



THE SUSPECTS ARE THE FOUR OTHERS WHO WERE WITH HER AND KOGOROLI AT THEIR JUDO TEAM REUNION!!



AT THE HOT SPRINTS RESORT "BENKEI", A WOMAN WAS SHOT AND KILLED...

HER NAME WAS HARIKOSHI YUMI... THE FORMER MANAGER OF THE JUDO TEAM AT KOGOROLI'S COLLEGE...

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AND NAKAMICHI KAZUSHI, A POLICEMAN IN CHIBA...

OHMURA JUN, WHO IS THE MANAGER OF A HOBBY STORE,

AYASHIRO YUKIO, A HIGH SCHOOL P.E. TEACHER, AND HIS WIFE, NORIKO...



AND THAT HINT WAS.....



CONAN, STRUGGLING TO FIND THE ANSWER, WAS GIVING A HINT BY A WOODEN FIGURE DISPLAYED IN THE INN.....



BUT THEY ALL HAVE ALIBIS... THEY WERE ALL PLAYING IN THE PING-PONG ROOM WHEN SHE DIED...

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The Two Benkei Standing Deaths



BENKEI'S
STANDING
DEATH!!!



ALL RIGHT, OCCHAN...



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I HAVE TO LET EVERYONE KNOW...



I'VE GOT IT! I KNOW WHAT TRICK THE KILLER USED!!



THEY ALL HAVE AN ALIBI!!

WHY... THE KILLER HAS TO BE ONE OF THEM, BUT...



TO PUT OCCHAN TO SLEEP...

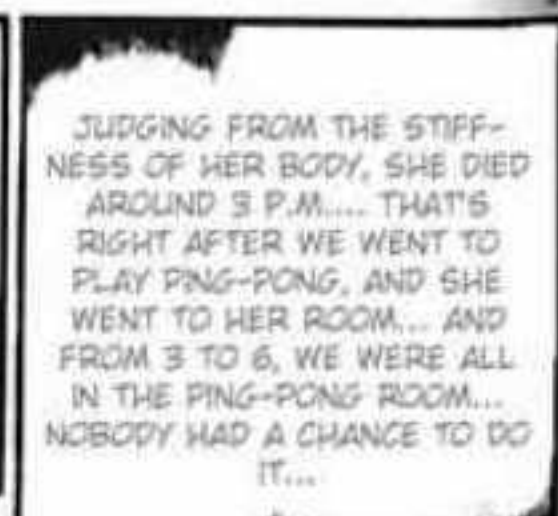


OKAY, I'LL USE MY TRANQUILIZER WATCH...



I SAW HER... WHEN I LEFT TO GO TO THE BATHROOM, I SAW HER GLARING AT THE PING-PONG ROOM FROM THE SECOND FLOOR!!

WHAT BOTHERS ME IS WHAT OHMURA SAID...



JUDGING FROM THE STIFFNESS OF HER BODY, SHE DIED AROUND 3 P.M.... THAT'S RIGHT AFTER WE WENT TO PLAY PING-PONG, AND SHE WENT TO HER ROOM... AND FROM 3 TO 6, WE WERE ALL IN THE PING-PONG ROOM... NOBODY HAD A CHANCE TO DO IT...



ONE OF MY BEST FRIENDS DID IT!!

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HEY, MISTER!

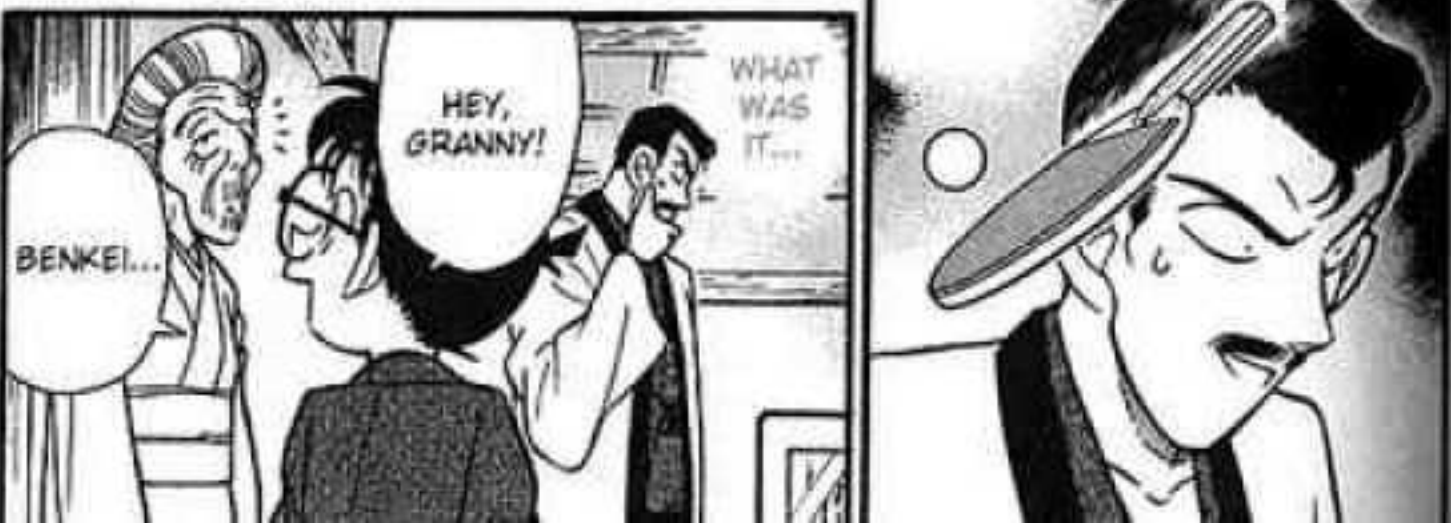


SO WHY WOULD OHMURA SAY THAT...

OHMURA LEFT FOR THE BATHROOM AFTER 5:00... YUMI COULDN'T HAVE BEEN ALIVE THEN...



I'LL EXPOSE THEM, NO QUESTION!! NO MATTER WHAT!!!



*A ROUND RACKET, SO CALLED BECAUSE IT'S GRIPPED AS IF YOU WERE SHAKING HANDS





YEAH... YOU HAVE A PERFECT ALIBI...

HEY, STOP JOKING... I WAS WITH EVERYONE ELSE, IN THE PING-PONG ROOM, WHEN SHE DIED...



WHAT!?



YUMI WAS KILLED AT 3:00 P.M.!!

ASSUMING THAT



BUT THERE'S AN EXCEPTION TO THE RULE...

NO... IT'S TRUE THAT YUMI'S FEET AND FINGERS HAD STARTED STIFFENING... SO I DEDUCED THAT SHE HAD DIED ABOUT 7 HOURS BEFORE...



ARE YOU SAYING THAT WAS A TRICK?

S-STOP THAT, WE BOTH CHECKED HER, AND AGREED THAT THAT'S WHEN SHE DIED!

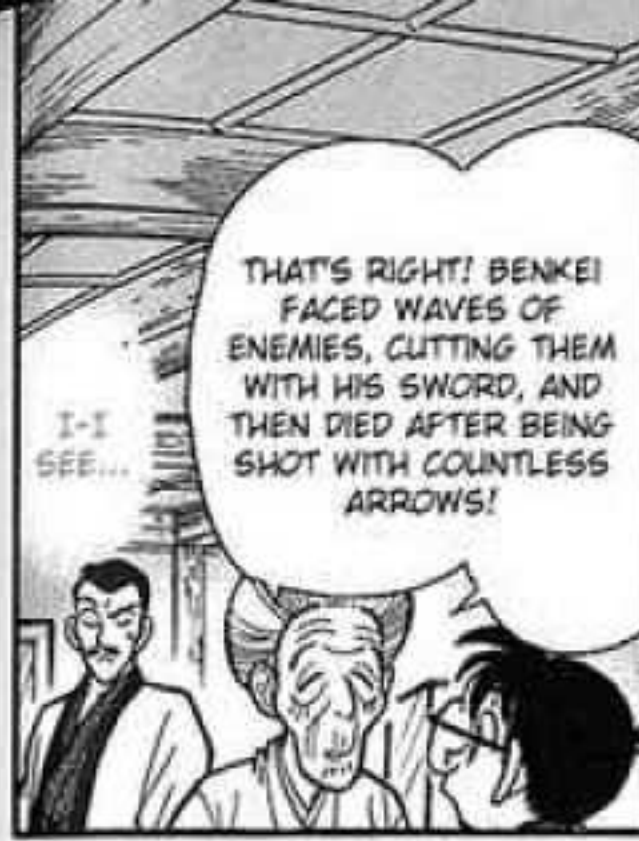


RIGHT... LIKE THAT GREAT HERO...

IN THAT CASE, THE PROTEINS IN HER MUSCLES WOULD START HARDENING FASTER, AND SO HER BODY WOULD BEGIN TO STIFFEN FASTER THAN NORMAL...



SHE COULD HAVE DIED SUDDENLY, WHILE EXERCISING!!



THAT'S RIGHT! BENKEI FACED WAVES OF ENEMIES, CUTTING THEM WITH HIS SWORD, AND THEN DIED AFTER BEING SHOT WITH COUNTLESS ARROWS!

I-I SEE...



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DIED WHILE HE WAS STANDING, RIGHT?



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THAT'S IT!!



NAKA-MICHI...

.....I FINALLY FIGURED IT OUT...

WH-WHAT'S "IT", MOURI...?



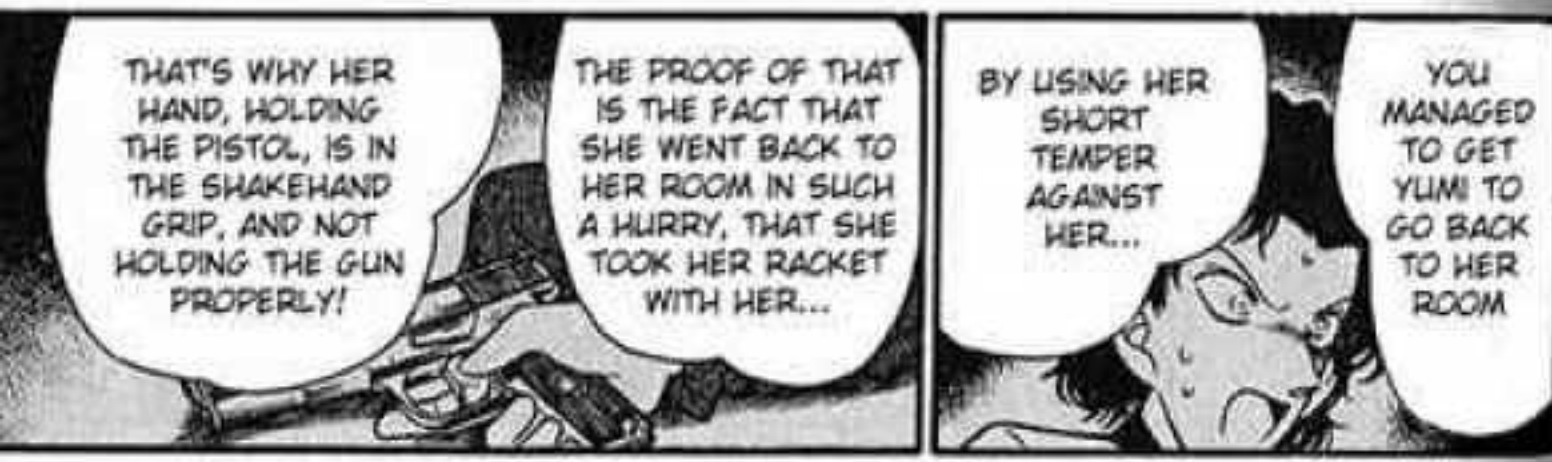
WHA!?

I FIGURED OUT THAT IT WAS YOU WHO KILLED YUMI!!!



IN ORDER TO MAKE IT LOOK AS IF SHE HAD DIED EARLIER, SO YOU WOULDN'T BE SUSPECTED!!

AND THEN YOU SHOT HER!!



THAT'S WHY HER HAND, HOLDING THE PISTOL, IS IN THE SHAKEHAND GRIP, AND NOT HOLDING THE GUN PROPERLY!

THE PROOF OF THAT IS THE FACT THAT SHE WENT BACK TO HER ROOM IN SUCH A HURRY, THAT SHE TOOK HER RACKET WITH HER...

BY USING HER SHORT TEMPER AGAINST HER...

YOU MANAGED TO GET YUMI TO GO BACK TO HER ROOM



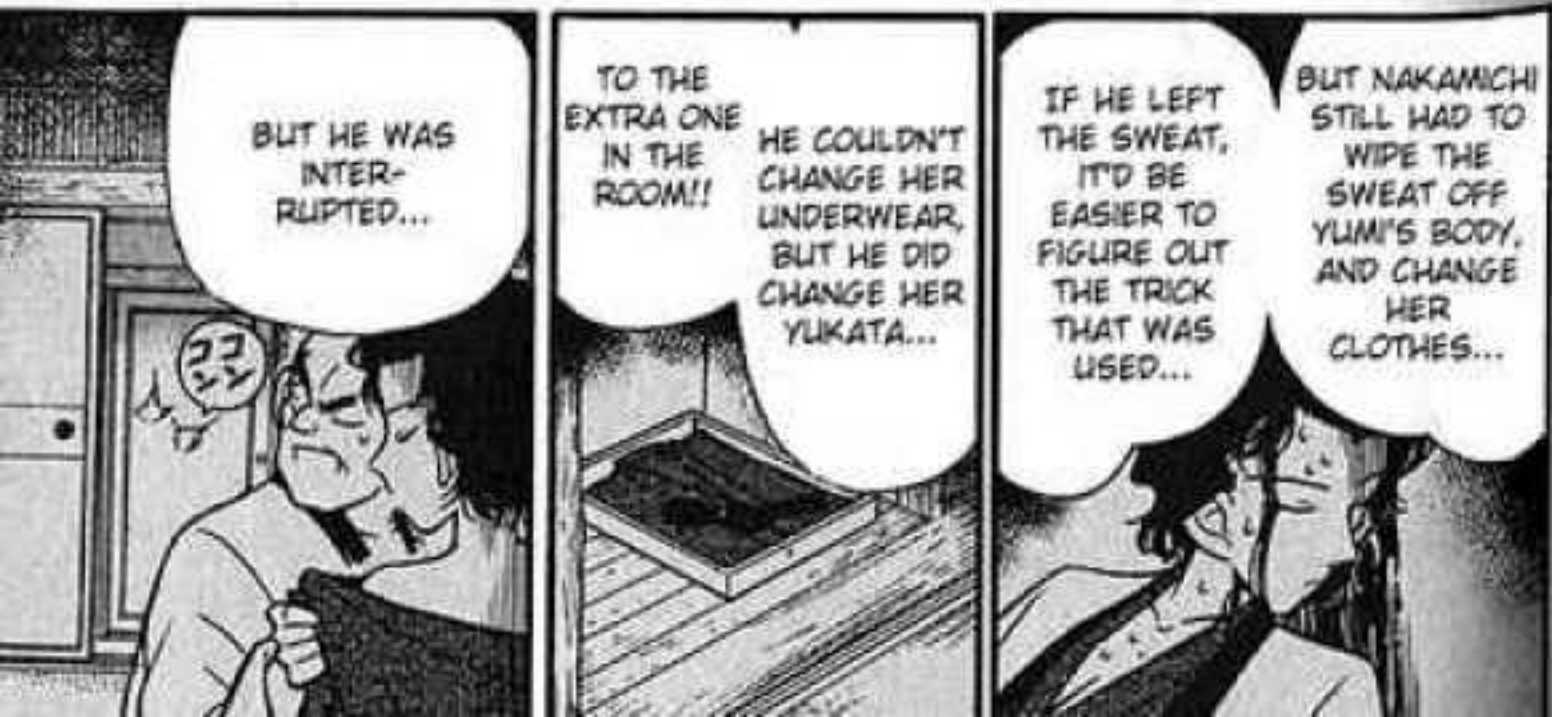
THE NOISE OF THE GUN WAS PROBABLY COVERED BY THE FIREWORKS!!

SHE WAS PROBABLY KILLED AROUND 6:30, WHEN THE FIREWORKS STARTED...

SHE WAS WATCHING THE PING-PONG ROOM FROM THE 2ND FLOOR, IN ORDER TO SEE WHEN NAKAMICHI WAS ALONE!

THAT WAS YUMI HERSELF! SHE WAS STILL ALIVE THEN...

THEN, THE YUMI I SAW AT 3:00...



BUT HE WAS INTERRUPTED...

TO THE EXTRA ONE IN THE ROOM!! HE COULDN'T CHANGE HER UNDERWEAR, BUT HE DID CHANGE HER YUKATA...

IF HE LEFT THE SWEAT, IT'D BE EASIER TO FIGURE OUT THE TRICK THAT WAS USED...

BUT NAKAMICHI STILL HAD TO WIPE THE SWEAT OFF YUMI'S BODY, AND CHANGE HER CLOTHES...



YEAH... IT'S BEEN MEDICALLY PROVEN THAT HE DIED WHILE STANDING.

SO BENKEI'S STANDING DEATH...



NO... YOU DIDN'T MAKE HER DO ANYTHING IN HER ROOM...

HEY, YUMI WAS IN HER ROOM WHEN SHE DIED! WHAT KIND OF EXERCISE COULD I MAKE HER DO THERE?



MUSASHI-BOU BENKEI!!



RIGHT BEFORE YOU KILLED HER!!!

YOU WERE IN THE PING-PONG ROOM!! YOU PLAYED PING-PONG WITH YUMI!!



YOU THEN CHALLENGED YUMI TO PING-PONG, AND AFTER HAVING HER PLAY FOR A WHILE, YOU SUGGESTED GOING BACK TO HER ROOM...

AFTER 6, WHEN WE'D ALL LEFT, YUMI WENT TO THE PING-PONG ROOM, WHERE YOU WERE WAITING!

YOU MUST HAVE HAD SOMETHING VERY SECRET TO TALK ABOUT...



BUT YOU THEN INVITED US TO GO PLAY PING-PONG INSTEAD...

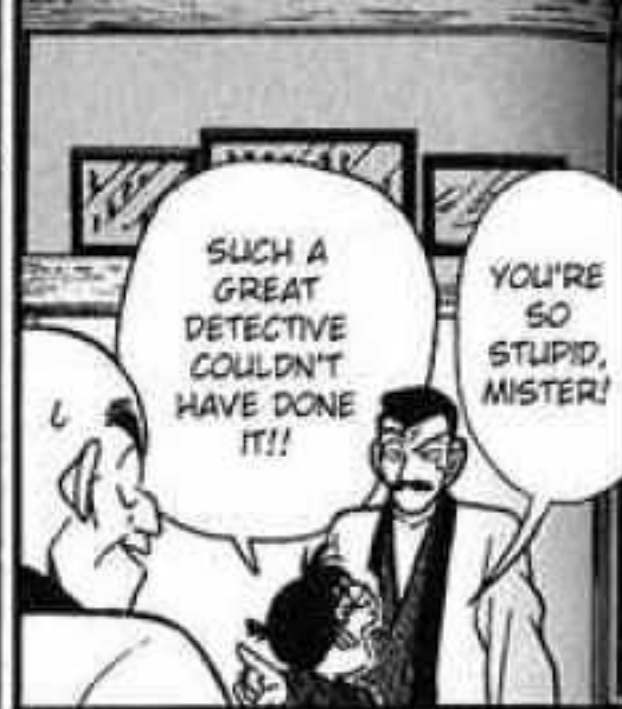
YOU PROBABLY ARRANGED TO MEET HER IN THE PING-PONG ROOM...

YUMI GOT MAD, AND STORMED OFF TO HER ROOM...



SINCE HE REALIZED RIGHT AWAY THAT YUMISAN WAS DEAD WHEN HE FIRST SAW HER!

THAT'S AMAZING!!



SUCH A GREAT DETECTIVE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT!!

YOU'RE SO STUPID, MISTER!



WELL, HE HAS TO BE, RIGHT?

GREAT DETECTIVE...?



AND PRETENDED YOU HAD JUST COME OUT OF THE BATH, AND STOPPED RAN.

PANICKED, YOU STOPPED WHAT YOU WERE DOING AND WENT OUT ONTO THE ROOF, AND CAME BACK INTO THE HALLWAY THROUGH A WINDOW,



YOU PROBABLY PUT THE PISTOL IN HER HAND AT THAT TIME, TOO...

THEN YOU PRETENDED TO GO TO THE FIREWORKS SHOW WITH EVERYONE ELSE, BUT GOT "LOST" IN THE CROWD AND CAME BACK, TO FINISH WHAT YOU STARTED...



BY RAN AND CONAN, WHO HAD COME TO WAKE YUMI UP!!



DON'T TOUCH HER!! ONLY MOURI AND I ARE ALLOWED IN THIS ROOM, SINCE I'M A POLICEMAN AND HE'S A DETECTIVE!!

OH YEAH... YOU WOULDN'T LET ANYBODY TOUCH HER, AND YOU SAID...

AH... AH...



BUT DO YOU HAVE PROOF? PROOF THAT IT WAS ME?

THAT'S AN INTERESTING THEORY, ALL RIGHT...



HEHE HE...

ALTHOUGH... LIKE I SAID BEFORE, HER HAND HAD ALREADY STIFFENED IN THAT GRIP, SO YOU COULDN'T GET HER FINGER ON THE TRIGGER...



BECAUSE YOU KILLED HER!!



YOU ALREADY KNEW THAT IT WAS TOO LATE...



AND THEN YOU ASKED FOR THE COPS, INSTEAD OF AN AMBULANCE...



BASTARD...



THERE, YOU SEE! YOU COULD'VE DONE IT TOO...



WHAT!? THE ONLY ONES WHO COULD'VE PULLED THAT OFF ARE YOU AND ME, SINCE WE BOTH TOOK POLICE COURSES...

AND REALLY, ANYBODY COULD, IF THEY READ THE RIGHT BOOK...



I WON'T LET YOU BE THE ONLY HAPPY ONE...

I WAS AT THE END OF MY ROPE, SO I DECIDED TO FINALIZE MY ENGAGEMENT WITH THE GIRL I HAD BEEN SET UP WITH, AND YUMI SAID TO ME...



BUT THE ANSWER WAS ALWAYS "NO"!! FOR 18 YEARS!!!

I WANTED TO MARRY HER!! I PROPOSED COUNTLESS TIMES!!



THEN, YUMI EVEN SAID THAT SHE'D SEND PICTURES OF US TOGETHER...

IT WAS THEN THAT MY FIANCEE STARTED GETTING CRANK CALLS AND LETTERS...



BUT THEN I SAID, "I'VE ALREADY TAKEN THEM FROM YOUR BAG"!!

CAREFUL AS EVER, YUMI LEFT THE PHOTOS IN HER ROOM, AND TOLD ME TO GIVE HER THE MONEY FIRST...



THE EXCHANGE WOULD BE IN THE PING-PONG ROOM!!

I HAD HAD IT, SO I TOLD YUMI TO BRING THE PHOTOS TO THIS REUNION, AND I'D BUY THEM FROM HER!!



SHUT UP!!!



HOW COULD YOU... HOW COULD YOU DO THAT!!



SINCE I'D BEEN GOING OUT WITH YUMI FOR 18 YEARS!!

I DIDN'T WANT TO KILL HER!!



WHY DIDN'T YOU MARRY YUMI!?

WHY?



D-DON'T TELL ME YOU DID IT BECAUSE SHE WAS IN THE WAY OF YOUR MARRIAGE...



THAT'S RIGHT!! UP UNTIL SIX MONTHS AGO, WHEN I WAS ENGAGED!!

18 YEARS!?



NOPE, I CAN'T UNDERSTAND...



SHUT UP!! WHAT DO YOU KNOW!?

HMPH... WHO'S THE REAL DEMON HERE?...



EXACTLY!! I SHOT THAT DEMON WHO WAS DESTROYING MY LIFE!!

I SEE... SO THEN YOU FOLLOWED YUMI AS SHE HURRIED BACK TO HER ROOM TO CHECK, AND SHOT HER...



SHUT UP!!!





YEAH ...



IN BODY AND MIND...



IDIOT, YOU'VE JUST GOTTEN WEAK...

YOU'RE AS STRONG AS EVER...



YOU MAY BE RIGHT....



THREE DAYS LATER...



I DON'T EVER WANT TO UNDERSTAND...



D-DAD...

A KILLER'S FEELINGS...



NO MATTER THE REASON...

