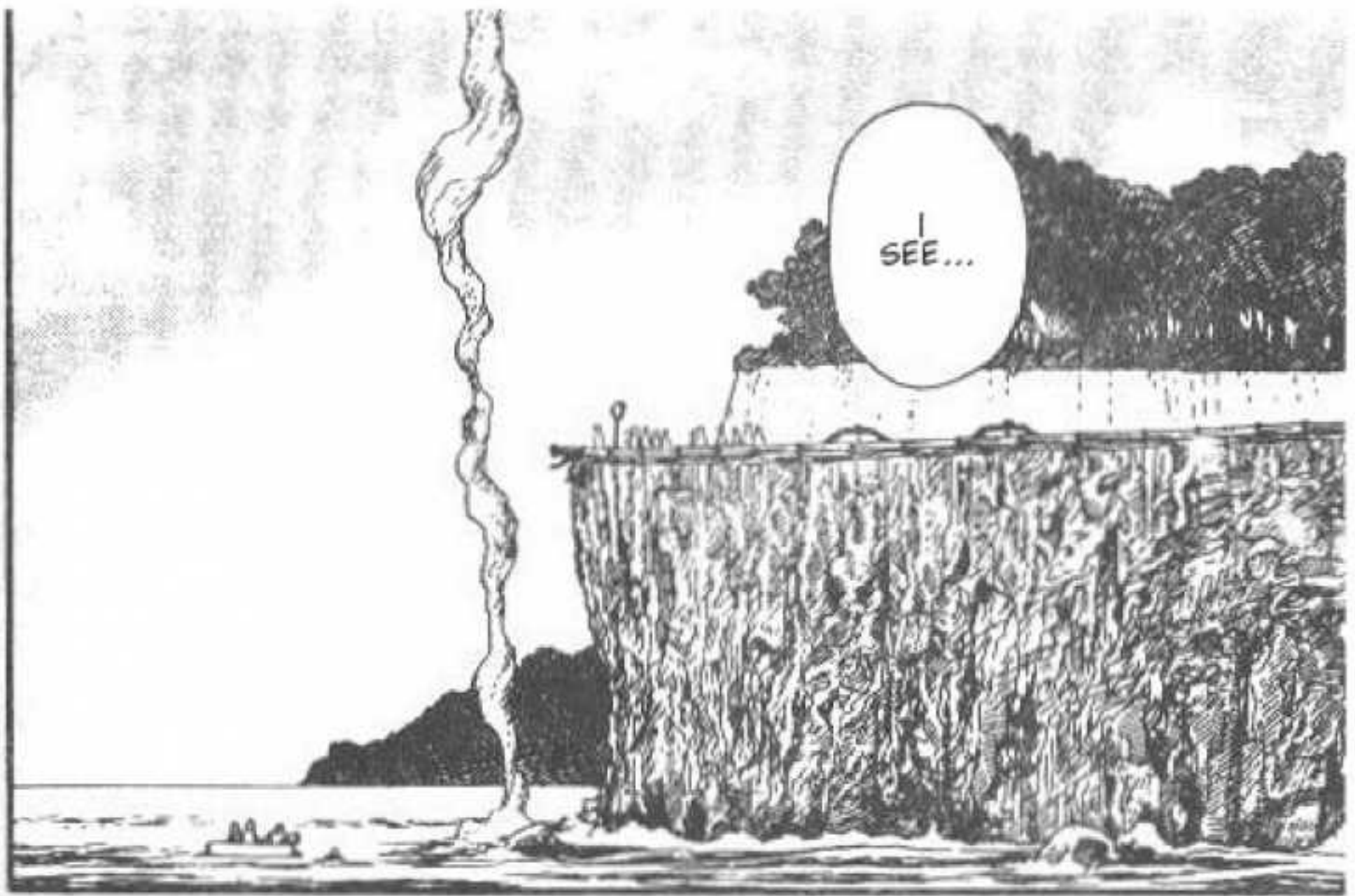


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THE PRINCE WITH A KICK









AND RAN'S HERE IF NEED BE!

COME ON NOW, NO ONE ATTACKS IN BROAD DAY LIGHT!

BUT SHE IS STILL IN GREAT DANGER... FURTHERMORE MISS SONOKO HAS LIGHT BROWN HAIR! THE CULPRIT IS LIKELY TO BE THE SAME ONE AS IN THE OTHER CASE!



IT'S NOT THAT FAR AND LOOKING AT THE SCENERY MIGHT TAKE YOUR MIND OFF THINGS

IN THAT CASE, DO YOU WANT US TO GO BY FOOT?

YES... YES



BUT I DON'T KNOW IF...



SONOKO, YOU DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING?

NO, NO-THING

YESTERDAY AT THE INN, TODAY IN THE CAR... YOU'RE VERY POPULAR SONOKO



IT'S NOT NECESSARY TO HAVE THE CAR ROLLING DOWN THE HILL

AND IF IT'S HER LIFE THEY'RE AFTER, WHY DIDN'T THEY SIMPLY KILL HER AFTER OPENING THE DOOR?



YES, WHY IS SONOKO TARGETED?

MAYBE IT'S JUST YOUR CHARM IS TOO MUCH?





HMM

LET'S GO THEN!

WHAT?



NO, IT'S MORE EXCITING

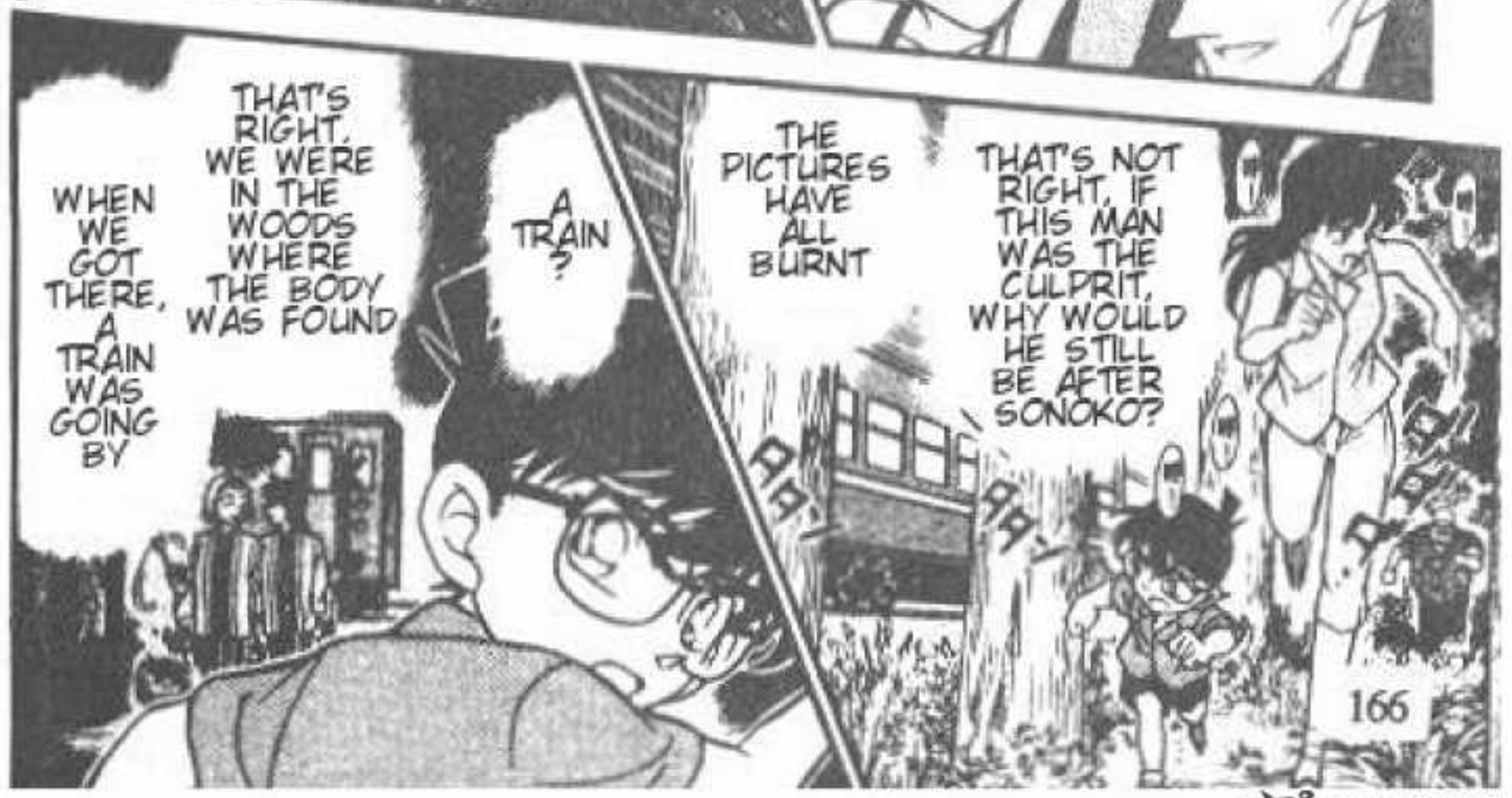
GOING IN THE WOODS MAKES THINGS WORSE!



LET'S SPLIT IN TWO GROUPS TO LOSE HIM

YES!

ISN'T IT?



WHEN WE GOT THERE, A TRAIN WAS GOING BY

THAT'S RIGHT, WE WERE IN THE WOODS WHERE THE BODY WAS FOUND

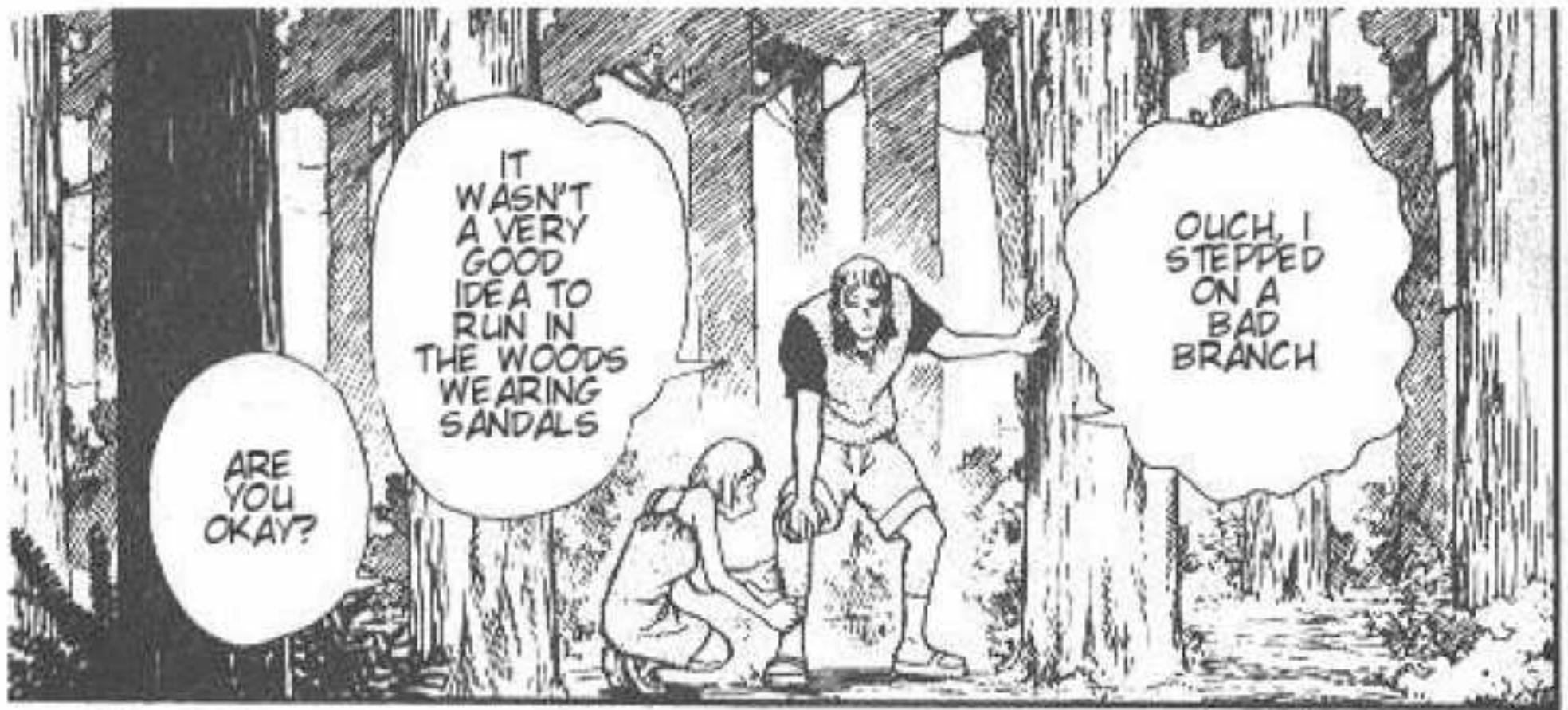
A TRAIN?

THE PICTURES HAVE ALL BURNT

THAT'S NOT RIGHT, IF THIS MAN WAS THE CULPRIT, WHY WOULD HE STILL BE AFTER SONOKO?







ARE YOU OKAY?

IT WASN'T A VERY GOOD IDEA TO RUN IN THE WOODS WEARING SANDALS

OUCH, I STEPPED ON A BAD BRANCH



EH?

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A BITE!

WHAT?



WHY ARE YOU SO SURPRISED?

HAA

HAA



.....



SINCE IT'S...



YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO SURPRISED!

HAA

IT WASN'T
THE ARM
THAT
SONOKO
BIT, BUT
THE LEG!

SO
THAT
WAS IT

LEFT
THIS
MARK
LAST
NIGHT...

YOU
WHO
...

TOO
DARK
TO
TELL!

HE SAW THE
FLASH AT HIS
BACK AT THE
TIME OF THE
CRIME AND WHEN
HE SAW SONOKO
WITH HER
CAMERA, HE
THOUGHT SHE'D
TAKEN A
PHOTO...

HE MUST'VE
THOUGHT
SONOKO HAD
TAKEN A
PICTURE
BECAUSE OF
THE RANDOM
LIGHT OF
THE TRAIN

OF HIM
WITH
THE
VICTIM'S
BODY

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WHY
DIDN'T
I SEE
IT
EARLIER!!

DAMN,
WHY....

THE ONLY
TIME SONOKO
WORE A YUKATA
WAS ON THE
DAY OF THE
FIREWORKS.
SINCE WE MET
HIM YESTERDAY,
HE COULDN'T
HAVE SEEN
HER IN
YUKATA!

NO MATTER
WHAT YOU
WEAR,
YOU'RE
SEXY,
EITHER
IN YUKATA
OR SWIM
WEAR!

NOW
THAT I
THINK OF
IT,
HE SAID

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A PICTURE WHERE I WAS STABBING A WOMAN!

ACTUALLY, IT WAS A MURDER!

YOU THOUGHT YOU HAD TAKEN A LOVE SCENE, BUT...

THE PICTURE YOU WANTED TO SHOW THE DETECTIVE

COME ON, GIVE ME THE PICTURE

NOO
OO
OO
OO!



WHAT? FOUR?!

SINCE THERE HAD BEEN SIMILAR CRIMES IN IZU, I WAS PURSUING THE CASE HERE, THAT'S WHEN HE SHOWED UP... BUT HE HAD ALREADY COMMITTED A CRIME

I'VE HAD MY EYE ON HIM FOR A LONG TIME, AND I HAVE ARRESTED HIM ONCE FOR CAR THEFT, BUT I WAS LACKING EVIDENCE IN THE MURDER

FOUR PEOPLE IF YESTERDAY'S BODY IS ALSO HIS DOING! STRANGELY ALL LIGHT BROWN HAired GIRLS

HE'S KILLED FOUR PEOPLE?!



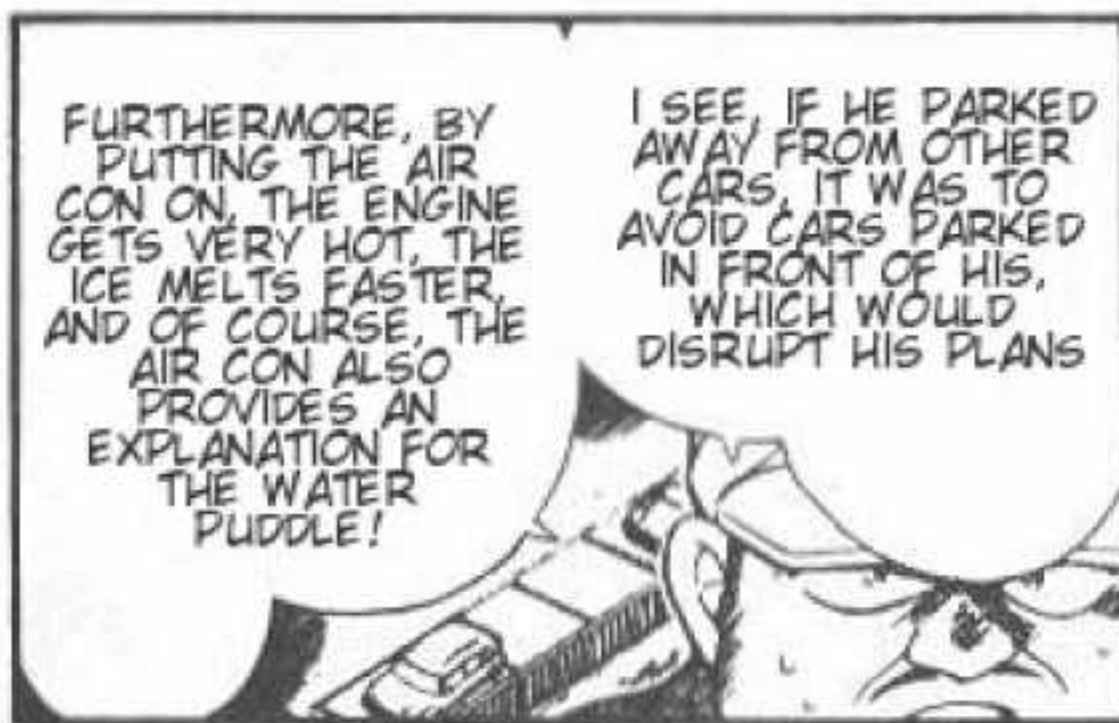
HOW THE CAR COULD MOVE WHILE HE WAS IN THE RESTAURANT ALL THE TIME?

BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND

OK, IF YOU SEE THEM, SHOUT REALLY LOUD!

I'LL SEARCH THIS WAY!











WH-AT?

IT WAS IN A TOURNAMENT



I TOLD YOU I HAD SEEN THAT GUY BEFORE



THAT'S IT! I REMEMBER!!

WHAT?



PRINCE OF KICKS

HE WAS THE HEAD OF HAIDO HIGH SCHOOL KARATE CLUB



MAKOTO
KYOUGOKU!



YOU
CAN'T
BE LEFT
ALONE

HON-
NES-
TLY



WHO DOESN'T
HAVE ANYTHING
TO DO, NEVER
STAYED FAR
AWAY

BUT,
A GUY
LIKE
ME

NO-
NO-
THING
TO
DO?



WHY... WHY ME?
WE DON'T EVEN
KNOW ONE
ANOTHER

THIS MAN HAD
CHATTED UP
3 OR 4 GIRLS
BEFORE YOU.
SO I WAS A
BIT WORRIED



YES, I FOLLOWED
YOU ALL THE
TIME, UNTIL I
LOST YOU IN
THE WOODS...
I WAS EVEN
CALLED A
PERVERT
BECAUSE OF IT

SO
ALL
THE
TIME,
YOU
...



BUT I
DIDN'T
THINK
YOU'D
EVER COME
AND GET
A ROOM
AT OUR
PLACE

YOU WERE
CHEERING
A FRIEND
WITH ALL
YOUR HEART

YOU
PROBABLY
DON'T
REMEMBER
BUT WE
ALREADY
MET ONCE
IN A
KARATE
HALL



RAN!

SONO-
KO!!



YOU CAN CONSIDER
THIS AS ANOTHER
CHAT UP LINE FROM
ONE OF YOUR
NUMEROUS
CONTENDANTS

YOU SHOULDN'T
WEAR FLASHY
CLOTHES.
IT'S NOT
NECESSARY
TO TEMPT
MEN MORE
THAN IS
REASONABLE

ONE
MORE
THING



HE SAID THERE WEREN'T ANY REAL MEN, SO HE WENT TO TRAIN HARD BEFORE HE COMES BACK

WHY? YOU SAID YOU GOT ON FINE AFTER THE CASE!



WHAT! MAKOTO WENT TO STUDY ABROAD?!



I'LL ALWAYS WAIT FOR MAKOTO

I'LL WAIT

BUT, IT'S OKAY



RAN!! LET'S GO AND SEE THE BASEBALL CLUB'S TRAINING MATCH!

THREE DAYS LATER



WELL, DON'T THEY SAY, 'WOMEN OFTEN CHANGE!'

WEREN'T YOU GOING TO WAIT FOR MAKOTO?

BUT ...

I HEAR THAT THE ACE FROM THE OTHER TEAM IS SUPER CUTE!

I KNEW IT