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Motoo?

Mo,



Motoo ?

Can you hear me?

Come on, talk to me!



What's wrong, Motoo?

Motoo?



And ...

y, Yeah!

Somebody please call an ambulance !





No, this is his place...he was the inheritor of my belongings...

Was he also a student of this pottery class?



The person who was killed is Motoo Mino, 31 years old, Businessman ...



Then, please explain the actions that occurred before he disappeared ...

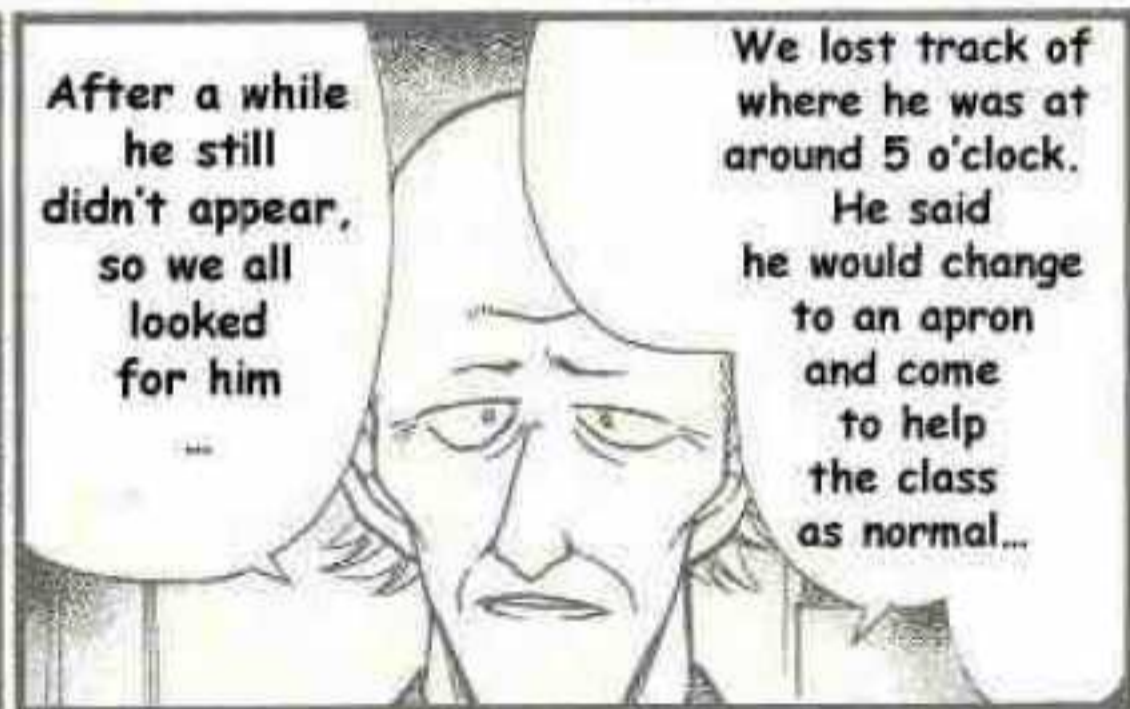
I'm Muneyuki Mino, a teacher, and she's my assistant, Kikuyo Kasama ...

He was the husband of my daughter who died 2 years ago



Y, yes... at the end the only place we didn't look was this storage room...then when master opened the storage door...

Right, Kikuyo?



After a while he still didn't appear, so we all looked for him ...

We lost track of where he was at around 5 o'clock. He said he would change to an apron and come to help the class as normal...



His corpse

F, from inside, Motoo's corpse...



Apron ?

Of course we would!
His apron was sticking out!
Right, Ran?



But I'm surprised
you found him...
this isn't hide-and-seek
and you normally wouldn't
expect someone in a closet

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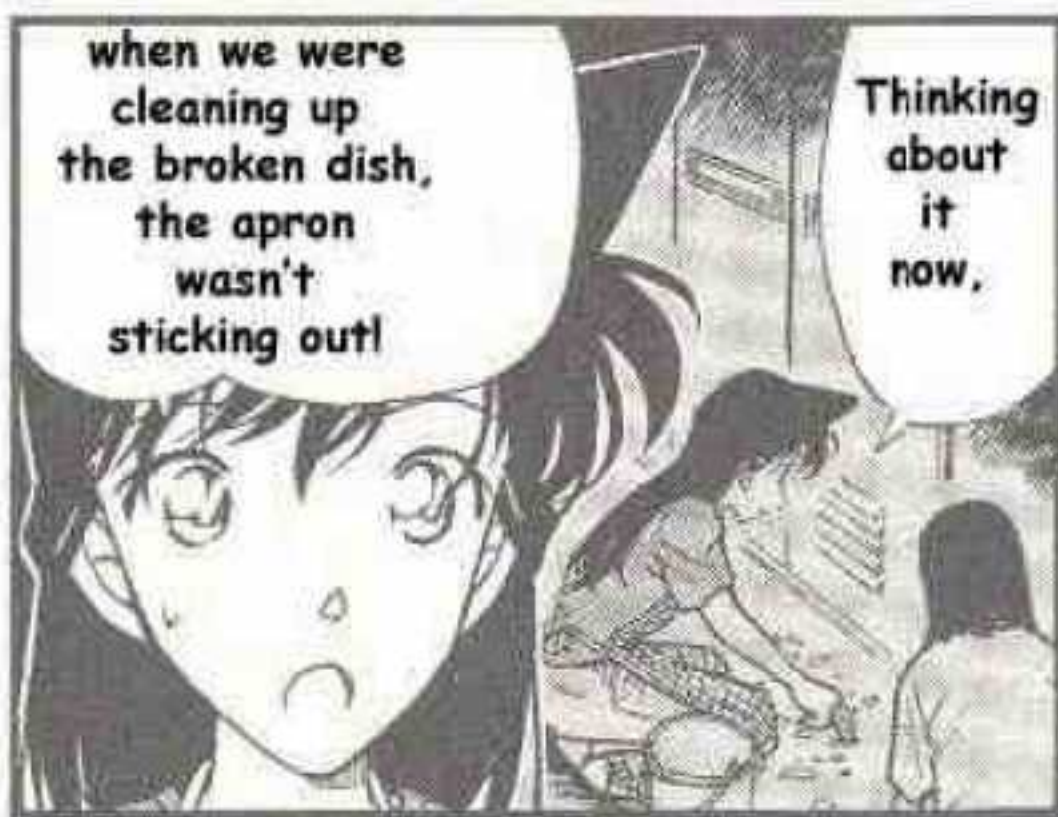
No,
not that accurately
...

Do you
know since
when it
was
sticking
out?



from that
closet's
lower-
right-
hand
corner!!

It was
sticking
out!
A part
of his
apron.



when we were
cleaning up
the broken dish,
the apron
wasn't
sticking out!

Thinking
about
it
now,



Huh?
You were
with the
victim?

I dropped it around
when Motoo put the
apron on at
he left the room,
I think.



I accidentally dropped the
plate in front of the
closet...The students came
over when they heard
the noise and they
cleaned it
up for
me...

Broken
dish
?



To the left of the coat, there are lots of overalls but...



See, his coat's there!

Yeah...the aprons for the classes are in that closet... so Motoo was always putting on the aprons in this room...



OH ...

That's also for the students! When you making large pots, the aprons aren't enough to cover your cloths...



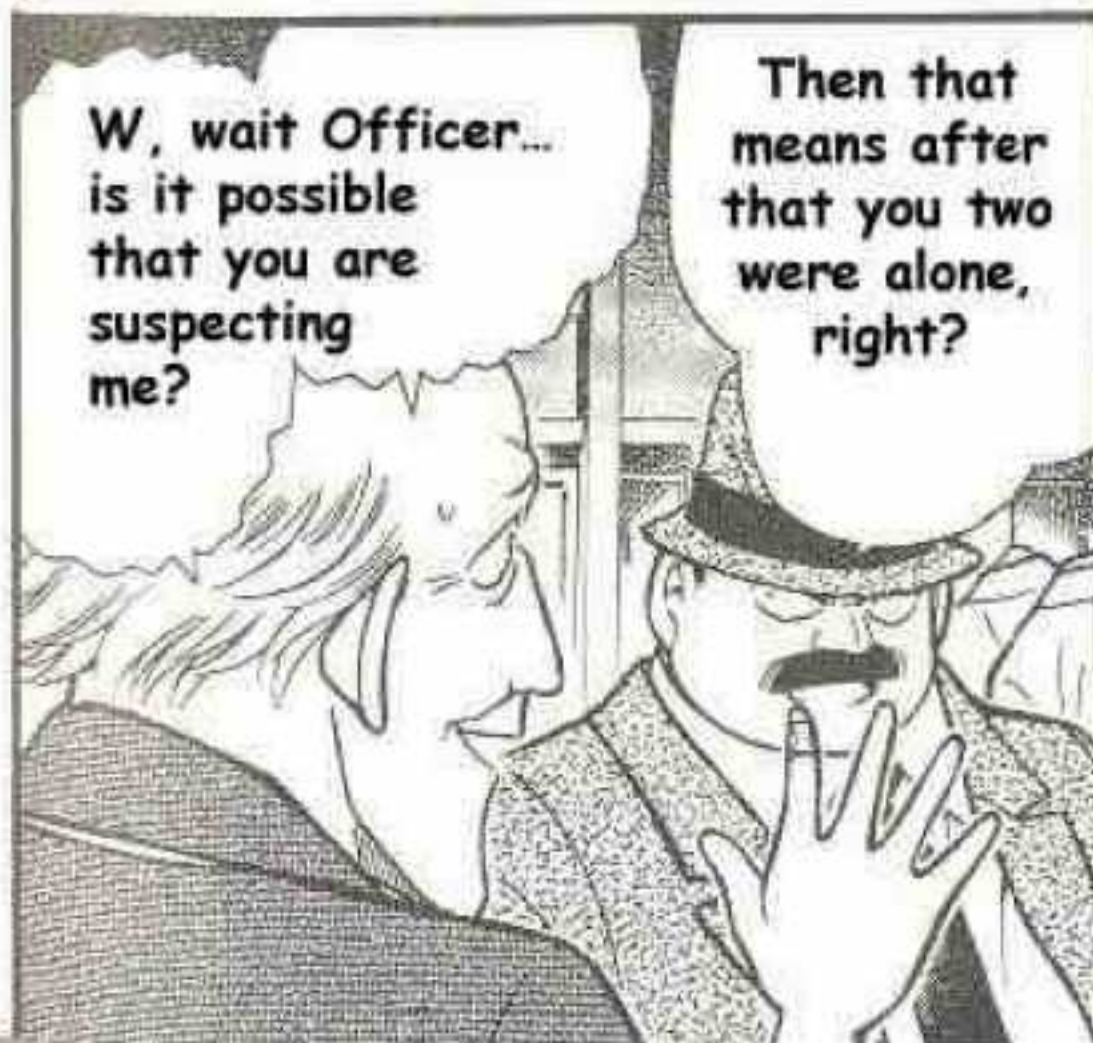
Y, yes... Motoo asked me to help him change...

Is that true?



No, when I was looking for Kikuyo, she and Motoo happened to be in here...

But what were you doing alone with the victim...?



W, wait Officer... is it possible that you are suspecting me?

Then that means after that you two were alone, right?



I went back to the class-room like he told me to...

And you?

Then master came...He said, "I'll look at the kiln so please look after the students..."



I don't think so!

But after the students cleaned it, isn't it possible to open the closet and stick out the apron...

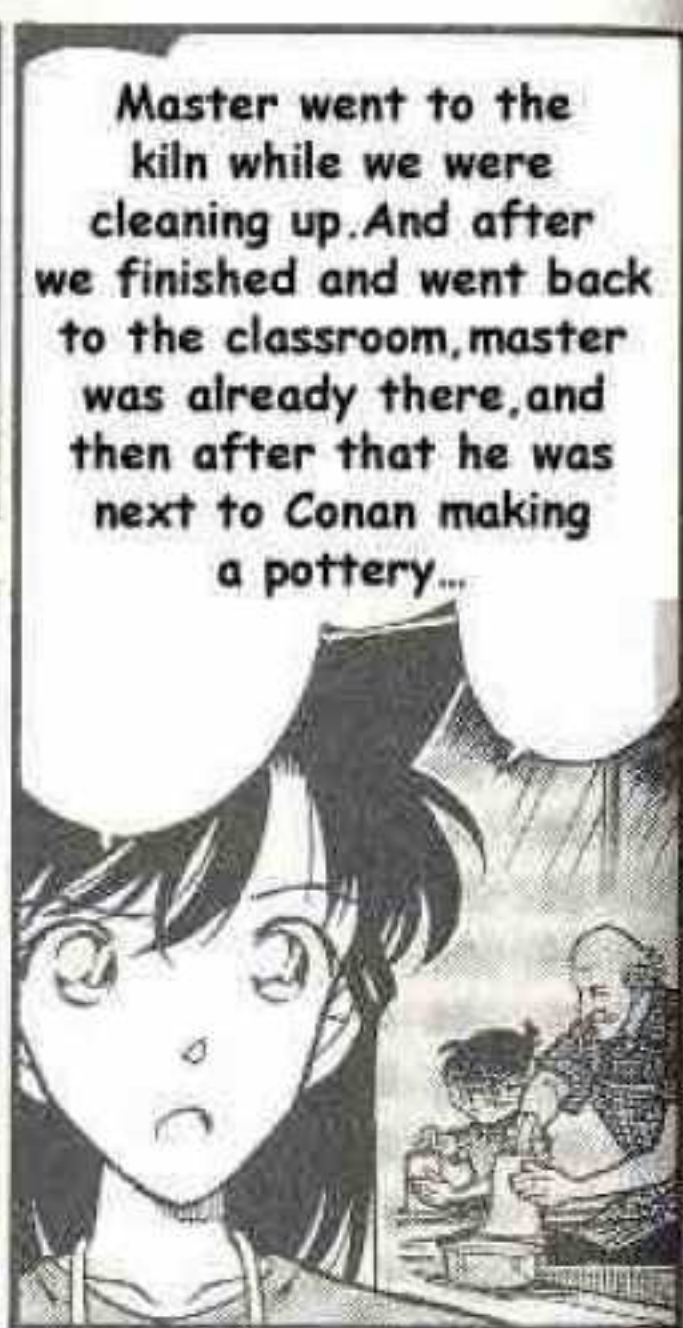


If I killed him at that time and put him in the closet, the students who were cleaning up the plate shards would notice the apron!

I said before, Muneyuki went out of here before I dropped the dish...



Right, Conan?



Master went to the kiln while we were cleaning up. And after we finished and went back to the classroom, master was already there, and then after that he was next to Conan making a pottery...



After that master was with us the entire time until we found the corpse. So he wouldn't have the chance to...

I see...



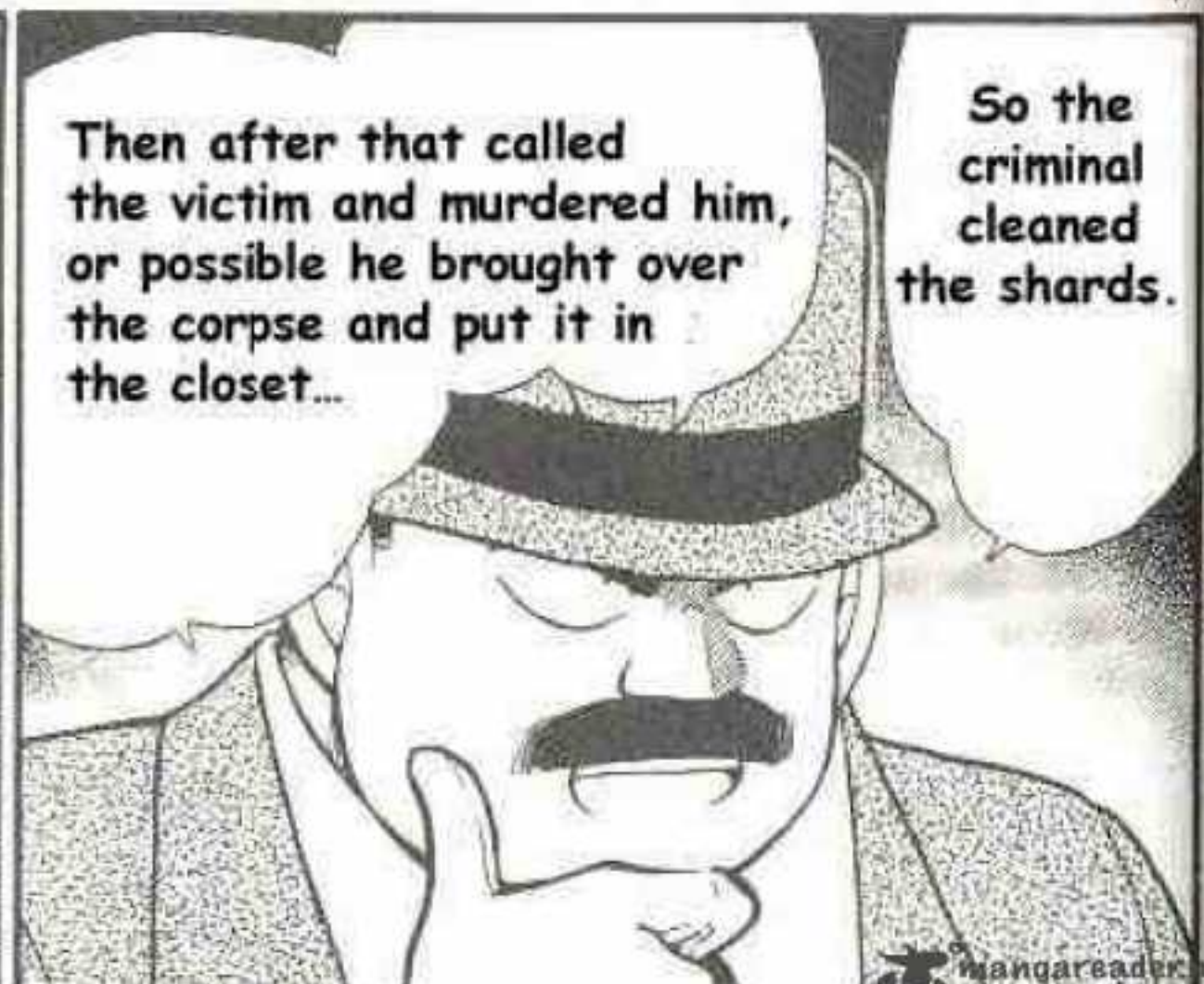
Uh, yeah...

Conan?



Oh right! Maybe Kikuyo's seen the criminal...

HUH?



Then after that called the victim and murdered him, or possible he brought over the corpse and put it in the closet...

So the criminal cleaned the shards.



What!?
You
opened
the
closet!?

It's at
that
closet's
upper-
right
hand
corner...



Where
is
that
First
aid
box
?

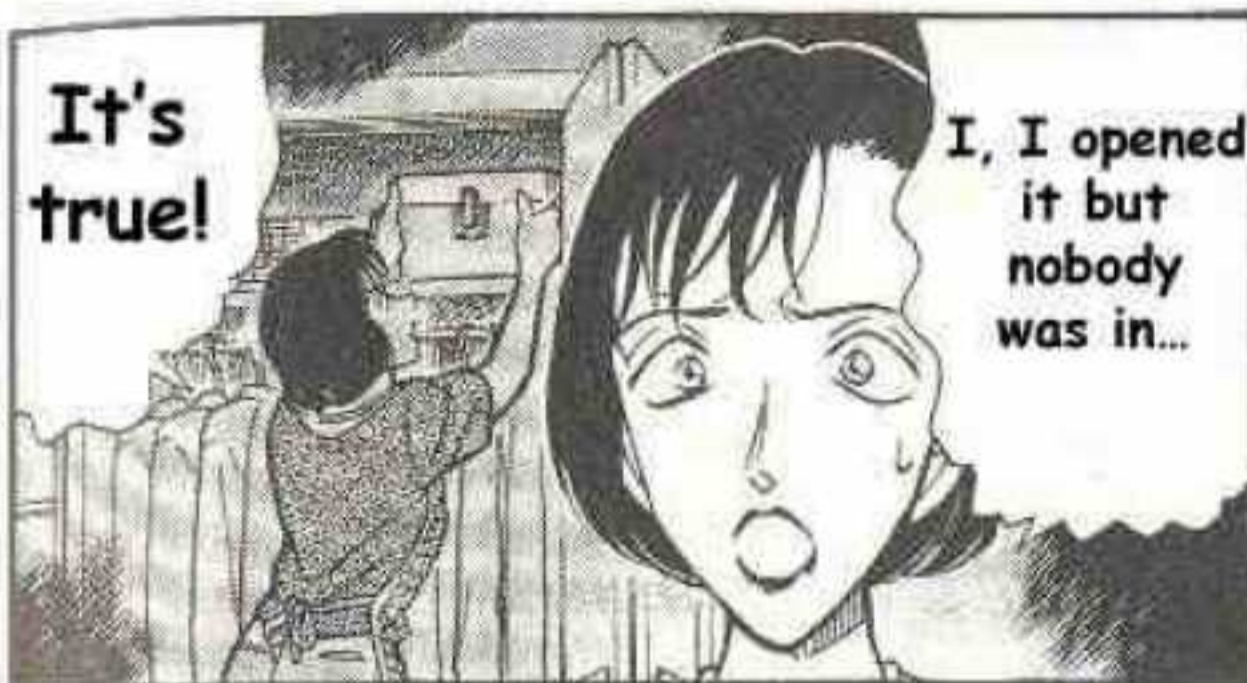
N, no.
no one
.....

Did
you
see
anyone
?



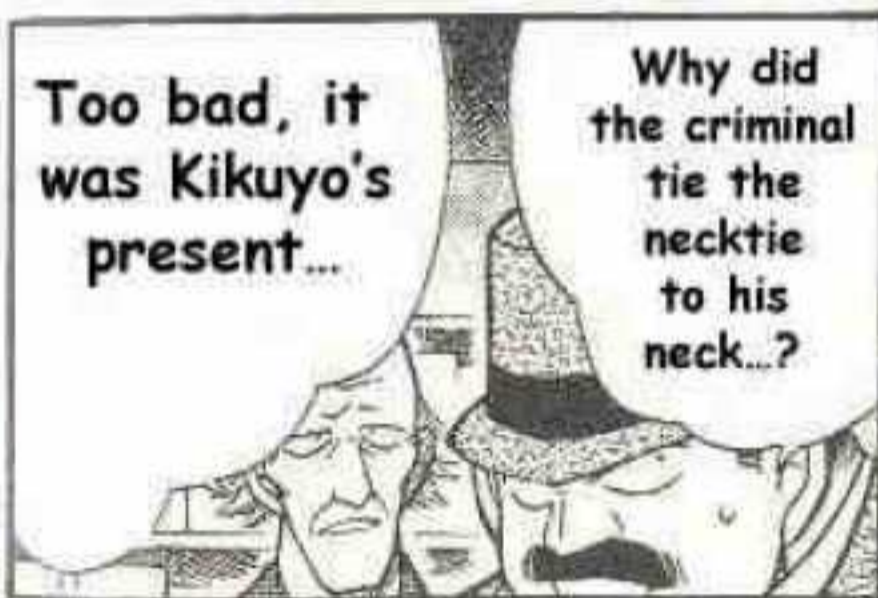
I actually cut my
finger during the
class, and Kikuyo
brought over the
First Aid Kit...

And that was a
little before we
started looking
for Motoo
so maybe...



It's
true!

I, I opened
it but
nobody
was in...



Too bad, it
was Kikuyo's
present...

Why did
the criminal
tie the
necktie
to his
neck...?



But
it's
weird...



Officer! Looking at the
marks left on his neck,
the weapon is probably
the necktie that was tied on
the victim's neck.



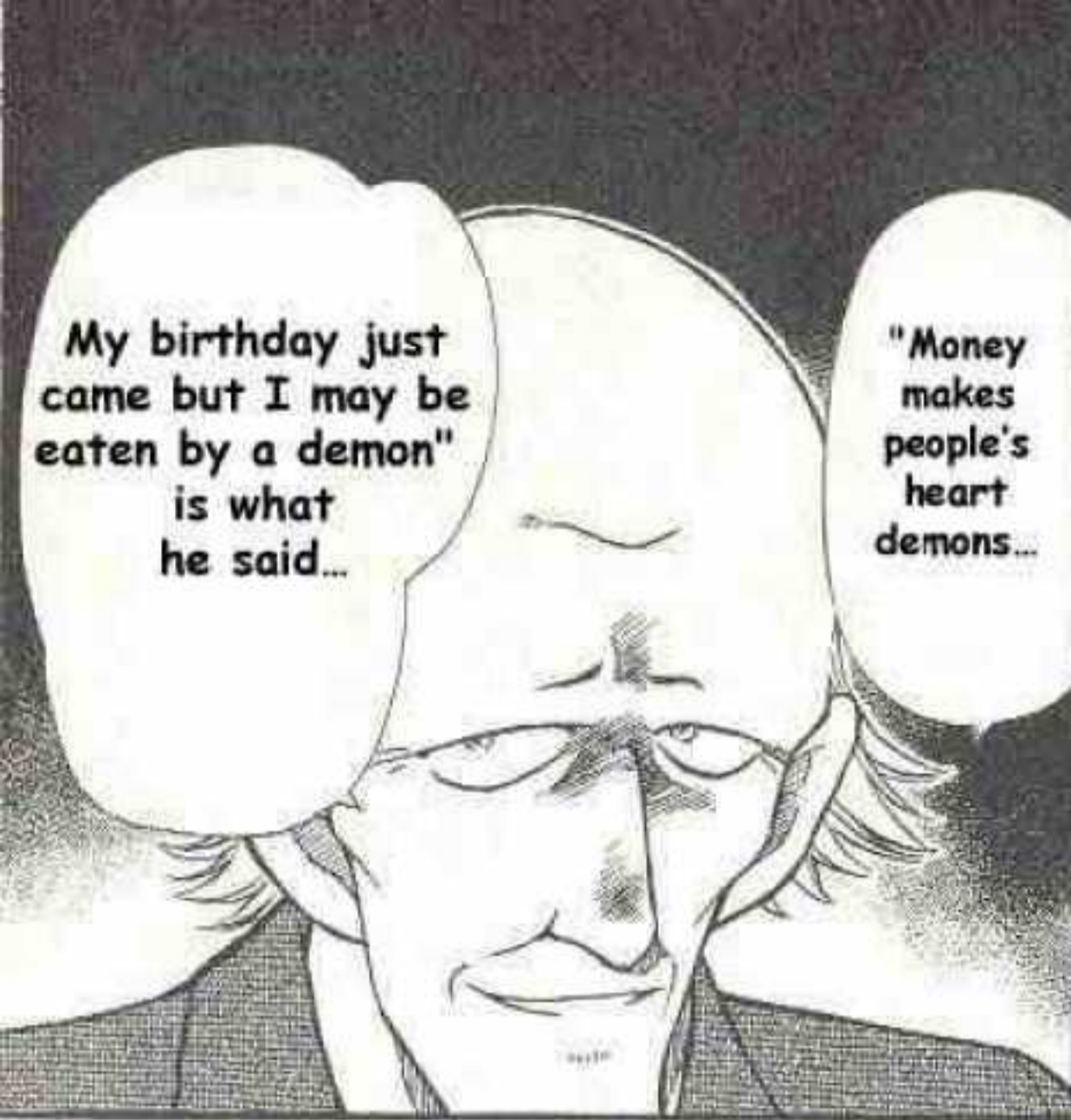
Oh, he said in his bag
there was a birthday card...
He thought I was a little
embarrassed, but...

What's
going
on?



Huh?
But he said
that it was
sent from
you...

T, that's
not
something
I sent to
him!



My birthday just came but I may be eaten by a demon" is what he said...

"Money makes people's heart demons..."



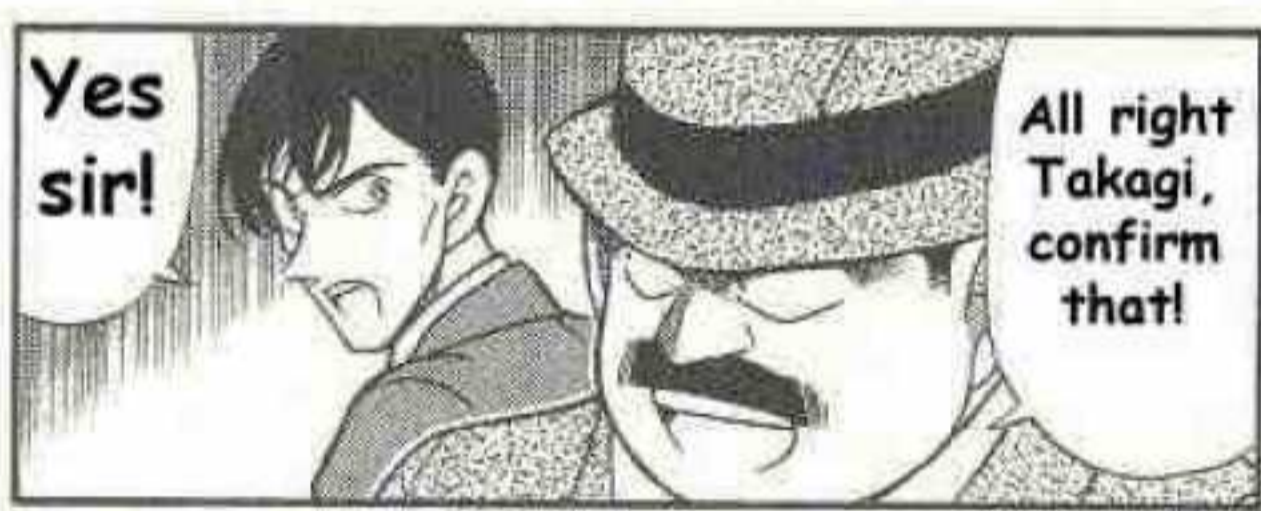
HUH ?

...thinking about it now, Motoo was muttering something when he went out of this room...



Actually, Officer... about that...

Eaten by a demon...



Yes sir!

All right Takagi, confirm that!



It's probably in the class...

I'll go get it!

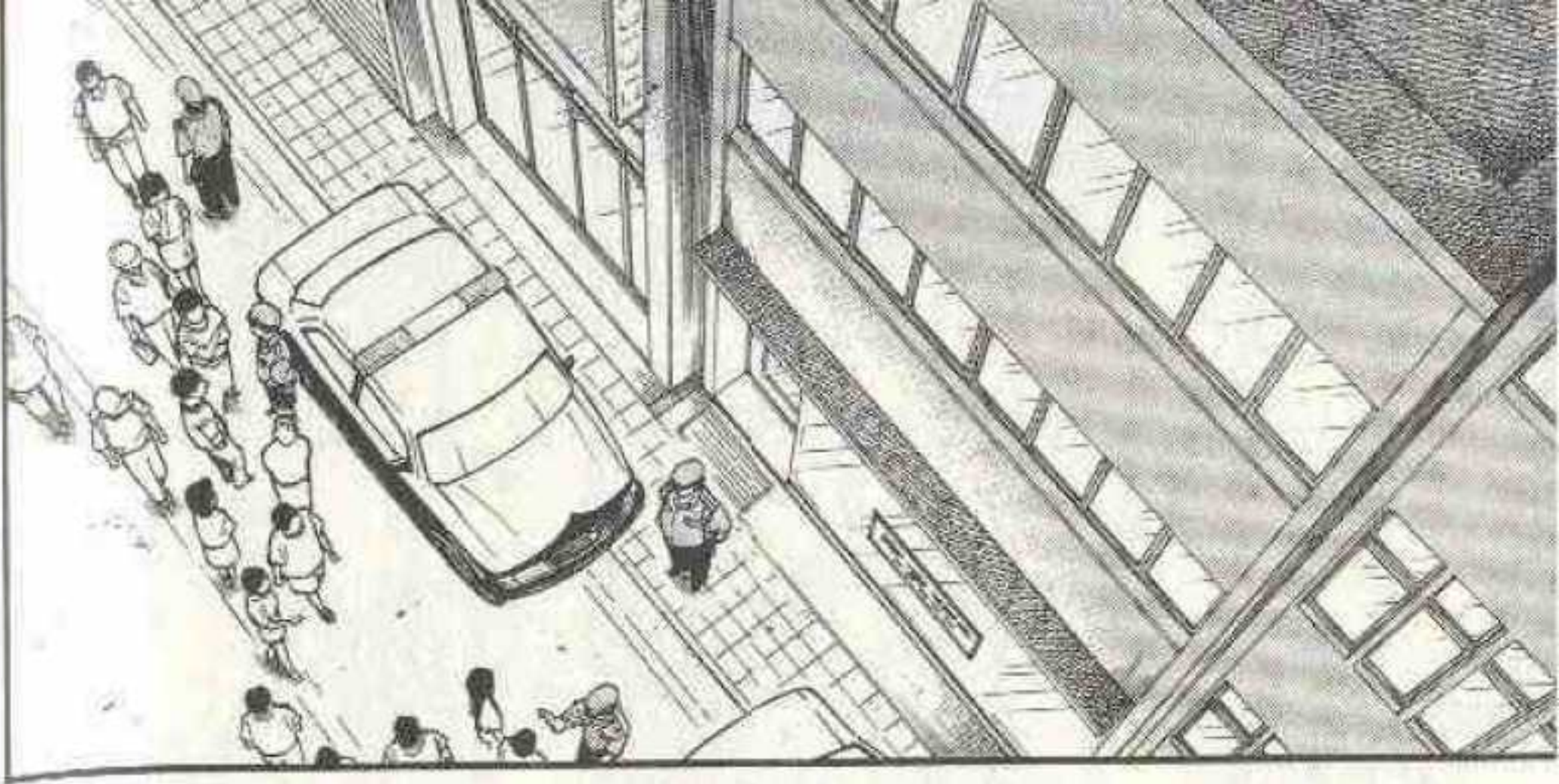


A, yes...



Do you have a ballpoint pen or anything? We just ran out of ink

Excuse me..



Those are
scissors!



Hey look!
It's almost
finished!

O, oh
oh yeah
...



HUH?

The person
asked for
a ballpoint
pen, right?



Yeah!
I
♥ lo--ve
it!

Ho---
you
like
pottery
...



Quit in
the
middle?

So
I need to
finish it!

And I don't
like stopping
at the middle
like Motoo.



If it's
like that
it's
almost...

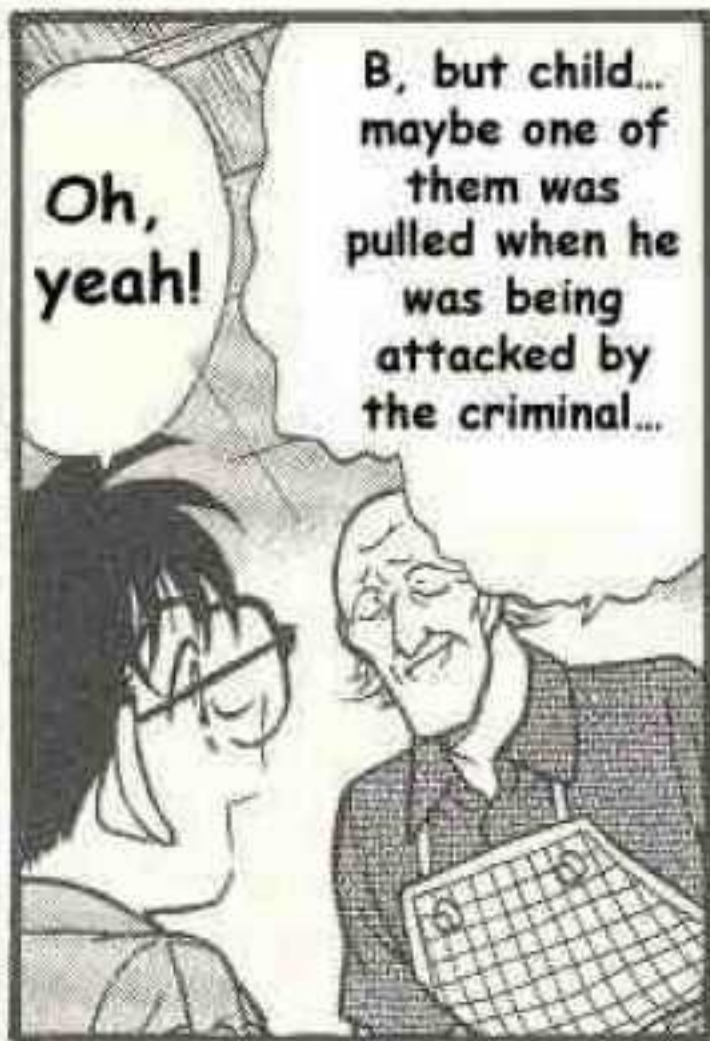
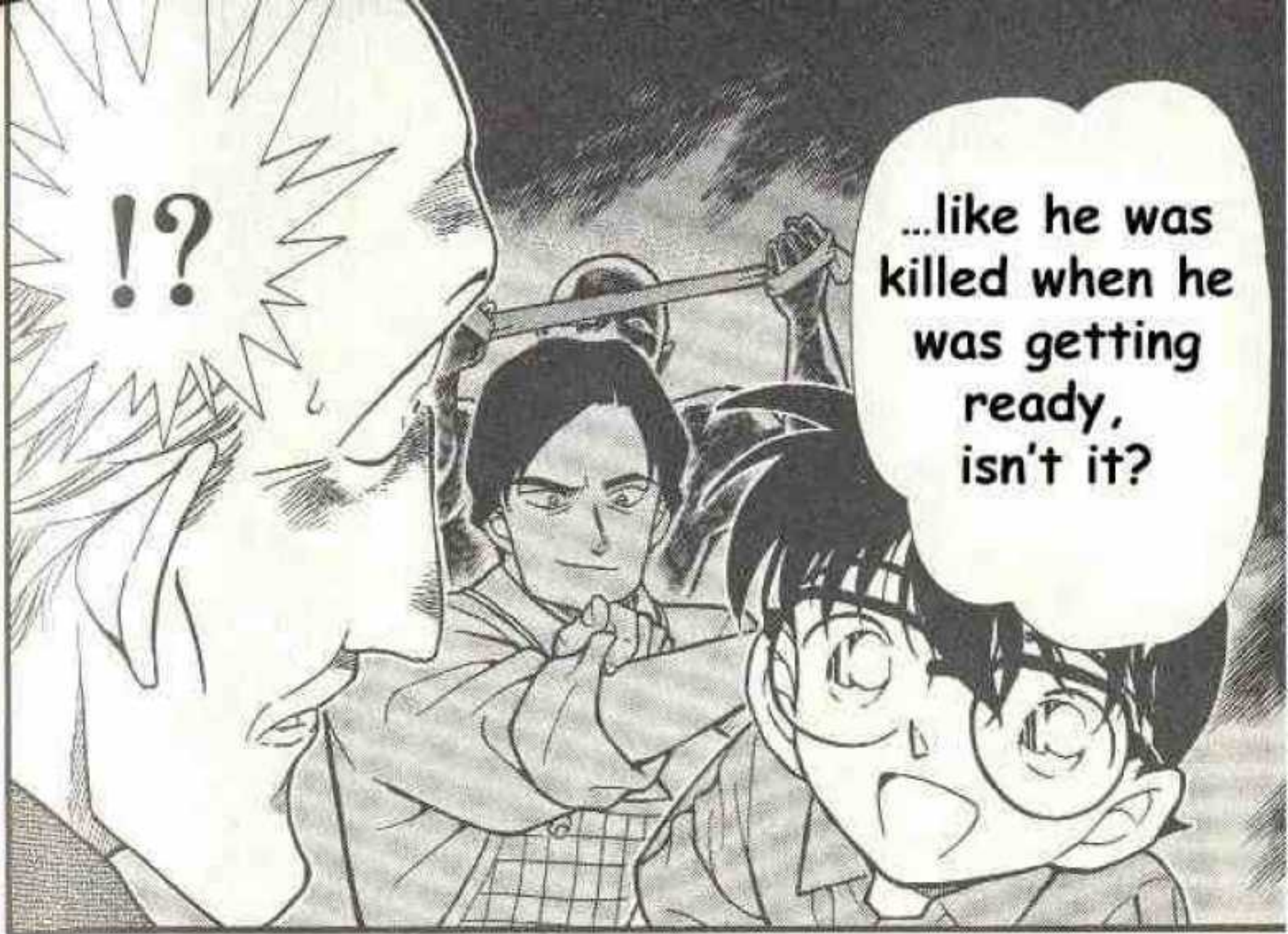


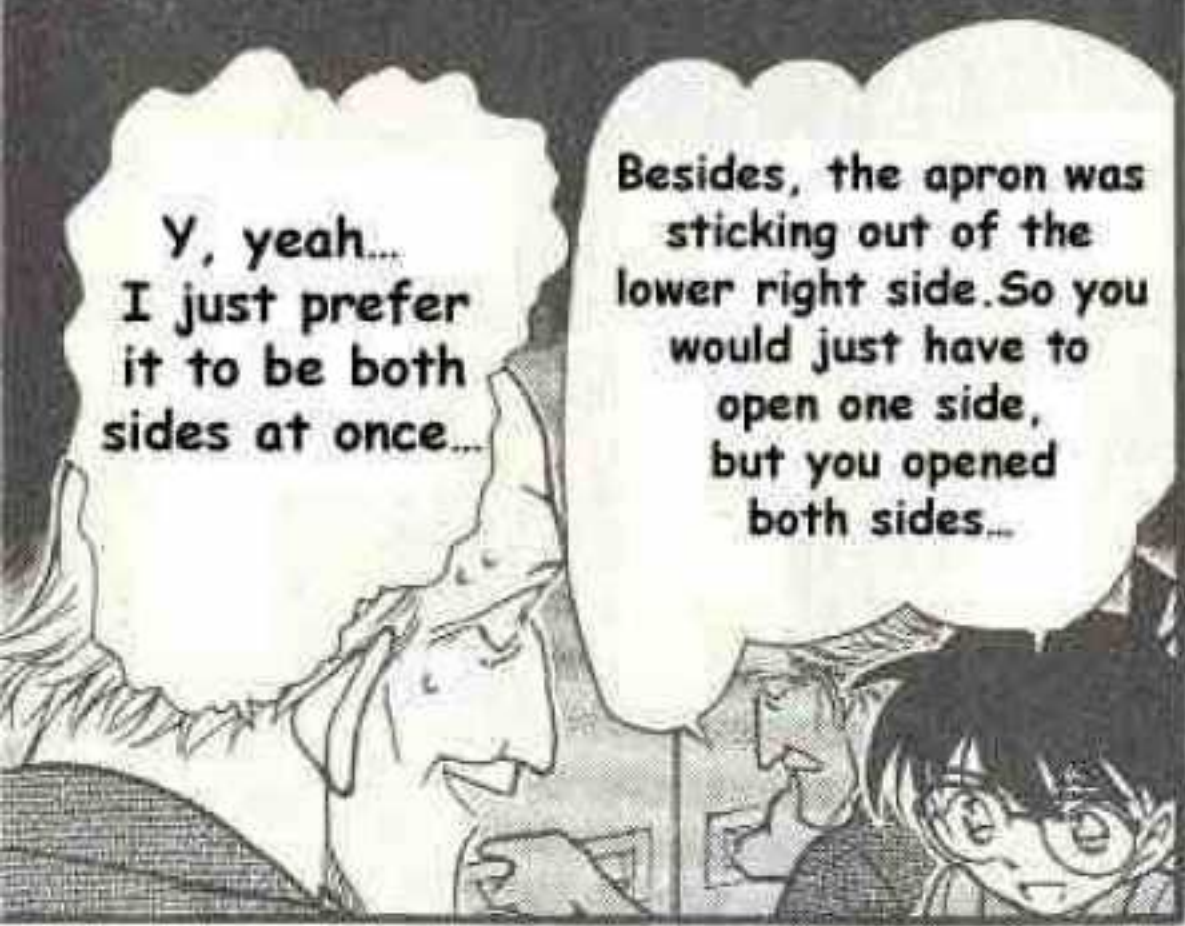
Huh?



The length of
his folded sleeves
were different!

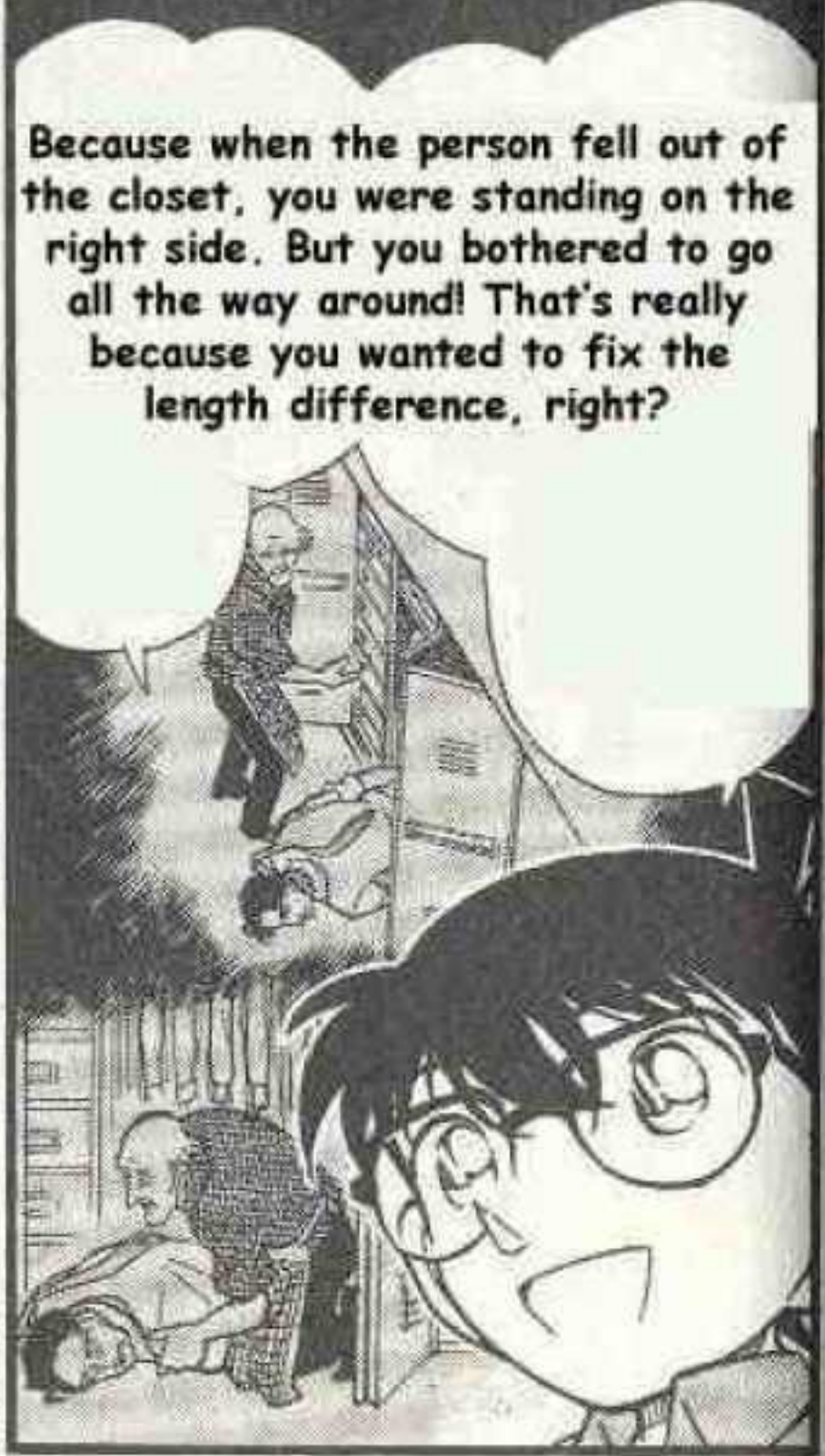
Oh? Didn't
you
notice?





Y, yeah...
I just prefer
it to be both
sides at once...

Besides, the apron was
sticking out of the
lower right side. So you
would just have to
open one side,
but you opened
both sides...



Because when the person fell out of
the closet, you were standing on the
right side. But you bothered to go
all the way around! That's really
because you wanted to fix the
length difference, right?



HA?

Finished!



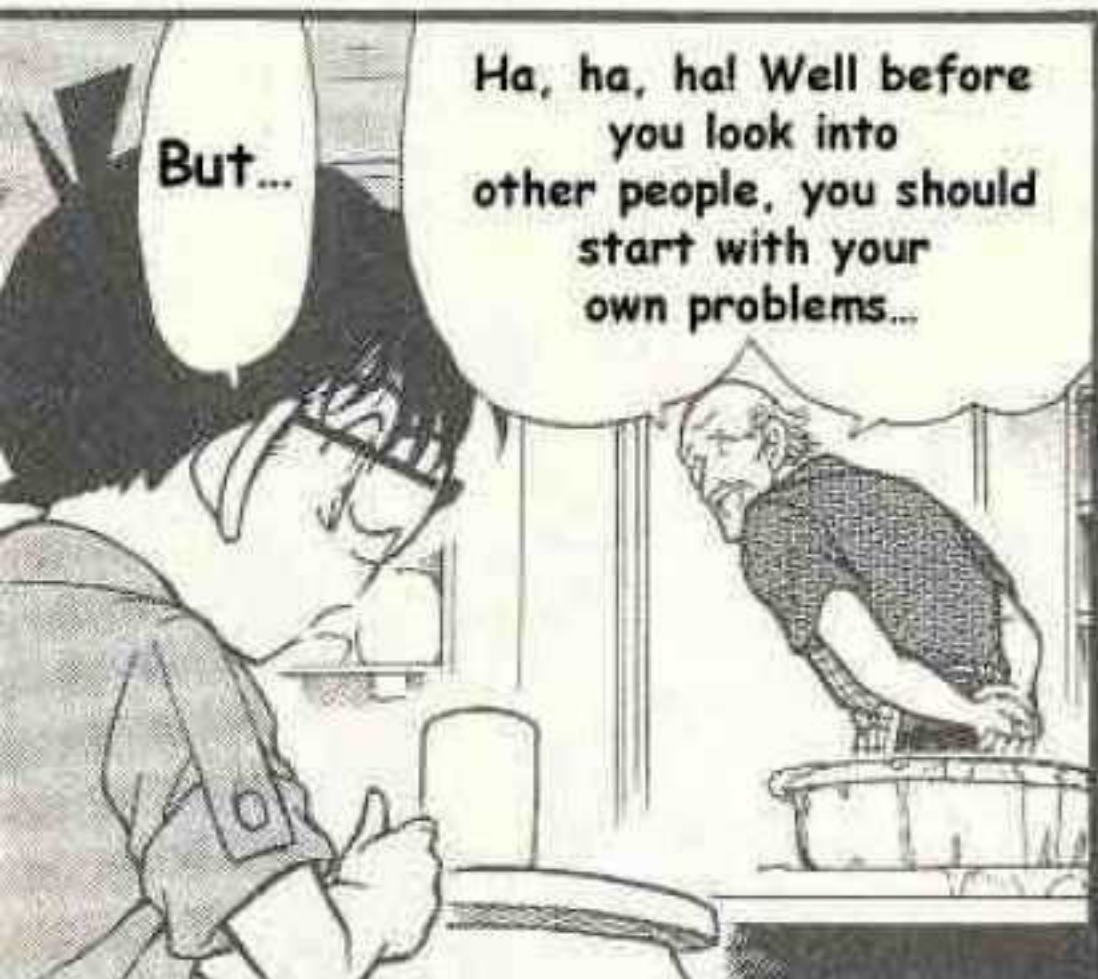
Maybe you're hiding
something very
large...or
you're having
to make a
very big
choice...

But child...you
seem to have
some sort of
confusion in
your heart...



This is
actually
very
skillfully
done

It's my cup!
Don't you
think it's
pretty good?



But...

Ha, ha, ha! Well before
you look into
other people, you should
start with your
own problems...



W, wow
master...

Am I right?
Because the
clay doesn't
lie...



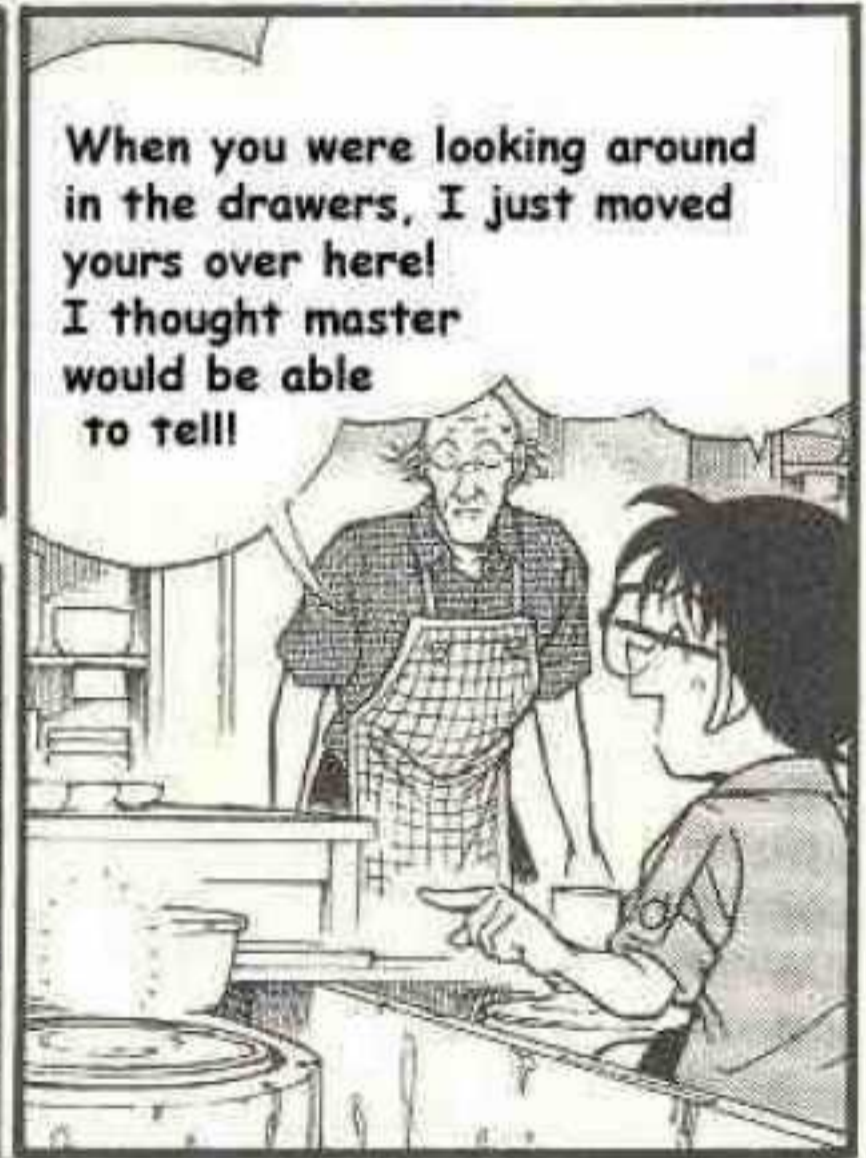
WHAT?

Master, you made this cup!



Then it would mean that master is hiding something...

But if this is master's cup...

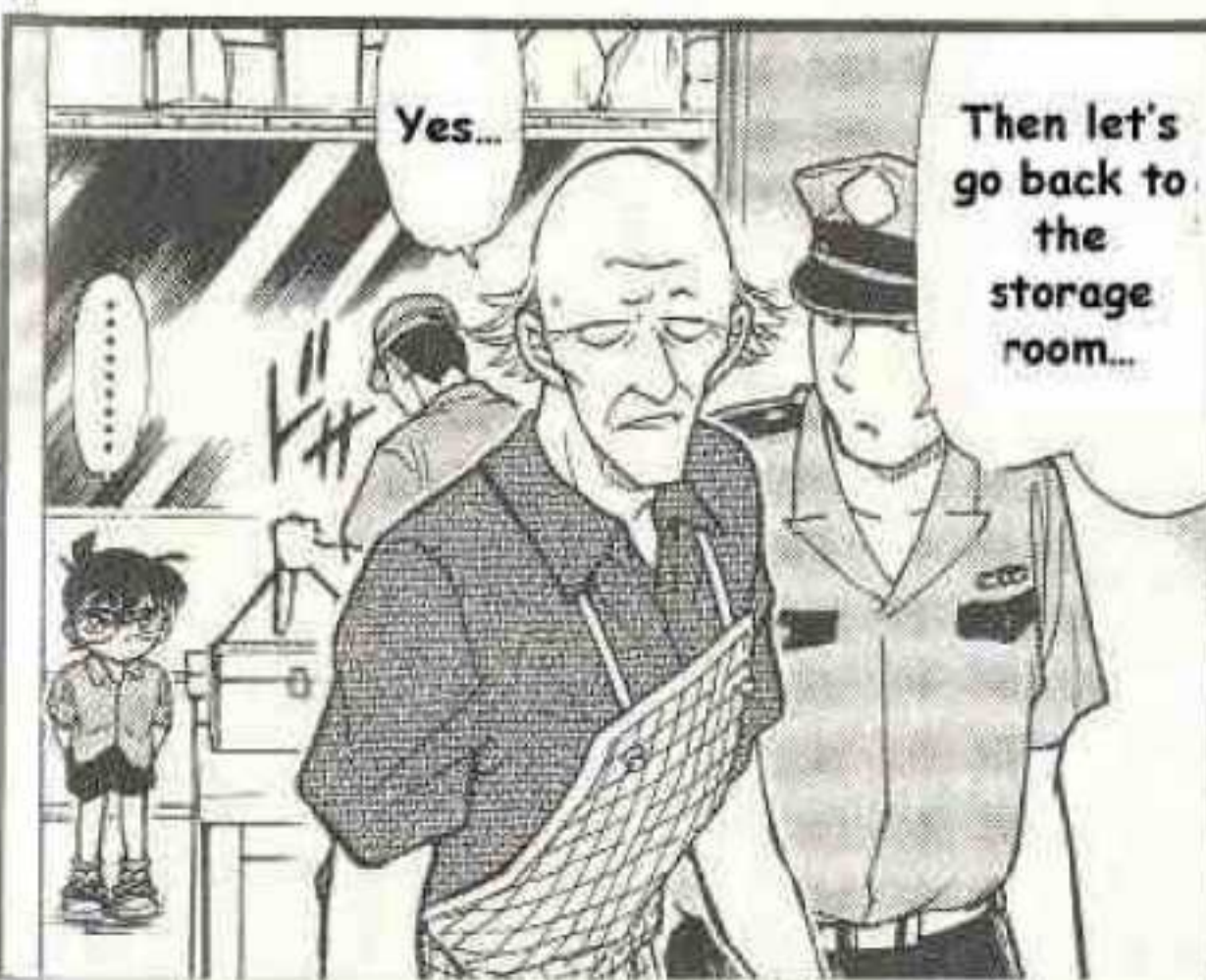


When you were looking around in the drawers, I just moved yours over here! I thought master would be able to tell to tell!



this kid?

T,



Yes...

Then let's go back to the storage room...



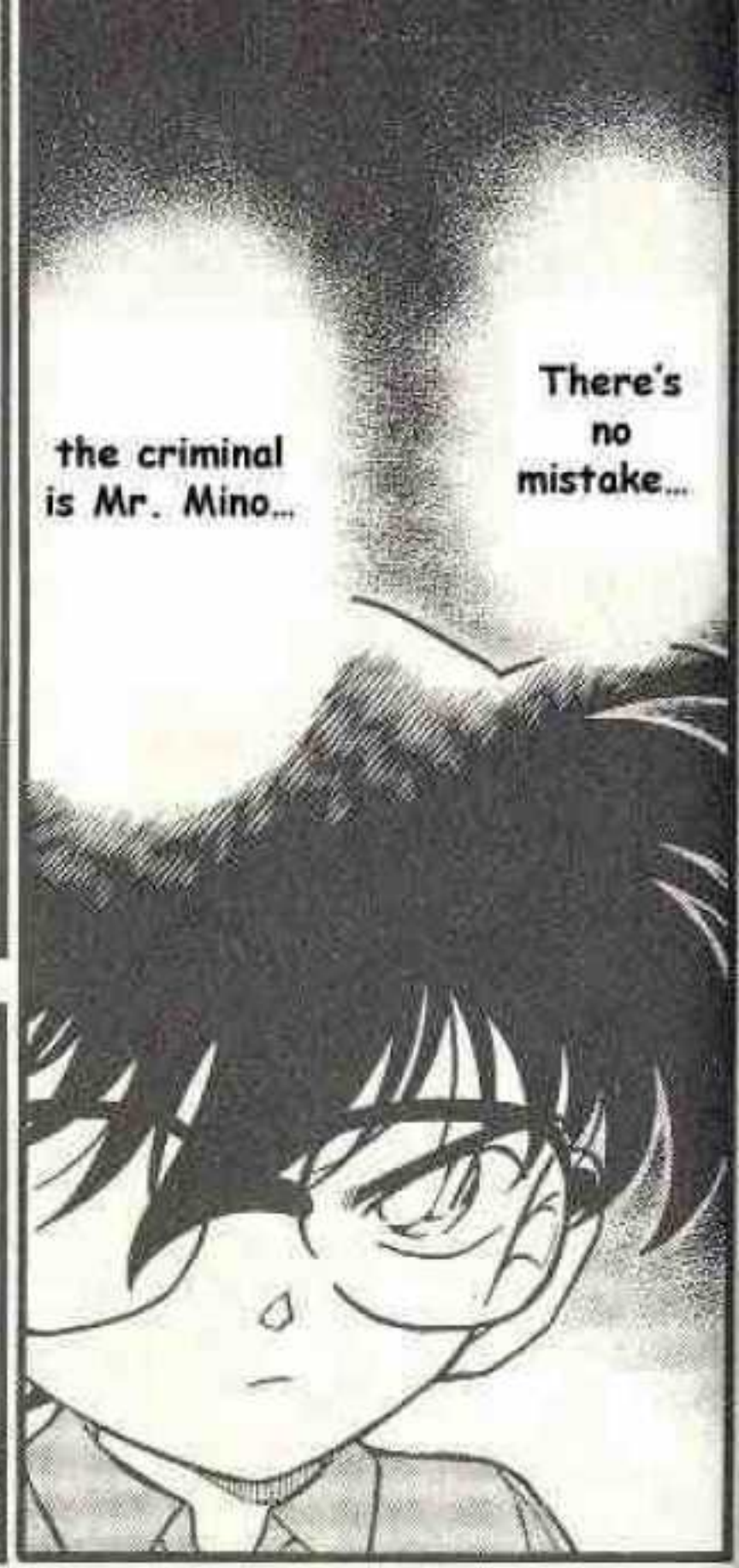
Oh, yes...

Uh..... so was the pen here?



But while we were looking at the corpse, he hid the proof somewhere...

I've figured out the alibi trick...



the criminal is Mr. Mino...

There's no mistake...



It should be somewhere...

If he had the scissors in his hand, it means the proof isn't destroyed yet... It should be somewhere



Something else...

Isn't there anything else? Another proof that the criminal still hasn't noticed...

But if it's not found...



Oh, excuse me, boy

Neck-tie



This
is
it!

This
....

The
mark
which
you
didn't
notice...

I
finally
found it...

The
potter's
special
mark!!