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DETECTIVE
CONAN



GŌSHŌ AOYAMA PRESENTS

青山剛昌

どーも青山です。
コナンもついに10巻に到達!!
その記念に、この巻にはなつかしい人物が登場する。
ホラー1巻に出てたあいつだよ、あいつー
誰が出て来るか推理しながら読むのも面白いよー
！でも中身を見終わってからさよこ読んでたら
意味ねーよな……(八八八……)



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FILE. 1

**The Water
Time-Difference Trick**





YES...

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AND
DROWNED
REIKA-SAN IN
THE BATH
TUB...

THE ONE WHO
DROWNED
NIKAIKOU-SAN
IN THE
FOUNTAIN...

ALMOST
DROWNED THE
DRUGGED RAN
IN THE KITCHEN
SINK...



WAS
NONE
OTHER
THAN...

ICHIEDA-
SAN!!

YOU!!



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WHA!?





...BEFORE NIKAIKIDOU-SAN WAS KILLED... WE ALL WENT INTO THE WOODS TO SEARCH FOR THE MISSING REIKA-SAN...



DO I LOOK LIKE A MURDERER TO YOU?

STOP JOKING, MR. DETECTIVE!



ST...

ICHIEDA... YOU DIDN'T...



THEN IT WAS DECIDED TO SPLIT UP AND SEARCH, SO YOU THREE WERE SEPARATED...

Y-YES...

AT THAT TIME, YOU AND ROKUDA-SAN WERE WITH NIKAIKIDOU-SAN, CORRECT?



THEN YOU ATTACKED HIM FROM BEHIND, AND DROWNED HIM...

AM I RIGHT?

MAYBE BY SAYING, "I SAW MISS REIKA NEAR THE FOUNTAIN!"...

WHAT PROBABLY HAPPENED WAS THAT AFTER SPLITTING UP WITH ROKUDA-SAN, YOU FOLLOWED NIKAIKIDOU-SAN AND LURED HIM TO THE FOUNTAIN...



I MET HER FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY!

AND ALTHOUGH I MIGHT GO AFTER NIKAIKIDOU OR MISS REIKA BECAUSE I KNEW THEM, HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THE ATTACK ON RAN-SAN?



ROKUDA-SAN COULD HAVE DONE THAT JUST AS EASILY!

P-PLEASE WAIT! THIS IS ALL SPECULATION!



NO... YOU DON'T NEED AN ACCOMPLICE TO DO SOMETHING SIMPLE LIKE MAKING THE LIGHTS TURN OFF BY THEMSELVES...

YOU DON'T THINK I HAD AN ACCOMPLICE, DO YOU?



!?

THAT IS, IF YOU USED THE AIR CONDITIONERS AND MICROWAVES IN THIS MANSION!



HOW COULD I HAVE DONE IT?

BESIDES, I WAS WITH YOU IN THE HALL WHEN THE KILLER TURNED THE LIGHTS OUT TO ATTACK RAN-SAN!!



WHEN THE TIME CAME, THE ELECTRICITY USAGE OF THIS PLACE WOULD SUDDENLY SPIKE, AND THE BREAKER WOULD OVERLOAD AND THE LIGHTS WOULD GO OUT!!

THEN SET THE MICROWAVES SO THAT THEY'D TURN ON AT THE SAME TIME AS WELL...

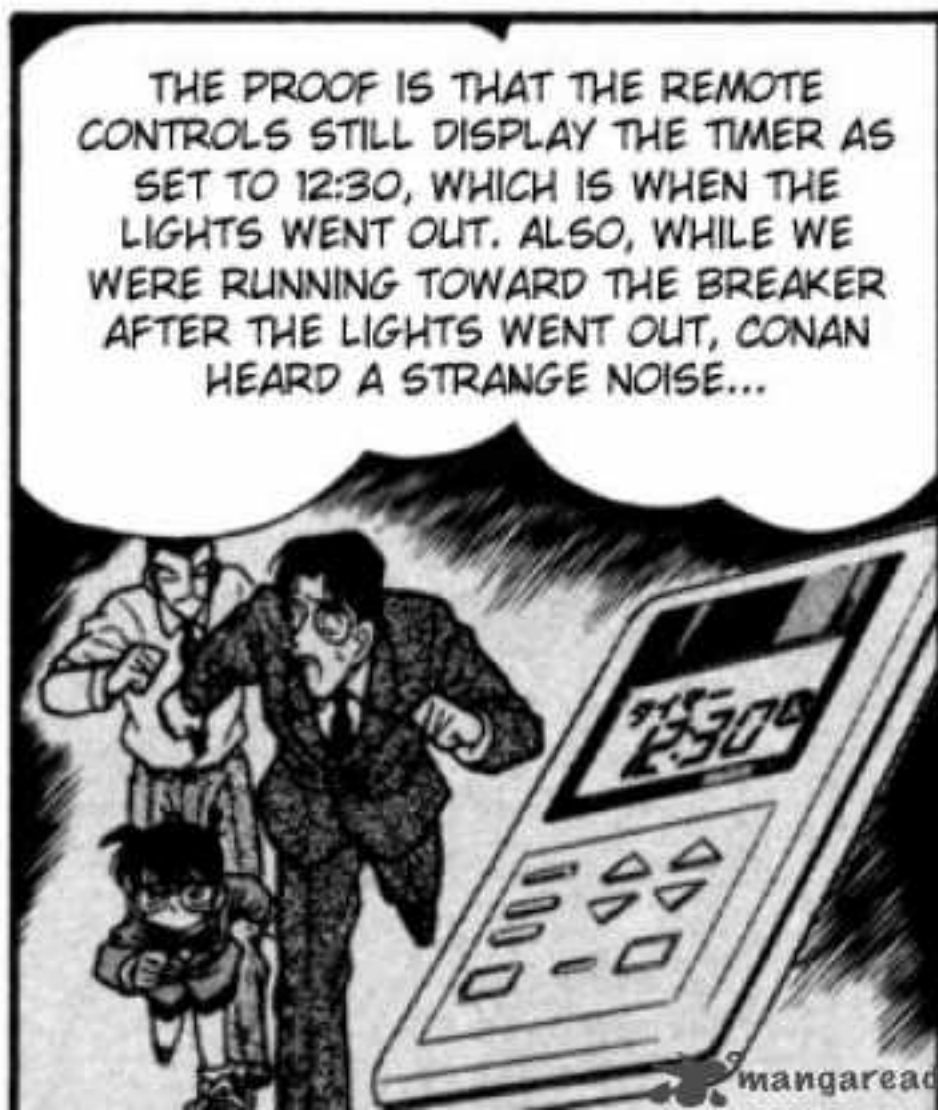
THE PROCESS IS SIMPLE. FIRST, SET ALL THE AIR CONDITIONERS TO TURN ON AT A SET TIME, USING THEIR REMOTE CONTROLS.



YUP!



RIGHT, CONAN?



THE PROOF IS THAT THE REMOTE CONTROLS STILL DISPLAY THE TIMER AS SET TO 12:30, WHICH IS WHEN THE LIGHTS WENT OUT. ALSO, WHILE WE WERE RUNNING TOWARD THE BREAKER AFTER THE LIGHTS WENT OUT, CONAN HEARD A STRANGE NOISE...



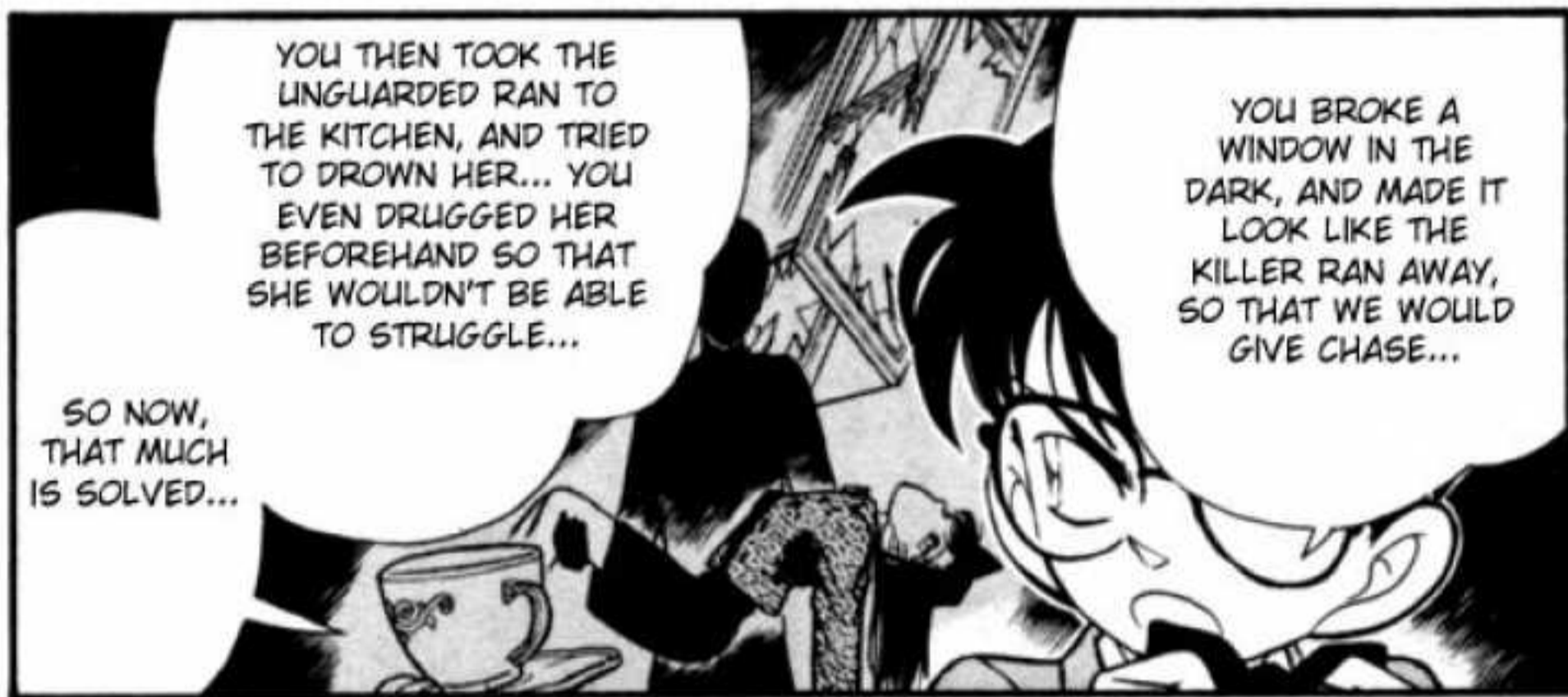
AND ALSO,
WHEN I
TOUCHED THE
MICROWAVE
LATER, IT
WAS WARM!

I HEARD A "TING"
SOUND! THAT MUST
HAVE BEEN THE
MICROWAVE!



...SO, AFTER
TURNING OUT
THE LIGHTS...

THE MICRO-
WAVES HERE
OPERATE WITH
DIALS, SO
THEY'LL STILL
WORK EVEN
WITHOUT
ELECTRICITY!



YOU THEN TOOK THE
LINGUARD RAN TO
THE KITCHEN, AND TRIED
TO DROWN HER... YOU
EVEN DRUGGED HER
BEFOREHAND SO THAT
SHE WOULDN'T BE ABLE
TO STRUGGLE...

SO NOW,
THAT MUCH
IS SOLVED...

YOU BROKE A
WINDOW IN THE
DARK, AND MADE IT
LOOK LIKE THE
KILLER RAN AWAY,
SO THAT WE WOULD
GIVE CHASE...



BESIDES,
DID YOU
FORGET?

PLEASE STOP
ACCUISING ME,
WHEN YOU DON'T
EVEN HAVE ANY
PROOF...



YOU COULD HAVE
EASILY SET THE
MICROWAVES
RIGHT AFTER I
LEFT...

P...



ALSO, A LITTLE
WHILE BEFORE
THE LIGHTS WENT
OUT, YOU AND I
WENT INTO THE
KITCHEN TO
SEARCH FOR
REIKA-SAN...



TELL ME HOW I COULD HAVE KILLED MISS REIKA...

PLEASE TELL ME HOW I COULD HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN ALL THREE CASES!!



MISS REIKA WAS KILLED SOMETIME BETWEEN 5 AND 6 AM, BUT ICHIEDA-SAN WAS WITH US FROM 4 TO 7 AM.

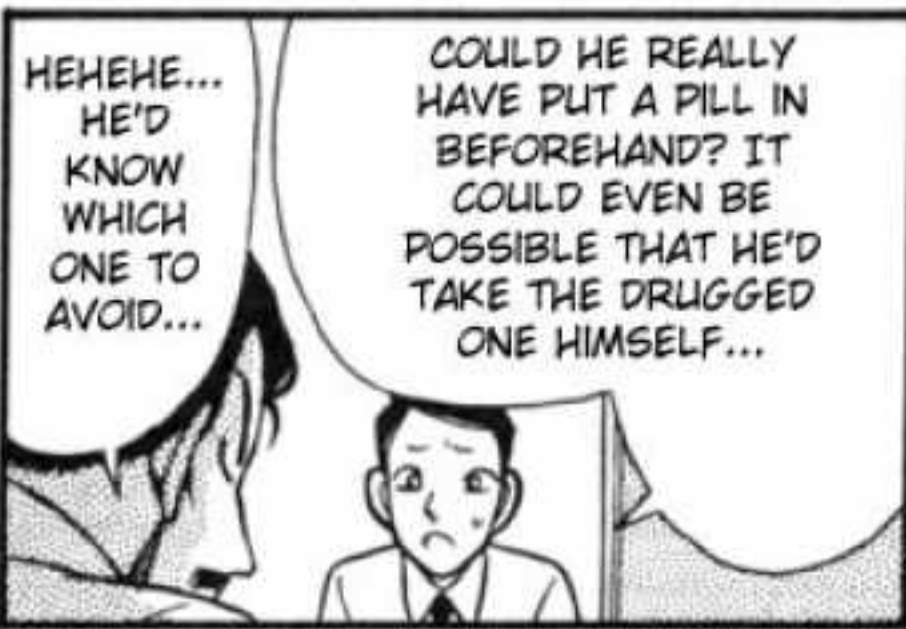
ICHIEDA-SAN IS RIGHT!

HE COULDN'T POSSIBLY HAVE DONE IT!



I WAS WITH YOU DURING THE TIME MISS REIKA WAS KILLED!!

I HAVE AN ALIBI!!



HEHEHE... HE'D KNOW WHICH ONE TO AVOID...

COULD HE REALLY HAVE PUT A PILL IN BEFOREHAND? IT COULD EVEN BE POSSIBLE THAT HE'D TAKE THE DRUGGED ONE HIMSELF...



THE COFFEE WAS BROUGHT IN BY YONE-SAN, AND THEN EVERYBODY PICKED A CUP RANDOMLY...

HE COULDN'T HAVE DRUGGED RAN-SAN'S COFFEE, EITHER!!



HE DIDN'T HAVE TO...

BUT RAN-SAN TOOK THE CUP HERSELF, RIGHT? HOW COULD HE PREDICT THAT?

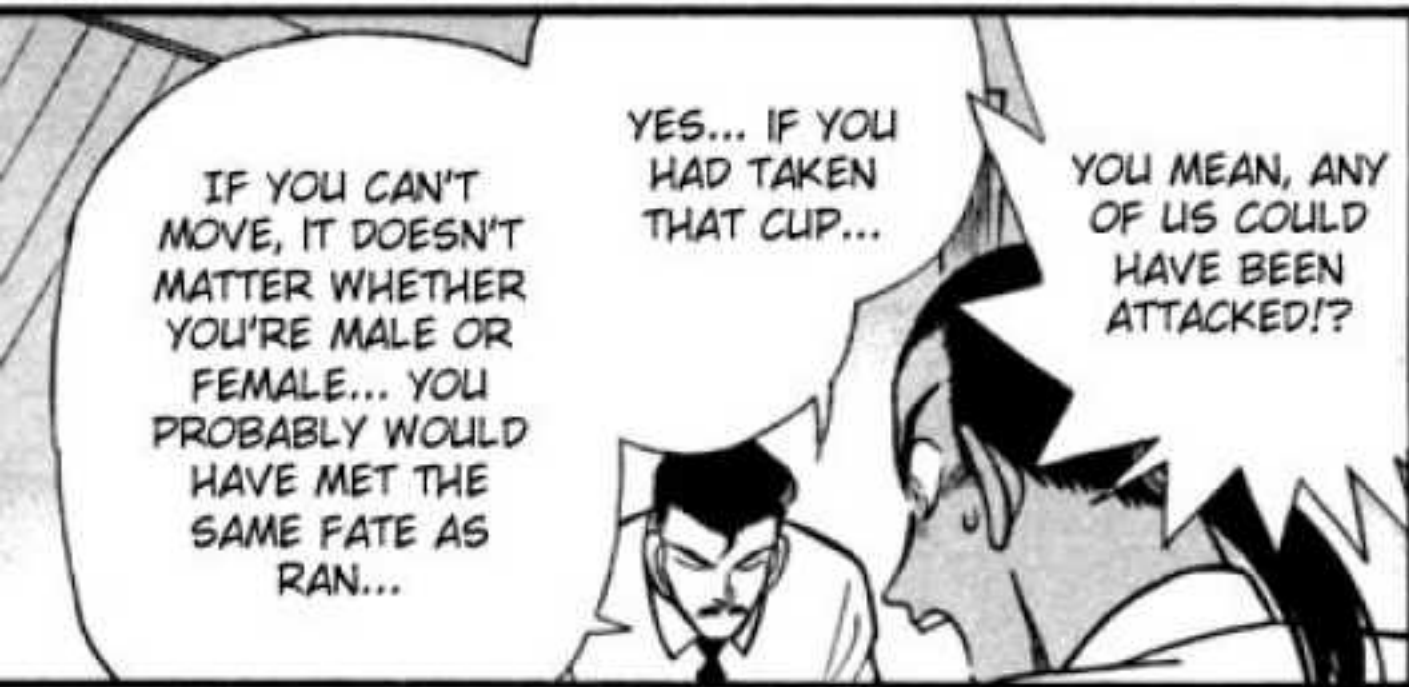


ALL HE HAD TO DO THEN WAS AVOID IT...

WHEN HE PUT THE PILL IN, HE COULD HAVE TURNED THE CUP, OR MOVED THE SPOON, OR DONE ANY NUMBER OF THINGS TO IDENTIFY THE CUP...



IT DIDN'T
MATTER WHO
TOOK THE
CLIP...



IF YOU CAN'T
MOVE, IT DOESN'T
MATTER WHETHER
YOU'RE MALE OR
FEMALE... YOU
PROBABLY WOULD
HAVE MET THE
SAME FATE AS
RAN...

YES... IF YOU
HAD TAKEN
THAT CLIP...

YOU MEAN, ANY
OF US COULD
HAVE BEEN
ATTACKED!?



WHA,

WHAT!?



NO, YOU
NEVER
PLANNED TO
KILL RAN AT
ALL...

BESIDES, IF I
HAD DONE IT, I
WOULD HAVE
KILLED HER THE
INSTANT THE
LIGHTS WENT
OUT!!



PLEASE
DON'T
LOOK
AT ME
LIKE
THAT...

THEN, THIS
REALLY
WAS A
RANDOM
MURDER...



WASN'T
A
LIFE...

WHAT YOU
WANTED FROM
THE SECOND
ATTACK...



EVIDENCE THAT THE KILLER HAD FORCED HER HEAD UNDERWATER!!!

YOU WANTED EVIDENCE...

LINKED BY THE APPARENTLY FORCED DROWNING OF THE VICTIM...

WITH THAT EVIDENCE, ALL THREE ATTACKS WOULD BE LINKED...

E-EVIDENCE?



WHAT!?

DROWNING IS DROWNING... HOWEVER... HER HEAD WASN'T FORCED UNDERWATER...

THAT MISS REIKA WASN'T DROWNED?

DOES THAT MEAN...



THEY COULDN'T POSSIBLY GET THAT WET, NO MATTER HOW MUCH SHE STRUGGLED...

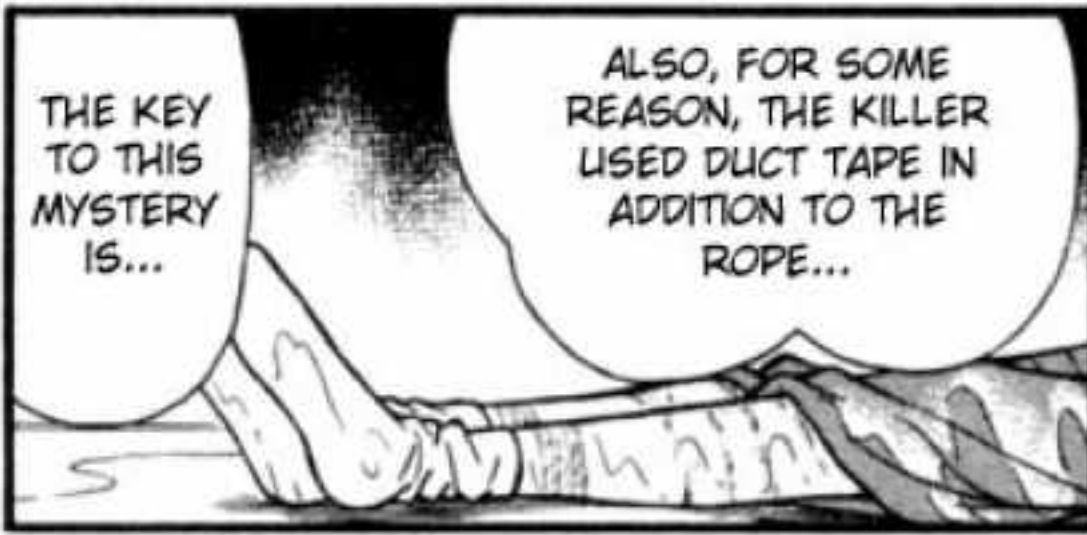
AND HER SOAKED CLOTHES...



REIKA-SAN DISAPPEARED AROUND 10 PM... BUT SHE WASN'T KILLED UNTIL 5 OR 6 AM...

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S STRANGE?

FOR SOME REASON, SHE WAS LEFT FOR 7 OR 8 HOURS BEFORE HER DEATH...



THE KEY TO THIS MYSTERY IS...

ALSO, FOR SOME REASON, THE KILLER USED DUCT TAPE IN ADDITION TO THE ROPE...



THE SHOWER!!



WHY DO YOU THINK IT WAS SWITCHED...?



MEANING THAT IT WAS SWITCHED TO THE SHOWER...

BUT WHEN CONAN TURNED THE WATER ON EARLIER, IT CAME OUT OF THE SHOWER HEAD INSTEAD...



WHEN YOU FILL THE TUB, YOU USUALLY USE THE FAUCET, RIGHT?

THE SHOWER !?



THAT WAY, IF SHE WAS TAPED TO THE BATHTUB SO THAT SHE COULDN'T MOVE, SHE'D EVENTUALLY DROWN!!

IT WAS SWITCHED SO THAT THE KILLER COULD FILL THE BATH QUIETLY!!



WHAT!?

WH,



HE THEN CREATED HIS ALIBI BY STAYING WITH ME DURING THAT TIME, AND AFTER 7, HE PRETENDED TO GO TO THE TOILET, BUT INSTEAD, PULLED THE DEAD REIKA-SAN OUT OF THE TUB...

AROUND 10 PM, WHEN REIKA-SAN LEFT HER ROOM AFTER CHANGING, ICHIEDA-SAN PUT HER TO SLEEP, CARRIED HER TO THE BATH ROOM, AND THEN USED THE TRICK I JUST DESCRIBED TO YOU!! THE AMOUNT OF WATER WAS ADJUSTED CAREFULLY TO MAKE SURE SHE DIED BETWEEN 5 OR 6 AM...



THAT WAS HOW HE PREPARED!!

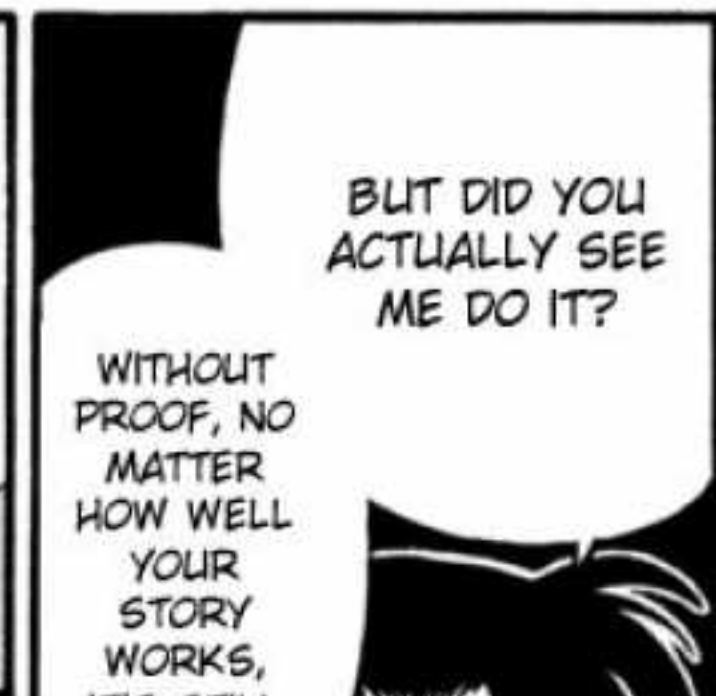
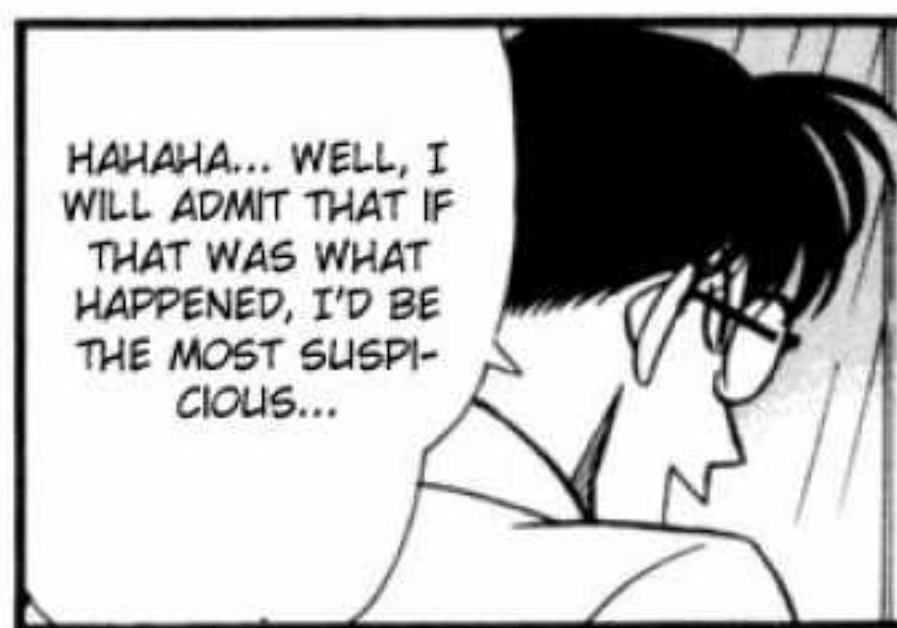
YES! RAN WAS ATTACKED SO THAT IT WOULD LOOK LIKE REIKA-SAN WAS FORCED UNDER THE WATER...




P-PRE-PREPARED?



IF THAT WAS ALL HE HAD DONE, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN FIGURED OUT IMMEDIATELY, BUT HE WAS PREPARED...







IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH YAEKO-SAN, WHO DROWNED TWO YEARS AGO...

MY GUESS IS...



THEY WERE ALL DROWNED ...

B-BUT, WHY WOULD HE DO IT...



SHE WAS KILLED...

HMPH... YAEKO DIDN'T DROWN...



SHE WAS WEARING A LIFE VEST, AND HAD ONE IN THE BOAT FOR MISS REIKA!!

DURING THAT STORM, YAEKO WENT OFF TOWARD THE ISLAND IN A BOAT TO FIND MISS REIKA...



BY NIKAIIDOU AND MISS REIKA!!!



THEY...

TH-THEN...



BUT THERE WERE ONLY TWO VESTS...

BUT ONCE SHE REACHED THE ISLAND, YAEKO WAS IN FOR A SURPRISE... NIKAIIDOU WAS THERE TOO!!



AND THOSE TWO SAID THEY HADN'T SEEN HER...

I THOUGHT IT WAS STRANGE... WHEN WE FOUND YAEKO LATER, SHE WASN'T WEARING HER LIFE VEST...



SO YAEKO DIED INSTEAD !!!

EXACTLY!! THEY TOOK YAEKO'S LIFE VEST AND SAVED THEMSELVES!!!



HMPH... I ASKED THEM BEFORE I KILLED THEM, AND THEY ADMITTED IT...

B-BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT...

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AND THIS WOMAN BOTH...

NIKAI-DOU...



IT SERVES THEM RIGHT...

HMPH!



THE GIRL I LOVED...

THEY'D KILLED YAEKO...



NO HUMAN ON EARTH DESERVES TO DIE!!



YO-YONE-SAN...



YOU FOOL!!!



I'M NOT SAYING I CAN TOTALLY FORGIVE HER FOR WHAT SHE DID...



EVEN IF I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS TO FEEL THAT...

BUT WHEN SOMEBODY DIES, SOMEBODY ELSE MOURNS...



EVEN IF I'M THE ONLY ONE...

