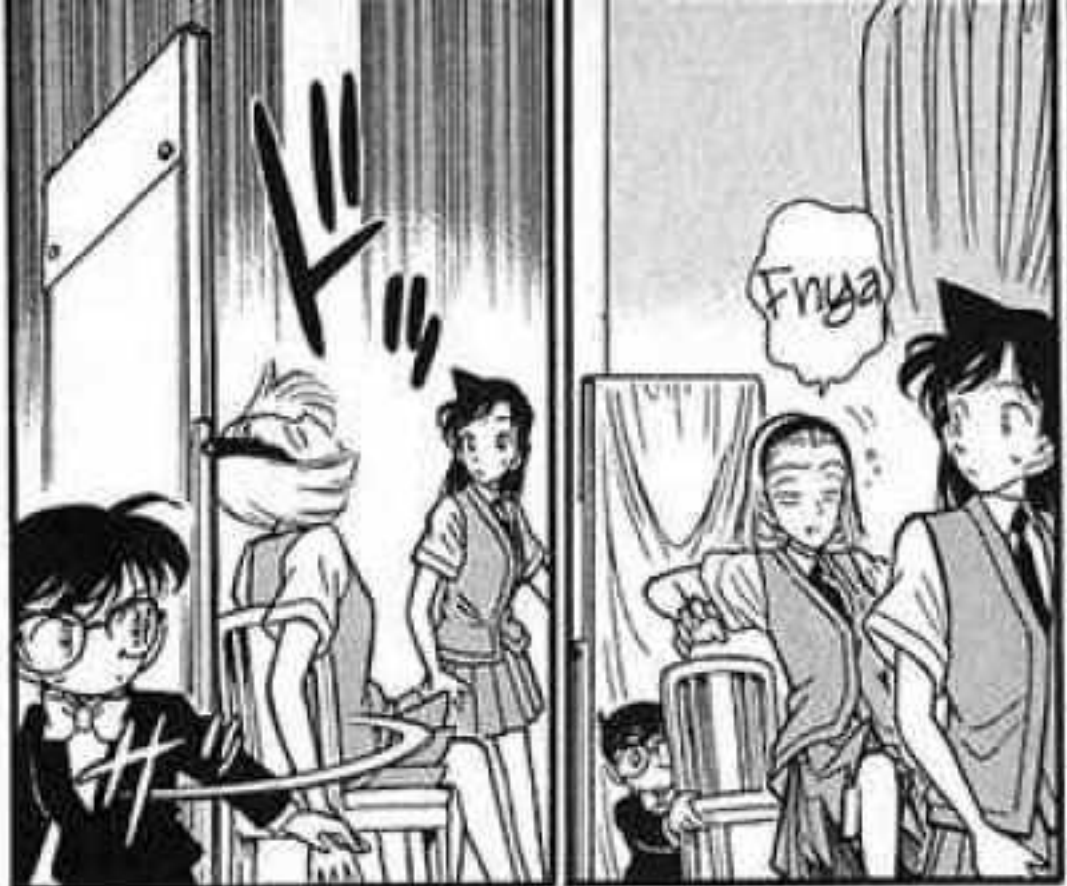
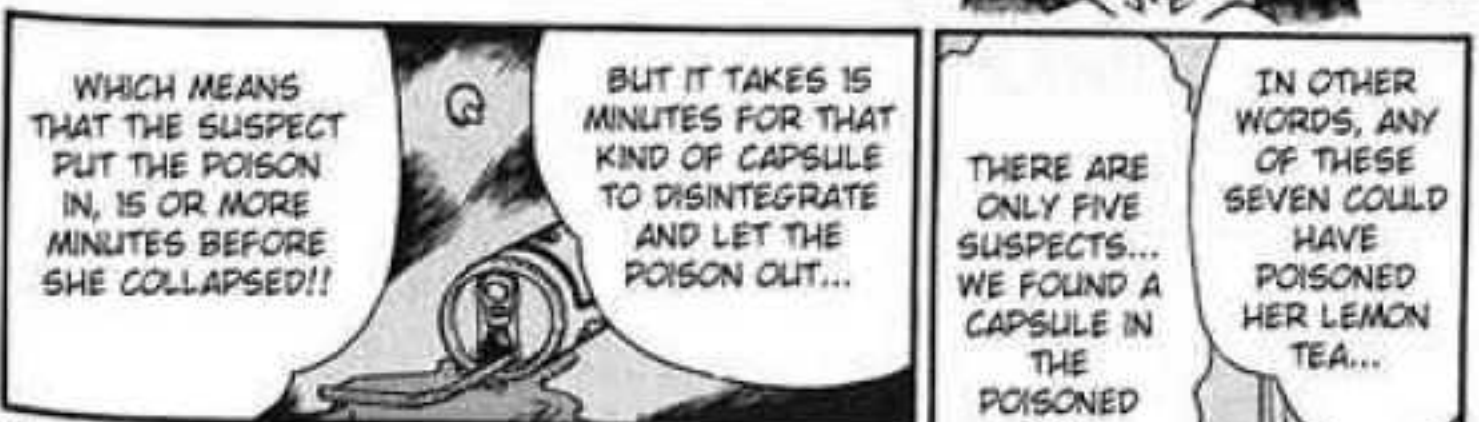
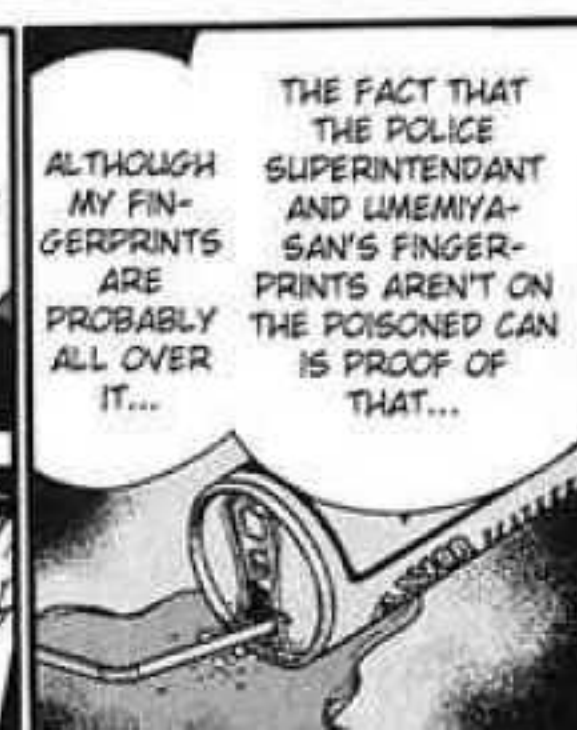
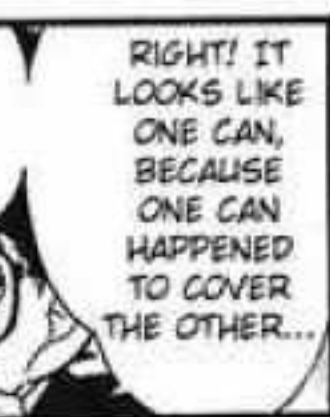


# FILE:10 A Reason for Killing











S,  
SUICIDE!?

MISS MATSU-  
MOTO  
HERSELF!!



AN AIRTIGHT  
CONTAINER  
AND A  
DRYING  
AGENT!?

AND IF SHE  
DID THAT,  
THERE'S ONE  
THING THAT  
SHE'D HAVE  
TO HAVE...

AND SHE  
WOULD  
HAVE PUT  
IT STRAIGHT  
IN, WITHOUT  
THE  
CAPSULE, SO  
IT WOULD  
DISSOLVE  
QUICKER...

BUT, IF SHE  
WAS GOING TO  
POISON  
HERSELF, SHE'D  
PUT THE POISON  
IN RIGHT  
BEFORE SHE  
COLLAPSED...

IF THAT'S  
TRUE, SHE PUT  
THE CAPSULE  
IN THERE TO  
LAY THE BLAME  
ON SOMEBODY  
ELSE...



SINCE SHE WAS IN  
THIS ROOM FOR 30  
MINUTES BEFORE SHE  
COLLAPSED, SHE'D  
NEED TO KEEP IT IN A  
BOTTLE WITH A  
DRYING AGENT!

RIGHT... IF LEFT BY  
ITSELF, CAUSTIC SODA  
WILL ABSORB THE  
MOISTURE IN THE AIR, AND  
LIQUEFY IN MINUTES - IT'S  
VERY DANGEROUS!



UNTIL 7  
MINUTES  
BEFORE SHE  
COLLAPSED!!!

IN OTHER  
WORDS, I WAS  
HOLDING THE  
POISONED  
LEMON TEA,



AND WHY WOULD I  
PUT THE POISON IN  
MY OWN CAN,  
COVERED WITH MY  
FINGERPRINTS,  
INSTEAD OF IN MISS  
MATSUMOTO'S CAN?

BUT, MISS  
MATSUMOTO  
TOOK THE  
CAN BY  
ACCIDENT...

WHICH MEANS  
THAT THE ONLY  
PERSON WHO  
COULD HAVE  
PUT THE  
POISON IN IS  
MYSELF...

I WAS  
HOLDING IT,  
SO NOBODY  
COULD HAVE  
PUT THE  
POISON IN...



EXACTLY! SO...  
SOMEBODY PUT THE  
POISON AND CAPSULE IN  
THE CAN, WITHIN THE FEW  
MINUTES BETWEEN WHEN  
SHE TOOK MY CAN AND  
WHEN SHE COLLAPSED!!

I SEE, IT'S  
UNTHINKABLE  
THAT YOU'D DO  
SOMETHING LIKE  
THAT!



SO... THE  
ONLY ONE  
WHO COULD  
HAVE PUT  
THE POISON  
IN THE LEMON  
TEA IS...

THAT SOMEBODY  
OTHER THAN  
MISS MATSU-  
MOTO BROUGHT  
THE POISON IN  
HERE...

EXACTLY...  
SINCE IT  
WASN'T IN  
HERE, OR  
OUTSIDE THE  
WINDOW, THAT  
MEANS...

B, BUT, WE  
FOUND THAT  
BOTTLE IN THE  
GARBAGE CAN  
IN THE HALL...



NO, THERE'S  
STILL ONE  
MORE  
PERSON  
WHO COULD  
HAVE DONE  
IT...

SO HE  
HAS TO  
BE IT...

AND WHEN RAN AND I  
CAME BACK, TAKASUGI-SAN  
WAS HOLDING THE CAN,  
AND HANDED IT STRAIGHT  
TO MISS MATSUMOTO, SO  
WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE  
IT...

NATURALLY,  
WE CAN  
EXCLUDE  
CONAN-KUN  
FROM THE  
SUSPECTS,  
AS HE IS A  
CHILD!

THE ONLY  
PEOPLE THERE  
IN THAT TIME  
FRAME WHERE  
CONAN-KUN,  
TAKASUGI-SAN,  
MYSELF, AND  
RAN!



YOU WOULDN'T REMEMBER! SINCE IT WAS CLEANED UP AS A SIMPLE ACCIDENT!!

T, TWENTY YEARS... ...?

I WANTED YOU TO FEEL WHAT I FELT, 20 YEARS AGO!!!



WHEN I WAS CHASING THAT SERIAL MURDERER...

N-NOT...



MY MOM GOT CAUGHT UP IN IT AND DIED!!!

HEH! IF YOU FORGOT, I'LL REFRESH YOUR MEMORY! TWENTY YEARS AGO, WHEN THE CRIMINAL YOU WERE CHASING CRASHED INTO A WALL,



YOU'RE IN THE WAY, MOVE IT!!

BUT YOU...

IF YOU HAD TAKEN HER TO THE HOSPITAL IN THE PATROL CAR, SHE WOULD HAVE BEEN SAVED...

DAMN

MOM WAS STILL ALIVE WHEN IT HAPPENED...

MOM! MOM!



YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE!!

TAKASUGI-SAN...



H-HOW DARE YOU...

TO, TOSHIHIKO... YOU...



I WANTED YOU TO FEEL IT, TOO...

HEH...

TELL ME, WHY!?

WHY DID YOU DO THAT!?

WHAT?



OF LOSING A LOVED ONE...

THE SADNESS ...



HMPH... IF YOU DIED, YOU WOULDN'T FEEL IT, WOULD YOU?

WHY DIDN'T YOU KILL ME!?



YOUR COLD-HEARTED FACE!!!

I'VE NEVER FORGOTTEN IT, SINCE THAT DAY...

30 MINUTES LATER... MOM STOPPED BREATHING.....



AND ACCEPTED MY PROPOSAL SO EASILY...

BUT SHE WAS STUPID... SHE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW I APPROACHED HER FOR REVENGE...



I MET SAYURI BECAUSE SHE WAS YOUR FRIEND WHEN YOU WERE MY GIRL.....

I WAS LUCKY, KAZUMI...



I WAS ADOPTED BY THE CHILDLESS TAKASUGI FAMILY!!

SHE WAS MY ONLY RELATIVE...

I LEARNED ABOUT IT AFTERWARD, AND WENT TO HIS HOUSE, BUT HE'D ALREADY MOVED AWAY...



I DIDN'T SEE HER... SHE WAS IN THE SHADOW OF THE CAR...

YES...

I-IS THAT TRUE...?



BY THE TAKASUGI FORTUNE.....



SHE WAS PROBABLY BLINDED...



WHY...

TH, THEN...



AS SOON AS I KNEW THAT SHE WAS YOUR DAUGHTER, THE FLAME OF REVENGE BEGAN BURNING INSIDE ME...



UNTIL I HAPPENED TO MEET THAT WOMAN AT COLLEGE!!

I'D LOST EVERYTHING, SO I WENT THROUGH JUNIOR HIGH, HIGH SCHOOL, AND COLLEGE LIKE A SHELL...



TRYING TO THINK OF A WAY TO MAKE YOU FORGIVE HER FATHER...

SAYURI WAS WORRIED THE WHOLE TIME AFTER SHE ACCEPTED YOUR PROPOSAL...



THAT'S WHEN WE FOUND OUT YOU WERE THE SAME GUY SHE KNEW 20 YEARS AGO, AND ALSO ABOUT THAT ACCIDENT...

SAYURI KEPT SAYING YOU WERE JUST LIKE HIM, SO I DID SOME DIGGING AROUND... LIKE FOR YOUR OLD ADDRESS...



!?

BUT YOU... YOU...



DON'T WORRY... I'LL BE RIGHT BEHIND YOU...

KNOWN THE POISON WAS IN THERE...

COULD SHE HAVE...



PUT THE POISON IN...

M, MAYBE... SHE SAW HIM...



MISS MATSU-MOTO...



SHE...

SHE...



YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING!!

YOU'RE...



WHAT!?

WHA!?



SAYURI KNEW EVERYTHING! ABOUT THE ACCIDENT, AND YOUR FAMILY!!

KA, KAZUMI...



YOU'RE THE GUY SHE'S BEEN THINKING ABOUT FOR 20 YEARS...

CAN'T YOU TELL BY LOOKING AT HER LEMON TEA?!

L, LIAR!! WHY WOULD SHE ACCEPT IF SHE KNEW...



HUH?



HER FIRST LOVE!!!





