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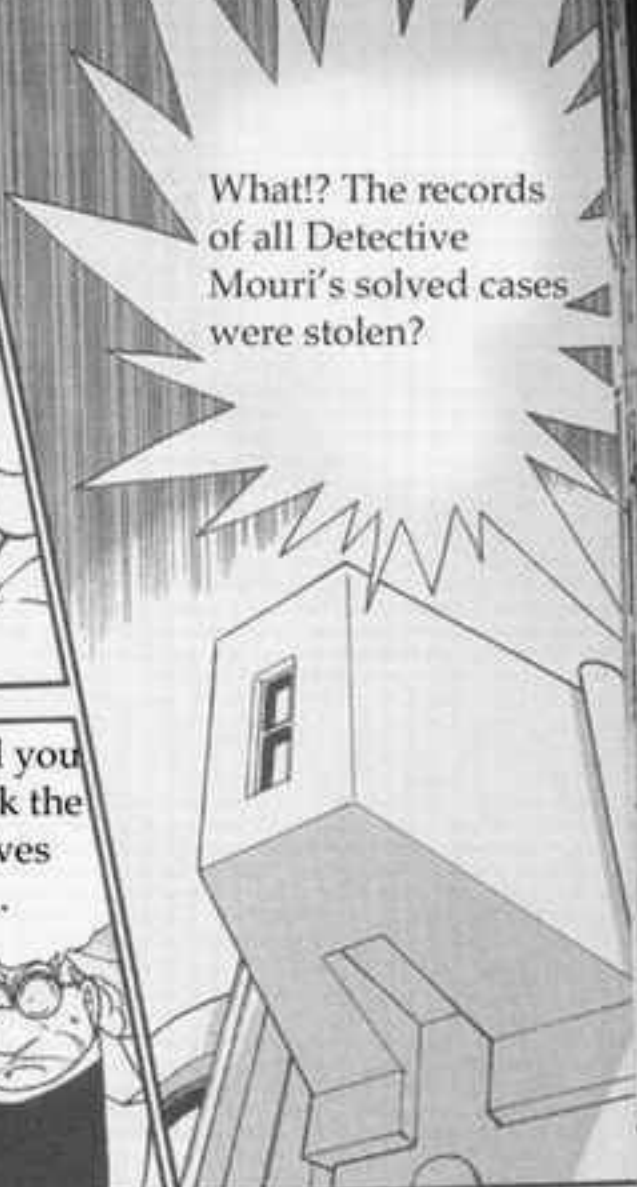
**THE HINT THAT WAS AGAINST.**



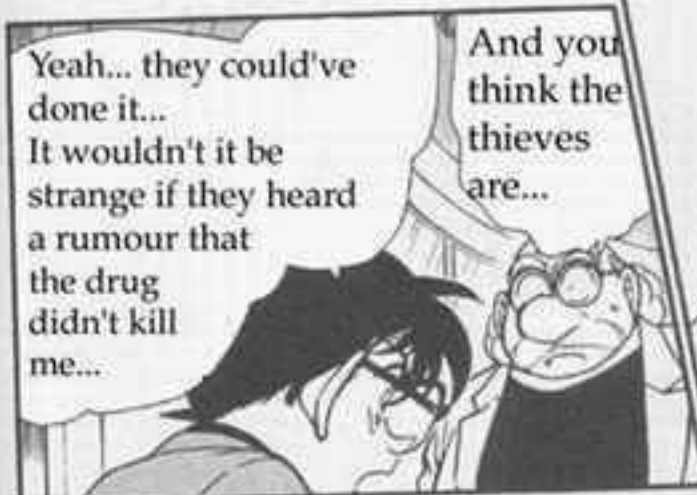


Shhhh  
Shhhh!  
Not so  
loud!

Detective  
Takagi  
really said  
that?



What!? The records  
of all Detective  
Mouri's solved cases  
were stolen?



Yeah... they could've  
done it...  
It wouldn't it be  
strange if they heard  
a rumour that  
the drug  
didn't kill  
me...

And you  
think the  
thieves  
are...



And therefore the  
Black Organization  
thought that  
Kogorou Mouri  
was fronting for  
Shinichi Kudo!

And then  
Kogorou Mouri's  
deductions  
would seem  
suspicious



Shinichi Kudo isn't around anymore, so no one would think the drug shrank me and that I was putting Mouri to sleep and solving mysteries for him.

But rumors are rumors! Don't worry!



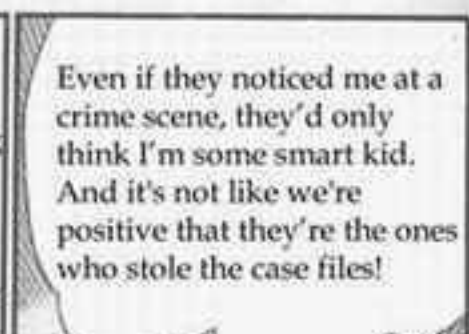
Hey... Hey...

Well, the time when I disappeared, and when "Sleeping Kogorou" first appeared is about the same, so it wouldn't be strange that they suspected something.



So just in case, Doctor, there's a little favour I want you to do for me...

However, someone is investigating Mouri...



Even if they noticed me at a crime scene, they'd only think I'm some smart kid. And it's not like we're positive that they're the ones who stole the case files!



If you're going to ask, why not a partner you can rely on more?

Huh! What's this!! Only relying on someone when it's good for you!



B-but...



Why not?

Don't be mad, Doctor...



Huh!

Oh, are you mad that I didn't tell you the files were stolen?





Idiot...



Maybe the culprit had finished with them?

Well...

The one that stole the files was kind enough to return them...



Eh? What?

But there's something that I don't get...

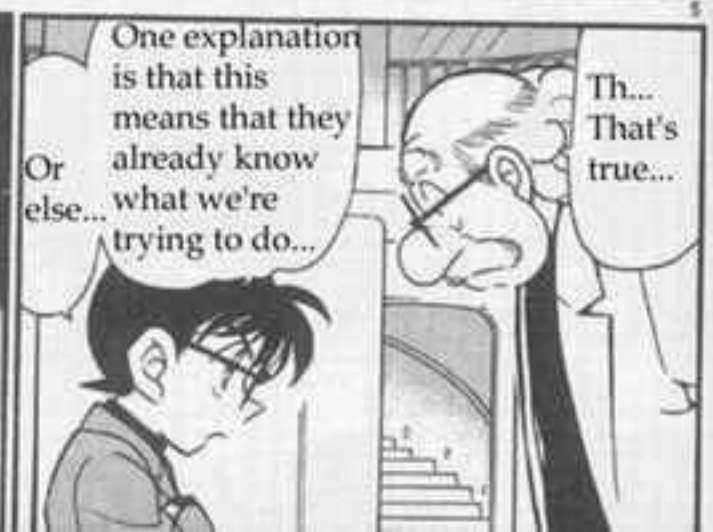


Why bother taking all that time to send them back?

Stupid, if they'd finished why not throw the files away?



They're trying to lure someone out...



One explanation is that this means that they already know what we're trying to do... Or else...

Th... That's true...



True...  
There are  
lots of  
other ways  
to lure  
someone  
out.

What we don't  
know is, that if it's  
a trap, why are  
they doing it in  
such a  
complicated way...

Well... in this case,  
the person they're  
trying to lure out is  
Kudo, which would  
be you.

Mmm...  
that's  
likely...

And...

Ah... I  
just thought  
that you  
were trying  
to solve this  
whole  
problem  
on your  
own  
Shinichi...

He said if I, your  
*best friend*, came  
then I could  
help you!!

This old  
man called  
me!

What are  
YOU doing  
here,  
Hattori?!

A lead to  
counter-  
attack  
them...

He's come  
here with a  
very  
important clue  
in hand...

Wrong,  
old  
man...

Would Kudo  
just come  
to talk to  
you at  
a time like  
this?

But, the way they're  
moving is like  
trying to catch a  
cloud, there's  
nothing we can  
do against  
them...

Yeah... You went with that little girl called Haibara, and tried to find one of their guys named Pisco, right?

Hey, remember I told you before, that we had an encounter with them a while ago at Hyde City Hotel?

Doesn't this face tell me I've hit the right mark?

Well? Right? What did I tell you?

Why did Pisco have the handkerchief from the party, which he supposedly didn't have when the police checked him...

Mmm... I've been wondering about it for a long time.

Someone who knew that the guy was gonna be checked first and secretly gave him the handkerchief, so it could have been one of other six suspects...

A colleague...

So that means...

There were seven suspects found by the police from the people at the party! Pisco can't have been checked along with his handkerchief.

T-that is?

And...

But there's only one person who hasn't appeared in public ever since that case...


All six are famous and are on TV and in public a lot.

The suspects besides Pisco were Mika Nanjo, Yasuo Mihei, Yoshiharu Tawara, Naoyasu Tarumi, Naomichi Mugikura, and Chris Vineyard...




The American movie star!!

Chris Vineyard  
.....



The clever, pretty actress with the big breasts!?

Chris... the second generation actress...



But I didn't want to think so...

Yeah... the daughter of the famous actress Sharon Vineyard.

I investigated the others, but she's the most suspicious one.





Yeah... It's for a fan site waiting for her return! Can you visit and try to get some information?

An Internet address?

eh?

But that's why I want you do this for me, Doctor

.....

Anything the fans going to that site know. If I go to the Internet café any longer people will get suspicious about a kid going to a foreign site so much.

About her past, interests, and habits

....

But there is someone?

Well, It may be useful one day.

Okay... I'll try... But what are you going to do with all that information.?

Hey... Are you talking about...

Really?

I-idiot, how could there be?

An odd, foreign woman

Around you...

Huh?

Ran's  
new  
high  
school  
English  
teacher

Who's  
she?

Jodie?

Ms.  
Jodie...?

Ah...!

?

Idiot! If you tell  
him things like  
this...

Shall we go  
to Ms. Jodie's  
house right  
now?

OKAY!!

Well, why not stay  
here if you don't  
want to go?

ha...

It's  
Apotoxin!  
Do you think  
they're stupid  
or something?

If this goes  
well we might  
get that  
Ahotoxin  
medicine that  
shrank you!!

Yes,  
we  
can  
ask  
Ran.

You  
know  
where  
she  
lives?

I  
knew  
it  
...



Whoa, what a big apartment building!



I remember Ran said that her parents were quite rich...

Are all English teachers so rich?



Here ...



Room 4...

Okay, it's the 21st floor, room 4...



Yeah... I know...

All right Hattori, we're only checking her out today. Don't do anything weird...





Humph.  
Perhaps he shows  
his true self when  
he's drunk?

It's alright!  
Mr. Takai is  
always like  
that when he  
drinks...

Noboru Kawakami  
(33)  
Company Worker

Michiya Nakamachi  
(28)  
Company Worker



He was  
unpleasant  
to you two  
again.

Chika Shimoda (30)  
Company Worker



You're also  
like that  
when you  
drink, Mr.  
Kawakami  
...

sh-  
shuddup!!



How  
long do  
we have  
to wait?



Late...



Oh!  
You're  
cool kid's  
friend-?

Y-  
yeah



Hi!  
Sorry to  
keep you  
waiting!

I was in  
the bath  
Sorry!



But I don't have  
anything to serve  
you today! Shall  
we go out?

O-oh  
yes!



Ok! The  
bathroom is  
next to the  
entrance!

Thanks!



I've  
had to  
hold it in  
....

Uh...  
me too.



Oh, can  
I use  
the bath-  
room?

Alright, I'll  
get ready, so  
please wait in  
the living  
room!





foreign?

I didn't know that cool kid had a foreign friend...

But I'm surprised!



That's right! Nice to meet you!

Oh! So you're also friends with Ms. Mouri then!



And your Japanese is a little strange!

Your skin is very dark for a Japanese ...



Osaka-ben? Is that some kind of boxed lunch?

Idiot!! Osaka-ben is perfectly good Japanese!!!



Eh?



Yes!

It's a dialect! Like the ones in America? The Southern accent and so on...

Hi-hey teacher...





