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A MAN
WEARING A
SILK HAT ?

IS IT
POSSI-
BLE
.....

IT'S
HIM
....?

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DO YOU
REMEMBER
HOW THAT MAN
LOOKS LIKE
?

HUH
?

EH
?

HE
MAY BE
SOME-
ONE WE
KNOW
.....

I CAN GUESS FROM THE
PHYSICAL THAT IT MUST
BE A MAN. HE WAS
WEARING SUN GLASSES
AND HAVING SCARF
COVER HIS FACE.
SO, I DID
NOT SEE
HIS FACE
CLEARLY.

RAN
....?

THAT MAN
COULD BE
NATTSUYA
.....

THAT'S RIGHT.
HE MUST BE
NATTSUYA. HE IS
STILL ALIVE
.....

I'LL GO
WELCOME
HIM
.....

MIKA
.....

DON'T GO !!
THE SNOW STORM
IS STILL OUTSIDE.
YOU CAN'T GO !

BUT, NATTSUYA
IS WAITING ...
WAITING FOR
ME IN THE
WOODS ...

NATTSUYA
WAS
ALREADY
DEAD
!!

HE DIED
IN THE
AVALANCH
4 YEARS
AGO
!!

WHO IS
NAT-
TSUYA?

HE WAS MY
BROTHER
WHO DISAP-
PEARED
FROM HERE
4 YEARS
AGO
.....

MIKA WAS MY
BROTHER'S
GIRLFRIEND
.....

THEN, THE
CHOCOLATE
WITH THE
STRIPE
PATTERN
ON IT THAT
MS. MIKA
MADE
TODAY
.....

THAT'S FOR
MY BROTHER.
SHE PLANNED
TO PUT IT AT
HIS GRAVE. HE
REALLY LIKED
PLAYING
CHESS ...

MY BROTHER'S
GRAVE IS ALSO IN
THE WOODS, NEXT
TO THE PREVIOUS
OWNER'S GRAVE
AND HIS
EX-WIFE'S
GRAVE

THERE ARE
OTHER GRAVES
BESIDE THOSE
3 GRAVES,
TOO...

ACTUALLY, THERE ARE A LOT OF GRAVES OF THE VICTIMS WHO DISAPPEARED HERE. HOWEVER, ALMOST ALL OF THEM HAVE BEEN DESTROYED BY THE WILD ANIMALS IN THE WOODS. ONLY 3 GRAVES, WHOSE NAME TAGS MADE FROM STONE, REMAIN.

HOW COME THOSE 3 GRAVES ARE NOT DESTROYED ?

MAYBE BECAUSE I TAKE SABURO TO VISIT THE GRAVES EVERY DAY. MY HUSBAND ONCE DO THE SAME THING WHEN HE WAS STILL ALIVE.

ANYWAY, IF THERE IS REALLY SOMEONE ELSE BESIDE US IN THE WOODS

THE CRIMINAL MUST BE HIM, THE MAN WEARING THE SILK HAT ACTING SUSPICIOUSLY IN THE WOODS

OH

THE MAN NIGAKI WAS KILLED WHEN, NO ONE KNEW, BUT WE KNOW FOR SURE THE CRIMINAL MUST BE THE PERSON WHO PUT THE CHOCOLATE ON HIS BODY, RIGHT ?

YOU GUYS LEFT THE CHOCOLATES HERE AND WENT SEARCHING FOR NIGAKI AROUND 8 PM. SINCE EVERYONE FOUND THE CORPSE. SO, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU GUYS TO PUT THE CHOCOLATE THERE.

I MET YOU SIX NOT FAR FROM THE HOUSE. YOU GUYS JUST WENT OUT SEARCHING FOR NIGAKI, RIGHT ?

IT TAKES AT LEAST 20 MINUTES TO GO FROM THE HOUSE TO THE CRIME SCENE. THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH TIME

FOR ME TO PICK THE CHOCOLATE AND PUT IT ON THE BODY.

IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME EITHER

BECAUSE AT 8 PM, I WAS WATCHING THE AVALANCH RUNNING OVER THE TUNNEL WHICH IS FAR AWAY FROM THE HOUSE.

BUT, YOU CAN HEAR ABOUT THE AVALANCH FROM THE RADIO NEWS, RIGHT ?

THAT'S NOT TRUE. WHEN I CALLED TO REPORT THE SITUATION HERE, THE POLICE SAID THAT THEY JUST RECEIVED THE REPORT ABOUT THE AVALANCH

THEN, THE MOST SUSPICIOUS PERSON MUST BE THE PERSON WHO MADE THE CHOCOLATE

WHAT ?

I HEARD THAT BEFORE EVERYONE WENT SEARCHING, YOU AND YOUR FRIEND HAD GONE SEARCHING EARLIER AS WELL, RIGHT ? AND, YOU WERE NOT WITH YOUR FRIEND ALL THE TIME, RIGHT ?

Y... YES... WE SPLIT SEARCHING IN THE MIDDLE

YOU TOOK ANOTHER SIMILAR CHOCOLATE WITH YOU WHEN YOU FIRST LOOKED FOR NIGAKI. YOU KILLED HIM AND PUT THE CHOCOLATE THERE. WHILE EVERYONE LOOKING FOR HIM FOR THE SECOND TIME, YOU SNEAKINGLY RETURNED HERE TO HIDE THE OTHER CHOCOLATE YOU MADE TODAY. THIS IS HOW YOU MAKE PEOPLE THINK THE CRIMINAL STOLE YOUR CHOCOLATE, RIGHT?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ?

THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE !

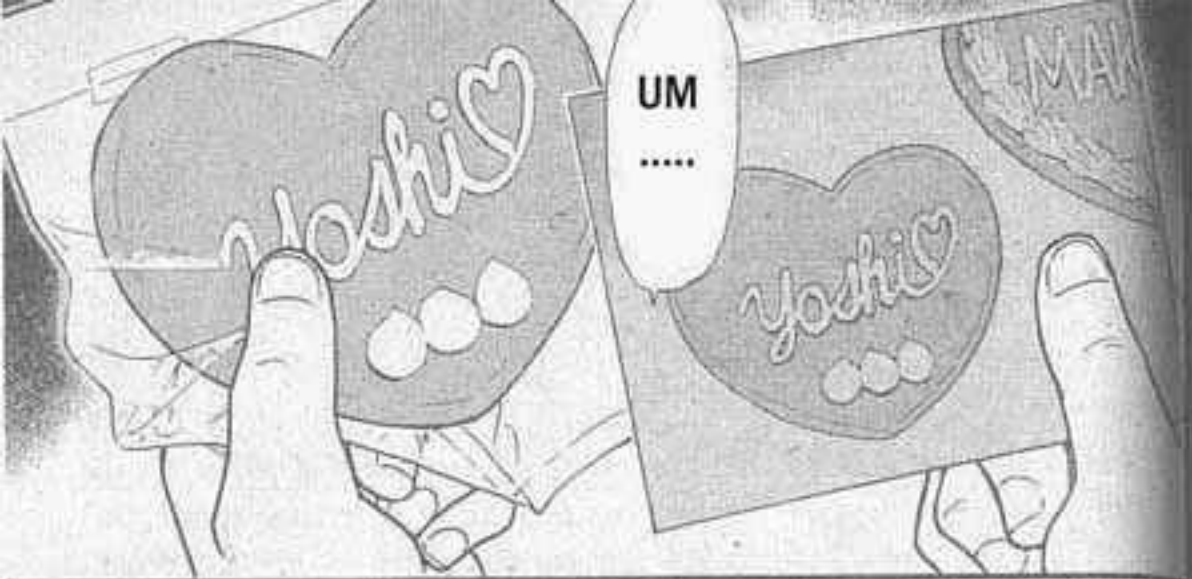
HUH ?

IT WAS SNOWING WHEN WE FRIST WENT SEARCHING FOR HIM !!

IF HE WAS KILLED AT THAT TIME, THERE MUST BE SNOW IN THIS PICTURE, TOO, RIGHT ?

BUT, THE CHOCOLATE

DO YOU WANT TO SEE IT FOR YOURSELF ? I ALSO TOOK THE PICTURES OF ALL CHOCOLATES WE MADE TODAY.



IF YOU LOOK AT IT CLOSELY, THE ONE FOUND AT THE CRIME SCENE WAS MELTED A LITTLE BIT AND HAS A LITTLE MARK ON IT, TOO.

BUT, THE HANDWRITING IS EXACTLY THE SAME IN BOTH CHOCOLATES. WHO ELSE IN THE WORLD CAN MAKE THE EXACT COPY LIKE THAT.

THEN, YOUR DEDUCTION IS WRONG

WHO SAID THAT?

AT LEAST WE KNOW THE CRIMINAL IS NOT ONE OF US.



NOW, I CAN HAVE A GOOD SLEEP TONIGHT

GOOD-NIGHT, EVERYONE

UP TO THIS POINT, IT LOOKS LIKE THE CRIMINAL IS REALLY THE MAN WEARING THE BLACK SILK HAT

UNCLE KOGORO, THE FILM IN THE CAMERA CONTAINS THE PICTURES THAT MR. NIGAKI TOOK SINCE YESTERDAY UP TO TODAY, REALLY?

YEAH?

IF THE FILM WAS FULL, HE SHOULD HAVE PUT A NEW FILM IN, RIGHT?

WHY DON'T WE EXAMINE OTHER PRINTS AS WELL? WE CAN COMPARE THE PICTURES WITH THE FRAMES IN THE VDO TAPES.



THESE
3 PEOPLE
ARE
WEARING
EXACTLY
THE SAME
CLOTH

MR. NIGAKI
WHO TOOK THE
PICTURE WAS NOT IN
THE VDO FRAME..... AND
THE TAKEN TIME IS THE
NIGHTTIME, THAT'S
ALSO THE SAME.....

THEREFORE,
THE LAST
PICTURE WITH
THE BLOOD
SPOTS ON IT
.....

HAS TO BE THE
PICTURE TAKEN
TODAY, IN THE
AFTERNOON,
RIGHT ?
.....



MOREOVER, NO ONE HAD
LEFT HERE SINCE WE GOT
HERE YESTERDAY UNTIL HE
WENT SHOOTING THE PIC-
TURES IN THE AFTERNOON
.....

SO, NO ONE
ELSE COULD
TAKE THE
PICTURE
EXCEPT HIM-
SELF
.....



UM.....IT'S ALSO
POSSIBLE TO USE
AN EDITING TECH-
NIQUE TO EDIT THE
PICTURE BEFORE
PRINTED

HOW COULD I DO THAT ?
RAN WAS NEXT TO ME
ALL ALONG SINCE
DEVELOPING THE FILM
UNTIL PRINTING
THE PICTURES !

RIGHT
?

Y.....
YES.....

SHE DID
NOT DO
ANYTHING
SUSPE-
CIOUS
AT ALL
.....



MS. MIKA WAS ALSO
WEARING GLOVES WHEN
SHE REMOVED THE FILM
FROM THE CAMERA SINCE
SHE DIDN'T WANT HER
FINGERPRINT TO BE ON
THE EVIDENCE

MORE
IMPORTANTLY,
IF WE CHECK THE
NEGATIVES, WE'LL
KNOW FOR SURE
IF AN EDITING
TECHNIQUE
HAS BEEN
USED
.....

BUT, THE
STRANGE THING
IS THAT
SOME PICTURES
ARE TOTALLY
BLACK.....

TOTALLY
BLACK
?



THERE ARE TWO
BLACK PICTURES
CAME BEFORE THE
LAST PICTURE THAT
HAS BLOOD SPOTS
ON IT

THE PICTURES
ARE SO DARK
THAT WE CAN'T
SEE ANYTHING
IF THEM ...

REALLY
?

YES
.....

IT'S POSSIBLE THAT
SOMETHING MIGHT HAVE
COVERED THE LENSE
WHEN THE SHUTTER WAS
PRESSED



THAT'S
RIGHT
.....

THE BLOOD
MARK ON
THE
PICTURE IS
ACTUALLY
THE TRICK
!



BUT, I STILL DON'T
KNOW HOW THE
CRIMINAL SHOT
THAT PICTURE
?

AND THE POINT
I STILL DON'T
UNDERSTAND
MOST IS THE
CHOCOLATE
ON THE
BODY
.....

SINCE THIS
KIND OF THING
WAS PUT
THERE, IT HAS
MESSED UP
.....

ALL
POSSIBLE
EXPLANA-
TIONS...



HEY SABURO,
HERE IS YOUR
FAVORITE BALL
!

IS THE MAN
WEARING THE
BLACK SILK HAT IN
THE WOODS IS
REALLY THE
CRIMINAL
?

HOW COME YOU IGNORE
IT? WHEN I CAME HERE
LAST YEAR, YOU LOVED
PLAYING WITH IT SO
MUCH



GRANDNY,
HOW COME
THAT DAG WAS
NAMED
SABURO ?

BEFORE THAT,
THERE WERE ALSO
TARO AND JIRO, BUT
BOTH WERE ALREADY
DEAD

EH ?
YOUR
OTHER
DOGS
WERE
DEAD
?

YES.....TARO WAS MY HUSBAND'S
NAME. JIRO WAS A SHIGOKU DOG LIKE
SABURO. MY HUSBAND TOLD ME WHEN
MS.REIKO DIED, JIRO DIED SHORTLY
AFTER THAT. HE MIGHT HAVE WANTED
TO GO FOLLOW HER

I REALLY
WANT TO
SEE JIRO.
DO YOU
HAVE HIS
PICTURES
?

UM.....
THERE MAY
BE SOME PIC-
TURES IN MY
HUSBAND'S
ALBUM
.....

IT'S KEPT IN THE
ROOM THAT MR.
NIGAKI WAS
SUPPOSED
TO STAY IN
.....

T...THEN
LET ME GO GET IT
?

I'LL GO
WITH
YOU,
TOO
.....

DOES SABURO
HAVE ANY STRANGE
HABITS LIKE GOING
OUT TO HAVE A
WALK
?

NO. HE SPENDS MOST
OF THE TIME HERE IN
THE HOUSE. HE WILL
LEAVE THE HOUSE
ONLY TO GO VISIT
THE GRAVE
.....

HE IS
A VERY
SMART
DOG !

WHEN WE WALK
CLOSED TO THE
GRAVE, HE WILL
RUN AHEAD, SIT
AND WAIT FOR ME
THERE WITH A BIG
SMILE ON HIS
FACE.

ACTUALLY THERE IS ONE INTEREST-
ING HABIT, ON ANY DAYS HAVING
SO STRONG WIND THAT HE CAN'T
GO OUTSIDE, HE DOESN'T EAT ANY
FOOD ALTHOUGH NORMALLY HE
NEVER HAS ANY FOOD LEFT.

BUT ON THE NEXT
DAY AFTER THE
SNOW STORM
HAS GONE, HE
EATS A LOT
.....

I
SEE
.....

SCREAM

COME AND
LOOK AT IT
YOURSELF
!!

WHAT
HAPPENED
!?

WASN'T IT
MS.AKO'S
SCREAM
?

THOSE GUYS CAME
SEARCHING NIGAKI'S
STUFF WITHOUT ANY
PERMISSION !!

WHAT
!?

N...
NO
.....

DON'T MISUN-
DERSTOOD US.
WE JUST HOPE
WE MAY FIND
SOME USEFUL
EVIDENCE.

W...WE
DIDN'T
TAKE
ANYTHING
.....

THEN, CAN I
SEARCH YOUR
BODIES ?

S...
SURE
...

LET'S GO
TO THE
NEXT
ROOM

HUH
?

THERE IS BLOOD ON THE SHIRT

BUT, IT LOOKS LIKE THERE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE BLOOD IN THE MIDDLE, TOO ...

THAT'S THE SHIRT NIGAKI WAS WEARING WHEN HIS FINGER WAS CUT !

EH ?

WHILE HE WAS CUTTING THE CHOCOLATE, HE ACCIDENTALLY CUT HIS LEFT THUMB

ACTUALLY, THE WOUND WAS NOT THAT BIG. SINCE HE WAS AFRAID OF BLOOD, HE SWANG HIS HAND HARD. THAT'S HOW THE BLOOD GOT ON THE SHIRT

GRANDNY WAS SHOCKED. SHE QUICKLY TOOK THE FIRST-AID KID TO TREAT THE WOUND. AKO WAS SO WORRIED ABOUT HIM THAT SHE WAS CRYING A LOT IN THIS ROOM. SO, I GOT TO HOLD HIM INSTEAD. IT WAS QUITE A CHAOS !!

LATER, AKO WAS THE MOST TIRED PERSON BECAUSE SHE HAD TO TAKE CARE OF HIM ALL THE TIME

RIGHT ?

OH, I'M SORRY

OKEY, I FOUND IT !!

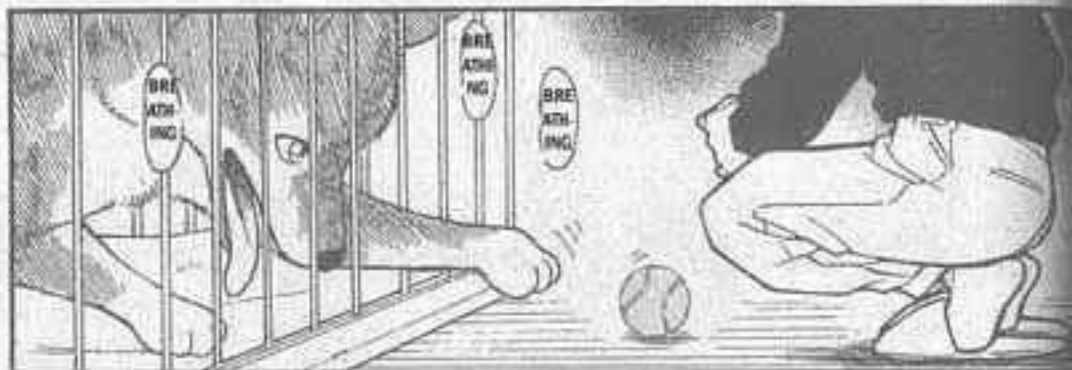
JIRO IS ON THE LEFT AND ON THE RIGHT IS SABURO !!

THE MEDALS ON THEIR NECKS ARE THE AWARDS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT GAVE TO THEM BECAUSE THEY HAD HELPED SEVERAL VICTIMS

EH ? SABURO MAY BE ON THE LEFT AND JIRO IS ON THE RIGHT, I'M NOT SO SURE

ZZZZ

DOOR OPEN



BRU
BRU
BRU

I'M
RIGHT
.....



NOW, I GET
EVERYTHING
!!

ONLY
THE PROOF
IS MISSING
.....

I GOT TO
FIND THE
EVIDENCE
TO EXPOSE
THE
CRIMINAL
WHO
KILLED

MR. NIGAKI
AND HOW THE
CHOCOLATE
WAS TAKEN
FROM HERE TO
THERE



HUH
?

THIS
ONE IS
SONOKO'S

THE NEXT
ONE IS MS.
MIKA'S

WHERE
IS


RAN'S
.....?



RAN


DOOR OPEN






HUH ?

WHAT ?!




ALREADY
FIGURE
OUT WHO
.....

THE
MURDERER
IS
.....?



REALLY,
CONAN
?



YEP I RIGHT NOW,
UNCLE KOGORO
IS IN THE KITCHEN
GETTING READY
TO SHOW THE
INVESTIGATION
!!




OK !

MR. DETEC-
TIVE, WE
HEARD YOU
GOT SOME-
THING ?

YOU SAID
YOU KNOW
WHO THE
CRIMINAL
IS

DOES IT MEAN YOU
ALREADY KNOW
WHO THE MAN
WEARING THE
BLACK SILK HAT
IN THE WOODS
IS ?



NOT AT ALL, BUT
THERE IS NO NEED
TO INVESTIGATE
THAT MYSTERY
MAN
.....

BECAUSE THE
CRIMINAL WHO
KILLED MR.
NIGAKI IS
ALREADY IN THIS
ROOM WITH US

.....

WHAT
?

WHAT
DID
YOU
SAY
!?

HAVEN'T I TOLD YOU ?
IN THE SITUATION LIKE
THAT, THERE IS NO WAY
ONE OF US WOULD BE
ABLE TO TAKE THE
CHOCOLATE FROM
HERE AND PUT IT
THERE

!!

THAT'S
RIGHT. BUT,
THE KEY TO
UNLOCK

.....

THE
CHOCOLATE
MYSTERY
DOESN'T
BELONG TO
US ...

IT
BELONGS
TO HIM

.....

WHAT
!?