

# DETECTIVE CONAN

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## The Witness of the Red Horse



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大キャンペーン実施中です!

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絶好調発売中!!

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EVEN THOSE UNFAMILIAR WITH AGATHA CHRISTIE MUST'VE HEARD OF ITS TITLE...



YUPI! IT'S EXACTLY LIKE THAT MYSTERY NOVEL!!

THAT'S IT! I KNEW THIS CASE SOUNDED FAMILIAR ...



THE GREATEST OF THE SUPERB POIROT SERIES!!

R-I-G-H-T...



THE A.B.C. MURDERS !!!

■コナンと平次、ヒントをつかんだ!!

前号まで

WHILE HIS ONLY TARGET WAS A PERSON WITH CAPITAL C... IT'S A TRICK INTENDED TO COVER THE PLANNED MURDER WITH APPARENT RANDOM SERIAL MURDERS!!

A MAN KILLED INDIVIDUALS WITH NAMES STARTING WITH CAPITALS IDENTICAL TO THOSE OF GEOLOGICAL PLACES IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER AND STAGED SERIAL MURDERS BY LEAVING AN ABC RAILWAY GUIDE BEHIND HIM...

AND KILLED A PERSON IN THE FOURTH ARSON. THIS AND THE NOVEL ARE SO MUCH ALIKE!

THIS TIME, HOUSES ON 1ST TO 4TH BLOCKS WERE SET ON FIRE IN NUMERICAL ORDER. WITH A RED HORSE FIGURINE LEFT BEHIND AT EACH SITE... HE MADE THE WHOLE THING SEEM AS IF IT WAS WORK OF SERIAL ARSONIST

THAT THOSE SUSPECTS HAVE SOLID ALIBIS...

WHAT'RE DIFFERENT FROM THE NOVEL IS THAT THERE ARE MANY THAT COULD'VE CONTROLLED THE POPS AND...

LIKE THE ARRESTED MAN IN THE NOVEL WHO WAS FORCED TO BELIEVE HE WAS THE KILLER...

MOREOVER, THE MAN WHO TURNED HIMSELF IN JUST NOW WAS A PUSHOVER TYPE OF A GUY...

YOU SAID IT. WE'LL BEGIN FROM THE SMELLY 4TH SCENE...

IT SEEMS THOROUGH INVESTIGATION IS NECESSARY...

前号まで  
コナンと平次と小五郎が代役の調査で行った諸角亮子宅が火事になり諸角亮子は死亡してしまった。焼け跡には赤い馬の人形が残されている。この人形が赤兎馬であることに気付いたコナンと平次だが、容疑者の一人、支田があっさり自首。事件解決したかに思えたのだが...!!

登場人物

●江戸川コナン ●高校生名探偵。今江川  
●工藤新一 ●高校生名探偵。今は江戸川  
コナンの姿で、難事件に挑んでいる。  
●江川コナン ●高校生名探偵。今江川  
●工藤新一が謎の組織に毒薬を飲まされ小さくなった  
姿。正体を隠すため、仮の名・江戸川コナンを名乗り幼なじみの毛利蘭の家に居候中。



I'M THINKING ABOUT TAKING THIS SQUIRT WITH ME!

UH-HUH! THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED TO CHECK UP ON.

YOU MEAN NOW !?



YOU'RE GOING TO THE LAST NIGHT'S FIRE SITE !?

WHAT !?



I DON'T CARE IF IT'S TROPIC OR ARCTIC. THIS CASE IS MORE THAN WHAT IT SEEMS!!

WE'RE SUPPOSED TO GO TO TROPICAL LAND TODAY REMEMBER?

FORGET THE STUPID FIRE!



HE TURNED HIMSELF IN. ISN'T MR. GENDA THE CULPRIT?

IT'S THE POPS THAT GAVE US THE KEY CHAIN OF THE RED HARE!

THAT'S RIGHT !

BUT... THE ARSONIST WAS ARRESTED LAST NIGHT...



EVERYONE THAT WAS ACQUAINTED WITH THE DECEASED, MS. MOROZUMI RYOKO, HAS INTERESTING OCCUPATION!!

THINK ABOUT IT !!

CON-TROLLING HIS MIND ?

THE REAL CULPRIT MAY BE CON-TROLLING THAT POPS' MIND...

NO... STRANGE AS IT MAY SOUND...

登場人物



●服部平次 ●工藤新一と並び称される、西の高校生探偵。コナンの正体を知っている...



AND HER ELDER SISTER, MS. GONDO KEIKO, IS A FORTUNE-TELLER!



MS. RYOKO'S LOVER, MR. SOGA MIKIO, IS A FENG SHUI MASTER...



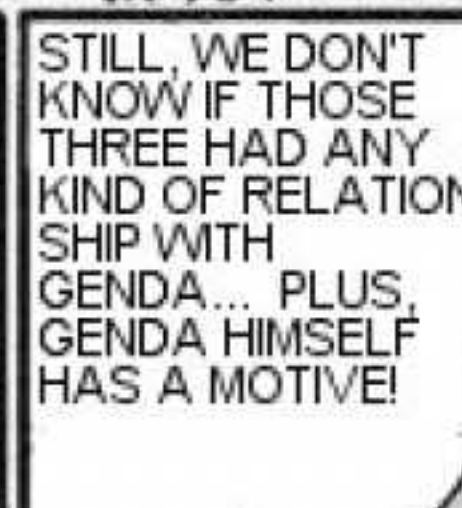
HER HUSBAND, DR. MOROZUMI AKIRA, IS A PSYCHIATRIST ...



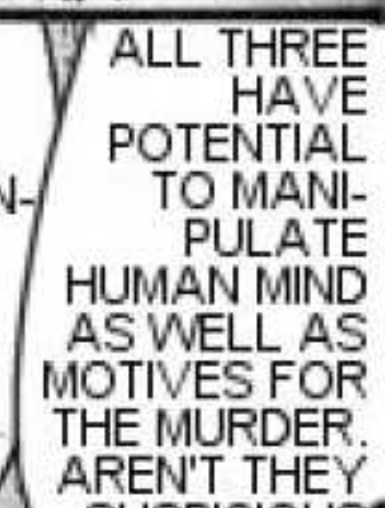
THAT'S WHY I WANT TO GO DOWN THERE TO CONFIRM THEM!



BESIDES, THOSE THREE HAVE ALIBIS THAT ...



STILL, WE DON'T KNOW IF THOSE THREE HAD ANY KIND OF RELATIONSHIP WITH GENDA... PLUS, GENDA HIMSELF HAS A MOTIVE!



ALL THREE HAVE POTENTIAL TO MANIPULATE HUMAN MIND AS WELL AS MOTIVES FOR THE MURDER. AREN'T THEY SUSPICIOUS TO YOU?



HIDDEN UNDERNEATH THE SURFACE!



WHO KNOWS? WE MIGHT FIND UNEXPECTED TRUTHS



AWW ... IT'S CREEPY ...



PLUS WE ARE ALSO A BIT CURIOUS ABOUT THE CASE...

WHY NOT? WE WANTED TO HAVE THE CASE SOLVED ASAP SO THAT WE COULD GO TO TROPICAL LAND!!



THEN WHY'D YOU COME!?

REALLY... WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO COME TO A SCARY PLACE LIKE THIS?

SOMEONE DIED HERE FROM THE FIRE, RIGHT?



AN INSPECTOR FROM THE ARSON DPT.

WHO IS HE?

OH, HELLO ...

HEY, YOU'VE GOT MANY SPEC-TATORS TODAY...



YEAH... ACCORDING TO GENDA, HE HAS SPLIT PERSONALITY. HE THINKS IT'S POSSIBLE HIS OTHER PERSONALITY SET THE FIRE WHILE HE WAS OUT...

HE... DOESN'T KNOW?



I QUESTIONED HIM ALL NIGHT LONG BUT ALL HE SAID WAS "I DON'T KNOW."

SO? DID GENDA CONFESS TO THE ARSON CASES?



IT APPEARS THE DOC HAS BEEN PRESCRIBING ANTI-ANXIETY DRUG TO GENDA...


HE WAS QUITE TAKEN WHEN HE HEARD GENDA TURNED HIMSELF IN...

YEAH ... DR. MORO-ZUMI AKIRA ...




A PSY-CHIA-TRIST? COULD IT BE...

IT SEEMS GENDA WAS SEEING A PSYCHIA-TRIST BECAUSE HE STARTED SLEEP-WALKING AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE CHILDHOOD ...



ON THAT DAY GENDA VISITED THE MOROZUMI RESIDENCE BECAUSE SOGA TOLD HIM THAT VISITING THE NEIGHBORHOOD WOULD GRANT HIM BETTER LUCK...

SOGA MIKIO IS AN INTERESTING MAN. HE DROPPED OUT OF MED SCHOOL IN ORDER TO PURSUIT A CAREER IN FENG SHUI ...



SOGA AND GENDA OFTEN RUN INTO EACH OTHER AT ANTIQUE MARKETS. IN FACT, SOGA IS THE ONE WHO RECOMMENDED HIS FORMER CLASSMATE DR. MOROZUMI TO GENDA...

HUH?

COME TO THINK OF IT, THE MAN CALLED SOGA WAS ALSO SURPRISED...


EH?

SHE'S HIGHLY SUSPICIOUS ...

HAVEN'T QUESTIONED THAT YET... HOWEVER,


COULD GENDA HAVE ANY RELATION WITH GONDO KEIKO THE FORTUNE-TELLER AS WELL...?

SO JUST AS HEJI SAID, THEY HAD CONNECTIONS TO MR. GENDA!!



OUT OF THOSE THREE WE ASKED TO COME DOWN TO THE STATION THIS MORNING, ONLY GONDO KEIKO SUDDENLY TURNED PALE TO MY QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THEY RECOGNIZE THIS CUSHION AND LEFT THE ROOM...

WHEN MS. RYOKO'S BODY WAS DISCOVERED AT THE SCENE, SHE WAS HOLDING THIS SMALL CUSHION IN HER HAND ...



YOU WANNA GO ASK YOURSELF? THE WITNESS IS THE BOY NEXT-DOOR.

THAT IS, IF THE TIME OF THE ARSON IS AS YOU SAID IT WAS...

THE ARSONIST TURNED HIMSELF IN AND THE WOMAN HAS AN ALIBI... WE COULDN'T STOP HER.

HOW COME YOU LET HER GO?

WASN'T THAT A DYING MESSAGE?



I DIDN'T NOTICE THE SHADOW ...

I'M... NOT SURE... I TURNED ON THE LIGHT AS SOON AS I CAME INTO THE ROOM AT THAT 7:30 ...

IS THAT TRUE, MA'AM?

I'M NOT LYING!



I SAW A HORSE SHADOW ON THE CURTAIN OF MY LIVING ROOM WHEN MASKED YAIBA'S OPENING THEME WAS PLAYING!!

I'M TELLING YOU !!



TH... THANK YOU ...



HUH ?

ANYWAYS, DO YOU MIND IF WE SEE THE ROOM?



IF THE FIRE WERE LIT AFTER PLACING THE HORSE FIGURINE AT THAT WINDOW OPENING, THE SHADOW WOULD PROBABLY REACH THIS CURTAIN NO PROBLEM ...

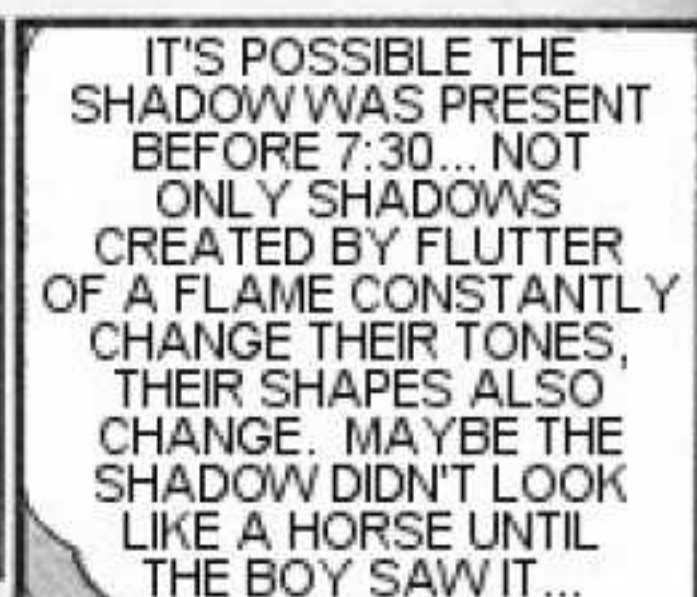


SO THIS IS THE CURTAIN THE HORSE'S SHADOW WAS PROJECTED ON...



HERE WE ARE ...





THAT SMALL WINDOW ABOVE THE FENCE IS ABOUT THE ONLY LIGHT SOURCE THAT COULD REACH THIS CURTAIN... HOW COME A GLIMMER OF LIGHT APPEARED BEFORE THE HORSE WAS PLACED...?

THAT'S ODD ...

WHAT'S WRONG?

AH ... HEY ...!

NO... THAT'S THE BED-ROOM MS. RYOKO WAS FOUND DEAD. ACCORDING TO THE FIRE DPT., THICK CURTAIN WAS CLOSED AT THE TIME...

YOU THINK THE LIGHT WAS LEAKING FROM THAT WINDOW ABOVE THE STORAGE ROOM?

AH ...

HEY !!



I KNOW... THE EVIDENCE TO BACKUP OUR DEDUCTION MUST BE SOMEWHERE ...

DON'T MISS A THING, HATTORI! THEY'VE GOT TO BE HERE!!



WE WERE RIGHT THEN ...

THERE ARE FEW REMAINING OF TISSUE PAPER...

I GOT WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR TOO!

I SEE BOTH RIBBON-LIKE BURNED MARK AND BLACK DOTTED SPOTS! RIGHT ON!

THERE WE GO! A LIGHT BULB !!



IT'S POSSIBLE TO SET A FIRE WITHOUT BEING HERE!!

YEAH! WITH THIS TRICK,



IT'S EVIDENCE ...

ALL WE NEED NOW IS TO FIGURE OUT HOW THE CULPRIT CONTROLLED MR. GENDA AND...

PLUS, IF SO, WOULDN'T ANY OF THOSE THREE BE A SUSPECT?

BUT THE BURNED MARKS ON THE BULB MIGHT BE ACCIDENTAL ...

IF IT WAS DONE AS YOU HYPOTHESIZE, IT SURE SOUNDS POSSIBLE TO AUTOMATICALLY SET THE HOUSE ON FIRE ...

I SEE ...

BOTH SOGA AND THE VICTIM'S SISTER KEIKO PAID A VISIT ONCE IN A WHILE ...

NOT TO MENTION THE HOUSE OWNER MOROZUKI AKIRA,

EH?

MAN, WHAT'S WITH THOSE TWO...?

HE'S RIGHT! WE MIGHT FIND HIS DIARY OR SOMETHING THAT COULD BE A KEY TO SOLVE THE CASE!

WELL, WE CAME ALL THE WAY TO THIS MR. GENDA'S HOME TO FIND OUT THE CULPRIT. LET'S GET INSIDE ALREADY!

YOU TWO BE GOOD AND WAIT HERE!

O K A Y !

I'M GOING INSIDE MR. GENDA'S HOUSE.

I GUESS WE HAVE TO GIVE UP TROPICAL LAND ...

AH, FORGET IT... IT'S ALREADY 3 PM...

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WHEN I PROMISED TO PROVE HIS INNOCENCE, HE WILLINGLY LENT IT TO ME WITH TEARS IN HIS EYES

...

I'M SURPRISED YOU GOT HIS KEY WITHOUT A SEARCH WARRANT

...

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YES... THERE ARE SHOE-PRINTS FROM SPOT TO SPOT...

BY THE WAY, DID YOU NOTICE THE DIRT ON THE HALLWAYS?

HE TOLD ME HE HAD BEEN LIVING HERE WITH HIS MOTHER SINCE THE DEATH OF HIS FATHER... THE MOTHER PASSED AWAY OF ILLNESS A YEAR AGO...

IT SURE IS A HUGE HOUSE FOR ONLY MR. GENDA TO LIVE IN

...

HEY! COME TAKE A LOOK AT THIS!

THEN MR. GENDA REALLY SUFFERED FROM

...

THEY MATCH PERFECTLY WITH HIS SHOES IN HIS SHOE RACK!

THEY'RE MR. GENDA'S

...

HMPH

...

IF MR. GENDA'S SLEEP-WALKING CONDITION WAS QUITE SEVERE, HIS SO-CALLED OTHER PERSONALITY MIGHT HAVE REALLY SET THE FIRE WITHOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE

...

MR. YU-MI-NAGA

...

A PAIR OF MUDDY SOCKS AND A PARTLY BURNT SHIRT...

WEIRD STUFFS ARE IN THE GARBAGE CAN!





ALTHOUGH COLORS ARE DIFFERENT, DOESN'T IT LOOK LIKE THIS ONE MS. RYOKO WAS HOLDING?

HEY, THAT SMALL CUSHION ...

THAT'S THE CRYSTAL BALL A FEMALE FORTUNETELLER FROM THE BUILDING ACROSS HAIDO STATION SELLS! PEOPLE SAY HER FORTUNE TELLING IS AMAZING...

WHA ?

IT'S NOT A BUG !!

N... NO ...

H... HEY ...

IN HERE TOO !?

C... COULD IT ...

■ ついに真相究明の手掛かりをつきとめたぞ...!!

\* RED HARE

THIS IS IT !!

FINALLY !!