

# File 8: Find the hidden meaning of the dying message

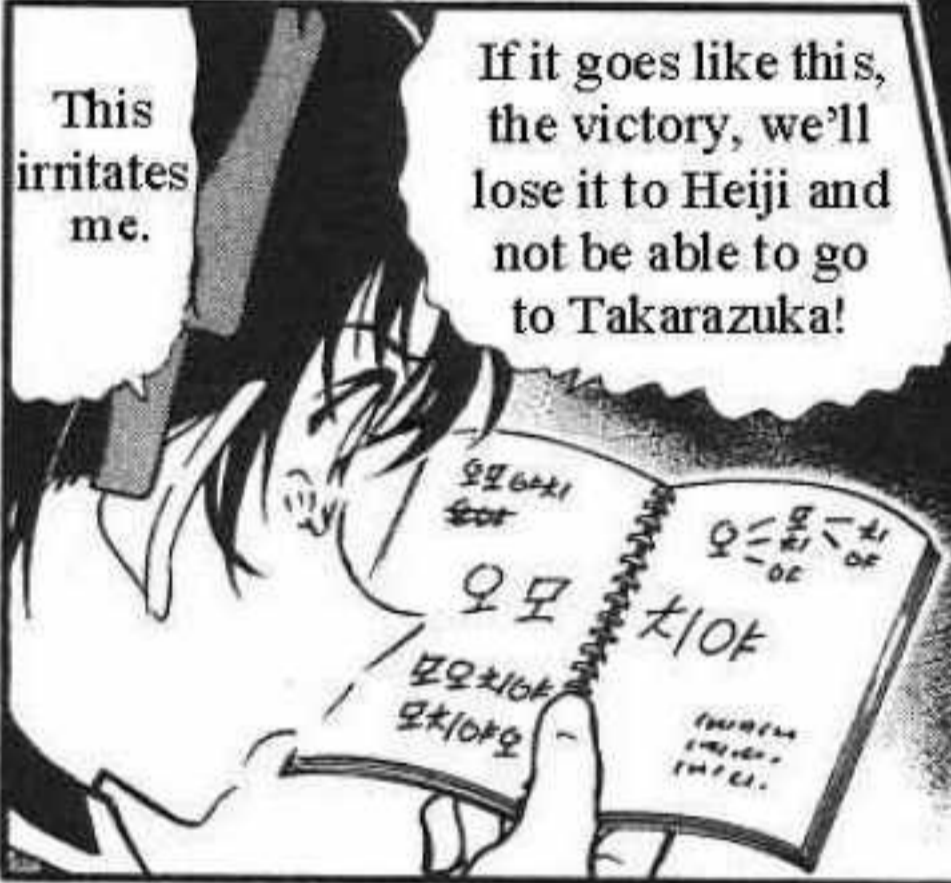


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This dying message, I really don't understand it.

Kazuha, what's the matter?

Kazuha!



This irritates me.

If it goes like this, the victory, we'll lose it to Heiji and not be able to go to Takarazuka!



No higher or lower...

Stupid... There's no victory or defeat...

The victory?



...  
only one  
truth.

There's  
always...



Heh...



No, I  
really  
don't  
get it...

Then let's  
say this  
to the  
Inspector...

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Hey, Heiji...  
you also  
understood,  
right?

Of course,  
it's true!

The real  
meaning  
of this dying  
message...



If these  
were not  
photographs,  
but the  
real puzzles...



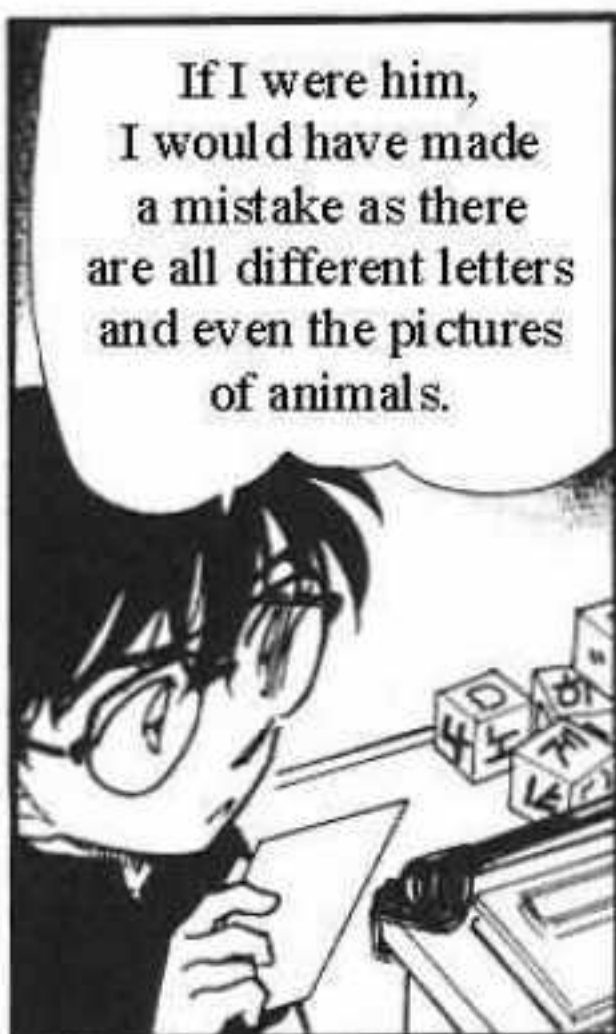
How come only  
those 4 puzzles  
that have ink on  
them are not here?

What?

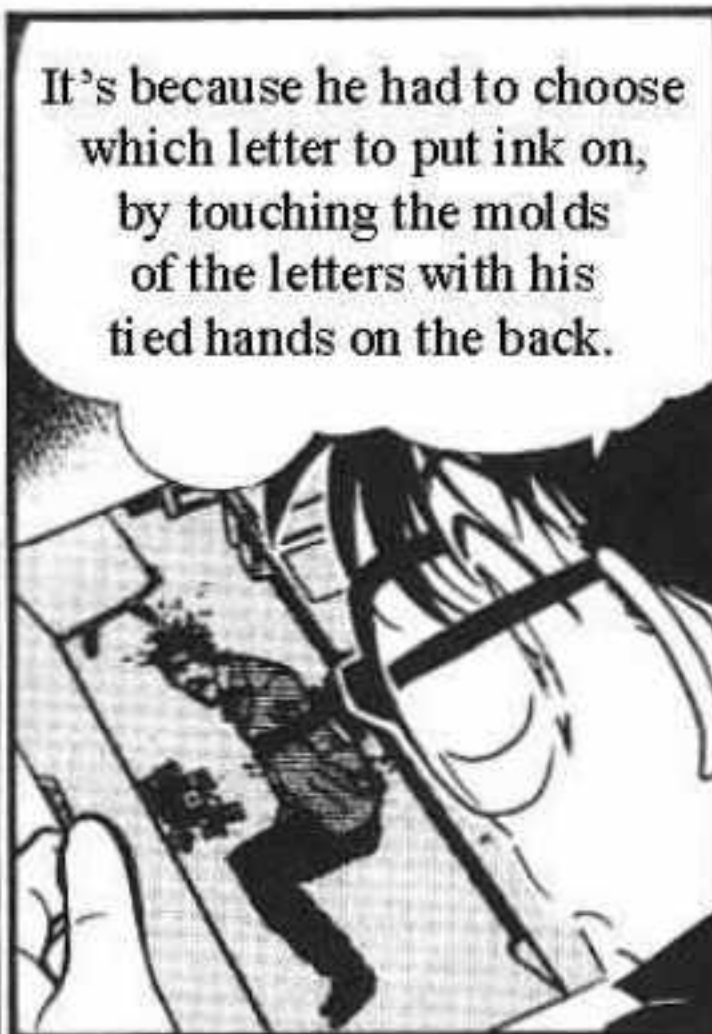




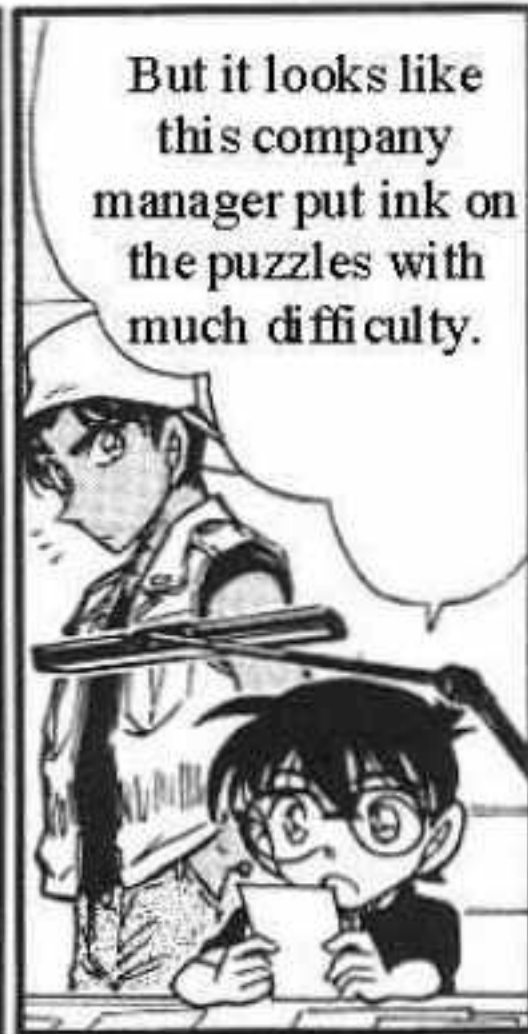
Look at this guy!



If I were him, I would have made a mistake as there are all different letters and even the pictures of animals.



It's because he had to choose which letter to put ink on, by touching the molds of the letters with his tied hands on the back.



But it looks like this company manager put ink on the puzzles with much difficulty.

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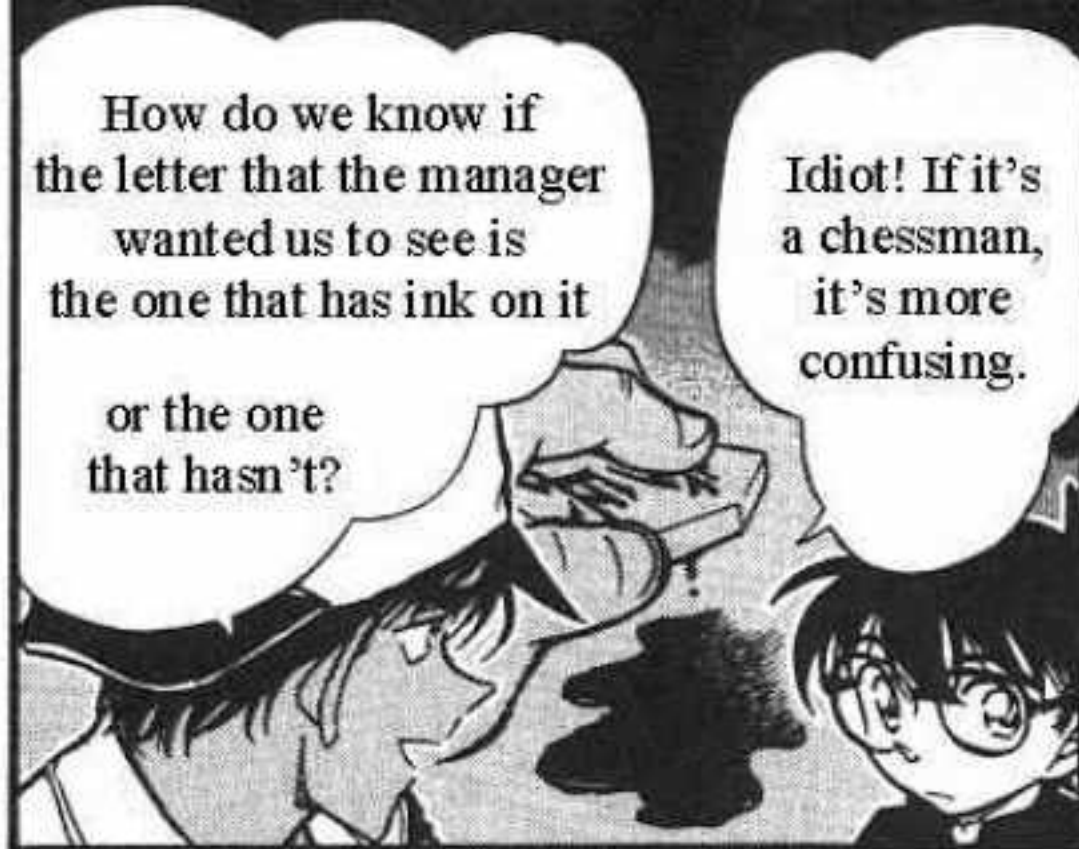
Shin-ichi?

... it should have been easy to put ink as the letter is already fixed on the backside.



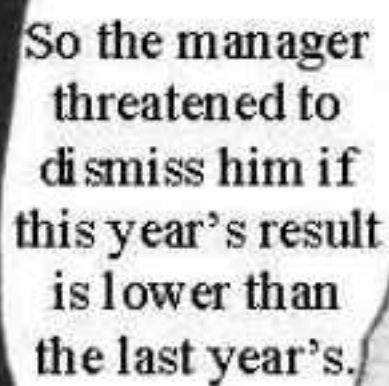
If this wasn't a puzzle, but a chessman...

What?

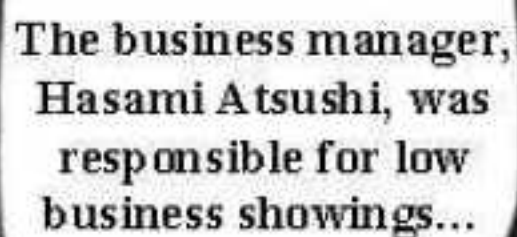


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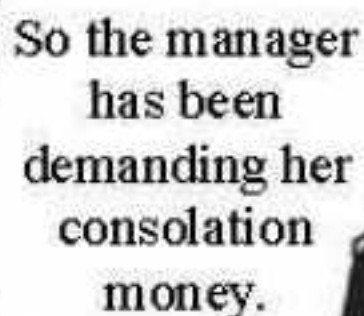




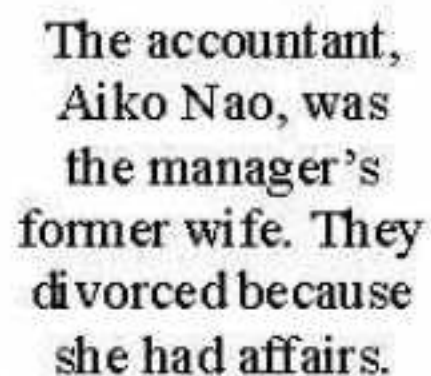
So the manager threatened to dismiss him if this year's result is lower than the last year's.



The business manager, Hasami Atsushi, was responsible for low business showings...



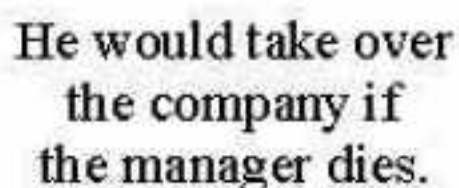
So the manager has been demanding her consolation money.



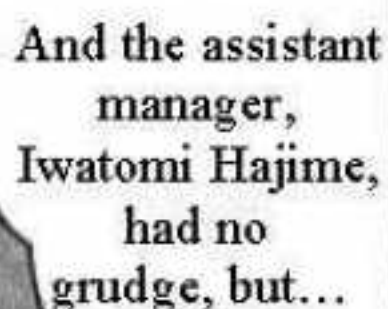
The accountant, Aiko Nao, was the manager's former wife. They divorced because she had affairs.



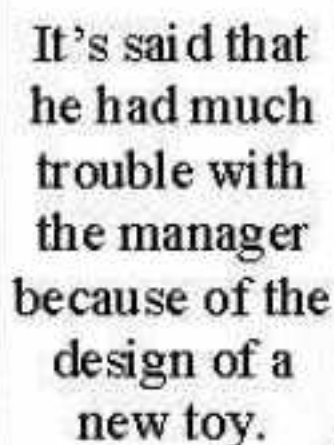
I see.



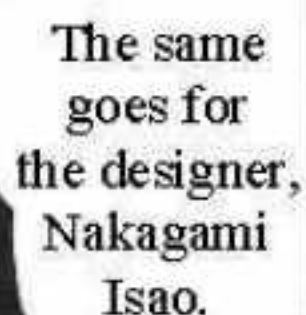
He would take over the company if the manager dies.



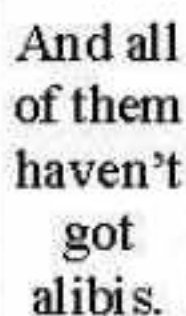
And the assistant manager, Iwatomi Hajime, had no grudge, but...



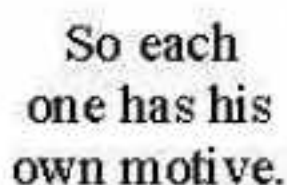
It's said that he had much trouble with the manager because of the design of a new toy.



The same goes for the designer, Nakagami Isao.

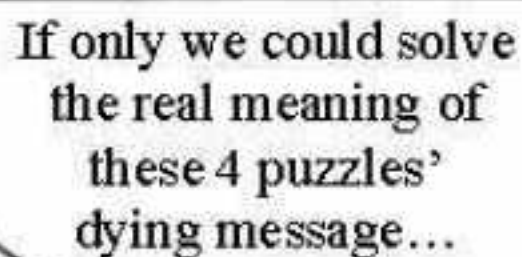


And all of them haven't got alibis.

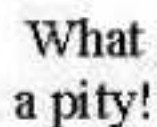


So each one has his own motive.

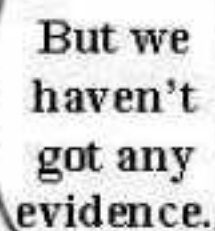
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If only we could solve the real meaning of these 4 puzzles' dying message...



What a pity!



But we haven't got any evidence.

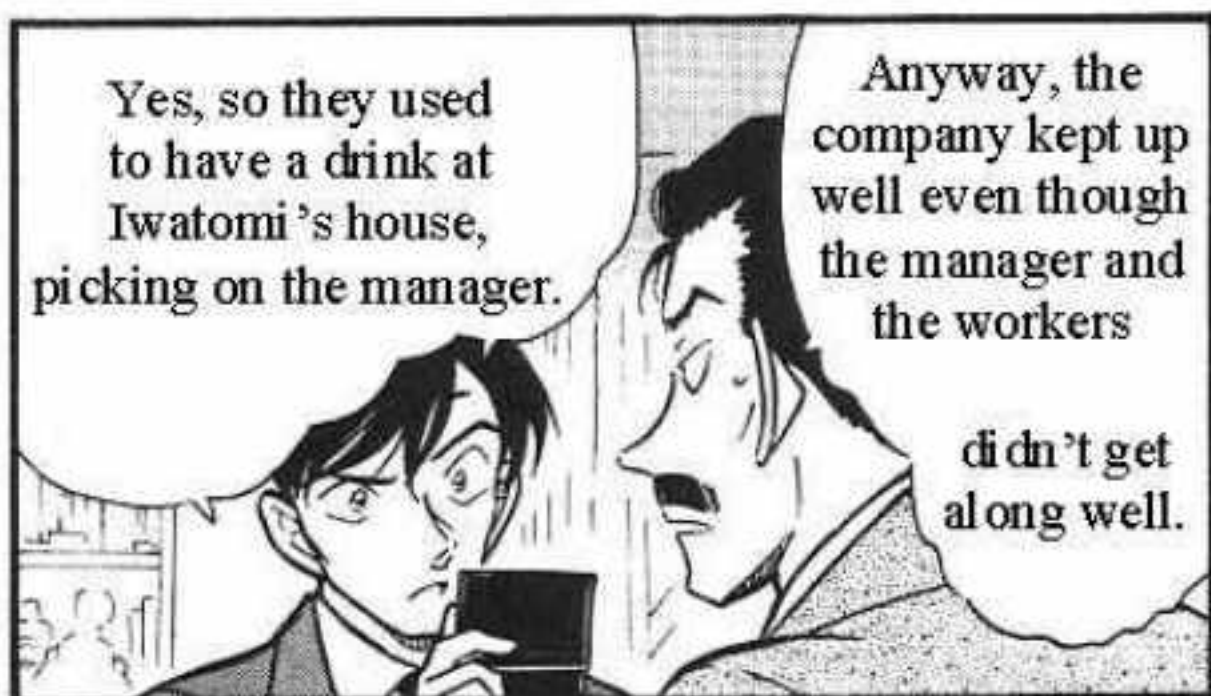


In fact, it's strange.



... that killed the manager.

We would know who is the murderer...



Yes, so they used to have a drink at Iwatomi's house, picking on the manager.

Anyway, the company kept up well even though the manager and the workers

didn't get along well.



So hurry up!



The next day, the 30<sup>th</sup>, they all went to work together and discovered the corpse.

Even on the night of June 29<sup>th</sup>, when the murder occurred, they all drank and slept at Iwatomi's.



Collecting mania?

All of them have very rare collecting mania.



Huh?

Maybe this has no relation to the case, but...

Oh, yeah, and then...





They are all of golf brands and he cleans them all every week.

Iwatomi, who used to play golf with the manager, has 50 pairs of white shoes.



He has 40 caps as if those are lucky caps for each race.

Nakagami is a turf fan.



He even bought the one that belonged to a famous star.

Hasami, who's interested in movies, has 30 pairs of sunglasses.



So when she goes fishing, she brings at least 3 pairs with her.

Aiko has 50 pairs of gloves as she's got leucorrhoea.



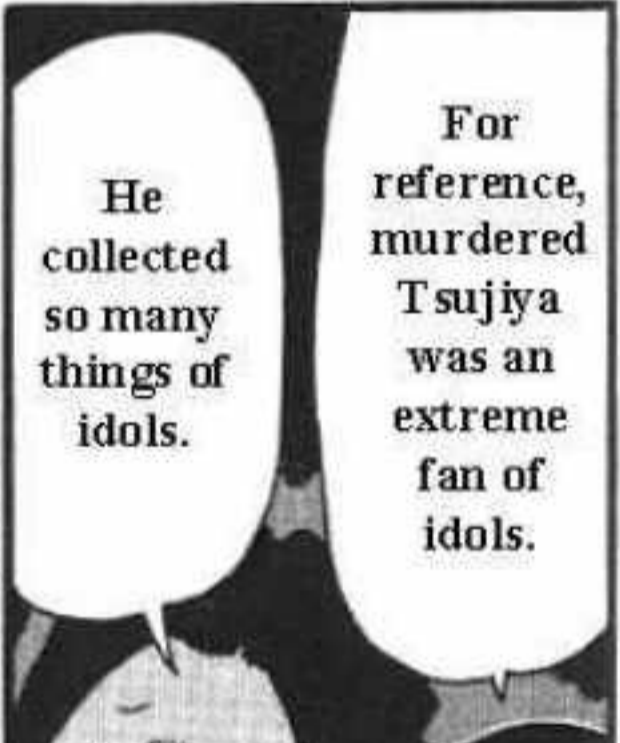
Look! Even on the desk! The pen-case and the pen have idols' photos on them.

Oh, you're right ...



Wow!

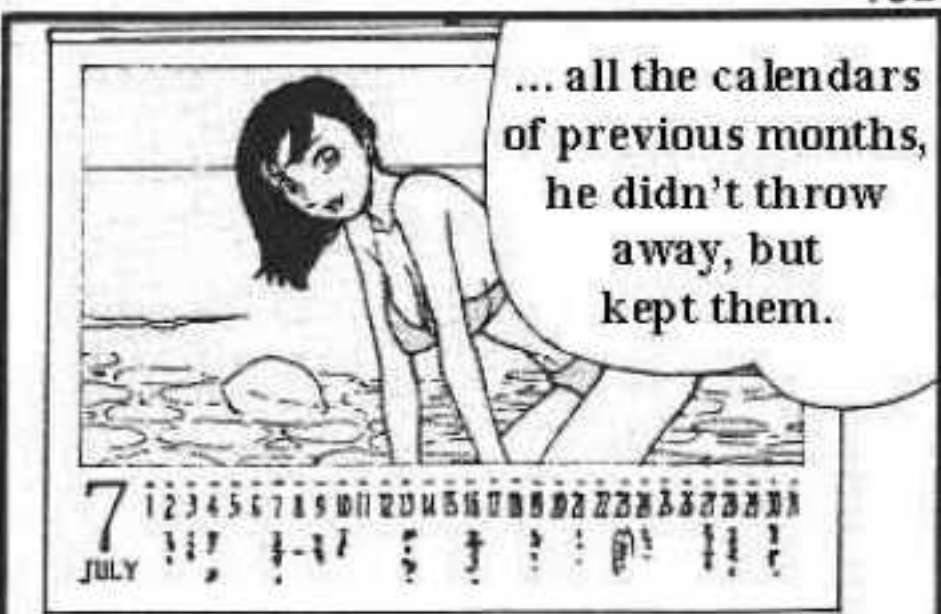
Now I think of it, there were lots of such things in his room.



He collected so many things of idols.

For reference, murdered Tsujiya was an extreme fan of idols.







Yeah, mum bought it early in the morning.

Did you buy that book?

Hatto-ri...

\* "The will made by a devil"



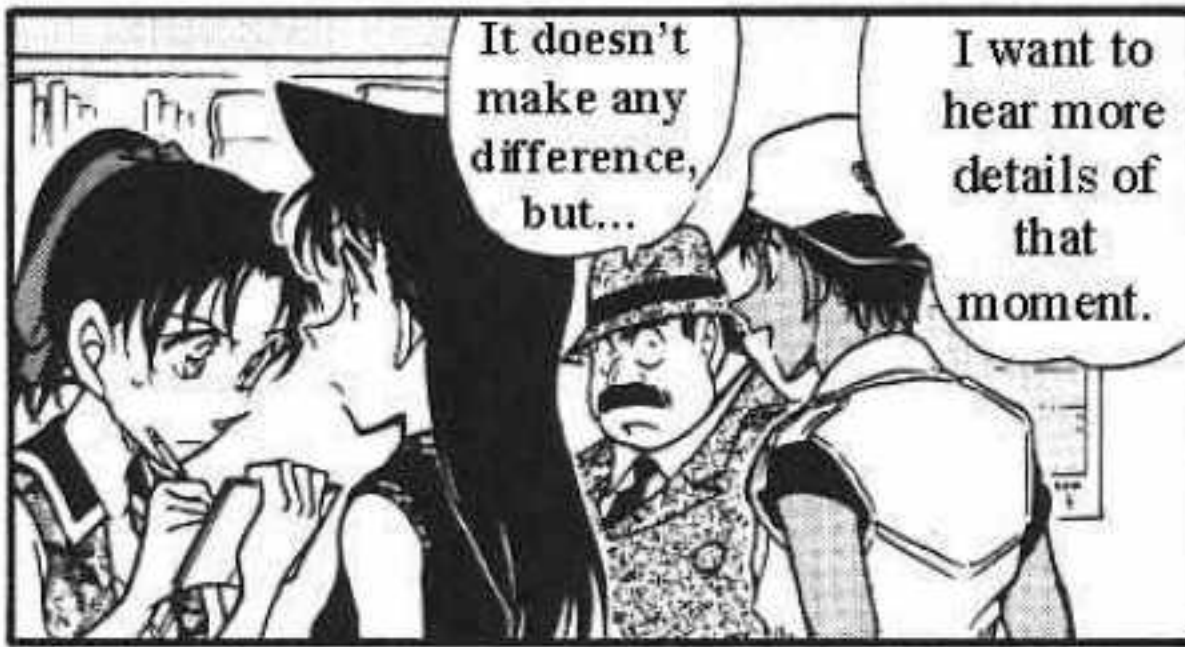
... listen to their story directly?

How about calling those 4 workers who found the corpse and...



Just talking here doesn't give us any clue, so...

Inspector!



It doesn't make any difference, but...

I want to hear more details of that moment.

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Okay ...

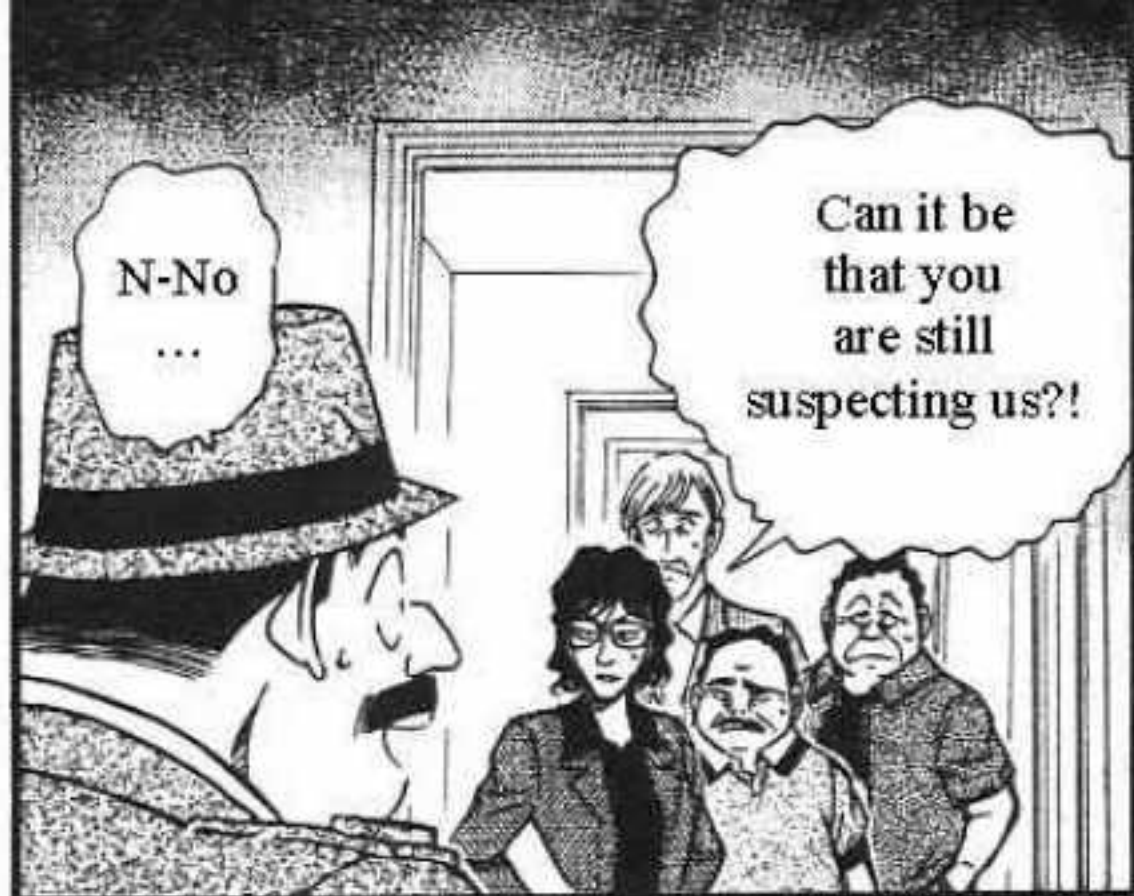
I think I'm close to it now!

I'm sorry, Ran, but can you leave me alone, please?



Kazuha?

Kazuha, have you found out anything?

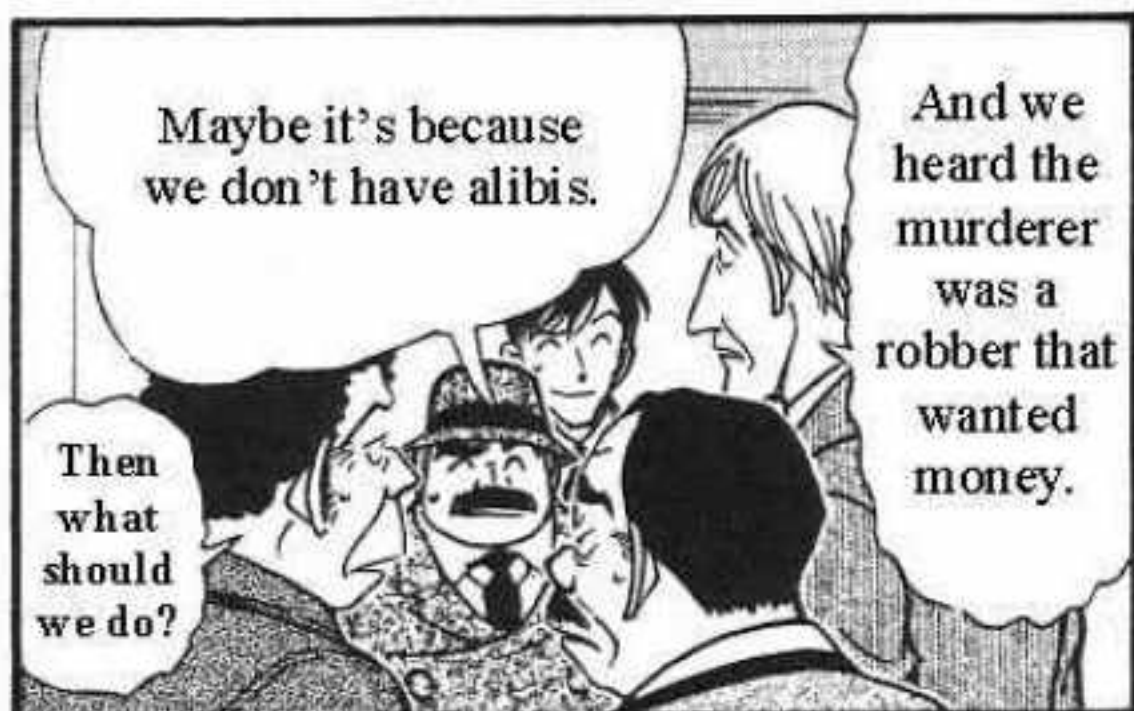


N-No ...

Can it be that you are still suspecting us?!



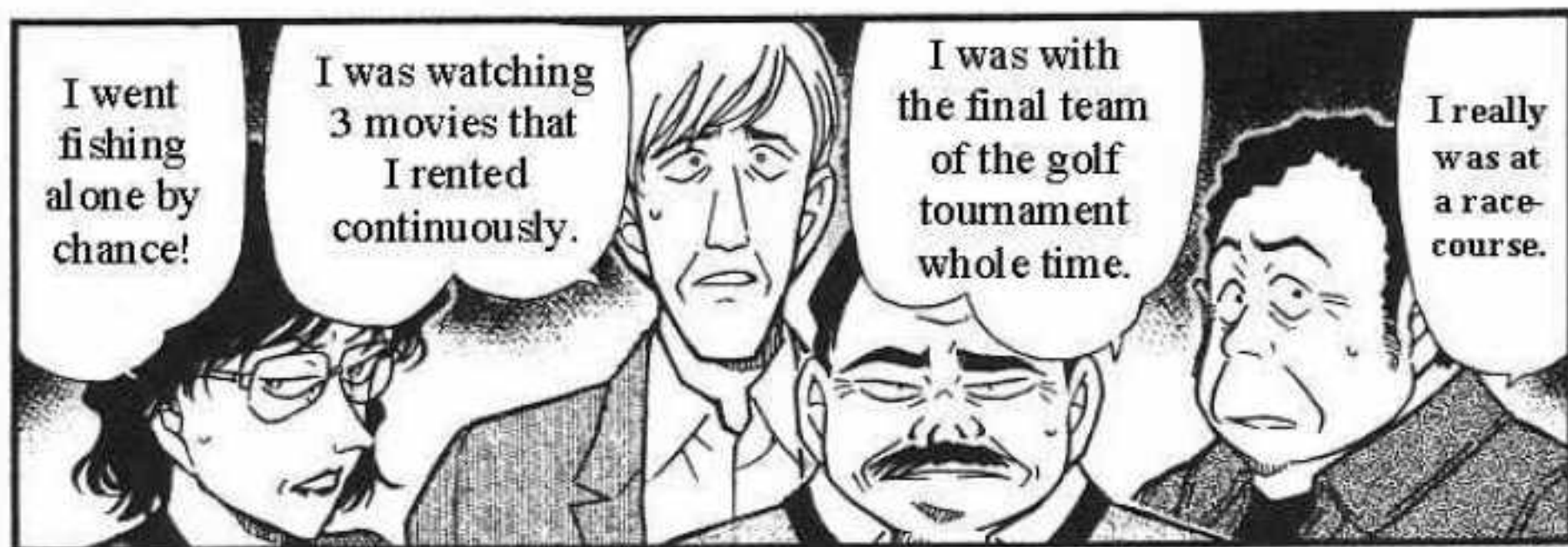
What's wrong? Calling us at a time like this!



Maybe it's because we don't have alibis.

And we heard the murderer was a robber that wanted money.

Then what should we do?



I went fishing alone by chance!

I was watching 3 movies that I rented continuously.

I was with the final team of the golf tournament whole time.

I really was at a race-course.



I was going to take my seat and then, I saw the manager lying down here, so I screamed.

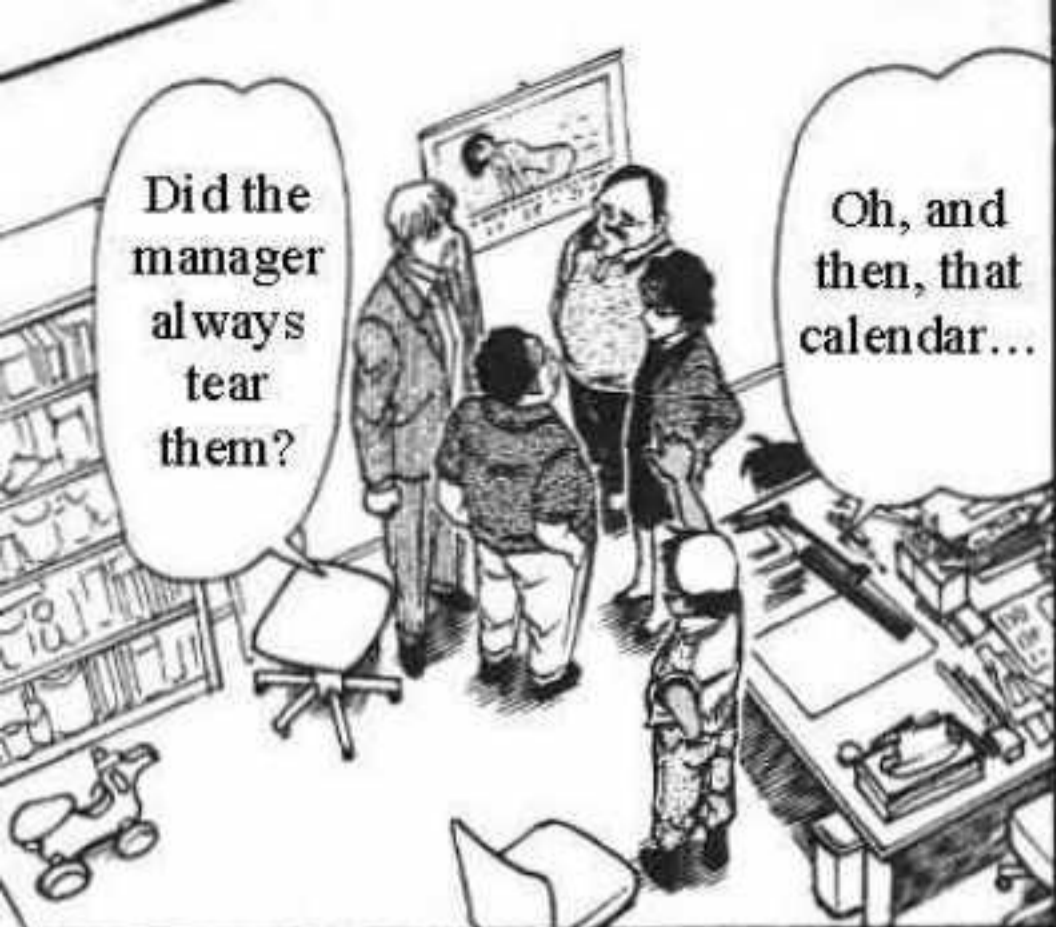
I found it first.



A-Anyway, give us a full detail of that moment.

Who is this boy?

And then? Who found the corpse first?



Did the manager always tear them?

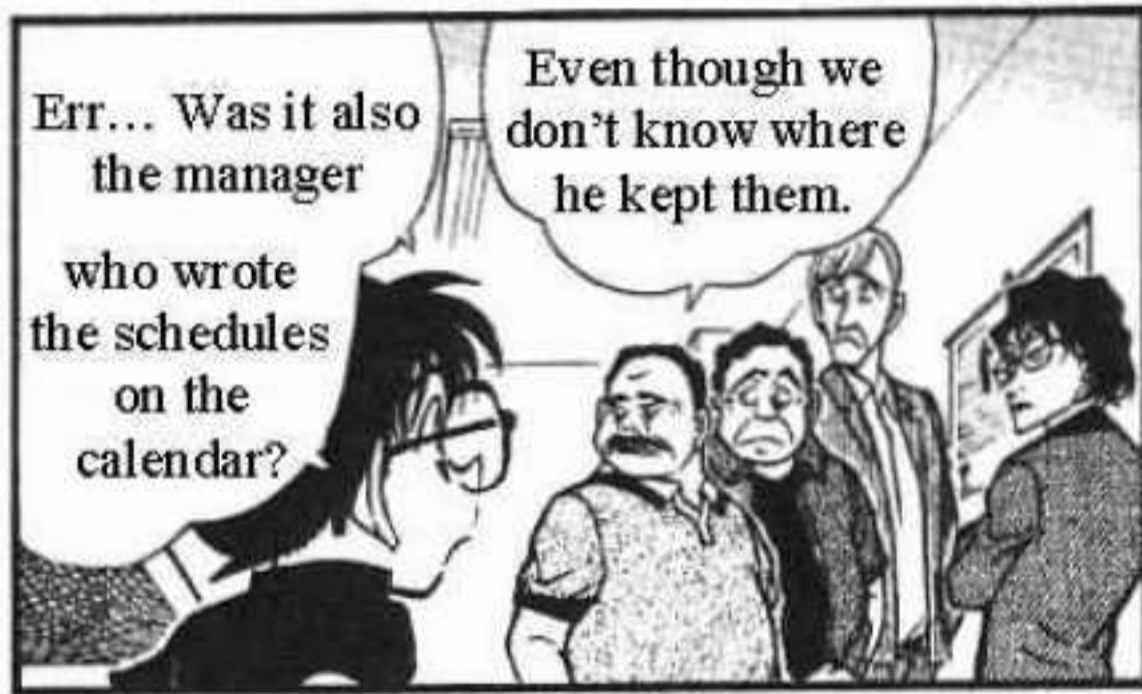
Oh, and then, that calendar...



Oh, yeah.

And we called the police, right?

We heard his scream and ran here all together.



Err... Was it also the manager who wrote the schedules on the calendar?

Even though we don't know where he kept them.



And he used to keep them in his room like the treasure.

The manager always tore them.

Yeah. If we tore them, he would get angry, saying we didn't tear them properly.



We were going to play golf again next Sunday after a long time.

Oh, yeah.



That's enough ...

Oh, yes...

Right?



Those I borrowed from Iwatomi last time were too tight!

I even prepared the shoes for playing golf!



Excuse me, sir, but I'll borrow your gloves!

We?



Huh?

We'll be looking for some things, so just have a talk!



Yeah!

Okay, we found it.



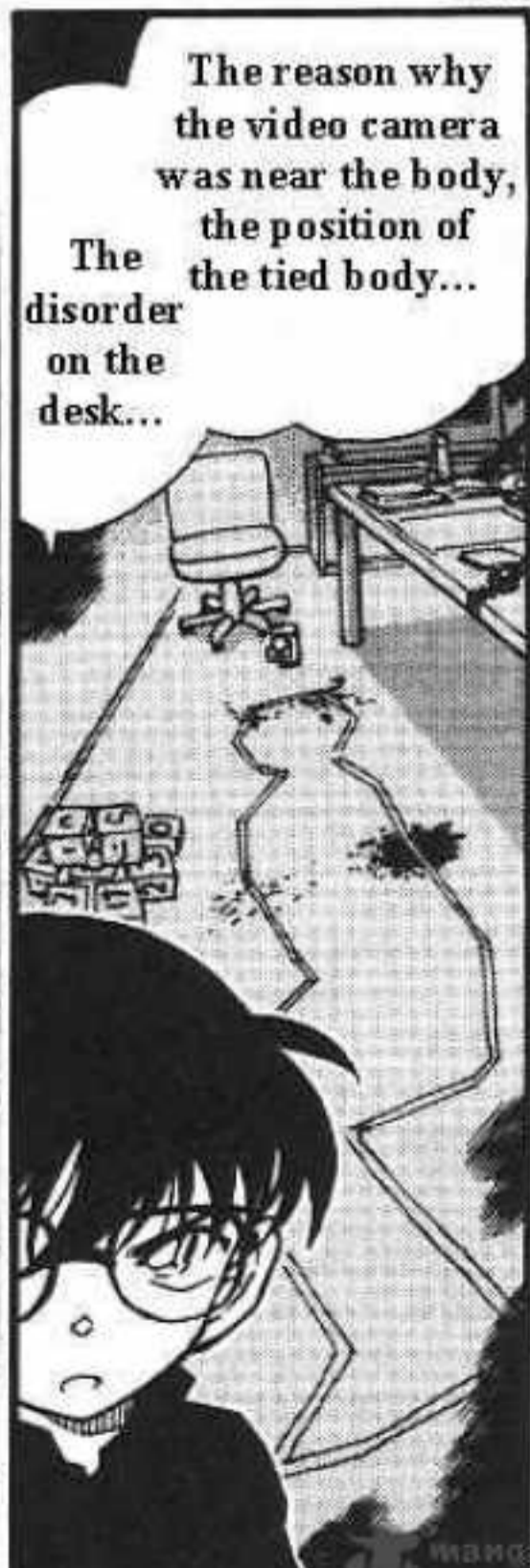
... will be connected to one.

Yeah, now if we only find that, this mystery...



and the dying message left by the manager...

The smeared blood on the coat that the murderer wore, those 4 workers' strange collections...



The reason why the video camera was near the body, the position of the tied body...  
The disorder on the desk...

