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**The Pen That Cannot Write**





THIS IS ALL A MISTAKE!

YOU'RE WRONG!!



WELL THEN, WHY IS THIS BLOOD-STAINED ARMOUR IN YOUR LOCKER?

I'M NOT THE ONE WHO KILLED THE OWNER!



ARE THE MURDERER!



THE ANSWER IS QUITE SIMPLE...

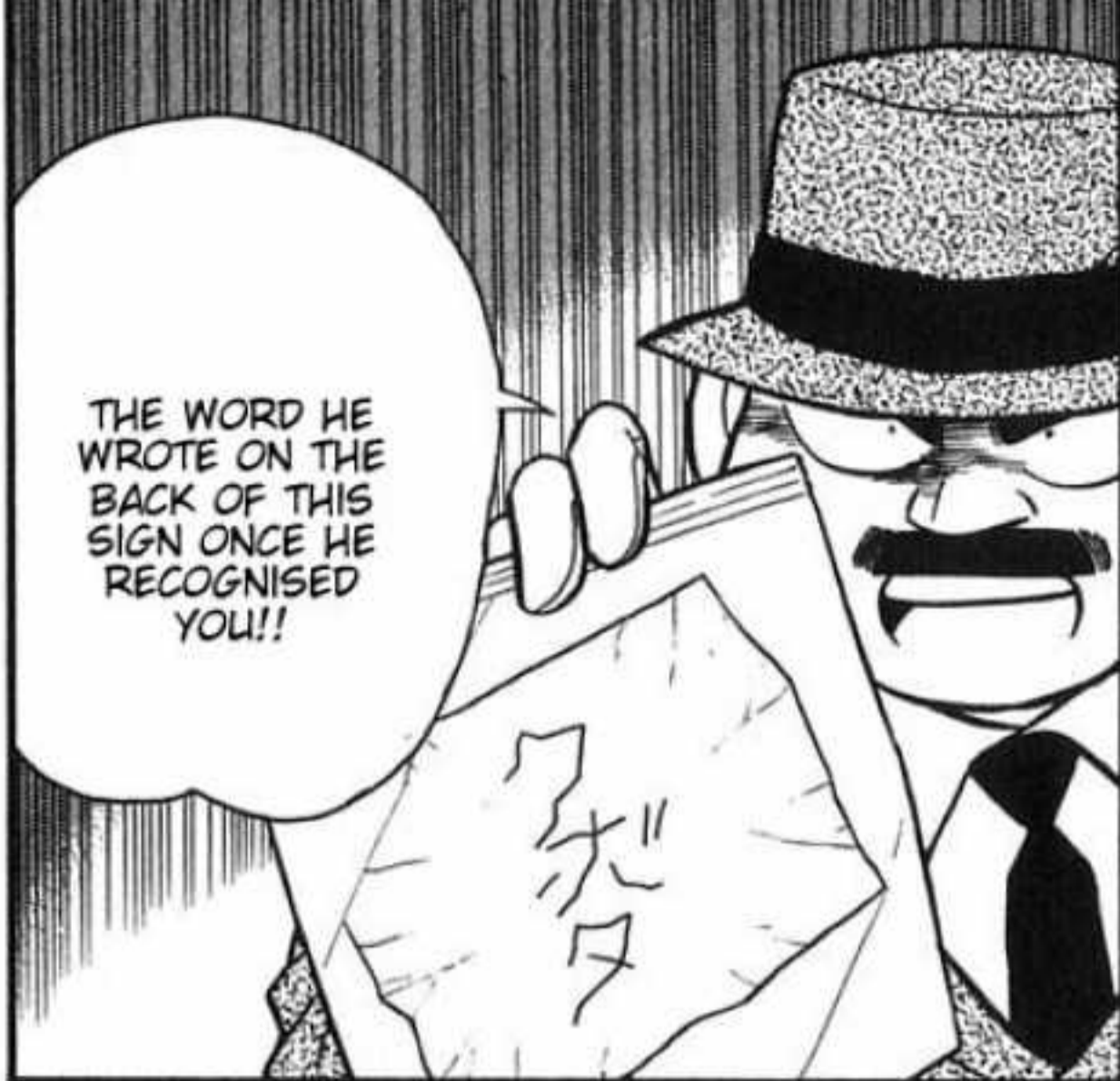
YOU, KUBOTA-SAN...

TH, THAT...



WEARING THE ARMOUR TO HIDE YOUR IDENTITY FROM THE SECURITY CAMERA THE ENTIRE TIME!!

YOU SUMMONED THE OWNER HERE IN ADVANCE, WAITED IN AMBUSH, THEN STABBED HIM TO DEATH...



THE WORD HE WROTE ON THE BACK OF THIS SIGN ONCE HE RECOGNISED YOU!!



BUT THE CAMERA ALSO CAUGHT A DIFFERENT PIECE OF EVIDENCE...



THEREFORE, THIS IS HIS DYING MESSAGE, THE NAME OF HIS KILLER!!

NOR HAS ANYONE TAMPERED WITH IT SINCE THE DISCOVERY OF THE BODY!

ACCORDING TO THE VIDEO, THE MURDERER DID NOT TOUCH THIS PIECE OF PAPER,

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K, KANCHOU...

KUBOTA-KUN... THE WORK I ASKED YOU TO DO WAS NOT TO KILL THE OWNER...



I TOLD YOU, I WAS... DOING A JOB FOR THE KANCHOU BY MYSELF IN THE OFFICE...

AND YOU DO NOT HAVE AN ALIBI...



NO!!

Y, YOU CAN'T...



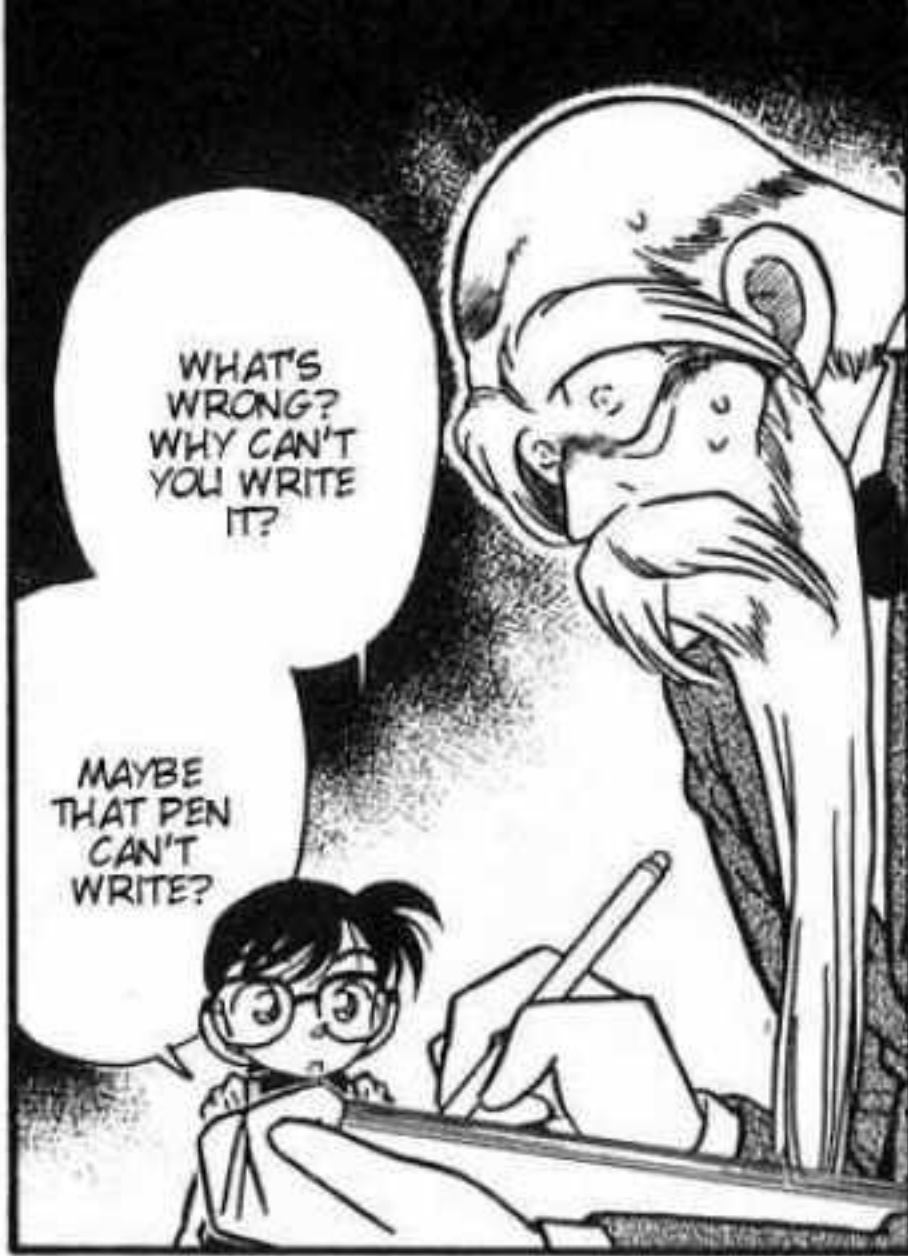




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WHAT'S WRONG?  
WHY CAN'T YOU WRITE IT?

MAYBE THAT PEN CAN'T WRITE?



YOU KNEW THAT PEN COULDN'T WRITE BEFORE YOU STARTED!

OH, I GET IT!



THIS CHILD?!

BUT THAT'S WEIRD... WHY ARE YOU CARRYING A PEN THAT YOU KNOW IS OUT OF INK, OJI-SAN?



...SHOULD BE BLANK.

EH...?



WAITAMINNT... IF THE OWNER'S PEN COULDN'T WRITE, THEN THIS DYING MESSAGE...

YEA, YEA...



CAN'T WRITE...?

IT...





LIKE THEY CAME FROM A PEN WITH NO INK...

LOOK, ON THE WRITING, THERE'S SOME SCRIBBLY MARKS...



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HUH? WHAT'S THOSE WEIRD MARKS FOR?



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MAYBE HE WAS TRYING TO SCRIBBLE OUT SOME WORDS THAT WERE ALREADY THERE... MAYBE...  
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EEHH?!

THE KILLER WROTE IT DOWN BEFOREHAND!

I GET IT!! THIS WASN'T WRITTEN BY THE OWNER!!



'LOOK AT THE SIGN BEHIND YOU! THE KILLER'S NAME IS WRITTEN THERE!!

BECAUSE THE KILLER TOLD THE OWNER TO!!



HEHEHE... THE ANSWER IS SURPRISINGLY SIMPLE...

BUT WHY DID THE OWNER TAKE THAT SPECIFIC SIGN?



AND THAT'S BECAUSE THE KILLER PREPARED THE PEN...

BUT HE COULDN'T WRITE IT!

SO THAT IT COULDN'T WRITE!!



THE NAME OF THE PERSON WHO HAD ACTUALLY CALLED HIM THERE!

THE STARTLED OWNER GRABBED THE PEN LYING ON THE DESK AND TRIED TO CROSS OUT THE NAME AND WRITE THE CORRECT ON!



HOWEVER, WRITTEN ON THE BACK OF THE SIGN WAS NOT THE KILLER'S NAME, BUT 'KUBOTA'!



I SEE... THEN THAT'S WHY THE OWNER THREW THE PEN AWAY AND CRUMPLED THE PAPER UP...

AND THAT'S MOST LIKELY HOW THE MARKS GOT ON THE PAPER...



BUT, THE PEN DOES WRITE...



IT WAS ALL A TRICK!!

THEREFORE, BY USING THE SOUND-LESS VIDEO AND THIS TRICK PEN, THE KILLER LED US AWAY FROM THE TRUTH!!



NO REALLY...

EH?



WHAT?!

DOES THAT MEAN THIS BALLPOINT PEN... WAS SWITCHED AFTERWARDS, BY THE KILLER...?



YEAH, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...

WELL... WHEN YOU FOUND THE PEN, THE POINT WASN'T CLICKED OUT, RIGHT?

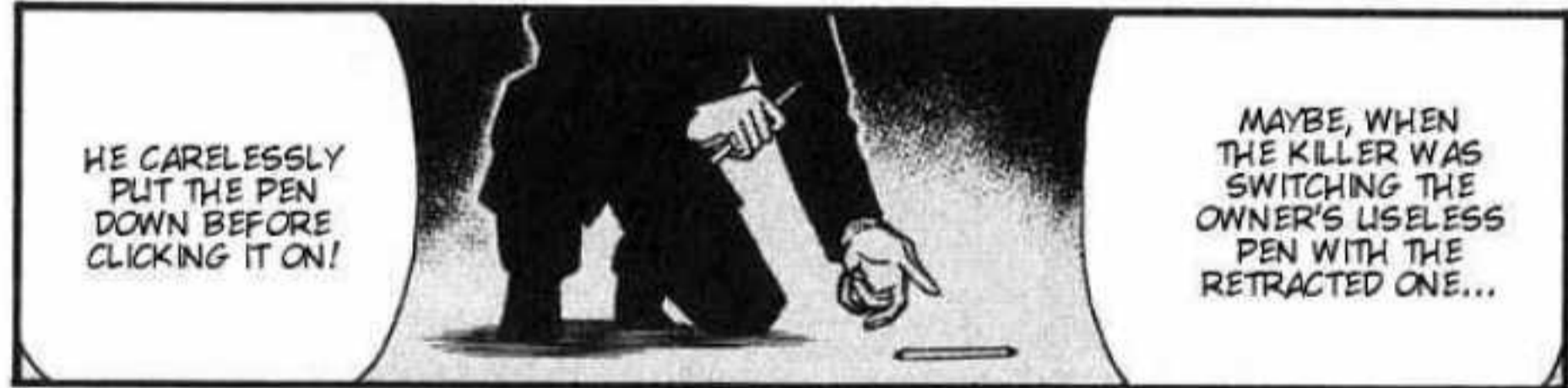
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YOU'RE RIGHT...

A PERSON WHO IS ABOUT TO DIE WOULDN'T BOTHER WITH CLICKING THE PEN OFF...

DOESN'T THAT SEEM ODD?!



HE CARELESSLY PUT THE PEN DOWN BEFORE CLICKING IT ON!

MAYBE, WHEN THE KILLER WAS SWITCHING THE OWNER'S USELESS PEN WITH THE RETRACTED ONE...



THE PERSON WHO WAS CARRYING THE USELESS PEN...

IN OTHER WORDS ...



IN THIS CASE, THE BODY WAS ARRANGED QUITE SHOCKINGLY, BEING IMPALED ON THE WALL BY A SWORD...

SO EVERYONE WHO CAME TO SEE WHAT THE FLUSS WAS ABOUT HAD THEIR EYES ON THE BODY!!

HE SHOULD HAVE HAD PLENTY OF CHANCES TO SWITCH THEM!!



THAT WOULD BE YOU...

OCHIAI KANCHOU...



WHAT IS YOUR ALIBI AT 4:30PM?

SO SHALL I ASK YOU?



K, KANCHOU ...



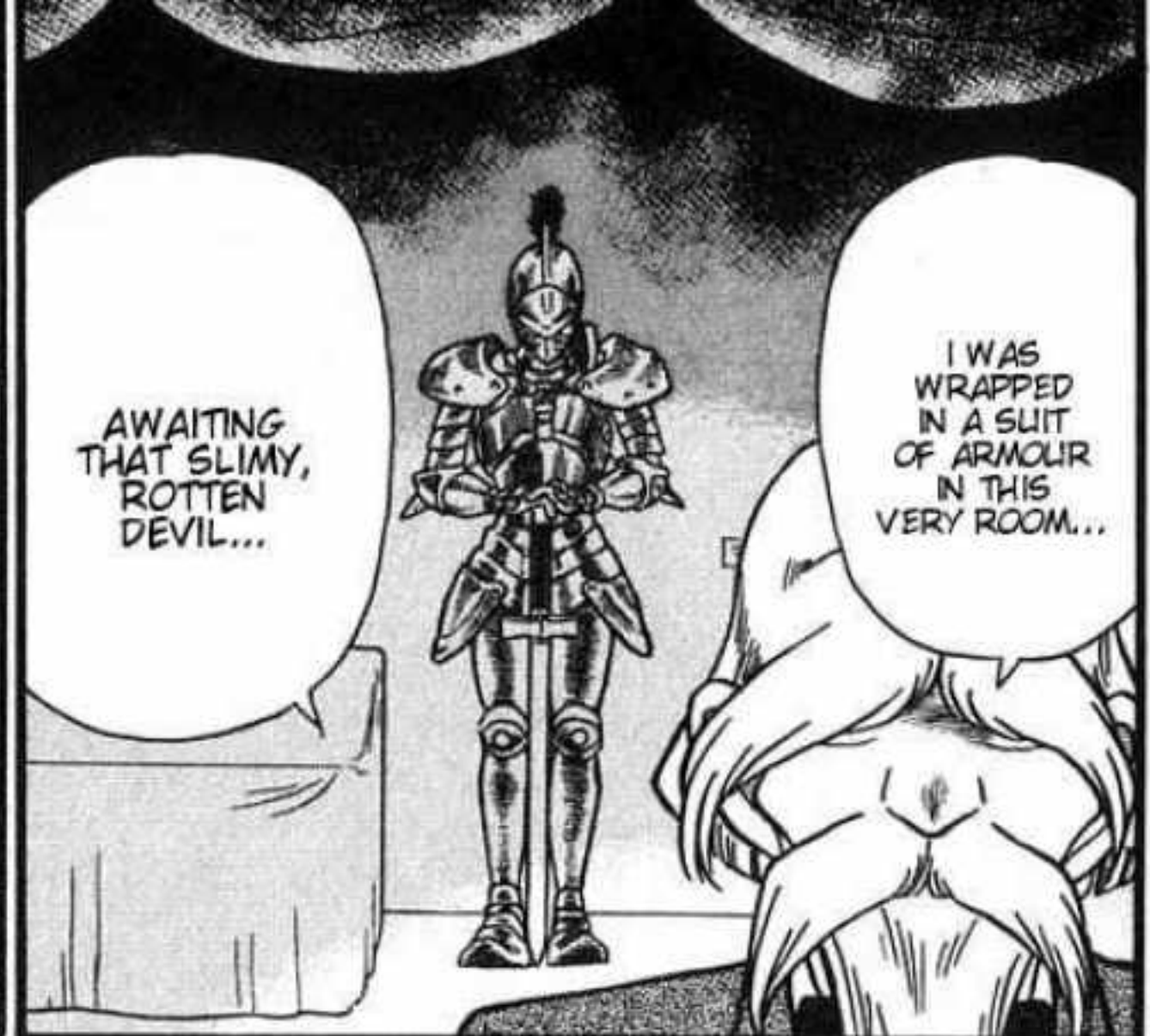
I WAS AWAITING SOMEONE...

AT THAT PRECISE MOMENT ...





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AWAITING THAT SLIMY, ROTTEN DEVIL...

I WAS WRAPPED IN A SUIT OF ARMOUR IN THIS VERY ROOM...



THAT IS NOT A COINCIDENCE...

WELL, YOU SEEM TO HAVE PULLED OFF THE TRICK VERY WELL...



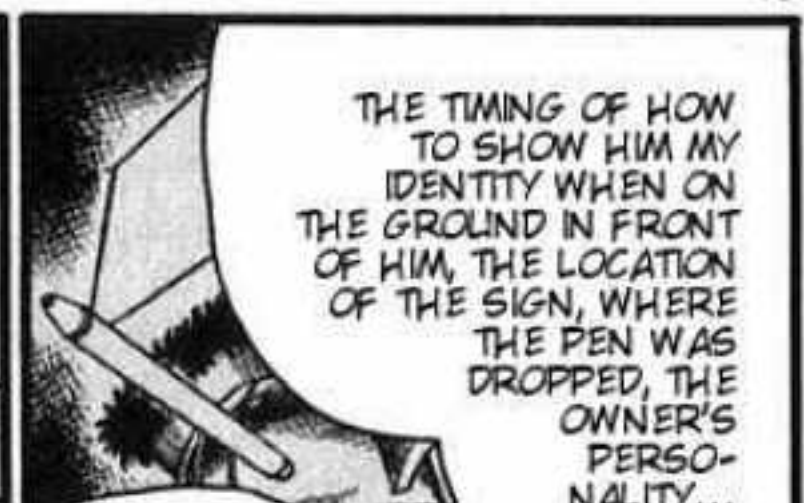
HPM...

THE REST WAS AS YOU SAID, TANTEI-SAN...



COUNTLESS...

I PRACTICE IT ON VIDEOTAPE COUNTLESS TIMES...



THE TIMING OF HOW TO SHOW HIM MY IDENTITY WHEN ON THE GROUND IN FRONT OF HIM, THE LOCATION OF THE SIGN, WHERE THE PEN WAS DROPPED, THE OWNER'S PERSONALITY...



THAT MUST HAVE BEEN...

THAT MEANS THE RUMOUR ABOUT THE SECURITY GUARD SEEING A WALKING SUIT OF ARMOUR LATE AT NIGHT...



AND EVEN HOW ALL THIS WOULD LOOK TO THE CAMERA...



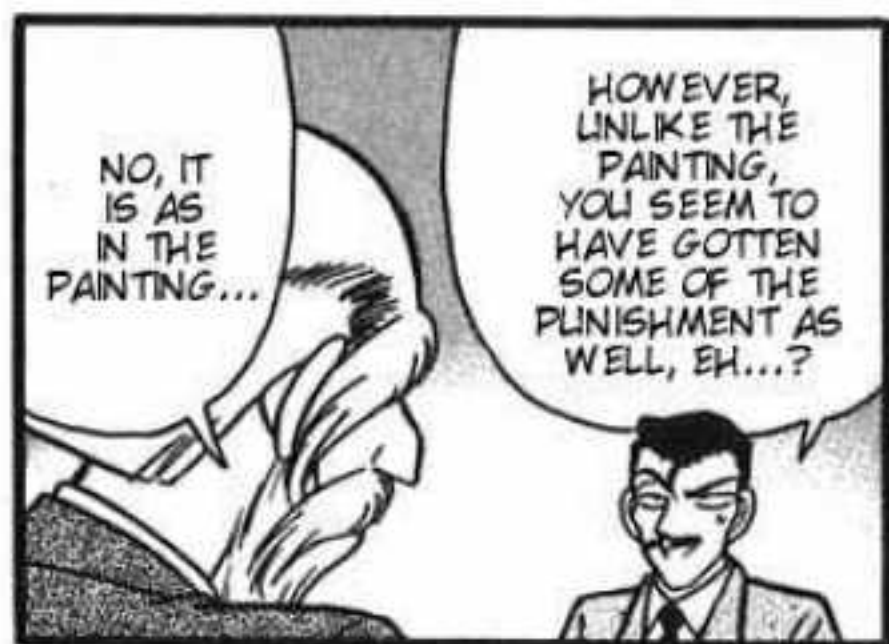
THE DEVIL WHO WOULD DESTROY THIS HOLY GALLERY AND TAKE AWAY THESE PIECES OF ART THAT ARE LIKE CHILDREN TO ME, ALL FOR HIS OWN PERSONAL GAIN...

YES... IT MAY HAVE BEEN FOOLISH, BUT IT WAS ALL TO GET RID OF HIM...



I WISHED TO PUNISH YOU AS WELL...

AND THEN TO KUBOTA-KUN, WHO SECRETLY SOLD WORKS AWAY ON HIS OWN...



NO, IT IS AS IN THE PAINTING...

HOWEVER, UNLIKE THE PAINTING, YOU SEEM TO HAVE GOTTEN SOME OF THE PUNISHMENT AS WELL, EH...?



HMPH... SO YOU FRAMED KUBOTA-SAN

AND LIKE IN THIS PAINTING, YOU GAVE THE OWNER HIS HOLY PUNISHMENT...



THE TRUE MEANING OF THIS PAINTING?

DO YOU KNOW IT?



AND I...  
HAVE  
BECOME  
A DEMON  
AS WELL...

WHAT-  
EVER THE  
REASON,  
I AM A  
MUR-  
DERER...



IT REPRESENTS  
A DEMON  
DESTROYED  
BY THE KNIGHT  
OF JUSTICE...

BUT THE  
KNIGHT,  
BATHED IN THE  
CREATURE'S  
BLOOD, HAS  
TAKEN ON THE  
APPEARANCE  
OF EVIL  
HIMSELF...



SMALL  
EYES OF  
JUSTICE?

THE EVIDENCE  
COULD NOT  
DECEIVE SMALL,  
SINCERE EYES  
OF JUSTICE...



HAHA  
HAHA...



EH!  
AH...

WHAT  
HAPPENED  
TO THE  
TOILET,  
LITTLE BOY?



HPM...



I'M AN INSTANT CELEBRITY!



LOOK!  
LOOK!  
WHAT A  
HUGE  
ARTICLE!!

OH!



YEAH...  
BECAUSE OF THE  
CASE, THE PEOPLE  
HAVE RAISED A  
CRY TO KEEP THE  
ART GALLERY...

THAT'S  
GREAT, THE  
GALLERY'S  
GOING TO  
STAY IN  
BUSINESS...



THE GREAT  
DETECTIVE,  
MOURI  
KOGOROU!

AND IT'S  
ALL THANKS  
TO ME, FOR  
SOLVING  
THE CASE!!



WELL,  
KIND OF!