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IN THE DARK...






D...
DAD
...



DAD
!?



DON'T
TOUCH
HIM
!!!



EH
?

IF YOU
TOUCH
HIM, YOU'D
BE ANOTHER
PERSON
WHO GET
ELECTRIC
SHOCK.

ELEC
...

ELECTRIC
SHOCK
!?

POW

O...
OR
....

IT'S
BECAUSE
OF THE
SHAVER'S
WIRE
....

PLOP

I'LL TRY TO
RESTORE
RESPIRATION
AND PUMP
THE HEART.

MUM, GET
HEART
STIMULANT!
HIKARU, CALL
AMBULANCE
!!

Y..
YES..
YES
....

HURRY
!!!

Y...

YES
!!

CALL THE
POLICE
AS WELL.

Y...
YES,
SIR
!!



ON THE
RIGHT
CALF

HAS
BURNT
STAIN



HE'S GOT
SHOCK
EFFECT
FROM THE
BEARD
SHAVER
PLUG

THERE-
FORE



HE MIGHT
SHAVE ON
THE MIRROR
ABOVE
THE
BATH

STRANGE,
SHAVE
THE BEARD
WHILE
TAKIN' A
BATH.



WAIT

OR
THIS





MR. ARIDE YOSHITERU IS DEAD NOW ...

HOSPITAL HAD TRIED THEIR BEST BUT THEY CAN'T SAVE HIM.

WHAT ?



IT'S NOT TRUE ...

WHAT WAS MR. YOSHITERU LIKE WHEN YOU FOUND HIM?

UMM ...



HIS HEAD STUCK HERE ...

CRAZY! WHY DID HE PUT THE SHAVE'S PLUG ON WHILE HE WAS TAKIN' A BATH...



IT IS HIS HABIT, ESPECIALLY WHEN A GUEST VISITS. MIRROR IS EXCLUSIVELY CONDENSED AIR.

WEIRD... LET THE GUEST WAIT HIM FINISHING TAKING A BATH.



DAD LIKES TO TAKE A BATH. HE HAD TO TAKE A BATH EVERY MORNING AND EVENING BEFORE THE MEAL. HE SAID SOMEONE WHO TAKE DOCTOR'S CAREER HYGENIC MUST COME FIRST.

HO!



THAT'S IT! WHOEVER DO IT. IT ALWAYS RETURN TO HIM !!



IF HE TAKES
CHIAKI'S WARN
SERIOUSLY,
THIS
WOULDN'T
HAPPENED
!!




CHIAKI, WHO
LIVED
ANOTHER
WORLD MIGHT
PUNISH
HIM...

GRANDMA
!!!


CHIAKI
...?



HE'S MY MOM
WHO LOST
HER LIFE
4 YRS. AGO
DUE TO A
CAR CRASH.



CHIAKI ALWAYS WARN HIM
ABOUT SHAVING HIS
BEARD WHILE IN A
BATHROOM. SHE SAID
"IT'S DANGEROUS. DON'T
USE IT WHILE THE WIRE
STILL CARRY THE
ELECTRIC"



SO
MS.
YOKO
...

I'M HIS NEW
WIFE. I JUST
MOVED IN
FOR 2 YRS.

CHIAKI AND I
WERE FRIENDS
WHEN WE
STUDIED
NURSE. SHE
ALWAYS
COMPLAIN
THIS TO
ME.



INSPECTOR
TAKE A
LOOK AT
THIS
!!



HUH
?




IF HE STOOD IN FRONT
OF MIRROR, THE PLUG'S
EXTENSION WOULD BE
AROUND BATHTUB'S
EDGE, DID
YOU SEE
THAT?

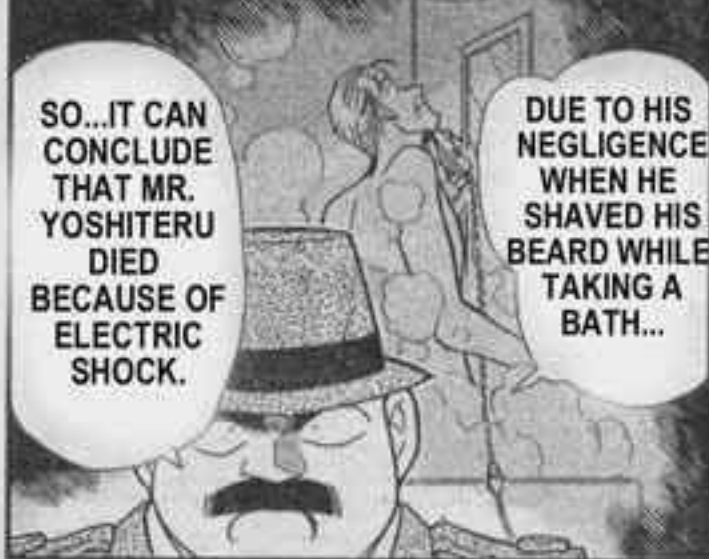
UMM...
IT'S SO
DANGE-
ROUS.



WHERE
WERE
EVERYONE
WHEN
THE LIGHT
WENT
OUT
?



EVERYBODY WERE IN THE
KITCHIEN...EXCEPT MOM.
I SAW HER WALKING UP
THE STAIRS, WHICH IS
OPPOSITE TO
THE BATHROOM



SO...IT CAN CONCLUDE THAT MR. YOSHITERU DIED BECAUSE OF ELECTRIC SHOCK.

DUE TO HIS NEGLIGENCE WHEN HE SHAVED HIS BEARD WHILE TAKING A BATH...



IT IS AN ACCIDENT.

I THINK SO

I'DEPLYLY...



AHHH
!!!



WSG



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POL. LT. = POLICE LIEUTENANT




HEY, YOU DO SOME NASTY THINGS AGAIN !!

OUCH
....

I'VE GOT A HEADACHE, AND IT'S GOING TO EXPLODE NOW !!


EH?
WHY?

POL. LT. TAKAGNI IS COPYING THE ACTION OF UNCLE WHO RECEIVED THE ELECTRIC SHOCK, RIGHT?




SO THE
DEAD
UNCLE
...

SHOULD
TURN HIS
HEAD TO THIS
DIRECTION
LIKE POL. LT.
TAKAGI,
RIGHT?




BUT THE DEAD
UNCLE TURNED
HIS HEAD IN
THE OPPOSITE
DIRECTION.
WHY IS
THAT?

YEAH
...




EH?
MAYBE
THIS
CASE
...

HUH!
IT'S PIECE
OF
CAKE
....



WHEN HE WAS
SHAVING, HE MIGHT
REALIZE THAT THE
ELECTRIC WIRE WAS
IN THE BATHTUB.



SO HE STARTLED
AND QUICKLY
TURNED BACK TO
PICK UP THE WIRE
BUT THE WIRE
WAS WRAPPED
AROUND HIM
AND SLIPPED
INTO THE
BATHTUB.

SO HE'S
GOT
SHOCK
!



LIKE
THIS.



IT'S
POSSIBLE
ISN'T
IT?

UMM
...

JESUS,
HE'S SUCH
A GENIUS,
ISN'T HE
!!!



AHH...YOU MESS
IT ALL UP, UNCLE!
HOW COULD YOU
PRESS THAT? THAT
IS IMPORTANT
EVIDENCE,
ISN'T IT
?

PRESS
WHAT
?

I
JUST
HOLD
IT
!!



SO POL.
LT.
TAKAGNI
DID IT
THEN
?

NO, I
JUST
HOLD
IT
....



SO YOU
DID IT,
RIGHT
?

I JUST
TAKE A
PHOTO.
IT'S
MY
JOB
...



SO WHO
MESS IT
THEN
.....

WHAT IS IT?
TELL US
YOU
IDIOT
!!



SHAVER'S
SWITCH
IS TURN OFF,
ISN'T IT
?!

EH
?



IT'S WEIRD
HERE. IF HE
USED THE
SHAVER AND
GOT ELECTRIC
SHOCK FROM
IT. THE SWITCH
SHOULD TURN
ON, THEN.

WHEN YOU
SLIP,
YOUR HAND
MIGHT
PRESS IT
!!

LIKE
THIS.

CLICK



SCRE-
-ECH

HUH
?



EH? I ALREADY
TOLD SOMEONE
TO PULL THE
PLUG OFF FOR
SAFETY
...

THE
PLUG IS
OFF NOW.
HERE
IT IS
!



AHH, THE
ELECTRIC
STILL
CHARGED
ON THE
SHAVER
!

THEN WHY THE SWITCH
IS TURN OFF? WHEN
WE FOUND THE CORPSE
THE SHAVER WASN'T
VIBRATING..
WAS IT?

YES

IT'S
BECAUSE
OF
.....

SOUND,
MAYBE

?

I BET
SOMEONE
DIDN'T WANT
TO HEAR THE
"SCREECH"
FOR SURE
!

WHO IS
SOMEONE
THAT DOESN'T
WANT LET
OTHER
PEOPLE
HEAR
?

OR SOMEONE
INTEND TO PUT
THE WIRE INTO
THE BATH
WITHOUT
MR.YOSHITERU
KNOWING
?

FOOL! IF
THAT WAS
SO...WITHOUT
ANY SOUND,
HE'D KNOW
ANYWAY.

DURING
THE
BLACK OUT,
EVERYBODY
HAVE
EVIDENCE
TO SUPPORT
THEMSELVES
AS
WELL.

I DON'T
KNOW!
I JUST
GUESS
AS
USUAL
!!

HEY! AT THAT
TIME THE LIGHT
WERE BACK
FOR A SECOND
THEN IT OUT
AGAIN,
RIGHT?

YES
...

MS.HIKARU, WHEN
THE LIGHTS WERE
OUT, YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO PUT UP
THE CIRCUIT
BREAKER,
RIGHT
?

Y...
YES
!!

WHY DO
YOU PUT
UP THE
BREAKER
TWICE
?

S...SORRY!! IT WASN'T
PUT UP PROPERLY SO
I HAD TO PUT IT AGAIN.
I REALLY
APOLOGIZE
!!!



INSPECTOR
I THINK THIS
CASE MIGHT
....

YEAH... I THINK THIS WHOLE BLACK
OUT WAS A SET UP. SO MURDERER
COULD SNEAK INTO THE BATHROOM
AND PUT THE WIRE IN THE TUB,
BEFORE THE LIGHTS CAME
BACK AGAIN...



THIS PLAN...
THE ONE
WHO CAN
DO IT IS
.....

IT COULD BE
ANYONE OUT
OF THESE
4 PEOPLE...



WHAT
ARE YOU
WHISPERIN'
...?

N...NO! I JUST
WANT TO
INVESTIGATE
EVERYONE IN TERM
OF EVIDENCE
WHICH SUPPORT
YOU ALL.
IT'S JUST AN
ADDITION
TRADITION.



WHAT'LL
YOU INVES-
-TIGATE? WE
JUST TOLD
EVERYTHING
THAT WE
KNOW
!!

HEY? DO YOU
THINK THAT
WE'RE THE
MURDERER
?

NO! I JUST
TELL YOU
THAT "IT'S
A
TRADITION"



ALL RIGHT
EVERYONE.
WOULD YOU
PLEASE ATTEND
TO THE
KITCHEN...



HUH?
YOU TALKED
ON THE
PHONE
THROUGHOUT
THE BLACK
OUT...

YES...BEFORE
THE BLACK OUT,
I WAS ON
THE PHONE ALL
THE TIME IN FRONT
OF THE KITCHEN.

I WAS
TALKING
ABOUT THE
REUNION
PARTY WITH
MY FRIEND,
MASAE...

ARAIDE YOKO
(46)
MR. YOSHITERU'S
WIFE

BUT IT
HAD A
CALL
WAITING
FOR A
WHILE
...

CALL
WAITING
?

YES,
WHEN I
PICKED UP
I HEARD
SOME
NOISE
THEN IT
CUT OFF
...

TAKAGI
KUNG,
CHECK
IT
NOW
!!!

YES
!

AFTER THE
BLACK OUT,
I FOUND A
TORCH AND
SENT IT TO
HIKARU

AFTER THAT
I STAYED IN
THE KITCHEN
ALL THE
TIME...

ARAIDE TOMOAKI
(25)
YOSHITERU'S SON
DOCTOR

DO YOU
HAVE AN
EYEWITNESS
?

UMM...
I DON'T
THINK
SO.

HE WAS
HERE
ALL THE
TIME...

EH
?

WHEN MS. HIKARU WAS GOING TO PUT UP THE CIRCUIT BREAKER. IT WAS DARK I COULDN'T SEE ANYTHING AND I WAS SCARED. SO I HELD MR. TOMOAKI'S ARM ALL THE TIME!!



ALL THE TIME ?

Y.. YEAH ...

WHY ...?

EH ?



I TOLD YOU ALREADY THAT I THOUGHT HE WAS DAD, HAVEN'T I ?

NEXT, MRS. MITSU ?



WHEN I REACHED THE STAIRS

.....



I TRIED TO HOLD THE RAILING ALL THE TIME TO GET BACK TO ROOM

...

ARAIDE MITSU
(74)
TOMOAKI'S GRANDMOTHER

PHEW... WHEN IT WAS DARK, MY HAG'S EYES WEREN'T FUNCTIONING PROPERLY. IT TAKES AGES TO FIND MY ROOM.

BUT... ACCORDING TO WHAT I HEAR WHEN THE LIGHT WERE BACK, GRANDMA WAS AROUND IN FRONT OF THE KITCHEN ALREADY

.....



I FELT A HUNCH... WHEN I REACHED TO THE BED, I FELT THAT OUTSIDE

.....



HAS SOMETHING

.....

O...
OR
.....

SOMEONE
SNEAK IN
THIS HOUSE
!?

I THINK SO,
THEN I
CAME
DOWN
STAIRS
.....

WHAT
IS
IT ?

JUST
ORDINARY
RAIN'S
SOUND
.....

DAMN
!

LAST
PERSON,
MS.
HIKARU
.....

YES
!

WHEN I PUT
UP THE CIRCUIT
BREAKER TO
TURN THE
LIGHT ON
.....

HOWEVER,
BECAUSE I'M
STILL NOT
FAMILIAR
WITH THIS
HOUSE SO
I LOST THE
WAY....

SO YOU
DIDN'T SEE
ANYONE
SUSPICIOUS
?

NO ONE
.....

YASUMOTO HIKARU
(22)
HOUSE MAID

EH
?

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AH

I KNEW IT...
I SAW YOU HOLD YOUR ARM ALL THE TIME.
YOU ARE TOO PATIENT LIKE BEFORE.

RUISED SKIN BURN ?

EXCUSE ME, I'LL TAKE HER TO CLEAN UP HER WOUND AT THE CLINIC. WOULD YOU MIND ?

NO...BUT THE POLICE WHO ARE IN FRONT OF THE DOOR MUST FOLLOW YOU !

LET THEM FOLLOW ME TO THE CLINIC, RIGHT?

OH! ONE MORE THING

TODAY AROUND 5.00PM-7.00PM. THERE WAS ONLY YOU WHO LEFT THE HOUSE. I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHERE WERE YOU WENT?


I WENT TO THE SCHOOL, TO BE A TEMPORARY BASKETBALL COACH.

I WAS BASKETBALL PLAYER.

THE BASKETBALL COACH AT THE CLUB HIS BONE WAS BROKEN. SO I VOLUNTEERED TO BE A COACH UNTIL HE RECOVERED.


YOU ARE BASKETBALL COACH

IF YOU DOUBT... YOU CAN ASK MS. RAN.....



BECAUSE BASKETBALL CLUB THAT I CURRENTLY WORK ON AS COACH IS, TEITAN HIGH SCHOOL WHERE SHE CURRENTLY STUDIES.

EH ?



DO YOU KNOW MR. TABUJI, THE CONSULTER OF BASKETBALL CLUB?

YES, I DO !


HEY HEY HEY



OR



THE REASON THAT RAN PRACTICE KARATE UNTIL LATE EVERYDAY



IS TO