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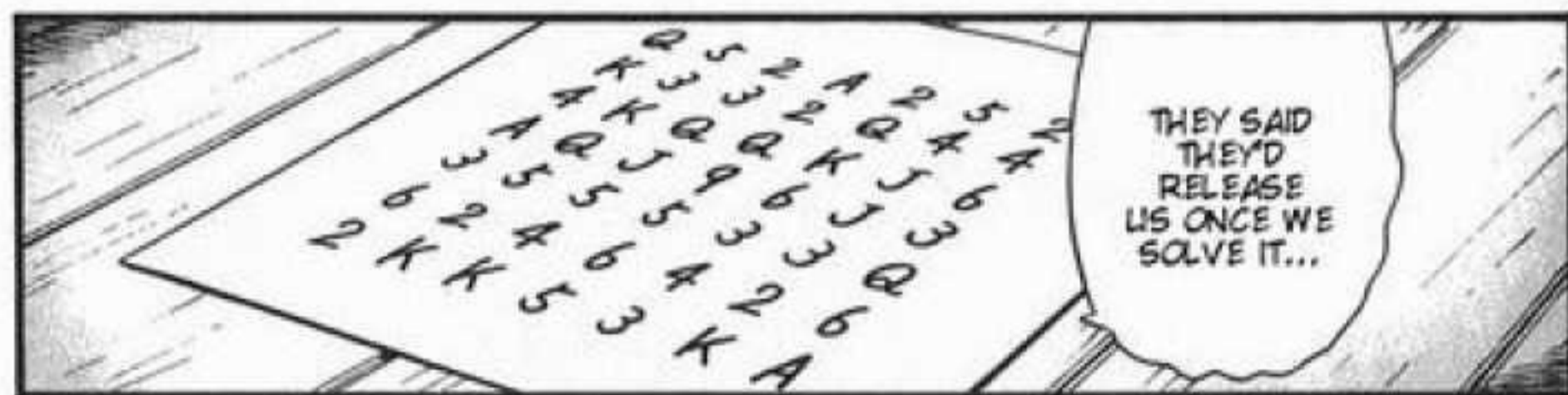
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服部平次

Heiji and Kazuha in
Grave Danger! (1)

絶体絶命! ①







YOU'LL BE AS COLD AS HIM...



OR ELSE...

IF YOU WANT TO GET OUT IN THE WARM SUNSHINE, YOU'D BETTER DO IT FAST...



Hyaha
haha!



DON'T WORRY... THEY JUST AREN'T AWARE OF HIM...

HEIJI...



HE'LL FIND US HERE...

THAT'S RIGHT... HELL...





HIS NAME IS KUSUKAWA-SAN AND HE'S CURRENTLY WORKING FOR A PRIVATE DETECTIVE AGENCY IN TOKYO...

THEY'RE MEETING KAZUHA-CHAN'S FATHER, TOYAMA-SAN'S FORMER SUBORDINATE OFFICER.



I NEVER KNEW HE WORKED UNDER CHIEF TOYAMA...

HE GOT DISCHARGED FROM THE POLICE FORCE BECAUSE IT GOT OUT OF HAND...

AHH... THAT MAN IS CRAZY ABOUT GAMBLING OF ALL KINDS, YOU JUST NAME IT...



EH?
OTOU-SAN YOU KNOW HIM?

ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT KUSUKAWA FROM HAI DO DETECTIVE AGENCY?



KUSUKAWA-SAN WROTE TO TOYAMA-SAN, SAYING HE HAD SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO TALK ABOUT. TOYAMA-SAN ASKED THEM TO CHECK UP ON KUSUKAWA-SAN BECAUSE THEY STOPPED HEARING FROM HIM SINCE!

NE, WHY DID HEIJI-NICHAN AND KAZUHA-NECHAN GO TO SEE HIM?

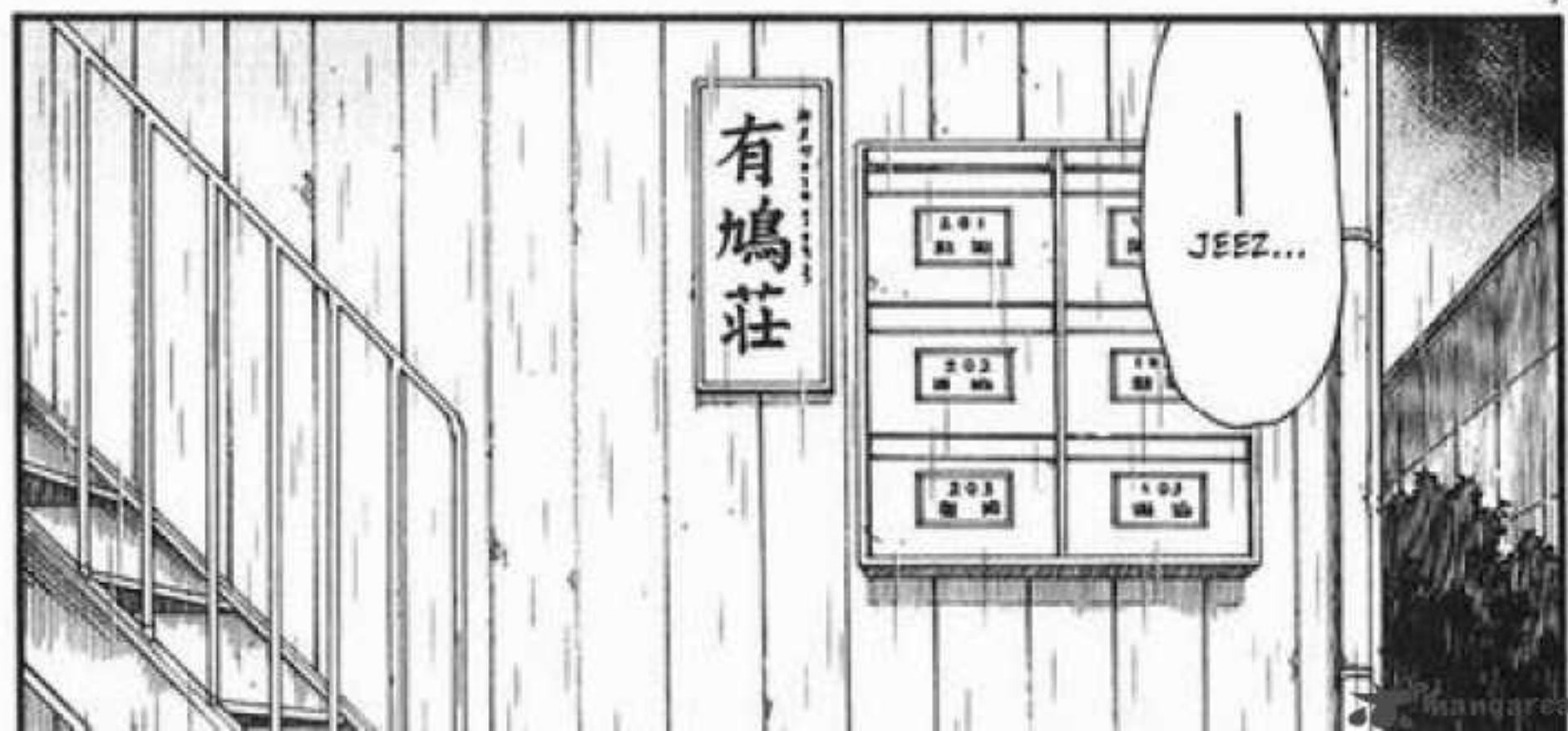


LET'S GIVE HIM A CALL!



YOU THINK ...?

THEN THEY PROBABLY LOST TRACK OF TIME TALKING ABOUT CHIEF TOYAMA! YOU KNOW, CATCHING UP AND ALL...







THAT WET MARK'S THE LOGO ON THE CAP HELJINCHAN OFTEN WEARS.



LOOK AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE NOTICE!



I SEE ...

HE CROUCHED BECAUSE HE GOT TIRED FROM ALL THE WAITING, RIGHT?



BECAUSE THERE IS A SAME MARK LEFT AROUND MY HEIGHT TOO!



HOW DO YOU KNOW IT WAS HOURS?

I BET HE WAITED HOURS LEANING AGAINST THE DOOR WITH HIS WET CAP WORN BACKWARDS!



EH?

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ON THE JOINT OF THE DOOR?!

SCOTCH TAPE...





LOOK WHAT I FOUND ON THE FLOOR BELOW THESE DESK DRAWERS!

HE MUST'VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE TAPE ON THE DOOR, TOO AND OPENED IT HIMSELF!



DIDN'T HE SIMPLY FORGET TO LOCK THE DOOR?

BUT... I DON'T SEE ANYTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT THE ROOM OR THE DOOR... NO SIGN OF INTRUSION WHATSOEVER...



SO THAT IT'LL FALL WHEN SOMEONE OPENS THE DRAWER?



PLACED IN HERE LIKE THIS...

WASN'T THIS...



HM?

IT'S A SMALL PIECE OF PAPER!



IT'S THE SAME WITH THE TAPE! KUSUKAWA-SAN HIMSELF FORGOT ABOUT SETTING IT UP!

HM!

THEN THERE REALLY WAS AN INTRUDER...



IT LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE BLACKED OUT SOMETHING WITH A PENCIL!

RIGHT HERE ...



HUH?

OH-OH? WHAT'S THIS?



IT WAS PROBABLY THAT OSAKA KID. GETTING WORRIED OVER THE UNLOCKED DOOR, HE DID THIS TO FIND A LEAD ON KUSAKAWA-SAN'S WHEREABOUTS.

BUT WHY WOULD KUSUKAWA-SAN DO SUCH A THING... HE'S THE PHONE WHO TOOK THE NOTE IN THE FIRST PLACE...



HMMM... BECAUSE NOTES WERE WRITTEN SO HARD ON THE MEMO PAD, THE CHARACTERS GOT EMBOSSED ONTO THE SHEET RIGHT BELOW... HE MADE THEM VISIBLE BY SHADING THE SHEET WITH A PENCIL...

YOU THINK IT WAS A SHEET OF THIS MEMO PAD? SEE, THE SIZE AND SHAPE MATCH PERFECTLY!



THERE'S NO WAY NOW THAT WE'D KNOW WHAT WAS WRITTEN ON IT...

TOO BAD, SINCE THE KID TOOK THE MEMO WITH HIM,



ITO RESIDENCE?

LET'S SEE... KEN-BASHI CITY'S...



OH, I GET IT! THE TOOL FORCE WAS SO STRONG THAT THE 2ND SHEET BELOW THE ORIGINAL WAS ALSO EMBOSSED!

EH?

BUT LOOK! I CAN STILL GET CHARCTERS FROM THE TOP SHEET!



WE CAN ASK PPS FOR THE ADDRESSES!

THEN LET'S GO AFTER THEM!



BUT KUZUHA-CHAN AND HATTORI-KUN MIGHT HAVE GONE THERE, RIGHT?

THIS ONE'S UNREADABLE...

LOOKS LIKE A PHONE NUMBER WAS ALSO WRITTEN BUT...



NO, THEY DIDN'T COME HERE...

TWO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH OSAKA ACCENT?



YOU'RE FORGETTING THIS IS THE ABC FOR A DETECTIVE TOO...

SERIOUSLY, THIS REMINDS ME OF MY EARLY YEARS AS AN OFFICER ...

PHEW... THERE GOES THE 5TH PLACE ...



SORRY TO HAVE BOTHERED YOU...

NO, WE'RE ONLY LOOKING FOR THOSE KIDS...

ARE YOU AN OFFICER?



THOSE BRATS, THEY'LL BE SORRY WHEN WE FIND THEM!

WE CAN DO IT, OTOU-SAN!

WE HAVE ONLY 8 MORE TO GO!



DON'T BOTHER ME AGAIN!

I DON'T KNOW!

I THOUGH THE BALL SEASON HAD PASSED ALREADY...

OSA-KA KIDS?

BY THE WAY, ARE YOU MOURI KOGORO-SAN?

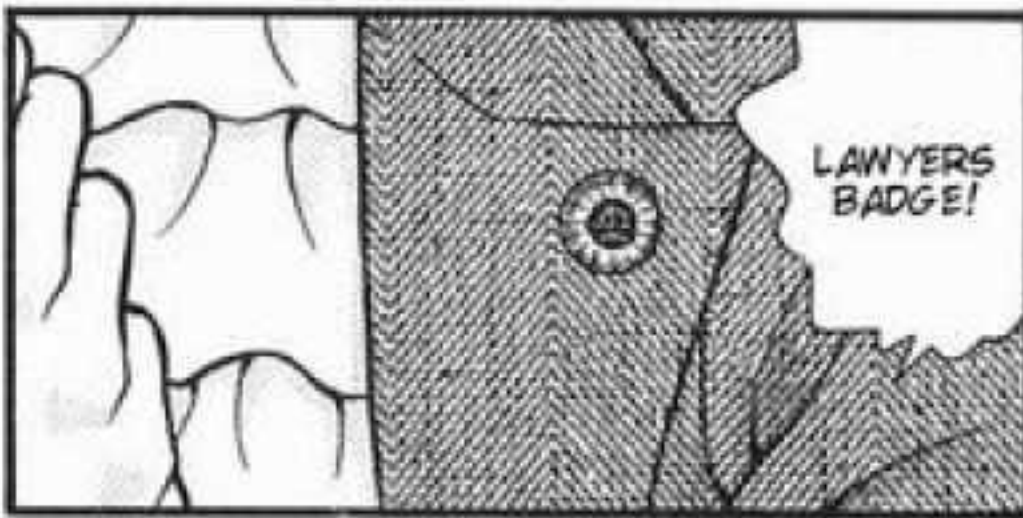
NO, NO SUCH STUDENTS PAID A VISIT...



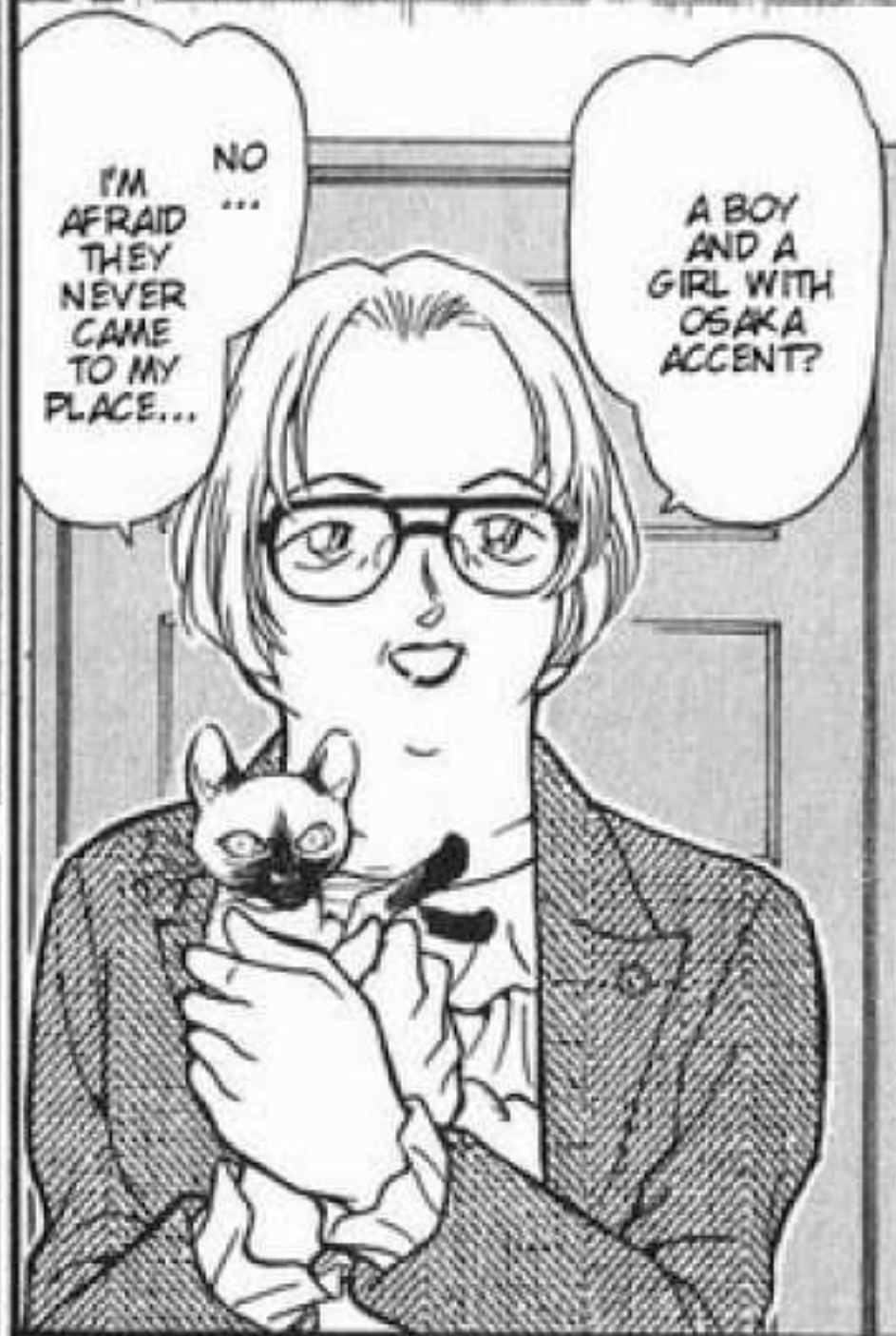
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I'M SORRY I COULDN'T HELP...

IS THAT SO...



LAWYERS BADGE!



I'M AFRAID THEY NEVER CAME TO MY PLACE...

NO ...

A BOY AND A GIRL WITH OSAKA ACCENT?



YES, THAT'S RIGHT...

ARE YOU ATTORNEY ITO MISARY BY ANY CHANCE?!



BY THE WAY, DO YOU KNOW IF THERE IS A STRANGE ITO RESIDENCE IN THIS NEIGHBOURHOOD?

HM?



HEY, THAT'S ENOUGH!

YES, SHE IS!



OH... SO YOUR MOTHER IS ALSO AN ATTORNEY ...

MY MOTHER TOLD ME WHAT A GREAT LAWYER YOU ARE FOR ACCEPTING TO WORD ON ANY CASE FOR A SONG!



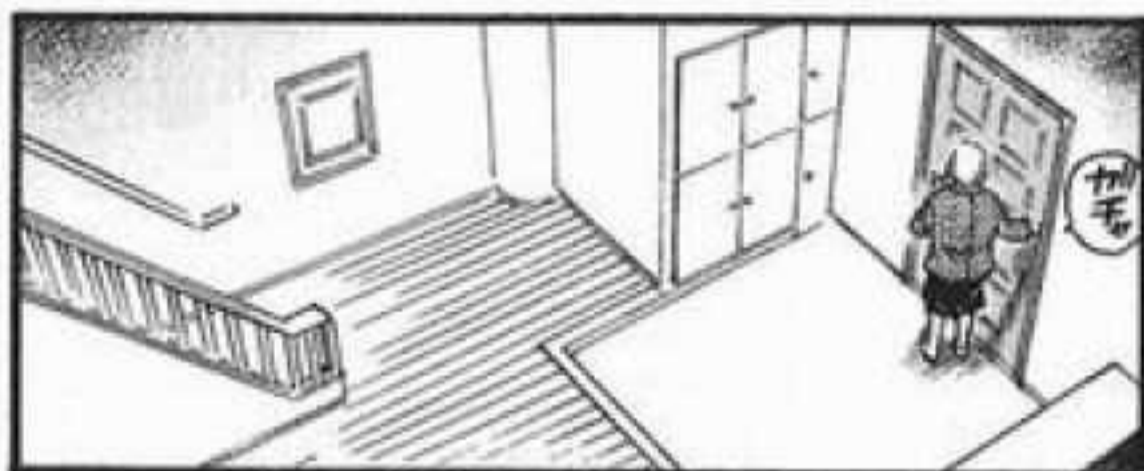
THAT'S IT!

YES!



THERE IS A RUMOUR ABOUT CHILDREN SEEING TWO SEEMINGLY HOMELESS PEOPLE GO IN AND OUT OF THE ABANDONED MANSION NIGHT AFTER NIGHT...

COME TO THINK OF IT, I'VE HEARD ABOUT AN OLD WESTERN MANSION WITH A NAMEPLATE TO. IT'S BEHIND AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON THE 5TH BLOCK...

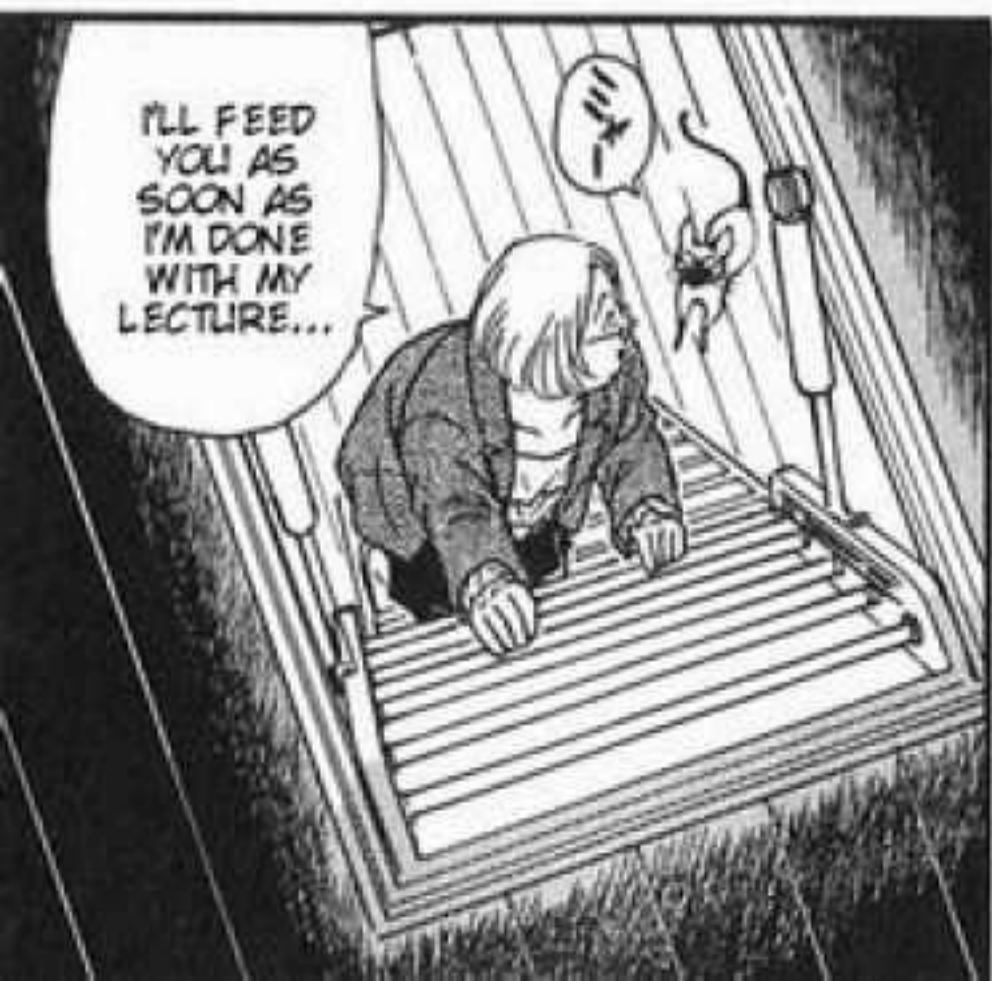


YOU'RE HUNGRY, AREN'T YOU?



NO, NO...

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP!

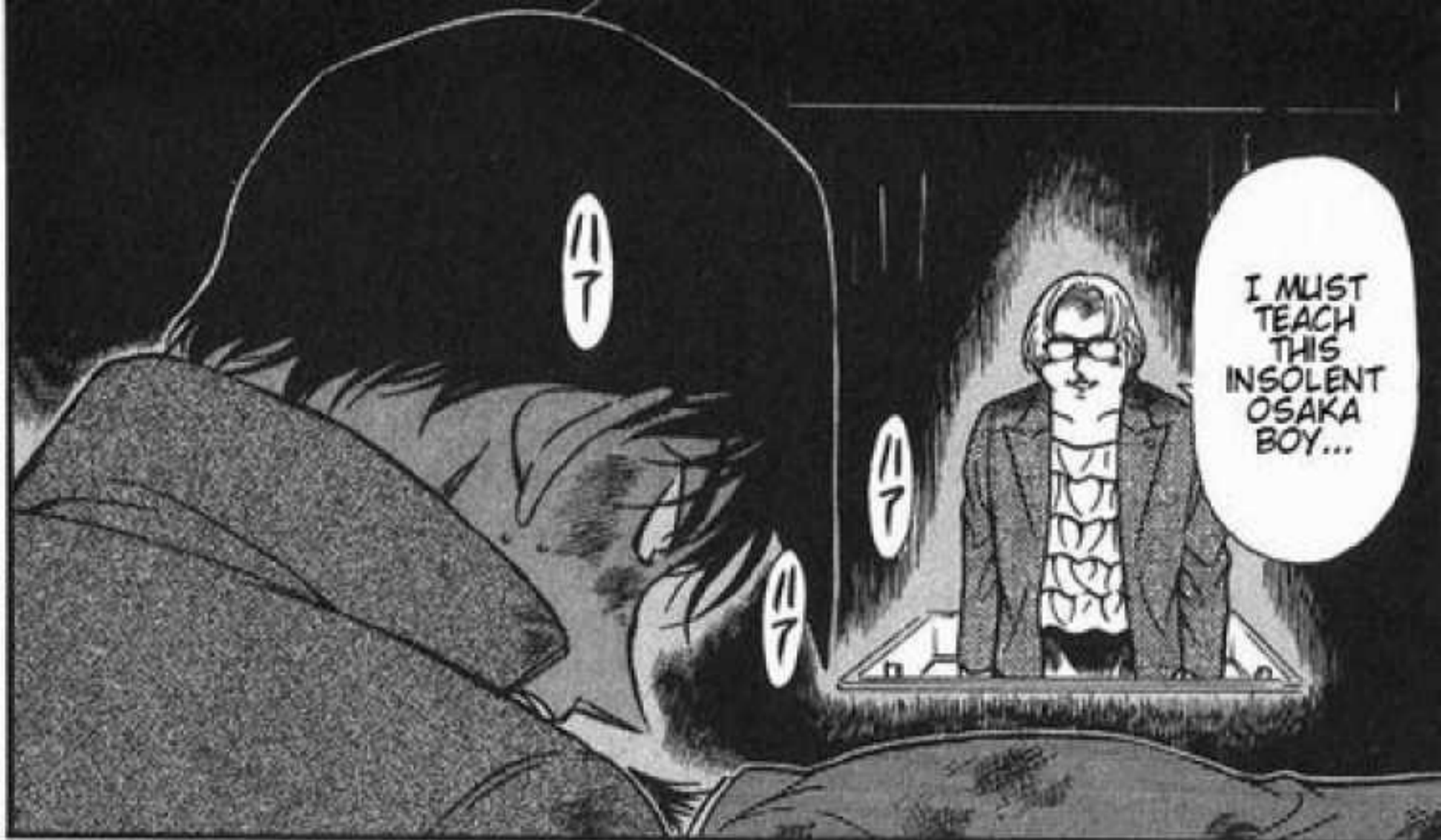


I'LL FEED YOU AS SOON AS I'M DONE WITH MY LECTURE...



MAMA'S BUSY RIGHT NOW...

JUST WAIT FOR A BIT...



I MUST
TEACH
THIS
INSOLENT
OSAKA
BOY...



STUPID BRAT...
HE THOUGHT
HE COULD
SCREAM OUT
FOR HELP!

H,
HEIJI!

MY, MY...
LOOK AT YOU.
YOUR HANDSOME
FACE IS ALL
RUINED...

AND HE
MUST PLAY
BY MY
RULES
FROM
NOW
ON...

HOW
DESPERATE
HIS CIRCUM-
STANCE
REALLY
IS...

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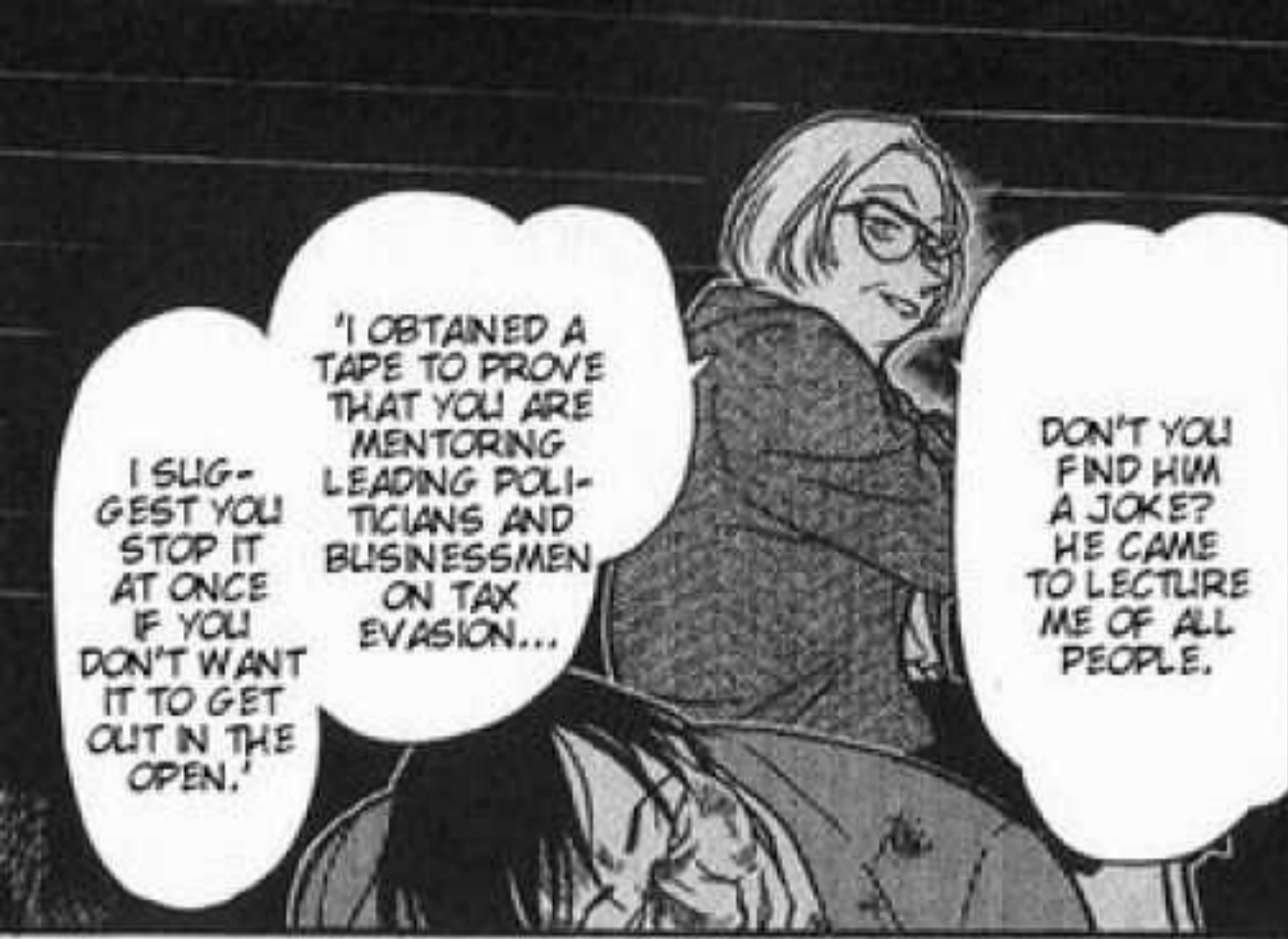


AREN'T
YOU
POPULAR
YOUR-
SELF!

HIGH
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WHO'D
THOUGHT
YOU
ARE ON FRIENDLY
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DETECTIVE MOURI
KOGORO...
I WAS QUITE
SURPRISED
...

YOU
OKAY?!
HANG IN
THERE!



I SUGGEST YOU STOP IT AT ONCE IF YOU DON'T WANT IT TO GET OUT IN THE OPEN.

'I OBTAINED A TAPE TO PROVE THAT YOU ARE MENTORING LEADING POLITICIANS AND BUSINESSMEN ON TAX EVASION...

DON'T YOU FIND HIM A JOKE? HE CAME TO LECTURE ME OF ALL PEOPLE.



YOU WILL BREAK THE SECRET CODE THIS DIRTY RAT-LIKE DETECTIVE CREATED...

NOW, LISTEN CAREFULLY. I INVITED YOU INTO MY HOUSE BECAUSE I'M THINKING HIGHLY OF YOUR ABILITIES...



I, I'M SORRY ...

IT WAS THEN I GOT YOUR CALL...



WHAT A SHAME HE STOPPED BREATHING TOO EARLY...

YEAH, RIGHT! THIS COOPERATIVE MAN TOLD US THAT THE TAPE IS IN TEITO BANK'S RENTAL LOCKER AND THE 7 DIGITS PIN HAS BEEN ENCRYPTED...



EXACTLY WHOM ARE YOU CALLING A DIRTY RAT...?

WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME ONCE AGAIN...?

MY EARS ARE RINGING SO I COULDN'T HEAR TOO WELL...



STOP IT!!

GO AHEAD, CUT OFF HIS DEAF EARS!!



YOU STILL DON'T GET IT, DON'T YOU?

YOU BRAT!!



MAKE SURE THEY DON'T BREATHE OUT A WORD!

I'LL GO CHECK IT OUT!



HM?



WHY DO I GET SO MANY VISITORS TODAY...?

DAMN ...



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THE KID FROM EARLIER?!