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The Unbelievable Conclusion





I JUST HAD
SOMETHING I
WANTED TO
ASK YOU...

IT'S NOT
REALLY
THAT
IMPOR-
TANT,
BUT...

Shi,
shin-
ichi...



EH?

Shin-
ichi...



SORRY,
RAN...

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EH? WHAT?
IS IT SHIN-
ICHI ON THE
OTHER
END?

Y,
YEAH...



SHIN-
ICHI
~
!!



Aah, Nana-kawa, right?

REMEMBER SHINICHI? AYA-CHAN FROM JUNIOR HIGH...



Y... You see, my friend's caught up in a bit of a mess...

HEY, WHAT'S UP?



SO THE BOSS IS BLAMING AYA FOR THEFT AND THREATENING TO CALL THE POLICE IF SHE DOESN'T ADMIT TO IT...

AND IT HAPPENED ON THE DAY AYA WAS ROSTERED TO CLEAN AND CLOSE THE STORE...

FOR SOME REASON, SOME OF THE PRODUCTS AT THE CONVENIENCE STORE SHE WORK'S AT, HAS GONE MISSING...



Video games, CDs, DVDs, drinks, lunch packages, candies...

AND? WHAT WENT MISSING?



AND THE PRODUCTS WERE MISSING EVEN WHEN THE OWNER GUARDED THE STORE FROM THE OUTSIDE...

THE SECURITY CAMERAS DIDN'T SHOW ANY CUSTOMERS STEALING ANYTHING,



Ohh... Tell me about 'em...

AND YOU SEE, ACCORDING TO AYA, THERE ARE THREE SUSPICIOUS CUSTOMERS...



Hmmm





WOULD IT HAPPEN TO BE THAT THE STOLEN LUNCH-SETS WERE ON THE VERGE OF EXPIRING?

...QUESTION

If the security cameras were running while she was doing that, it would prove her innocence, but it seems the Owner switched the cameras off after their trading hours...



APARENTLY WHEN THEY RECEIVE STOCK JUST BEFORE THE STORE CLOSES, THE OTHER WORKERS PILE UP THE BOXES IN THE CORRIDOR OUTSIDE THE TOILET

BUT AYA CLOSES THE STORE AFTER SHE PUTS THEM AWAY...



Just as I thought ...

EH? HOW DID YOU KNOW?



MIGHT BE A PRETTY NICE PERSON...

THE CRIMINAL...



S, sure...

WILL YOU HEAR ME OUT AND NOT LAUGH?



HUH?

w, wait a minute!

I, I did a bit of problem solving myself...



Yeah, the criminal's most likely...

WHAT? YOU KNOW WHO DID IT?



IT SOUNDS A LITTLE UNBELIEVABLE, BUT THIS IS THE ONLY...

I HAD A GOOD THINK, BUT IF IT'S NOT SHOPLIFTING, OR THEFT, OR AYA...

...IS WHAT I THINK...



HEH...

H... how is it? Am I right?



IT'S JUST THAT I STARTED IMAGINING YOU FROWNING WITH YOUR ARMS FOLDED, EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE COME THIS FAR...

AH, SORRY, I WASN'T LAUGHING AT YOUR REASONING...



H... HEY! I TOLD YOU NOT TO LAUGH!

HAHA HAHA HAHA!



Hey, detective's are only human, we're not Gods that know everything...

IT'S NOT LIKE I'M SOME OVER CONFIDENT GIFTED DETECTIVE LIKE SOMEBODY I KNOW!

WHAT'S THAT MEANT TO MEAN? STOP BEING MEAN AND TELL ME!



who knows...

OH? SO DOES THAT MEAN MY THEORY'S RIGHT?



I just thought it wouldn't be fair to take that away from you...

But in return, the excitement you experience when your theory's smack bang correct is twice as great!



THINKING THAT THERE'S ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THEY COULD HAVE MISSED SOMETHING, SOMEWHERE...

WHEN DETECTIVES TELL THEIR THEORY, IN REALITY, MOST ARE RATHER ANXIOUS,



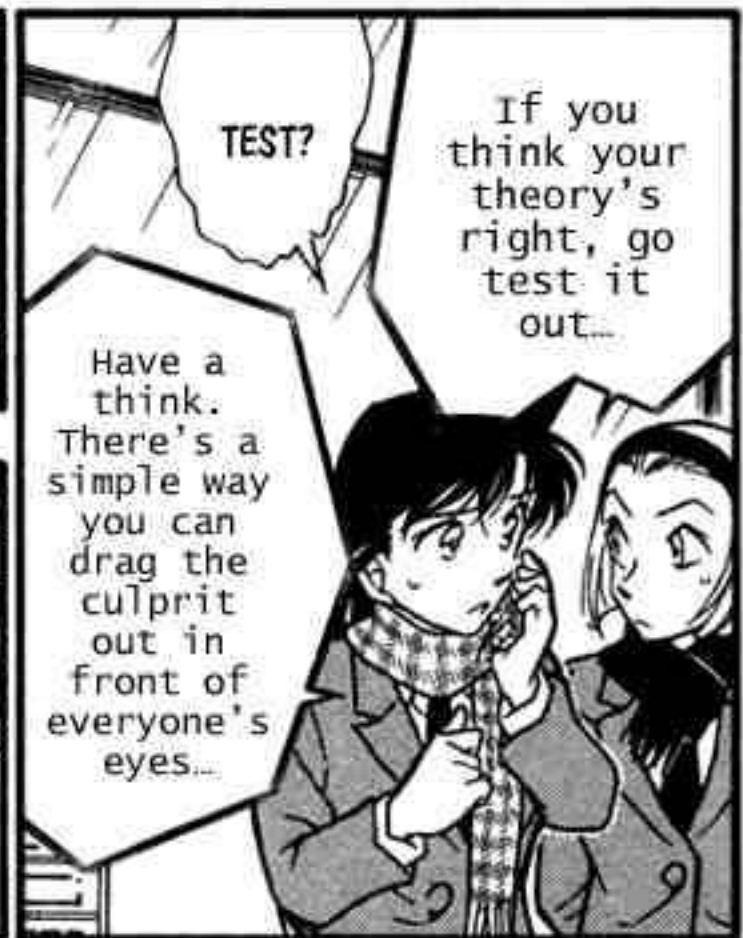
If you were the criminal, what type of situation would you be troubled by?



HM?

I'M JUST GOING TO BORROW THE TOILET...

UH, UHM...



TEST?

If you think your theory's right, go test it out...

Have a think. There's a simple way you can drag the culprit out in front of everyone's eyes...



OPEN

R, RAN...?





H,
HEY?!

IF YOU
DON'T
HURRY UP,
WE'LL ALL
BURN TO
DEATH!!

EVERY-
ONE!
QUICKLY!
GET
OUT OF
HERE!

IT'S A
FIRE
!!



IF YOU
DON'T CUT
THAT OUT
I'LL HAVE
TO SUE
YOU FOR...

HEY!
YOU!



EH?



HUH?

SHH



FOR HEAVEN'S
SAKE, WHAT
ON EARTH
WERE YOU...







Oh my God!

NO WAY!



BECAUSE THIS PERSON HAS BEEN LIVING IN THE STORE ATTIC ALL ALONG!



BY SNEAKING INTO THE STORE FROM THE ATTIC ABOVE THE TOILET AFTER AYA CLOSED THE STORE...

THAT'S RIGHT... THIS PERSON HAS BEEN EATING THE STORE'S FOOD AND DRINKS



I'M GUESSING THAT HE'D SNEAK OUT OF THE STORE NOW AND THEN AND SELL THEM TO MAKE MONEY...

BUT WHY WOULD HE TAKE THE CD'S AND GAMES~?



IF HE STEALS ENOUGH, I'M SURE IT WOULD LAST HIM 2-3 DAYS!

B... BUT, AYA-KUN IS ONLY ROSTERED ON 2-3 TIMES A WEEK AND NOT EVERYDAY...



THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM IF YOU'RE KNOWN TO BE A REALLY PASSIVE PERSON...

IF YOU SUDDENLY CAME OUT OF THE TOILETS OR NEVER CAME OUT AFTER GOING IN YOU'D SEEM REALLY SUSPICIOUS...

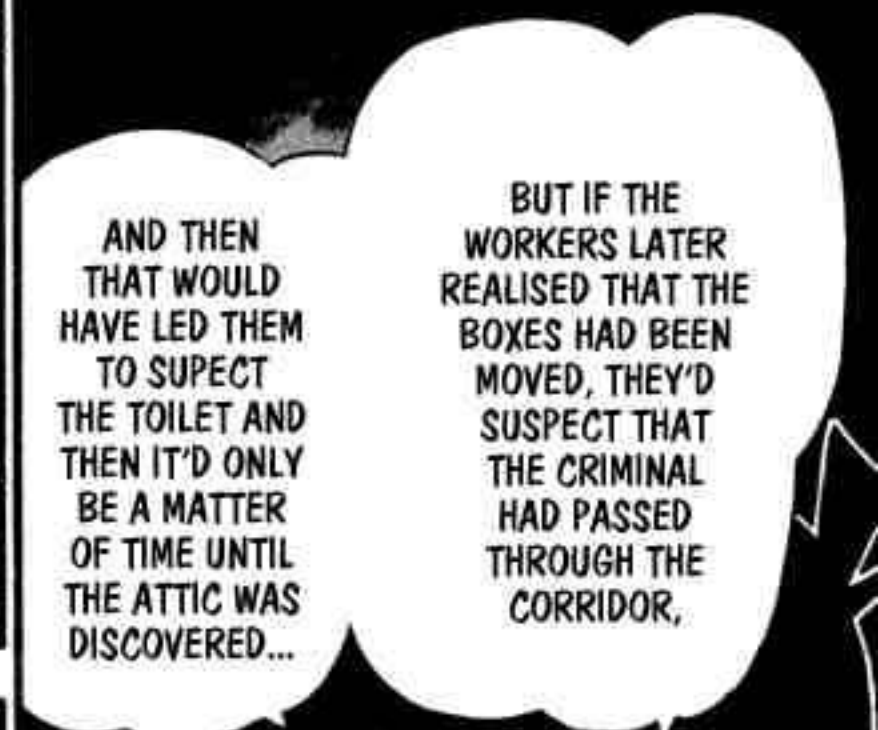
BUT CAN YOU REALLY GO IN AND OUT OF THAT TOILET WITHOUT BEING NOTICED BY THE STAFF AND OTHER CUSTOMERS?

AND THEN HE REALLY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO COME OUT OF THE ATTIC FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE...

BESIDES, IF HE DIDN'T GET HIS HAIR CUT AND TAKE A BATH EVERY NOW AND THEN, HE'D BE IN A TOTAL MESS,









I'M SO VERY VERY SORRY!

I'M



AND THEN AS MY EYES GOT USED TO THE DARK, I COULD SUDDENLY SEE...

AND WHEN I TRIED TO GET OUT, IT WAS LOCKED FROM THE OUTSIDE...

BUT I DIDN'T HAVE ANY MONEY TO BUY ANYTHING... AND WHILE I WAS IN THE TOILET THINKING OF WHAT TO DO, THE LIGHTS WENT OUT...



I GOT FIRED FROM MY JOB 3 MONTHS AGO, GOT KICKED OUT OF MY APARTMENT AND CAME INTO THIS STORE WHEN I WAS ABOUT TO COLLAPSE FROM DIZZINESS AND HUNGER...

EH?



YES... I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE OKAY SINCE YOU HAVE SO MUCH...

SO THAT'S WHY THIS STORE...



FOOD PILED UP LIKE MOUNTAINS!!



B, BILLING ME? BUT I DON'T HAVE A CENT...

IN ANY CASE, I'LL BE BILLING YOU WITH OUR LOSS!



I, I'M VERY SORRY!

YOU'VE GOTTA BE JOKING! HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK WE GOTTA SELL TO GET BACK WHAT YOU'VE BEEN TAKING!!



EXCUSE, ME... I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT, BUT...

I ALSO STARTED WORKING HERE AFTER QUITTING MY SALES JOB AT A COMPANY, SO IT'S NOT LIKE I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

Y, YOU'LL HIRE ME?! THANK YOU, THANK YOU SO MUCH!!



ALTHOUGH YOU'LL BE EARNING CLOSE TO NOTHING TO START WITH...

I'LL BE ASKING YOU TO WORK HERE...



I'M SORRY...

I, I'M VERY SORRY...

BOTH OF YOU!

YOU THINK YOU COULD APOLOGISE TO AYA?



YEAH...

THANK GOODNESS, AYA!



EH? NO I HAVEN'T... WHY?

Have you come and cleaned my house recently?



AH, WELL IT'S NOTHING TOO IMPORTANT, BUT...

Sorry, Shinichi, what did you want again?



AH...

Heey, Miss Detective!



SORRY TO BOTHER YOU...

NAH, IF YOU HAVEN'T, THAT'S FINE...



MAKE SURE YOU EAT TEA AT POALO, OKAY OTOU-SAN!



YEAH...
THAT'S RIGHT, I'LL BE STAYING AT SENSEI'S HOUSE TONIGHT...



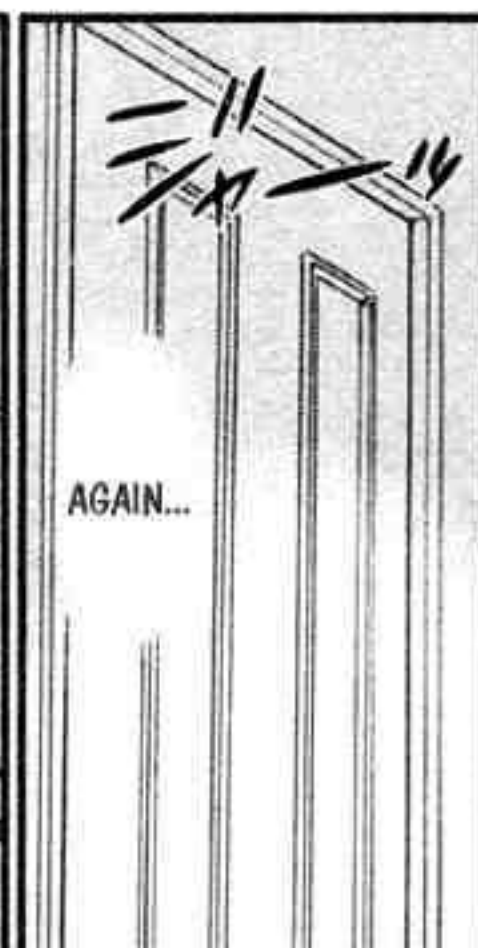
SHE'S PROBABLY RELIEVED SINCE SHE CAN GO BACK TO HER FAMILY HOME...

SHEESH, I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE GOT DRUNK AND PASSED OUT AT HER FAREWELL PARTY...



IT'S FRUSTRATING...

HE'S HELPED ME OUT AGAIN...



AGAIN...



JUST TO THE TOILET...

HEY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

