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ヨナシ3区化テレカが当たる
大キャンペーン実施中です!
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絶好調発売中!!



ファイル 397 悪かなる模倣
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あお やま こう しやう
青山剛昌

A MAN NAMED
GENDA STOPPED
COOPERATING
AFTER TURNING
HIMSELF IN
...

YES...
THAT'S
RIGHT
....

BUT THERE'S BEEN NO
LUCK SO FAR... WHAT
GENDA SAID ABOUT HIM
SLEEPWALKING AND
SETTING FIRE UNCON-
SCIOUSLY, THAT
SOUNDS QUITE FISHY
TOO.

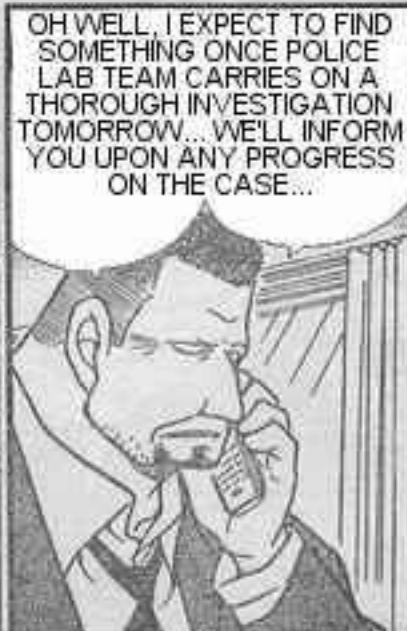
SINCE WAITING
FOR HIS CONFESSION
WILL ACCOMPLISH
NOTHING, I
DECIDED TO
INVESTIGATE
HIS HOUSE IN
HOPES OF
FINDING SOME
KIND OF
EVIDENCE...

YES... HE DID ADMIT THOSE
RED HORSE FIGURINES LEFT
AT THE FIRE SITES WERE HIS
HANDMADE. BUT HE HASN'T
CONFESSED TO ANY OF
THE ARSONS
....

■ 放火殺人犯人の真実をあばくためコナンと平次がとった手は!?

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E
W
...

OH WELL, I EXPECT TO FIND
SOMETHING ONCE POLICE
LAB TEAM CARRIES ON A
THOROUGH INVESTIGATION
TOMORROW... WE'LL INFORM
YOU UPON ANY PROGRESS
ON THE CASE...



コナンと平次と小五郎が代役の調査で行った賭博場が火事になり賭博場は死亡してしまっただけで、焼け跡には赤い馬の人影が残されている。この人影が赤馬であることに気付いたコナンと平次だが、客席の一人、玄田があつさり自首。事件解決したかに思えたのだが…!

LIES?

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO? WHY DID YOU ASK HIM TO TELL LIES TO ALL THREE SUSPECTS?

YOU DID PERFECT, INSPECTOR!

SO HOW DID I DO, KID?

AND THE SMALL CUSHION FOR THE CRYSTAL BALL GONDO THE FORTUNETELLER MUST'VE SOLD HIM.

WE FOUND BUGS PLANTED ON BOTH THE CERAMIC VASE GENDA LIKELY TO HAVE PURCHASED FROM SOGA THE FENG SHUI MASTER

I AGREE! STRINGS OF OUR HAIR MIGHT HAVE FALLEN OFF SOMEWHERE...

BY THE WAY, IF THE LAB TEAM'S GOING TO BE HERE TOMORROW, SHOULDN'T WE ERASE THE TRACES OF US?

I'LL EXPLAIN LATER SO PLAY ALONG WITH ME ...

PLUS THE SIGNS OF SLEEP-WALKING DR. MOROZUMI DIAGNOSED ARE APPARENT EVERYWHERE ON ...

THEN HOW?

SAY, YOU DON'T HAVE SUCH TIME ...

MAJOR CLEANUP'S THE ONLY WAY, DON'T YOU THINK?

I GUESS? ...

HOW WOULD YOU DO THAT?

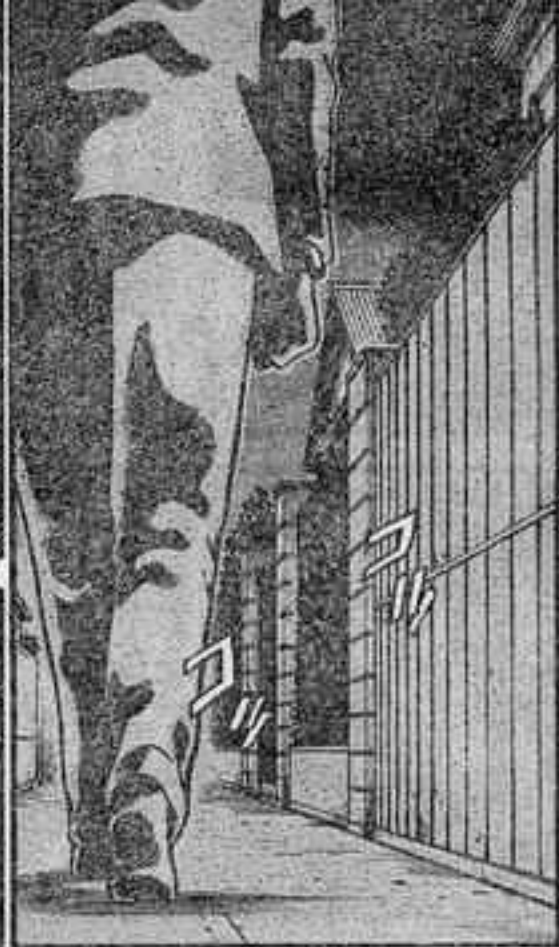
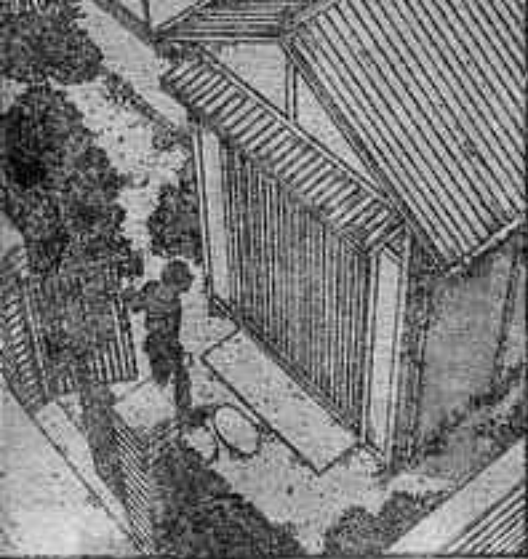
登場人物



●江戸川コナン ●高校生名探偵・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。



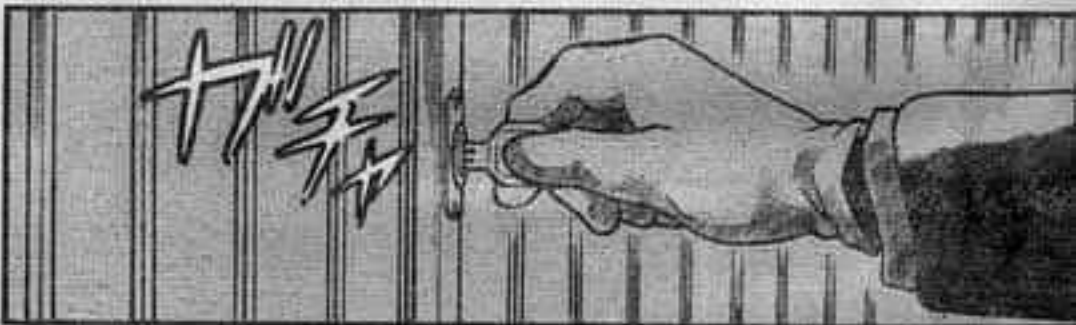
●工藤新一 ●高校生名探偵。今は江戸川コナンの姿で、事件に挑んでいる。

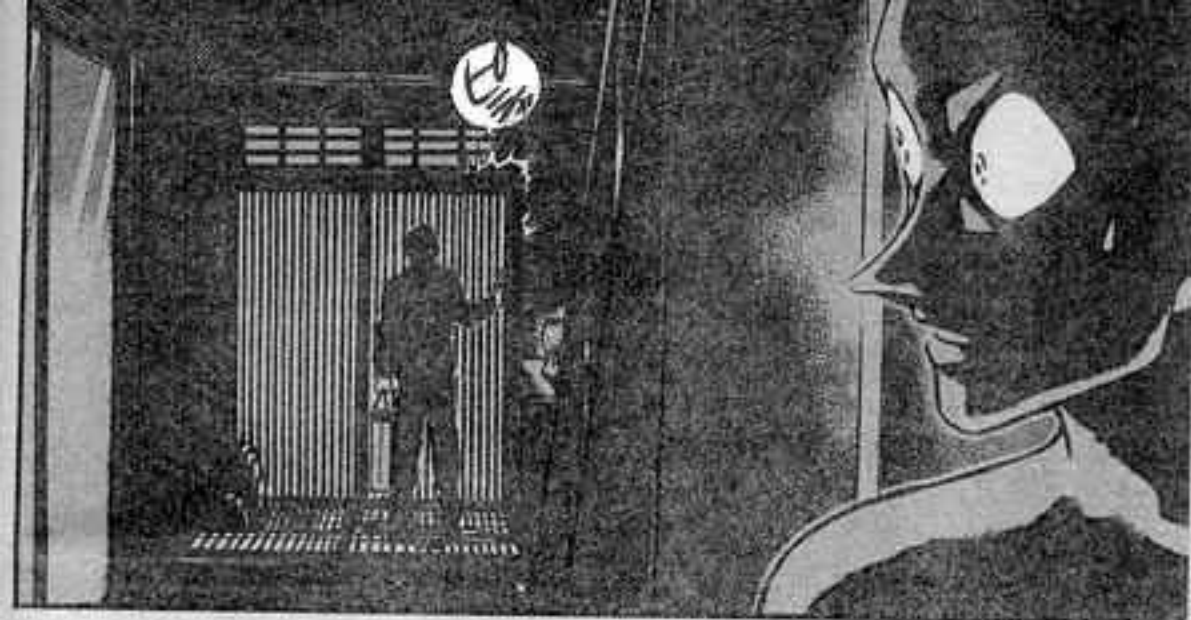


登場人物



● 原部平次 ● 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...



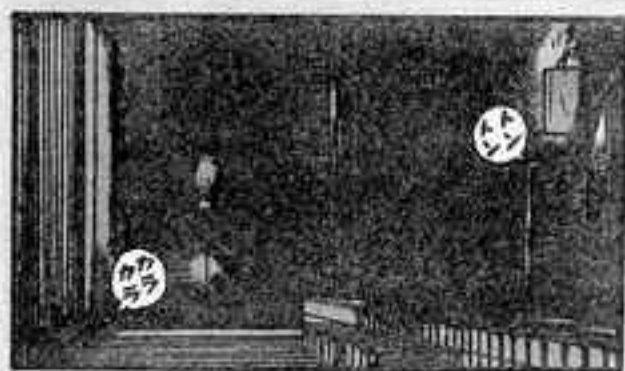


登場人物



●毛利 新一のGF。空手部の女主人で気が強い反面、女の子らしい優しい一面ももっている。





SHHHHHH--



登場人物

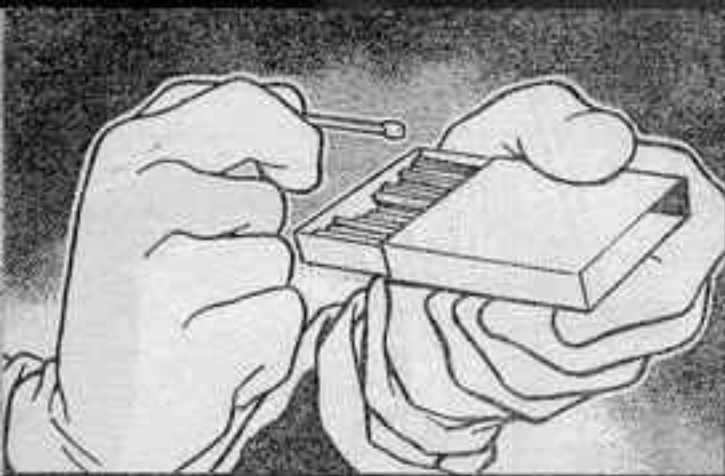



● 遠山和葉 ● 自称「平次のお姉さん」
しかし本当は!? 元気の浪速娘!



SHHHHH!








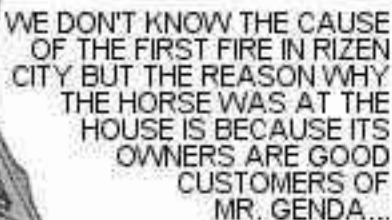
THIS MR. GENDA'S ORIGINAL KEY CHAIN OF A RED HORSE, THE RED HARE RIDDEN BY GUANYU THE GOD OF PROSPERITY... IT WAS THE BEGINNING OF EVERYTHING...




SHOULDN'T YOU BE PLACING THIS RED HORSE BEFORE SETTING FIRE?




MR. GENDA MUST'VE GIVEN THEM ONE OF THE BOXED KEY CHAINS AS A FREE GIFT...




WE DON'T KNOW THE CAUSE OF THE FIRST FIRE IN RIZEN CITY BUT THE REASON WHY THE HORSE WAS AT THE HOUSE IS BECAUSE ITS OWNERS ARE GOOD CUSTOMERS OF MR. GENDA...



MEANWHILE, MR. GENDA WAS QUITE SHOCKED AT THE FACT THEY SAID THEY DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE HORSE HE THOUGHT HE GAVE. HE GOT WORRIED IF HE STARTED SLEEPWALKING AGAIN...



BUT THEN THE FIRE OCCURRED BEFORE THE BOX WAS OPENED. BOTH THE BOX AND GUANYU WERE BURNED AND ONLY THE RED HARE SURVIVED... AS EXPECTED, THE FIRE VICTIMS TESTIFIED THAT THEY'VE NEVER SEEN IT. ALSO "RED HORSE" IS AN ARGOTIC EXPRESSION FOR ARSONIST TO POLICE! MASS MEDIA MADE A BIG FUSS ABOUT HOW IT'S A BEGINNING OF SERIAL ARSONS...



BECAUSE THE FIRST FIRE WAS ON THE 1ST BLOCK, YOU BURNED DOWN HOUSES ON THE 2ND AND 3RD AND FINALLY YOUR HOUSE ON THE 4TH BLOCK TO KILL YOUR WIFE ALONG WITH IT...

LEARNING GENDA'S CONDITION AND PAST, YOU MADE HIM BELIEVE HE IS A SLEEPWALKING PYROMANIA.

THAT'S WHEN HE VISITED YOUR PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC AND GOT USED BY YOU, DR. MOROZUMI!



IN ORDER TO FRAME GENDA FOR ALL THE CRIMES YOU COMMITTED!

YOU STAGED THE WHOLE THING AS WORK OF A SERIAL ARSONIST BY LEAVING THE RED HARE PARED OFF OF THE BASE AND GUANYU ON EACH SCENE...

FIRST YOU PUT MR. GENDA IN ANXIETY BY LEAVING HIS SHOE-PRINTS, A BURNED SHIRT, AND MUDDY SOCKS AT HIS HOUSE. BY USING HIS HANDMADE KEY CHAINS YOU STOLE DURING THE BREAK-IN IN YOUR CRIMES, YOU SUCCESSFULLY MADE HIM EMBRACE THE ILLUSION OF HIM BEING THE ARSONIST!




YOU SOMEHOW GOT YOUR HANDS ON MR. GENDA'S SPARE KEY AND SNEAKED INTO HIS HOUSE NIGHT AFTER NIGHT IN ATTEMPT TO MENTALLY STRESS MR. GENTA...



THAT'S FROM HIS CHILDHOOD, RIGHT?

B... BUT MR. GENDA CAME TO MY CLINIC ON HIS FREE WILL BECAUSE HE HAD CONCERNS REGARDING HIS SLEEPWALKING CONDITIONS...

HE'D FALL IN DEEP SLEEP ONCE TAKEN THEM AS TOLD. IF YOU, AS A PSYCHIATRIST, DIAGNOSED SUCH AFFECT AS A SYMPTOM OF SLEEPWALKING, MR. GENDA MUST'VE BELIEVED IT SO...




THE ANTI-ANXIETY DRUG YOU PRESCRIBED IS MORE OR LESS LIKE SLEEPING PILLS...




YOU WERE TAPPING ON SOGA AND GENDA'S CONVERSATION, CORRECT?

HOW ABOUT MR. GENDA BEING NEAR MY HOUSE ON THE DAY OF FIRE? ALTHOUGH I AM A PSYCHIATRIST, I COULDN'T HAVE ANTICIPATED SUCH...

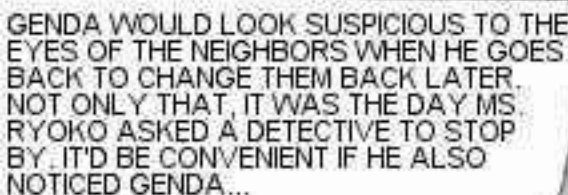


I WATCHED ON TV THAT IT'S COMMON FOR SENSITIVE CHILDREN TO DRAG EXCITED STATE FROM PLAYS IN DAYTIME AND WALK AROUND THE BED AREA DURING NIGHTTIME! A PSYCHIATRIST SUCH AS YOURSELF SHOULD'VE KNOWN THAT...

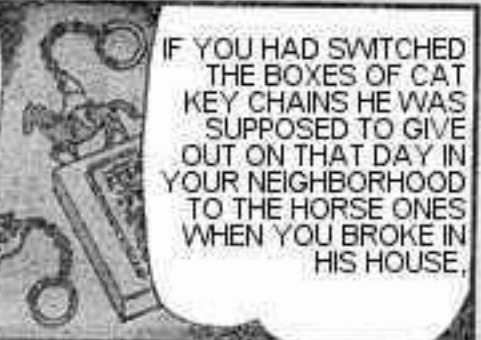


AND LEARNED THAT SOGA HAD TOLD GENDA ABOUT HOW VISITING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD WOULD BRING BETTER LUCK. THAT'S HOW YOU DECIDED ON THE DAY!


YOU USED THE DEVICE YOU JUST RETRIEVED FROM THE TELEPHONE



GENDA WOULD LOOK SUSPICIOUS TO THE EYES OF THE NEIGHBORS WHEN HE GOES BACK TO CHANGE THEM BACK LATER. NOT ONLY THAT, IT WAS THE DAY MS RYOKO ASKED A DETECTIVE TO STOP BY. IT'D BE CONVENIENT IF HE ALSO NOTICED GENDA...



IF YOU HAD SWITCHED THE BOXES OF CAT KEY CHAINS HE WAS SUPPOSED TO GIVE OUT ON THAT DAY IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD TO THE HORSE ONES WHEN YOU BROKE IN HIS HOUSE,



OH-OH. WHAT IS THIS?

OR ARE YOU SAYING THE BOY NEXT DOOR IS LYING ABOUT THE TIME OF CRIME...?



I LEFT MY HOUSE BEFORE 7:30 TO HAVE DRINKS WITH SOGA AND THAT'S WHAT HE TESTIFIED AS WELL!

W...WAIT A MINUTE! THE TIME OF ARSON WAS LITTLE PAST 7:30, RIGHT?




OH!
LOOK!
IT'S A
MATCHSTICK!

WHOA,
HEY
...



PLUS,
THERE'S
SOMETHING
STUCK IN
THE
TISSUE...

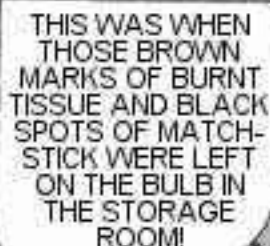
A LIGHT
BULB IS
WRAPPED
IN
TISSUE
PAPER AND
TAPED!



AND TURNED ON THE
LIGHT RIGHT BEFORE
YOU LEFT HOME! THE
IGNITION TIME WAS
CONTROLLED BY
THE AMOUNT OF
TISSUE PAPER
USED...

YOU USED THE
EXACT SAME TRICK
ON THE BULB IN THE
STORAGE ROOM,
OILED THE FLOOR,
AND PLACED THE
RED HARE ON THE
WINDOW IN
ADVANCE...

SURFACE TEMPERATURE
OF A 100W LIGHT BULB
IS 216°C... YOU SHOULD
KNOW WHAT HAPPENS
IF YOU WRAP SUCH THING
IN TISSUE PAPER AND FIX
A MATCHSTICK
IN IT, HUH?




THIS WAS WHEN
THOSE BROWN
MARKS OF BURNT
TISSUE AND BLACK
SPOTS OF MATCH-
STICK WERE LEFT
ON THE BULB IN
THE STORAGE
ROOM!

10 MINUTES LATER
THE MATCHSTICK
IGNITED, AND
STARTED THE FIRE
WHEN THE BURNING
TISSUE DROPPED
ON TO THE
FLOOR...



BUT
WE'VE
GOT
MORE
EVI-
DENCE
...

YOU MUST'VE
INTENDED TO BURN
DOWN THIS GENDA
RESIDENCE WITH
THE SAME TRICK
IN ORDER TO
ELIMINATE YOUR
TRACES...



THE REST IS EASY. IF THE BOY NEXT DOOR
WAS WATCHING TV IN THE DARK AS USUAL,
THE SHADOW OF THE HORSE, ALTHOUGH
INVISIBLE WHILE THE BULB'S WRAPPED IN
TISSUE, SUDDENLY APPEARS AT ONE POINT
AS IF AN ARSONIST WAS
THERE UNTIL THAT MOMENT!



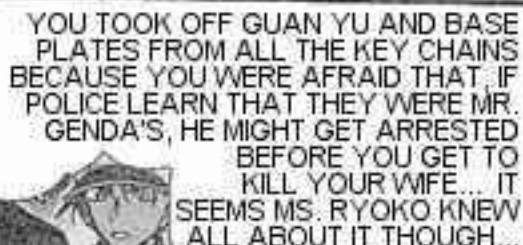
ALL WE NEED TO DO NOW IS TO COMPARE THE FINGERPRINTS ON THIS AND YOURS.

IT MATCHED PERFECTLY WITH THE CUT FACES OF THE LEGS OF THE HORSE FOUND AT THE THIRD HOUSE...




THE KEY CHAIN'S BASE PLATE WITH THE RED HARE INSCRIPTION!

WHAT YOUR VICTIM MS. RYOKO HELD IN HER HAND BEFORE HER DEATH...



YOU TOOK OFF GUAN YU AND BASE PLATES FROM ALL THE KEY CHAINS BECAUSE YOU WERE AFRAID THAT, IF POLICE LEARN THAT THEY WERE MR. GENDA'S, HE MIGHT GET ARRESTED BEFORE YOU GET TO KILL YOUR WIFE... IT SEEMS MS. RYOKO KNEW ALL ABOUT IT THOUGH...




SHE PROBABLY REALIZED IT AFTER SHE CONTACTED THE DETECTIVE. AFTER FINDING THE RED HORSES AND BASE PLATES FROM YOUR POSSESSIONS, SHE BECAME 100% POSITIVE THAT YOU ARE THE SERIAL ARSONIST...

SHE CALLED A PRIVATE EYE BECAUSE THERE WAS "STRANGE PERSON SNEAKING AROUND HER HOUSE AT NIGHT." MOST LIKELY THAT WAS YOU THAT WAS EXPERIMENTING THE TRICK OUTSIDE OF THE STORAGE ROOM...



GOOD GRIEF...

ALL I WANTED WAS TO BURN DOWN THE HOUSE SO THAT I COULD BUILD MY OWN CLINIC...



THAT'S RIGHT! SHE WAS PRESSURING ME A DIVORCE AND PLANNING TO KICK ME OUT!!

FROM WHAT I CAN TELL FROM THE FACT SHE CANCELLED THE APPOINTMENT, SHE WAS USING IT TO...

SOGA
AND
RYOKO'S
SISTER
ARE
ALSO
...

TH... THAT'S A LIE!
YOU SAID THERE
WERE OTHERS
WITH MOTIVES!
DIDN'T YOU!?

DUH... WE KNEW
YOU WERE THE ONE
BEFORE YOU
SHOWED YOURSELF
HERE...

IF ONLY THE BASE
PLATE WASN'T
FOUND... IF ONLY
I DIDN'T FALL FOR
THIS TRAP, IT
WOULD'VE BEEN
A PERFECT
CRIME...

WHEN YOU TAP
THROUGH A PHONE
LINE, THE LINE WILL
BE KEPT BUSY AND
THE PHONE BILLS
BECOME
EXPENSIVE...

WE FIGURED
OUT ABOUT
THE PHONE
BUG WHEN
WE SAW HIS
PHONE BILLS
...

YES... THOSE TWO ALSO
SOLD ITEMS WITH BUGS
PLANTED ON... PROBABLY
TO CONVINCE GENDA OF
THEIR FORTUNE TELLING OR
FENG SHUI ABILITIES AND
SELL HIM EVEN MORE
EXPENSIVE STUFFS
LATER...

EITHER ONE
OF SOGA
AND KEIKO
COULD'VE
DONE IT
TOO
.....


BUT HOW
CAN YOU
BE SURE
THAT I'M
THE ONE
WHO PLAN-
TED IT
ON THE
PHONE!?

Y...
YES
...


YOU UNDERSTAND
THAT YOU MUST SNEAK
INTO THE HOUSE IN
ORDER TO PLANT THE
BUG ON THE PHONE,
RIGHT?

EH
?

YOU
STILL
DON'T
GET IT?



THERE ARE ONLY THREE SUSPECTS CAPABLE OF THIS CRIME... BY A PROCESS OF ELIMINATION, YOU BECAME OUR PRIME SUSPECT...



OR ELSE, S/HE'D BE THE SUSPECT IN CASE MR. GENDA FINDS IT!

IF IT WERE ONE OF THEM, WOULDN'T S/HE HAVE RETRIEVED THE BUG FROM THE THINGS S/HE SOLD?




WHY DIDN'T YOU REALIZE THEN?

I GUESS YOU THOUGHT OF THIS CRIME FROM READING AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE A.B.C. MURDERS...



THE ONE WHO SMILES AT LAST IS

NO MATTER HOW WELL YOU PLAN A CRIME,



THAT MAN OF "LITTLE GREY CELLS" AND NEVER A CULPRIT

OH
WELL
...

IT WAS A
GREAT
WORK,
MOURI!

AND THEY ONLY
CAME TO RETRIEVE
THE BUGS BEFORE
THEY BECOME
ARSON SUSPECTS,
I'LL LET THEM GO
THIS TIME AFTER
SOME
LECTURES....

OH, SINCE IT'S
NOT THAT
THEY
SERIOUSLY
RIPPED OFF
GENDA YET

BY THE WAY
WHAT ARE
YOU GOING
TO DO WITH
THOSE TWO?

OR SHOULD
I BE
THANKING
THOSE
KIDS?

HM... I ONCE
CALLED HIM OUT
IN A PARK WHEN
HIS NAME CAME
UP DURING
THE INVESTIGATION...

COULD YOU
TELL US
WHY YOU
BELIEVED
MR.
GENDA'S
INNOCENCE?

GENDA
FINALLY
LEFT WHEN IT STARTED
RAINING SHORTLY AFTER...
LOOKING AT HIS NOW
RELAXED FACE, I
FINALLY UNDERSTOOD...

HE WAS
DESPERATELY
LOOKING
FOR SOME-
THING IN
THE GRASS
NEAR THE
BENCH
...

WHEN I
LOOKED
BACK
FROM
DISTANCE
...

SO I TOLD
HIM THAT
WE'LL MEET
AGAIN LATER
AND LEFT
THE BENCH...

HE
DIDN'T
SAY
MUCH
EVEN
AFTER
30 MIN



AND I DIDN'T EVEN WANT TO THINK THAT ...

IT SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE FOR SUCH A MAN TO SET FIRE ON OTHERS' HOMES



THE CAUSE OF FIRE THAT TOOK LIFE AWAY FROM HIS FATHER

THAT WHAT HE WAS LOOKING FOR WAS THE CIGARETTE I WAS SMOKING ...



THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT ...



REDUCE IT A BIT MORE!

C'MON, POPS !!



THEN 500 YEN MORE! PLEASE!

HEJI, IF WE DON'T HURRY, WE WON'T MAKE IT FOR THE RETURNING FLIGHT!

B... B... BUT THAT CLOCK IS A WORK OF A FAMOUS ARTIST...

YOU KNOW WE CAME HERE TO CHEER YOU UP ?

賑にぎやかな2人が帰ると寂しいネ。次号新事件!!

* 500 YEN IS ABOUT US\$4~5