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殺人鬼の正体!

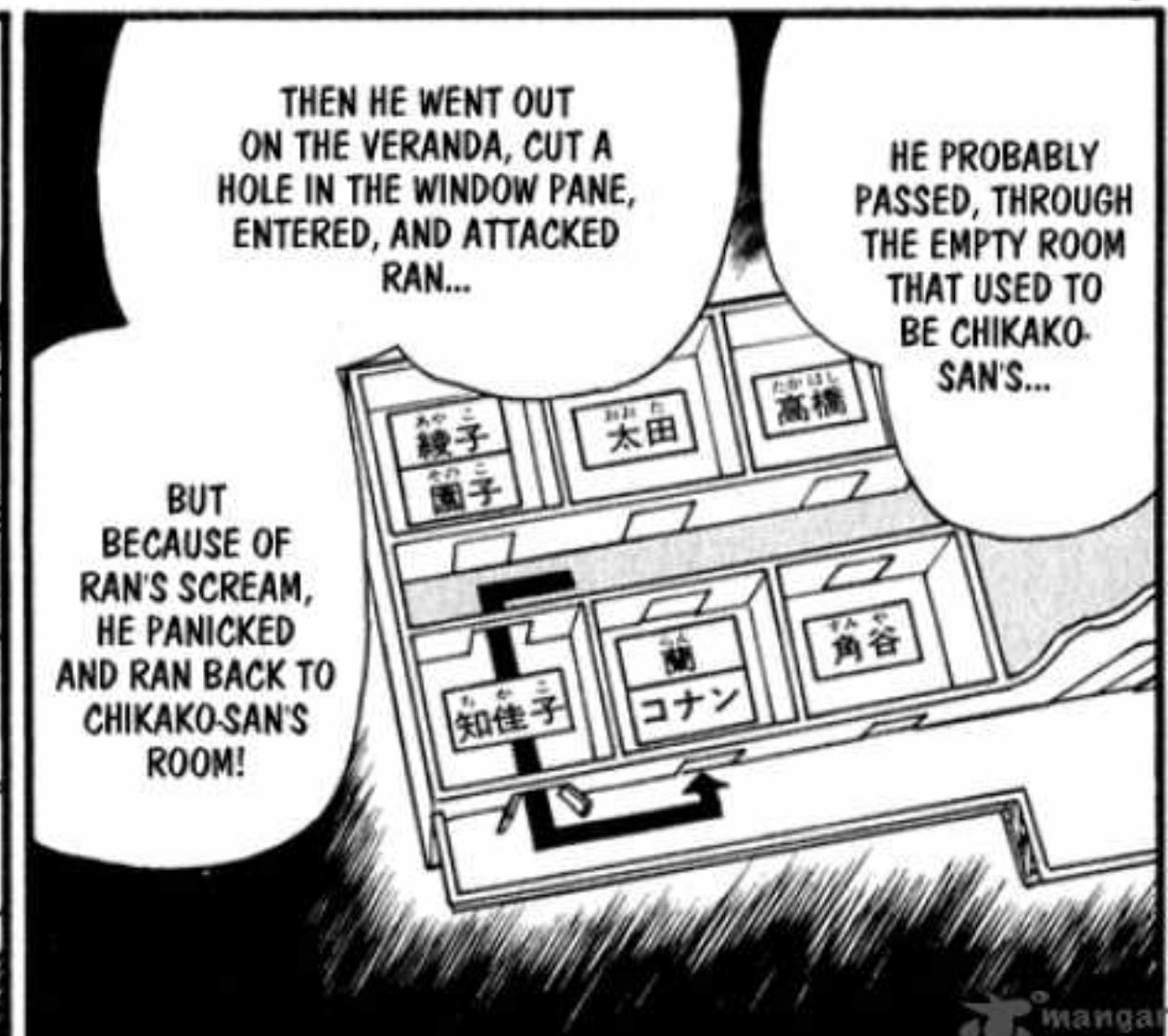
The Identity of the Murderer!





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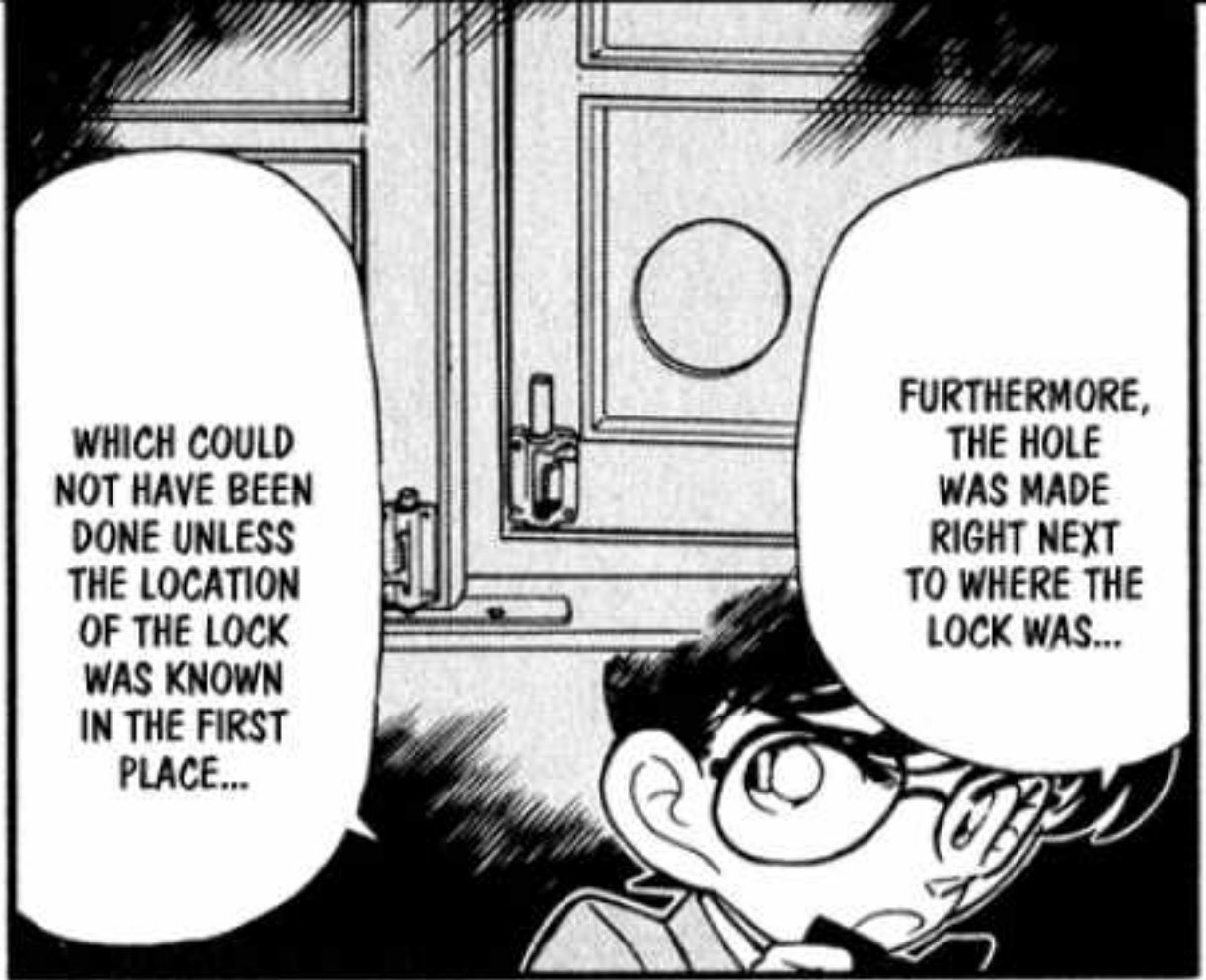






THAT IS TO SAY...

YES... THE BANDAGED MAN IS SOMEONE WHO KNOWS THIS VILLA QUITE WELL...



WHICH COULD NOT HAVE BEEN DONE UNLESS THE LOCATION OF THE LOCK WAS KNOWN IN THE FIRST PLACE...

FURTHERMORE, THE HOLE WAS MADE RIGHT NEXT TO WHERE THE LOCK WAS...



IS ONE OF US!!



THE ONE WHO KILLED CHIKAKO-SAN AND ATTACKED RAN...

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SO NONE OF US COULD BE THE BANDAGED MAN...

WHEN HE RAN IN FRONT OF THE WINDOW CARRYING CHIKAKO, WE WERE ALL INSIDE, REMEMBER



YEAH, SONOKO-CHAN, PLAYING DETECTIVE IS NICE AND ALL, BUT THINK ABOUT IT...

THAT'S ENOUGH, SONOKO!

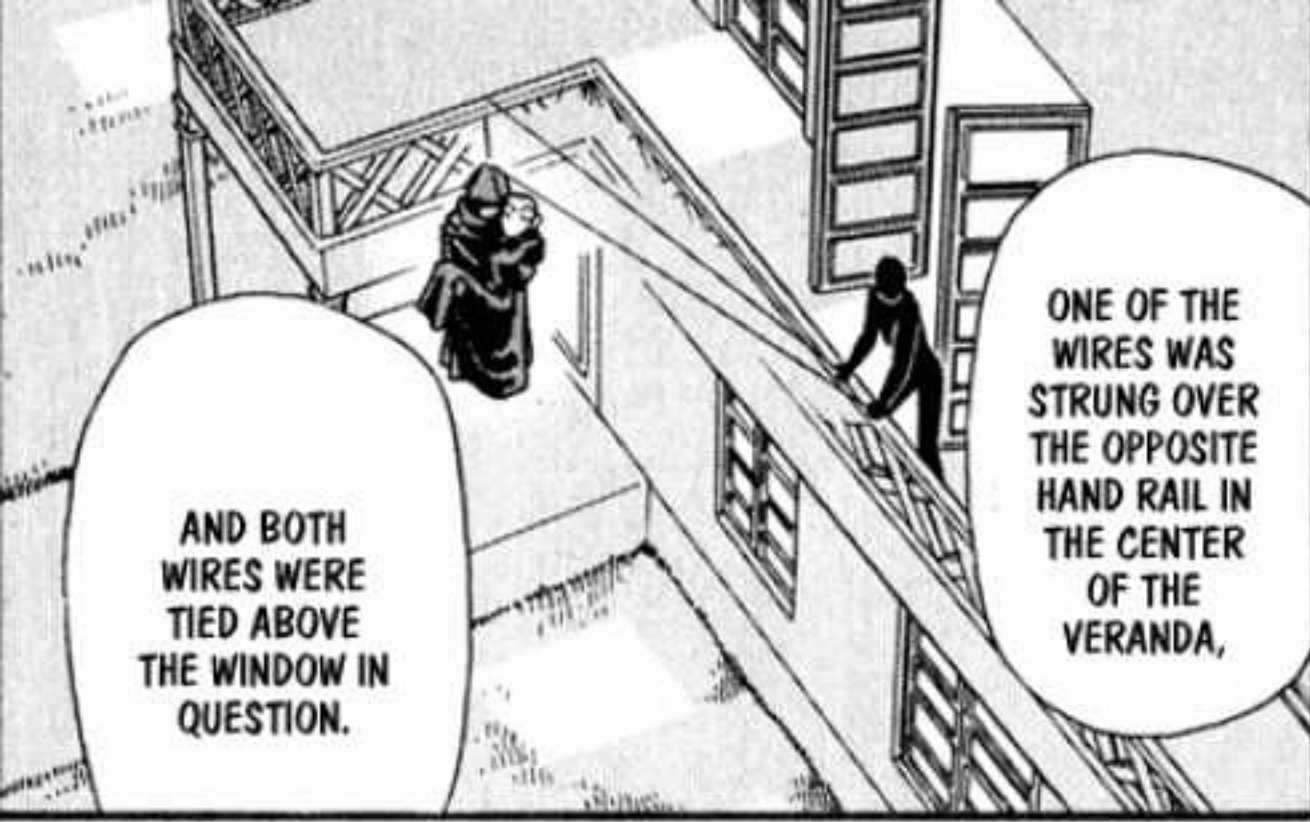


A PROP...?



BUT IT WILL APPEAR THAT WAY IF YOU USE A FAKE BANDAGED PROP AND SOME PIANO WIRE!!

HEHEHE... AT FIRST GLANCE, IT CERTAINLY APPEARS THE ONE RUNNING AWAY WAS NOT ONE OF US...



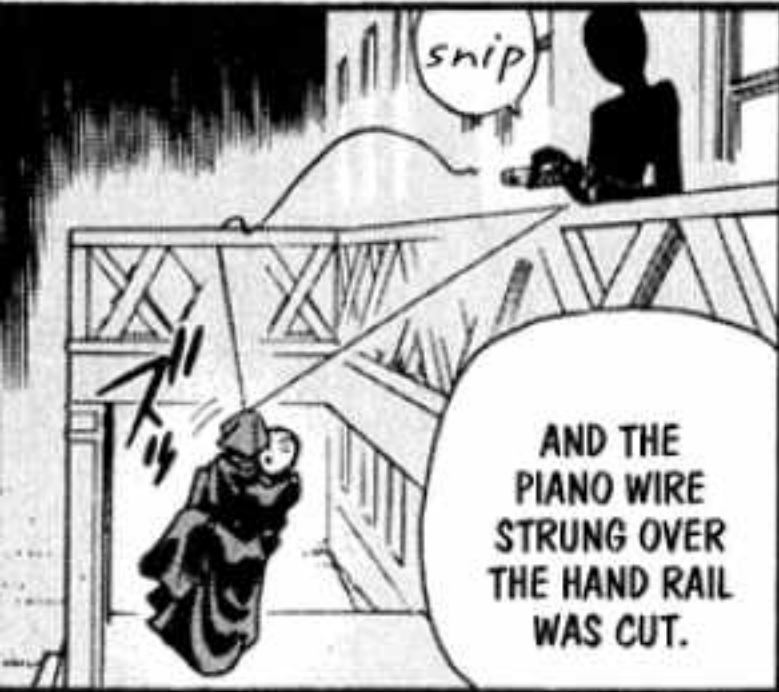
AND BOTH WIRES WERE TIED ABOVE THE WINDOW IN QUESTION.

ONE OF THE WIRES WAS STRUNG OVER THE OPPOSITE HAND RAIL IN THE CENTER OF THE VERANDA,



THIS PUPPET HAD TWO PIECES OF PIANO WIRE AFFIXED TO ITS HEAD, AND CHIKAKO-SAN'S BODY ALL SET UP...

THE BANDAGED MAN OUTSIDE THE WINDOW WAS PROBABLY A FOLDABLE, HOLLOW PUPPET



AND THE PIANO WIRE STRUNG OVER THE HAND RAIL WAS CUT.



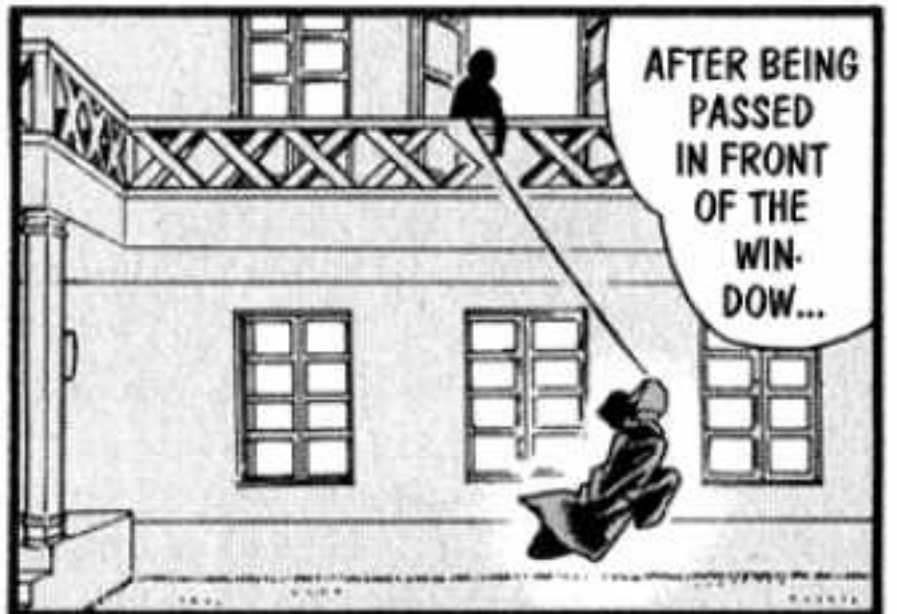
AND FOCUSED ON THE WINDOW...

THEN EVERYONE WAS ALERTED,



THE PROP AND CHIKAKO-SAN WERE HAULED BACK,

AND BEFORE WE COULD OPEN IT UP,



AFTER BEING PASSED IN FRONT OF THE WINDOW...



WAS TAKAHASHI-SAN, WHO WAS REPAIRING THE ROOF AT THE TIME...

AND THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD PULL THE TRICK OFF...



TO LOOK EXACTLY AS IF THE BANDAGED MAN HAD CARRIED CHIKAKO-SAN OFF!!

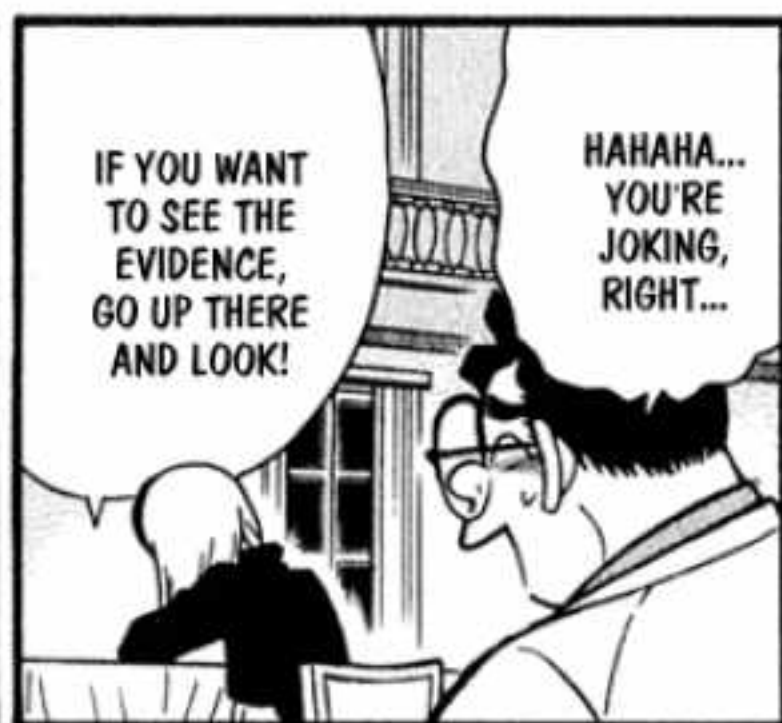


IT COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN YOU!!!



AND SPEAKING OF LARGE, COMPLEX TRICKS...

THERE ARE TWO CLEAR MARKS ON THE HANDRAIL FROM THE WIRES!!



IF YOU WANT TO SEE THE EVIDENCE, GO UP THERE AND LOOK!

HAHAHA... YOU'RE JOKING, RIGHT...

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THERE IS ALSO PROOF YOU CARRIED IT...

NO...

I WASN'T CARRYING ANY DEAD BODIES WITH ME, WAS I?



DIDN'T I GO WITH EVERYONE AFTER HIM INTO THE FOREST, AND DIDN'T I FIND THE BODY IN PIECES?

SO WHAT ARE YOU SAYING I DID WITH THE BODY?



OH, PLEASE...

TAKHASHI-SAN WAS THE ONE WHO WAS THE TECHNICIAN IN THE FILM CLUB DURING COLLEGE!



THAT WHEN SHE WAS CARRIED OFF, SHE WAS WEARING THE CHOKER...

YOU COULD SEE IF YOU CHECKED SUMIYA-SAN'S VIDEO,



MY SISTER FOUND CHIKAKO-SAN'S CHOKER IN THE ENTRANCE HALL-!!

AFTER YOU GUYS WENT CHASING AFTER THE BANDAGED MAN,



AND THERE'S NO WAY I COULD HAVE TAKEN IT OUT WITHOUT ANYONE NOTICING...

ISN'T A BODY KIND OF HEAVY?

WELL, IF I WAS CARRYING IT, AS YOU SAY...



MEANS THAT SOMEONE WAS CARRYING HER BODY THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR!

AFTER THEY LEFT, FOR IT TO HAVE DROPPED BY THE FRONT DOOR...



BUT IF IT'S ONLY A HEAD, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO!!

IT IF WAS A BODY...



TH...

AND YOU DID SAY HER BODY WAS FOUND IN PIECES...



DO YOU REMEMBER? THE ONLY THING WE SAW THROUGH THE WINDO WAS HER HEAD AND A CLOAK.

IF IT WAS JUST HER HEAD, THEN HE SHOULD BE PERFECTLY CAPABLE OF DOING IT!!

WHA?!



AND THEN
ATTACK
RAN-
CHAN...

AND...
WHY WOULD
I KILLED
CHIKAKO?



I SAID I
WASN'T
CARRYING
ANYTHING
AT THE
TIME!!

THIS IS
RIDICULOUS!
JUST THE
HEAD, IT'S
STILL THE
SAME
THING!!



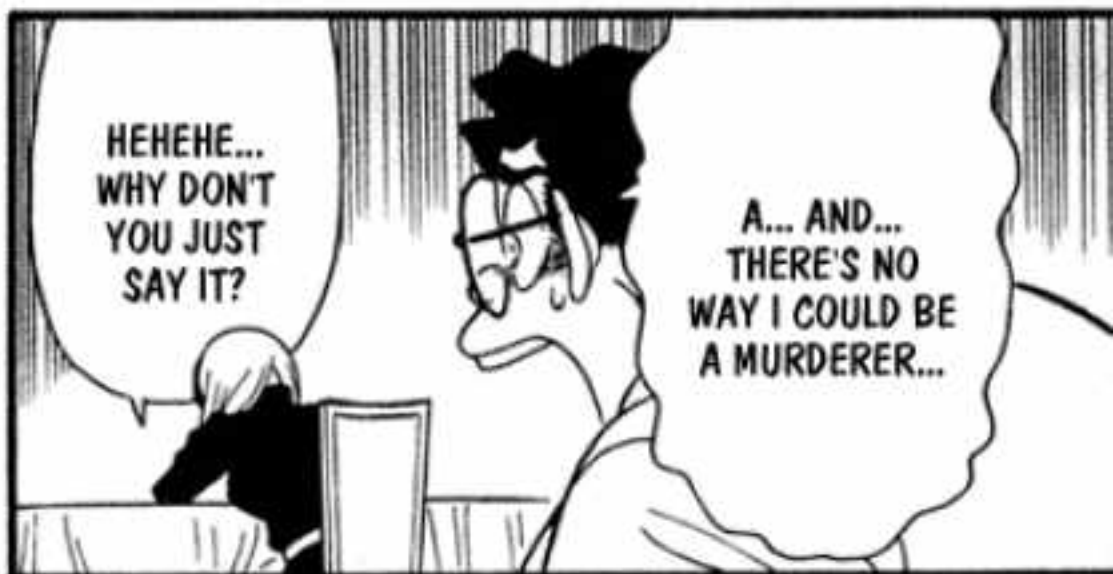
...AND?

AND...
AND...



THAT
YOU ARE
NOT THE
BANDAGED
MAN...

THERE IS
MUCH SIMPLER
PROOF,



HEHEHE...
WHY DON'T
YOU JUST
SAY IT?

A... AND...
THERE'S NO
WAY I COULD BE
A MURDERER...

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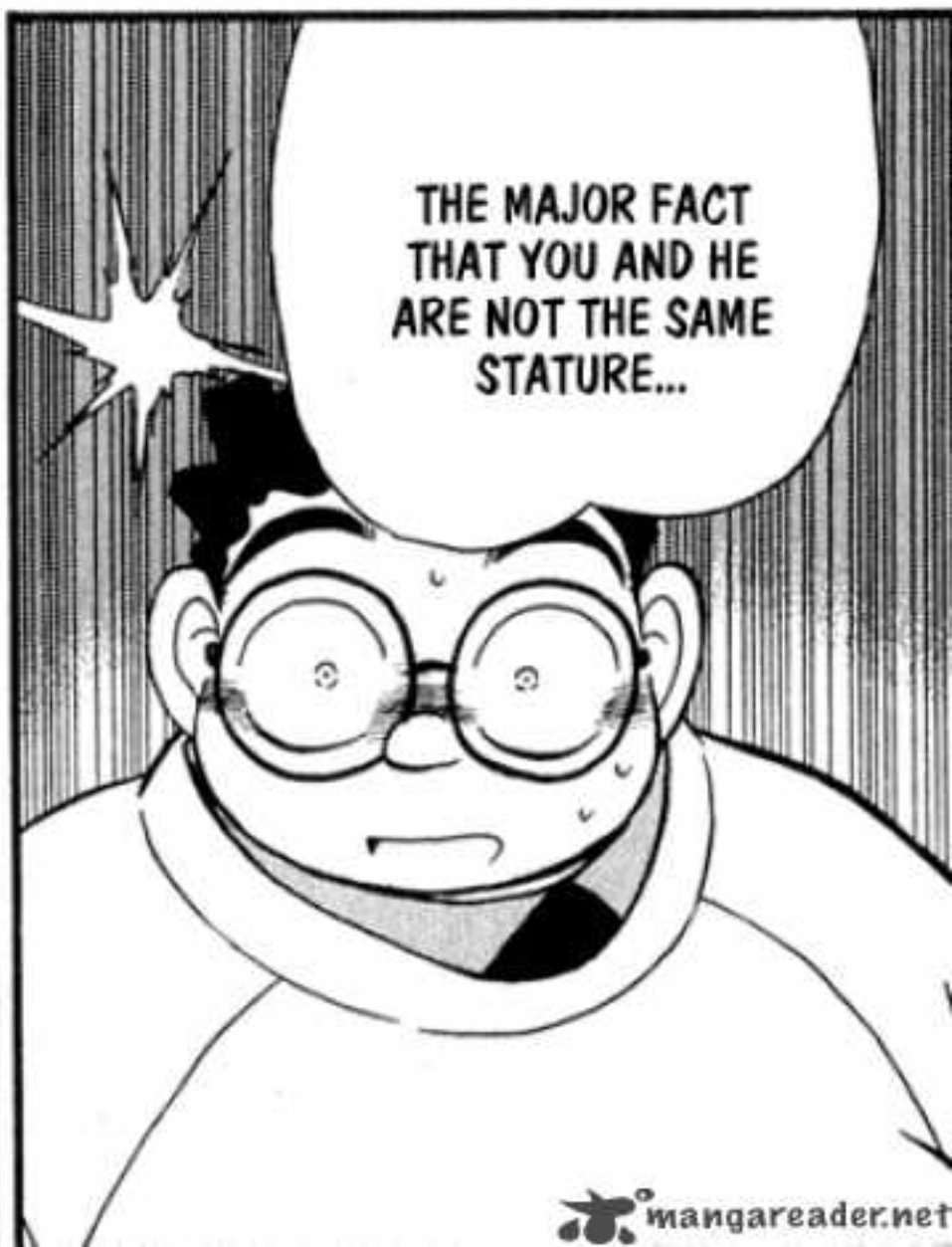
HE COULDN'T
SAY IT...

BECAUSE HE
WAS AFRAID
OF WHAT I
WOULD ASK
IN RETURN...



YEAH,
WHY DIDN'T
YOU...

THAT'S
RIGHT,
TAKAHASHI-
KUN! THE
BANDAGED
MAN ISN'T
FAT!



THE MAJOR FACT
THAT YOU AND HE
ARE NOT THE SAME
STATURE...



ARE YOU
REALLY
FAT...?



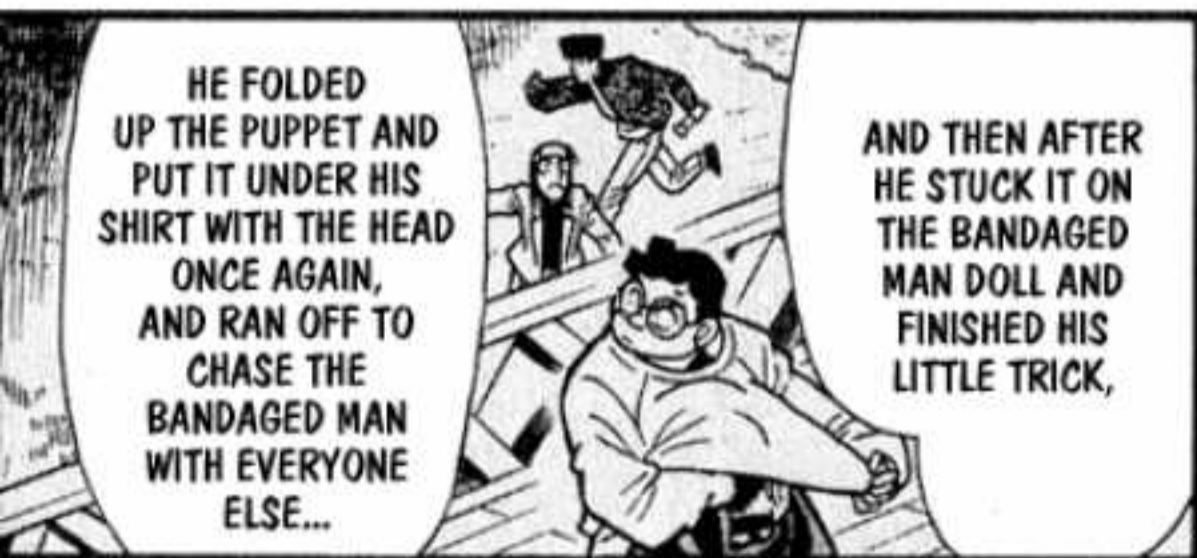
THAT'S HOW HE
CARRIED IT
WITHOUT
ANYONE
NOTICING...

THAT'S RIGHT,
HE ISN'T
FAT AT
ALL...



DON'T
TELL ME
YOU...

TAKA-
HASHI-
KUN...?



HE FOLDED
UP THE PUPPET AND
PUT IT UNDER HIS
SHIRT WITH THE HEAD
ONCE AGAIN,
AND RAN OFF TO
CHASE THE
BANDAGED MAN
WITH EVERYONE
ELSE...

AND THEN AFTER
HE STUCK IT ON
THE BANDAGED
MAN DOLL AND
FINISHED HIS
LITTLE TRICK,



FIRST, HE CALLED
CHIKAKO-SAN
OUT INTO THE
FOREST, THEN HE
MURDERED HER
AND CUT HER
INTO PIECES,

THIS WAS
HIS
PLAN!



AND PUT THE
PADDING YOU
DROPPED THERE
EARLIER BACK
UNDER YOUR
SHIRT, THUS
RETURNING TO
YOUR FORMER
STATURE!

THEN, WHILE
PRETENDING
TO BE LOOKING
FOR HER,
YOU DROPPED
THE HEAD,



TOOK OUT THE
PADDING FOR
HIS STOMACH AND
SLIPPED HER HEAD
IN INSTEAD,
THE CARRIED
IT BACK TO
THE VILLA...



A BOLD
AND DARING
TRICK!!

AND WAS
ABLE TO
MOVE ABOUT
FREELY
WITH THE
CORPSE—

SO BASICALLY
HE HID HIS
OWN SIZE
FROM
EVERYONE,



SO, THAT
BANDAGED
MAN WE SAW
WHEN WE
GOT HERE
WAS ALSO
TAKAHA-
SHI'S...

!?

AND TAKAHASHI-
SAN HELPED
IT APPEAR
THIS WAY BY
GIVING EVERYONE
A GLIMPSE OF
THE BANDAGED
MAN FROM
THE START!



AND MAKE IT
APPEAR AS
THOUGHT
THIS WAS ALL
THE DOING
OF THIS
BANDAGED
MAN!!

BY DOING THIS,
HE WAS ABLE
TO MAKE IT
APPEAR THAT
THE BANDAGED
MAN CARRIED
CHIKAKO-SAN
INTO THE WOODS
RIGHT IN FRONT
OF OUR EYES,



WITH RAN'S
UNFORTUNATE
HAPPENING...

BUT HIS
SUPPOSEDLY
PERFECT PLAN
BEGAN TO
UNRAVEL...



YES... WHEN RAN
WENT INTO THE
WRONG ROOM,
SHE SAW...





SO HE
ATTACKED
HER IN THE
WOODS...

TO KEEP
HER
SILENT!!



HIS CAREFULLY
PLANNED
MURDER
SCHEME
WOULD HAVE
FALLEN LIKE
A HOUSE
OF CARDS...

RAN
DIDN'T
THINK
ABOUT IT,
BUT IF HER
MEMORY
HAD BEEN
EVOKED,



HIS TRUE
STATURE!



TO KEEP
EVERYONE
INSIDE THE
VILLA!!

SO HE CUT
THE PHONE
LINES,
AND THE
BRIDGE...

BECAUSE OF THE
UPROAR THIS
CAUSED, HE WAS
AFRAID CHIKAKO-SAN,
THE ONE HE HAD TO KILL,
WOULD BE ABLE
TO GET AWAY

BUT THE
RESULT
WAS
FAILURE!



I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
WAS IN IT...

THE WAY HE
CALLED HER
OUT WAS WITH
A LETTER TUCKED
UNDER HER
DOOR...



AND THEN
HE CALLED
CHIKAKO-SAN
OUT TO THE
FOREST AND
KILLED HER
A PLANNED!!



THAT'S
RIGHT...



THE GIRL
WHO WAS IN
YOUR FILM
CLUB IN
UNIVER-
SITY...

BUT I'M
GUESSING
IT HAD
SOMETHING
TO DO WITH
ATSUKO...





TO
DISPEL
HER
REGRET!!

I DID THIS
ALL FOR
ATSUKO!!



TAKA-
HASHI...



AND TOLD ME
SO EXCITEDLY
ABOUT HOW
SHE WANTED
TO BE A WRITER
IN THE
FUTURE...

THAT ATSUKO,
WHO SECRETLY
SHOWED ME
HER OWN MOVIE
SCRIPT,



I THOUGHT
IT WAS
STRANGE...

THAT ATSUKO,
WAS WAS SO
CHEERFUL...



D-DO
YOU
MEAN...?!

THE
BLUE
KING-
DOM'...



THAT I
UNDER-
STOOD...

BUT IT WASN'T
UNTIL RECENTLY,
WHEN I WENT TO
SEE 'THE BLUE
KINGDOM', THAT
CHIKAKO WROTE,



THAT
SHE WOULD
SUDDENLY
HANG HERSELF
IN THE
CLUBROOM...





THE HEAD OF THAT FUCKING SOW WHO CRUSHED ATSUKO'S DREAM!!

AND I CUT OFF HER FUCKING HEAD!



STAY BACK!!

WAIT, TAKAHASHI...



I'M GOING TO WHERE ATSUKO IS...



HAHAHA... IT'S ALL OVER NOW...



AND THERE... I'LL BE THE MESSENGER OF JUSTICE, WHO AVENGED ATSUKO...

I'M GOING TO LIVE WITH ATSUKO...



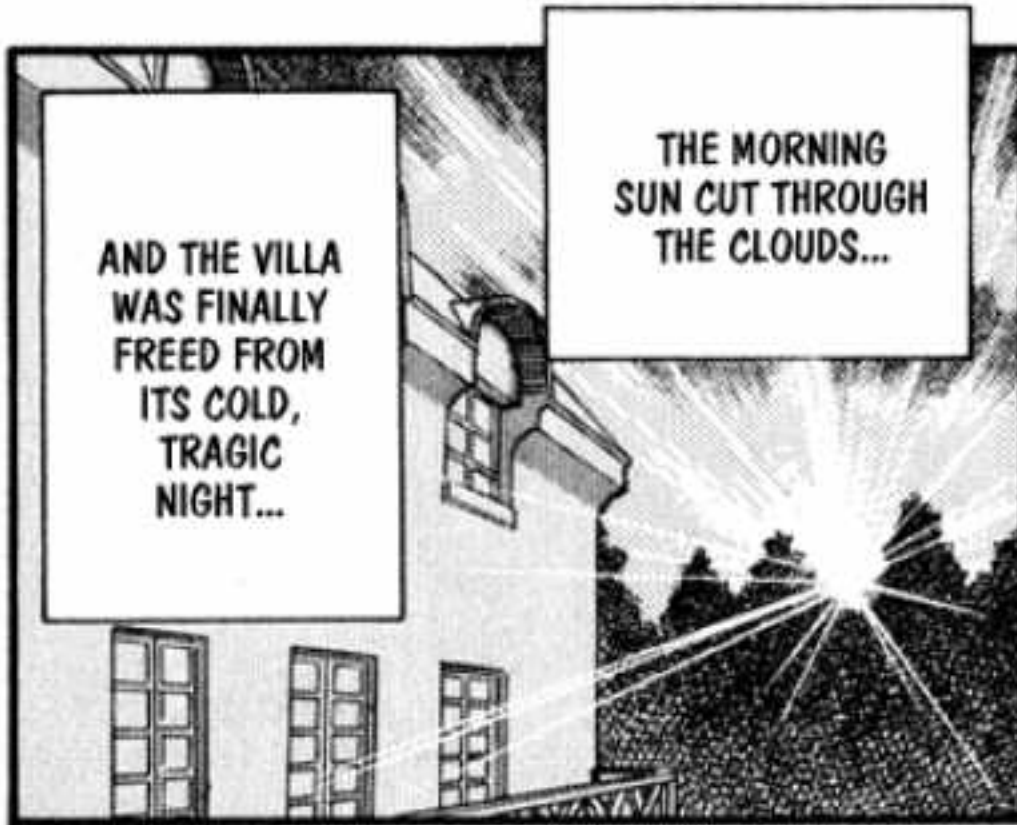
STOP FUCKING AROUND YOU!



TAKAHASHI...

HAAAHH...





AND THE VILLA
WAS FINALLY
FREED FROM
ITS COLD,
TRAGIC
NIGHT...

THE MORNING
SUN CUT THROUGH
THE CLOUDS...



IT WAS A TRAGEDY IN
WHICH A FRIEND WAS
BETRAYED, A FRIEND
DIED, AND A FRIEND'S
HEART WAS TURNED
INTO A MONSTER...

UWAAA...



HE COULD
SHOW HIS
FACE FROM
ANY HEART...

BUT IF
YOU AREN'T
CAREFUL...

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THE DEMON
KNOWN AS
REVENGE...

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