

Detective CONAN

... MEANING OF AN X ...

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BUT I
WONDER...
WHERE DID
I SEE HIM
....?

THE MAN WITH
A BLACK
KNITTED HAT
.....

I KNOW
I DID
.....

DEFINITELY,
I HAVE MET
HIM
.....

AS IF SOMETHING
IS GOING TO
BREAK WHENEVER
I TRY TO
REMEMBER
.....

ALSO, WHY
DO I GET
THIS
FEELING ?

HEY !!
MOURI
!!

JUST
LIKE
THAT
TIME
.....

YES
A BAD UNEASY
FEELING



UM,
AN X ...
I MEAN
A CROSS
....?

MEANING
OF THE
SYMBOL ON
THE BOARD
?

THEN,
CAN
YOU TELL
ME THE
.....

HA HA HA HA HA



WERE YOU
PAYING
ATTENTION
TO MY
LECTURE ?

WHAT
?

Y,
YES
.....



EH
?

ALARM SOUNDS



LET'S HAVE
RAN SOLVE
THE PROBLEM
BY THE NEXT
CLASS !

AH ~ !
TIME IS UP !



RAN !
THAT MEANS
.....



Y,
YES
.....

O.K.
?

YOU HAVE TO KNOW
THE MEANING OF
SUCH A CUTE SIGN !
IT'S SPECIALLY
USEFUL FOR LADIES.



X IS A VARIABLE FOR UNKNOWN VALUE IN ALGEBRA ... OR IT MEANS QUESTION, UNKNOWN, UNEXPLAINED, OR INDETERMINATION ... X RAY IS ROENTGEN ... X RATED IS FOR AGES 18 AND ABOVE ...







A GROPER ?





WHO FOLLOWS YOU TO YOUR HOME AND WATCHES FOR HIS CHANCE

A HORRIBLY EVIL DIABOLICAL STALKER



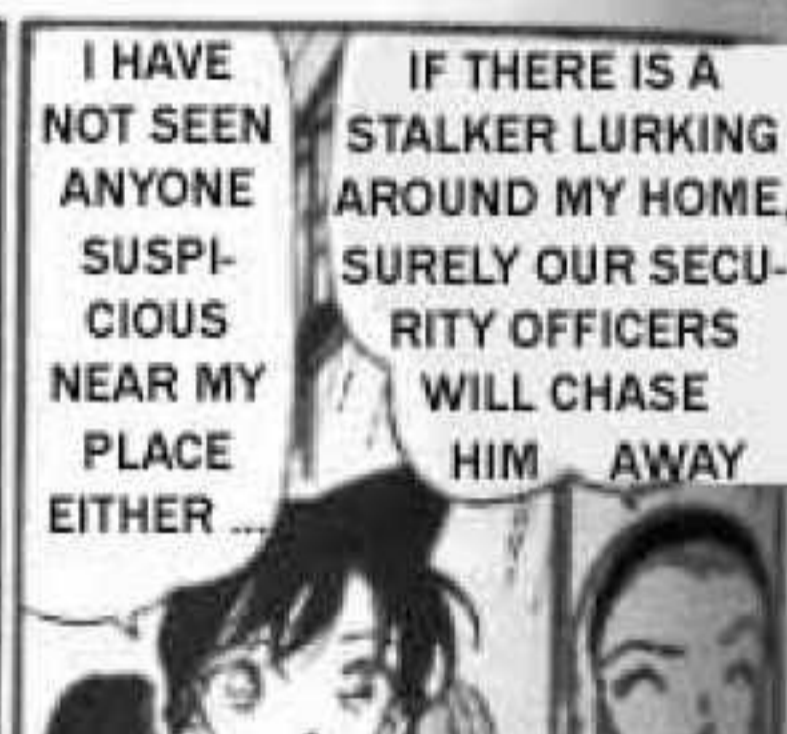
GIVE ME A CALL RIGHT AWAY !!

WELL, IF YOU SEE ANYONE ACTING WEIRD ...



Y, YEAH

RIGHT, CONAN ?



I HAVE NOT SEEN ANYONE SUSPICIOUS NEAR MY PLACE EITHER ...

IF THERE IS A STALKER LURKING AROUND MY HOME, SURELY OUR SECURITY OFFICERS WILL CHASE HIM AWAY



YES! JAPANESE PEOPLE STILL UNDERESTIMATE HOW DANGEROUS STALKERS CAN BE !

T, TELL YOU, MS. JODY ?



IF YOU TELL ME, I'LL TEACH HIM A LESSON IN THE AMERICAN WAY !



A SUSPICIOUS
MAN IS
LURKING YOU
!?

WHAT
!?



PROBABLY
IT'S THE GUY
I'D BEEN
INVESTIGAT-
ING ON
.....

I SAID A
SUSPICIOUS
MAN BUT
.....



IN FRONT
OF THE
BUILDING
YOU ARE IN
.....

WHERE IN
THE WORLD
ARE YOU
RIGHT NOW
!?

KISUGI NORIHISA, 50
ADMINISTRATIVE
MANAGER OF A
TRADING COMPANY



HE MAY BE
AGREE TO
PAY ME
TWICE AS
MUCH IF I
OVERLOOK
WHAT I'VE
FOUND
ABOUT
HIM

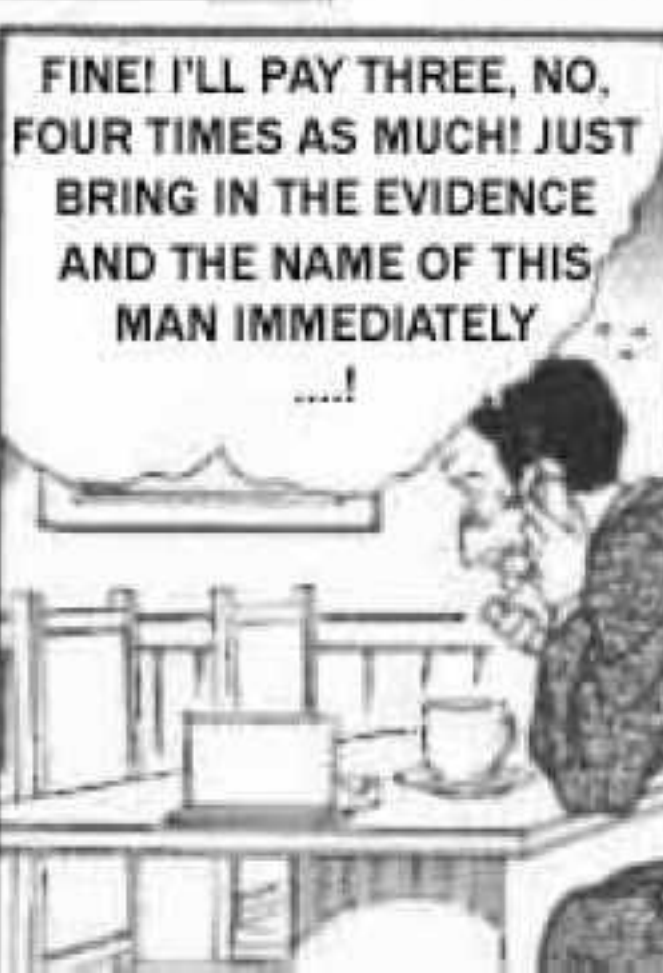
HE IS MOST
LIKELY WAITING
FOR A CHANCE
TO OFFER A
BETTER DEAL
.....

NAKAJOU KATSUNORI
(43) MANAGER OF
A PRIVATE
DETECTIVE OFFICE



HE CAN'T
COMPETE
WITH YOUR
OFFER
.....

NOW
YOU'RE
TALKING!
I'LL BE
THERE
SHORTLY



FINE! I'LL PAY THREE, NO,
FOUR TIMES AS MUCH! JUST
BRING IN THE EVIDENCE
AND THE NAME OF THIS
MAN IMMEDIATELY
.....!

YOU KNOW
MONEY
MAKES THE
MARE GO
.....



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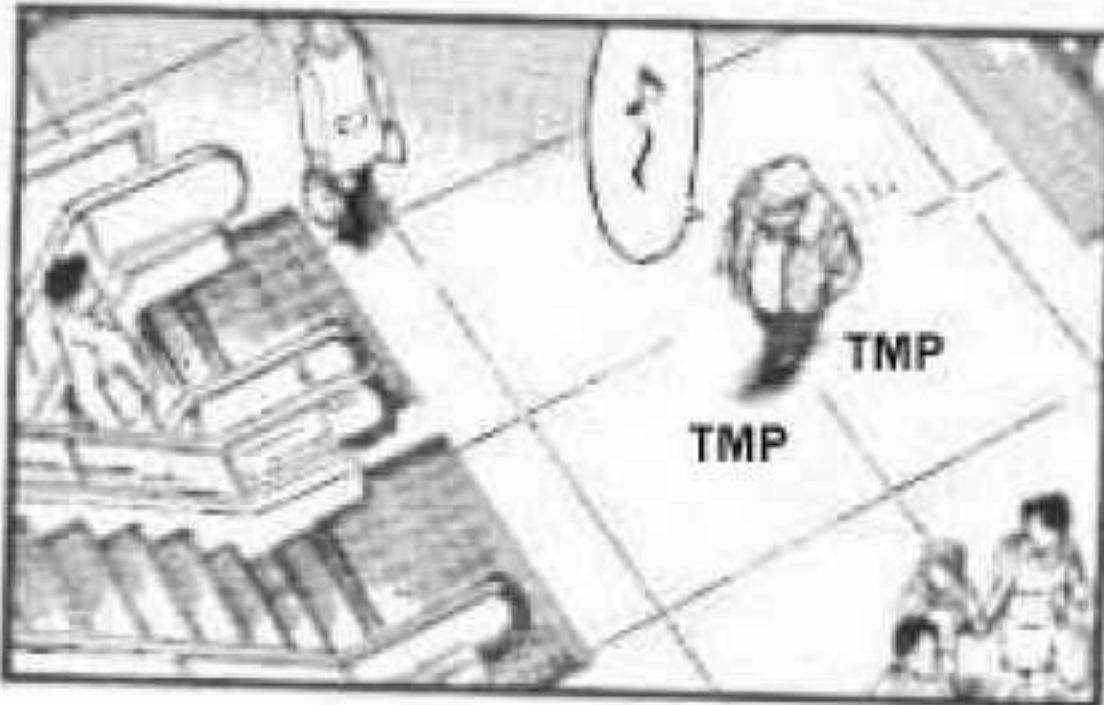


CHA-CHANG

DON'T TAKE IT PERSONALLY, MR. TROUBLE MAKER

WELL, YOU HEARD HTAT

BEEP



TMP
TMP



YOUR CRIME RECORDS ARE ENCLOSED IN THIS ENVE.....

HEY HEY, FOLLOWING ME ISN'T GOING TO MAKE YOUR SITUATION ANY BETTER. GIVE IT UP. IT'S TOO LATE.



HUH ?



PO-KAMM

LOPE



AC

...

HU

...



BLACKOUT

?

WHAT

?

HUH

?







HUH?
WHAT'S
THAT? THERE
IS SOME-
THING
WRITTEN ON
THE ENVE-
LOPE
HE'S
HOLD
ING
ON
TO...



Y, YES
MA'AM
!!

MOURI, SUSUKI,
CALL AN AMBU-
LANCE AND THE
POLICE, FAST



HUH
?





* JAPANESE STYLE PRONUNCIATION





SHE SHOULD DO FIX HER JAPANESE BEFORE FIXING SOMEONE ELSE'S ENGLISH.

GLAD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, IN-PEC-TUR* !!

JODIE SAINTE-MIL-LIAN !!



DYING MESSAGE ! [ENGLISH PRONUNCIATION]

HUH? Y, YOU ARE ...

* JODY PRONUNCED IT INCORRECTLY



STILL, NOT AS MANY AS THOSE TWO GIRLS YET !

YES !!

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU GET INVOLVED IN CRIMINAL CASES QUITE FREQUENTLY.



WHEN THE LIGHT WENT BACK ON, A WOMAN SCREAMED. WE CAME OUT AND SAW THIS MAN BLEEDING.....

WE WERE TALKING AT THE CAFE OVER THERE. THEN, THE BLACKOUT OCCURRED.

EH ?



BEFORE MR. NAKAJOU LOST HIS LAST BREATH, HE WROTE

THEN, THE CULPRIT STABBED THE VICTIM UNDER COVER OF COINCIDENTAL DARKNESS AND RAN AWAY

THEY SAID IT LASTED FOR LESS THAN 15 SECONDS

THE BLACKOUT WAS DUE TO MISHAP CAUSED BY A TECHNICIAN DURING INSPECTING THE ELETRIC SYSTEM.

BLACK-OUT ?



POSSIBLY, THEY COULD BE SOMEONE'S NAME

THEY ARE SYMBOLS OFTEN USED TO SUBSTITUTE SOME ALPHABETS

HMM... WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THIS, OXA ?



THIS STRANGE DYING MESSAGE



PLEASE, THINK HARD AS MUCH AS YOU CAN !!

WHERE DID YOU SEE THEM !?



YOU KNOW WHAT ? I'VE SEEN THOSE SYMBOLS SOMEWHERE BEFORE !

HUH ?



THOSE SYMBOLS ARE ON THE CONTROLLERS OF JAPANESE GAME MACHINES !!

OH !! THE CONTROLLER !!



R, RIGHT

HUH ?

WHY DON'T WE RETURN THE CALL ?

BEEP BEEP



30 MINUTES AGO? THAT IS ABOUT THE TIME OF THE MURDER !!

INSPECTOR, THE CELL-PHONE LOG SHOWS A CALL CAME IN ABOUT 30 MINUTES AGO



I ALMOST FORGOT, SHE IS A GAMER

HA HA

DID IT HELP AT ALL ?



TH, THAT'S RIGHT
.....



OH? YOU HIRED A PRIVATE DETECTIVE TO CONDUCT AN INTERNAL INVESTIGATION IN YOUR COMPANY



FROM 8th TO 11th FLOORS OF THIS BUILDING ARE OUR PROPERTIES



WHERE IS YOUR COMPANY ?



LAST MONTH, WE FOUND OUT AN EMPLOYEE HAS BEEN EMBEZZLING THE COMPANY'S MONEY. AN EXECUTIVE ORDERED ME TO FIND OUT WHO IT IS BEFORE THE PRESIDENT LEARNS ABOUT THIS MESS

I SEE. AFTER YOU RECEIVED A NOTICE FROM THE INVESTIGATOR PINPOINTING THE CULPRIT, YOU ARRANGED TO MEET HIM AT THIS CAFE INSTEAD OF THE OFFICE AVOIDING THE EMBEZZLER. HOWEVER, HE DIDN'T SHOW UP AT THE MEETING TIME. THAT'S WHEN YOU CALLED THE VICTIM ON HIS CELLPHONE, IS THAT CORRECT ?

YES
.....



YES, I DO. THE INVESTIGATOR MAILED ME AN INTERIM REPORT INCLUDING A LIST OF SUSPICIOUS EMPLOYEES LAST WEEK
.....



WELL, DON'T YOU HAVE ANY IDEA ON WHO THE EMBEZZLER IS ?



UM...IT IS HIGHLY POSSIBLE THAT THE EMBEZZLER KILLED THE INVESTIGATOR AND WENT HIDING IN ONE OF THE OFFICES UPSTAIRS



THE ENVELOPE MR.NAKAJOU WAS HOLDING WAS EMPTY. DO YOU THINK THE EMBEZZLER AND THE MURDERER WERE THE SAME PERSON ?



HERE IS THE LIST !!

三郎 成久 康正 俊次 敏俊 史國 郡 澤 兼心 正和 風
 西谷 松 吉田 河 富山 國 角 古 坂 藤 上 田 元
 西 西 則 林 日 藤 古 關 丹 三 三 宮 向 武 村 由 吉
 中 町 匠 美 國 愛 實 實 之 友 雅 一 夫 郎 野 郎 藤 子 太 裕 樹
 中 夏 千 茂 茂 幸 哲 一 友 實 正
 豐 丘 桑 川 石 中 木 谷 部 島 田 中 門 橋 内 口 丸 光 田
 沢 茂 四 品 白 杉 鮎 角 國 高 多 橋 田 中 節 坪 堂 戸 島 崎
 之 証 輔 子 子 法 國 広 夫 郎 信 夫 樹 昭 茂 治 太 夫 隆 昇
 文 慶 史 美 武 慶 貴 安 祐 士 智 政 慶 文 彦 繼
 田 井 郎 宮 倉 澤 星 佐 方 橫 村 沼 井 丸 戸 吉 野 暮 間
 秋 邊 阿 南 石 市 寺 野 生 大 大 橋 掛 金 冠 木 國 風 木 古

AND THE ONLY CLUE SO FAR IS OXΔ

THERE ARE 54 SUSPECTS

WHOA! THIS ISN'T GOING TO BE EASY TO CHECK OUT ALL OF THEM



HOW INTERESTING