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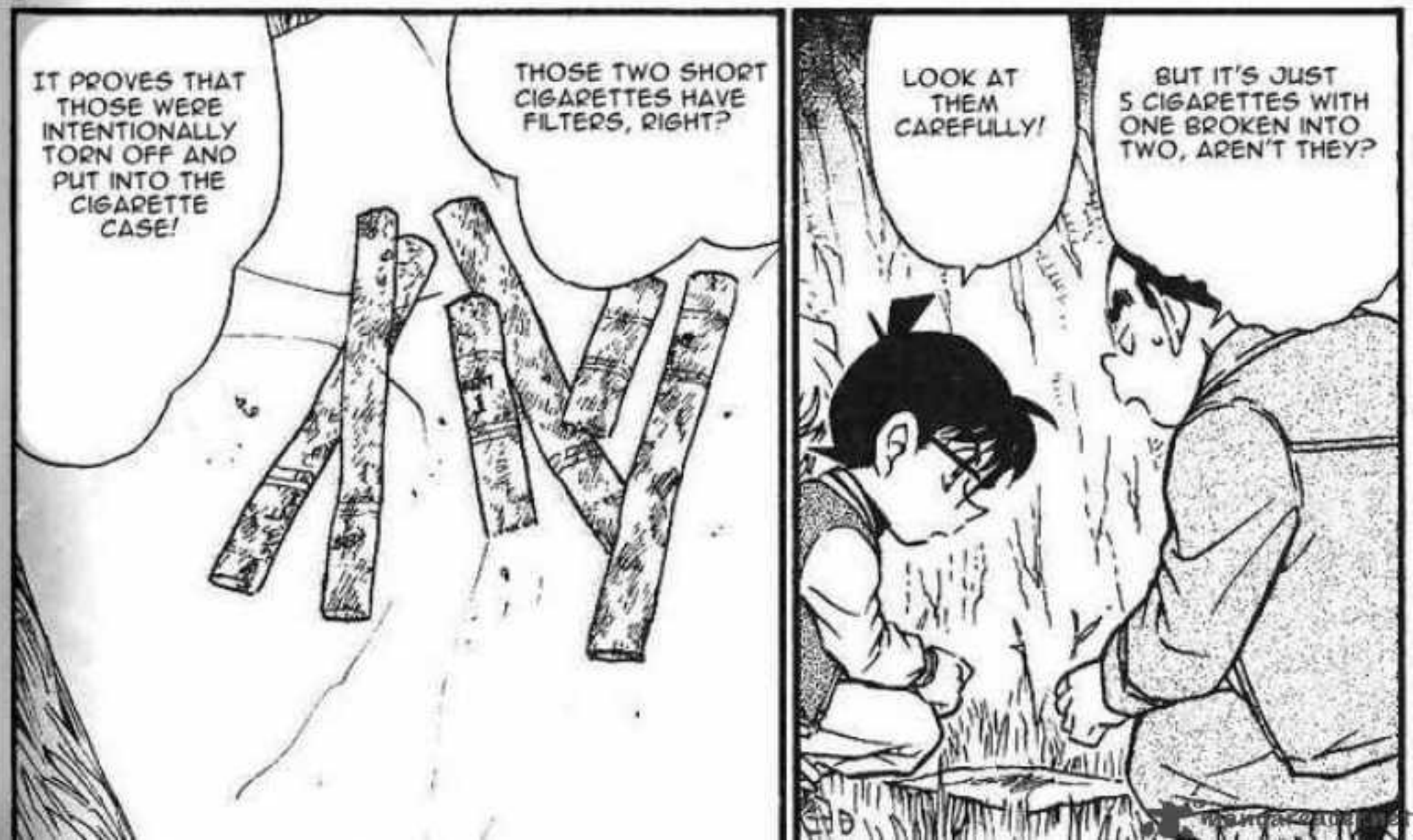
DYING MESSAGE?!

DYING...



YEAH, MAYBE THAT GUY CALLED KOUNO ASAO LEFT THEM AS A CLUE FOR FINDING THE MURDERER BEFORE HE DIED...

YOU MEAN THESE CIGARETTES?



IT PROVES THAT THOSE WERE INTENTIONALLY TORN OFF AND PUT INTO THE CIGARETTE CASE!

THOSE TWO SHORT CIGARETTES HAVE FILTERS, RIGHT?

LOOK AT THEM CAREFULLY!

BUT IT'S JUST 5 CIGARETTES WITH ONE BROKEN INTO TWO, AREN'T THEY?



SENT A MESSAGE HOPING SOMEONE WOULD SEE ONLY THOSE 4 LONG CIGARETTES AND 2 SHORTER ONES IN THE CIGARETTE CASE!

IN OTHER WORDS, MR.KOUNO WHO LEFT THESE...



YOU CAN SEE THE REST OF THE CIGARETTES AND THE OTHER HALVES OF THE TORN ONES THAT WERE THROWN AWAY, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THEY'RE QUITE CORRODED!

BESIDES, IF YOU LOOK CAREFULLY UNDER THE ROCK WHERE THE CIGARETTE CASE WAS HIDDEN...



A-ANYWAY, LET'S TELL THE PEOPLE BACK AT THE INN...

I SEE ....

WAIT, PROFESSOR!



THOSE GUESTS AT THE INN WERE CALLED HERE BY INVITATION FROM MR.KOUNO!

DON'T YOU GET IT?



WHAT? WHY?

BEFORE THAT, CALL THE POLICE!

YOU MUST NOT INFORM THE INN ABOUT THIS!



IF THESE BONES WERE NOT SCATTERED BY WIND OR ANIMALS, BUT PUT HERE AND THERE ARTIFICIALLY, THEN IT MEANS...

YEAH ...



BESIDES THOSE GUESTS ARE THE SAME PEOPLE WHO STAYED HERE WHEN MR. KOUNO DISAPPEARED FROM THE INN A YEAR AGO, RIGHT?

IF THESE BONES REALLY BELONG TO MR. KOUNO, THEN THE ONE WHO CALLED THEM HERE MUST BE A THIRD PERSON, RIGHT?



HE MIGHT BE PLANNING SOMETHING UNPLEASANT!

THE SENDER OF THE INVITATION WANTS SOMEONE TO DISCOVER MR. KOUNO'S BONES, AND...



NO, SOMEONE MIGHT BE PRETENDING HE WAS CALLED HERE WITH A CARD ADDRESSED TO HIMSELF AS WELL!

IT MUST BE HIM! ONLY HE DIDN'T RECEIVE THE INVITATION CARD!



M-MIGHT IT BE THE INN OWNER, MR. AMACHUCHI WHO CALLED THE PEOPLE HERE?

I'M NOT SURE...

U-UNPLEASANT? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

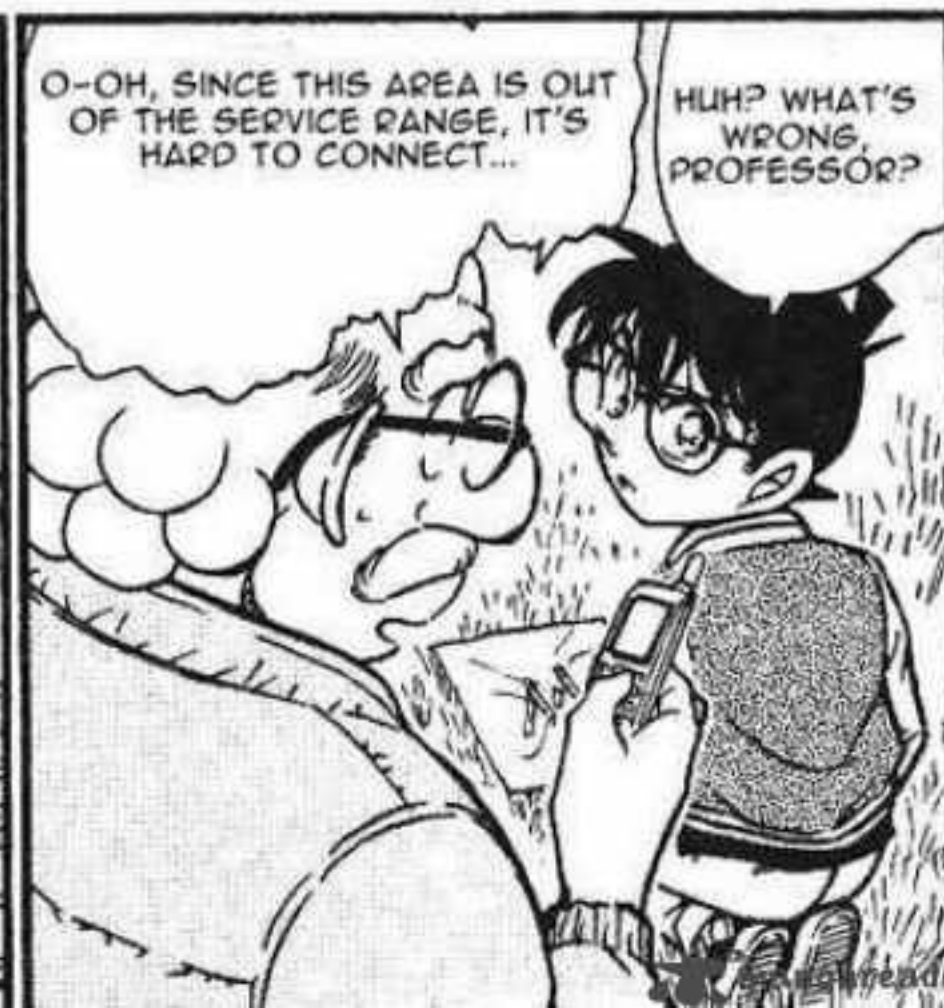


ANYWAY, PLEASE HURRY AND CALL THE POLICE HERE!

YEAH, SINCE THE OWNER IS ALWAYS IN THE INN, THERE'S NO NEED TO INVITE HIM...



OKAY THEN, LET'S GO BACK TO THE INN AND CALL THE POLICE SECRETLY...



O-OH, SINCE THIS AREA IS OUT OF THE SERVICE RANGE, IT'S HARD TO CONNECT...

HUH? WHAT'S WRONG, PROFESSOR?





YOU'VE  
FOUND  
ASAO'S  
BONES  
IN THE  
FOREST?!

WHAT?!

THE  
COUPLE  
RING WITH  
THE  
CARVED  
INITIAL!

NONOMIYA  
ETSUKO (28)  
LODGER

MISS.  
NONOMIYA  
ETSUKO,  
THE THING  
THAT YOU  
GAVE HIM...

NO, IT WAS  
THERE NEAR  
THE BONES...

B-BUT DIDN'T YOU SAY  
THERE WERE ONLY  
BONES? HOW DO YOU  
KNOW IF IT'S ASAO  
OR NOT?

HO- IT'S  
REALLY LIKE A  
DETECTIVE  
STORY...

MIKAMI  
HEIHACHI (43)  
LODGER

TO MAKE IT LOOK  
LIKE HE'S DEAD!

BUT IT MIGHT BE  
POSSIBLE THAT  
GUY CALLED  
KOUNO ASAO  
KILLED SOMEONE  
AND LEFT THE  
RING THERE ON  
PURPOSE!

FUTAGAWA  
HAJIME (35)  
LODGER

AN UPPER  
MOLAR  
TOOTH ON THE  
RIGHT?

THE SECOND UPPER  
TOOTH FROM THE  
RIGHT END...

EXCUSE ME,  
BUT DIDN'T  
MR. KOUNO  
HAVE A  
DECAYED  
TOOTH?

BUT THE PLACE  
WHERE THE RING  
WAS...



W-WAIT, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

YEAH, RIGHT...

SO IT REALLY IS...

OH MY GOD-!!



CERTAINLY HE DID HAVE A DECAYED TOOTH, BUT IT WAS A FRONT ONE IN THE LOWER PART!

AHAHAHA... THEN THAT SKELETON DOESN'T BELONG TO ASAO!



IN OTHER WORDS, A FRONT TOOTH IN THE LOWER PART WAS THE DECAYED ONE AS YOU'VE SAID!

AMONG THE BONES WE DISCOVERED, IT WAS THE MIDDLE TOOTH ON THE LOWER JAW-BONE THAT HAD A TRACE OF MEDICAL TREATMENT...



MY ASAO IS...

THEN ASAO...



T-THEN ....

I'M SORRY...

HE INTENTIONALLY SAID THE OTHER TOOTH WAS THE DECAYED ONE TO TEST IF YOU WOULD LIE!



HEY, THAT PHONE...

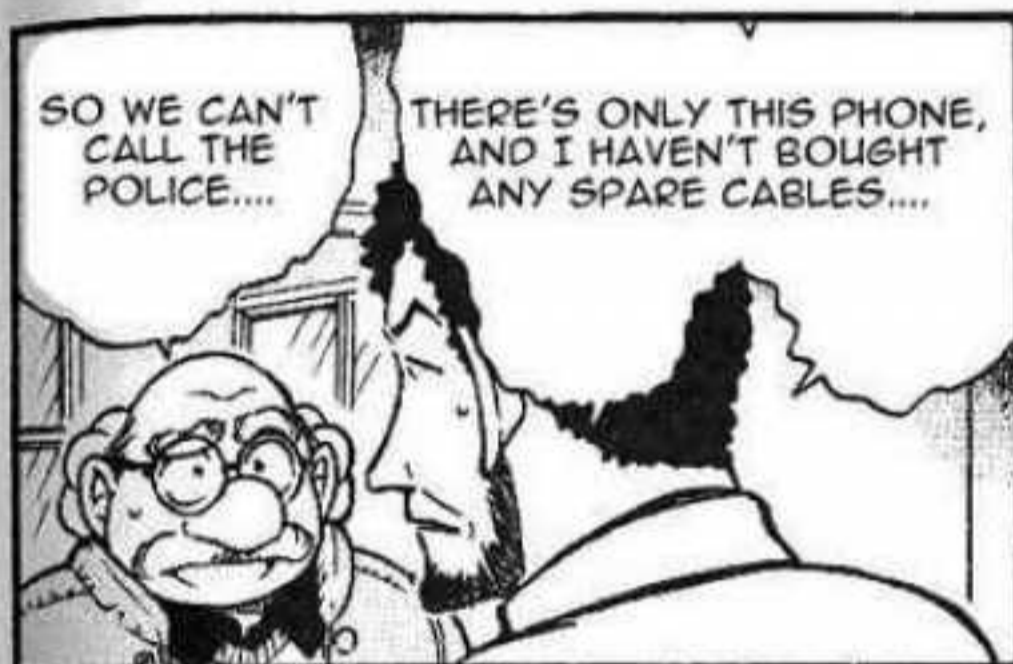
THERE'S SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH THIS PHONE...



B-BUT...

A-ANYWAY, LET'S CONTACT THE POLICE QUICKLY...

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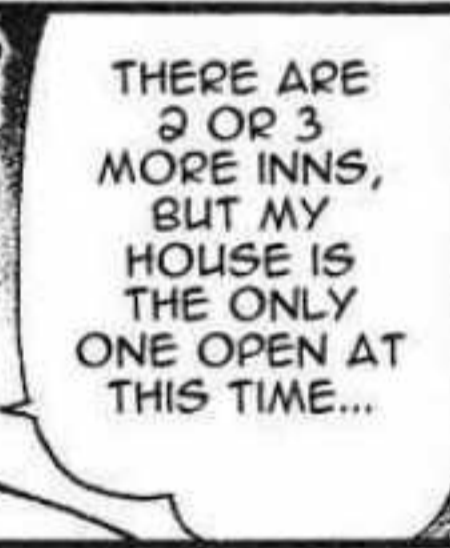
REMAIN HERE...!



IN ORDER TO MAKE ALL OF US...



ALSO THE VILLAS ARE USED ONLY DURING THE SUMMER, SO THERE'S NO ONE THERE NOW...



THERE ARE 2 OR 3 MORE INNS, BUT MY HOUSE IS THE ONLY ONE OPEN AT THIS TIME...



H-HEY! ISN'T THERE ANY OTHER INN OR A HOUSE NEAR HERE?

THAT... THAT'S NONSENSE!



HMM... SO THERE'S NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO WAIT HERE UNTIL THE MORNING...



AND IT MIGHT BE DANGEROUS TO WALK ALONG THE MOUNTAIN ROAD AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT...



THERE'S A BUS STOP 30 KM AWAY FROM HERE, BUT THE LAST BUS MUST'VE LEFT BY NOW...



COME TO THINK OF IT, WHEN I SAW THE SKELETON, YOU GUYS WERE LOOKING AT SOMETHING, RIGHT?



BECAUSE THIS IS A MUR...

YEAH, RIGHT!

THAT MUST BE IT!



CAN IT BE THAT THIS IS RELATED TO THAT GUY CALLED KOUNO?!

B-BUT WHY IS SOMEONE DOING THESE THINGS...



4 LONG  
CIGARETTES  
AND 2  
SHORTER  
ONES...

ON THE  
HANDKERCHIEF  
WERE...



SUCH THING  
CANNOT BE  
A DYING  
MESSAGE...

NO,  
IT'S  
NOT...



HEY! CAN IT BE  
A DYING  
MESSAGE OF  
THAT GUY,  
KOLINO?

WELL,  
I'M  
NOT  
SURE...



HE'S JUST  
TWISTED,  
THAT'S ALL...  
ASAO CANNOT BE  
DEAD...

I'M SURE  
ASAO IS  
TRYING TO  
FOOL ME BY  
PRETENDING  
TO BE  
DEAD...

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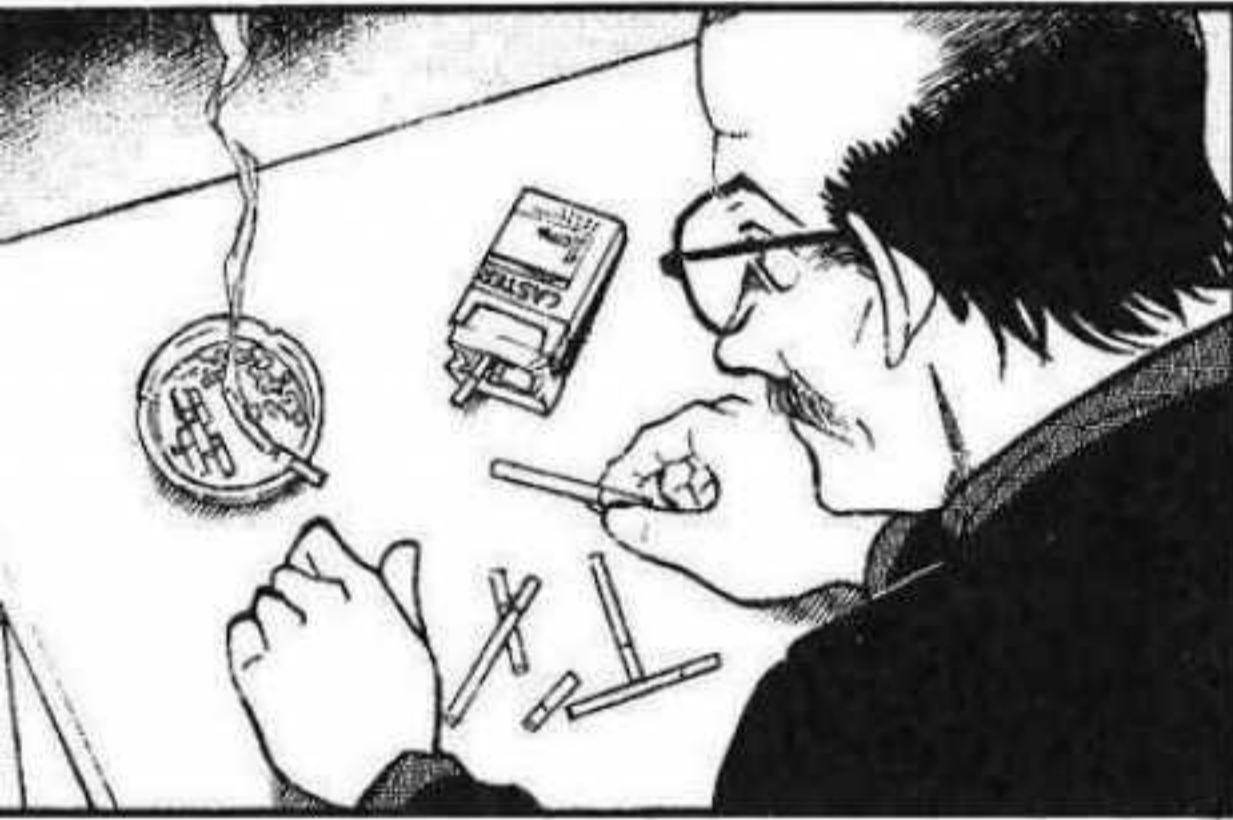
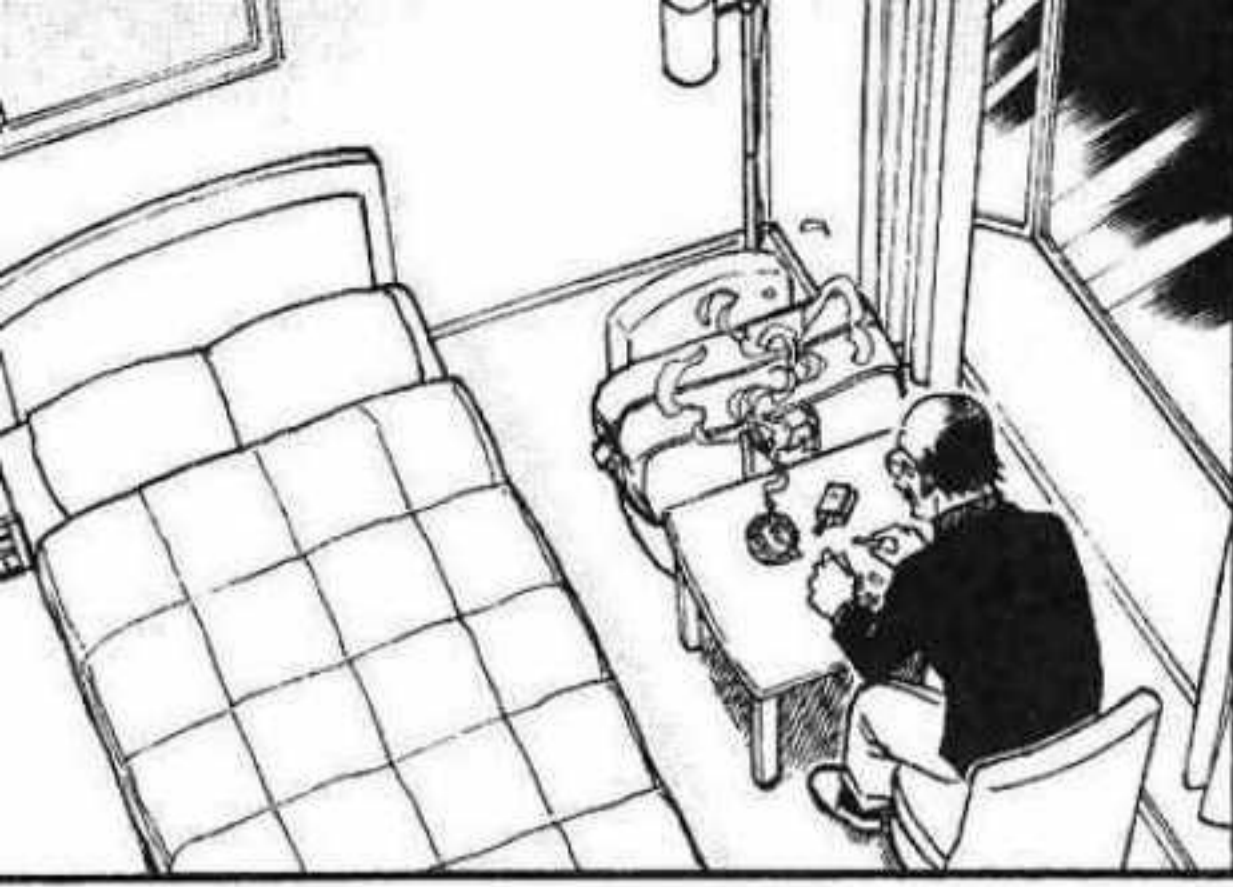
ALL  
RIGHT  
...

ANYWAY, TONIGHT I THINK  
IT'D BE BETTER FOR US  
TO STAY STILL IN OUR  
ROOMS UNTIL DAWN...



LHHLHHLH...

LHHLHHLH,  
SUCH A  
JOKESTER...





IF IT'S MR. FUTAGAWA, ONE IS LEFT OVER, AND IF IT'S MR. AMACHUCHI, WE LACK ONE CIGARETTE... FOR MISS. NONOMIYA OR MR. MIKAMI, THEIR NAMES HAVE SO MANY STROKES THAT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE WITH ONLY 6 CIGARETTES

THERE ARE 4 LONG CIGARETTES AND 2 SHORTER ONES, IN ALL 6 CIGARETTES!



NO MATTER WHAT WE TRY, THIS DYING MESSAGE DOESN'T MATCH WITH THE PEOPLE STAYING HERE, RIGHT?

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\*REFERS TO CHINESE CHARACTERS



IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! IF IT WERE LIKE THAT, WE'D NEED 26 CIGARETTES FOR MR. FUTAGAWA, 28 FOR MR. AMACHUCHI, 27 FOR MISS. NONOMIYA, OR 20 FOR MR. MIKAMI...

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アマツチ  
ノミヤ  
ミカミ

MAYBE HE MEANT THE WHOLE SURNAME?



I SAID IT WAS AN EXAMPLE!

T-THEN YOU ARE THE CULPRIT?!



FOR EXAMPLE, IF IT'S HAIBARA AI, H-A NEEDS 6 STROKES, SO IT MATCHES PERFECTLY WITH 4 LONG CIGARETTES AND 2 SHORTER ONES!

THEN HOW ABOUT THE INITIALS?



HEY

HEE - THAT'S JUST AN ACCIDENT



I'M AGASA HIROSHI, SO AH HAS 6 STROKES, TOO!

IT'S REALLY ROMANTIC THAT ONLY THREE OF US HAVE 6 STROKES!



WAIT A MINUTE, KOJIMA GENTA HAS...

YOU'RE RIGHT...

WOW, TM OF TSUBURIYA MITSUHIKO AND YA OF YOSHITA AYUMI HAVE 6 STROKES, TOO!





AH...!

SO IT HASN'T BEEN LONG SINCE HE WENT OUT....

THE CIGARETTE FILTER IS STILL WET...



EHP? MR. FUTAGAWA ISN'T HERE...



T-THAT'S...

THERE'S SOMEONE OUT THERE...



MISS NONOMIYA?!



O-O-KAY!

PROFESSOR, PLEASE LOOK FOR THE OTHER THREE PEOPLE TOGETHER WITH HAIBARA AND GENTA!

FIRST, MITSUHIKO, AYUMI AND I WILL BRING BACK MISS NONOMIYA!

DAMN IT! IN SPITE OF OUR REPEATED WARNING NOT TO GO OUTSIDE!

O-OH NO! NOT ONLY IS MR. FUTAGAWA GONE, BUT MR. MIKAMI AND MR. AMACHUCHI AREN'T HERE AS WELL!

MISS  
NONOMIYA-!

WHERE  
ARE YOU-?!

MISS  
NONOMIYA-!



I-IT  
CAN'T BE...

T-THEN MAYBE, TO CONFIRM  
WHETHER IT'S REALLY  
MR. KOUNO'S SKELETON...

H-HEY, THIS PATH,  
IT LEADS TO WHERE  
WE FOUND THE  
SKELETON, RIGHT?

NOW WHAT DO  
WE DO? WE'VE  
LOST TRACK  
OF HER!



W-WHAT  
WAS THAT  
SOUND  
JUST  
NOW?!





HE'S DEAD  
....

NOTHING TO DO, HIS NECK IS BROKEN...

MR. FLUTAGAWA?!

MR...

WHAT?!



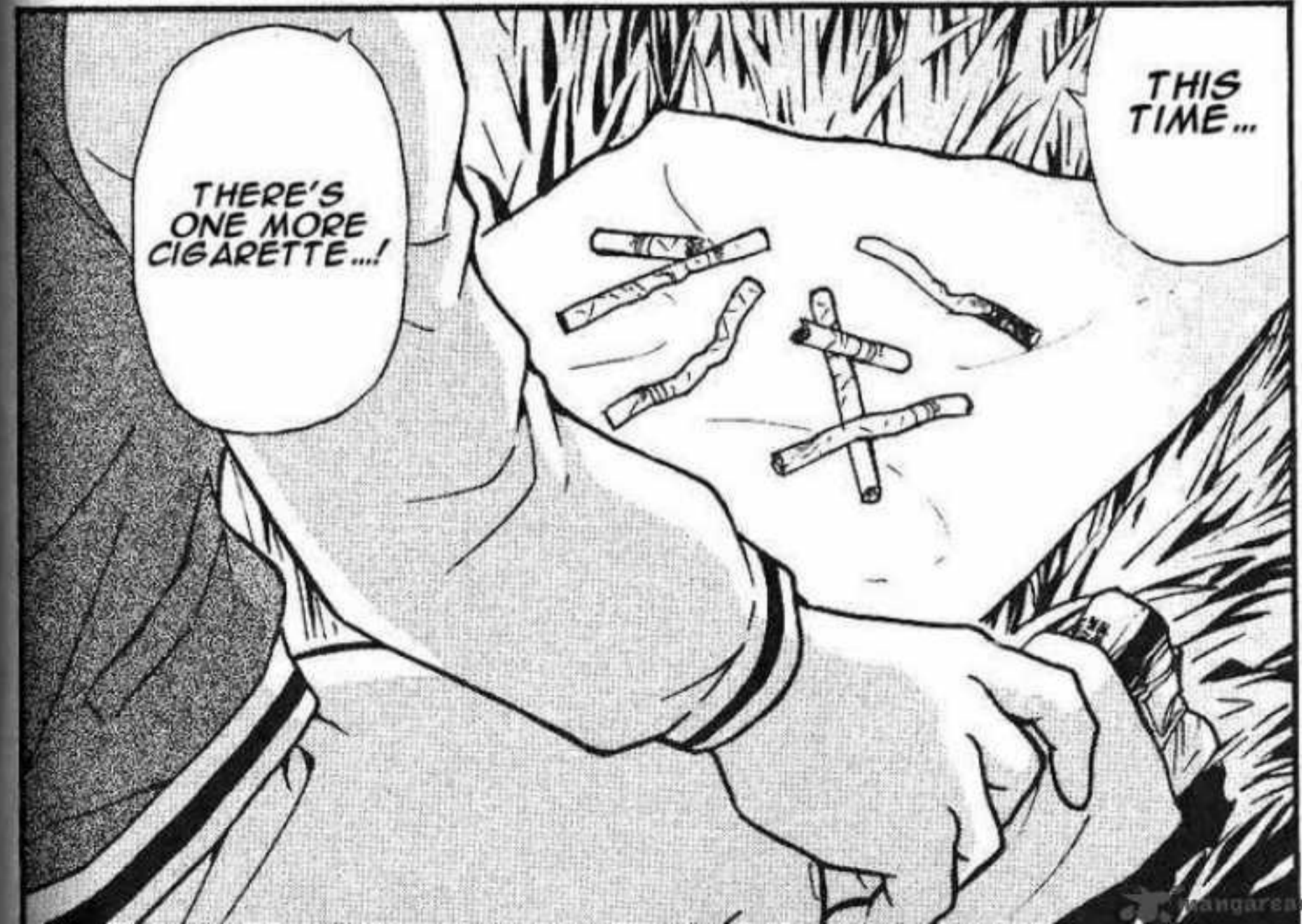
NO  
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I-IS IT THE SAME DYING MESSAGE?



A CIGARETTE CASE?

H-HE'S HOLDING SOMETHING IN HIS HAND...



THERE'S ONE MORE CIGARETTE...!

THIS TIME...