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THERE IS NO
SUSPICION?





HMM...
I CAN'T
FIND IT...



WHAT
ABOUT
THIS
SIDE?

NOTHING
...

THE GREY JACKET AND
THE BLACK BAG
BELONGING TO THE
SUSPICIOUS MAN SEEN
DURING THE TIME THE
MURDER WAS
COMMITTED.



LOOKS
LIKE IT'S
NOT HERE
...

YEAH
...



WHAT
ABOUT
YOU MR
CHOU?

NOTHING
AT ALL
...







I DARE YOU
TO SWEAR IN
FRONT OF
THIS POLICE
BADGE!



CALL THAT KATO WHO'S
WAITING IN THE CAR TO
COME BACK...
IT'S IMPOLITE TO LEAVE
WITHOUT
GREETING
RIGHT?

EH
?



HEY,
CHIBA
?

CHIBA!



DRAGGED
ON FOR
TOO LONG
....?

WE'LL HAVE TO START
OVER FROM THE BEGIN-
NING AGAIN... I HOPE
THIS DOESN'T DRAG ON
FOR TOO LONG...

I'LL GO
CALL
HIM
NOW
...



O! DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT IT
TOO
MUCH...

IDIOT! WHAT WAS I
THINKING? I AM AN
INSPECTOR! I HAVE TO
SOLVE THE CASE AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE...



MAYBE I
WON'T HAVE
TO BE SENT
OVER TO
TOTTORI
AND CAN
STAY WITH
MISS
SATO...

WAIT A
MINUTE, IF
THIS CASE
DRAGGED
ON FOR
LONG
...



DON'T WORRY ...

Y...
YEAH
...

IF THE CASE GETS DRAGGED ON, JUST PASS IT TO SOMEONE ELSE...
RELAX A BIT...



G...
GOT
IT...

DON'T WORRY! THE CASE WOULD BE SOLVED BEFORE GOING TO TOTTORI



IT WON'T BE PROLONGED

WHAT ?



I WAS WATCHING TELEVISION WITH CHIBA DURING 7 TO 7.30 AM WHEN THE MURDER WAS COMMITTED. I HAVE AN ALIBI...

DIDN'T I TELL YOU BEFORE?



WHAT DO YOU MEAN WHICH ONE? OF COURSE IT'S THE ONE THAT STARTS AT 7 AM ON JAPAN TELEVISION!

BUT ...



WHICH ONE?

IT'S "7 O'CLOCK MORNING SHOW"



WHAT DID YOU SAY THE SHOW WAS CALLED AGAIN?

I'LL OVERLOOK IT FOR ONCE, SEEING THAT CHIBA'S YOUR FRIEND, IF THERE'S NEXT TIME...



THIS WAY, IT TAKES ONE AND A HALF HOUR TO REACH THE CRIME SCENE...

REALLY ...

YEAH ...



THERE'S A REPEAT FOR "7 O'CLOCK MORNING SHOW" ON JAPAN TELEVISION AT 9 AM!



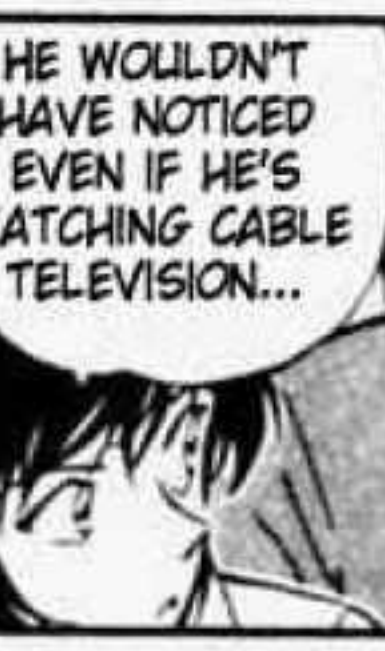
I REMEMBER YOU SAYING THAT THE TWO OF YOU DRANK BEER HERE IN THE LIVING ROOM AND FELL ASLEEP HERE TOO...



YOU KILLED MR NAKAMOTO AT ABOUT 7 AM, WOKE CHIBA UP AT ABOUT 9 AM AND WATCHED "7 O'CLOCK MORNING SHOW" WITH CHIBA. THIS WAY, YOU CREATED A PERFECT ALIBI...



STOP SPECULATING! MAYBE I WAS SLEEPY WHEN I WATCHED TELEVISION. BUT THE TAPES COULD NOT HAVE BEEN FAKED!



HE WOULDN'T HAVE NOTICED EVEN IF HE'S WATCHING CABLE TELEVISION...



IF DRINKING WITH CHIBA IS TO MAKE HIM FALL ASLEEP AND IF HE WAS WOKE UP THIS WAY...



WE WATCHED THAT UNTIL 8 AM, FOLLOWED BY A 6 HOUR TAPE AND WE WATCHED THE BASEBALL MATCH FROM TWO UNTIL YOU'VE ARRIVED. HE'S WITH ME ALL ALONG!

YOU'RE RIGHT ...



IN MY TAPE OF "MORNING", WASN'T THE TIME SHOWED? THE SHOW THAT STARTED IN 9 AM WOULD HAVE A TWO HOUR DELAY BUT IT WASN'T SHOWN IN THE TAPE....



FURTHERMORE, DIDN'T YOU MENTION THE NEWS ABOUT HIDEO AT THE BEGINNING OF "MORNING"?

INSPECTOR CHIBA YOU KNEW VERY WELL THAT THE SHOW STARTS RIGHT AFTER THE WEATHER FORECAST SO YOU WON'T EVEN HAVE TO CHECK THE CLOCK TO KNOW THE TIME...

THAT EVEN IF YOU CANNOT SEE THE TIME, YOU'LL PRESUME THAT THE STICKERS HAD BLOCKED THEM, AND YOUR SUBCONSCIOUSNESS ACCEPTS THAT AND YOU WERE NOT LEFT WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT THE TIME WASN'T THERE...

YOU WERE USED TO THE ENVIRONMENT WITH ALL THE STICKERS AROUND...

I SEE... THE REPEATED BROADCAST COULD NOT HAVE CONTAINED THE LATEST NEWS

IF YOU'RE WATCHING THE SHOW AT 7 AM, THE NEWSCASTER WOULD HAVE GIVEN AN IN-DEPTH REPORT ABOUT THE NEWS IN THE SHOW ITSELF ...

WITH CHIBA'S BATH, IT WILL TAKE SIX AND A HALF HOURS ALTOGETHER!

FURTHERMORE, YOU'RE FORGETTING THAT WE'RE WATCHING SIX HOURS OF TAPE!

THE NEWS WAS SHOWN WHEN HE WENT FOR A BATH...

N... NO...

THERE WASN'T ANY MENTIONING OF THE LATEST NEWS ABOUT HIDEO IN THE ? SHOW, WAS THERE?

SO, WHEN DID YOU START WATCHING THE KAMEN YAIBA TAPE?

SO IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO HAVE COMMITTED THE MURDER...

YOU ARE RIGHT IN THIS SENSE ...

IF WE'VE BEEN WATCHING THE "MORNING" IN 9 TO 10 AM TIMESLOT, IT WOULD'VE BEEN 4.30 PM... THE TELECAST OF THE BASEBALL MATCH FINISHES AT 4PM AND ALL OF YOU ARRIVED BEFORE 4 PM RIGHT?



SO IN OTHER WORDS, THEY'VE WATCH ABOUT TWO HOURS RIGHT?

IT SHOULD BE ABOUT 4.10 PM WHEN WE'VE STARTED THE SEARCH...



NOT YOU, I WAS ASKING THEM!

I TOLD YOU! IT'S 8 AM!



WHAT EPISODE IS THIS!?

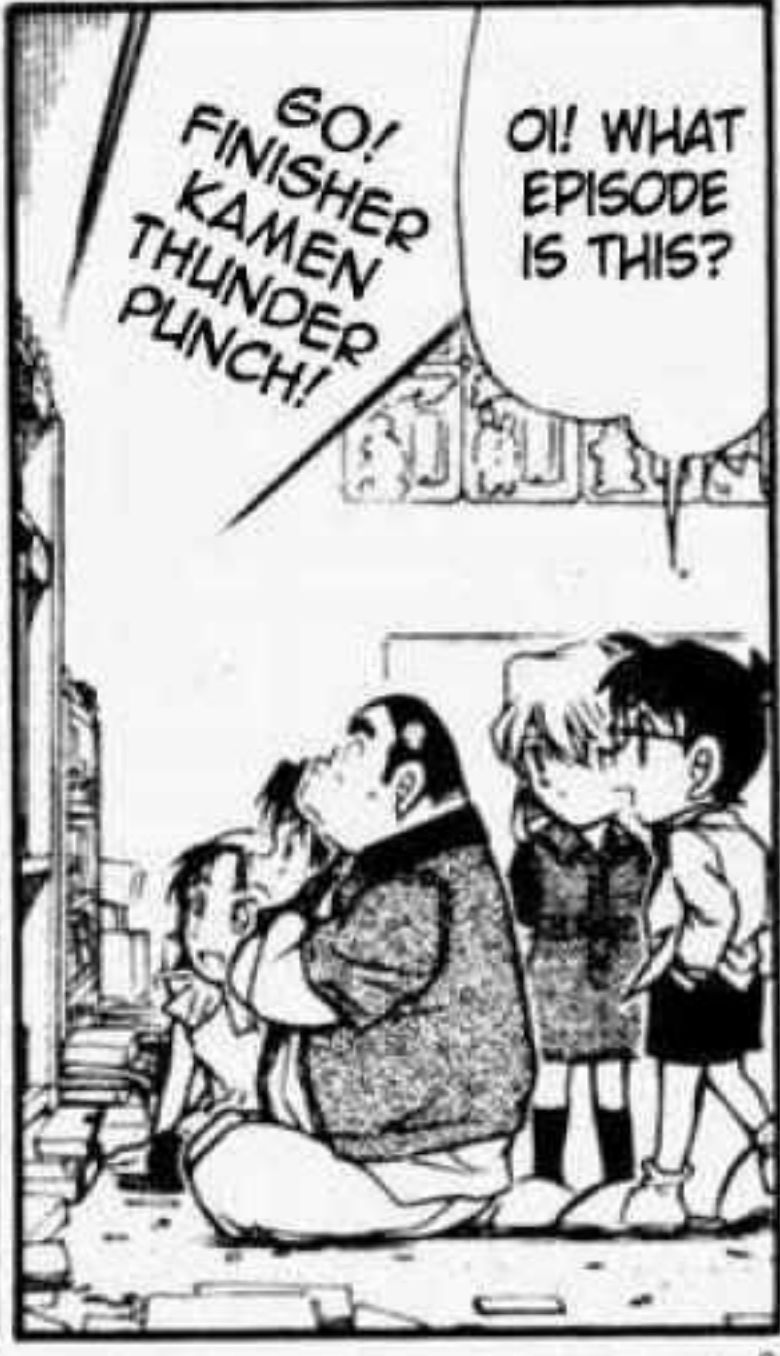
OI! TELL ME!



SO STOP DISTURBING US!

THE MOST EXCITING PART!

THIS IS THE LAST PART OF EPISODE SIX!



GO! FINISHER KAMEN THUNDER PUNCH!

OI! WHAT EPISODE IS THIS?



LET'S GO ON TO THE NEXT EPISODE!



TOMORROW'S ANOTHER DAY! GO! GO! OUR KAMEN YAIBA!

WHAT? A TAPE SHOULD BE 30 MINUTES LONG, 6 EPISODES THAT WOULD'VE BEEN THREE HOURS...

EPISODE SIX?

NOT ONLY THE COMMERCIALS, NOT WANTING TO WAIT, THE OPENING AND ENDING THEME, PREVIEW AND RE-CAP HAD ALL BEEN SKIPPED... THE ACTUAL TIME TO WATCH AN EPISODE IS ABOUT 20 MINUTES...

WANTING TO WATCH THE NEXT EPISODE FASTER, FAST FORWARDING THE COMMERCIALS, THAT WOULD REDUCE THE TIME NEEDED TO WATCH THE TAPE!

OH YEAH! THE COMMERCIALS!

SO WATCHING ALL 12 EPISODES WOULD TAKE ABOUT 240 MINUTES, FOUR HOURS!

Y... YEAH...

YOU DID THAT RIGHT CHIBA?

THIS WAY THE DELAY IN TIME HAD BEEN COVERED FOR, JUST IN TIME TO WATCH THE BASEBALL TELECAST AT 2 PM...

YOU'RE SMART KID...

I SEE... EVEN IF THEY WATCHED THE SHOW FROM THE 9 AM TIME SLOT, WITH THE TWO HOURS OF DELAY, THEY WATCHED THE TAPE AFTER THAT...

YEAH, AND I DIDN'T FEEL ANYTHING WRONG ABOUT IT...


WHEN CHIBA WENT FOR SNACKS AND DRINKS, AND WHEN HE WENT FOR THE TOILET WHILE HE'S WATCHING THE TAPE, DID YOU LOOK AT THE CLOCK?

SO LONG AS YOU STARTED WATCHING THE TELECAST, THE UNACCOUNTED TIME WHEN HE'S WATCHING THE TAPE COULD BE EASILY CONNECTED!

FURTHERMORE. CHIBA WENT FOR A BATH, AND WAS MORE OR LESS CONFUSED ABOUT THE CONCEPT OF TIME...

YOU DID SOMETHING TO IT, DIDN'T YOU?





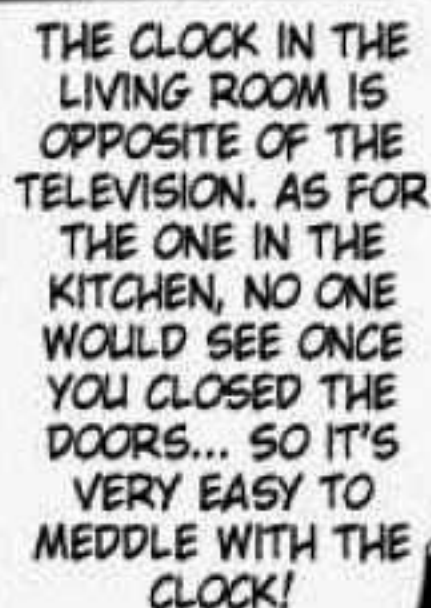
AND THEN CHANGE IT BACK TO NORMAL LATER WHEN CHIBA WAS ENGROSSED WITH THE SHOW, RIGHT?

YOU SET THE CLOCKS TWO HOURS SLOWER WHEN YOU WOKE UP INSPECTOR CHIBA...




FIRST, INSPECTOR CHIBA SLEPT HERE LAST NIGHT, SECOND, THE CLOSET WITH THE CLOTHES IS HERE TOO. THUS, INSPECTOR CHIBA WOULDN'T HAVE WANTED TO GO INTO THE BEDROOMS, SO I THINK THE CLOCKS THERE WERE LEFT UNTOUCHED...

BUT THERE ARE CLOCKS AT THE DOORSTEPS AND IN THE BEDROOMS!



THE CLOCK IN THE LIVING ROOM IS OPPOSITE OF THE TELEVISION. AS FOR THE ONE IN THE KITCHEN, NO ONE WOULD SEE ONCE YOU CLOSED THE DOORS... SO IT'S VERY EASY TO MEDDLE WITH THE CLOCK!

I SEE ...



THE ONE AT THE DOOR MUST NOT BE TOUCHED! IF DELIVERIES THAT SPECIFIES TIME, LIKE EXPRESS MAIL, COMES AND THE DELIVERYMAN FOUND OUT THAT THE TIME IS WRONG, IT WOULD BE BAD!

WHAT ABOUT THE CLOCK AT THE DOOR !?




WHAT ?


KATO ...

ASK INSPECTOR CHIBA HIMSELF ...

OI! KID! WHAT EVIDENCE DO YOU HAVE??



NOW THAT YOU MENTIONED IT, HE'S THE ONE WHO OPENED THE DOOR JUST NOW...



SO I GUESS THAT IT'S AKIRA THAT ANSWERS THE DOOR WHENEVER SOMEONE VISITS!



IF IT ISN'T ME IT COULD ONLY BE YOU KATO...

I WENT TO CHECK THE CLOCK JUST NOW, ONLY THE CLOCK IN THE KITCHEN AND THE LIVING ROOM HAD BEEN RESET...

WHAT?



SO THAT I WON'T OVER-SLEEP...

ALL THE CLOCKS IN THE HOUSE HAD BEEN ADJUSTED TO FIVE MINUTES FASTER...



I BELIEVE THAT ON YOUR TRIP BACK THE EVIDENCE HAVE BEEN...

YOU WANT TO SUSPECT ME THEN GIVE MORE SOLID EVIDENCE THAT I KILLED THE MAN!

THAT'S BULLSHIT! I'M MADE SUSPECT JUST BECAUSE THE CLOCKS SLOWED DOWN, QUIT JOKING!



A BLACK BAG SUNKEN BY HEAVY OBJECT CONTAINING A BLOOD STAINED SHIRT AND A PAIR OF JEANS HAVE JUST BEEN FOUND IN A RIVER BETWEEN HERE AND THE CRIME SCENE...

HUH?

FOUND, FINALLY ...



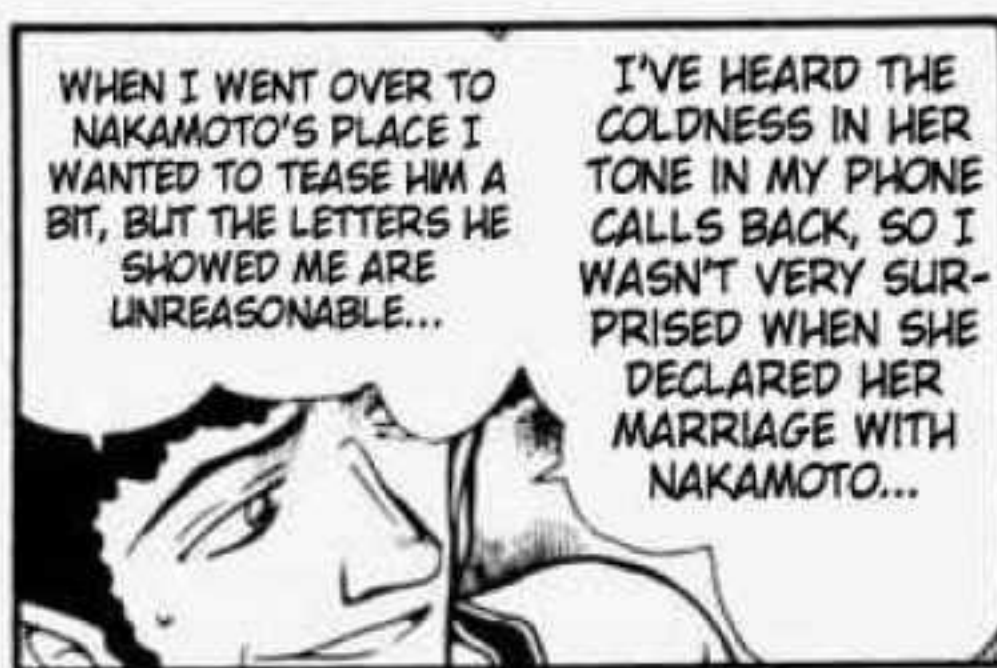
YOU KNOW WHOSE PRINTS THOSE ARE, DON'T YOU?

WE BELIEVE THAT YOU'VE ACCIDENTALLY IMPRINTED THERE WHEN YOU TOOK OFF YOUR SHIRT ...



THERE ALSO SEEMES TO BE A LOT OF STAINED PRINTS ON THE BLACK BAG...

AND INSIDE THE JEANS... A BLOOD STAINED GREY JACKET...





DON'T YOU THINK IT'S WEIRD? WHEN PEOPLE CLEAN THEIR SHOES, THEY WOULD REMOVE THE LACES FIRST RIGHT?

THE KNOTS WERE STILL WET, THE OTHER PARTS WERE AMAZINGLY DRY AND CLEAN...



YEAH ...

ALL THANKS THE SHOES IN HIS SHOE RACK...



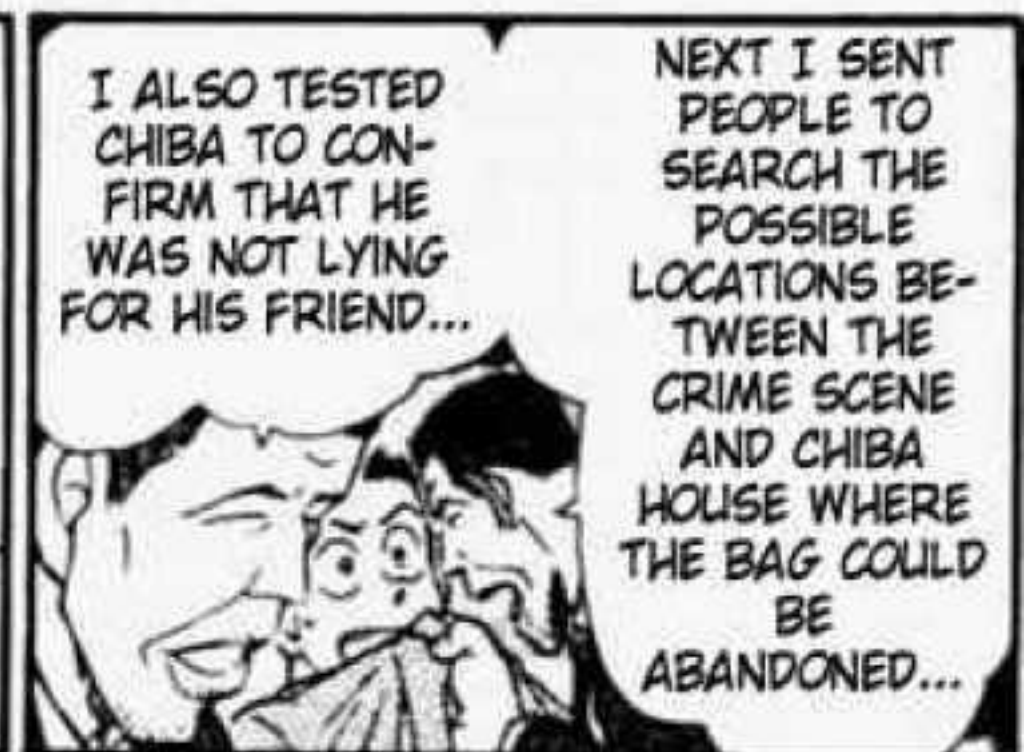
YEP!

YOU'RE SAYING THAT KATO, NOT WANTING TO LET OTHERS KNOW THAT HE WALKED ON MUDDY GROUNDS BEFORE, HE WASHED THE SHOES AND DRIED IT WITH A HAIR DRYER...



SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT YOU'VE SUSPECTED INSPECTOR CHIBA?

IF CHIBA HAD BEEN LYING, THE BAG COULD'VE BEEN FURTHER AWAY...



I ALSO TESTED CHIBA TO CONFIRM THAT HE WAS NOT LYING FOR HIS FRIEND...

NEXT I SENT PEOPLE TO SEARCH THE POSSIBLE LOCATIONS BETWEEN THE CRIME SCENE AND CHIBA HOUSE WHERE THE BAG COULD BE ABANDONED...



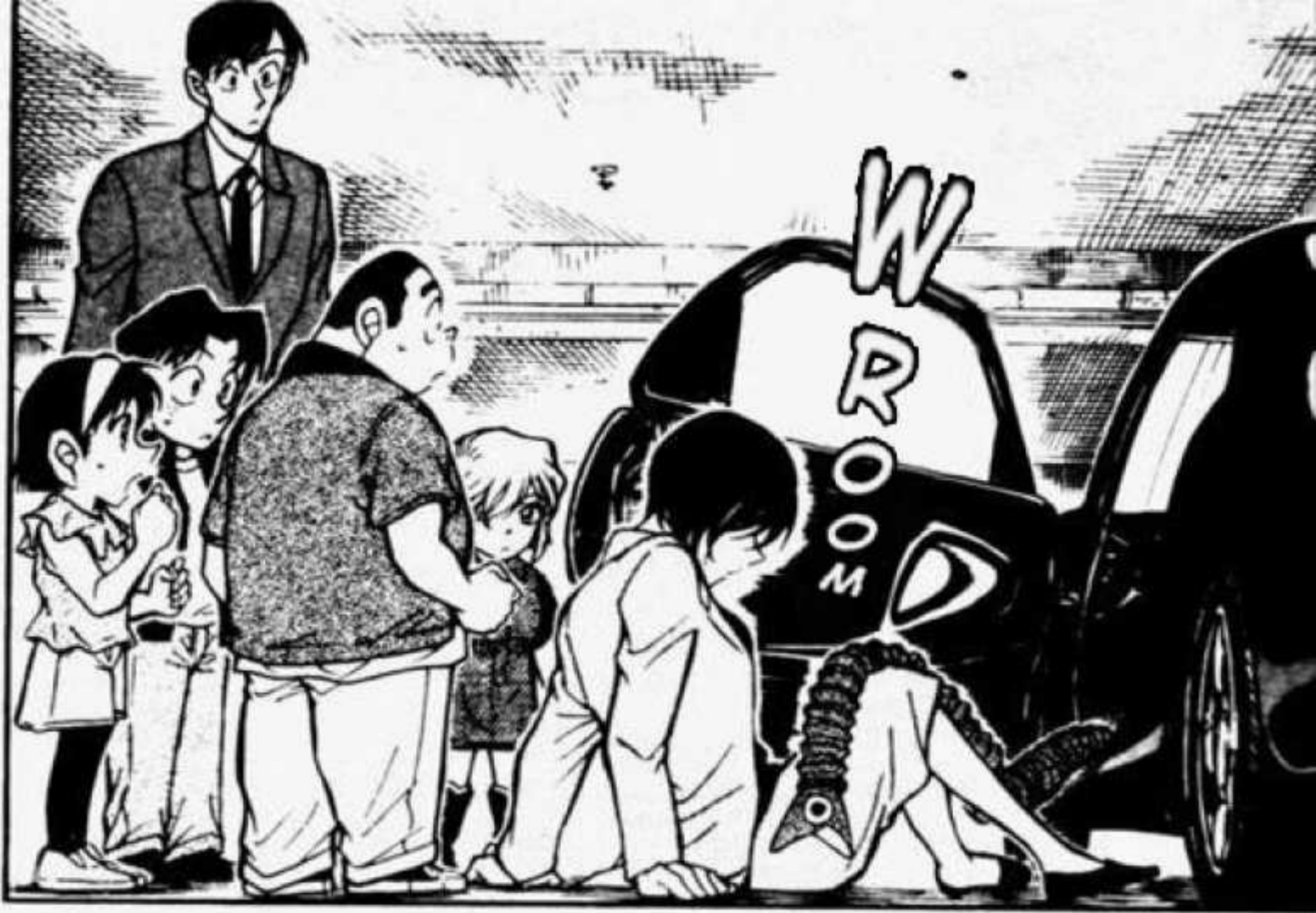
GOOD BYE...



I THINK CHIBA IS FEELING IT RIGHT NOW AS HE SITS OPPOSITE OF THAT MAN IN THE INTERROGATION ROOM...

YES... BEING POLICE IS A LOUSY JOB WHERE YOU HAVE TO SUSPECT EVEN THE NICEST OF PEOPLE...







IT WON'T CHANGE

WHAT?
OF...OF COURSE ..



YOUR HEART WON'T CHANGE, RIGHT?



GRAB



YOU WON'T?
EVEN IF A CUTE POLICEWOMEN OR A BEAUTIFUL ACTRESS BECOMES YOUR BOSS?



L...LET'S ENGAGE ...

BUT BEFORE I LEAVE...

MISS SATO! I WILL GO TO TOTTORI AND BE A GREAT OFFICER!



I... INSPECTOR

HUH?

EH?



WHAT?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

