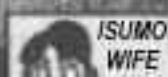
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HOLD ON, SLOWLY
CONSIDERING THE
LOCATION OF EACH
ROOM EACH PERSON
WAS IN



THERE SHOULD
BE A WAY
SOMEONE WAS
ABLE TO
SNEAKINGLY GO
OUT TO ANOTHER
ROOM






NO,
ONLY ONE
ROOM HAS
THE WINDOW
BROKEN
.....

NO ONE
SHOULD BE
ABLE TO BOTH
THROW AWAY
THE BODY AND
THEN LEAVE
THE ROOM IN
A SHORT TIME
.....



BUT,
WHAT IF HE
USED AN
EQUIPMENT
.....



MRS.
ISUMO
HAS A
PRACTICE
GUN




MR.
KAETTSU
HAS
FISHING
EQUIPMENT



MR. AOKI HAS
A BAMBOO
SWORD AND
KENDO
EQUIPMENT




MR.
ISHISUCHI
HAS GOLF
EQUIPMENT

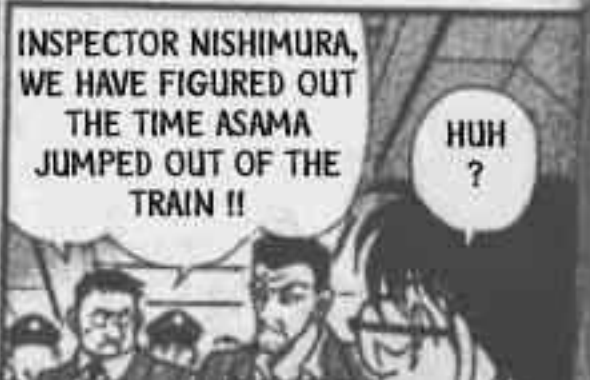


HOLD ON,
IF ASAMA'S BODY WAS
THROWN AWAY
BEFORE MR. ISUMO
WAS KILLED
.....

ALTHOUGH THE
ROOM WAS
EMPTY WHEN
WE GOT THERE
.....

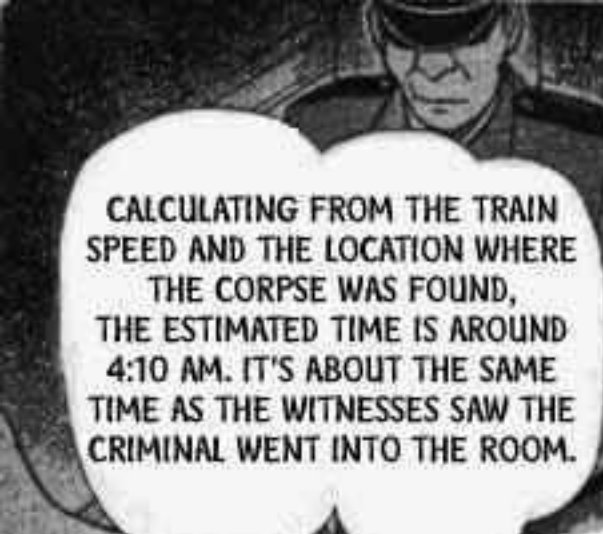


IF THAT THING
HAD BEEN USED,
HE WOULD HAVE
BEEN ABLE TO
TRICK US EASILY
.....



INSPECTOR NISHIMURA,
WE HAVE FIGURED OUT
THE TIME ASAMA
JUMPED OUT OF THE
TRAIN !!

HUH
?



CALCULATING FROM THE TRAIN SPEED AND THE LOCATION WHERE THE CORPSE WAS FOUND, THE ESTIMATED TIME IS AROUND 4:10 AM. IT'S ABOUT THE SAME TIME AS THE WITNESSES SAW THE CRIMINAL WENT INTO THE ROOM.

N...
NO WAY
.....

DOES IT MEAN THAT THE CRIMINAL DID THROW THE CORPSE OUT OF THE WINDOW AND LEAVE THE ROOM IN THAT SHORT TIME?

WHAT
!?

IMPOS-
SIBLE
.....

THERE IS NO WAY ANYONE COULD DO IT
.....

WHAT
WAS IT !?
TELL ME !!

DAD
!!

BUT,
NO PIECE OR
PART OF THE
BROKEN WINDOW
WAS FOUND
.....

WHAT
?

THE REPORT SAID WITHIN 1 KILOMETER RADIUS, NO PART OF THE BROKEN WINDOW WAS FOUND.

TELL THEM
TO SEARCH
AGAIN
!!

EH
?

THE REPORT ALSO SAID THEY FOUND SOMETHING STRANGE ATTACHED TO THE CORPSE'S PANT.

STRANGE
?

YES
.....

THERE IS A
PLASTIC TAPE IN
ONE THE BELT
HOLES OF THE
PANT.

!?

DO
YOU
KNOW
WHY ?

HOW
WOULD
I KNOW
?!

HOLD
ON
.....

IF THAT
THING
.....

TMP

TMP

IS
THERE
.....
TMP
TMP
TMP

IS
THERE
.....

KA-CHANG

FOUND
IT
.....

THAT'S
IT
!!

THE CRIMI-
NAL TOOK
THE ADVAN-
TAGE OF
THIS THING
.....

I GET IT
.....

THIS WAY
HAS TO BE
USED IN
THE DARK
.....

THE
CRIMINAL
MUST BE
THAT
PERSON

THAT PERSON
KILLED MR.
ISUMO, BUT
PASSED GUILT TO
ASAMA
.....

BY USING THE
ADVANTAGES
FROM THE
STRUCTURES
OF HOKUTOSEI
AND SAIKAN
TURNEL
.....



A KID WEARING BLACK-FRAME GLASSES SMILED ARROGANTLY BECAUSE HE WAS CONFIDENT HIS WIN HAS BEEN SECURED.....



WITHOUT KNOWING HE WOULD
HAVE TO USE HIS LIFE TO PAY FOR
THE TRUTH HE HAS DISCOVERED

.....

