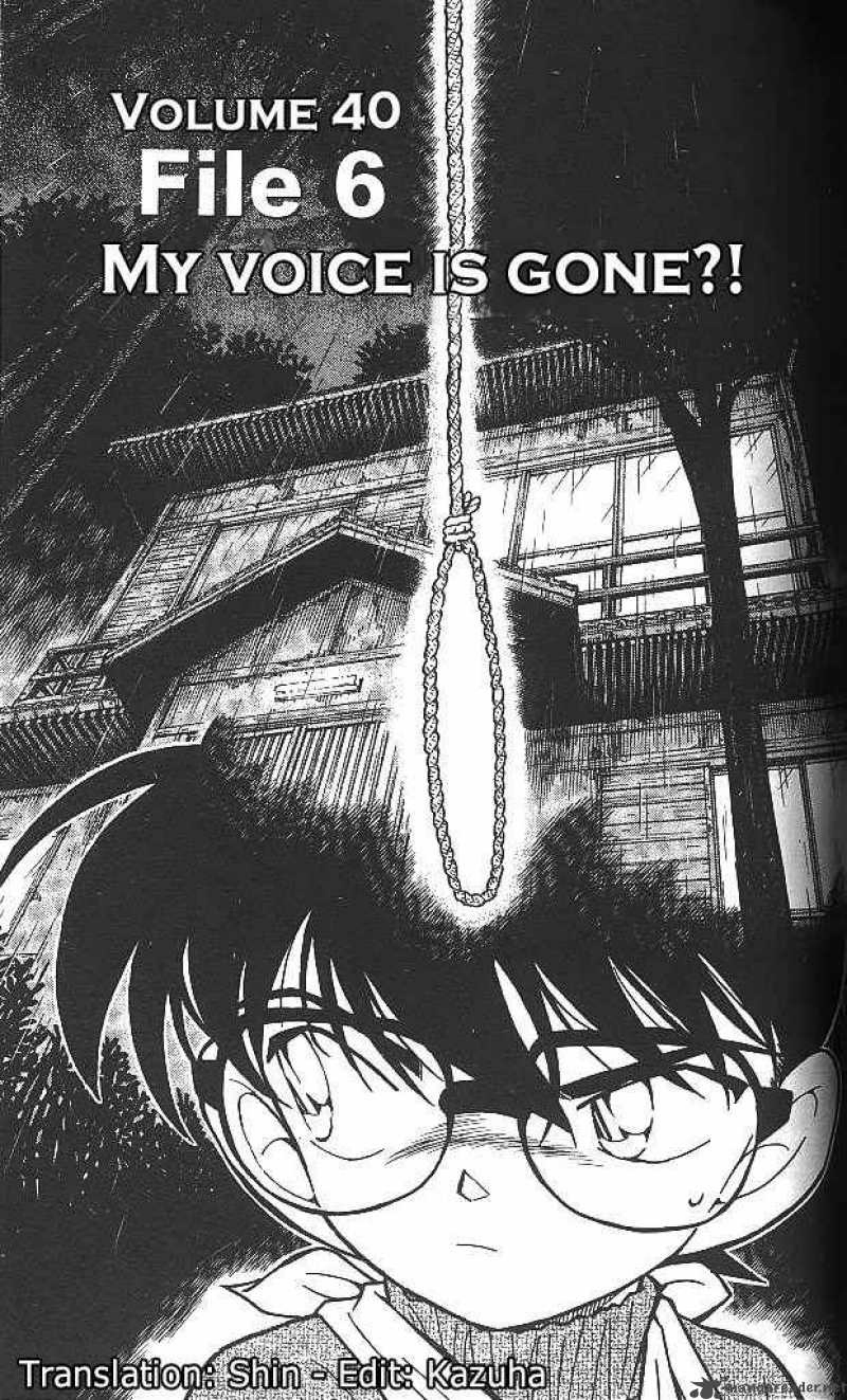


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MY VOICE IS GONE?!





JUST WHEN I MANAGED TO SOLVE THE CASE...



MY VOICE IS GONE...!

OH NO...!



TO REVEAL THE TRUTH TO PEOPLE ...

THIS WAY, I CAN'T USE THE VOICE CHANGER



HOWEVER, THE DETECTIVES THAT I'D LIKE TO RELY ON ARE ...

GATSHACK

I WISH THEY COULD SOLVE BY THEMSELVES ...



I CAN'T WRITE WITH THIS BROKEN WRIST.

THOUGH I WANT TO COMMUNICATE BY WRITING...



THOSE WHOM I ALWAYS PUT TO SLEEP WITH MY ANESTHETIC GUN...



PHEW, THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU NOT TO SPEAK MUCH!

CAN IT BE THAT YOU LOST YOUR VOICE?

WHAT'S WRONG?



REALLY?

THIS CASE IS SIMPLE AND CLEAR!

ANYWAY



WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?!

OH, CONAN?!



BUT WHEN WE FOUND HIM DEAD, THE LIGHT WAS OFF.

MOREOVER, ONE AND A HALF HOUR BEFORE THE CORPSE WAS FOUND, THE LIGHT IN HIS BEDROOM WAS ON...



AND AT THAT TIME, I WAS HAVING A BATH, AND I HAD NEITHER THE REASON TO KILL HIM NOR THE WAY TO PREPARE THE ROPE TO HANG HIM.

WHEN MR. IWAO HUNG HIMSELF AT ABOUT 7:30 PM IN HIS BEDROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR, RAN, CONAN, SONOKO AND MR. HIROTO WERE ALL IN THE LIVING ROOM, SO THEY'VE GOT ALIBIS...



THERE'S NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO BELIEVE THAT MR. IWAO HUNG HIMSELF AFTER TURNING OFF THE LIGHT!

THIS IS DEFINITELY A SUICIDE!



HE MADE IT LOOK LIKE A SUICIDE WHILE HANGING MR. IWAO TO DEATH BY USING A TRICK.

THIS IS A MURDER.



NO, YOU'RE WRONG ...

I GUESS SO...

SO, END THE INVESTIGATION NOW AND GO BACK HOME!



MR. HIROTO!

MR. IWAO'S ADOPTED SON.



EH?

UNCLE, UNCLE ...

GRAB



THIS IS A BIT ANNOYING, BUT ANYWAY...

ALRIGHT, THEN...





THAT CURRY?

HUH?

BUT WHAT'S STRANGE?

註：1、糖果、4的發音與「古怪」相似。



I DIDN'T MEAN THAT.

IT WAS A BIT HOT, BUT DELICIOUS, WASN'T IT?

WHAT IS STRANGE?



YEAH, RIGHT!

"BOTH ARE STRANGE", RIGHT?



ONE?

A CIRCLE?

EH? GRANDFATHER ON THE SECOND FLOOR?



AND MR. HIROTO ...

AND SONOKO ...

AND I ...

YOU ...



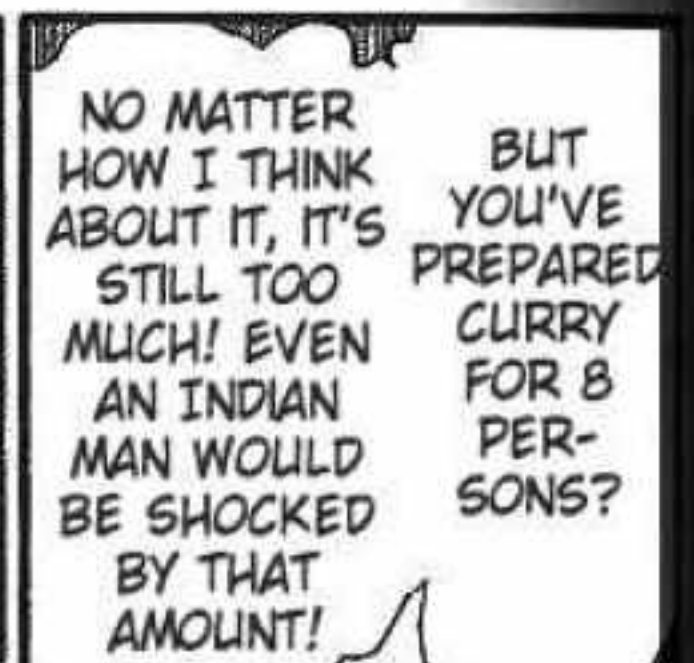
YOU'RE SAYING CONAN, I, SONOKO, MR. HIROTO AND GRANDFATHER ATE 1 BOWL EACH, AND DAD ATE 3 BOWLS, RIGHT?

HEY, MAYBE IT'S THE AMOUNT OF CURRY WE ATE?!



THREE?

EH? ME...



MR. HIROTO, YOU KNEW THE FACT THAT MR. IWAO HAD HIS DECAYED TOOTH TREATED 2 OR 3 DAYS AGO, RIGHT?

AH, YES

THEN IT'S A BIT STRANGE ...

OH YEAH, THE DENTIST TOLD YOU, TOO, AFTER HE TOOK OUT YOUR DECAYED TOOTH.

MAYBE HE'S SAYING, AFTER TAKING OUT A TOOTH, YOU MUSTN'T EAT INCENTIVE FOOD?

AH, RIGHT

HM?

MR. YAMAMURA, A MINUTE, PLEASE.

BUT I NEVER THOUGHT HE WOULD HAVE HAD HIS TOOTH TAKEN OUT...

IT LOOKS LIKE MR. IWAO'S TOOTH DIDN'T COME OUT 2 OR 3 DAYS AGO, BUT JUST A WHILE AGO.

JUST NOW, THE OFFICER EXAMINED THE BODY AND...

WHAT IS IT?

WHAT? REALLY?

BUT THE MEAT WASN'T THAT TOUGH...

POKE POKE

MAYBE MEAT USED IN THAT CURRY WAS A BIT TOUGH...? IT SEEMS ALL THE TEETH AROUND THE ONE THAT CAME OUT ARE LOOSE, TOO...

FOR SOME REASON, IT WAS IN THE LEFT-OVER CURRY ...

AND THE TOOTH THAT CAME OUT WAS FOUND IN THE ROOM, TOO.



(註：「7、2、蚊、尾」合併起來之發音與「什麼」相同。)



THE TOOTH MUST HAVE COME OUT AND FALL INTO THE CURRY DISH WHEN HE PUT HIS STRENGTH!

AND WHEN HIS STRENGTH IS GONE, THE ROPE WOULD SLIP OUT AND HE WOULD BE HUNG!

THAT GRANDFATHER, HE WAS HUNG WITH THE ROPE IN HIS MOUTH!

THEN, THE VOICE I HEARD AT THAT TIME WAS NOT A CRYING SOUND, BUT HIS MOANING SOUND ...?

HE COULDN'T SHOUT OUT BECAUSE THE ROPE WAS BLOCKING HIS MOUTH!

W-WELL, MAYBE...

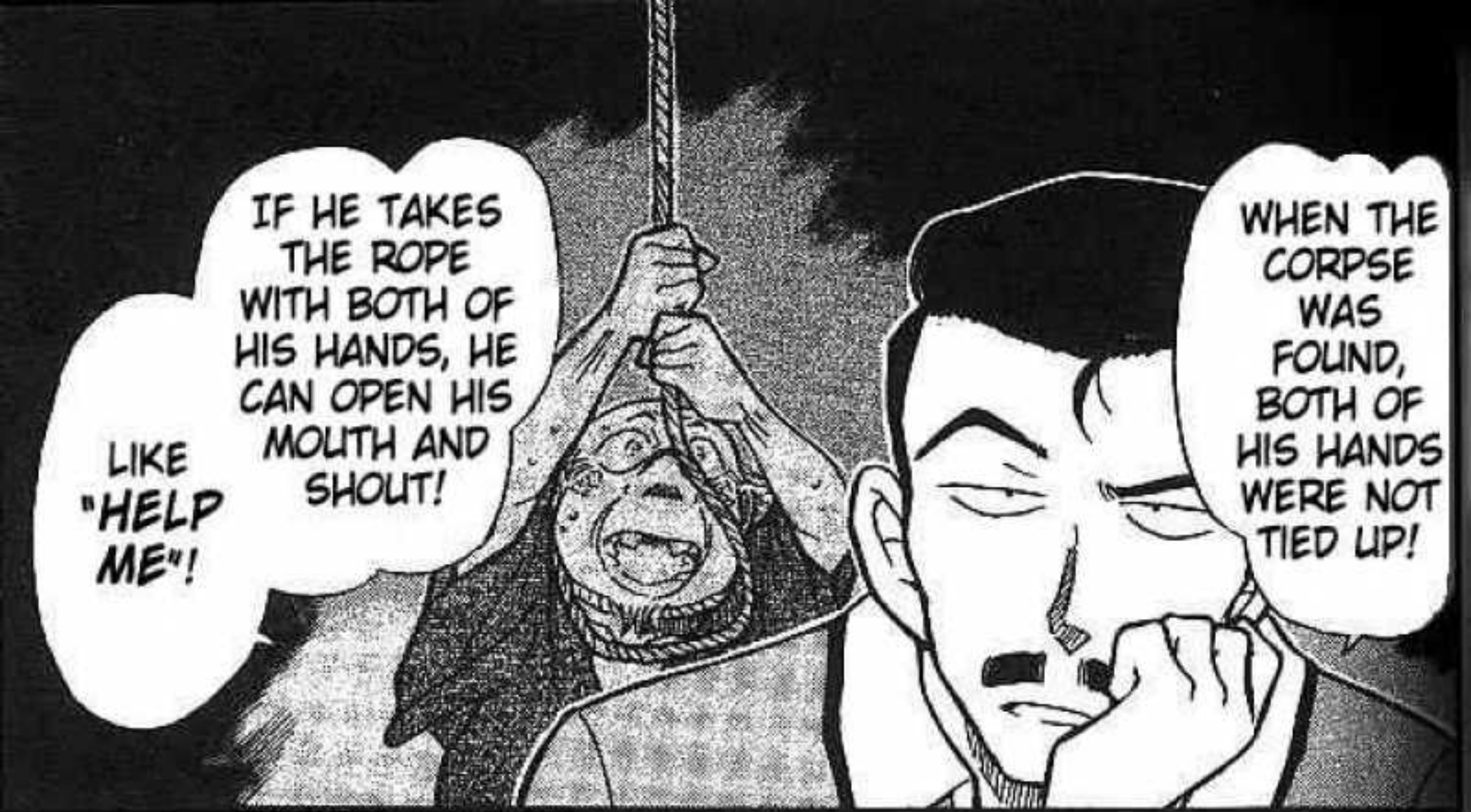
BUT THERE WAS NO TRACE OF ROPE IN HIS MOUTH...

SURE, THAT WAY THERE WOULD BE NO TRACE OF ROPE IN HIS MOUTH, BUT ...

THE HAN-
DKERCHIEF
WAS WITH
THE ROPE
IN HIS
MOUTH!

YOU SAID THERE WAS A HANDKERCHIEF WITH SOME CURRY FALLEN BESIDE THE CORPSE, RIGHT?

T-THE
HANDKER-
CHIEF!



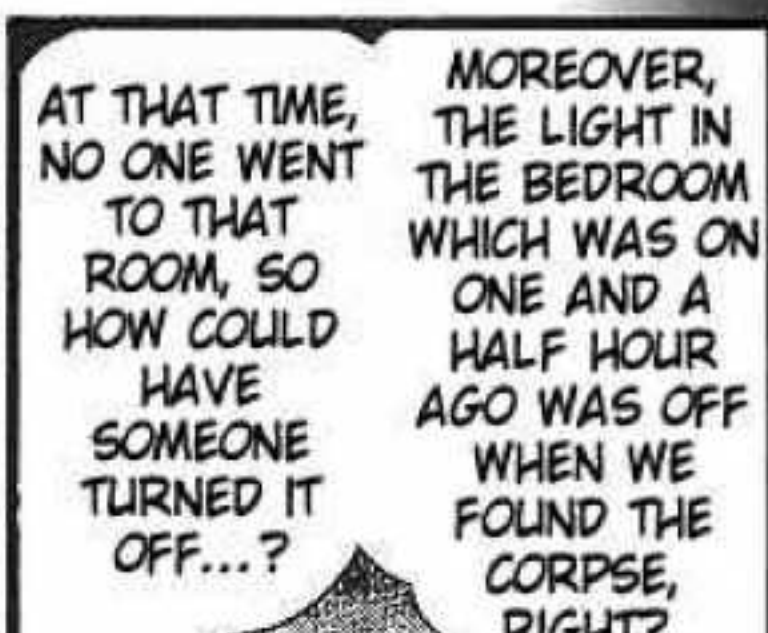
LIKE "HELP ME"!

IF HE TAKES THE ROPE WITH BOTH OF HIS HANDS, HE CAN OPEN HIS MOUTH AND SHOUT!

WHEN THE CORPSE WAS FOUND, BOTH OF HIS HANDS WERE NOT TIED UP!



HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?



AT THAT TIME, NO ONE WENT TO THAT ROOM, SO HOW COULD HAVE SOMEONE TURNED IT OFF...?

MOREOVER, THE LIGHT IN THE BEDROOM WHICH WAS ON ONE AND A HALF HOUR AGO WAS OFF WHEN WE FOUND THE CORPSE, RIGHT?



CONAN, HOW RUDE!



I SEE!

AH ...

STOP BEING SO NAUGHTY!

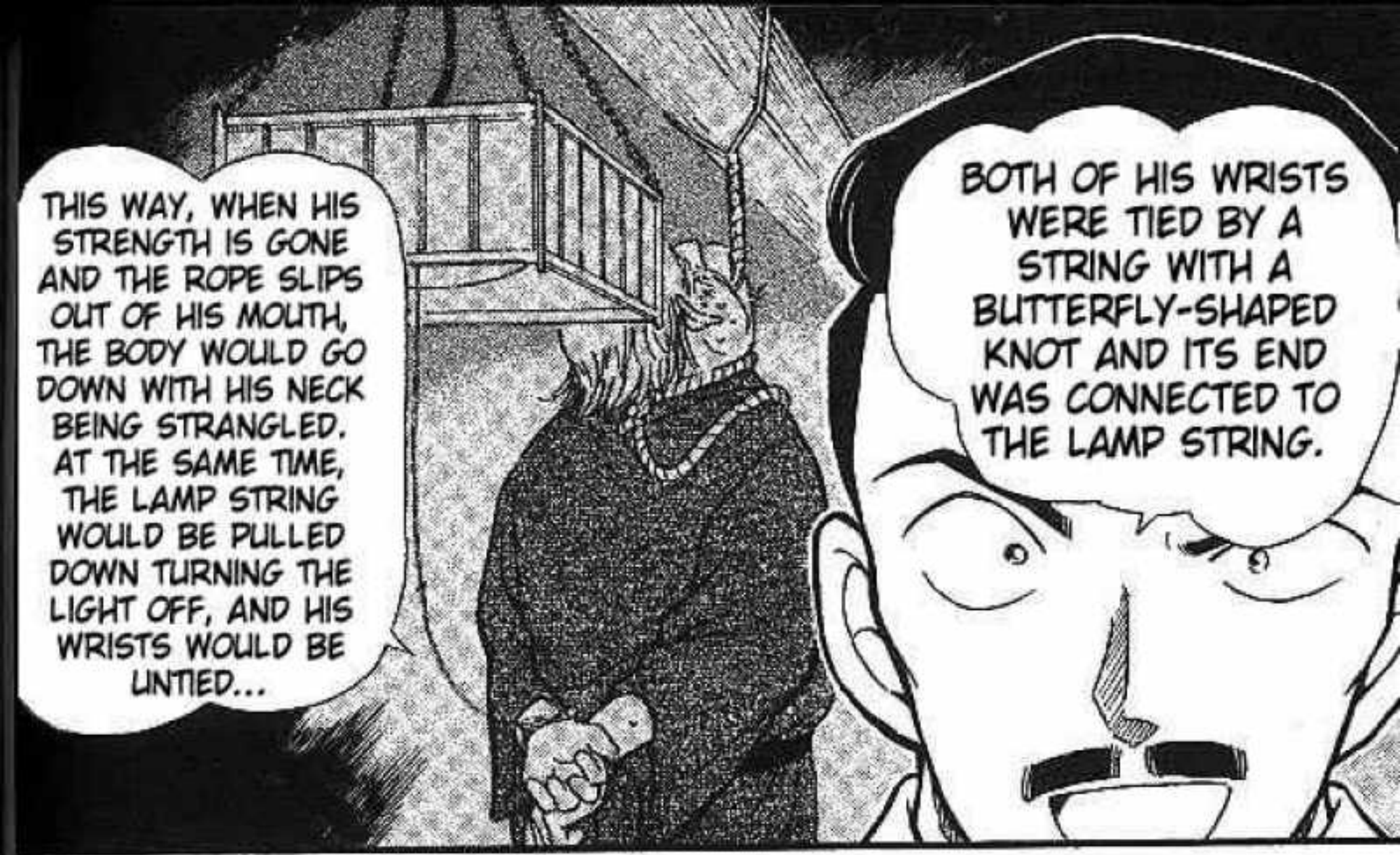
CO-NAN!



TICK



TICK



THIS WAY, WHEN HIS STRENGTH IS GONE AND THE ROPE SLIPS OUT OF HIS MOUTH, THE BODY WOULD GO DOWN WITH HIS NECK BEING STRANGLER. AT THE SAME TIME, THE LAMP STRING WOULD BE PULLED DOWN TURNING THE LIGHT OFF, AND HIS WRISTS WOULD BE UNTIED...

BOTH OF HIS WRISTS WERE TIED BY A STRING WITH A BUTTERFLY-SHAPED KNOT AND ITS END WAS CONNECTED TO THE LAMP STRING.

WHEN IT'S PULLED ONCE, ONLY THE EXTERNAL FLUORESCENT LAMP IS TURNED OFF, AND WHEN IT'S TWICE, STILL THE MIDGET-LAMP WOULD BE ON.

BUT THIS KIND OF LAMP HAS THREE LEVELS OF LUMINOSITY, SO IT GETS COMPLETELY TURNED OFF ONLY WHEN ITS STRING IS PULLED 3 TIMES JUST LIKE CONAN DID BEFORE, RIGHT?

THEN THOSE THIN MARKS ON MR. IWAO'S WRISTS WERE MADE WHEN HE WAS TIED UP?!

AND THEN THE STATE WOULD BE JUST LIKE WHEN WE FOUND THE CORPSE.

AH, THAT IS RIGHT!

ONLY ONCE WOULD BE ENOUGH TO TURN IT OFF COMPLETELY!

AH! IF WE ADJUST THE LUMINOSITY TO THE 2ND LEVEL AND ALSO LOOSEN THE MIDGET LAMP...

THEN IT MEANS YOU SHOULD UNTIE THE KNOT FOR THE MOMENT...

TYING THE WRISTS OF SOMEONE STRUGGLING WITH THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE WHEN IT'S STILL ATTACHED TO THE LAMP, RIGHT?

I MEAN THIS KNOT WHICH IS MADE TO LENGTHEN THE STRING...

EH?

BUT WOULD THE STRING BE UNTIED?



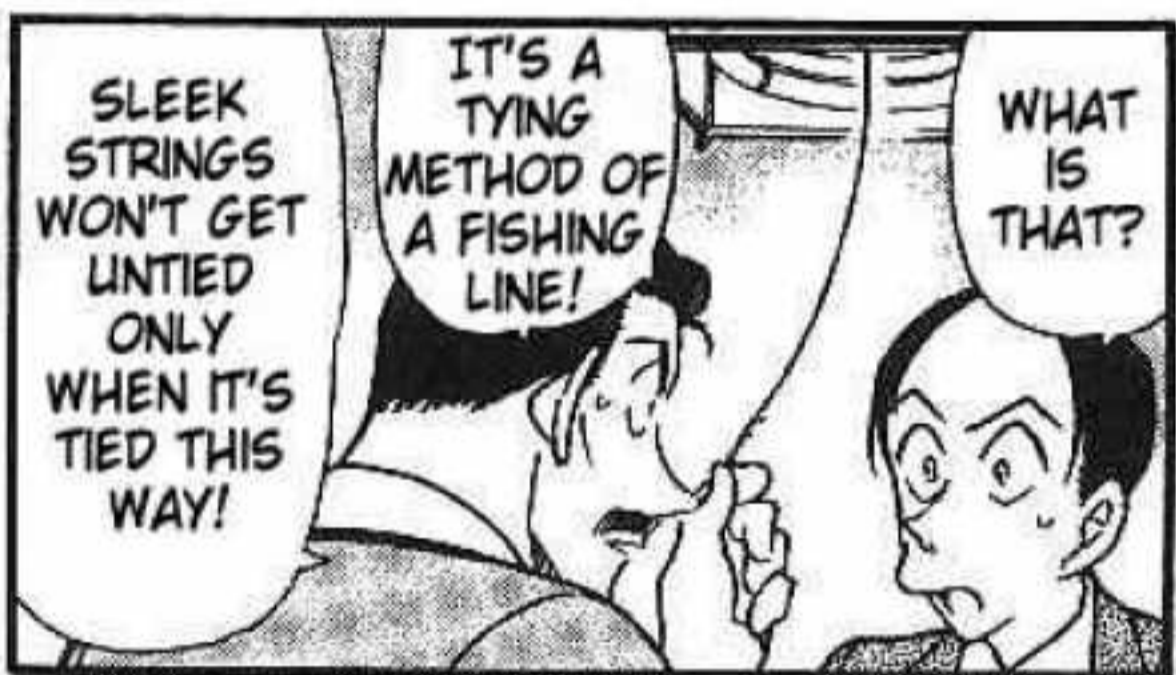
...A GRANNY'S KNOT?!

TH-THIS IS...



HMM ...

BUT THIS IS TIED IN SUCH A COMPLICATED WAY...



SLEEK STRINGS WON'T GET UNTIED ONLY WHEN IT'S TIED THIS WAY!

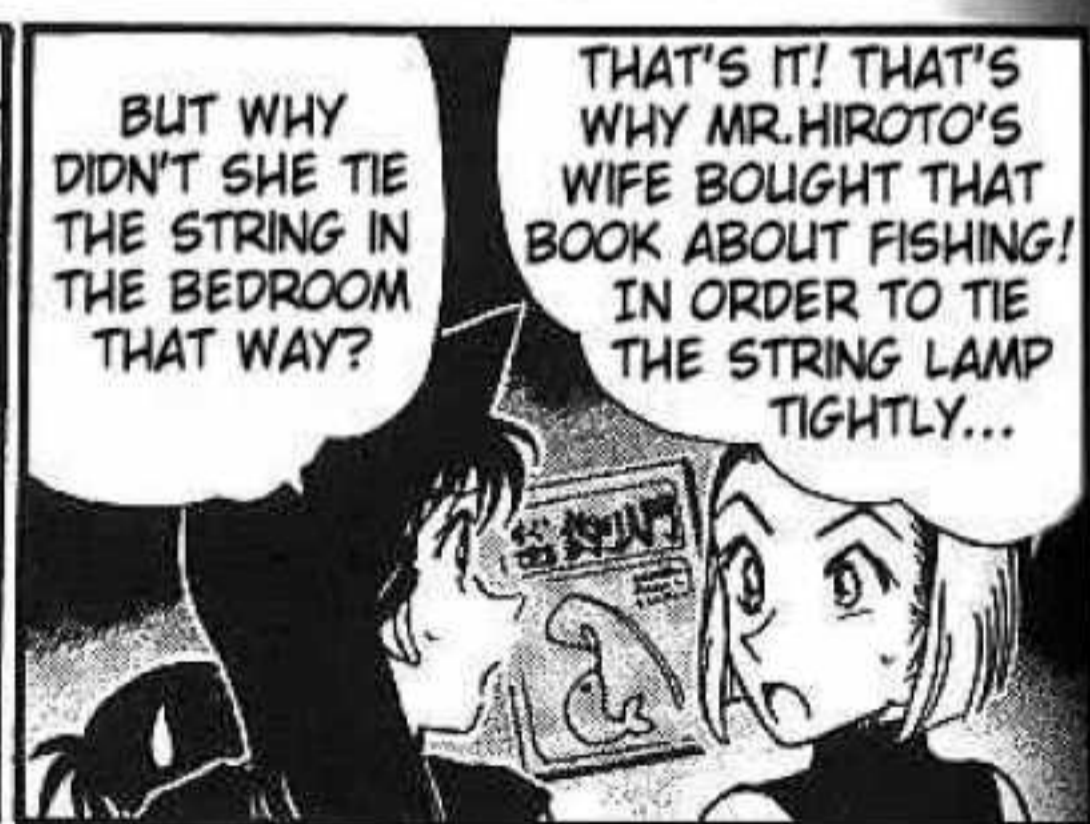
IT'S A TYING METHOD OF A FISHING LINE!

WHAT IS THAT?



THE LAMP STRING IN THE BEDROOM, IT HAD A NORMAL KNOT!

WHAT?



BUT WHY DIDN'T SHE TIE THE STRING IN THE BEDROOM THAT WAY?

THAT'S IT! THAT'S WHY MR. HIROTO'S WIFE BOUGHT THAT BOOK ABOUT FISHING! IN ORDER TO TIE THE STRING LAMP TIGHTLY...



MOREOVER, THE FACT THAT THE KNOT IS A NORMAL ONE MEANS THE PERSON WHO TIED IT AGAIN DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO MAKE THE KNOT...

BECAUSE THE STRING COULDN'T BE UNTIED, THE PART WHERE THERE WAS THE KNOT HAD TO BE CUT OFF WITH THE SCISSORS...



AH HA... THAT'S WHY ONLY THE STRING IN THE BEDROOM WAS A BIT SHORT...

MAYBE, WHEN MR. IWAO WAS EATING CURRY, YOU PLUGGED HIS MOUTH WITH THE HANDKERCHIEF FROM BEHIND HIS BACK, CUT OFF THE LAMP STRING WITH SCISSORS AND TIED HIS WRISTS!

YOU CARRIED OUT THIS TRICK WHEN YOU BROUGHT CURRY TO THE BEDROOM ON THE 2ND FLOOR WHERE THERE WAS MR. IWAO.

CERTAINLY YOU MUST HAVE THREATENED HIM SAYING IF HE LET GO OF THE ROPE FROM HIS MOUTH, HE WOULD BE STRANGLING TO DEATH!

YOU PUT THE ROPE AROUND HIS NECK WHILE PUTTING ITS MIDDLE PART IN HIS MOUTH TOGETHER WITH THE HANDKERCHIEF AND LIFTED HIM UP.

ISN'T THAT TRUE?
AKASHI HIROTO!

...KINDLY ADVISING NOT TO ENTER THE ROOM IF THE LIGHT IS ON, BECAUSE IT MEANS HE'S STILL EATING.

THE ONLY THING LEFT IS TO SEND SOMEONE TO BRING BACK THE CURRY DISH...

THE TRICK WILL BE COMPLETE!

AND FINALLY, IF YOU ATTACH THE STRING, WHICH IS TYING THE WRISTS, TO THE LAMP STRING...

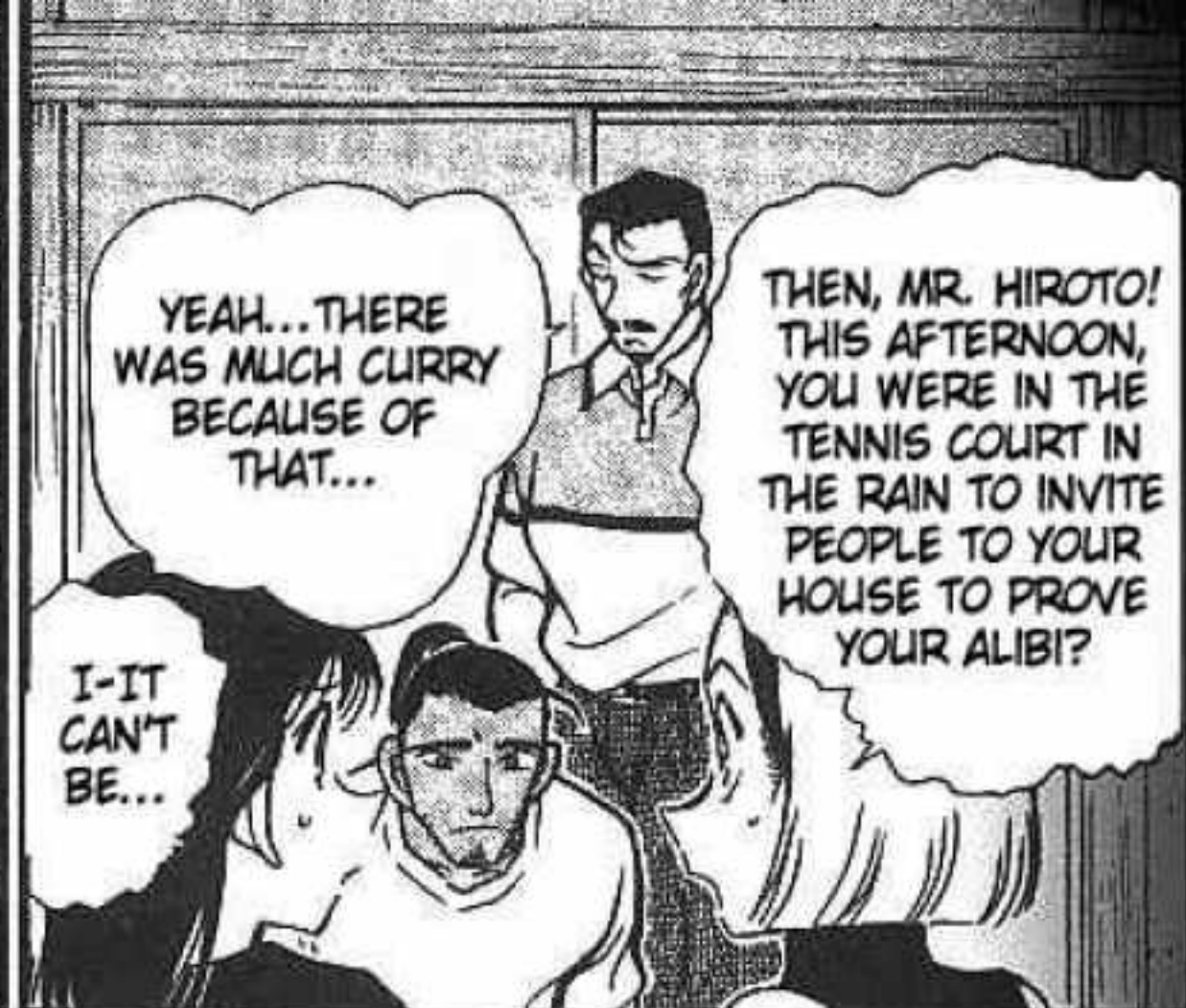
YOU SEND SOMEONE AGAIN AFTER A WHILE, AND IF THE CORPSE IS FOUND IN THE ROOM WITH THE LIGHT TURNED OFF, YOU ARE TO HAVE AN ALIBI OF BEING TOGETHER WITH US IN THE LIVING ROOM ALL THE WHILE!

THE FIRST TIME TO SEND SOMEONE IS AFTER ABOUT 10 MINUTES WHEN HE'S STILL EXPECTED TO BE HOLDING THE ROPE IN HIS MOUTH...



NO ...

THEN IF WE HADN'T COME HERE, THIS WOULDN'T HAVE...



YEAH... THERE WAS MUCH CURRY BECAUSE OF THAT...

I-IT CAN'T BE...

THEN, MR. HIROTO! THIS AFTERNOON, YOU WERE IN THE TENNIS COURT IN THE RAIN TO INVITE PEOPLE TO YOUR HOUSE TO PROVE YOUR ALIBI?



BECAUSE THE FACT THAT TODAY IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF MY WIFE'S DEATH IS TRUE...

MY ADOPTIVE FATHER'S LIFE WAS TO BE ENDED TONIGHT EVEN IF YOU HADN'T COME.

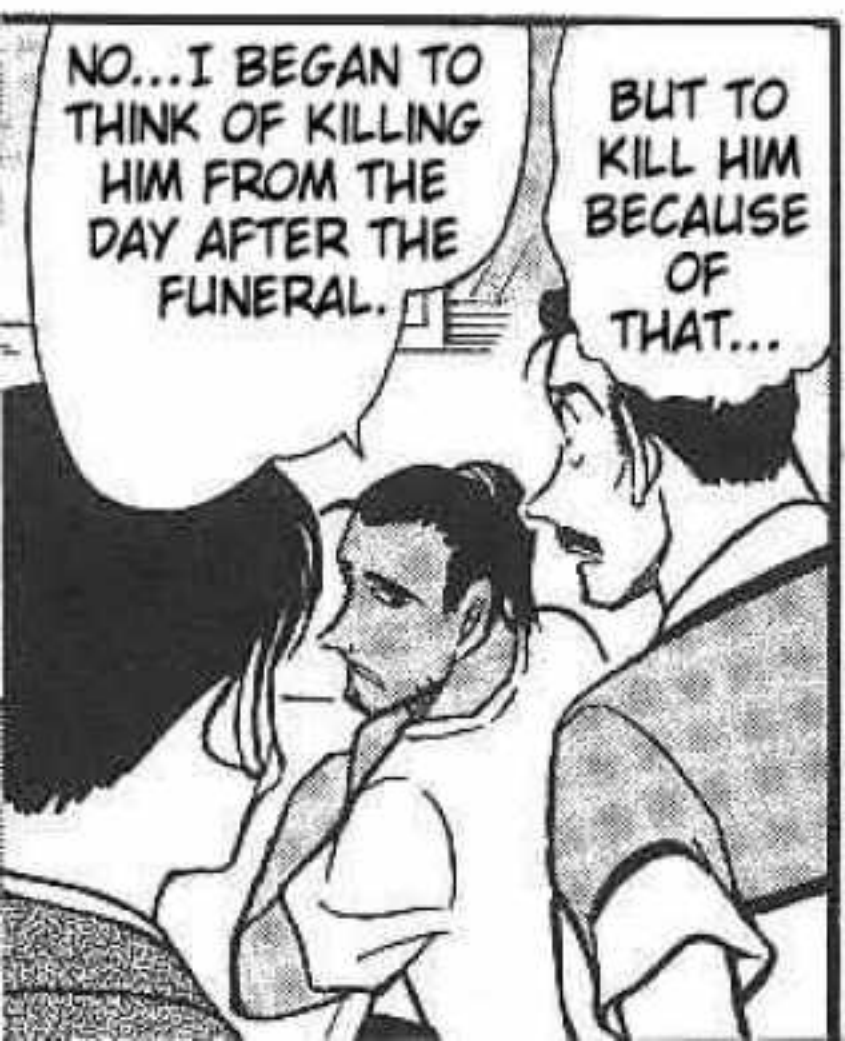


SLUDDENLY, FATHER MADE MY WIFE GO TO BUY SOME STUFFS WHO WAS IN BED WITH A COLD, SAYING THAT HE WANTED TO EAT RICE WITH PINE MUSHROOMS.

IT WAS A RAINY DAY WHEN I WENT TO A TENNIS COURT IN TOKYO ON BUSINESS WITH MY CAR.



TODAY IS THE DAY WHEN MY WIFE COLLAPSED AND DIED IN THE RAIN IN THIS FOREST.



NO... I BEGAN TO THINK OF KILLING HIM FROM THE DAY AFTER THE FUNERAL.

BUT TO KILL HIM BECAUSE OF THAT...



AND ON HER WAY BACK, SHE COLLAPSED AND....

SHE SHOULD HAVE REFUSED, BUT WITH HER SHAKING LEGS, SHE WENT THE SUPERMARKET WHICH WAS 3 KM FAR OFF...



C-COLLAPSED?



A HEALTHY TOY JUST LIKE HIROTO ...

BUT THIS TIME, I NEED SOMEONE THAT CAN LAST LONGER ...



DARLING... IN THE END, SHE FELL DOWN...

HE WAS MURMURING IN FRONT OF THE ALTAR NOT KNOWING I WAS BEHIND HIS BACK.



MY GOD!

OH ...



THAT THE FACT FATHER INSISTED ON PUTTING US TOGETHER WOULD BE THE PROOF THAT HE REGARDED ME AS HIS REAL SON...

YES. BEFORE I HEARD HIM SAYING THAT, I HAD BELIEVED ...



NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, YOU SAID YOU WERE AN ADOPTED SON...



IF IT HAD BEEN TIED BY MY WIFE,

YES, FATHER TIED IT BY HIMSELF. IT WAS SUCH AN ABSURD TYING METHOD.



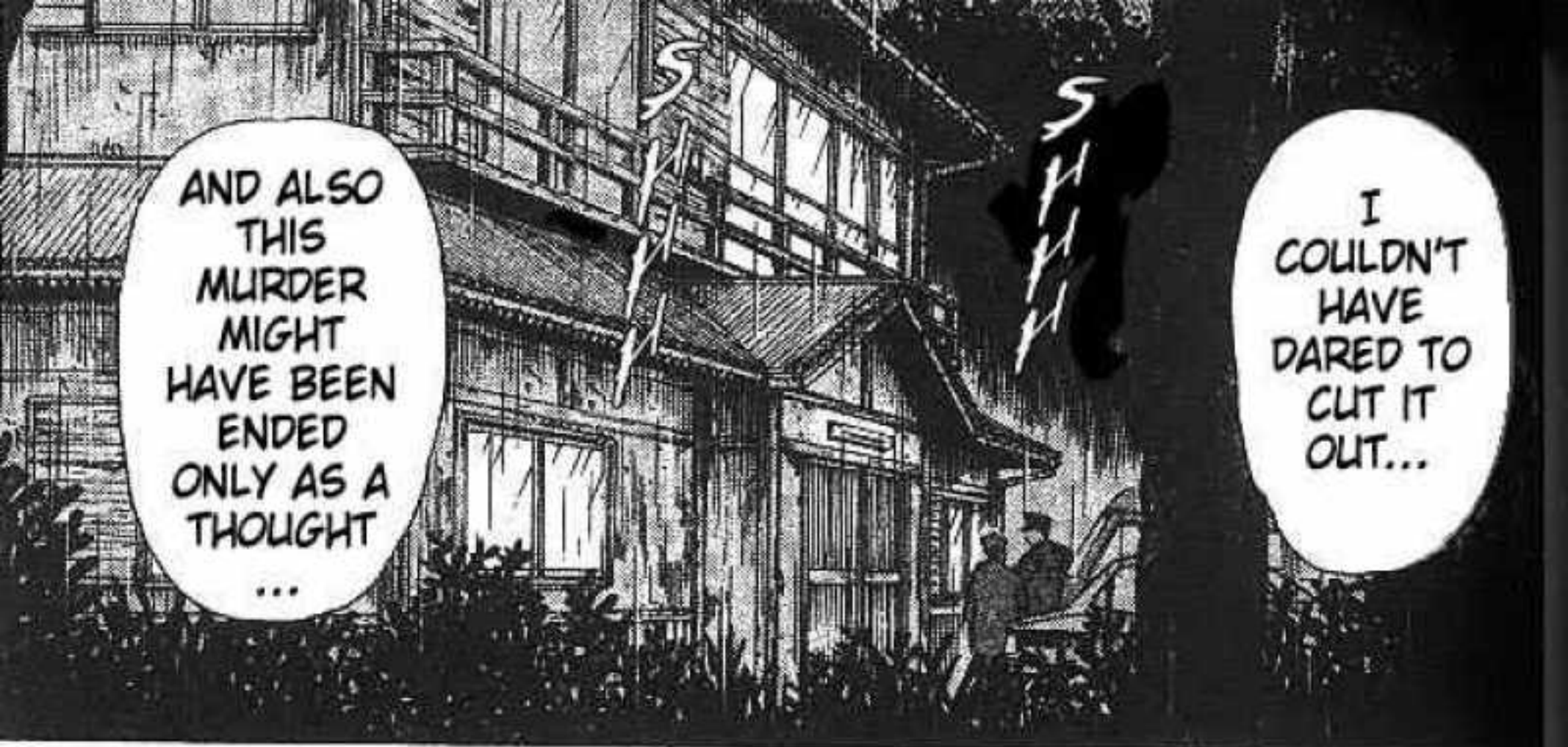
EH? THEN THAT STRING IN THE BEDROOM ...

SLUDDENLY, HE ATTACHED A LONG STRING TO THE LAMP IN HIS BEDROOM AND TOLD US TO LENGTHEN ALL THE STRINGS IN OTHER ROOMS, TOO.



THE SAME GOES FOR THIS LAMP STRING

YEAH, THREE OF US INCLUDING MY WIFE HAVE BUILT THE HOUSE IN THIS FOREST AND LIVED HERE BECAUSE FATHER INSISTED ON LIVING FAR APART FROM THE WORLD...



AND ALSO THIS MURDER MIGHT HAVE BEEN ENDED ONLY AS A THOUGHT ...

I COULDN'T HAVE DARED TO CUT IT OUT...



BUT WHEN SLEEPING KOGORO AND DEDUCTION QUEEN SONOKO WORKED TOGETHER, IT WAS SOLVED IN AN INSTANT, WASN'T IT?!

AAAAHHH!!



BUT A MURDER CASE NEVER HAS A SMART CONCLUSION.

ANYWAY, IT WAS SUCH AN AWKWARD CASE.



HAA... THIS TIME IT WAS TWICE EXHAUSTING.

I DO AS I LIKE!

WHY DID YOU START WITHOUT FALLING ASLEEP?!

I FORGOT TO RECORD YOUR DEDUCTION SHOW IN MY VIDEO!



IT WAS JUST SOMEONE WHO DIALED THE WRONG NUMBER.

EH?

AH... IF IT'S THE CALL WHILE YOU WERE IN THE TOILET, THIS BRAT ANSWERED IT.



AH, MAYBE SOMEONE CALLED ME LAST NIGHT. BUT THERE'S NO PHONE NUMBER...

HUH? RAN, WHAT'S WRONG?



GEEZ

WHAT?
WHAT?
WHAT
DID HE
SAY?



AAH!
YOUR
EXPRES-
SION
SAYS
YES!

SHI...
SHINICHI?!
IT WAS FROM
SHINICHI,
WASN'T IT?!

WHAT
?



WORRY
...



DON'T
...



PLEASE
DON'T PUT
AN X-CUP
SIZED
BRA?!



WHAT
?

SORRY
...



I'D
BETTER
SEND
HER A
MAIL
LATER
...

HOW COULD IT
BE? DO YOU
THINK I'M A
COW?

RAN, ARE
YOURS
THAT
BIG?

X-CUP? THEN
IT MEANS
THE
DISTANCE
FROM YOUR
PANT IS
70CM?