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A GHOST STORY AT SCHOOL

A GHOST STORY AT YOUR SCHOOL?!

WHAT?

SO I FEEL SO UNEASY.

YEAH! LATELY, GHOST AFFAIRS KEEP HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOL.

SO, PLEASE, DAD!

IF IT'S TWO YEARS AGO, IT'S BEFORE I ENTERED THAT SCHOOL

IT IS SAID TO BE A CURSE OF A STUDENT WHO DIED TWO YEARS AGO BY AN ACCIDENT WHEN HE CAME TO SCHOOL EARLY IN THE MORNING.

MOREOVER, THAT GHOST PHENOMENON HAPPENS ONLY EARLY IN THE MORNING.

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CONAN~!

SAYING THAT A FAMOUS DETECTIVE COULDN'T TAKE SUCH A STUPID CASE...

BUT DAD DIDN'T WANTED TO COME!

HEY, HEY! THE HELP TO THE GHOST INVESTIGATION YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT IS THIS LITTLE BRAT?

HERE, HERE!

TAP TAP TAP

AT LEAST, HE CAN BE DEDUCTION QUEEN SONOKO'S ASSISTANT!

HA HA...

WELL, HE WON'T BE CAPABLE OF THE INVESTIGATION, BUT...

Y-YEAH!

THE ROOM IS A BIT LARGER THAN YOUR PRIMARY SCHOOL'S, ISN'T IT?

HERE ARE SHOE CASES!

YUP! HE'S VERY CUTE, ISN'T HE?

IS HE THAT FAMOUS BOY CALLED CONAN?

HUH? RAN, WHO IS THAT KID?

UH OH! THAT TALKATIVE TASHIRO AND HIDAKA COMBI...

I'LL PUT YOUR SHOES IN MY SHOE CASE, TOO!

OF COURSE I KNOW THAT! I'VE STUDIED HERE FOR MORE THAN A YEAR...

GIMME A BREAK...

HEY KID, DON'T GO CRAZY ABOUT DETECTIVE THING WHEN YOU GROW UP!

YOU'RE RIGHT! LOOK AT THIS SAUCY FACE THAT RESEMBLES SHINICHI'S MINI-VERSION!

AH! AIZAWA AND NAKAMICHI OF THE FOOTBALL CLUB!

ARE YOU SERIOUS?

ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THE INVESTIGATION FOR THE GHOST STORY?

THOUGH HE'S A LITTLE KID, HE'S VERY HELPFUL FOR THE INVESTIGATION...

HE'S OUR ASSISTANT

BUT, WHY DID YOU BRING HIM HERE?

IT WAS VERY CLOSE!!

NOPE, WE PASSED IT NARROWLY!

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BY THE WAY, DON'T YOU GUYS HAVE TO TAKE ADDITIONAL EXAMS?

WILL YOU STOP IT? IT WILL BRING US BAD LUCK

YOU'LL BE CURSED!

JUST LEAVE IT AS IT IS!

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JUST TAKE IT EASY!

IF YOU FIND OUT THE GHOST'S IDENTITY, YOU HAVE TO TELL US!

O-OKAY...

OF COURSE WE WILL!

HUH? WHAT'S WRONG, CONAN?

AH, NO...

IT'S NO-THING...

YEAH... ACTUALLY, I ALSO SHOULD BE STUDYING ON MY OWN AND HAVING A CHAT WITH MY FRIENDS AT THIS SCHOOL...

I SHOULD BE LIVING A NORMAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT'S LIFE...

GIN AND VODKA... BECAUSE OF THOSE GUYS OF THE BLACK ORGANIZATION...

IF I ONLY HADN'T BEEN REDUCED TO THIS SMALL BODY BY THAT DRUG...

DAMN IT...! TO REGAIN MY NORMAL BODY... TO REGAIN KUDO SHINICHI'S LIFE...

I SHOULD FIND OUT THEIR LOCATION AND GET THAT DRUG IN ORDER TO MAKE AN ANTIDOTE...

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THEIR PARTNER WHO HAS DISGUISED HERSELF AS DR ARAIDE... THAT WOMAN, VERMOUTH!

BUT I LOST THE TRACE AT THE LAST MOMENT.

SHE'S A MASTER OF DISGUISE, EQUAL TO KAITO KID

ANYWAY, SHE'S A WITCH WITH THOUSANDS OF FACES.

AT THAT TIME, SHE SAID SHE WOULD GIVE UP HAIBARA, BUT CAN I REALLY TRUST HER WORDS?

SURE, SHE WAS SENT TO KILL HAIBARA WHO HAD BETRAYED THE BLACK ORGANIZATION.

AND MAY BE UP TO SOMETHING, HIDDEN SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE...

WHO KNOWS? SHE COULD BE DISGUISED AS SOMEONE ELSE AGAIN...

WHAT ?!

HUH?!

NO... I'VE CHANGED MY MIND. AND I WAS ALSO WORRIED ABOUT THE PATIENTS...

EH? I HEARD YOU WENT TO AOMORI HOSPITAL AFTER THE TRIAL...

OH, DR ARAIDE ?!

YEAH, TODAY I'M HERE TO INFORM THE SCHOO...

THEN YOU'LL CONTINUE BEING OUR SCHOOL'S DOCTOR LIKE BEFORE?

AND DIDN'T WANT TO PART FROM YOU ALL...

GRAB

OH MY GOD! CONAN!

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WHAT ARE YOU DOING? BEING SO RUDE, CONAN!

AH, IT'S ALRI-GHT!

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T-THIS TIME HE'S REAL?

I HEARD IT ALL FROM JODIE, THE AGENT OF FBI.

SHE SAID SOME VILLAIN HAD TRIED TO DO SOMETHING BAD, DISGUISED AS ME, RIGHT?

EH?

SO, MEANWHILE WE LIVED IN AMERICA, BUT HIKARU AND MY GRANDMA COULDN'T ADAPT THEMSELVES TO THE FOREIGN ENVIRONMENT, SO...

WHEN WE HEARD THAT VILLAIN HAD ESCAPED AFTER BEING REVEALED... WE SAID THAT WE WANTED TO RETURN TO OUR COUNTRY!

FROM NOW ON, THAT PERSON WON'T BE ABLE TO DISGUISE AS ME, AND ALSO, THERE'S ALREADY ANOTHER DOCTOR IN MY POST IN AOMORI HOSPITAL.

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HUH?

AH, THAT'S A GOOD IDEA!

LET'S ASK HELP TO DR ARAIDE, TOO, ABOUT THAT GHOST INVESTIGATION!

AH RIGHT!

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SHE TOLD ME TO TELL ONLY YOU ABOUT IT SINCE YOU WOULD SURELY BE SURPRISED.

BUT WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT STORY?

BLA BLA

THE SPORTS WAREHOUSE...

FIRST OF ALL, WE'LL START FROM HERE...

HEARD IT...

ONE RAINY DAY, EARLY IN THE MORNING, A GIRL OF THE GYM CLUB WHO HAD BEEN HERE TO PREPARE FOR THE MORNING PRACTICE...

AND THE ONLY THING LEFT WAS THIS DESK...

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THAT GIRL, STRUCK WITH HORROR, RAN AWAY IMMEDIATELY, AND WHEN SHE CAME BACK WITH A PROFESSOR, THERE WAS NO SOBBING SOUND...

A SCARY SOUND OF SOMEONE SOBBING!

FROM THE INSIDE OF THE WAREHOUSE, WHERE THERE WAS NO ONE, COULD BE HEARD OUTSIDE...

IT WASN'T A MYSTERIOUS DEATH...!

WHAT ?

WHO DIED MYSTERIOUSLY IN OUR SCHOOL TWO YEARS AGO!

IT WAS THE DESK OF A BOY CALLED HOSAKA HIDEAKI...

BUT WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? KARATE CLUB IS TAKING A REST TODAY.

OH, RAN, IT'S YOU...

HUH? KAZUMI...

HOSAKA ONLY GOT HIS HEAD KNOCKED WHEN HE FELL OFF THE STAIRS, TAKING A FALSE STEP!

STOP SPREADING A STRANGE RUMOUR!

Tsukamoto Kazumi (18) Karate Club

WE'RE INVESTIGATING THAT GHOST STORY...

BE- CAUSE OF THAT SOBBING SOUND?

AH...THE FORMER CAPTAIN OF THE KARATE CLUB IN THE THIRD YEAR...

LOOK! THAT WINDOW'S LOCK DOESN'T WORK, SO THEY SAID IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE SOUND OF WIND COMING THROUGH IT...

BUT THE OTHERS WERE SAYING THAT IT MIGHT BE THE TRICK OF WIND!

R-RE-ALLY?

AS OTHERS WERE FUSSING ABOUT IT SO MUCH, I TOLD THEM... AND I WAS IN THE SAME CLASS WITH HIM.

BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW...? THAT THIS WAS THAT BOY'S DESK...
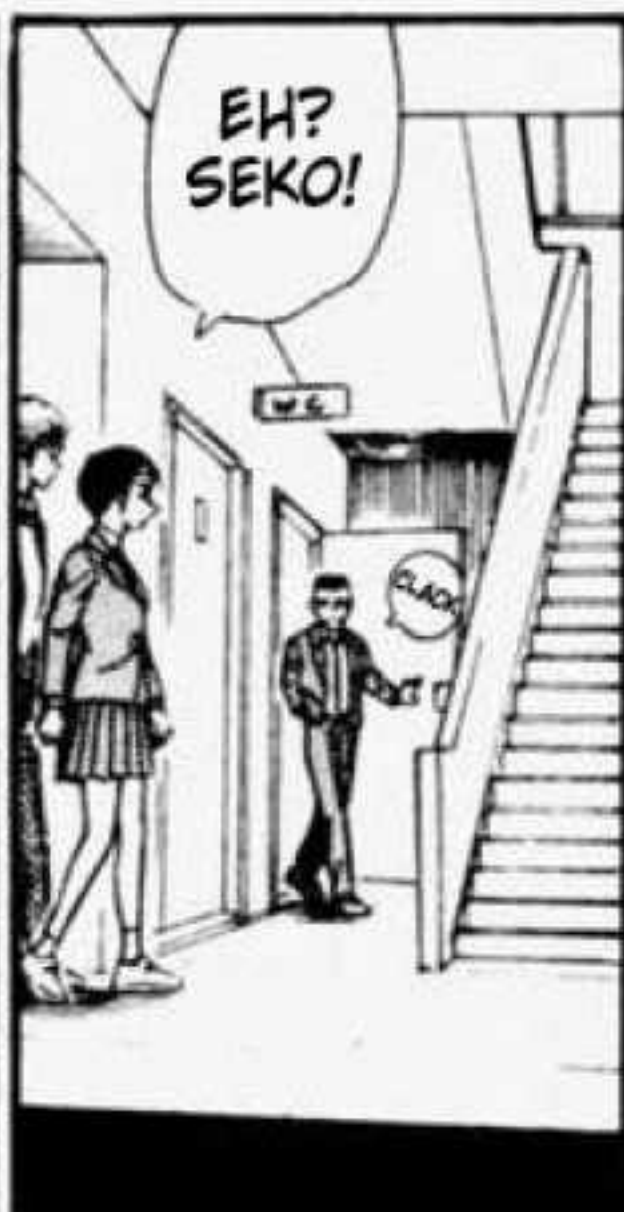
ME NEI-THER

OH NO, WHAT SHALL I DO? I DIDN'T BRING MY UMBRELLA.

IT'S RAI-NING.

AH ...

ANYWAY, WHY IS HIS DESK AT SUCH PLACE...?

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SURE!

T-THEN SHALL WE GO THERE?

I WAS ON MY WAY TO THE LIBRARY, SO...

EH?

IN THE LIBRARY OF RESENTMENT...

THEN SHALL WE WAIT UNTIL THE RAIN STOPS?

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A SIGN?

WHAT IS THIS...?

DON'T WORRY! THE WEATHER FORECAST SAID IT WOULD BE JUST A SHOWER.

WHEN IS IT GOING TO STOP...?

UAAH, IT'S POURING NOW!

SHHI

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AHH...

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU!

EH? SEKO!

RE-RE-ALLY?

YOU STILL HAVE THAT LOOK OF AN ANGEL, DR ARAIDE...

BUT, TO HELP THE STUDENTS WITH THEIR GHOST INVESTIGATION,

AH, IT'S NOTHING SPECIAL. I'LL TELL YOU LATER.

YES, ANYWAY WHY HAVE YOU BEEN LOOKING FOR ME? TSUKAMOTO...

ARE YOU OK NOW?

I HAD A STOMACHACHE, SO I'VE SKIPPED THE AFTERNOON LESSONS AND STAYED IN BED IN THE NURSE ROOM.

Seko Kunisige (18) Ping-pong club

NO, HE WAS IN THE OTHER CLASS! BUT HE WAS HOSAKA'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND.

WAS THAT PERSON IN THE SAME CLASS WITH HOSAKA, TOO?

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BEFORE OUR CAUTIOUS DR ARAIDE TAKES ME TO THE HOSPITAL...

THEN I'LL GO HOME AFTER HAVING A REST A BIT MORE.

AND I'LL BE TAKING AN EXAMI-NATION FOR THE UNIVERSITY NEXT YEAR.

HEY, ISN'T IT TOO MUCH? I DO READ BOOKS!

BUT IT'S VERY ODD FOR YOU TO GO TO THE LIBRARY, WHO LIKES SPORT!

CLACK

LIBRARY

AHA...

I'D LIKE TO HELP THE GHOST INVESTI-GATION!

MOREOVER, TOGETHER WITH YOU GUYS...

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DOESN'T IT LOOK LIKE HOSAKA'S RESENTMENT WHO COULDN'T RETURN THE BOOKS AFTER READING THEM?!

AND IT'S BEEN FOUR DAYS CONTINUOUSLY, FOUR DAYS!

YES, AND MOREOVER, ONLY THE BOOKS THAT WERE BORROWED BY HOSAKA BEFORE...

THE BOOKS WERE SCATTERED AROUND WHEN SOMEONE CAME HERE IN THE MORNING ...?

BUT IF THE BOOKS WERE SCATTERED AROUND, THEN THE LIBRARIAN MUST HAVE NOTICED IT ...

SHHHHHH

AH, YES...

AT THAT TIME, RAN, YOU SHOULD HELP ME, TOO!

TODAY, WE MUST FIND OUT AND BEAT THAT BASTARD TO A MUMMY...!

MAYBE IT WAS SOMEONE'S PRANK WHO TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THIS GHOST STORY.

THEY SAID ALL OF THOSE FOUR BOOKS WERE UNDER THE DESKS OR HIDDEN IN THE BOOKSHELVES.

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YE...YEAH. AND ALSO, THAT BOY CALLED HOSAKA DIED FALLING OFF THESE STAIRS.

SOME...SOMEONE SURELY SAID THAT THE FLOOR BENEATH THE STAIRS WAS SOAKED INTO WATER WHEN HE CAME IN THE MORNING, RIGHT?

LASTLY, THESE CURSED STAIRS ...

OK, THEN ...

WE ALWAYS CHECK THE WINDOWS PRO-PERLY! AND THIS ISN'T THE ONLY PROBLEM! THEY SAY THE NUMBER OF THESE STAIRS CHANGE EACH TIME THEY COUNT IT.

DO YOU THINK WE ARE SOME STUPID LITTLE BRATS?

MAYBE IT RAINED THE DAY BEFORE AND THE WINDOW WASN'T CLOSED PROPERLY?!

I'M SURE THAT HOSAKA'S CURSED TEARS ....

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O-OKAY! WITH PLEASURE !!

WHAT ?

THEN WHY DON'T YOU TWO COUNT THE NUMBER NOW?

OH MY GOD! REALLY ?!

HOEEE! FOR ME, THERE ARE 13 STAIRS!

FOR ME, THERE ARE 12...

RA-RAN, HOW MANY ARE THERE?

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HEY HEY, ARE YOU EVEN THINKING OF SOLVING THIS GHOST MYSTERY?

OH YEAH? THEN LET'S COUNT THE NUMBER AGAIN PROPERLY!

SHE COUNTED ONE MORE! BECAUSE SHE WAS TOO SCARED...

I'M SURE WHEN SONOKO PUT HER BOTH FEET TOGE-THER AT THE TOP STAIR,

THE TRUE ANS-WER IS 12!

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EH...
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W-WE ARE SORRY...

HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO CONCENTRATE TO MY PAINTINGS WITH THESE NOISES?!

HEY, YOU GUYS! CAN'T YOU KEEP QUIET PLEASE?!

Monobe Masao (18) Art Club

WOW! I THINK IT STOPPED RAINING...

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HUH? THAT STUDENT JUST NOW...

AS YOU SAID, CONAN, I THINK IT'S JUST A RUMOUR AND I FEEL COURAGEOUS AGAIN...

O-OKAY...

THEN SHALL WE JUST RETURN HOME TODAY?

IT'S GETTING DARK OUTSI...

AND...

HUH?

WHAT... WHAT IS THAT ...?

ON...ON THE CAMPUS...

THE DESK AND THE CHAIR...!

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IT...IT CAN'T BE THE DESK WE'VE SEEN JUST BEFORE, RIGHT?!

THERE'S SOME-THING ON THE DESK!

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THE PAPER ISN'T WET, SO IT SEEMS THE DESK WAS MOVED AFTER THE RAIN STOPPED.

WHO COULD HAVE DONE SUCH A PRANK?

ISN'T GONE YET...

MY RE-SENT-MENT...

MY RESENTMENT ISN'T GONE YET.

SOME-THING THAT MUST BE HERE IS MIS-SING..

THE GROUND IS ALL MUDDY BECAUSE OF THE RAIN, BUT...

EH?

THEN IT'S REALLY ODD.

SOME-THING THAT WAS MADE WHEN THE DESK GOT MOVED...

THE CULPRIT'S FOOT-PRINTS...!