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REALLY ?

THE REPORT SAID THAT THE VICTIM'S FINGERPRINTS WERE FOUND IN THE BLOODY SYMBOLS OXΔ !



INSPECTOR MEGURE !



SO, BEFORE HE DIED, HE MUST HAVE WRITTEN OXΔ AS A HINT OR DYING

JUST AS WE EXPECTED, THE BLOOD WAS MR. NAKAJOU'S



GOOD !

MESSAGE TO IDENTIFY THE MURDERER



THE LIGHT WENT OUT AFTER A MAN IN A COAT STUBBED MR. NAKAJOU

YES ... ACCORDING TO A WITNESS ...



BEFORE ?

ALSO, IT LOOKS LIKE MR. NAKAJOU WAS STUBBED BEFORE THE BLACKOUT



THE MAN IN COAT RAN TOWARDS THE VICTIM, TOOK THE DOCUMENT OUT OF THE ENVELOPE AND

AFTER THE LIGHT CAME BACK, MR. NAKAJOU WAS COUCHING BY THE ESCALATOR



THE BLACKOUT OCCURRED WHILE THE TWO WERE SCRAMBLING FOR THE ENVELOPE

THE STUBBING TOOK PLACE IN FRONT OF THE ESCALATOR



YES, PROBABLY DURING THE BLACK-OUT

THEN, MR. NAKAJOU MUST HAVE WRITTEN THE OXΔ WHILE HE WAS IN FRONT OF THE ESCALATOR

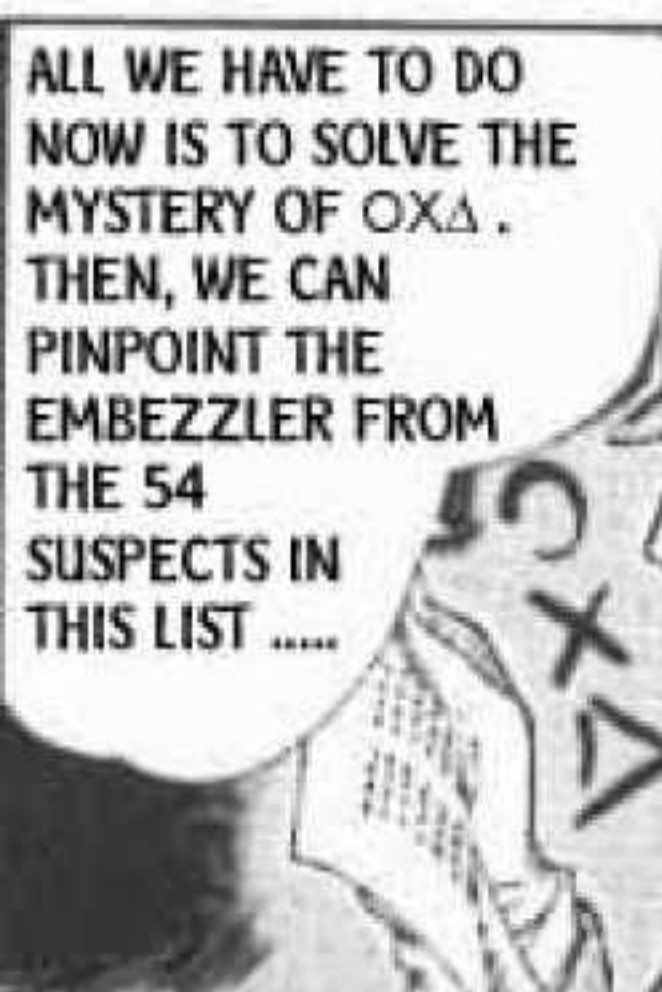


RAN UP THE ESCALATOR !



HE DIED IN THIS SITTING POSITION WHILE THE ESCALATOR TOOK HIM TO THE TOP

IN SHORT, MR. NAKAJOU WAS ABLE TO HOLD ON TIGHT TO THE ENVELOPE, STILL, THE DOCUMENT ABOUT THE EMBEZZLING INVESTIGATION WAS TAKEN BY THE CULPRIT



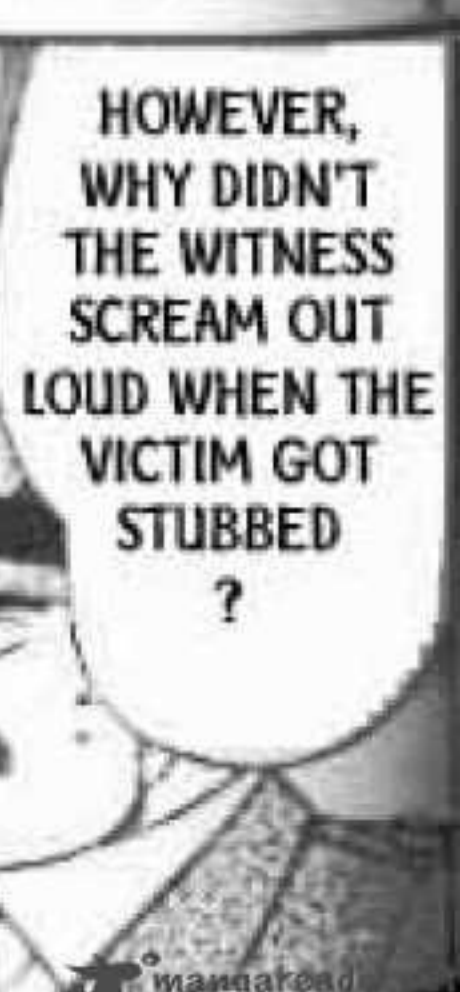
ALL WE HAVE TO DO NOW IS TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF OXΔ . THEN, WE CAN PINPOINT THE EMBEZZLER FROM THE 54 SUSPECTS IN THIS LIST



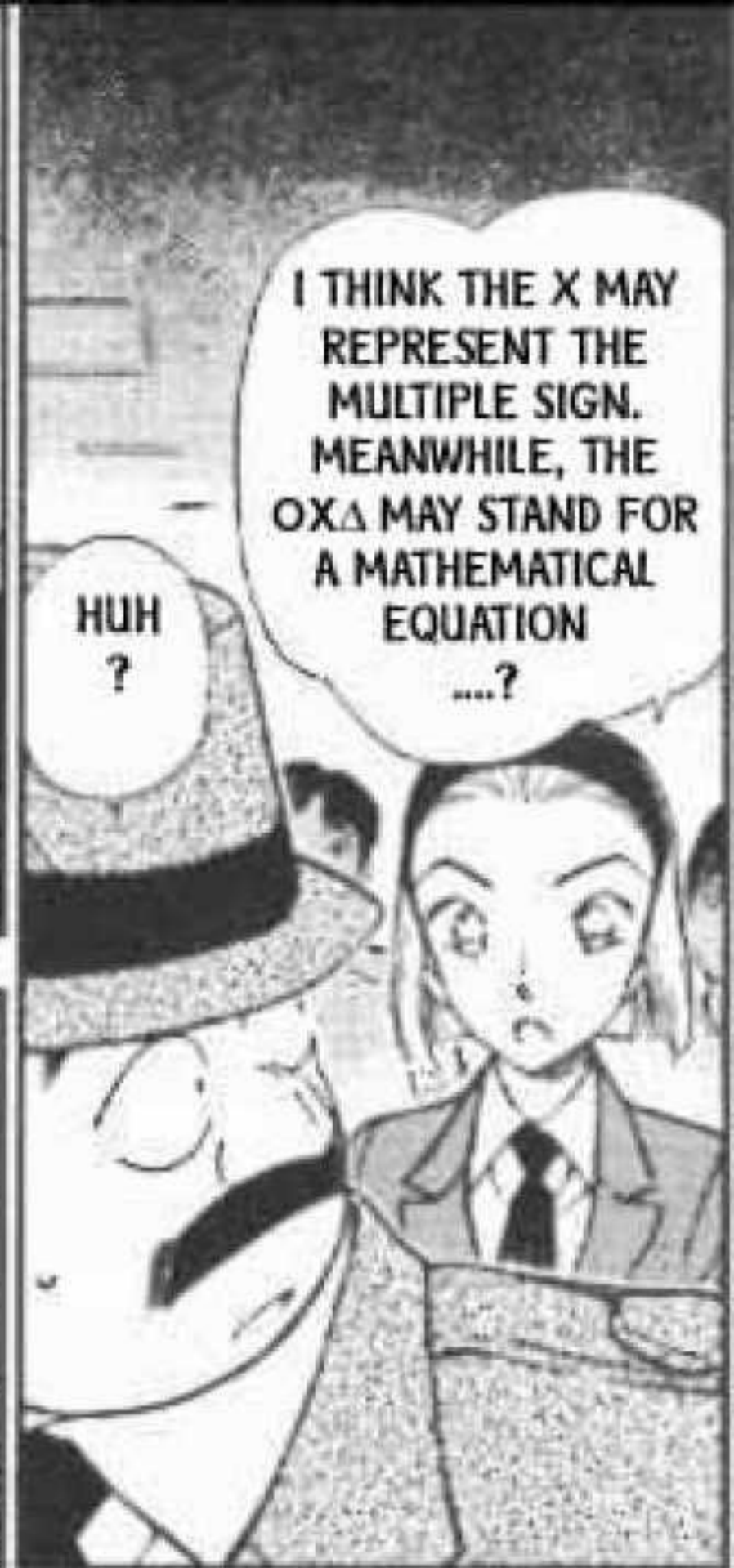
ANYWAYS, IT'S ALMOST CERTAIN THAT THE MURDERER MUST BE THE EMBEZZLER !!



SHE THOUGHT THEY WERE FILMING A TV DRAMA



HOWEVER, WHY DIDN'T THE WITNESS SCREAM OUT LOUD WHEN THE VICTIM GOT STUBBED ?



ΔO□ = JAPANESE FOOD THAT LOOKS SIMILAR TO THE DIAGRAM





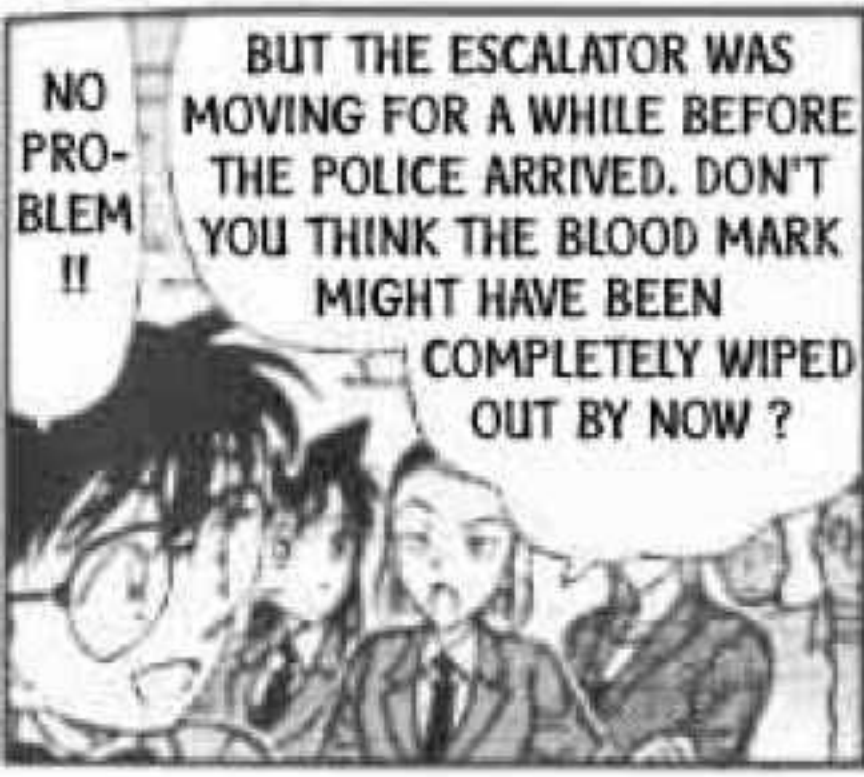


RIGHT NOW, THE ESCALATOR WAS NOT MOVING. HOWEVER, THE ESCALATOR WAS MOVING WHEN THE BODY WAS DISCOVERED. SO, THE INCOMPLETE BLOOD MARK MAY STILL BE HIDDEN BEHIND THE ESCALATOR.

UM, THAT'S POSSIBLE

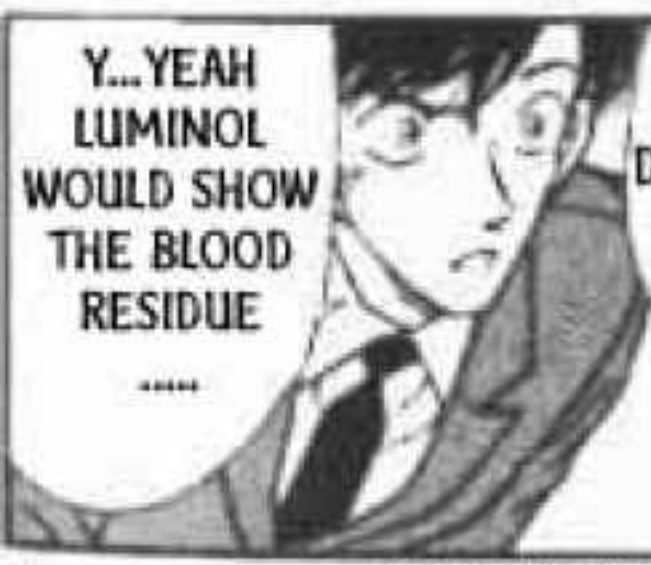


THE STEPS OF THIS ESCALATOR !!



BUT THE ESCALATOR WAS MOVING FOR A WHILE BEFORE THE POLICE ARRIVED. DON'T YOU THINK THE BLOOD MARK MIGHT HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY WIPED OUT BY NOW ?

NO PROBLEM !!



Y...YEAH LUMINOL WOULD SHOW THE BLOOD RESIDUE



RIGHT DETECTIVE TAKAGI ?



THE BLOOD LETTER WILL MAGICALLY EMIT LIGHT IF A CHEMICAL CALLED MINO-MUSHI* OR SOMETHING WAS USED

* CONAN DOESN'T PRONOUNCE IT CORRECTLY, MINO-MUSHI = A BUG'S NAME



HMM ?

OH, THERE IS ONE MORE THING



R ... RIGHT

PLEASE ALSO TELL THIS TO THE INVESTIGATOR. SINCE THE VICTIM WROTE THE MESSAGE WHILE BENDING DOWN BLEEDING, IT SHOULD BE EASY TO TELL WHICH ESCALATOR STEP THE VICTIM WAS SITTING BECAUSE IT MUST STILL BE COVERD WITH BLOOD.





HUH ?

WHAT IS THAT X ?

YOU KNOW, THE X THAT SONOKO AND ALL WERE TALKING EARLIER



EXCUSE ME SIR ! COULD YOU CHECK ON?

.....



HA HA HA IT'S A BIT TOO EARLY FOR YOU TO LEARN, KID !!



OH, GREAT !!

INSPECTOR ! WE'VE FOUND A COAT, A HAT, AND A PAIR OF GLOVES THAT ARE BELIEVED TO BE THE BELONGINGS OF THE CULPRIT !!



UNFORTUNATELY, MANY OF THE EMPLOYEES WERE EITHER EATING ALONE OR TAKING A NAP AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT. WE COULD CONFIRM THE ALIBIS OF ONLY 23 OUT OF THE 54 ON THE LIST.



HOW ABOUT THE ALIBIS CHECKUP OF THE SUSPECTS ?

THE CULPRIT DUMPED THOSE THINGS AT THE QUIET RESTROOM ON THE 5th FLOOR ! HOWEVER, THE STOLEN DOCUMENT IS STILL MISSING !!

GOOD!
KEEP ON
SEARCHING
IT
!!

WE'RE STILL
SEARCHING FOR THE
MISSING DOCUMENT,
MOST HEAVILY
FOCUSING ON
THE FLOORS
FROM 8 TO 11
.....



THERE ARE
31 PEOPLE
WITHOUT
CONCRETE
ALIBIS
!!

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| 坂田 文之 | 沢登 伸子 | 西谷 成久 |
| 浅井 延 | 菅原 隆 | 山口 俊之 |
| 南宮 史子 | 品川 千鶴 | 日西 次広 |
| 今里 香織 | 白石 愛 | 藤田 敏子 |
| 野佐 真広 | 鈴木 真 | 岡山 晴男 |
| 生方 安夫 | 角谷 茂之 | 三島 隆 |
| 大福 祐雄 | 黒野 茂宏 | 向坂 康友 |
| 神沼富士夫 | 多田 幸一 | |
| | 橋 賢夫 | |
| 木戸 康浩 | | |
| 国吉 文太 | 宜口 友子 | |
| 風前 茂夫 | 戸丸 寛太 | |
| 古閑 昇 | 磯田 正希 | |

HMM ... WE HAVE
NARROWED THE LIST
DOWN TO 31 SUSPECTS
STILL, THE ONLY CLUE WE
HAVE SO FAR IS OX△...
UNLESS WE FIND
ANOTHER LETTER
FROM THE BACKSIDE
OF THE ESCALATOR
STEP BOARD

YES
SIR
!!



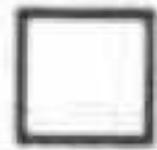
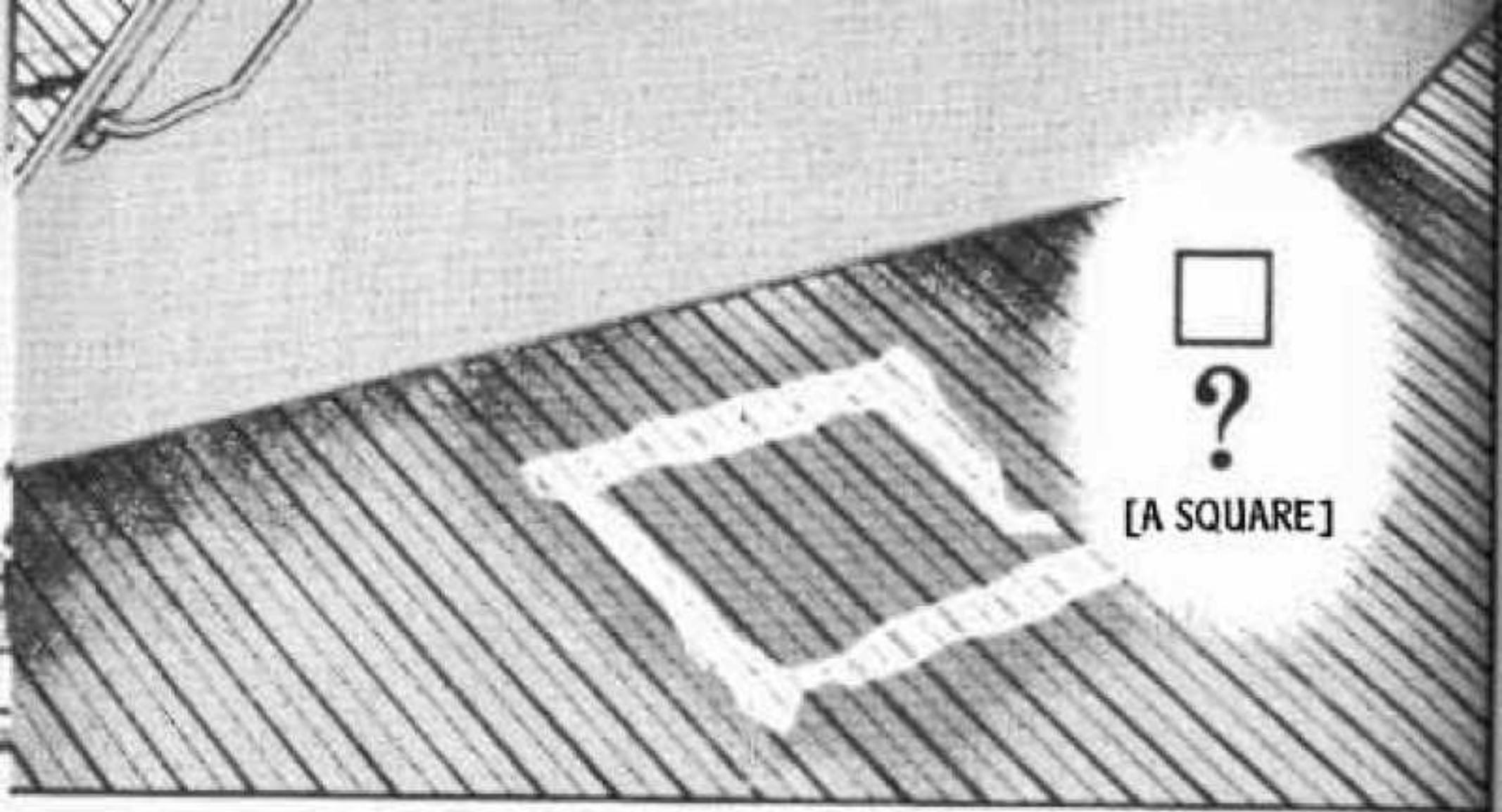
HUH
?

UM ...
IT'S
.....

WHAT IS
THAT
LETTER
?

WHAT
!?

INSPECTOR!
WE'VE FOUND
ANOTHER
BLOOD LETTER
!!



?

[A SQUARE]



SINCE IT'S SHAPE MATCHES WITH THE MARK ON THE ENVELOPE, IT'S DEFINITELY WRITTEN BY MR. NAKAJOU

HUH ?



I'M NOW LOST EVEN MORE

IT COULD BE A KANJI "MOUTH" OR A KATAKANA "RO", BUT IF YOU CONSIDER THE PREVIOUS OXΔ, IT'S PROBABLY A SQUARE



ISN'T IT A BIT BIGGER THAN OXΔ ?

THAT'S



THAT'S RIGHT

FOR EXAMPLE, X AND □ WOULD MAKE



EH ?

DO YOU THINK THEY'LL STAND FOR A SCRIPT WHEN YOU PUT OXΔ□ TOGETHER ?



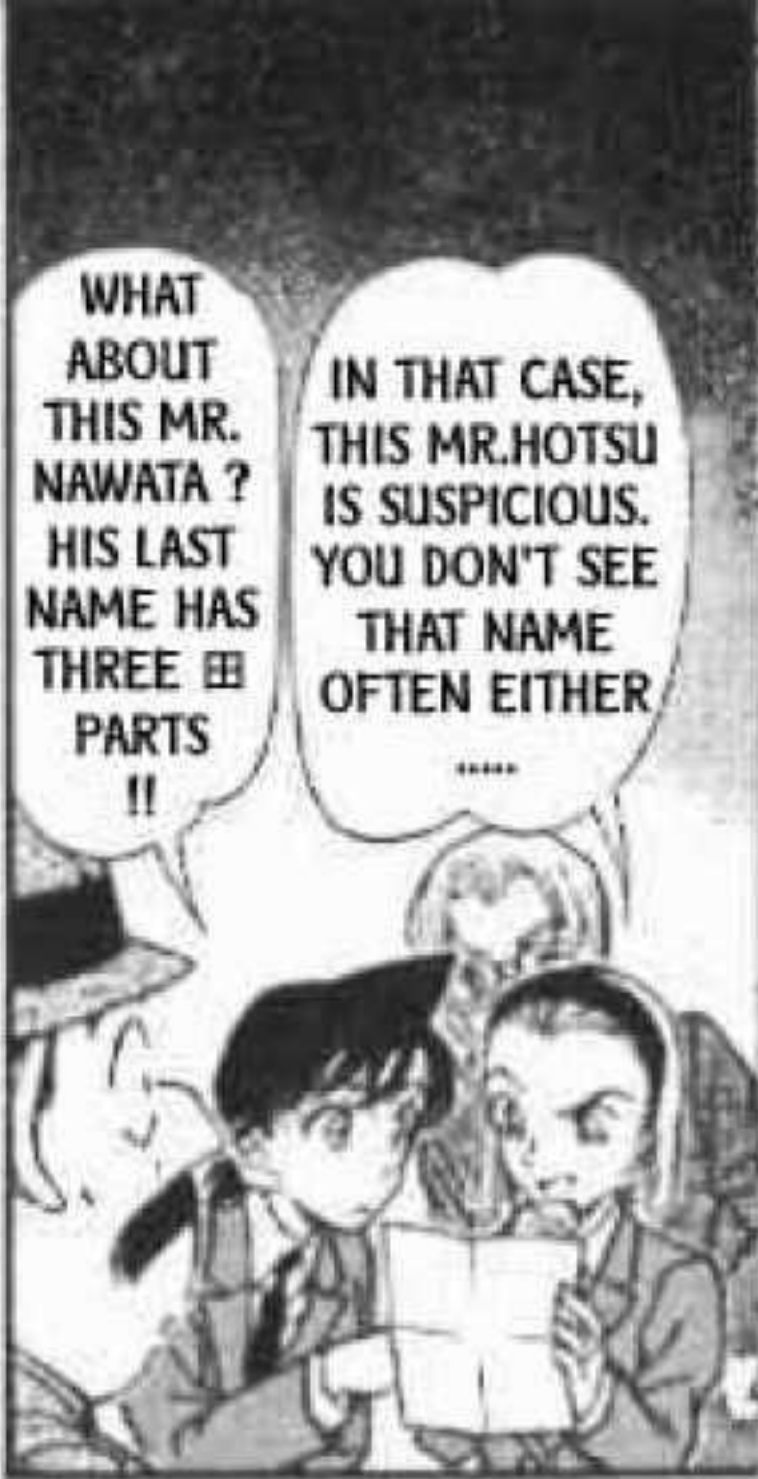
HEY, I'M SUZUKI TOO ! THERE IS NO BAD PERSON WITH A NAME SUZUKI !!

THAT'S IT, A SHAPE ! FOR EXAMPLE, MR. SUZUKI'S SUZU IS A ROUND BELL, SO IT STANDS FOR O.....



SHAPE ?

OH ! MR. ASAI'S CHARACTER HAS A SHAPE OF TWO OVERLAPPING Xs !!



WHAT ABOUT THIS MR. NAWATA ? HIS LAST NAME HAS THREE 田 PARTS !!

IN THAT CASE, THIS MR.HOTSU IS SUSPICIOUS. YOU DON'T SEE THAT NAME OFTEN EITHER



ANYWAYS, LEAVE THE MATTER TO US, THE POLICE, AND STAY AWAY FROM THE CRIME SCENE

AH HAM



YES SIR !!

TAKAGI, YOU GO AHEAD AND GIVE CHIBA A HAND ON THE UPPER FLOORS



OH ! I GOT TO CALL DAD THAT WE'LL BE LATE !!





YEAH,
INSPECTOR
TOLD ME TO
GO HELP YOU
.....



OH, HEY
CHIBA ?
WHERE ARE
YOU NOW
?

8th
FLOOR
?



OKEY, JUST
HOLD ON. I'LL
BE RIGHT UP
.....



BEEP



HEY
.....

HUH
?



WHOA
!!



HUH ?

WHAT IS THAT X ?

YOU SAID IT WAS A TEASE



R, RAN !!

SHHHH



OH ... YUMI LIKES TO ATTACH XXX ON MAILS TO TEASE ME

DON'T WORRY, YOU'LL DEFINITELY LEARN IT SOMEDAY



O, OKEY

PLEASE !!

TELL ME NOW !!



HE IS OVER THERE !!



OH ! YOU MEAN THE COOL KID



THAT LITTLE KID HAS GONE SOMEWHERE, TOO

RAN IS TAKING SO LONG



WERE THEY HELPFUL, COOL KID ?

WHICH IS AN ABBREVIATION FOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Y... YEAH

FBI!!!

OH ! I WAS TALKING ABOUT YOU, COOL KID ! THE INVESTIGATOR CAUGHT YOU WHEN YOU WERE HIDING BEHIND A SUITCASE !

BUT COULD YOU TELL ME WHY YOU SAID AN OSTRICH ?

"HIDING THE HEAD, BUT SHOWING THE HIP" !!
[PROTECT YOURSELF AT ALL POINT]

AMERICANS CALL SUCH SILLY PERSON AN OSTRICH ! HIDING A SMALL HEAD DOESN'T PROTECT YOU WHEN YOUR LARGE BODY IS EXPOSED OUTSIDE! THERE IS A SIMILAR EXPRESSION IN JAPAN AS WELL !!



**BUT
SHOWING
THE HIP**
.....

**HIDING
THE
HEAD**
.....



**HUH
?**

**LET ME
SEE THE
ENVELOPE
FOR A SEC
!!**



THE
CULPRIT
AMONG
THE 31
SUSPECTS
IS

THERE
IS NO
DOUBT
.....

SO THAT
WAS IT
!!

AHA...
I GET IT
.....



DEFINITELY
THAT
PERSON
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