

A WOMAN ANSWERED THE PHONE. A WOMAN WHO TALKS IN HIGHLY AUTHORITATIVE TONE AS IF SHE'S A QUEEN... SHE DEMANDED ME TO COMPLETE THE COMPUTER PROGRAM I GAVE UP ON. THE DEADLINE IS A YEAR FROM NOW AND SHE'D PAY A HIGH PRICE FOR IT. SO SHE IS WITH THAT GIANT FROM THE OTHER DAY...



JANUARY 8,
MUCH TO MY
SURPRISE, I GOT A
REPLY ALREADY... THE
INTRUDER LEFT A
MESSAGE ON A PIECE
OF PAPERS JUST THE
SAME WAY I DID.

IT SIMPLY

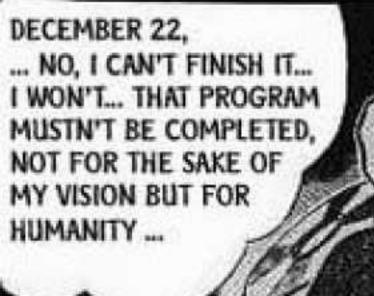
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IN RED AND

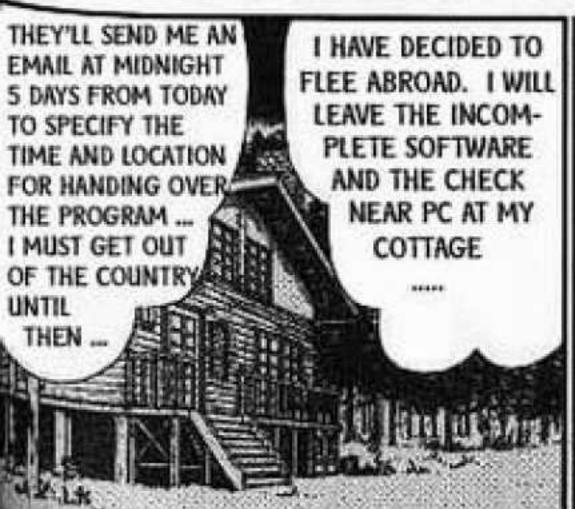
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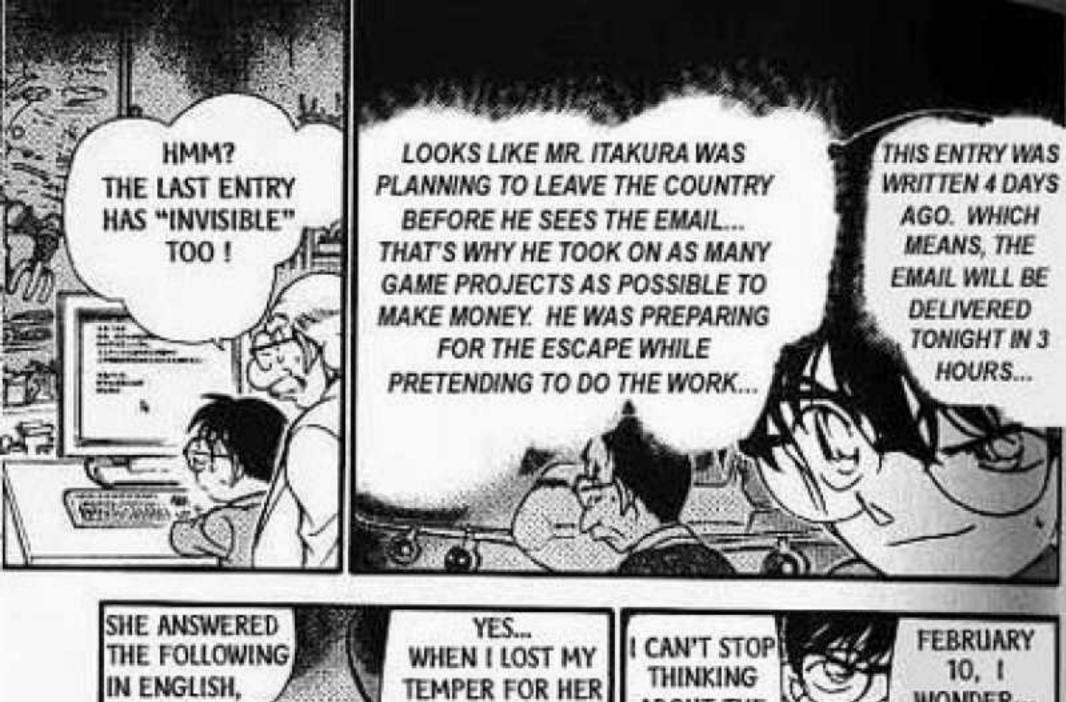




FEBRUARY 13, THEY
SWITCHED THE COMMUNICATION METHOD TO EMAILS.
I DECIDED TO COMPLY TO
THEIR TERMS UNDER TWO
CONDITIONS. FIRST, THEY
PAY ME THROUGH BANK
TRANSFER IN ADVANCE.
SECOND, THEY DON'T STALK
ME AROUND...

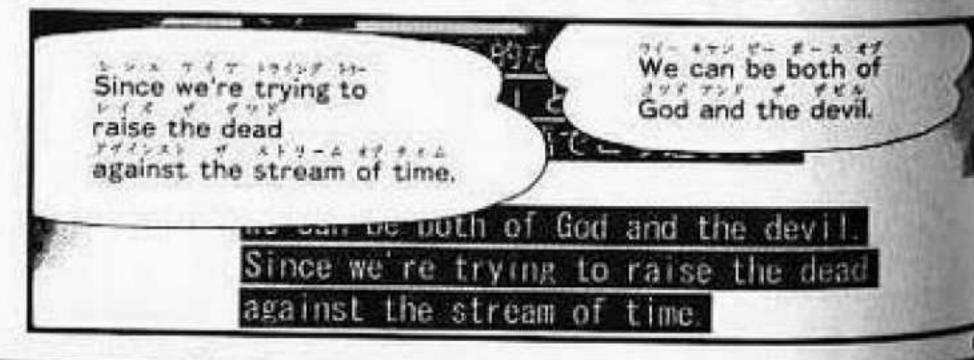
























YOU GOT A POINT. THEY WOULDN'T STALK HIM AROUND. HE WAS A HIGHLY-STRUNG PERSON THAT NOTICED THE DIFFERENCE WHEN THEY WOULDN'T RISK BEING PLETES IT





EVERY STATION IS TALKING ABOUT
THE JEWELRY STORE ROBBERS ON
THE RUN FROM TODAY, MR.
ITAKURA'S CASE WILL BE
ANNOUNCED PROBABLY
TOMORROW ...

FOR NOW WE
DON'T HAVE TO
WORRY ABOUT
THAT ONE
EITHER I

SO OUR BIGGEST CONCERN RIGHT NOW IS WHETHER MR. ITAKURA'S NEWS IS ALREADY ON AIR ...









