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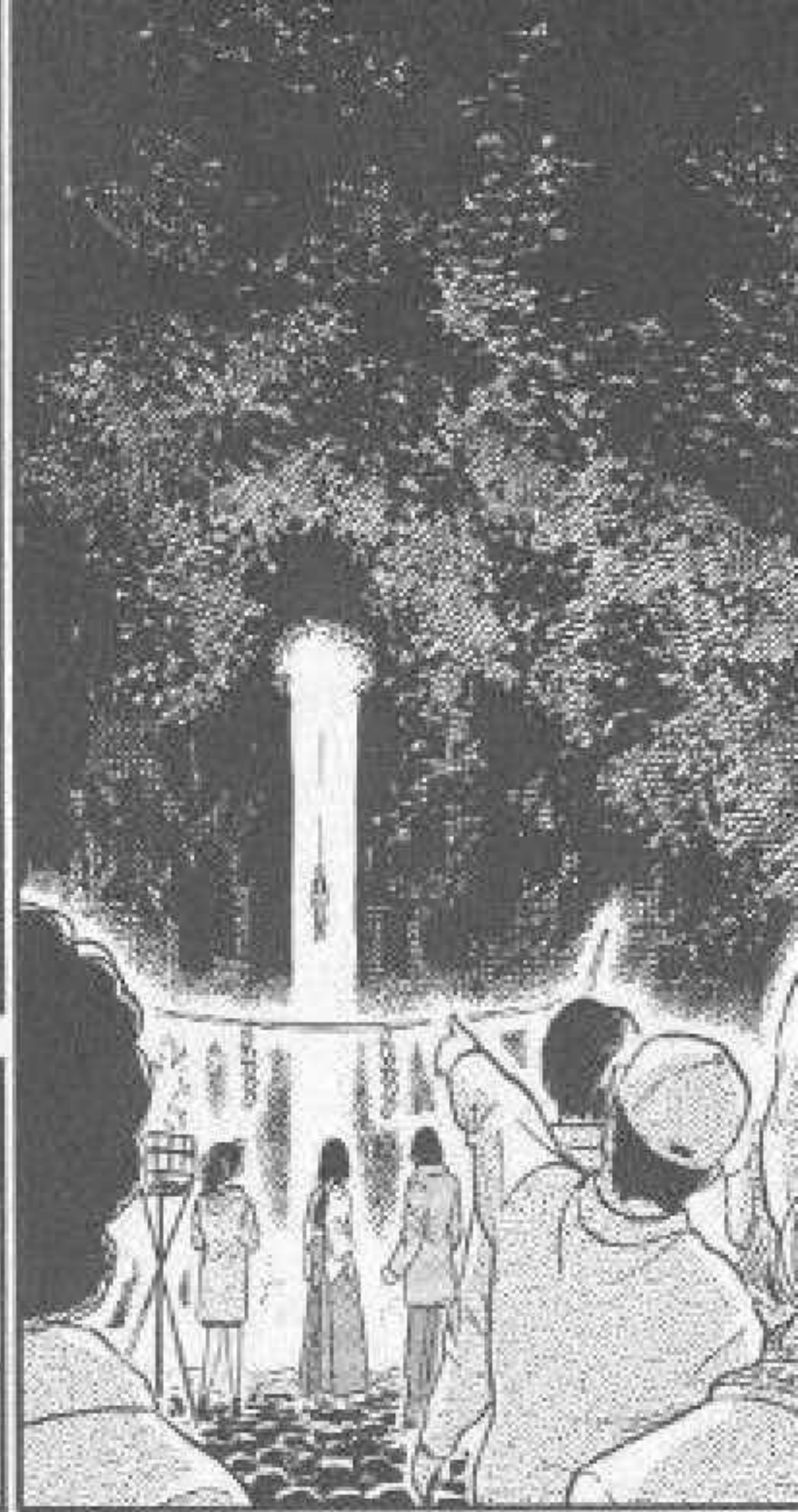
Elder's Prophecy





Sumi

Wait, will that be...



ah?

Could you take me there?



Sister you must know the road to the hill well?



Ah, Roku-rou!

Ah! Kimie? Where are you going?



Come on!

Wait...



Sumi...

Su...

Sumi Ebihara
(27 years old)



Ah

No... That still
can't be con-
firmed yet...



Or is it
murder...

Is it
sui-
cide
...?

Kimie Shimakuro
(27 years old)
MJK Shrine
worker



This rope is used to prevent accidents around the river bank...

Take a look! Around Sumi's neck is the rope tied to the wooden post...

Rokuro Fukuyama (28 years old) Fisher



She held on the rope and because of the rapid the wooden post came out, unfortunately the rope got tangled around her neck.

Sumi may have slipped and fell into the river.



It's true...



Ah..It's been raining nonstop this week so it made the soil loose and made the wooden post much easy to fall out

Going with the flow she went into the waterfall and become strangled

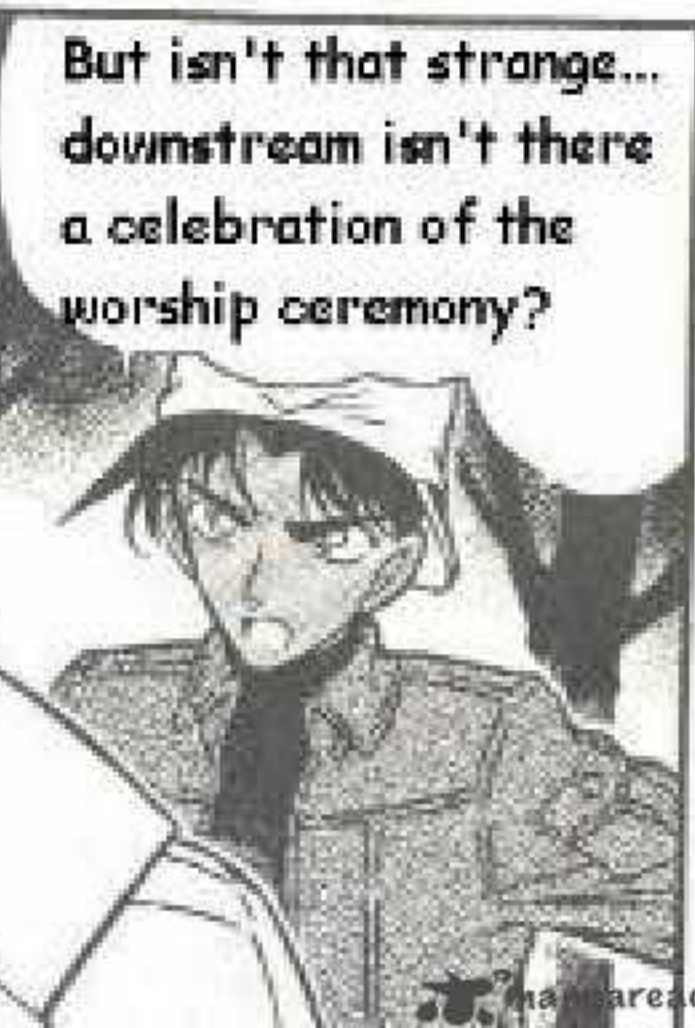


what?

She must be looking for the mermaid's grave



Why will she go into the dark forest at that time?



But isn't that strange... downstream isn't there a celebration of the worship ceremony?



Hey wait!

Yes...talking about that Sumi often mentions the grave...

Is it like that Kimie?

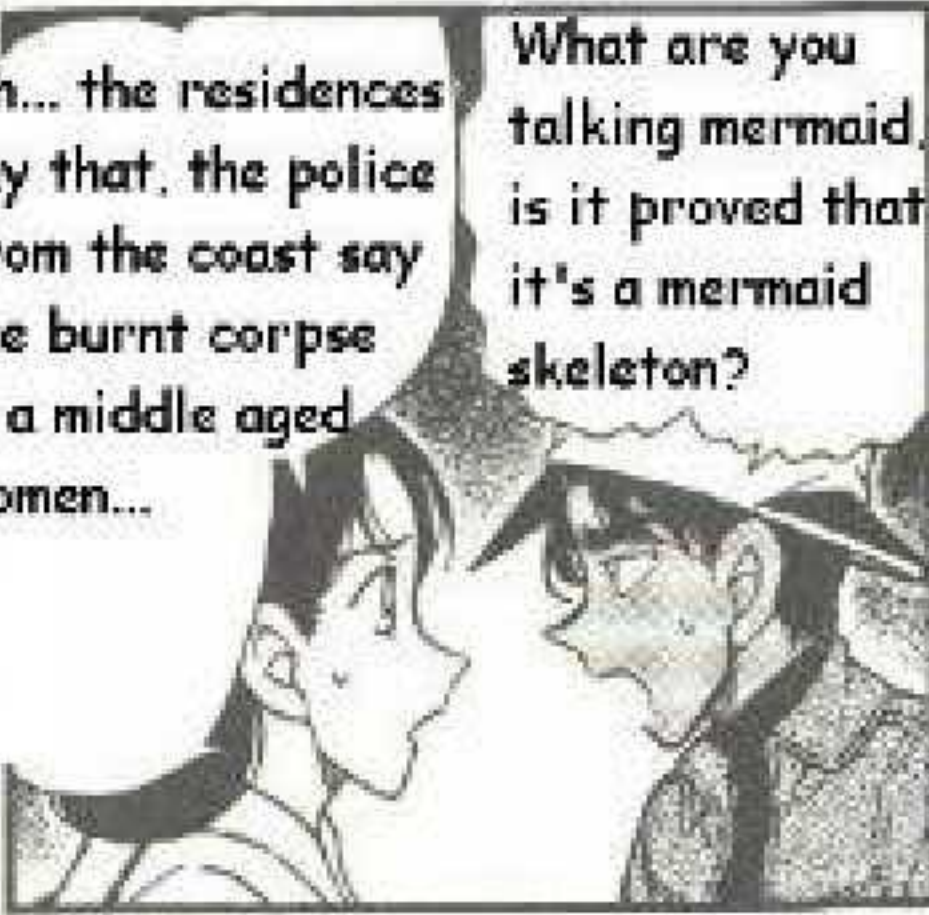


Three years ago one night when the festival was held,a fire started in the shrine ware-house, and the grave of the mermaid was discovered...

The mermaid's grave is in this forest...



Naoko Kuroie (28 years old) Store staff



Ah... the residences say that, the police from the coast say the burnt corpse is a middle aged women...

What are you talking mermaid, is it proved that it's a mermaid skeleton?



But the problem is after when they moved the pillar...after the fire was put out people entered the burnt warehouse, it made us and the firemen hard to believe...



Like this then they can't prove there is something strange...

The fire had burnt down 2-3 pillars and they may have fell right on the bottom half of the corpse causing the bones to crush...



Then, the bottom half...?

Middle aged women? You still say it like that..how do you explain the bottom half of the corpse?

what
..?

wh...?

the bones
weren't
there...

The part where
there were
suppose to
be the legs.

And our
elder at
the same
time be-
came
famous!

Because of
that the TV
reported it
as the disco-
very of a
mermaid
corpse...

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Prob-
lems?

After a year had
passed the bones
of the unknown
was buried, then
problems started
to rise...

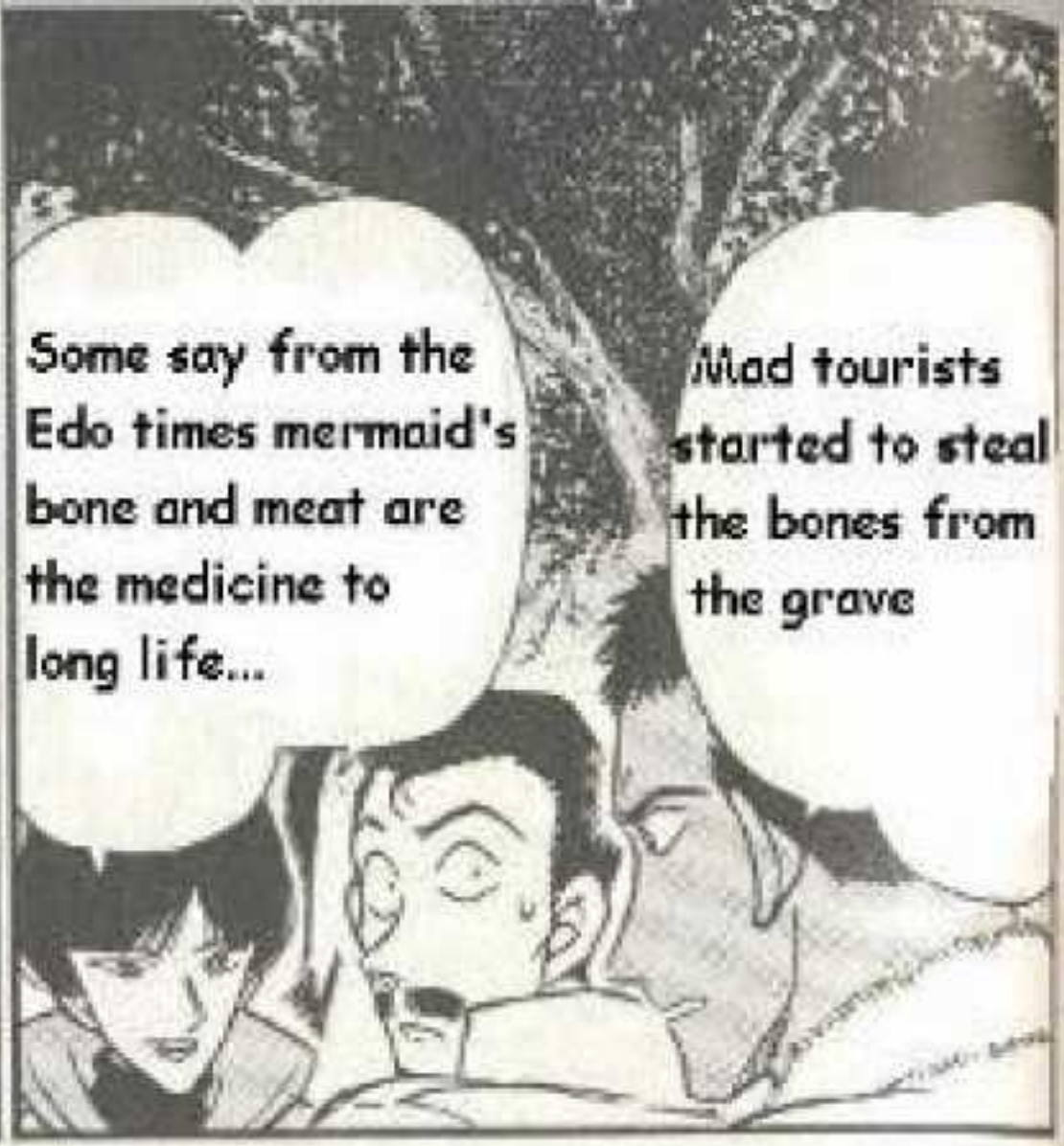
Yes... saying it must be a
tourist who didn't get the
dugong's arrow, sneaking
into the warehouse to see
if there's any reserved ar-
rows, a candle was the
reason of fire...

But the
police
indicated
it was a
women's
corpse?



Asked who...?

To prevent it being stolen, last year great grandma asked someone to move the grave into this forest...



Some say from the Edo times mermaid's bone and meat are the medicine to long life...

Mad tourists started to steal the bones from the grave



mh

First put down Sumi and wait for the police to come...

No matter it is suicide, murder or accident...



Therefore only your great grandma and that person know that place...

Ah, great grandma said that person is really reliable...



Being her fiance you're calm...

Even if it's murder, Sumi coming here at that time is also strange...



My parents have already passed away...



It's got nothing to do with me

That's my family's decision...



Sumi's dad Mr. Ebihara...

Who is he?



Sumi !!

Sumi !!



When did... those two?

Ah

Where's that boy with the baseball cap and the kid with the glasses?



Ah ah

Waves are too big the ship can't come!



Ran! Contacted the police yet?

Dad~!



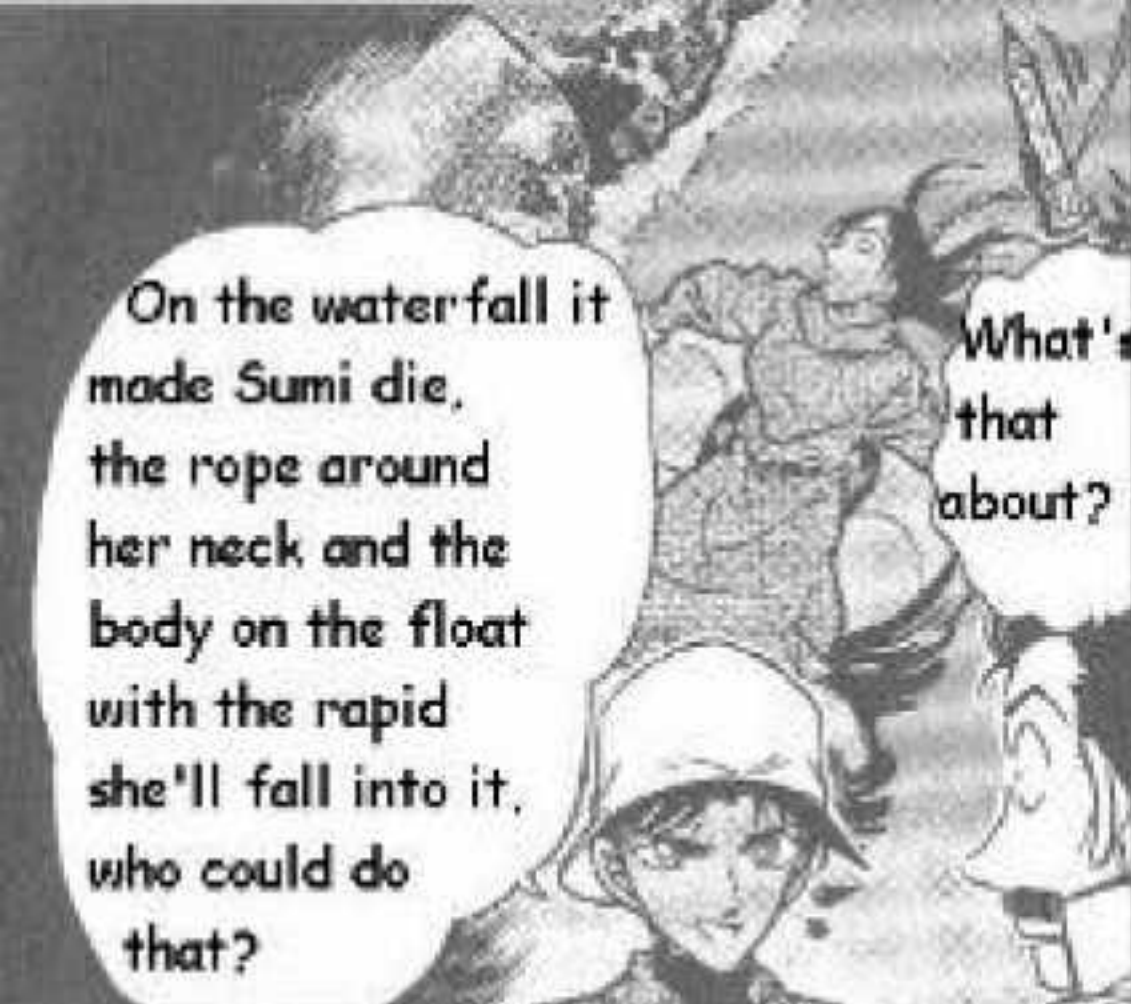
Look at this!

You said murderer...it isn't confirmed yet if it's a murder...




Heiji ...

That's a good thing! So the murderer can't escape from this island...



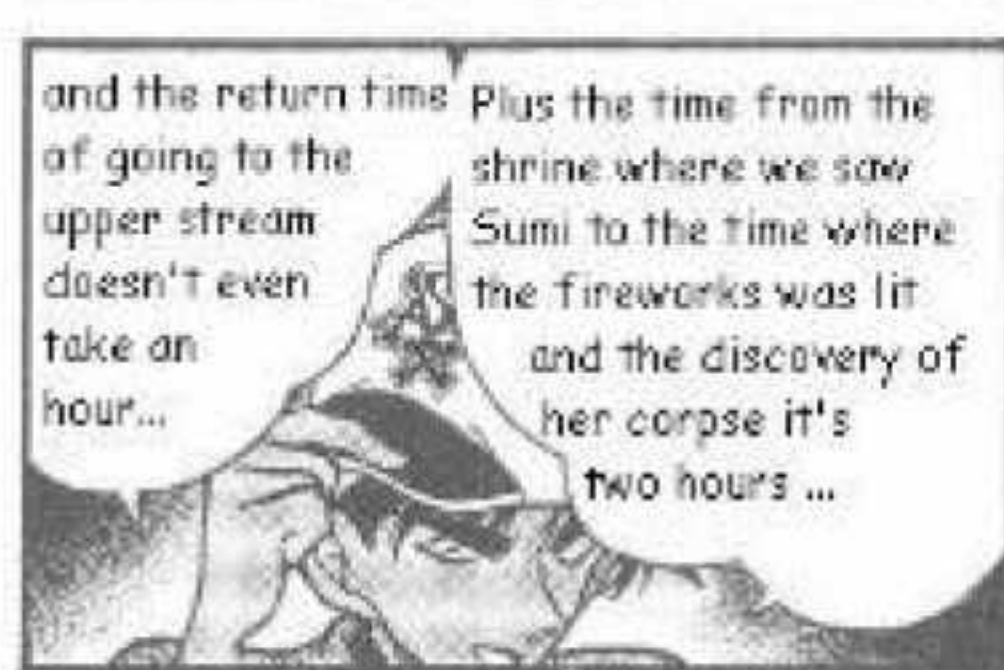
On the water fall it made Sumi die, the rope around her neck and the body on the float with the rapid she'll fall into it, who could do that?

What's that about?




Me and brother Heiji followed along the river from the waterfall to the sea and found this on the river bed! The residences say it was lost yesterday!

A float?




and the return time of going to the upper stream doesn't even take an hour...

Plus the time from the shrine where we saw Sumi to the time where the fireworks was lit and the discovery of her corpse it's two hours ...




And the murderer is still on this island


This means no matter is it a girl or boy you could still commit the crime...



Ha~



Don't worry! The murderer will be found soon! When Heiji turns his cap to the front it's like turning on an electrical button|Engine starting to run



Would the murderer be watching us now?

Then ...

Miss Kazuha...

Kazuha: His... bad points is that he is too conceit...

Ah

But don't ruin him with praises...

Ah?

Hey... so who killed Sumi...

You're cute~

what are you going?

Benzou Kadowaki (52 years old) Fisher

Mm?

You need to look out for Saori's dad who is drinking over there...

I've got a lot to talk to granny!

But look at the state of the owner...

May I ask... we arranged to go to Saori's home, shall we go now?

I'll be alright I've got this dugong's arrow...

Hey Naoko be careful when you're going back...

Take me to see elder!



What are you talking about! A ticket only costs 5 yen!

I thought selling those dugong's arrow will have a great profit...

This house is really old



The tickets are put in a big box, people line up to take one!

The local residences say it was like that before!

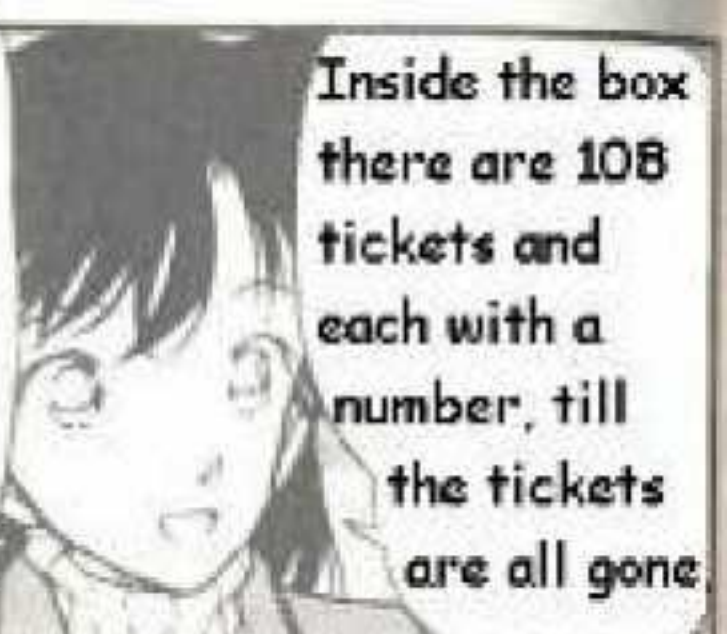
Ah? 5 yen?



Thanks!

Sister Kazuha you are very lucky to get the arrow...

Inside the 108 tickets there are three that could get great grandma's dugong arrow!!



Inside the box there are 108 tickets and each with a number, till the tickets are all gone



There's noises...

Eh

Although we are visiting, but for the whole day she's been busy preparing the worship festival, she must be very tired

That granny is slow...



May I ask...

After removing make-up she looks like a monster...

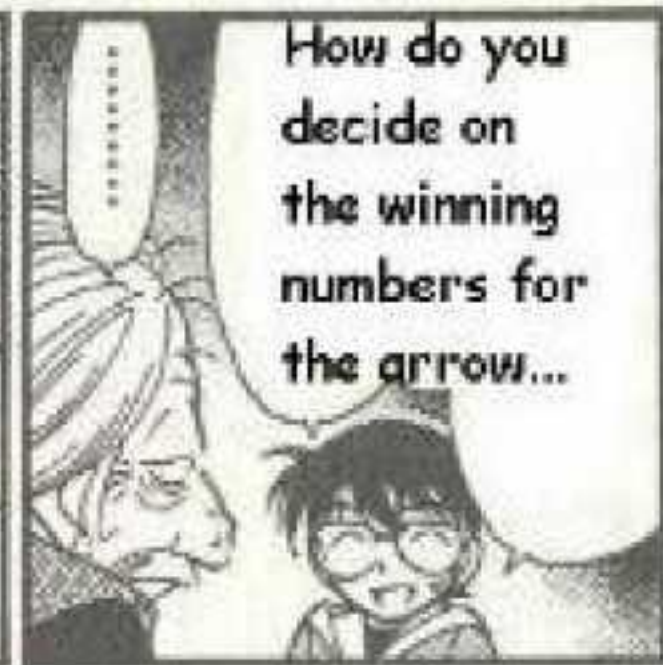


You've got something to ask me...



Appropriately...

Ah



How do you decide on the winning numbers for the arrow...

Yatoko Shimakuro
(130 years old)
Elder



That can't happen... there's a limit to the hair I put on the arrows...

Could you sell out more than three arrows each year...



Ho

Like horse racing kind of tips~



That young lady...



Wait, there's still something to ask.

Sorry! If there's nothing else, I'll go and have a bath and rest...



Great grandma! The water's ready in the bathtub~!



Eh? Me?

I'm saying the one with the hair up...



If it's not with you the devils will cause you trouble... men will be come hungry ghosts and women will become mermaids that can't speak...

'Curse detain worship' used to be the arrow to protect you from the devil...



But... the granny's words were unlucky...

She doesn't look like a granny which possesses a long life...

Talks very vaguely, a pale face, looks like she's a granny that's going to die soon...



You have to always have it...



This is called 'there is no danger when there is preparedness'.

Great that we brought our school uniform here?



The next day

It came true...



This is no time to smile! It's Sumi's rest place!

Sorry...



I can't help that. This is chance where we listen to the top news...

It looks like we are in the way, it's not very good...



Is here too...

That drunkard...



Mum?

Mum! I've got it~!

Have you brought the dugong's arrow?





Ah... Heard he was with the tourists in the pub...

I heard that Mr Kadowaki didn't return home yesterday, do you know he's here?



Yes...

Eh? Mr. Mouri you've come?



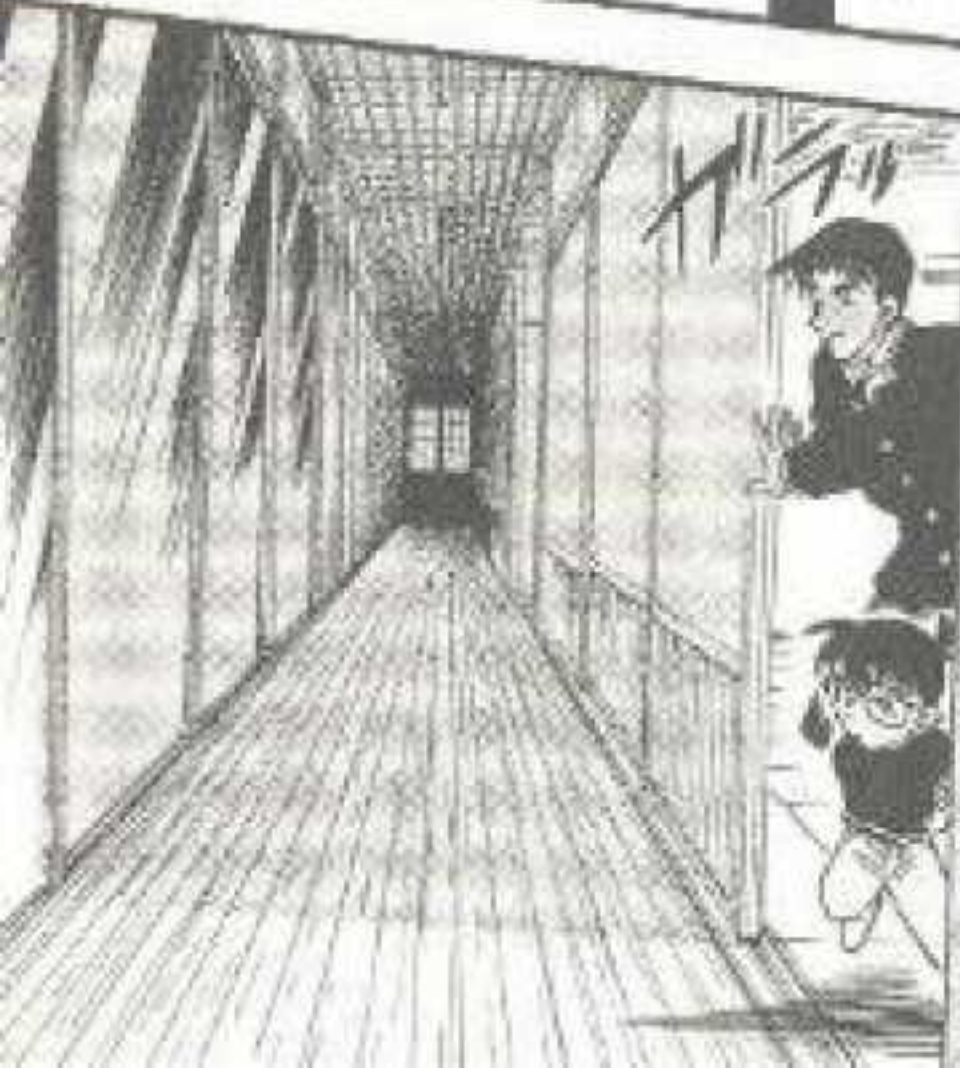
Naoko's here?



Eh? Miss Naoko's not here... but there was her signature...

Drinking for the whole night he is certainly a drunkard...

Eh?



A strange shadow...

What was that?



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