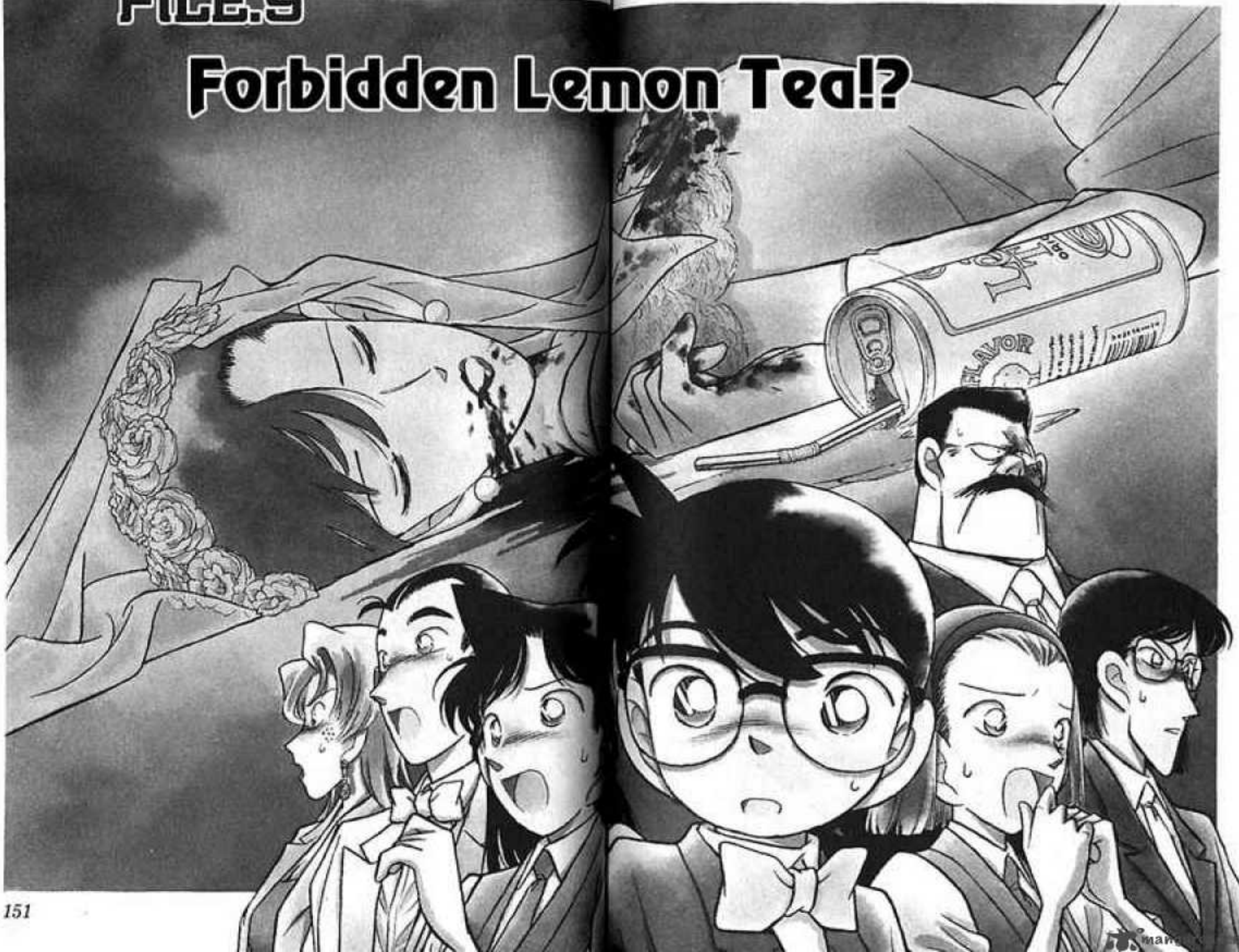


**FILE.9**

# Forbidden Lemon Tea!?











C,  
CAPSULE!?

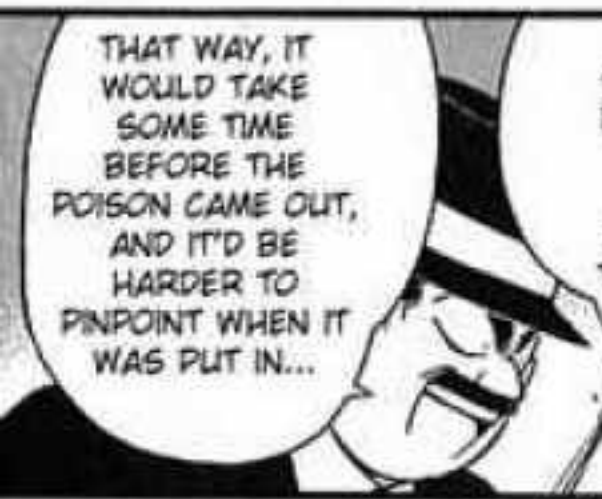


A  
CAPSULE!?

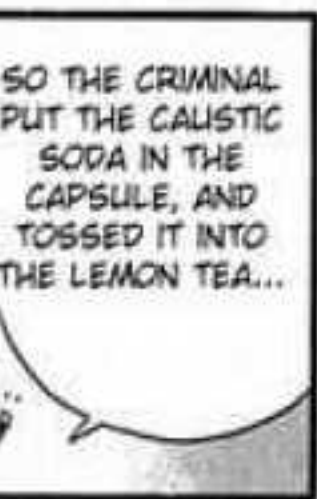


WHA!?

OR IS THERE  
SOME REASON  
YOU NEED TO  
GET AWAY  
FROM THE  
SCENE, SON-IN-  
LAW...?



THAT WAY, IT  
WOULD TAKE  
SOME TIME  
BEFORE THE  
POISON CAME OUT,  
AND IT'D BE  
HARDER TO  
PINPOINT WHEN IT  
WAS PUT IN...



SO THE CRIMINAL  
PUT THE CALUSTIC  
SODA IN THE  
CAPSULE, AND  
TOSSED IT INTO  
THE LEMON TEA...



N, NO, IT  
WASN'T  
ME!!

TOSHIHIKO...  
YOU DIDN'T...



B,  
BUT.....

YOU WERE THE  
LAST PERSON  
IN HER ROOM,  
WEREN'T  
YOU...?



COULD HAVE  
PUT THE  
POISON INTO  
THE CAN!!!

IN OTHER  
WORDS, ANY  
ONE OF YOU  
SIX, WHO  
CAME IN  
HERE,



HM?

THERE'S  
SOMETHING  
FLOATING IN  
THE LEMON  
TEA...



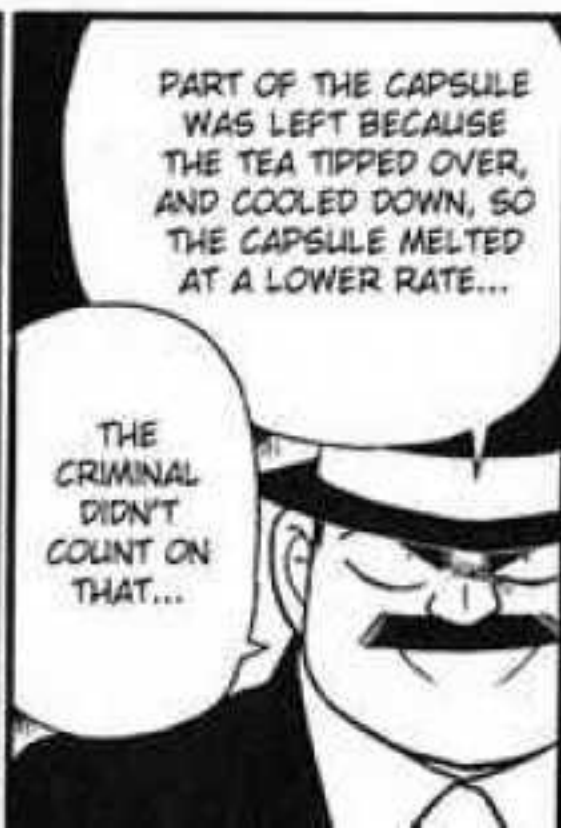
I WOULD  
NEVER  
POISON  
SAYURI...



HEY... IS  
HE A  
SUSPECT  
TOO?

SEND THE  
CAPSULE  
TO BE  
ANALYZED  
!!

RIGHT  
AWAY  
!!



PART OF THE CAPSULE  
WAS LEFT BECAUSE  
THE TEA TIPPED OVER,  
AND COOLED DOWN, SO  
THE CAPSULE MELTED  
AT A LOWER RATE...

THE  
CRIMINAL  
DIDN'T  
COUNT ON  
THAT...



OF  
COURSE!!  
THERE ARE  
CAPSULES  
THAT MELT  
IN LESS  
THAN A  
MINUTE...

LIM... AM  
I STILL  
A  
SUSPECT  
?



TH, THIS  
IS...



SEE... NEXT  
TO THE  
STRAW...



HUH?



BUT WITH THIS, YOU CAN TELL WHEN EVERYBODY MET WITH HER, RIGHT?

LOOKS LIKE IT ISN'T SHOWING THE POISON BEING PUT IN...



YEAH...



HMM...



HMPH... HE'S RIGHT... I'M A SUSPECT TOO...

A POLICEMAN WOULDN'T TRY TO KILL HIS OWN DAUGHTER...



HEY HEY...

I THINK HE CAME IN HERE TOO...



AND TAKASUGI-SAN WAS 4 TO 1 MINUTES BEFORE SHE COLLAPSED...



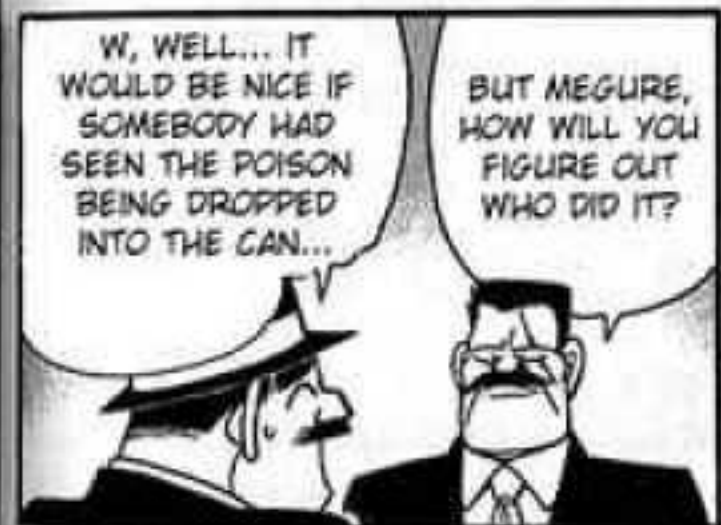
LIMEMIYA-KUN WAS 10 TO 8 MINUTES...



HER FATHER WAS FROM 17 TO 14 MINUTES BEFORE...



TAKENAKA-SAN WAS WITH HER SINCE FROM 24-21 MINUTES BEFORE SHE COLLAPSED...



W, WELL... IT WOULD BE NICE IF SOMEBODY HAD SEEN THE POISON BEING DROPPED INTO THE CAN...

BUT MEGURE, HOW WILL YOU FIGURE OUT WHO DID IT?



OH!

NO... I WASN'T WATCHING FOR IT, SO...

DID YOU TWO SEE IT HAPPEN? YOU WERE WITH HER THE WHOLE TIME, RIGHT?



IN OTHER WORDS, ANY OF US COULD HAVE DONE IT...

ACCORDING TO THE TAPE, EVERYBODY TOUCHED THE CAN AT LEAST ONCE...



AND YOU THREE WERE WITH HER STARTING 30 MINUTES BEFORE SHE COLLAPSED, AND RAN-KUN AND SONOKO-KUN LEFT 7 MINUTES BEFORE IT HAPPENED, AND CAME BACK 2 MINUTES BEFORE IT HAPPENED...



AND GO OVER THIS VIDEO THOROUGHLY...

GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE YOUR PRINTS,



ALL RIGHT, GET A VCR AND A MONITOR READY ASAP!!

THE CRIMINAL MIGHT BE CAUGHT IN THE ACT...

YES SIR!!



OH YEAH, WE LEFT IT HERE WHEN WE LEFT THE ROOM!

WHAT!?

WE WERE TAPING THE WHOLE THING!





YES...

DID YOU DOUBLE CHECK?



DAMN YOU!! ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE ME TO LOOK SUSPICIOUS!?

I'M HOLDING THE CAN, RIGHT THERE!!



THAT WAS WEIRD...

HM?



We'll go buy some batteries!!



No way...



Oh no, the camera's nearly out of batteries...



AND SONOKO...



RAN PUT HER CAN BY THE CAMERA, ON THE STOOL...

YEAH, THAT'S WEIRD!



WHICH MEANS THAT IT WAS SOMEBODY WHO WAS HERE 15 TO 16 MINUTES BEFORE SHE COLLAPSED...

15 TO 16 MINUTES...

TH, THAT WAS...



IT IS A TYPE THAT WOULD TAKE ABOUT 15 TO 16 MINUTES TO MELT IN A CAN OF LEMON TEA...

FIRST, THE CAPSULE...



SUPER-INTENDENT MATSUMOTO!?



SINCE WE WERE WITH HER LESS THAN 10 MINUTES BEFORE IT HAPPENED...

HAHAHA... BUT NOW, THE GROOM AND I ARE IN THE CLEAR...



SHE DIDN'T DRINK IT THE INSTANT THE POISON WAS RELEASED...

HEY, THINK ABOUT IT... IT ONLY MEANS THAT IT WAS SOMEBODY WHO WAS IN HERE 15 OR MORE MINUTES BEFORE SHE COLLAPSED...



TAKE A LOOK...

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?



HUH?

MR. MATSUMOTO'S FINGERPRINTS AREN'T ON IT...



STRANGE?

ALSO, THERE WAS SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT THE CAN WITH THE POISON...





I KNOW WHAT THAT CAPSULE WAS FOR!!!

I'VE GOT IT!!



IS THIS A DRYING AGENT?...

A GLASS BOTTLE ...?

INSPECTOR!! LOOK WHAT WE FOUND!!

WHICH ONE...

BUT I STILL CAN'T PINPOINT WHO DID IT!! THERE ARE TWO PEOPLE WHO COULD HAVE DONE IT...



WHAT !?

WHA,



YES SIR!!

ALL RIGHT, HAVE THIS ANALYZED AS WELL!!

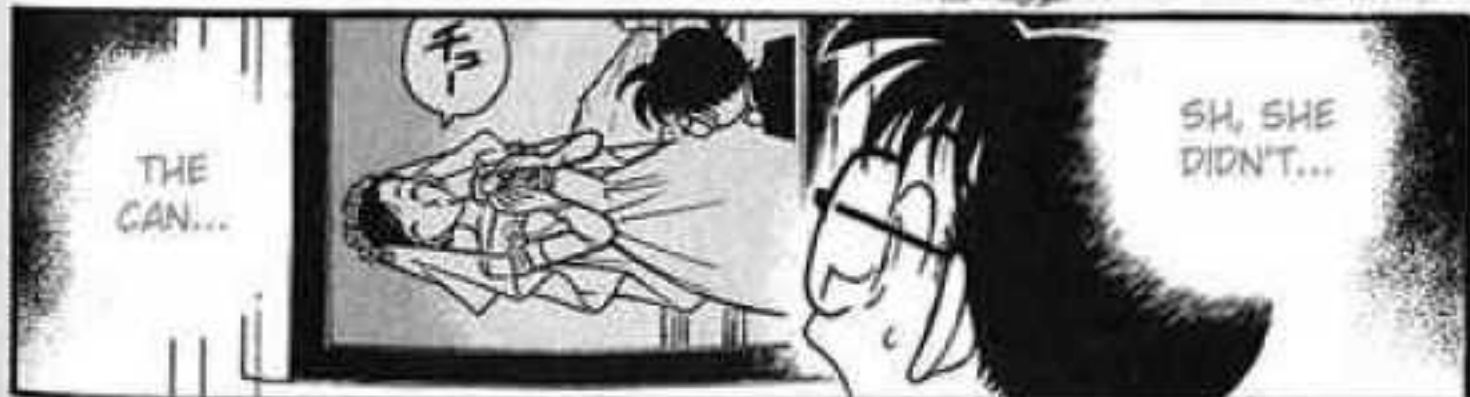
YEAH... IF LEFT ALONE, CAUSTIC SODA WILL ABSORB THE MOISTURE IN THE AIR AND LIQUEFY... IT'S A HIGHLY DANGEROUS CHEMICAL!!

THIS HAS TO BE WHAT THE CRIMINAL CARRIED THE CAUSTIC SODA AROUND IN!! SINCE THAT STUFF'S WEAK TO WATER!!

YOU NEED TO KEEP IT SEALED IN A DRY CONTAINER TO CARRY IT AROUND...

HEY, WHERE DID YOU FIND THAT?

.....WAS IT IN THIS ROOM...?



THE CAN...

SH, SHE DIDN'T...



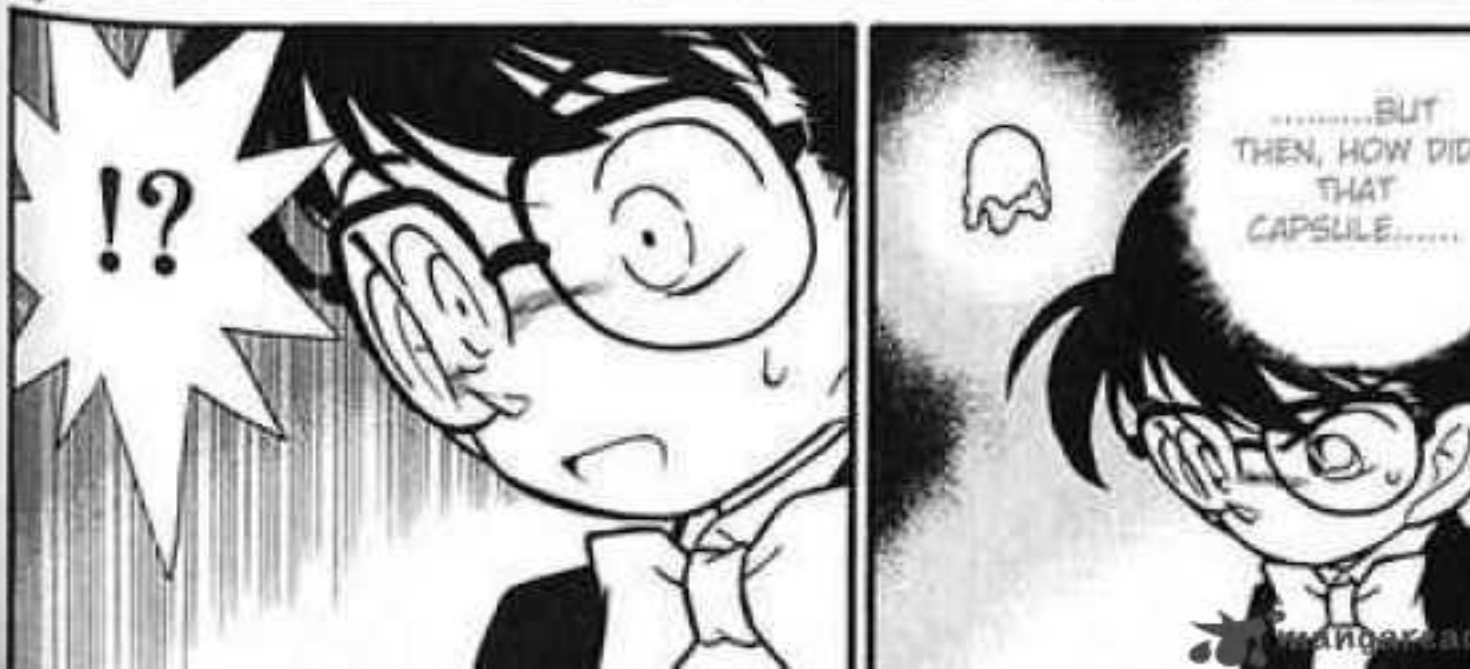
NO... THAT UMEMIYA GUY'S PRINTS DIDN'T SHOW UP EITHER...

I THOUGHT SO...

WAS MR. MATSU-MOTO THE ONLY ONE WHOSE FINGER-PRINTS DIDN'T SHOW UP?

HM?

HEY, MISTER!



!?

.....BUT THEN, HOW DID THAT CAPSULE.....



NOPE...

NOT OUTSIDE THE WINDOW OR ANYTHING?



THE HALL...?

IT WAS IN THE GARBAGE CAN IN THE HALL...



R, RIGHT.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? HURRY UP!!

I SEE, THE HALL...



HE WAS THE ONE WHO BLOODIED MISS MATSUMOTO'S DRESS...

I SEE...

IT WAS HIM...



THAT BASTARD !!!