

Detective Conan

TIME TO PICK THE APPLE

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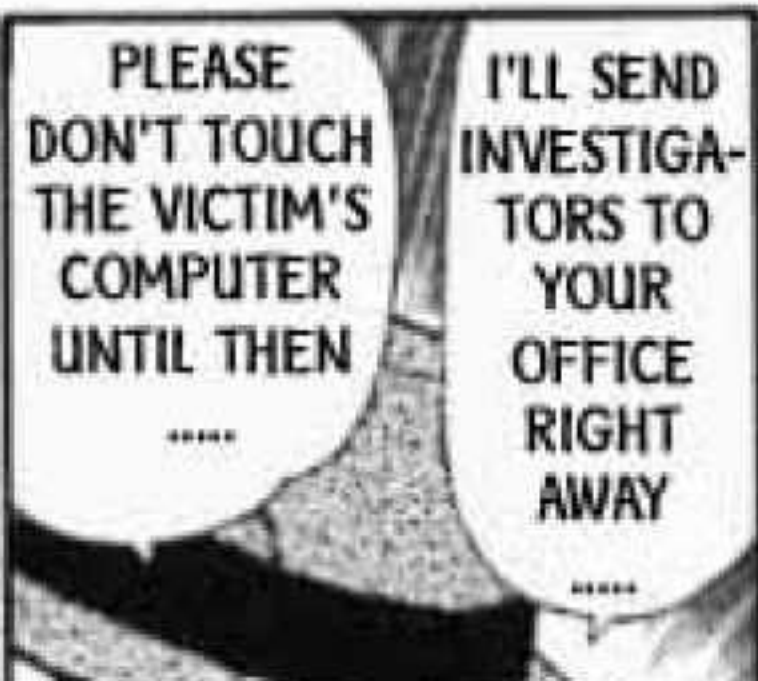




THE VICTIM WAS A PRIVATE DETECTIVE. MOST LIKELY THE MURDERER IS THE EMBEZZLER OF A COMPANY THE HE WAS INVESTIGATING ON

OH

WHAT'S GOING ON ?



PLEASE DON'T TOUCH THE VICTIM'S COMPUTER UNTIL THEN

I'LL SEND INVESTIGATORS TO YOUR OFFICE RIGHT AWAY



HOPING TO FIND SOMEONE WHO MIGHT KNOW THE NAME OF THE CULPRIT FROM WORKING TOGETHER ON THE EMBEZZLER CASE

THAT'S WHY I CONTACTED HIS AGENCY OFFICE



OUR LAST HOPE IS THE DATA ON HIS COMPUTER. BUT, IT'S INACCESSIBLE WITHOUT A PASSWORD.....

PASS WORD



NO. MR. NAKAJOU WAS WORKING ON THE CASE ALL BY HIMSELF. NONE OF HIS EMPLOYEES KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HIS CASE

HMM? OH

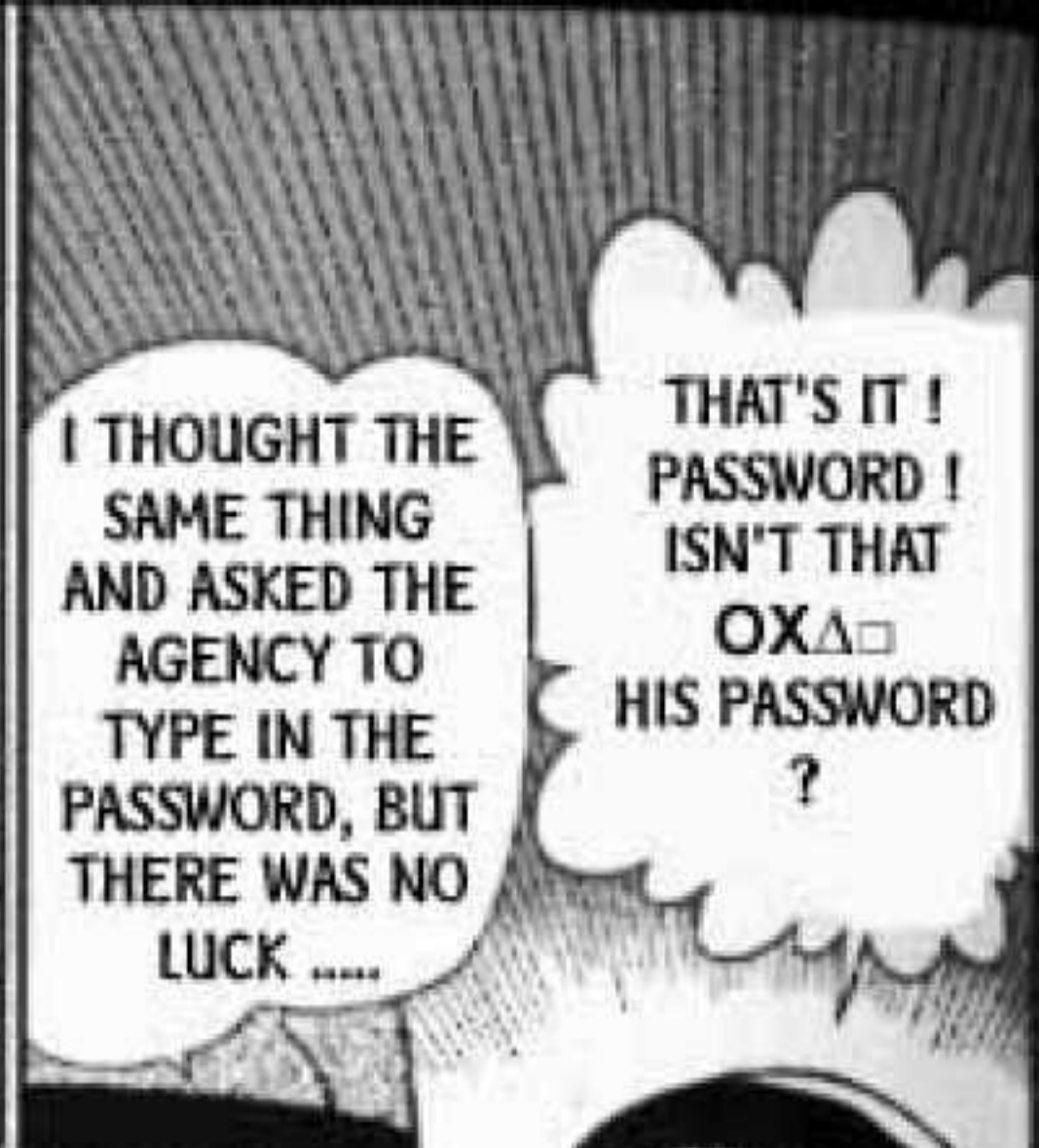
AND, WHAT'S THE RESULT ?



OH !
ISN'T IT
ABOUT
QUIZ
?

THEN, COULD
OXΔ□
REALLY BE THE
NAME OF THE
CULPRIT ?

THEY
TRIED
ALL 24
POSSIBLE
COMBI-
NA-
TIONS



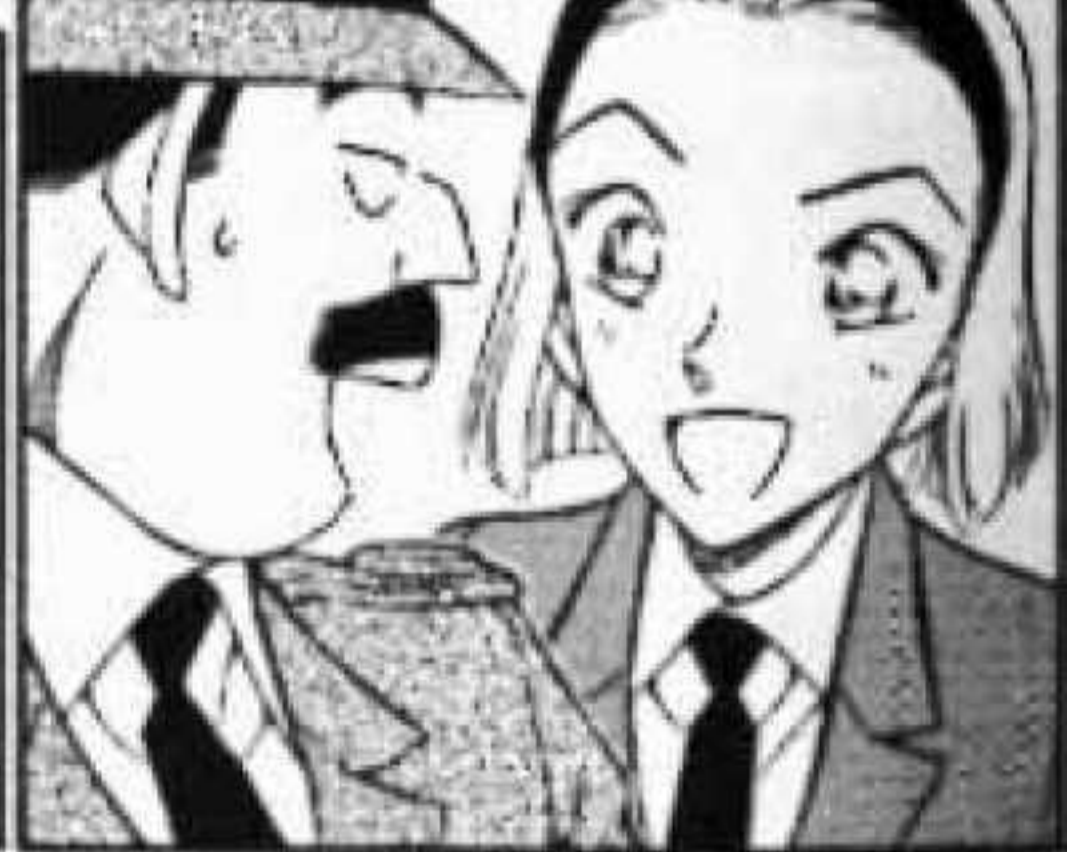
I THOUGHT THE
SAME THING
AND ASKED THE
AGENCY TO
TYPE IN THE
PASSWORD, BUT
THERE WAS NO
LUCK

THAT'S IT !
PASSWORD !
ISN'T THAT
OXΔ□
HIS PASSWORD
?



OH I KNOW THAT.
OX QUIZ !! THEN,
THE CULPRIT IS
THE KING OF THE
QUIZ.

JAPANESE QUIZ
SHOWS OFTEN
USE THESE
MARKS INSTEAD
OF O AND X
!!



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?



AH
HAM
.....



I MEAN,
LOOK !
"CHIBA"
HAS A
CHINESE
SCRIPT
THAT
.....



HUH
?

DETECTIVE
CHIBA CAN
ALSO BE A
SUSPECT,
CAN'T HE?



ANYWAY, YOU TWO STAY
STILL. DON'T INTERFERE
WITH THE POLICE AFFAIRS
ANY MORE THAN YOU
ALREADY HAVE
.....

BUT,
OXΔ□
IF IS THE
NAME
OF THE
CULPRIT
.....



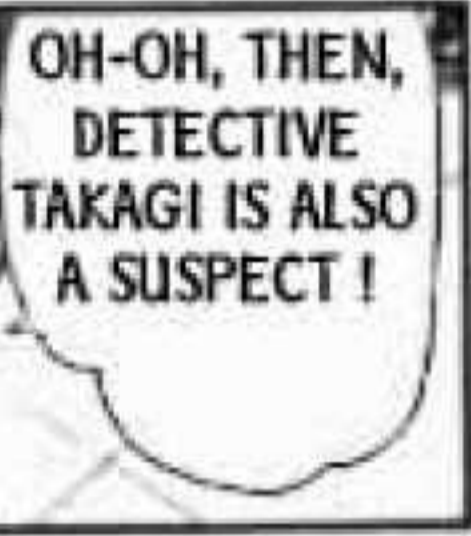
AND BECOMES Δ IF YOU HIDE IT LIKE THIS !!



BECOMES X IF YOU HIDE IT LIKE THIS



WHAT ?



OH-OH, THEN, DETECTIVE TAKAGI IS ALSO A SUSPECT !



HIDE !?

DON'T YOU THINK HE IS SUSPICIOUS ?



IT LOOKS LIKE BOTH O AND □ IF YOU COVER IT LIKE THIS !!



SEE, THIS LETTER FROM "TAKAGI"



HE TOLD ME IT'S OKAY TO ABBREVIATE WHEN HE'S RUSING !!



BECAUSE THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WRITE "MOUTH" AS A CIRCLE. DR.AGASA ALWAYS DOES THAT WHEN HE WRITES HIS NAME !!



I CAN SEE □ BUT HOW IS IT AN O ?



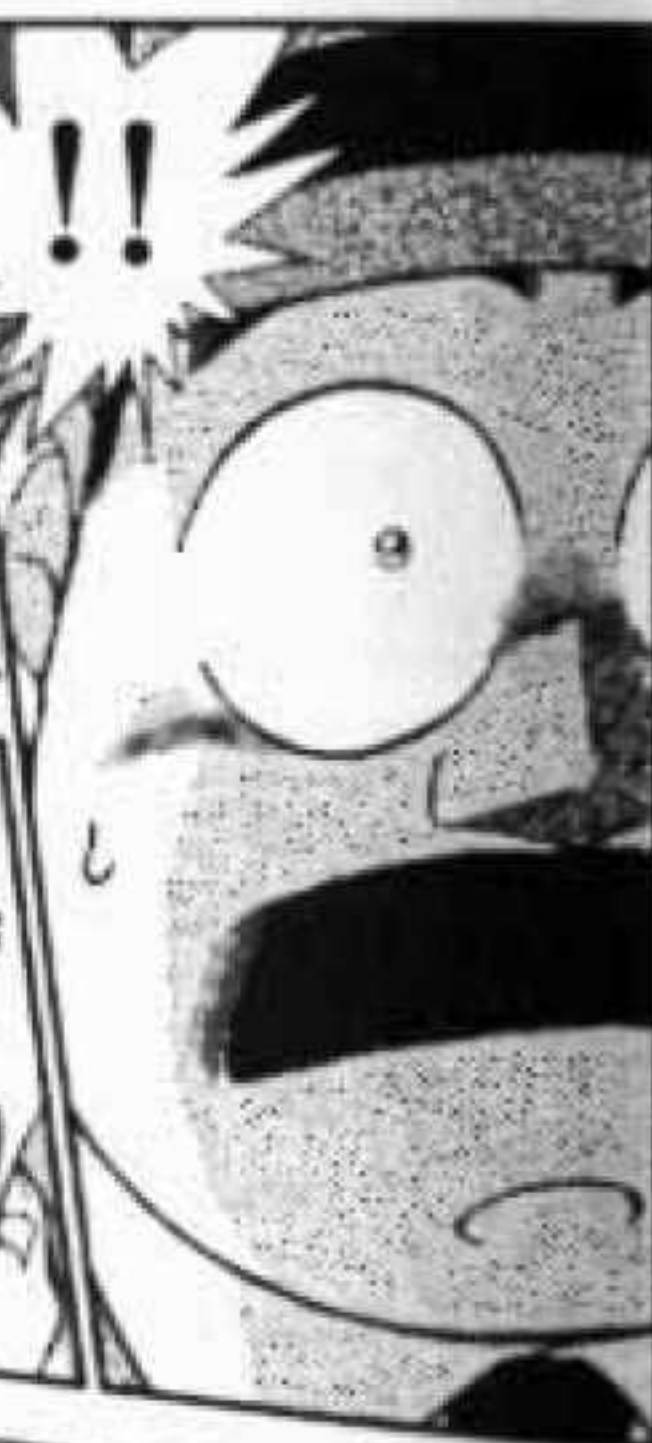
AND
ABBREVI-
ATE IT
.....

HIDE IT
RUSH IT



WAIT A
MINUTE ...
THERE
WAS ONE
.....

HELLO ? DETECTIVE TAKAGI
AND CHIBA BOTH CAME HERE
BECAUSE I CALLED THEM !
THEY CAN'T BE THE CUL-
PRITS !



IT WAS
.....

AMONG
THESE 31
SUSPECTS
.....



木戸	慶治	堂口	友子
国吉	文太	戸丸	寛太
黒岩	茂夫		
古蘭	昇	崎田	正樹

THIS IS IT !!

不吉黒
戸吉岩

慶文茂
治太夫

KUNIYOSHI BUNTA !!

THERE ARE NO CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE TWO AS THEY ARE. BUT, IF YOU COVER THE TOP HALVES OF THAT LAST THREE LETTERS

HOW IS HE OX△ ?

KUNI-YOSHI BUNTA ?

K ...

THE THREE LETTERS BECOME OX△

SEE ?

木戸慶
国口又太
里岩茂

NOT HIDDEN THEY WERE REMOVED

HOW COME THE TOP HALVES ARE HIDDEN ?

YOU'RE RIGHT IF THEY WERE PRINTED. BUT, WHEN HANDWRITTEN AND THE DOT WAS ELONGATED, IT ISN'T SURPRISING IF IT LOOKED LIKE △, IS IT?

BUT, IT'S HARD TO SEE △ FROM THE LAST CHARACTER

OH YES !!

太

AND THE TOP HALVES OF THE THREE LETTERS HAVE GONE MISSING SINCE THE CULPRIT STOLE THE PAPERS !!

THIS PROVES THOSE LETTERS OTHER THAN □ WERE WRITTEN OVER THE ENVELOPE AND THE DOCUMENTS STICKING OUT OF THE ENVELOPE !!

AND THE □ WAS ONE SIZE LARGER THAN THE OTHER ONES

THE OX△□ WAS WRITTEN AT THE EDGE OF THE ENVELOPE

BUT, IF THE VICTIM WAS WRITING IN A HURRY NOT TO GET CAUGHT BY THE MURDERER

OF COURSE IT'S THE "KUNI" PART OF HIS NAME

HOW ABOUT □ ?

IT'S NO WONDER THAT THE VICTIM HAD ABBREVIATED THE CHARACTER AND WRITTEN ONLY

LET'S GO GET HIM ON THE UPPER FLOOR !!

ALL RIGHT! WE'VE GOT THE CULPRIT !

PLEASE, HA HA HA

OH GREAT !! YOU ARE LIKE REAL-LIFE JULES MAIGRET !!

THAT MAKES SENSES. I KNOW FEW PEOPLE WHO WRITE IT IN THAT WAY !!

SIR !



IF HE GETS THE ANSWER THEN, LIKE I SUGGESTED, SHE MAY



OH



SHE COULD BE ASKING SHINICHI THE MEANING OF AN X ON THE PHONE !

I WONDER WHERE RAN IS



AH IT'S THIS LATE ALREADY



HA-HA LIKE I WILL "GIVE MY IMPORTANT X" TO HIM !!



IS THAT SO



I HAS JUST ASKED DETECTIVE TAKAGI !!

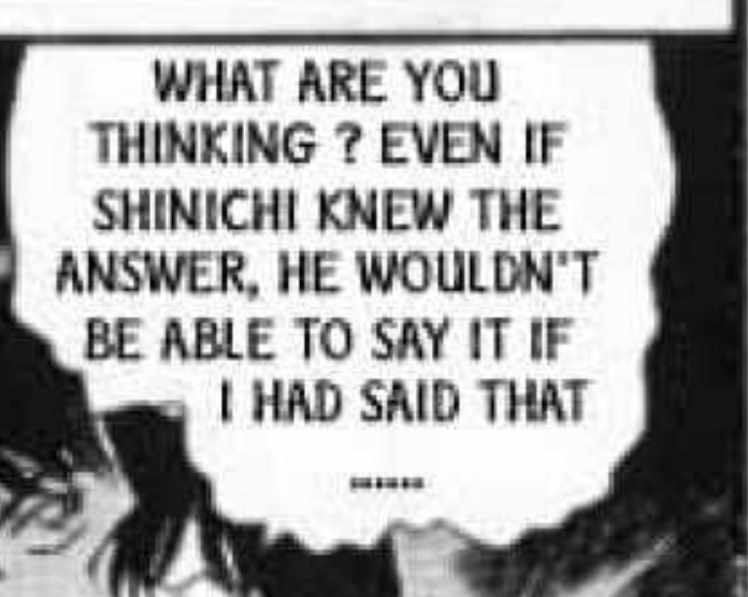


HUH ?

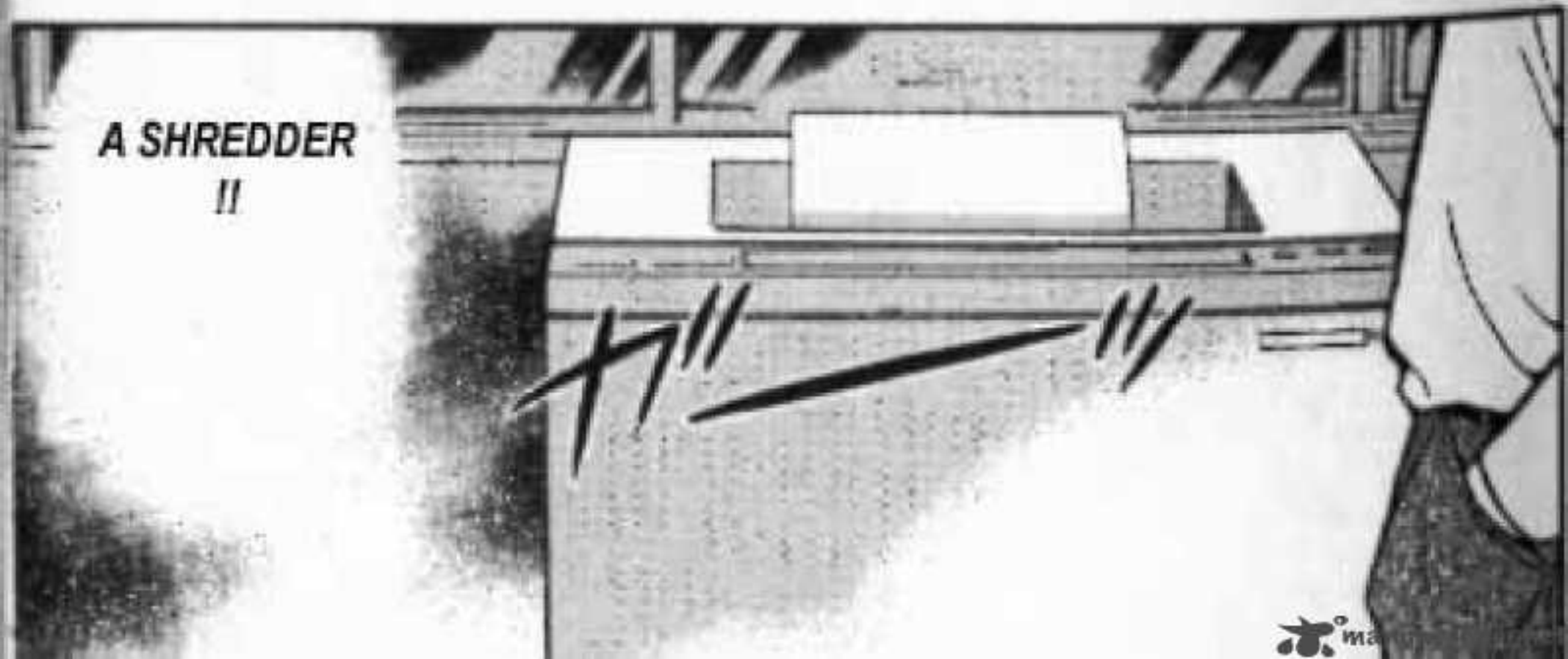
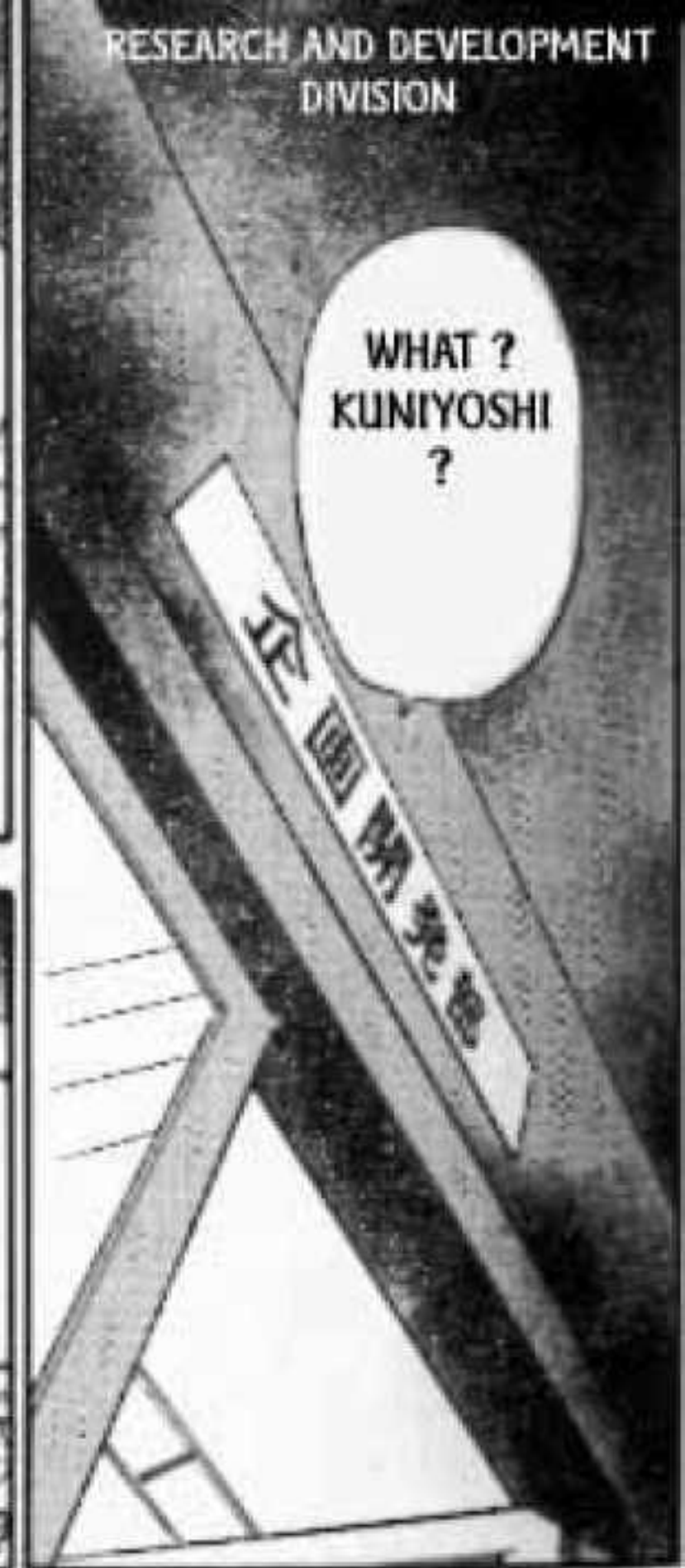
ANYWAY, WHERE IS CONAN ?



DON'T WORRY! HE DOESN'T KNOW THIS SORT OF THING



WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ? EVEN IF SHINICHI KNEW THE ANSWER, HE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SAY IT IF I HAD SAID THAT





□ AND
OXΔ,
HUH
?

UH
HUH
.....



BUT, IT WAS
THE DYING
MESSAGE
FROM THE
VICTIM

HOWEVER, INSPECTOR,
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S
TOO EARLY TO CONCLUDE
THAT I AM THE CULPRIT
BASED ONLY ON THAT ?



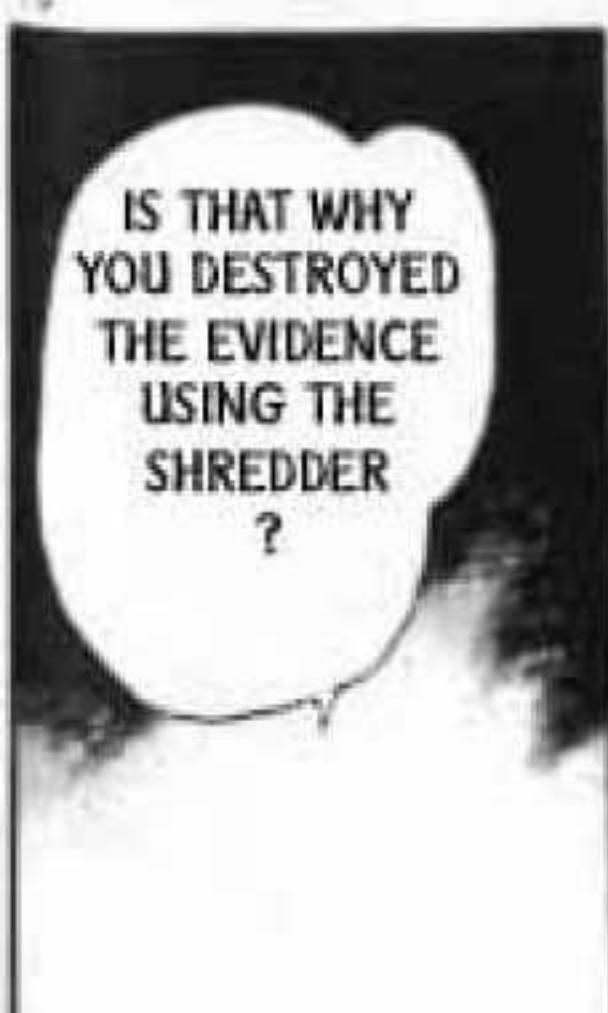
EXACT-
LY
!!

SO YOU'RE SAYING
THEY BECOME MY
NAME IF YOU
DEDUCT FOR THE
MISSING PORTION,
IS THAT RIGHT ?



TO
PASS
GUILT
TO ME
!!

THE MURDERER
COULD HAVE
WRITTEN THE
SYMBOLS USING
THE VICTIM'S
FINGER
.....



IS THAT WHY
YOU DESTROYED
THE EVIDENCE
USING THE
SHREDDER
?

HMM. NOT THAT
IT'S LIKELY TO
HAPPEN.... IF I
WERE THE
CULPRIT, I WOULD
HAVE RUN FAR
AWAY FROM THE
CRIME SCENE
AND BURNT
THE PAPERS
.....



IF YOU'RE
GOING TO
CHARGE ME
WITH THE THIRD
DEGREE
MURDER, FIND
THE STOLEN
DOCUMENTS
FIRST
!!









Y, YES !
AN X
MEANS
NO GOOD
!

HUH ?
NO
GOOD ?



YOU CAN'T
KNOW. IT'S
NO GOOD !!

SONOKO
TOLD ME
TO ASK
YOU
.....



HUH
?

RAN,
WHAT'S
AN X
?



WELL THEN,
RAN, SONOKO
.....



YES
MA'AM
!!

BE CAREFUL !
WATCH OUT FOR
THE STALKER !



IS IT ALMOST TIME TO
PICK THE APPLE ?

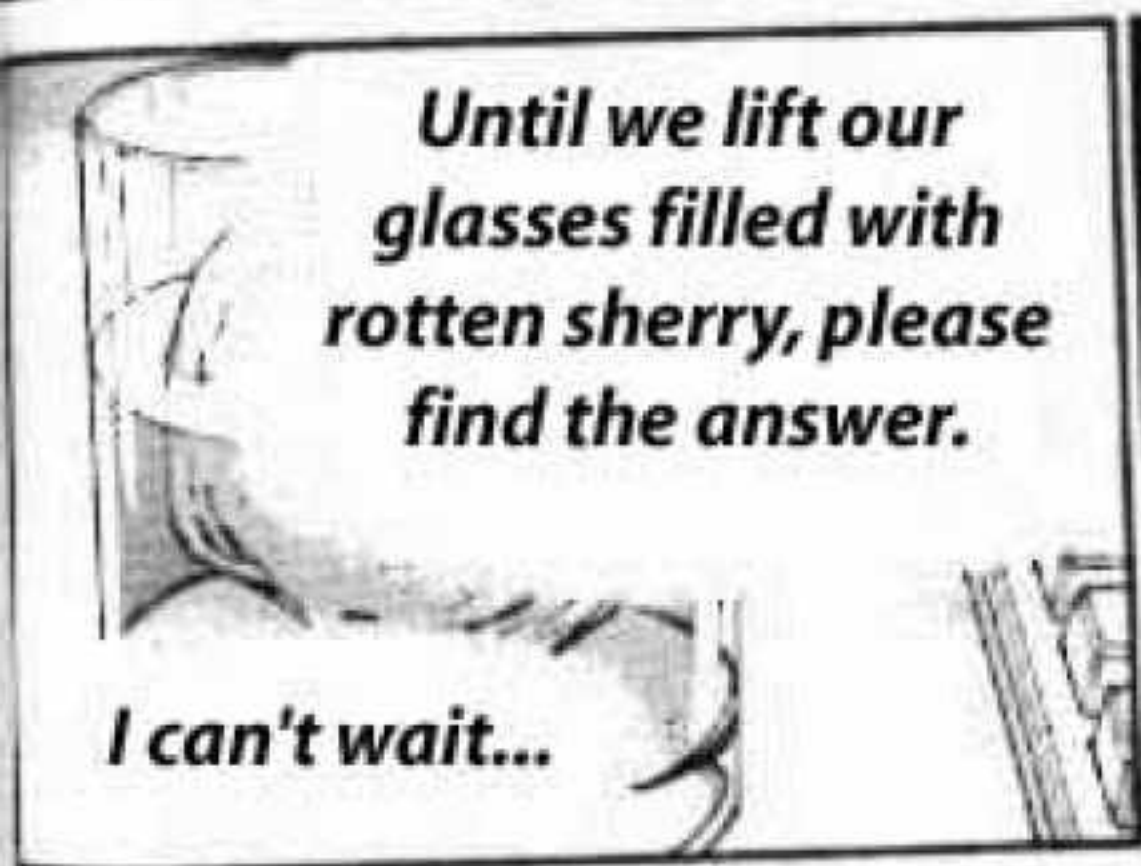
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Do you believe in heaven?

Can you tell me, please, Gin?



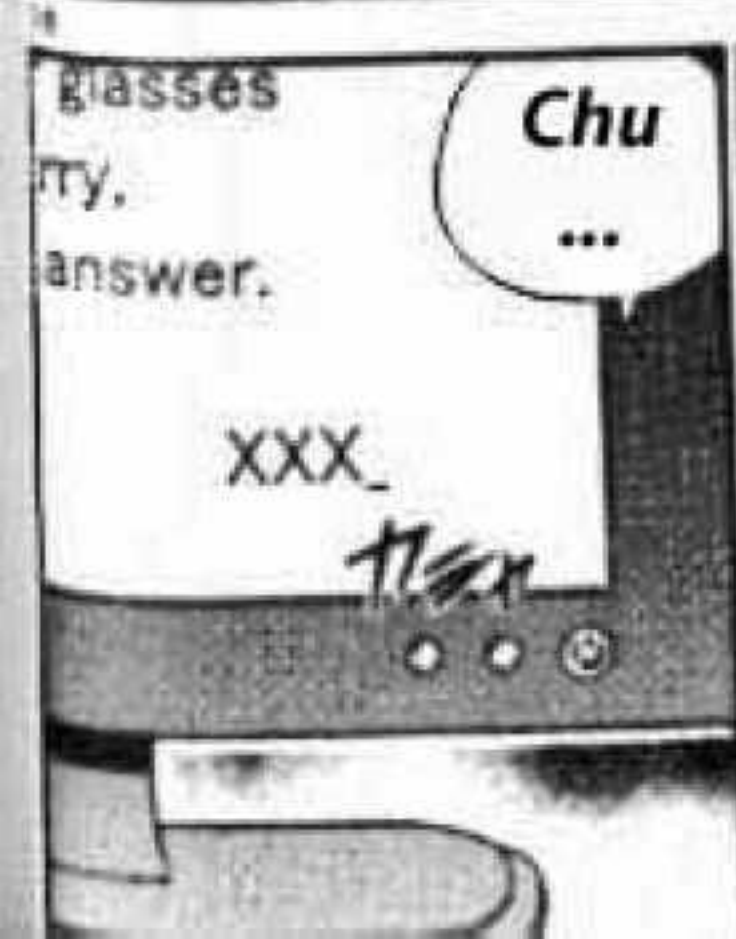
Until we lift our glasses filled with rotten sherry, please find the answer.

I can't wait...



You must say coldly...

"It's not like you to be so silly."



glasses
rry.
answer.

Chu
...

XXX

Handwritten scribble

○○○



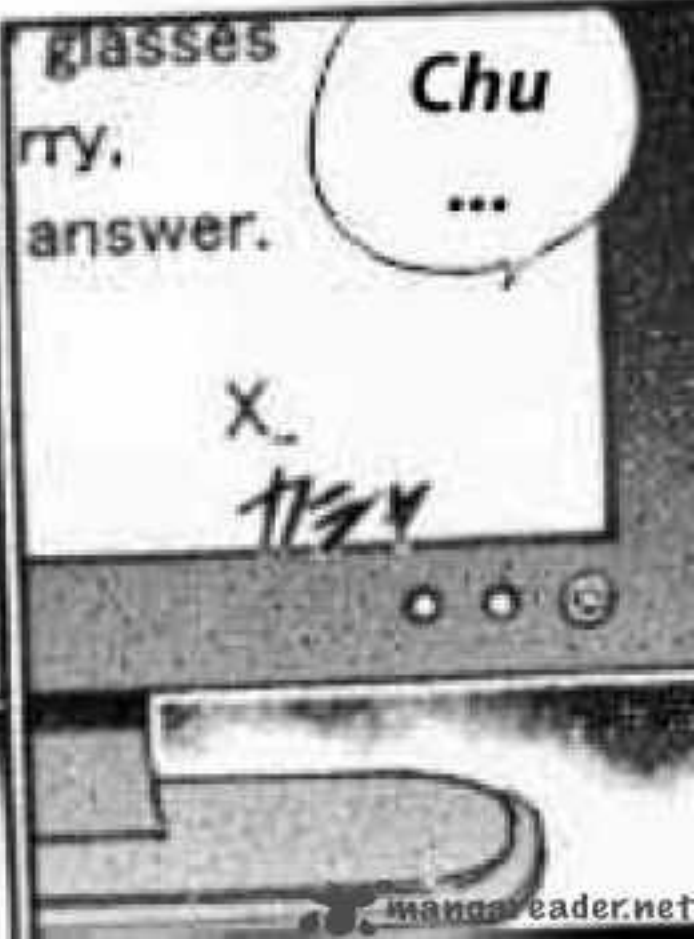
ur glasses
herry,
he answer.

Chu
...

XX

Handwritten scribble

○○○



glasses
rry.
answer.

Chu
...

X

Handwritten scribble

○○○



It's feminine...



Well, X means a kiss...



expression of affection...

CHU



But it could also...


be an evil stamp of hatred...





Sure,

*It's where a
fatal silver
arrow shoots...*



*X marks the
target spot...*