

Detective Conan

PRECARIOUS ENCOUNTER

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VODKA
!!

I KNOW
YOU ARE
THERE.

WHAT'S UP ?

THEY
HAVE BEEN
EXTREMELY
CAREFUL AT
...

IF NOT
...

YES
...

THEY FIGURED
WE FAILED TO
OPEN THEIR
SECRET EMAIL
HERE IN THIS
COTTAGE !!

OH-OH
...

ON THIS
COTTAGE
FROM A
DISTANCE
...

KEEPING
AN EYE

HEY,
ANSWER ME
!!

IF THAT'S THE CASE,
WE CAN'T EVEN
ESCAPE FROM HERE
...!

I WAS ALMOST
CERTAIN THAT THEY
WOULDN'T EXPECT
MR. ITAKURA TO
ACCESS THE EMAIL
AT A PLACE SO
INSECURE AS THIS
...

WHAT
!?

SO, PICK
UP THE
PHONE
!!

I KNOW
YOU'RE
THERE !

HUH
?

ALTHOUGH IT'S DAN-
GEROUS, WE MUST
GO INTO THE BLIZ-
ZARD TO ESCAPE...
LET'S EXIT FROM
THE BACKDOOR
...

WE DON'T
HAVE A
CHOICE
...

NOW,
MR.
ITAKURA
!

I COULDN'T
FIND THE
PHONE IN
THE DARK
...

I'M
SORRY
...

IT SEEMS THE WIRE'S GOT
DISCONNECTED DUE TO THE
SNOWSTORM ... POWER
WENT OFF BEFORE I COULD
CHECK THE EMAIL
...

WHAT
THE
!?

HA
HA
HA
...

?

HOW DID YOU
KNOW I WAS
HERE ?

YOU SHOULDN'T
HAVE
ATTEMPTED TO
OPEN IT IN THE
MIDDLE OF
NOWHERE.

HUMP
...

Turn
on
the
light !

HUH
?

TO US, YOUR
ACTIONS ARE SO
PREDICTABLE.



HMM ?

YES, BARELY ...



ANYWAY, DID YOU MANAGE TO COMPLETE THE PROGRAM ?

DON'T WORRY. WE WEREN'T ...

YOU BETTER NOT HAVE BEEN WATCHING THE COTTAGE.



IS THERE SOMEONE ELSE !?



OH... RIGHT. I HEARD IT'S SNOWING HEAVILY OVER THERE ...

W...WIND. WIND IS BLOWING ON THE WINDOW AND MADE THE NOISE ...



ANSWER ME ! WHAT WAS THAT SOUND !?

SOUND ?



FINE... I WON'T REPEAT IT, SO LISTEN CAREFULLY ...

WHEN AND WHERE I SHOULD BRING THIS DISK TO YOU ...



WILL YOU TELL ME ON THE PHONE ...

ANYWAY, I CAN'T USE MY PC ...





AT MIDNIGHT
TOMORROW,
MEET ME IN
FRONT OF
UNDERGROUND
LOCKER #1012
...

IT'S A STATION
THAT WILL BE
A PART OF
TOUTO LINE
...

YOU KNOW
KENBASHI
STATION THAT
IS UNDER
CONSTRUCTION
?



I HAVE TO BE
HOSPITALIZED
FROM
TOMORROW
AFTERNOON,
YOU KNOW I
HAVE HEART
PROBLEMS
...

WHAT
!?

NO...
TOMORROW
ISN'T GOOD
...



DON'T
FORGET TO
BRING
THE DISK
...



THEN
WHEN
WOULD
BE
GOOD
?

O... OF COURSE NOT
THE PROGRAM IS
COMPLETED
...

AREN'T YOU JUST
TRYING TO BUY
SOME TIME
BECAUSE YOU
COULDN'T FINISH
THE JOB
!?



YOU DON'T
WANT
THEM
AROUND,
DON'T
YOU
...?

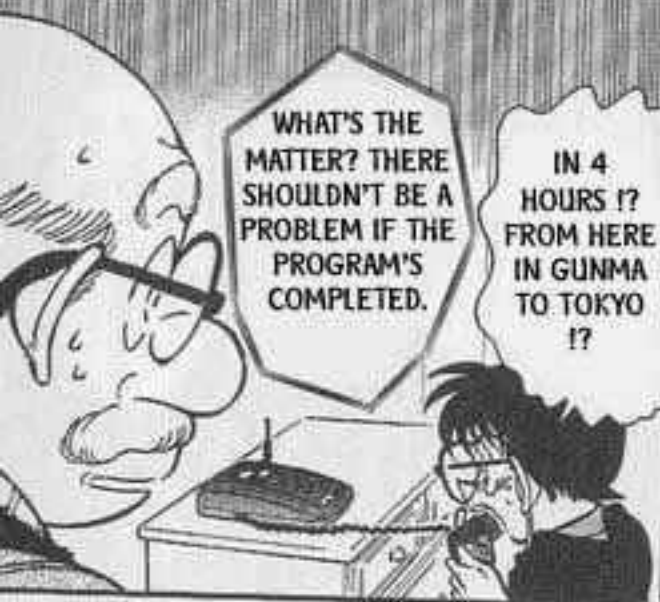
IF I WERE TO GIVE
IT TO YOU BEFORE
THE HOSPITALIZA-
TION, IT MUST BE
TODAY. HOWEVER,
THE CONSTRUCTION
WORKERS WILL
COME IN THE
MORNING
...



I FINALLY
MADE THE
APPOINT-
MENT WITH
A FAMOUS
HEART
SURGEON.
I CAN'T
CHANGE
THE DATE
...

DON'T BE RIDICU-
LOUS ! WE CAN'T
WAIT THAT LONG !!
POSTPONE THE
ADMISSION !

IT MUST BE
AFTER I GET
RELEASED
FROM THE
HOSPITAL... 3,
4... NO, 5 DAYS
FROM NOW
...



WHAT'S THE MATTER? THERE SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM IF THE PROGRAM'S COMPLETED.

IN 4 HOURS !? FROM HERE IN GUNMA TO TOKYO !?

BRING THE DISK TO THE PLACE I JUST TOLD YOU IN 4 HOURS FROM NOW AT 4 AM

THEN AT 4 AM ...



BUT PROMISE ME YOU WON'T AMBUSH FOR ME ...

WHAT ?

...F, FINE... I'LL SEE YOU THERE IN 4 HOURS ...



JUST AS I WAS TOLD, YOU REALLY ARE AN OLD BIRD ...

BUT WILL LOSE A MEAN TO ACCESS THE INFO FOREVER ...

YOU COULD TAKE THE DISK BY FORCE ...

IF I GET EVEN GLIMPSES OF YOUR PEOPLE, THIS BUSINESS IS OVER ...



S, SURE ...



WELL, KENBASHI STATION'S LOCKER #1012 IN 4 HOURS ... DON'T BE LATE.

H, HEY! WHAT DO YOU PLAN ON DOING? YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DANCE TO THEIR TUNE AND BRING THEM THE DISK, ARE YOU?

I'M NOT DANCING TO THEIR TUNE ...

BY PRETENDING THAT I WAS ALL SCARY AND DESPERATE!

I PURPOSELY MANIPULATED THE CONVERSATION TO MOVE THE TIME OF MEETING TO 4 AM TODAY!

I GOT HIM !!

ALL RIGHT

FORTUNATELY, NO STATION HAS AIRED THE NEWS ABOUT MR. ITAKURA YET ...

... AND THE JEWELRY STORE ROBBERS ON THE RUN ARE ...

MR. ITAKURA'S NEWS MAY GO ON AIR IN THE MORNING. ONCE THEY LEARN ABOUT HIS DEATH, THIS MEETING WILL BE CANCELLED. THEN THERE'D BE NO WAY TO SET UP A TRAP FOR THEM ...

H, HOW COME !?

G, GET OUT ...?

ANYWAY, LET'S ERASE OUR TRACES AND GET OUT OF HERE FAST!

YEP... I WAS GOING TO REPLY THEIR EMAIL TO SET AHEAD THE MEETING TIME ...

SO, YOUR PLAN WAS ...

HE WOULDN'T
HAVE SET UP AN
APPOINTMENT
OVER THE PHONE,
CONSIDERING THERE
IS A RISK THAT HIS
VOICE COULD GET
RECORDED!

IF VODKA OR HIS
GANG WERE
HIDING CLOSE
BY, HE WOULD'VE
SEEN THROUGH
MY LIE ABOUT
THE POWER AND
PC!

IT'S
OKAY
!

BUT YOU SAID THEY
COULD BE WATCHING THE
COTTAGE SOMEWHERE NEARBY.
WHAT IF THEY SEE US GETTING
INTO THE BEATLE PARKED AT
THE FRONT ...

YEA, THEY ARE NOWHERE NEAR THE COTTAGE, AT
LEAST NOT WITHIN A RADIUS THAT THEY CAN SEE
LIGHT FROM THIS PLACE! THIS PLACE WAS FOUND
BECAUSE THEY PROBABLY HAVE A PRECAUTIONARY
PROGRAM THAT TRACES BACK TO THE COMPUTER
THAT FAILED TO OPEN THEIR EMAIL ...

I GET IT...
THAT'S WHY
YOU ASKED ME
TO TURN ON
THE LIGHT.

THOSE MEN WILL BE
WALKING RIGHT INTO
OUR TRAP! WE CAN
FINALLY HAVE THEM
ARRESTED !!

WE'LL TELL
THE POLICE
AND HAVE
THEM GO ON
STAKEOUT AT
THE KEN-
BASHI
STATION.

IF THIS FLOPPY DISK CONTAINS
AN EXTRAORDINARY PROGRAM
THAT CAN BE MISUSED TO
COMMIT DANGEROUSLY
SERIOUS CRIMES ...

ANYWAY,
AT LEAST
SOME OF
THEM ARE
HISTORY
...

IT'S NOT
WORKING
!!

DAMN
IT
!!

BUT THOSE GUYS ALWAYS CARRY GUNS. IF WE SQUEAL THAT THEY ARE SELLING FIREARMS, A COUPLE OF OFFICERS WOULD SURELY COME

I CAN'T DO THAT EITHER. IT'S PROGRAMMED TO BLOCK COPYING. DAMN!! WE HAVE NOTHING TO PERSUADE THE POLICE TO COOPERATE !

THIS FLOPPY ALSO REQUIRES A PASSWORD !! JUST LIKE THAT EMAIL. MR. ITAKURA AND THOSE MEN HAD DECIDED ON IT

LET'S MAKE A COPY AT LEAST

WE MUST FIRST FIND OUT THEIR GOALS. ONCE WE DO, WE'LL PRESENT TO THE POLICE THE CONCRETE EVIDENCE AS TO HOW LARGE AND DANGEROUS THE BLACK ORGANIZATION IS. WE SHOULD NEVER ATTEMPT TO CONFRONT THEM UNLESS WE ARE FULLY ARMED AND PREPARED !

WE DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW MANY OFFICERS AS FEW AS A COUPLE COULD SERIOUSLY GET HURT ...

WHAT ?

NO... WE STILL HAVE A WAY ...

NOT BEING ABLE TO DO ANYTHING WHEN WE FINALLY KNOW WHERE THEY'D BE ...

IT IS SURELY FRUSTRATING

IT'S RATHER DANGEROUS BUT IT'S WORTH A TRY



YES, IT PROBABLY IS...

WHOA... DOC... PLEASE TELL ME IT ISN'T...



WAIT A MINUTE... YOU DON'T MEAN TO MEET THEM IN PERSON...



JUST AS WE THOUGHT... FLAT TIRES...



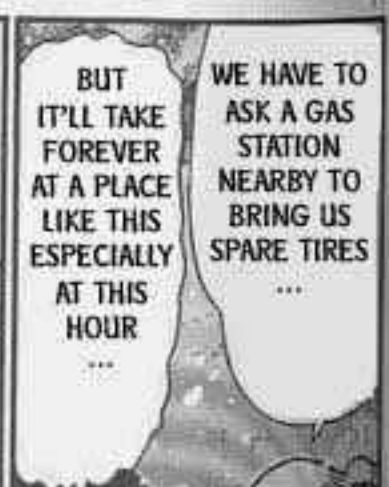
IT'S PROBABLY GOD'S WILL... HE'S TELLING YOU NOT TO DO ANYTHING DANGEROUS...

HMM ?



NO, WE CAN'T. I WON'T MAKE IT FOR THE MEETING !!

TAKE IT EASY. WE CAN WAIT IN THE CAR !



BUT IT'LL TAKE FOREVER AT A PLACE LIKE THIS ESPECIALLY AT THIS HOUR ...

WE HAVE TO ASK A GAS STATION NEARBY TO BRING US SPARE TIRES ...



CAR !?

A





WE'VE GOT
A TROUBLE
WITH OUR
CAR
...

WHAT
HAPPENED
?



HEL-
LOOOO
!!



TO-
KYO
?

WILL YOU
PLEASE
GIVE US
A RIDE ?

WE WANT
TO HEAD
BACK TO
TOKYO.



WHY
NOT?
WE'RE
HEADING
THE SAME
DIRECTION
ANYWAYS
...

HEY,
WHAT
SHOULD
WE DO
?



IT'S
OKAY.
I WAS
JUST
DOZING
OFF
...

I'M SORRY.
YOU WERE
SLEEPING.



THANKS
A LOT
...

OK. YOU TAKE
THE PASSENGER'S
SEAT. KID, YOU
AT THE BACK.



SOME-
WHAT
...

ARE YOU
FAMILIAR
WITH ROADS
AROUND
HERE ?



ISN'T THIS AN
IMPORTED
AUTOMOBILE
CALLED BMW
!?

IT'S SO
COOOL
!!

IS
THAT
RIGHT
...

MAY NOT LOOK IT,
BUT HE'S AN HEIR
TO A SUCCESSFUL
COMPANY.

W
E
L
L

YEA, BUT I'M
THINKING ABOUT
BUYING A NEW
ONE SINCE I'M
GETTING TIRED
OF IT.

IS
THIS
YOURS,
SIR ?

HUH
?

[HORN]

IT'S AN
EXPENSIVE
CAR. YOU
MUST BE
VERY RICH
THEN
!

OOPS
.....

[CLONK]



I DIDN'T
HEAR A
THING
...

REALLY
?

I HEARD
SOMETHING,
DID YOU
?



WELL, TAKE
IT EASY AND
LET'S DRIVE
SAFELY
!

THAT WAS
CLOSE.
I MUST BE
MORE
CAREFUL ON
SNOWY
ROADS



H. HEY,
DON'T
LIGHT THE
CIGARETTE
!!

NOTHING
TO WORRY
ABOUT
...

IT'S
PROBABLY
OUR
LUGGAGE
IN THE
TRUNK
...



I'M
SORRY
.....

R,
RIGHT
.....



HAVE YOU
FORGOTTEN
THAT I HATE
SMOKE
!?



IT STOPPED
SNOWING, SO
I THINK WE CAN
GET THERE
BEFORE 3 AM

CL
CK



OOPS
.....

OH, TOKYO
IS ON THE
LEFT
...



YEA...
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT...

HOW
NICE
...

CLICK



BUT WHY
WERE YOU IN GUNMA ?
DID YOU GO TO SKIING
WITH YOUR GRANDSON ?



[HORN]



OOPS
...



WE SHOULDN'T
HAVE TAKEN
THE SNOWY
ROADS
...



SORRY
...

HEY !
WILL YOU
BE MORE
CAREFUL !?



IT'S
DIFINITELY
STRANGE
.....



WHAT
IS
THIS
.....?



THEY
BE
.....

COULD
.....