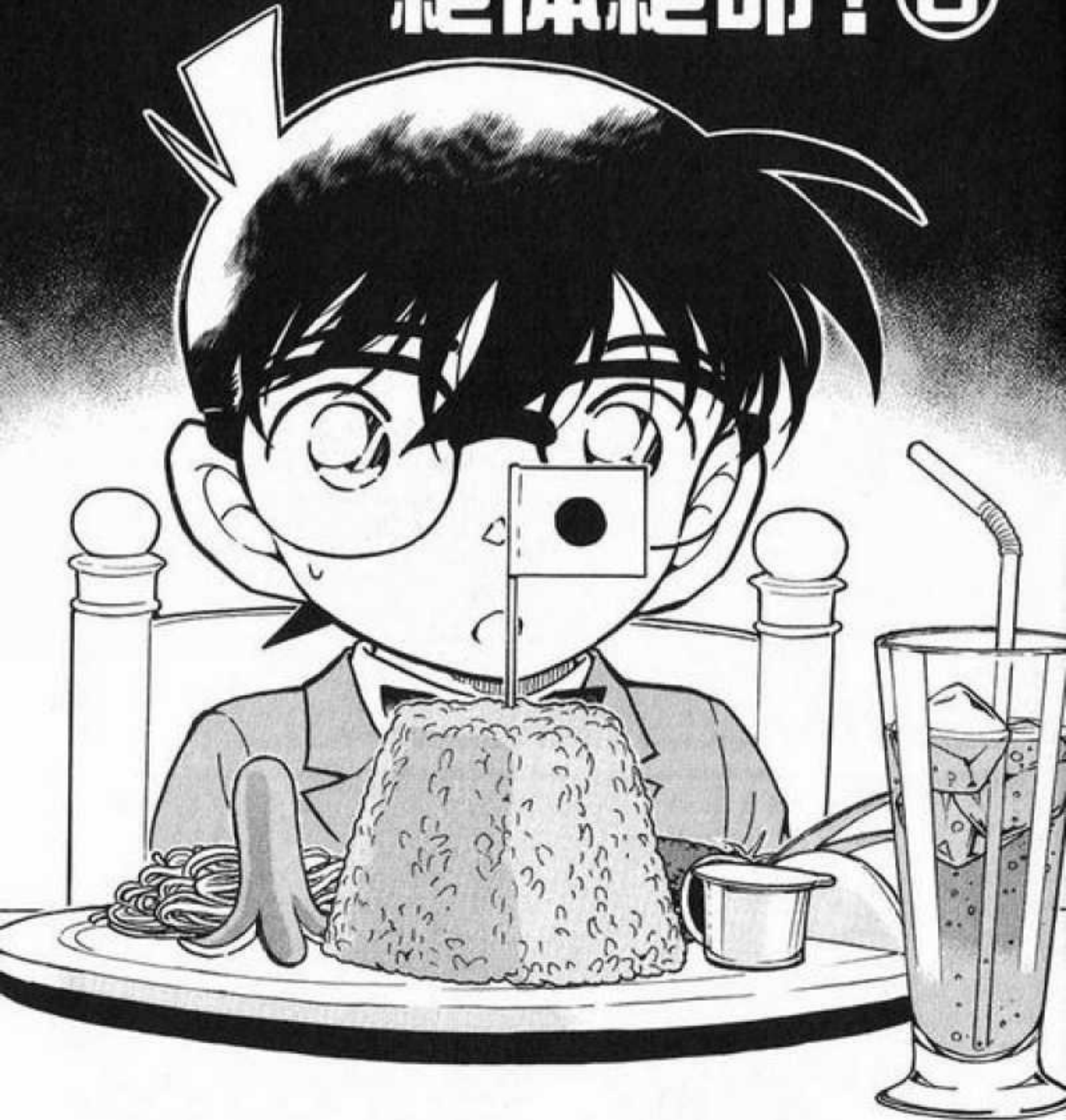


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**Heiji and Kazuha in
Grave Danger! (3)**

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絶体絶命! ③







EH?

I MUST LEAVE MY LAST WORD TO THE GIRL BEHIND ME...



I'M SORRY FOR BEING INCONSIDERATE.

MY, MY... YOU ARE A TEENAGER AFTER ALL...



IT'S SOMETHING I WANTED TO TELL HER FOR A LONG TIME. WILL YOU PLEASE PUT THE GUN DOWN TILL I'M DONE WITH IT?

WHAT'S THERE TO SAY? YOU KNOW YOUR GIRLFRIEND WON'T LIVE MUCH LONGER EITHER...



HOW'S THIS?



SHE'LL TREASURE IT UP IN HEAVEN ...



I WANT IT TO BE SPECIAL SO THAT ...



GIVE ME A SEC! I'M LOOKING FOR THE BEST EXPRESSION!

GO ON... TELL HER...





I MEANT IT WHEN I SAID I WANT TO LEAVE MY LAST WORD TO YOU...

TWO,



ONE,

TRUST ME, KAZUHA ...



I WON'T HESITATE SHOOTING HIM SINCE I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT!!

I'LL GIVE YOU FIVE. SPILL IT BEFORE I FINISH COUNTING!



EVERY TIME I SENSED YOU TREMBLE ...

AT MY BACK...

FOUR,



I ALMOST SAID IT SO MANY TIMES...

THREE,



DID HE GET THE SECRET CODE?!

IT'S FROM MOURI KOGORO ...

OH, AN EMAIL?



Fl...

Ring

Ring

Ring



NO... I THINK THE NUMBERS & LETTERS HAVE BEEN REORGANISED A BIT...

MORE LIKE HE RETURNED BACK THE EXACT MAIL WE SENT, ISN'T IT?

IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE AN ANSWER TO ME...



LIM, I MEAN, WILL YOU PLEASE LET ME TAKE A LOOK AT IT?



LET ME SEE IT!

HEY YOU?!



DOESN'T IT LOOK JUST LIKE THE ORIGINAL SECRET CODE?

HERE! THIS IS THE REPLY!



I'M SAYING I GOT ALL THE 7 FIGURES HIDDEN IN THE SECRET CODE!

EH?



THIS ONE'S THE ANSWER ...

HA... SURE THEY'RE ALIKE, EXCEPT...



WELL, DO YOU?

KID, DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE POSITION YOU'RE IN...



HE ALSO KNOWS THAT IT WAS KUSUKAWA-SAN'S CREATION AND THAT WE ARE WITH KUSUKAWA-SAN!

MOURI KOGORO KNOWS THE ANSWER TO THE SECRET CODE...



I DON'T THINK SO, NOT HERE ...

THEN SAY IT! NOW!

YOU AREN'T BLUFFING, ARE YOU?!

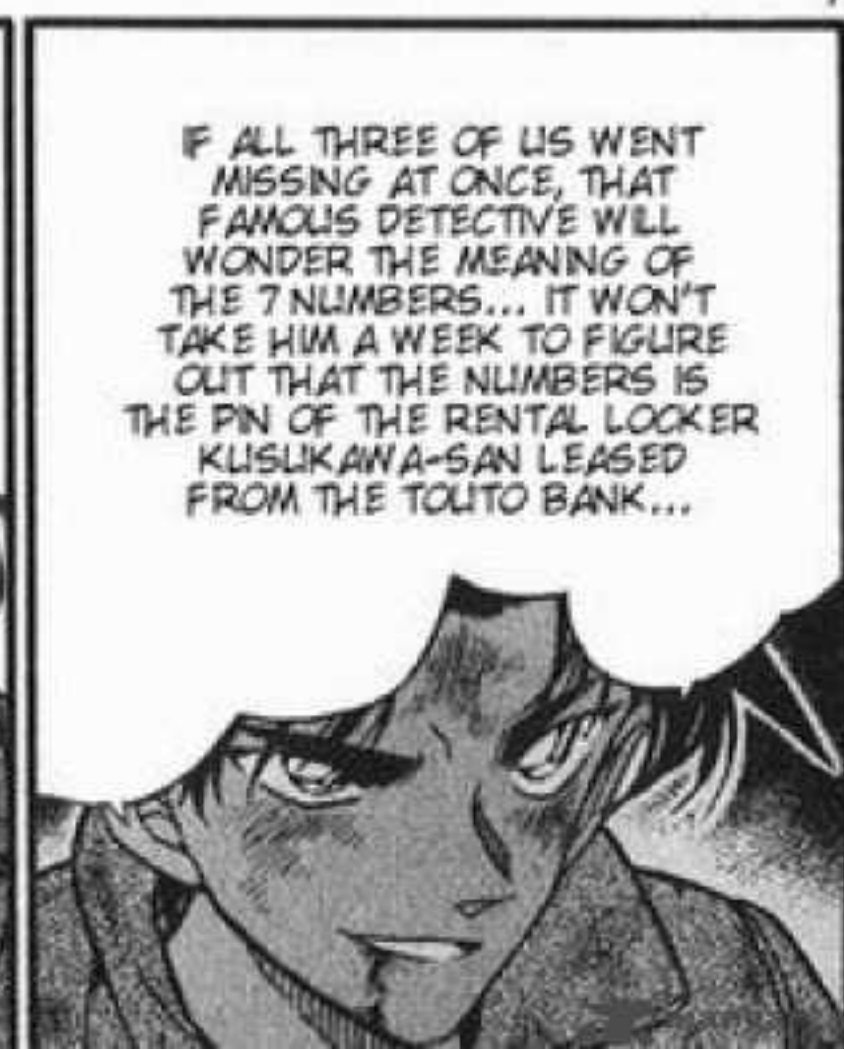


SHOULD WE KILL THEM AND RUN?

THIS ISN'T GOOD! IF MOURI KOGORO LISTENED TO THE EVIDENCE TAPE OF YOU MENTORING INCOME TAX EVASION...

YOU... YOU GOT MOURI KOGORO INVOLVED KNOWING WHAT WOULD HAPPEN ...

QUIT YAPPING ...



IF ALL THREE OF US WENT MISSING AT ONCE, THAT FAMOUS DETECTIVE WILL WONDER THE MEANING OF THE 7 NUMBERS... IT WON'T TAKE HIM A WEEK TO FIGURE OUT THAT THE NUMBERS IS THE PIN OF THE RENTAL LOCKER KUSUKAWA-SAN LEASED FROM THE TOUTO BANK...



OR HAVE ME GO GET THE TAPE AND RELEASE THE THREE OF US IN EXCHANGE FOR THE TAPE...

EITHER YOU KILL US HERE, AND WASTE YOUR HIGHLY ESTABLISHED HONORABLE POSITION AS A LAWYER FOR MENTORING INCOME TAX EVASION AND MURDER...

YOU HAVE ONLY TWO CHOICES...



HMPH! DON'T TAKE US FOR FOOLS! YOU'RE PLANNING TO RUN TO THE POLICE ONCE YOU GET YOUR HANDS ON THE TAPE, HUH?!

DON'T WORRY... JUST LIKE KUSUKAWA-SAN I INTEND TO KEEP YOUR SECRET AS LONG AS YOU PROMISE TO TURN A NEW LEAF AND STOP ALL THE ILLEGAL ACTS...



THAT'S WHY I'M OFFERING TO GO INSTEAD ...

IT COULD BE KUSUKAWA-SAN BUT HIS FACE IS BADLY DISFIGURED... YOU CAN'T LET HIM BE SEEN IN PUBLIC...



STOP ME IF I ACT SUSPICIOUSLY...

FINE, THEN SOMEONE CAN COME ALONG AND KEEP AN EYE ON ME!



AND MIND YOU, MOURI KOGORO MIGHT FIGURE OUT EVERYTHING TOMORROW AND GET THE TAPE BEFORE YOU...



ISN'T THE BANK CLOSING SOON? YOU WON'T MAKE IT IF YOU DON'T LEAVE NOW...

WELL? YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT...



HURRY UP!

HEY, C'MON!



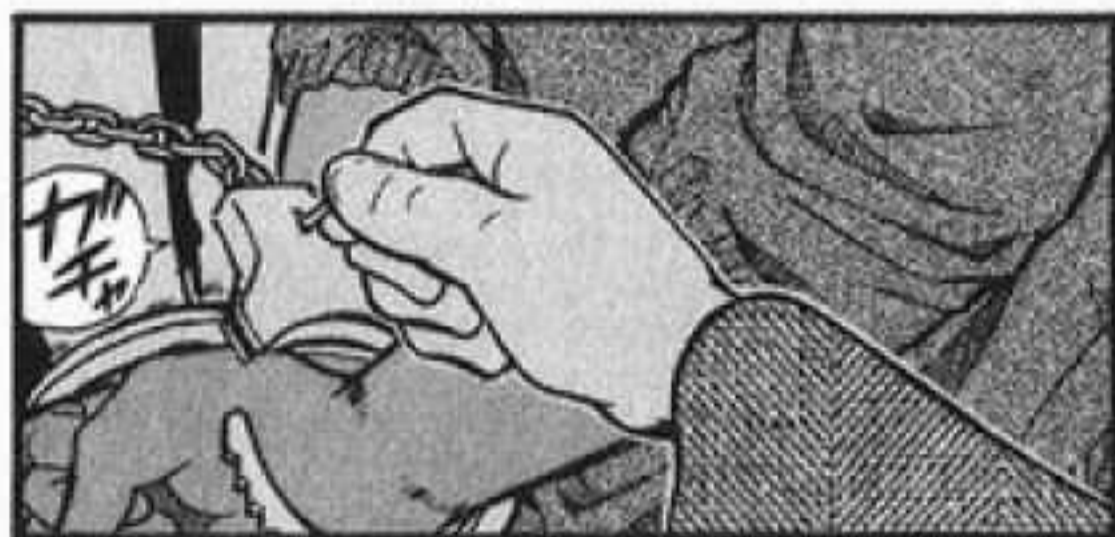
JUST LISTEN TO ME ...

B, BUT MA'AM...



BUT I WARN YOU, YOU'RE HISTORY IF YOUR ANSWER'S WRONG... UNDERSTOOD?

DEAL. I AGREE TO YOUR DEMANDS...



HM?

HELJI...



SWEET PIE, YOU WILL STAY WITH THIS MAN AND BE GOOD...

I WILL GO WITH THE BOY...



TILL YOU GET FED UP WITH IT...

SURE ...



WILL YOU TELL ME WHAT YOU WANTED TO SAY?

IF WE SURVIVE THIS,



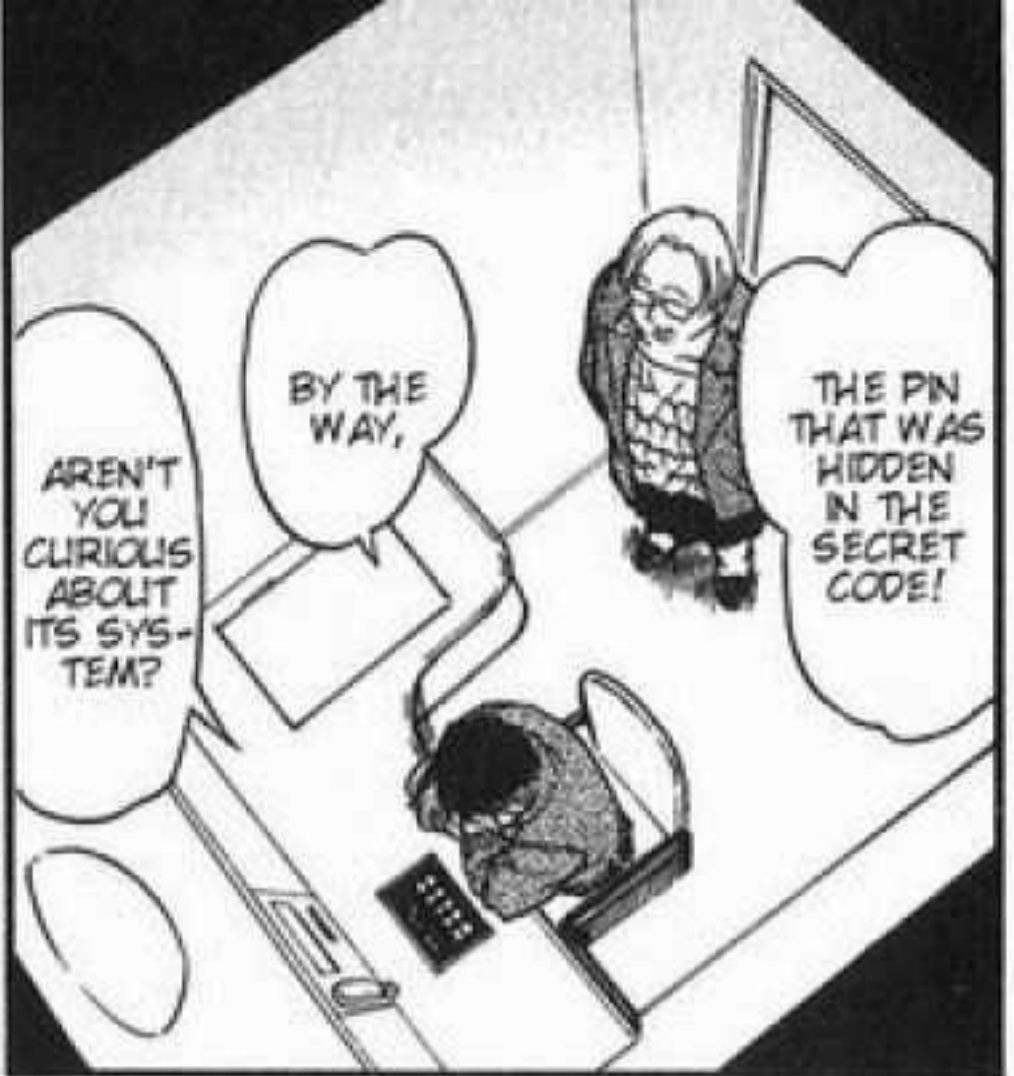


YOU UNDERSTAND THE AJQK ARE FROM PLAYING CARDS?

IF THEY KNOW THE CODE WAS CREATED BY KUSUKAWA-SAN THE GAMBLE LOVER,

WHO CARES, THAT CAN WAIT...

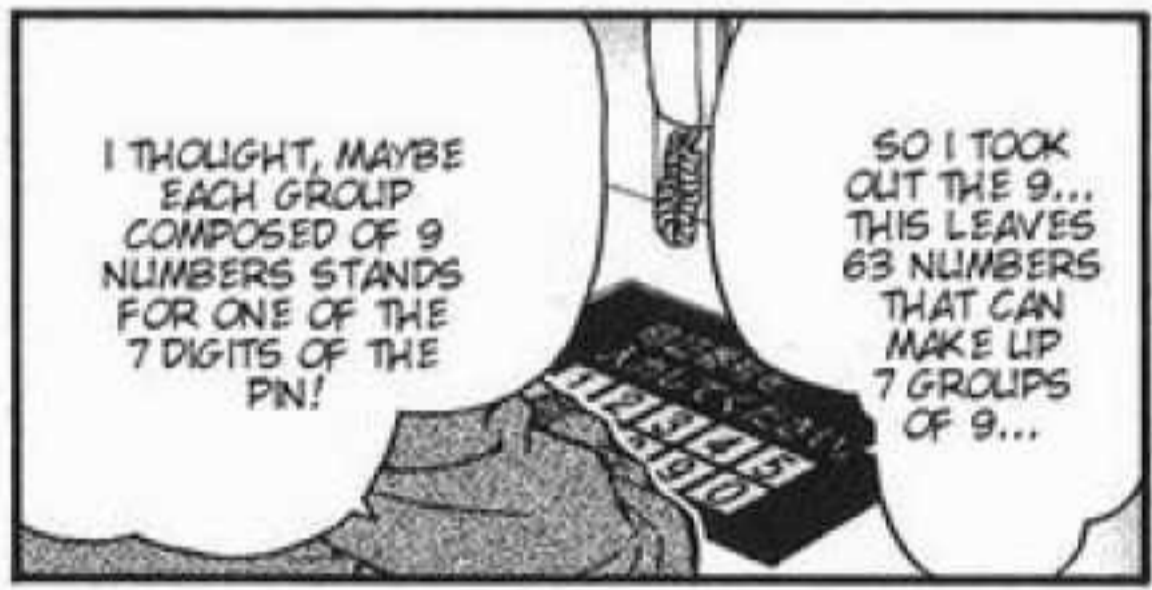
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4	K	Q	Q	K	J
A	Q	J	9	6	J
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AREN'T YOU CURIOUS ABOUT ITS SYSTEM?

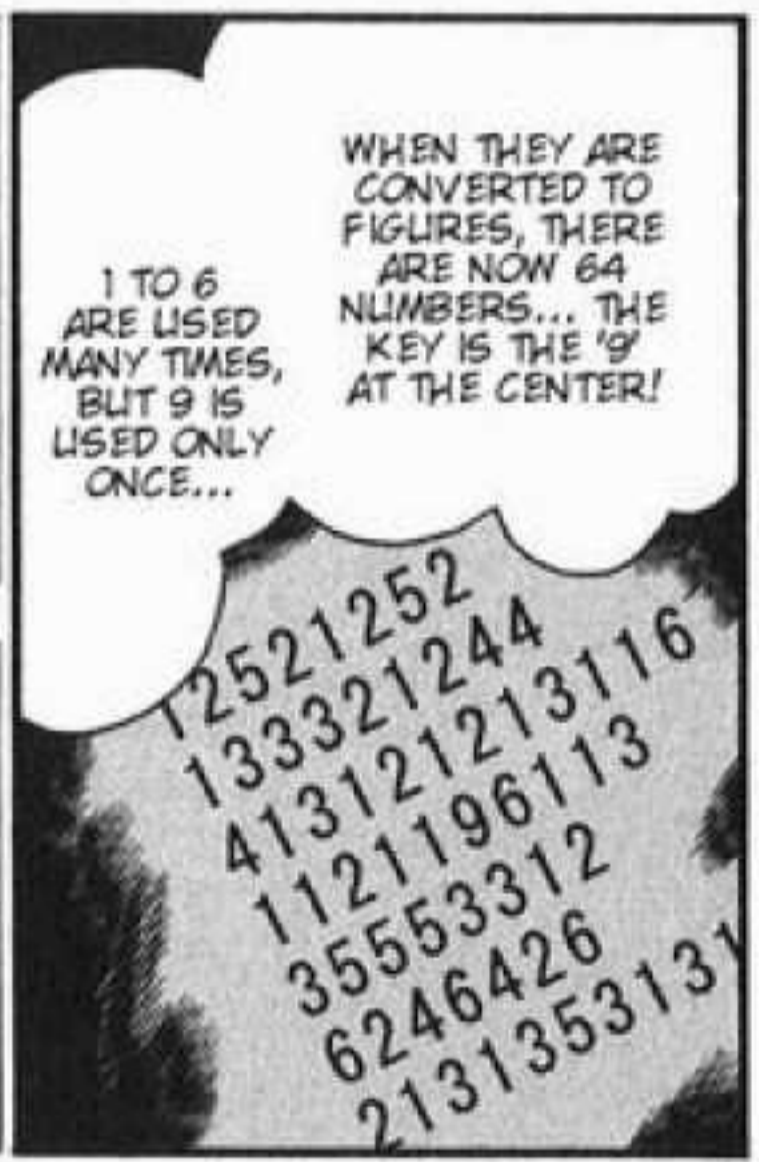
BY THE WAY,

THE PIN THAT WAS HIDDEN IN THE SECRET CODE!



I THOUGHT, MAYBE EACH GROUP COMPOSED OF 9 NUMBERS STANDS FOR ONE OF THE 7 DIGITS OF THE PIN!

SO I TOOK OUT THE 9... THIS LEAVES 63 NUMBERS THAT CAN MAKE UP 7 GROUPS OF 9...



1 TO 6 ARE USED MANY TIMES, BUT 9 IS USED ONLY ONCE...

WHEN THEY ARE CONVERTED TO FIGURES, THERE ARE NOW 64 NUMBERS... THE KEY IS THE '9' AT THE CENTER!

12521252
133321244
413121213116
1121196113
35553312
6246426
2131353131



WHEN IT COMES TO NUMBERS FROM 1 TO 6 IN GAMBLING, THERE'S ONLY ONE THING...

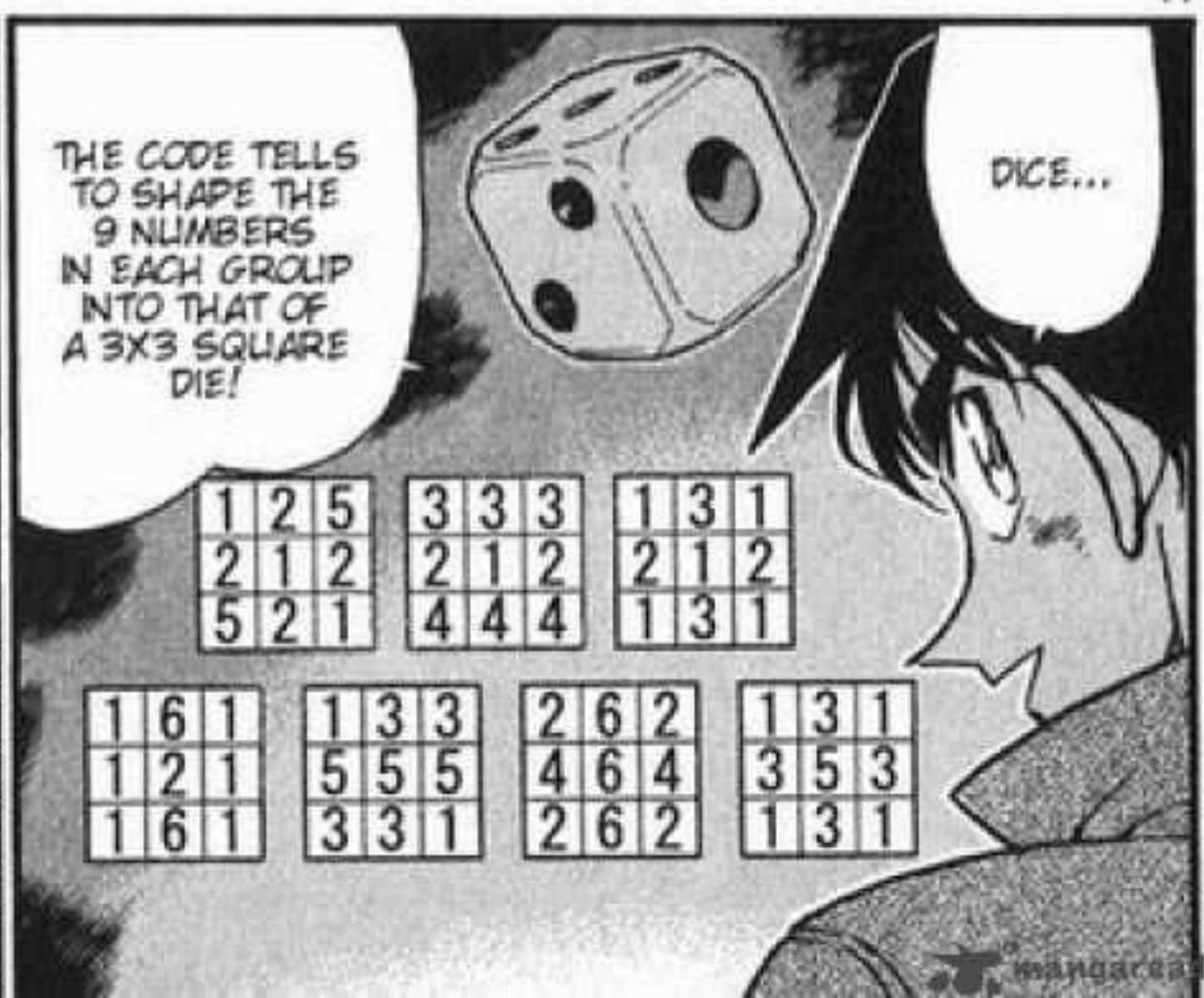
EH?

MORE-OVER, THE NUMBERS ARE ALL 1 TO 6...



PICTURE EACH NUMBER AS A DIE AND PUT THEM TOGETHER IN THE SPECIFIED ORDER...

BUT... I DON'T SEE HOW IT MAKES UP 7 DIGITS ...



THE CODE TELLS TO SHAPE THE 9 NUMBERS IN EACH GROUP INTO THAT OF A 3X3 SQUARE DIE!

DICE...

1	2	5
2	1	2
5	2	1

3	3	3
2	1	2
4	4	4

1	3	1
2	1	2
1	3	1

1	6	1
1	2	1
1	6	1

1	3	3
5	5	5
3	3	1

2	6	2
4	6	4
2	6	2

1	3	1
3	5	3
1	3	1

3
1
5
6
2
0
4
!



THE WHOLE SECRET CODE WAS A SQUARE WITH 9 AT THE CENTER BECAUSE IT ALSO REPRESENTED AN ACE...

IN JAPANESE, THEY CAN BE READ A 'THROW THE DICE!'

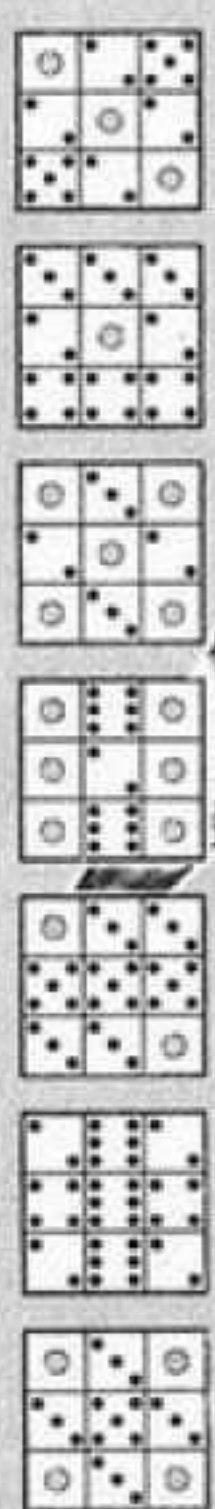
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THE ORIGINAL JAPANESE CODE IS TO THE LEFT



IT OPENED!

THERE, LOOK!



THEY ARE 3, 1, 5, 6, 2, 0, 4...

DO YOU SEE 7 LARGE DICE NOW THAT THE RED SPOTS OF ACES STAND OUT?



HOLD ON. I'LL TELL YOU ONE MORE INTERESTING STORY....

EH?



HAND IT OVER ...

I, I THINK SO...

ISN'T THIS THE TAPE YOU WANTED?



MHA-HMM... ONE CAPITAL AND TWO SMALL LETTERS ...

LETTERS?!



THE LAST THREE GROUPS WERE CHANGED TO STAND FOR LETTERS INSTEAD OF NUMBERS...



THE SECRET CODE I SENT TO MOURI KOGORO...



ABOVE IS BASICALLY THE JAPANESE KANA SPELLING FOR 'LURE OUT'







EHP?

WHAT?



A
SOCCER
BALL?



IS
IT?

WHO,







RAN OFTEN ORDERS IT TREATING ME LIKE A CHILD... ONLY THIS TIME IT GAVE ME A HINT TO BREAK THE CODE...

kid's meal?

Right... the Japanese flag looks like the ace of a die...



LIM, YEA, COMING ...

YOUR KID'S MEAL IS GETTING COLD!

CONAN-KUN, ARE YOU OK?



It appears it's because she saved Kusakawa-san's mother in the past...

IT WAS A SCOOP THE MEDIA WOULD'VE JUMPED ON...

TELL ME, WHY DID KUSUKAWA-SAN TRY TO PERSUADE THE LAWYER OUT OF IT?



TALKING ABOUT HINTS, WASN'T MY HINT USEFUL? ABOUT KUSUKAWA-SAN GETTING CAUGHT ON THE PHONE BY HIS MISCHIEVIOUS MAHJONG FRIENDS LOOKING FOR THE LAST MEMBER TO PLAY WITH...



ME, I WAS DETERMINED TO CATCH HER NO MATTER WHAT...

SO HE DIDN'T WANT TO BREAK HIS MOTHER'S HEART BY EXPOSING THE LAWYER...

SHE HANDLED HIS MOTHER'S CASE WHEN SHE GOT SWINDLED BADLY... SHE STILL ADORES IT FOR IT...



Yes... That's where I figured there were three people ...



BY 'REALLY CLOSE',



AFTER ALL, IT REALLY WAS CLOSE IN MANY WAYS...

BELIVE ME, I AM GRATEFUL TO YOU!



WHAT WAS IT THAT YOU ALMOST SAID EVERY TIME I TREMBLED?

SO?



GEH...

DO YOU MEAN ABOUT THE TIME YOU THOUGHT OF LEAVING ME A WORD?



WHEN YOU, LIM, TREMBLED ...

I... WANTED TO SAY THAT...



YOU SAID YOU'D TELL ME UNTIL I GOT FED UP WITH IT!

I DON'T THINK YOU WANT TO HEAR IT...



UH... PONY-TAIL... EM...



YOUR... I MEAN...

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You fool!! Slap!!

Haha... well, I'm so sorry for that...

KEEP TOUCHING MY NECK SO THAT I FOUND IT IMPOSSIBLY TICKLING, THAT'S ALL...