

FILE.8

AN OFFICER WHO
NEVER RETURNED

帰らざる刑事





Y,
YES
...

AREN'T YOU
GOING TO
PERFORM
INTERACTIVE
INSPECTION?

LOOK,
THE
KIDS'RE
WAITING
FOR
YOU...



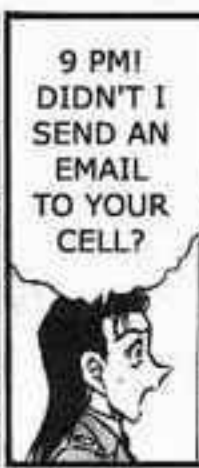
HUH
?

HEY
MIWAKO
!?



SOR-
RY
...

GEE, DROP
THE HABIT
OF DELETING
EMAILS RIGHT
AFTER
READING
THEM!



9 PM!
DIDN'T I
SEND AN
EMAIL
TO YOUR
CELL?



OH YEA...
WHAT
TIME DO
WE GO TO
KARAOKE
AGAIN?



DON'T
BE
LATE!

I'LL
SEE YOU
AT 9!



OH, SO
YOU'RE
TELLING ME
MY MAILS
AREN'T
IMPOR-
TANT,
HUH
?

IF I DON'T DELETE
THEM OFTEN MY
MAILBOX GETS
FULL WITH JUNK
MAILS AND
ERASE THE
IMPORTANT
ONES...

NOW
NOW
...



AN
INERASABLE
MAIL,
HUH
...



AND? THIS SOMEONE PICKED IT UP AND DISAPPEARED INTO THE CROWD...

SOMEONE PUSHED ME ABOUT RIGHT HERE AND MY VIDEO CAMERA WAS ...



RIGHT HERE !

YES !



YES... I SHOULD BE DONE IN ABOUT 15 MIN.

INSPECTOR MEGURE !

YES! ROGER!



DECEMBER 7th


...




HE SURE WAS LIKE CHILLY AUTUMN WIND ...



IT'S BEEN 3 YEARS ALREADY ...



AS OF TODAY,
THIS MATSUDA
JUNPEI-KUN IS WITH
US THE CID UNIT-1
SERIOUS OFFENDERS'
SECTION!




ONE BLOW AND
DISAPPEARED
JUST LIKE THAT,
LEAVING ONLY
MELANCHOLIC
TONES BEHIND
...



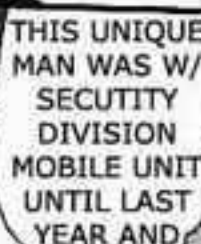
IT'S MEAN-
INGLESS
TO GIVE
STUPID
SELF-
INTRO-
DUCTION
...



IT'S NOT
LIKE I'M A
TRANSFER
STUDENT
FROM
COUNTRY-
SIDE
...




LET'S
DROP IT,
MR. INS-
PECTOR
...



THIS UNIQUE
MAN WAS W/
SECURITY
DIVISION
MOBILE UNIT
UNTIL LAST
YEAR AND
...



BESIDES,
I'M PISSED
LIKE HELL
FOR BEING
TRANSFERRED
TO A SECTION
I'D NEVER
WANTED
TO COME...




DON'T BE THAT RELUCTANT... HE'S
HAD PROBLEMS IN THE PAST AND
I WAS GIVEN A DIRECT ORDER
FROM SUPERIOR TO LOOK
AFTER HIM...



YES SIR
...



WHAT?
ME?



WELL THEN,
SATO-KUN,
YOU BE HIS
MENTOR AND
TEACH HIM
...



S,
SURE
...



WILL YOU PLEASE LISTEN TO ME A BIT MORE?

GEE! IT'S BEEN 6 DAYS SINCE YOU JOINED US!

NO ONE WOULD COOPERATE IF YOU ASK LIKE A YAKUZA LIKE THAT!

WHAT THE HECK WAS WITH THE WAY YOU HANDLED THE LEGWORK JUST NOW!?



IS IT TO YOUR GIRL FRIEND, MAYBE?

SURE... I'VE GOT DEFTER FINGERS THAN MOST PEOPLE...


Y, YOU ARE FAST ...

OH, EMAIL ?



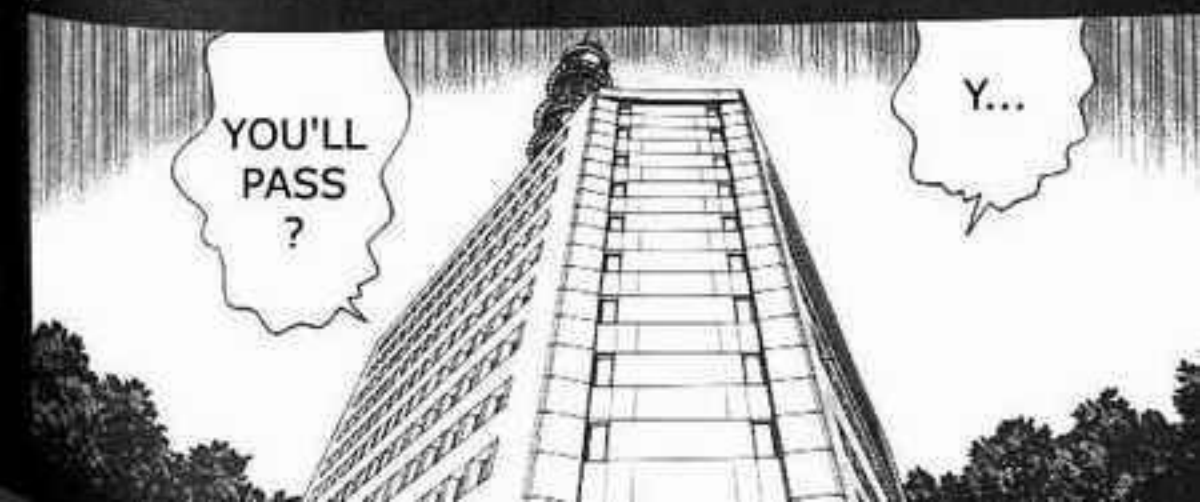
WHAT ?

HE WAS BLOWN UP 4 YEARS AGO ...



...TO MY BEST FRIEND WHO'D NEVER RECIEVE IT...

NAH... I'M WRITING IT TO MY BUDDY...



YOU'LL PASS ?

Y...



...THAT YOU'VE BEEN RECEIVING IT ON THIS DECEMBER 11th EVERY YEAR...

I'VE BEEN TOLD ...

YOU DON'T HAVE ...



I MUST STAY HERE TODAY... YOU DON'T NEED ME TO BRING IN A FRIGGIN' OLD SUSPECT FROM COMPETENT AUTHORITY TO HERE...

ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND !?



ONLY ONE NUMBER EACH YEAR, 3, 2, 1...

OH... YOU MEAN THOSE NUMBERED PRANK FAXES WE'VE BEEN RECEIVING AT HQs FOR THE PAST 3 YEARS?



IF HE MUST TAKE AN ACTION, TODAY IS THE DAY ...



THERE'S NO DOUBT ...

IT'S A COUNTDOWN OF AN EXPLOSIVE ...



A.. ACTUALLY, IT ISN'T A NUMBER THIS TIME ...

SO? WHAT'S THE NUMBER OF THIS YEAR?



HUH ?



OH.. ONE OF THOSE NUMBERED FAXES, HUH ?

INSPECTOR! IT IS HERE AGAIN THIS YEAR!

WHAT ?

COME TO ME
IF YOU WISH
TO STOP THEM

...
I SHALL SAVE
THE 72th SEAT
AND
BE WAITING
FOR YOU

I AM A KNIGHT OF
ROUND TABLE...
THIS IS A MESSAGE TO ALL
SENSELESS YET CUNNING
POLICE OFFICERS...
TODAY AT 12 AND 2 PM,
I WILL SET OFF INTEREST-
ING FIREWORKS IN
DEDICATION TO
THE HEAD OF
MY FELLOW
SOLDIER

I am a knight of round
table.
This is a message to senseless
yet cunning police officers...
Today at 12 and 2 P.M.,
I will set off interesting
fireworks in dedication to
the head of my fellow soldier.
Come to me if you wish to
stop them.
I shall save the 72th seat
and be waiting for you.

H, HEY
WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING!?

NOT
SURE
...

WHAT
DOES
IT
MEAN
?

THE GREAT
FERRIS WHEEL
AT THE SHOPPING
MALL IN HAIDO
CITY, ISN'T IT?

CAN'T YOU TELL?
A KNIGHT OF ROUND TABLE
SAYS HE'S SAVING THE 72th
SEAT AND WAITING FOR US...
A DISCOID WITH SEATS
AS MANY AS
72 CAN ONLY BE



BUT WE
STILL HAVE
30 MINUTES
BEFORE NOON
...

DAMN IT!
WE WERE
TOO
LATE!!



W,
WELL
...

WHAT
HAPPENED
!?

POLICE!



NO KNIGHT
OF ROUND
TABLE WAS
WAITING
HERE
BUT...

LOOK
AT THIS
...

THAT ONE
OVER THERE
NEAR THE
GROUND...

SO
WHICH
ONE IS
THE 72th
GONDOLA
?

WE MANAGED
TO GET
RIDERS OFF
BUT...

A CONTROL
PANEL
SUDDENLY
EXPLODED
AND THE
WHEEL
CAN'T BE
STOPPED
ANY-
MORE!



IT'S
OKAY
...

H, HEY
MATSUDA-
KUN!?

C, COULD
IT BE
A BOMB
!?

...THERE'S A
WEIRD THING
PLACED
UNDER THE
SEAT...




HE WAS IN
A BOMB SQUAD
OF SECURITY
DIVISION
MOBILE UNIT
UNTIL LAST
YEAR!

A...
PRO?



LEAVE
THIS
TO
A PRO
...



YES... THAT MUST
BE HAGIWARA-KUN
OF THE SAME
SQUAD. HE WAS
KILLED IN THE
LINE OF DUTY
4 YEARS AGO
ON
NOVEMBER
11...

TH, THEN
HIS BEST
FRIEND
THAT DIED
4 YEARS
AGO IS
...




BUT SINCE HIS MOTIVE
WAS PROBABLY TO
AVENGE HIS BEST
FRIEND, HE WAS
TEMPORARILY
ASSIGNED TO
OUR SECTION
TO CHILL OUT
...

THE BOMBER
HASN' YET BEEN
IDENTIFIED AND
MATSUDA-KUN
HAD REQUESTED
NUMEROUS TIMES
TO BE TRANS-
FERRED TO A
SPECIAL SEC.
THAT DEALS
BOMBINGS
...



MATSUDA-KUN
DISASSEMBLED
ONE OF THEM
BUT HAGI-
WARA-KUN
COULDN'T
MAKE IT
IN TIME
...

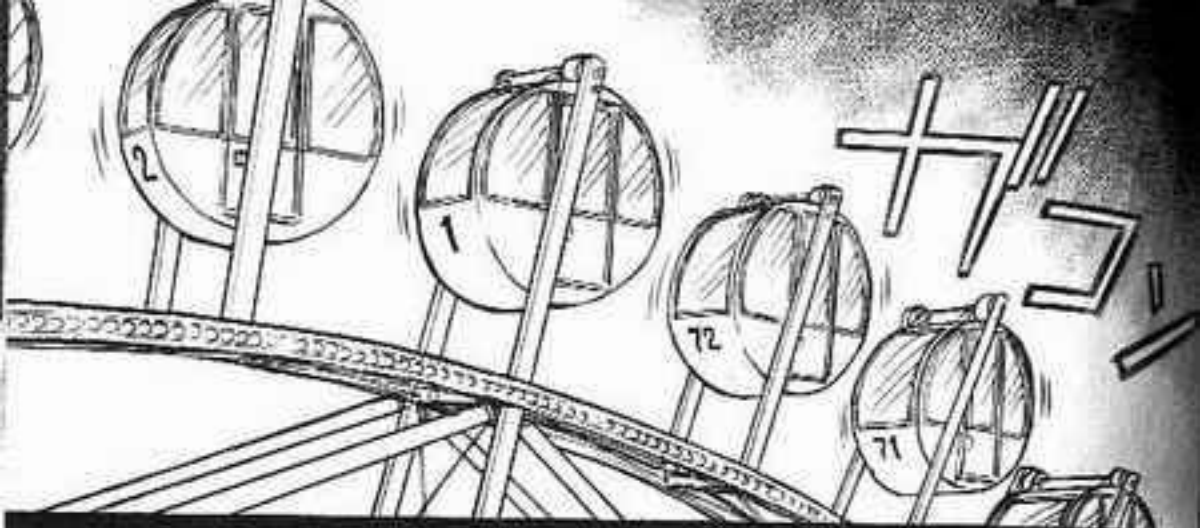
TWO
BOMBS WERE
PLANTED
AT
DIFFERENT
PLACES
...



WELL, LET'S DRAG
HIM OUT ONCE
IT GETS DOWN
AFTER ONE
REVOLUTION
...



YES





LOOKS LIKE THIS "HINT" WILL BE LOST FOREVER IF I CUT OFF THE POWER OF THE PANEL IN ORDER TO DISASSEMBLE THE BOMB



THAT'S THE MESSAGE DISPLAYED ON A LIQ. CRYSTAL PANEL JUST NOW

H, HEY... WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

COURAGEOUS OFFICER... I PRAISE YOUR BRAVERY AND GRANT YOU A PRIZE...

IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO SPECIFY THE GUY IN THIS CROWD BUT I'VE GOT SOME IDEA ABOUT WHERE THE OTHER BOMB IS

THE BOMBER'S SOMEWHERE NEARBY?

THEN THE LAST BLAST WAS

WHICH MEANS, FROM THE BEGINNING THE BOMBER INTENDED TO TRAP ANY OFFICER IN THE GONDOLA TO SHOW THIS MESSAGE

IT IS A HINT TO THE WHEREABOUTS OF AN EVEN GREATER EXPLOSIVE... IT WILL BE DISPLAYED 3 SECOND TO DETONATION... I WISH YOU LUCK...

BINGO! I'LL LET YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHICH HOSPITAL ONCE I SEE THE HINT...

M, MAP SYMBOL FOR HOSPITALS!?

THE FAX SAID "THE HEAD OF MY FELLOW SOLDIER"... KNIGHT OF ROUND TABLE IS MEDIEVAL EUROPE... AND KNIGHTS AT THE TIME USUALLY WORE MASKS DESIGNED WITH CRUCIFUX... YOU GET IT NOW, DON'T YOU?

WHAT?



MATSU-
DA-KUN
...?

MA
...

GOTTA
GO
...

UH-OH...
BATTERIES
ARE ALMOST
RUNNING
OUT
...

LET ME
KNOW...?
BUT DOESN'T
THE HINT
APPEAR
3 SECONDS
TO?

DON'T,
SATO!!
IT'S TOO
LATE!!

MA-
TSU-
DA-
KUN
!!

QUICKLY!
EVERYONE,
GET OUT
OF HERE!

NO!
ONE
MINUTE
LEFT!

STILL
INSIDE
...

BUT HE'S
STILL
...

IT'S
DANGEROUS!
PLEASE
STEP BACK!!

I DON'T
THINK
I CAN KEEP
MY PROMISE
...

SORRY
HAGIWARA
...



BEIKA
CENTRAL
HOSPITAL
...

DAMNI
I KNOW
THAT!!

WH, WHAT
DO WE DO...?
ACCORDING TO
THE FAX, THERE'S
ANOTHER
BOMB...

PLEASE
SEND A
BOMB
SQUAD
THERE
RIGHT
AWAY!!

THAT'S
WHERE
THE OTHER
BOMB
IS!!

YOU COULD'VE
SURVIVED IF
YOU IGNORED
THE HINT AND
DISASSEMB-
LED THE
BOMB...

IDIOT
...

カカ
カカ

11/07 11:59
WATSUDA
BEIKA
CENTRAL
HOSPITAL

P.S.

I KINDA
LIKED YOU

HOSPITAL

P.S

カカ
カカ

SHE'S
SPACED
OUT
...

I WON-
DER
WHAT'S
WITH
HER
...

A
REAL
IDIOT
...

I...
THINK
SO
TOO
...

IF SATO-SAN IS
STILL TIED TO
THE PAST, TO HIM,
WE HAVE NO
CHANCE
WHATSOEVER
...

P, P, PLEASE!
DON'T SAY
SUCH THING!
YOU MIGHT
JINX IT!

IT COULD BE A
DIFFERENT STORY
IF WE TOO GET
KILLED IN THE
LINE OF DUTY...

OH WOW...
AND SOETHING
LIKE THAT
HAPPENED
3 YEARS
AGO...

MM-
HMM
...

LOOKS LIKE
IT WAS
DISINFOR-
MATION...

WE DID
CHECK
OUT THE
STORE
BUT...

YES
...
HOW
ABOUT
YOU TWO
?

YOU
FINISH-
ED
INTER-
ACTIVE
INSPEC-
TION?

OH
...

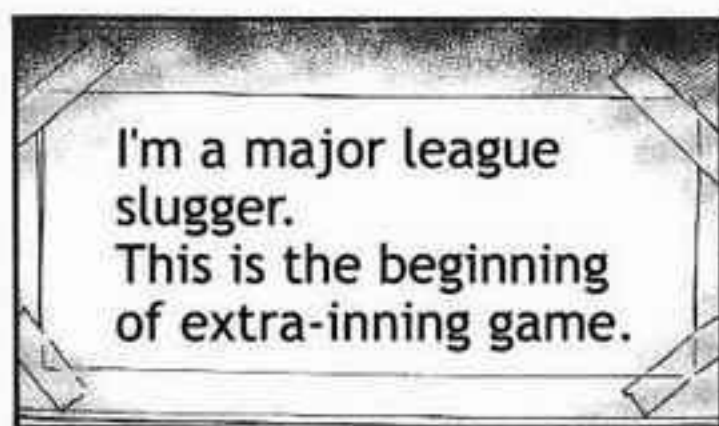
UH,
SATO-
SAN!

I'M NOT IN THE
MOOD TONIGHT...
I'LL PASS...

WELL,
YOU
GO
AHEAD
...

S, SURE...
I'LL
COME...

THEN WHY
DON'T YOU
TWO COME TO
KARAOKE WITH
YUMI AND ME
TONIGHT?





SHIRA-
TORI-
KUN!?