

DEATH NOTE

Special One-Shot

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I'LL TAKE IT, BUT YOU BETTER HAVE SOMETHING ELSE FOR ME TOO.

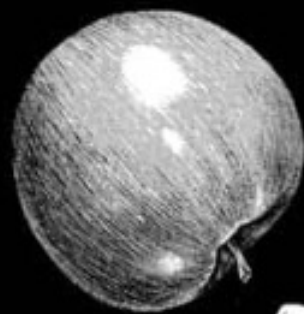
I DIDN'T SUCCEED LIKE YOU DID, RYUK. WANT THE NOTEBOOK BACK?

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TCH!
I
REMEMBER.





APPLES.
SO
GOOD.

YUM.



I'LL NEED
A REAL
CAPABLE ONE
LIKE LIGHT
YAGAMI IF I
WANT TO EAT
WELL FOR
AS LONG AS
POSSIBLE...
AND IT'LL
BE MORE
ENTERTAINING
THAT WAY...

I COULD
USE THIS
NOTEBOOK
TO GET
SOME
HUMAN
TO FEED
ME AGAIN.

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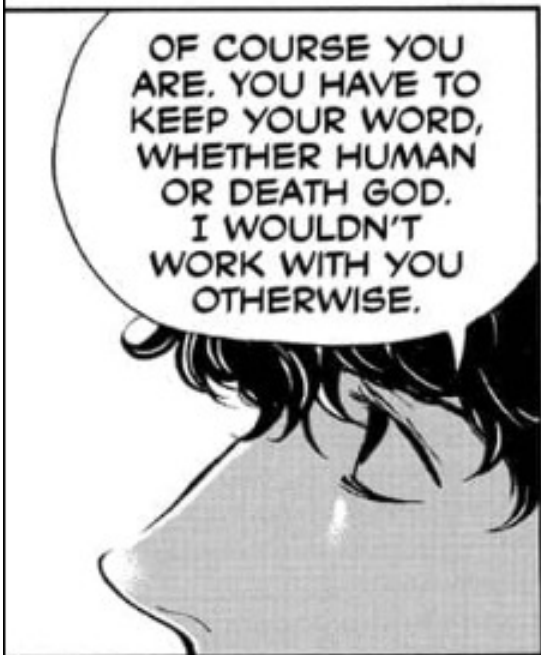
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DEATH IS NOT SPE



OF COURSE YOU ARE. YOU HAVE TO KEEP YOUR WORD, WHETHER HUMAN OR DEATH GOD. I WOULDN'T WORK WITH YOU OTHERWISE.



IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS, RYUK.

I CAME UP OUT OF THE FLOOR, LIKE I PROMISED. I'M A SHINIGAMI WHO KEEPS HIS WORD.



EXACTLY.

Two years ago

MINORU TANAKA, TOP SCORE ONCE AGAIN.

FACULTY ROOM

HE COULD BE THE SMARTEST MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT IN ALL OF JAPAN.

VERY IMPRESSIVE. THREE YEARS RUNNING?

Intelligence Test

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result 142

Name: Tanaka, Minoru

ect number.

IS IT AN ISSUE OF MOTIVATION?

BUT... WHY THIS?

HE'S NOT PUTTING ANY ACTUAL EFFORT INTO HIS GRADES.

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Score 28 pts

was not. I was playing

ENGLISH, 28 POINTS... I'M SO STUPID. I WISH I COULD HIT MY HEAD ON THE CORNER OF A BLOCK OF TOFU AND DIE.



WHAT WAS THAT?!

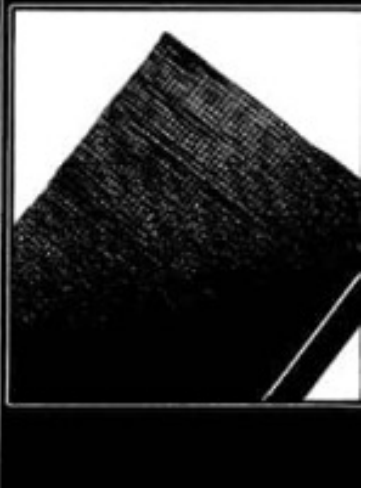
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HUH?

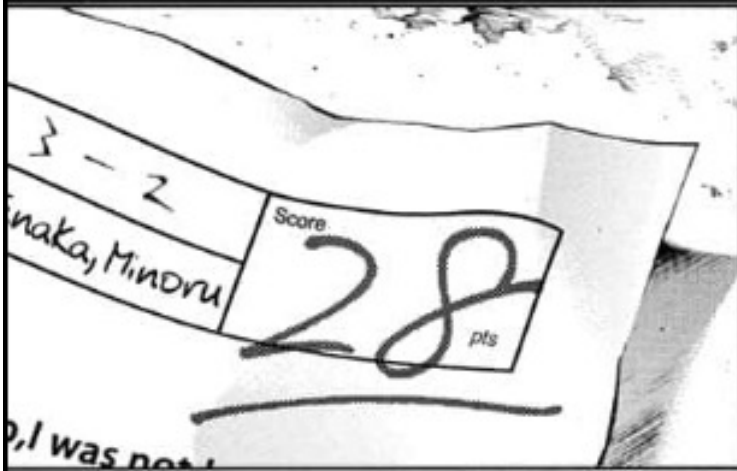
THIS IS YOURS NOW.







AAAAAH!!



I HEAR YOU'RE PRETTY SMART.

WHA...?
I...
UH...



HUH?



HUH?

BUT YOUR
TEACHERS
AT SCHOOL
SAID YOU GOT
FIRST PLACE
THREE YEARS
RUNNING. THAT
YOU'RE THE
SMARTEST
MIDDLE
SCHOOLER
IN JAPAN.



THREE
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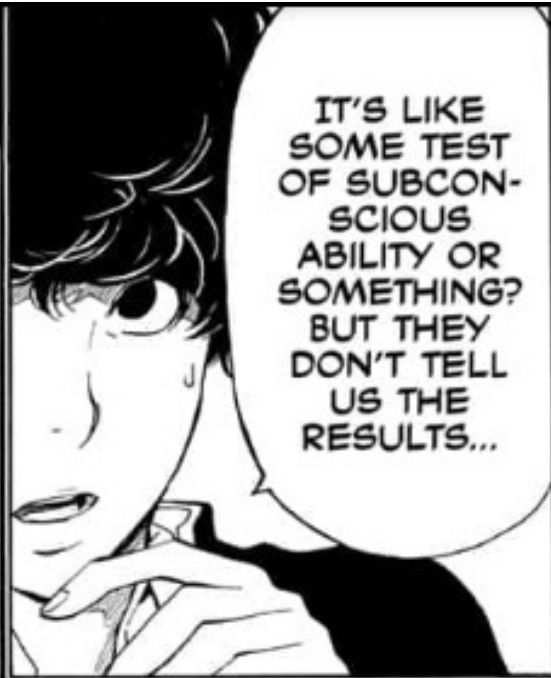


NO, NO
WAY.
FIRST
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TESTS
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RUNNING
...?



I THINK
YOU MIGHT
BE TALKING
ABOUT AN
INTELLIGENCE
TEST.

...







IT'S ALL RIGHT. YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SEE ME.

HUH? NO WAY. AND I CAN'T GET UP RIGHT NOW.

WE SHOULDN'T JUST STAND AROUND TALKING THOUGH. LET'S GO TO YOUR HOUSE.

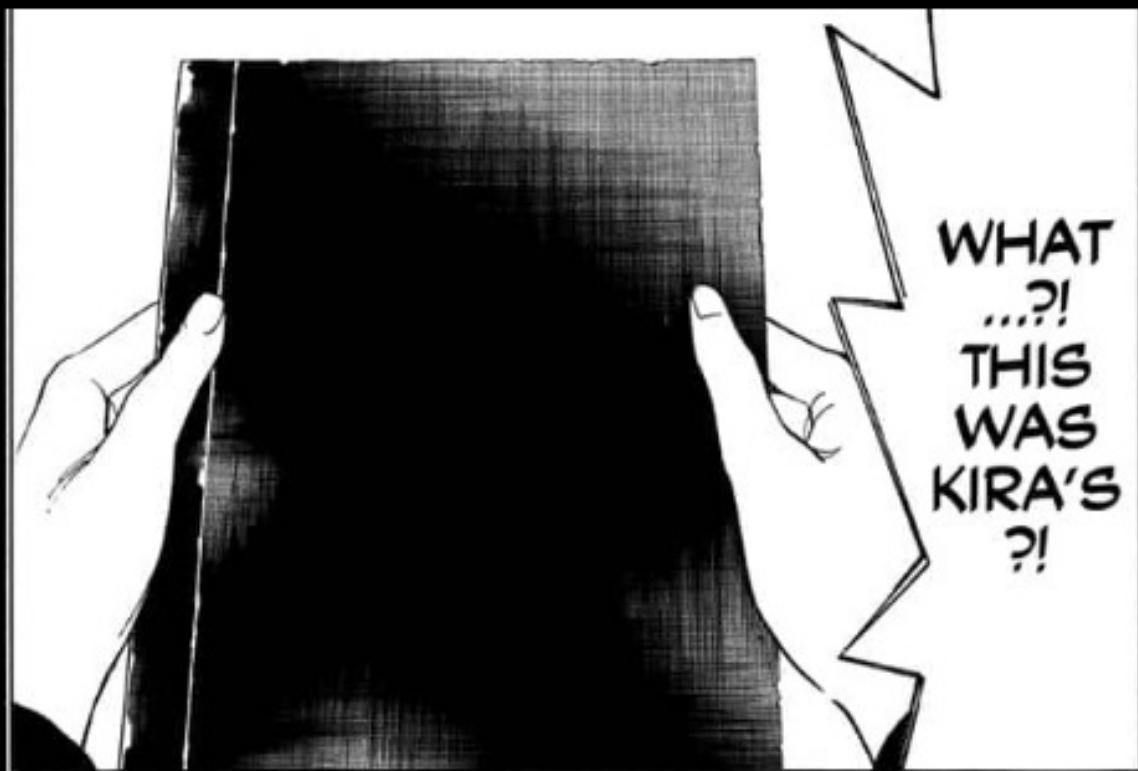
NO WAY. THAT'S WAY TOO CONVENIENT.

I'M SERIOUS.

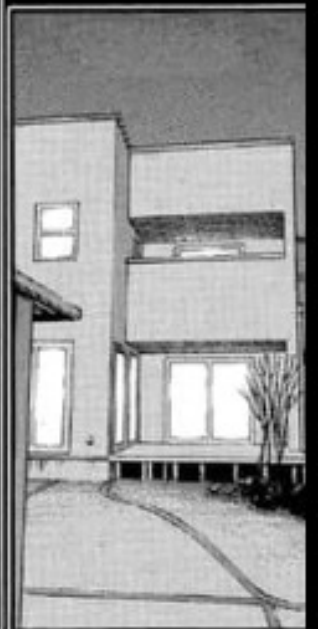
BUT... BUT MY ROOM IS MESSY...



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WHAT ...?! THIS WAS KIRA'S ?!





YOU MEAN
THE KIRA?
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WAR AND
GREATLY
REDUCED
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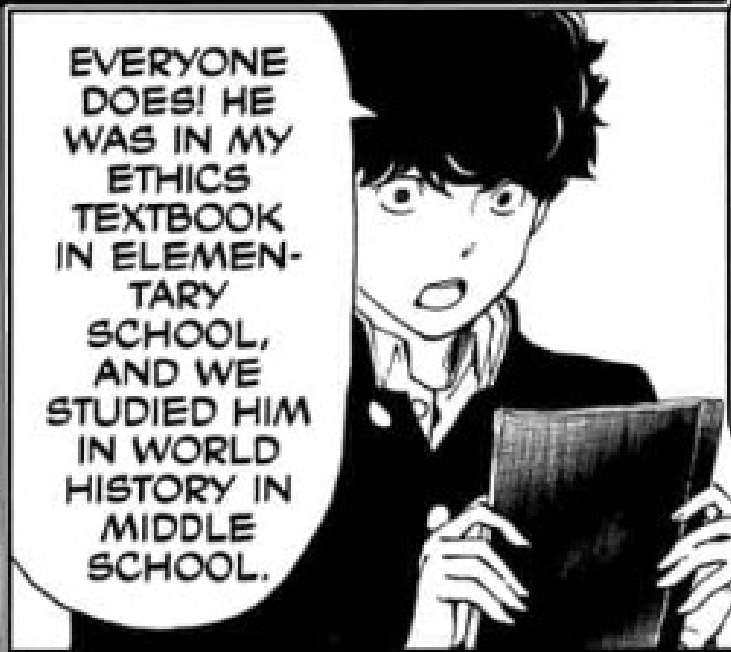
NO
WAY!

HEY...
YOU'RE
SHOUTING.

PEOPLE
CAN'T
HEAR MY
VOICE, BUT
THEY CAN
STILL HEAR
YOURS.



WOW,
REALLY?
THEY
TREAT HIM
LIKE ONE
OF THE
GREATS,
HUH?



EVERYONE
DOES! HE
WAS IN MY
ETHICS
TEXTBOOK
IN ELEMEN-
TARY
SCHOOL,
AND WE
STUDIED HIM
IN WORLD
HISTORY IN
MIDDLE
SCHOOL.

FOR
BEING SO
YOUNG,
YOU SEEM
TO KNOW
A LOT
ABOUT
HIM.



OH
YEAH?
A GOD,
HUH?

BUT THERE
ARE ALSO
LOTS OF
PEOPLE WHO
SAY KIRA
WAS A GOD.

NO, NO.
IN ETHICS
THEY
TAUGHT
US THAT
KIRA WAS
EVIL.

AND IN
WORLD
HISTORY,
HE WAS
DESCRIBED
AS A MASS-
MURDERING
TERRORIST,
THE WORST
IN RECENT
HISTORY.



BUT HOW
DOES A
NOTEBOOK
LIKE THIS
MAKE YOU
A GOD...?



SERIOUS-
LY?

WHY
IS IT IN
ENGLISH?
I DON'T
KNOW
ENGLISH.

TRANSLATE
IT.



THE
INSTRUC-
TIONS ARE
ON THE
FIRST PAGE.
JUST READ
THE THING.

...



DEATH NOTE



HOW TO USE IT

- The human whose name is written in this note shall die.

このノートに名前を書かれた人間は死ぬ

- This note will not take effect unless the writer has the person's face in their mind when writing his/her name. Therefore, people sharing the same name will not be affected.

書く人物の顔が頭に入っていないと効果はない
ゆえに同姓同名の人物に一遍に効果は与えられない

- If the cause of death is written within 40 seconds of writing the person's name, it will happen.

名前の後に人間界単位で40秒以内には死因を書くとその通りになる

- If the cause of death is not specified, the person will simply die of a heart attack

死因を書かなければ全てが心臓麻痺となる

- After writing the cause of death, details of the death should be written in the next 6 minutes and 40 seconds.

死因を書くと更に6分40秒 詳しい死の状況を記載する時間が

与えられる





I CAN'T BELIEVE
ALL OF THIS...
BUT I GUESS
THIS EXPLAINS
HOW HE DID IT...



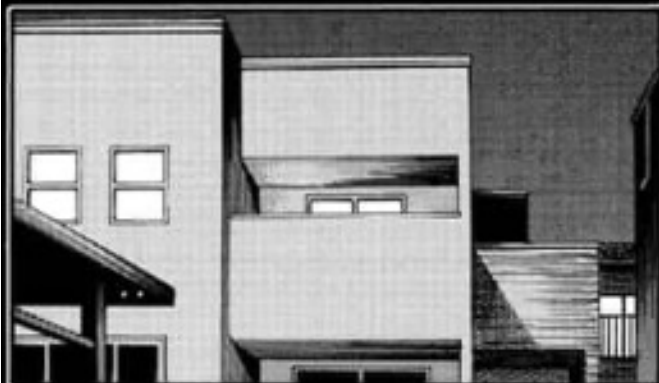
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IT WAS
PRETTY
ENTERTAINING.

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POLICE
AND L
WERE
TRYING TO
ARREST
KIRA,
RIGHT?

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not be affect
頭に入るとい
の人物に一遍に
death is writ
PERSON'S NAME
立て40秒以内



RYUK,
CAN YOU
TELL ME
MORE
ABOUT
WHAT
KIRA DID?



I'D
LIKE TO
EAT AN
APPLE
FIRST.



I CAN'T
SHARE
PERSONAL
DETAILS, BUT
I'LL TELL YOU
EVERYTHING
I REMEMBER.



OOOH~!

YOU
HAPPEN
TO BE
VERY
LUCKY.

MY
MOM'S
ON AN
APPLE
DIET,
AND I
ALWAYS
HAVE
ONE A
DAY.





YOU
CAN'T BE
SERIOUS...



YEAH.
HIS TEST
SCORES
WERE
NUMBER
ONE IN THE
NATION.

HE
MUST'VE
BEEN
REALLY
SMART...

THAT'S WILD...
SO KIRA
ACTUALLY MADE
USE OF THE
RULES ABOUT
THE NOTE'S
POSSESSION
AND THE FACT
THAT TOUCHING
THE DEATH
NOTE MAKES
PEOPLE SEE
YOU, ALL TO
HIS OWN
ADVANTAGE...

1105...
FLIP...

THAT WAS TEN YEARS AGO. A DIFFERENT ERA IN THE HUMAN WORLD.

HUH?

BUT IF YOU TRIED TO DO THE SAME THING NOW, YOU'D GET CAUGHT.



YEAH, I GUESS YOU COULDN'T KILL THE FBI AGENTS THE SAME WAY...



THERE'S A SECURITY CAMERA ON EVERY STREET CORNER NOW, AND IN EVERY TRAIN CAR. CARS AND BUSES HAVE DASHCAMS



BUT I'M SURE KIRA WOULD HAVE COME UP WITH A WAY TO DO IT THAT STILL WORKS IN THIS DAY AND AGE.



...AND THE POLICE HAVE TABS ON ALL CELL PHONE CALLS.

THEY'RE MORE SOPHISTICATED AT INVESTIGATING CYBERCRIMES, SO IF KIRA TRIED TO GET HIS MESSAGE OUT ONLINE, THEY'D TRACK HIM DOWN RIGHT AWAY...

UNTRACEABLE MESSAGES ONLINE ONLY HAPPEN WHEN TV SHOWS AND MOVIES NEED TO WRITE IT THAT WAY TO MAKE THINGS DRAMATIC.



AND CAN YOU DO THAT, MINORU?





HUH?



YOU'RE KIDDING ME. NO WAY I CAN USE THIS DEADLY NOTEBOOK...

THIS SHINIGAMI WANTS ME TO DO THE SAME THINGS THAT KIRA DID?

BUT IF I GIVE IT BACK TO RYUK, WILL HE JUST GIVE IT TO SOMEONE ELSE INSTEAD?

KIRA GAVE IT BACK TO RYUK ONCE TOO.

IF I GIVE SOMEONE ELSE THE NOTEBOOK OR RETURN IT TO RYUK, I'LL LOSE OWNERSHIP AND MY MEMORIES OF IT. I CAN FORGET EVERYTHING.



WHAT'S THE RIGHT ANSWER...?

A NOTEBOOK THAT CAN ONLY BE USED TO KILL PEOPLE...



I'M THE KIND OF PERSON WHO THINKS AND THINKS UNTIL HE REACHES HIS OWN ANSWER.

HMM? OH...

YOU HAVEN'T SAID ANYTHING FOR HOURS. WHAT'S UP?



NO WONDER YOU'RE THE QUIZ KING.





THERE ARE TWO QUESTIONS I HAVE, RYUK.

OH YEAH?



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FIRST, ARE THERE OTHER HUMANS BESIDES ME WHO CAN SEE YOU?

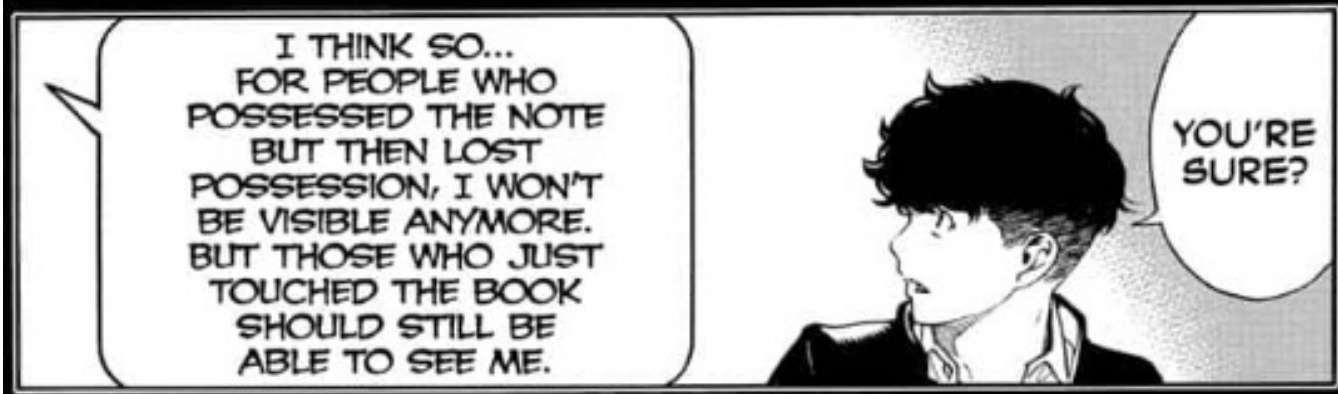


YEAH.





I SHOULD BE VISIBLE TO THE PEOPLE WHO TOUCHED THE NOTEBOOK WHEN I BROUGHT IT TO THE HUMAN WORLD IN THE PAST.



I THINK SO... FOR PEOPLE WHO POSSESSED THE NOTE BUT THEN LOST POSSESSION, I WON'T BE VISIBLE ANYMORE. BUT THOSE WHO JUST TOUCHED THE BOOK SHOULD STILL BE ABLE TO SEE ME.

YOU'RE SURE?



ONE OTHER QUESTION.



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HOW FAR
AWAY
CAN YOU
ACTUALLY
GET FROM
THE
OWNER?

"THE
HUMAN
OWNER
OF A
DEATH NOTE
MUST BE
POSSESSED
BY A
SHINIGAMI."



CAN
YOU BE
MORE
SPECIFIC?

MY POINT
IS, THERE'S
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DISTANCE.



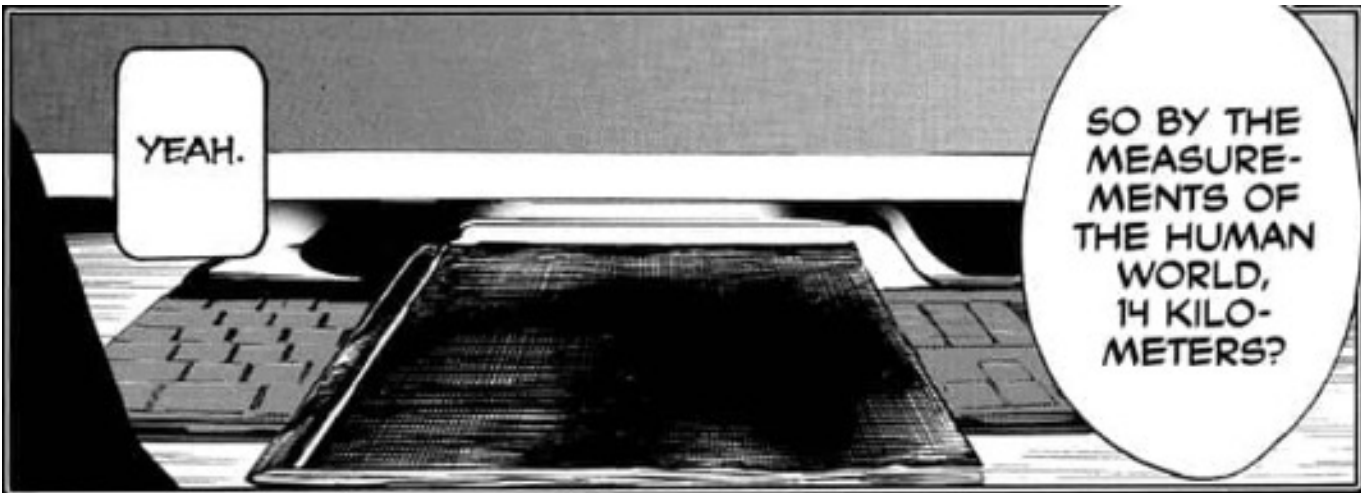
OR WAIT,
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THAT'S A
TRICKY
QUESTION.
IT'S NOT
A FIRM
RULE. IT
PROBABLY
WORKS AS
LONG AS
I KNOW
WHERE
YOU ARE...



THEN
COME UP
WITH A
NUMBER.

UH...
OKAY...



YEAH.

SO BY THE MEASUREMENTS OF THE HUMAN WORLD, 14 KILOMETERS?



THE RULE WASN'T CLEAR BEFORE, SO THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH ME SETTING IT NOW.

THAT'S CLOSE ENOUGH TO IDENTIFY HUMANS AND TO REACH YOU AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE.



OKAY. I'VE DECIDED.



IN TWO YEARS, I'LL USE THE NOTEBOOK, AND I CAN PROMISE YOU APPLES EVERY DAY.

I'M GOING TO RETURN THE DEATH NOTE NOW. COME BACK IN TWO YEARS.



ALL RIGHT... FINE.

I'LL WAIT.

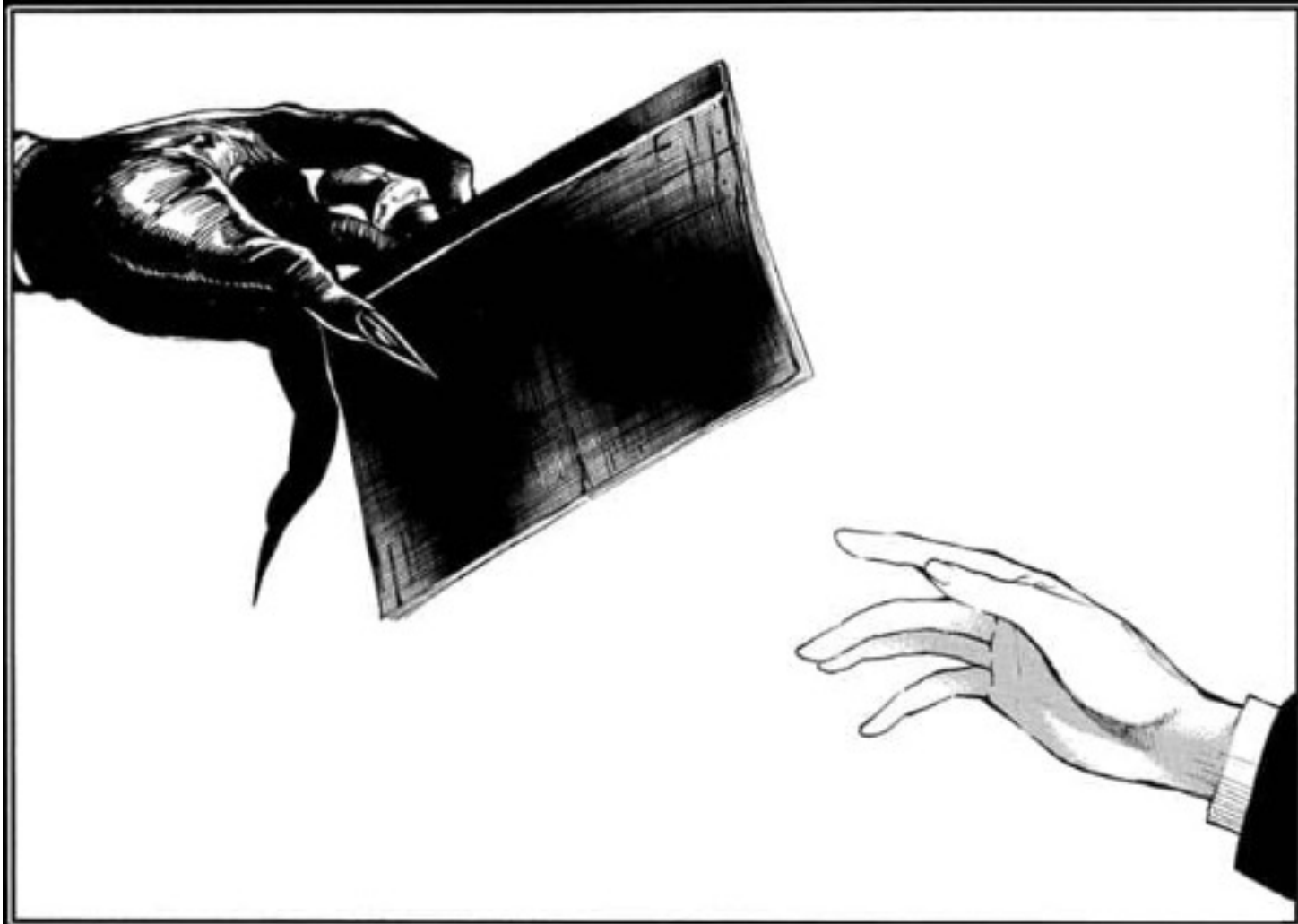
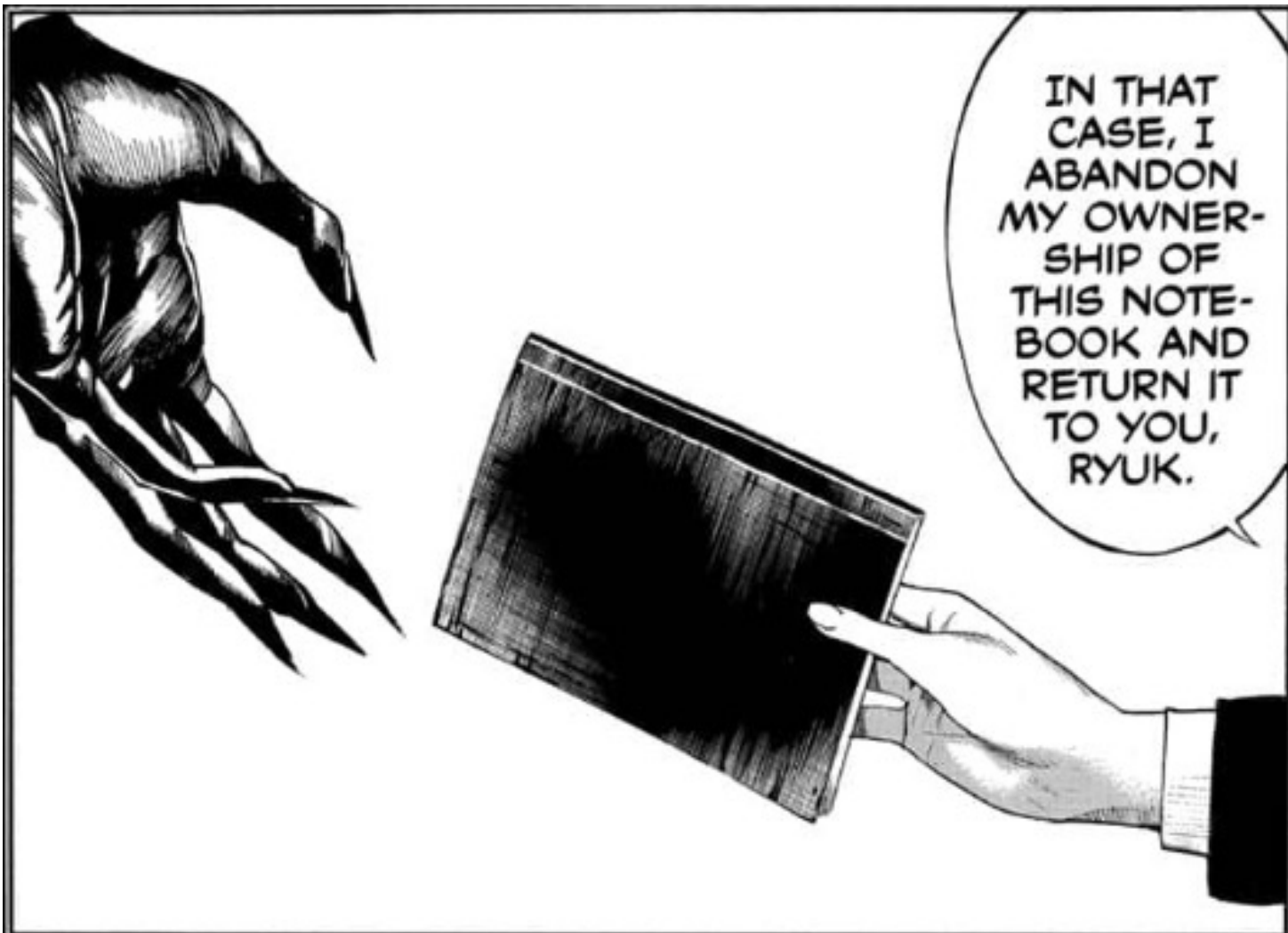


IF YOU CAN'T WAIT THAT LONG, GIVE THE NOTEBOOK TO SOMEONE ELSE.



HUH?

I HAVE TO BE IN APPLE WITHDRAWAL FOR TWO YEARS?





YEAH.

THAT'S HOW IT WENT.

Present day

I WENT WITHOUT APPLES FOR TWO YEARS.



PLAN?

YEP... I CAN GO WITH THE PLAN I THOUGHT OF TWO YEARS AGO.





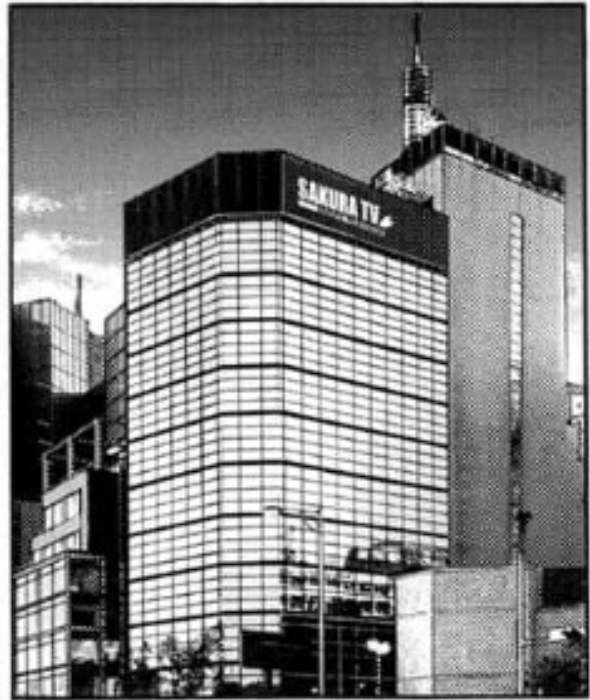
YES,
JUST AS I
PLANNED,
I'M GOING
TO SELL
THE DEATH
NOTE.



SELL?!



GOOD EVENING.
THIS IS NEWS X.
TONIGHT'S LEADING
STORY...



THE POWER TO REMOTELY
KILL PEOPLE AS USED BY
KIRA IS BEING PUT UP FOR AUCTION
IF YOU WANT TO BUY IT, USE THE
HASHTAG #POWEROFKIRA ON TWITTER
AND INDICATE YOUR BID AMOUNT
IN AMERICAN DOLLARS





DOES THAT MEAN THE KIRA?

IS THIS AN ON-AIR SCREW-UP?

SAKURA TV AGAIN... FIGURES.



PUTTING THE POWER OF KIRA UP FOR AUCTION?

WHAT IS THIS?

THE POWER TO REMOTELY KILL PEOPLE AS USED BY KIRA IS BEING PUT UP FOR AUCTION. IF YOU WANT TO BUY IT, USE THE HASHTAG #KIRAON TWITTER AND VOICE YOUR BID AMOUNT IN AMERICAN DOLLARS.



WE APOLOGIZE FOR THIS.

JUST A MOMENT, FOLKS.

WHAT IS THAT CUE CARD DOING?!

THE POWER TO REMOTELY KILL PEOPLE AS USED BY KIRA IS BEING PUT UP FOR AUCTION. IF YOU WANT TO BUY IT, USE THE HASHTAG #KIRAON TWITTER AND VOICE YOUR BID AMOUNT IN AMERICAN DOLLARS.

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IT'S REFERRING TO KIRA'S POWER TO KILL PEOPLE FROM A DISTANCE...

TH- THIS PAPER IS FLOATING UNSUPPORTED...

TO REMOTELY AS USED BY UP FOR AUCTION. BUY IT, USE THE #KIRA ON TWITTER OUR BID AMOUNT IN DOLLARS.



DON'T TOUCH IT! JUST EXPLAIN THE SITUATION.



WE TAKE NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONTENT OF THE MESSAGE YOU'RE SEEING ON-SCREEN.

THE POWER TO REMOVE ALL PEOPLE AS USED BY KIRA IS BEING PUT UP FOR AUCTION. IF YOU WANT TO BUY IT, USE THE HASHTAG #KIRAFORSALE ON TWITTER AND INDICATE YOUR BID AMOUNT IN AMERICAN DOLLARS.

WE ASSURE YOU, SAKURA TV HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS.







R-
RIGHT,
THAT'S
WHAT I
MEANT.



YOU
MEAN
SOMEONE
WHO
GOT IT
FROM
RYUK.

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KCHAK KCHAK

DEPUTY
COMMIS-
SIONER,
RYUK IS
TRYING
TO SELL
THE
DEATH
NOTE.



I...
I HOPE
IT'S
JUST A
JOKE...

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THE POWER TO REMOTELY
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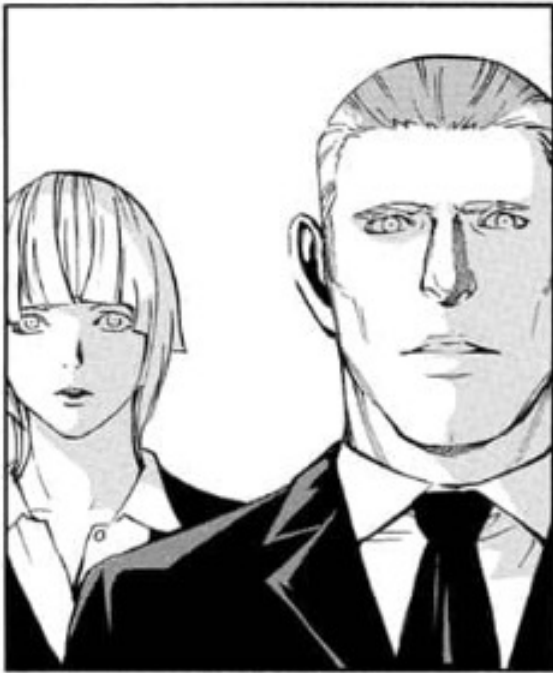
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COMING
OUT OF
JAPAN
RIGHT
NOW...



L,
THERE'S
SOME
NEWS
ABOUT
KIRA...



WHAT'S
THIS...?



I'M TRYING TO CREATE A FACIAL-RECOGNITION SYSTEM FOR SHINIGAMI, THOUGH I'M SURE THE BARRIERS ARE VERY HIGH.

IT'S A REPLICA OF A SHINIGAMI.



LET'S CALL WHOEVER'S PUTTING THE MURDER NOTEBOOK UP FOR AUCTION UP FOR AUCTION, "A-KIRA."



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WHICH IS WHY I SAID THE BARRIERS ARE HIGH.

I THOUGHT ONLY PEOPLE WHO HAVE TOUCHED THE NOTEBOOK COULD SEE SHINIGAMI.

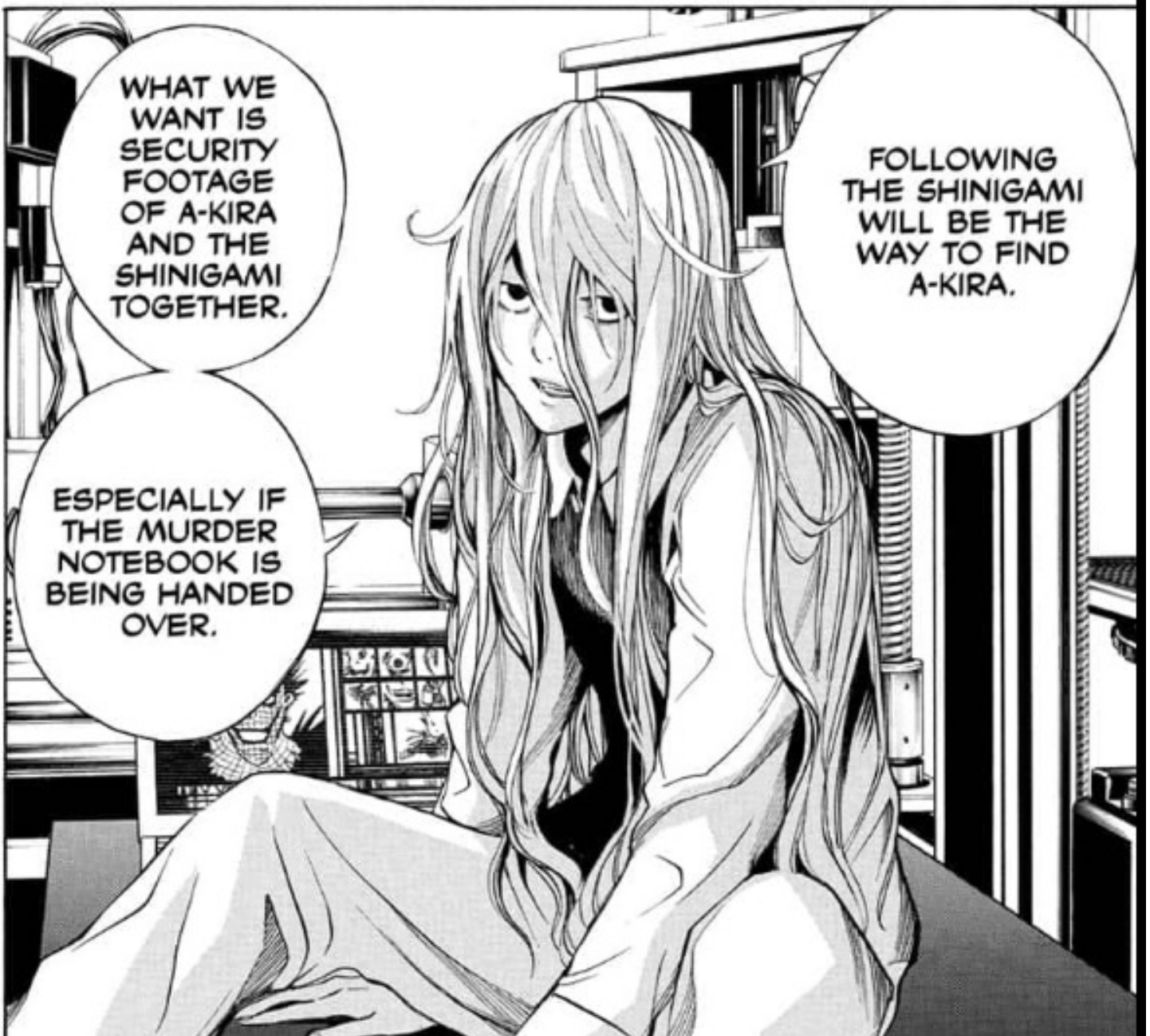


SENDING THE SHINIGAMI TO THE TV STATION, NOT ACTUALLY USING THE INTERNET... A-KIRA IS VERY CAUTIOUS.



YES. I COULD SEE THE SHINIGAMI.

SO IT'S TRUE, THEN?



WHAT WE WANT IS SECURITY FOOTAGE OF A-KIRA AND THE SHINIGAMI TOGETHER.

ESPECIALLY IF THE MURDER NOTEBOOK IS BEING HANDED OVER.

FOLLOWING THE SHINIGAMI WILL BE THE WAY TO FIND A-KIRA.



ALL THE CAMERAS IN JAPAN? SO YOU THINK A-KIRA IS IN JAPAN?

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CLAK
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HOWEVER, IT'S ESSENTIALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND THAT FOOTAGE FROM ALL OF THE CAMERAS IN JAPAN ONLY USING THE HELP OF PEOPLE WHO CAN SEE SHINIGAMI.

I THINK WE CAN ASSUME THAT THEY'RE BOTH IN JAPAN, FOR NOW.



BASED ON THE PAST KIRA INCIDENT, WE CAN SURMISE THAT A SHINIGAMI CAN'T BE FAR FROM THE OWNER OF THE NOTEBOOK.



ASSUMING WE EVEN FIND A-KIRA, ARE YOU CERTAIN YOU CAN CHARGE THEM WITH A CRIME?



CATCH?

I'LL ARRANGE A TICKET TO JAPAN AT ONCE. WE HAVE TO CATCH THIS GUY...



I WOULD ASSUME THAT KILLING SOMEONE WITH THE NOTEBOOK IS A CRIME, BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE SELLING ONE WOULD BE.

IN THE PAST, I CALLED THE NOTEBOOK THE WORST MURDER WEAPON IN HUMAN HISTORY. BUT WEAPONS OF MASS MURDER ARE TRADED AROUND THE WORLD EVERY DAY.



IF YOU WANT TO SEIZE THE NOTEBOOK, I WOULD RECOMMEND FINDING THE PERSON WHO WON IT, ONCE THE AUCTION IS OVER.

BUT... THAT NOTEBOOK IS...

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THEN WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO TRACK DOWN A-KIRA, L?

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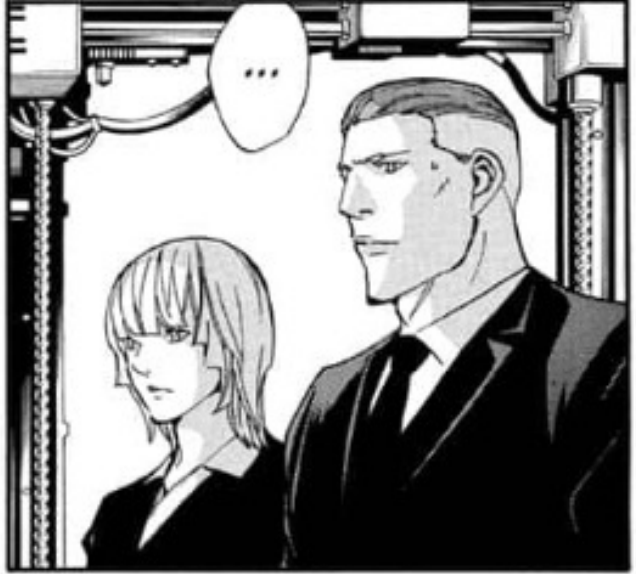
I HAVE A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS. I WOULD LIKE TO MEET THEM.

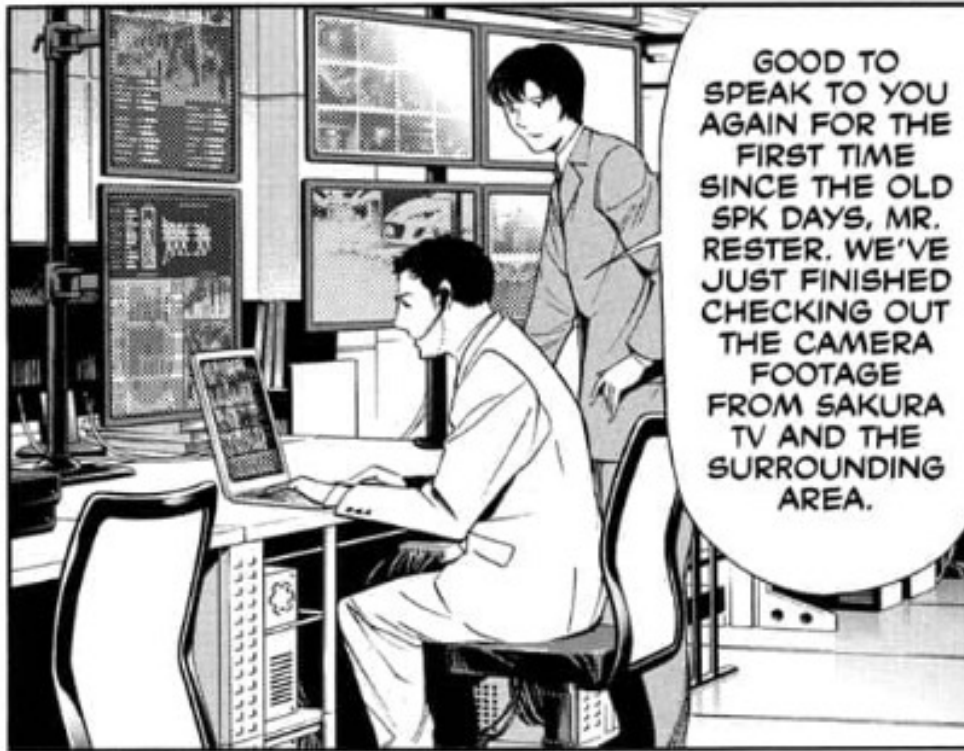
A-KIRA IS EXTREMELY SMART.



IF YOU WISH TO HELP, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH MR. AIZAWA TO HAVE YESTERDAY'S INTERIOR SECURITY CAMERA FOOTAGE FROM SAKURA TV SENT OVER.

GOT IT.





GOOD TO SPEAK TO YOU AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE OLD SPK DAYS, MR. REXTER. WE'VE JUST FINISHED CHECKING OUT THE CAMERA FOOTAGE FROM SAKURA TV AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.



WHAT DID THE SHINIGAMI DO?

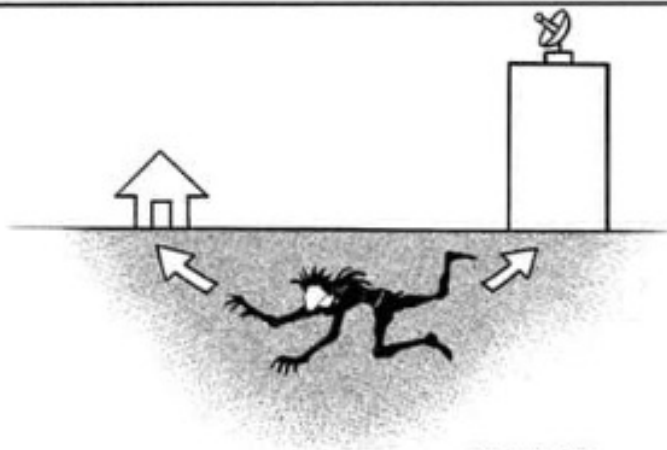


WELL, AFTER THROWING AWAY THE SHEET OF PAPER WITH THE MESSAGE ON IT, IT PASSED THROUGH THE BOTTOM OF THE SECOND-FLOOR STUDIO, THEN THE FIRST FLOOR, THEN THE BASEMENT PARKING LOT...

THE SHINIGAMI PASSED UNDERGROUND AND DID NOT SHOW UP ON THE SAKURA TV SECURITY FOOTAGE AFTER THAT...

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

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...THEN THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT.

IF THE SHINIGAMI IS TRAVELING BETWEEN THE TV STATION AND A-KIRA UNDERGROUND...



EVEN IF I COULD MAKE A SHINIGAMI RECOGNITION SYSTEM, IT'D BE POINTLESS.

LET'S NOT MAKE THIS AFTER ALL.

IF THE SHINIGAMI APPEARS ON ANY CAMERA FOOTAGE ASIDE FROM THE TV STUDIO...



...IT WILL BE WHEN HE'S HANDING OVER THE MURDER NOTEBOOK TO THE BUYER.



IT'S A VERY WELL-CONSTRUCTED PLAN.

BUT... AT THAT MOMENT, A-KIRA WILL HAVE PARTED WAYS WITH THE NOTEBOOK, AND WE CAN PRESUME THAT ANY MEMORY OF ALL OF THIS WILL BE GONE.



IF WE WANT TO CATCH THEM AS A-KIRA, IT MUST BE AT THE MOMENT BETWEEN GETTING THE MONEY AND LETTING GO OF THE NOTE-BOOK.



SO YOU'RE SAYING THERE'S ALMOST NO CHANCE WE CATCH THEM?



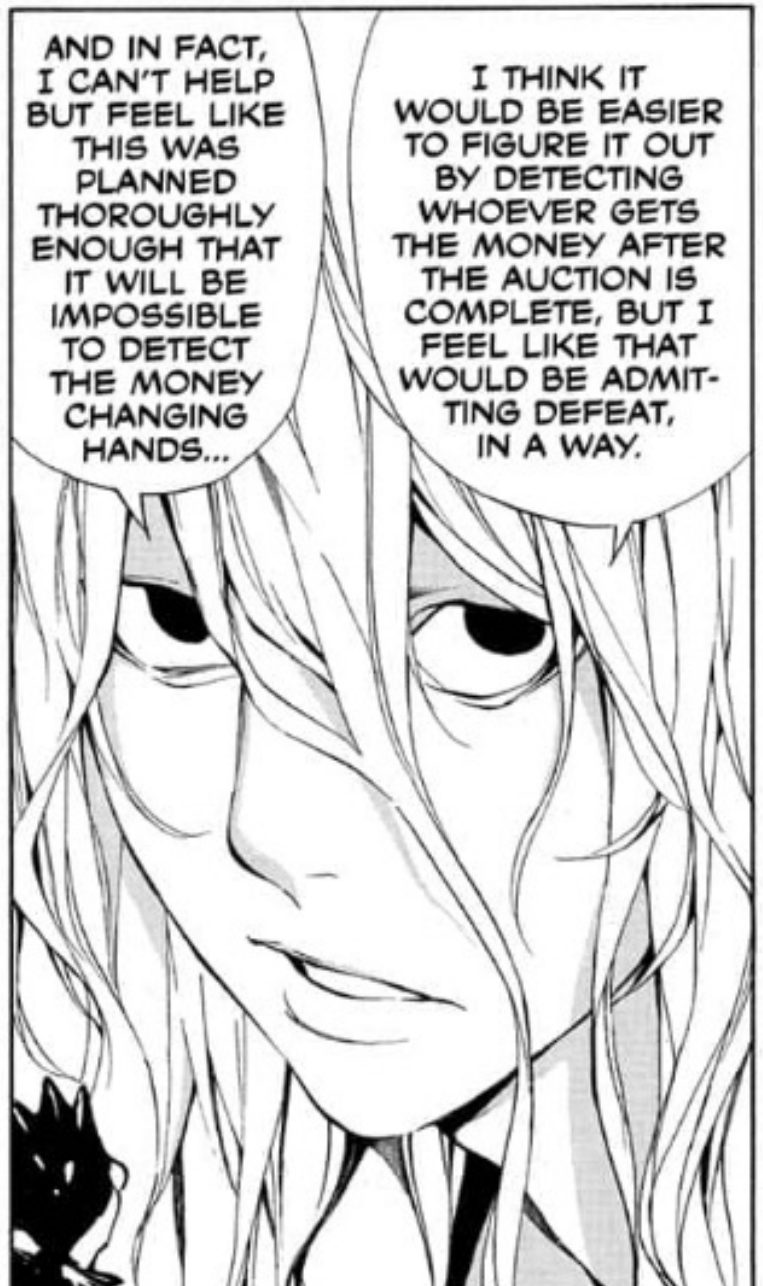
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AND IN FACT, I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL LIKE THIS WAS PLANNED THOROUGHLY ENOUGH THAT IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO DETECT THE MONEY CHANGING HANDS...

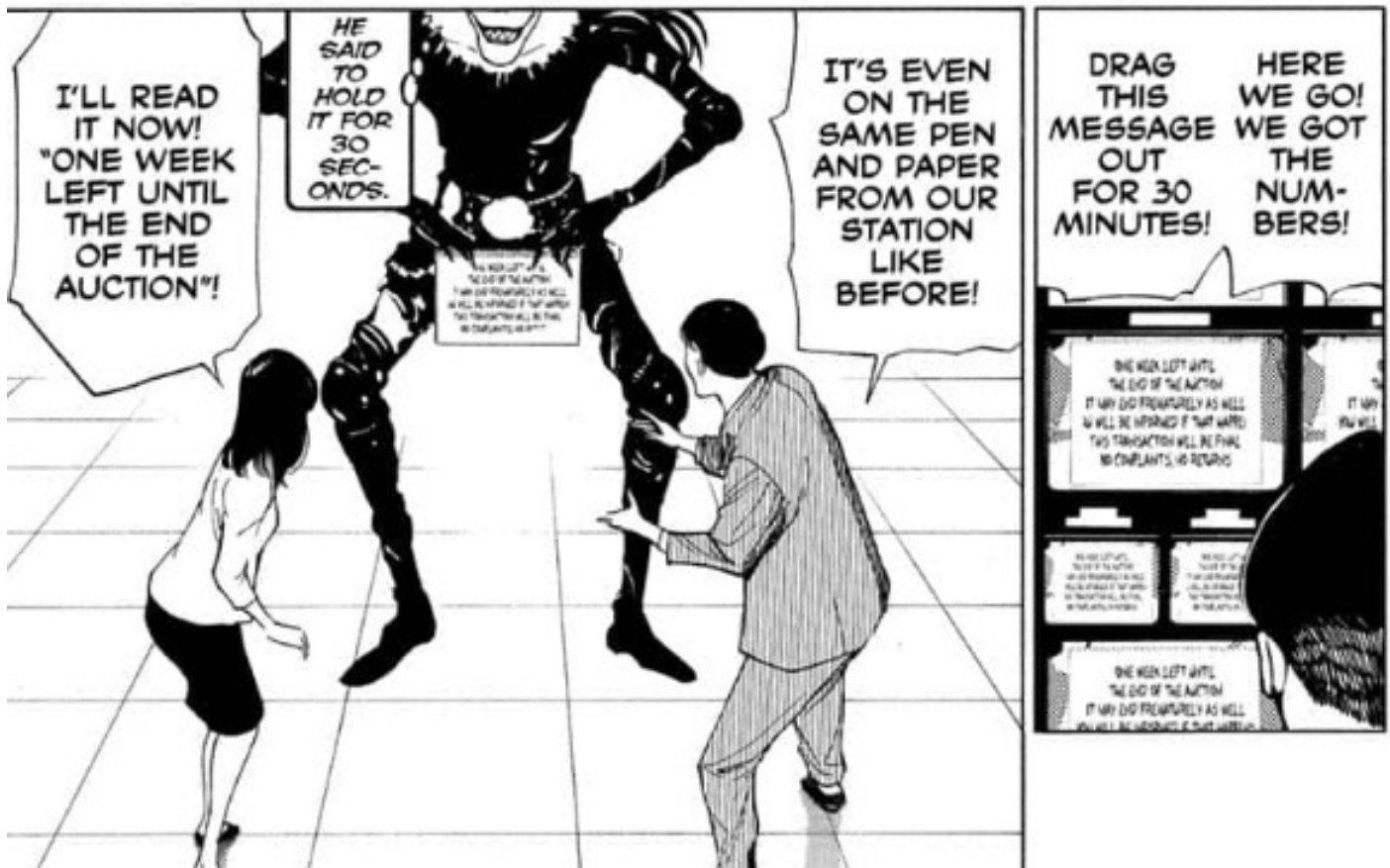
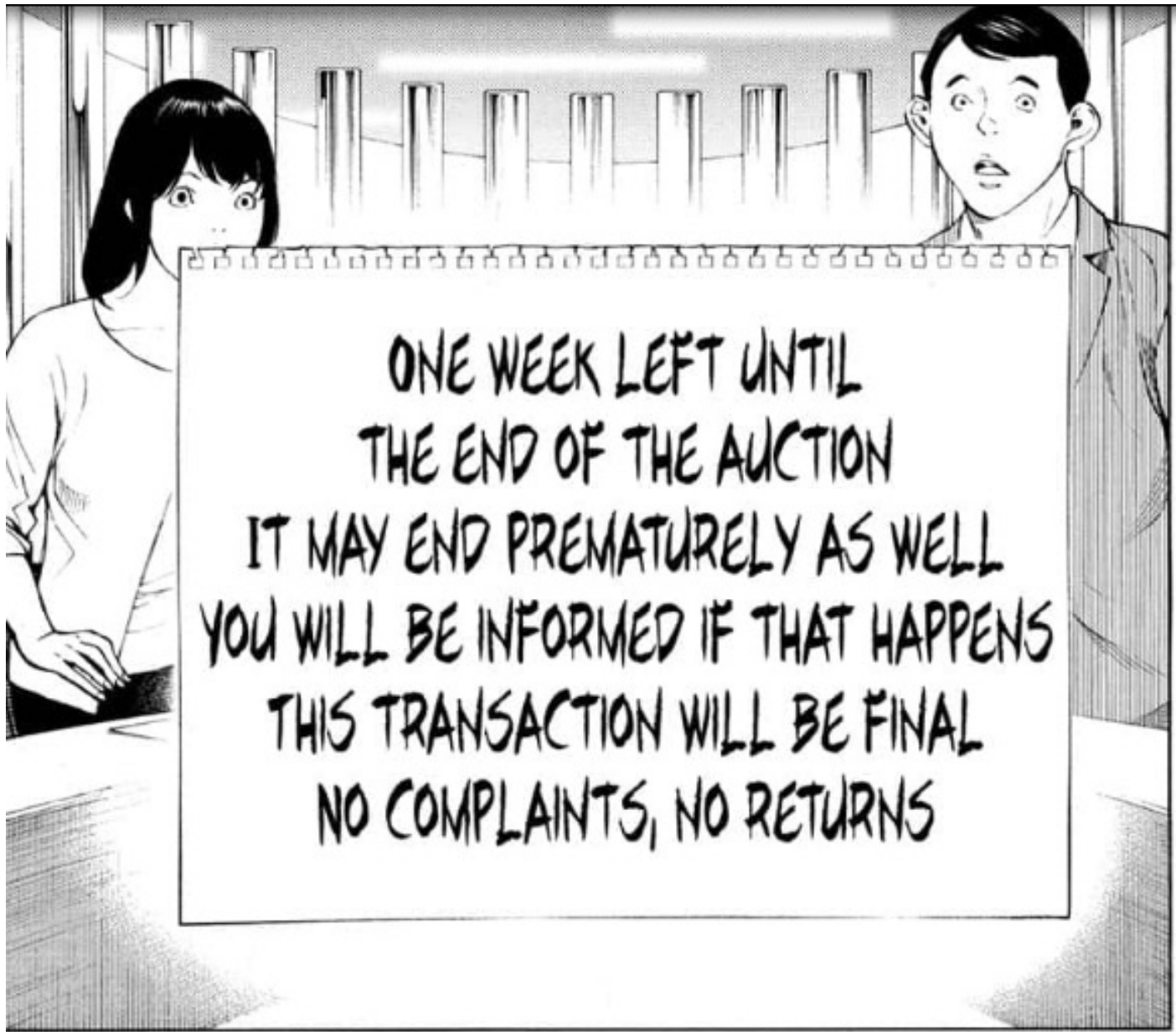
I THINK IT WOULD BE EASIER TO FIGURE IT OUT BY DETECTING WHOEVER GETS THE MONEY AFTER THE AUCTION IS COMPLETE, BUT I FEEL LIKE THAT WOULD BE ADMITTING DEFEAT, IN A WAY.

LET'S SIT BACK AND WATCH FOR NOW.

WELL, ULTIMATELY, WE ONLY NEED TO TRACK DOWN WHOEVER WINS THE NOTEBOOK.









STUPID MATSUDA...
YOUR ORDERS
WERE TO FOLLOW
THE SHINIGAMI AS
FAR AS YOU CAN
IF IT SHOWS UP!



HEY,
IT'S
BEEN A
WHILE.

ONE WEEK LEFT UNTIL
THE END OF THE AUCTION
IT MAY END PREMATURELY AS WELL
YOU WILL BE INFORMED IF THAT HAPPENS
THIS TRANSACTION WILL BE FINAL
NO COMPLAINTS, NO RETURNS

POLICE!
DON'T
EVEN
THINK
ABOUT
TRYING
TO BUY
KIRA'S
POWER!

WHOOSH



THAT'S
RIGHT.
AND THE
POWER OF
KIRA IS A
TERRIFYING
THING
INDEED...



H-HEY,
AREN'T YOU
THE GUY
FROM A
FEW YEARS
AGO WHO
APPEARED
ON OUR
SHOW
AND CLAIMED
TO KNOW
WHO KIRA
WAS...?



ALL HE'S DONE IS MAKE IT SEEM EVEN MORE BELIEVABLE...

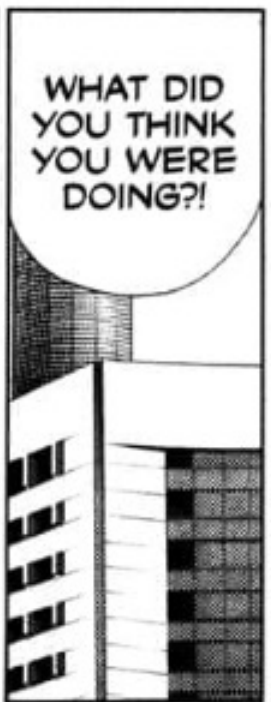
WELL, AT LEAST HE SEEMS TO BE KEEPING HIMSELF BUSY...IN A MANNER OF SPEAKING.



BY MATSUDA'S STANDARDS, THAT'S A GOOD EXPLANATION...



IT'S TRUE, I SWEAR! IT'S LIKE A VODOO DOLL THAT CURSES PEOPLE TO DEATH, IF YOU HAVE THEIR PICTURE AND NAME ...



WHAT DID YOU THINK YOU WERE DOING?!



...



AT ANY RATE! MATSUDA, YOU ARE NOW ON DESK DUTY FOR THE TIME BEING TO KEEP YOU AWAY FROM THE MEDIA!

EVEN IF IT'S TRUE, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO WAY THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT CAN PURCHASE SOMETHING LIKE THAT!



THAT'S NOT PERSONAL MONEY ANYMORE. EVEN THE RICHEST MAN IN THE WORLD ONLY HAS 130 BILLION, I THINK.

WHICH MEANS...

WOW! AFTER TOUTA MATSUDA WENT ON TV YESTERDAY, IT'S UP TO 200 BILLION DOLLARS! THAT'S OVER 20 TRILLION YEN.

The next day



I'D SAY THAT'S WORTH 100 TRILLION YEN.

W H O A !

IF THEY WIN THE AUCTION, THEY'D BECOME AN INTERNATIONALLY DOMINANT POWER.

IT'S A GROUP, OR IN THIS CASE, PROBABLY A NATION. SOME GOVERNMENT'S HAVING A PROXY BID FOR THEM.



SERIOUSLY?

DANG! IT JUST WENT TO 300 BILLION DOLLARS NOW!



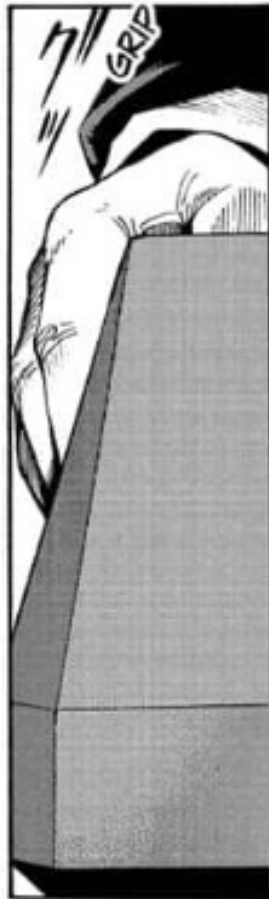
W H O A , 280 BILLION! THAT ACCOUNT LOOKS CHINESE.

I SEE. NO KIDDING.

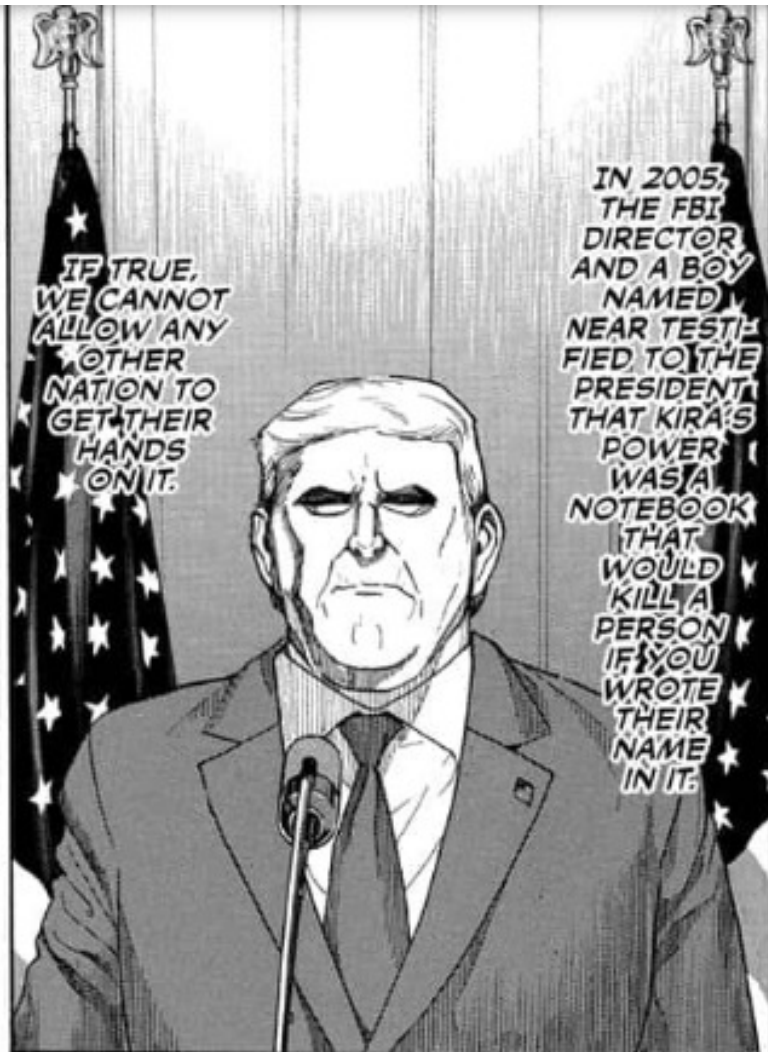


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IF TRUE,
WE CANNOT
ALLOW ANY
OTHER
NATION TO
GET THEIR
HANDS
ON IT.



IN 2005,
THE FBI
DIRECTOR
AND A BOY
NAMED
NEAR TESTI-
FIED TO THE
PRESIDENT
THAT KIRA'S
POWER
WAS A
NOTEBOOK
THAT
WOULD
KILL A
PERSON
IF YOU
WROTE
THEIR
NAME
IN IT.



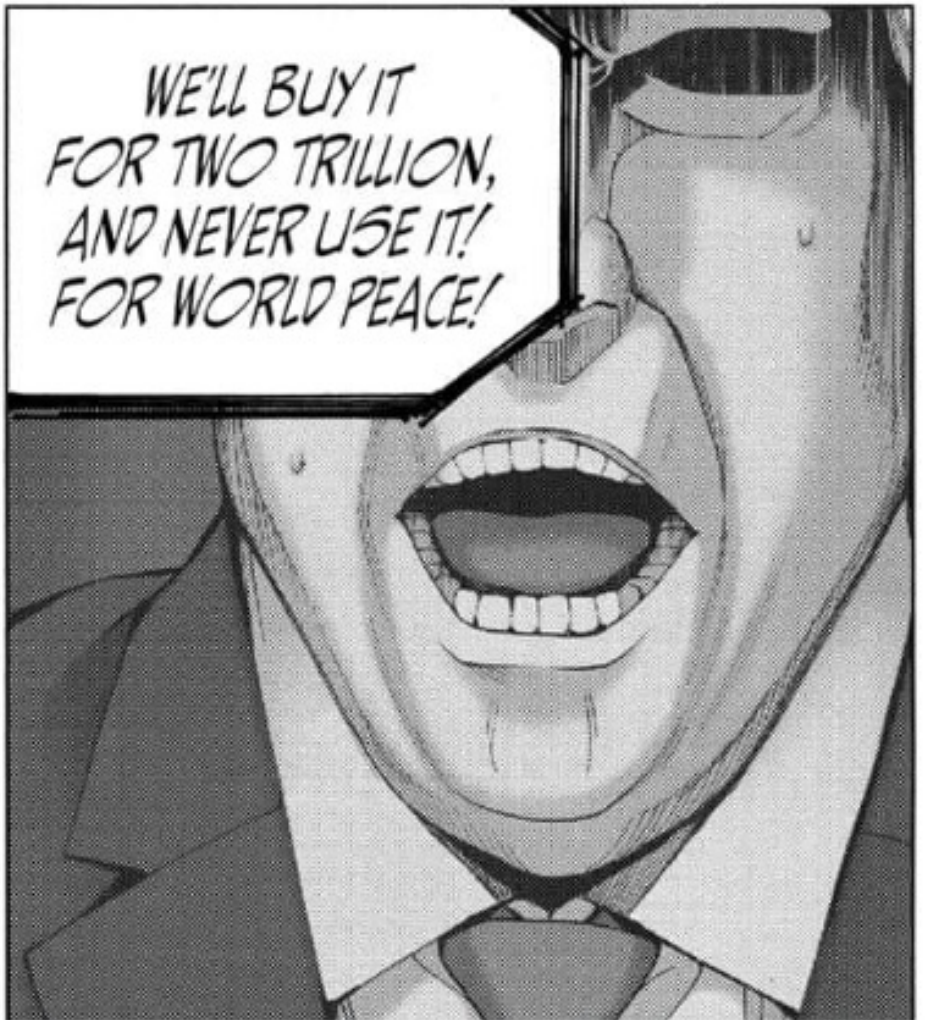
LIVE

THE UNITED STATES
WILL BUY THE POWER
OF KIRA FOR 500
BILLION DOLLARS.

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC
OF CHINA WILL
BUY KIRA'S
POWER FOR
A TRILLION
DOLLARS
AND PROMISES
TO USE IT FOR
PEACEFUL ENDS.



WE'LL BUY IT
FOR TWO TRILLION,
AND NEVER USE IT!
FOR WORLD PEACE!



ANY WORLD LEADER BIDDING
MUST NAME A PRICE ONLY
NO OTHER NONSENSE



MR. PRIME MINISTER!



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WE'VE PASSED THE QUADRIL-LION-YEN MARK!





...

GOOD POINT...
YEAH RIGHT,
THEY'RE
NOT GONNA
PAY THAT!

Ha
ha
ha!

WELL,
IF THE SELLER
IS JAPANESE
AND THEY PAY
TAX ON THE
INCOME, THAT
ALONE WOULD
REALLY
GREASE THE
NATIONAL
GEARS...



ONCE I'VE
CONFIRMED THE
MONEY IS IN,
I'M DISCARDING
OWNERSHIP OF
THE NOTEBOOK.
I NEED YOU TO
DELIVER IT TO
THE BUYER.

I WAS
HOPING TO
GET SOME
MORE
APPLES TO
EAT, BUT I'M
CURIOUS
ABOUT THIS
WHOLE THING
TOO.

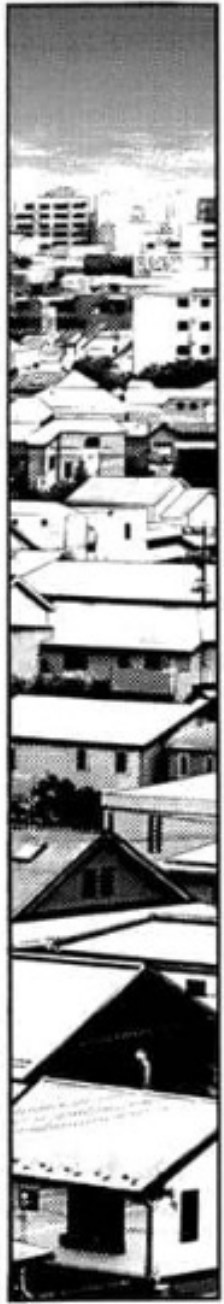
YEAH,
I
KNOW.

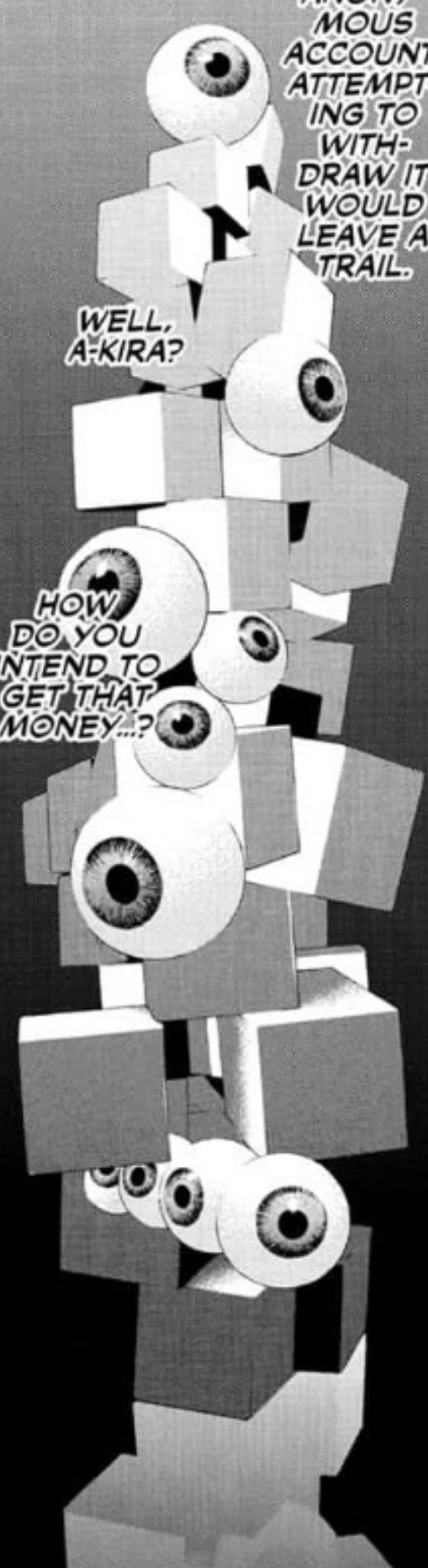
CHOMP



RYUK,
I'M
ENDING
THE
AUCTION
TOMOR-
ROW.

OH!






EVEN WITH AN ANONYMOUS ACCOUNT, ATTEMPTING TO WITHDRAW IT WOULD LEAVE A TRAIL.


WELL, A-KIRA?

HOW DO YOU INTEND TO GET THAT MONEY...?




BUT... HOW DOES A-KIRA EXPECT TO ACTUALLY RECEIVE A QUADRILLION YEN?

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO PAY OR RECEIVE THAT AMOUNT IN BILLS. IT'LL HAVE TO BE AN ONLINE TRANSACTION.



ONLINE BANKING...? TO AN INDIVIDUAL BANK ACCOUNT? WOULDN'T THAT IDENTIFY A-KIRA?



YES, IT WOULD.

THEY DIDN'T
DO THAT,
BECAUSE
THEY DON'T
WANT TO KILL
OTHERS TO
GET MONEY.



IF MONEY WAS THE
POINT, THERE WAS
NO NEED TO HOLD
THIS AUCTION.
THERE ARE A
MILLION WAYS TO
CONTROL OTHERS'
ACTIONS TO
GAIN MONEY.

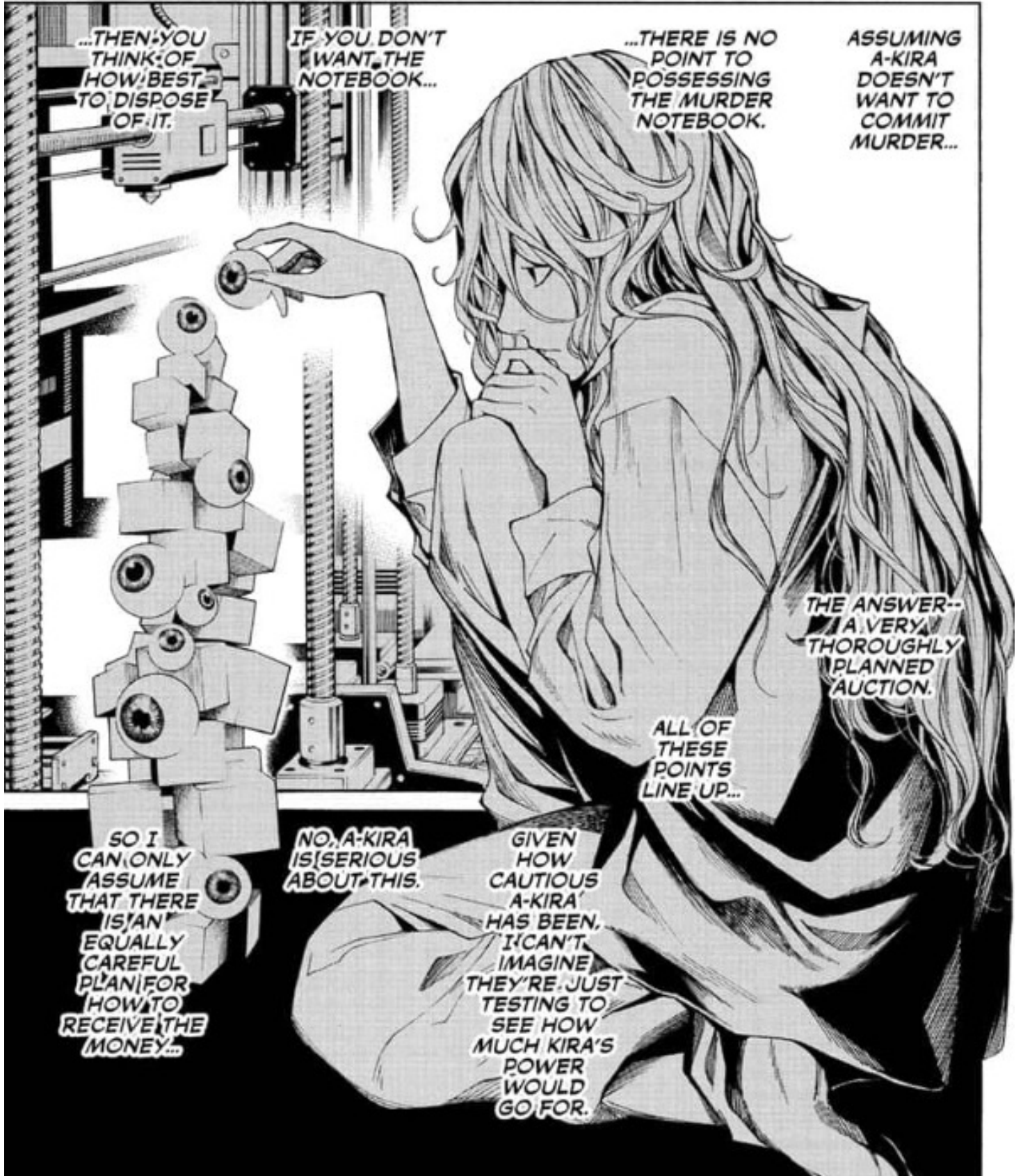
I KNOW THAT THE
NOTEBOOK CAN
MANIPULATE A
PERSON'S ACTIONS
FOR 23 DAYS,
BUT THEY WON'T
MANIPULATE
PEOPLE TO RECEIVE
THE MONEY.

...THEN YOU
THINK OF
HOW BEST
TO DISPOSE
OF IT.

IF YOU DON'T
WANT THE
NOTEBOOK...

...THERE IS NO
POINT TO
POSSESSING
THE MURDER
NOTEBOOK.

ASSUMING
A-KIRA
DOESN'T
WANT TO
COMMIT
MURDER...



THE ANSWER--
A VERY
THOROUGHLY
PLANNED
AUCTION.

ALL OF
THESE
POINTS
LINE UP...

SO I
CAN ONLY
ASSUME
THAT THERE
IS AN
EQUALLY
CAREFUL
PLAN FOR
HOW TO
RECEIVE THE
MONEY...

NO, A-KIRA
IS SERIOUS
ABOUT THIS.

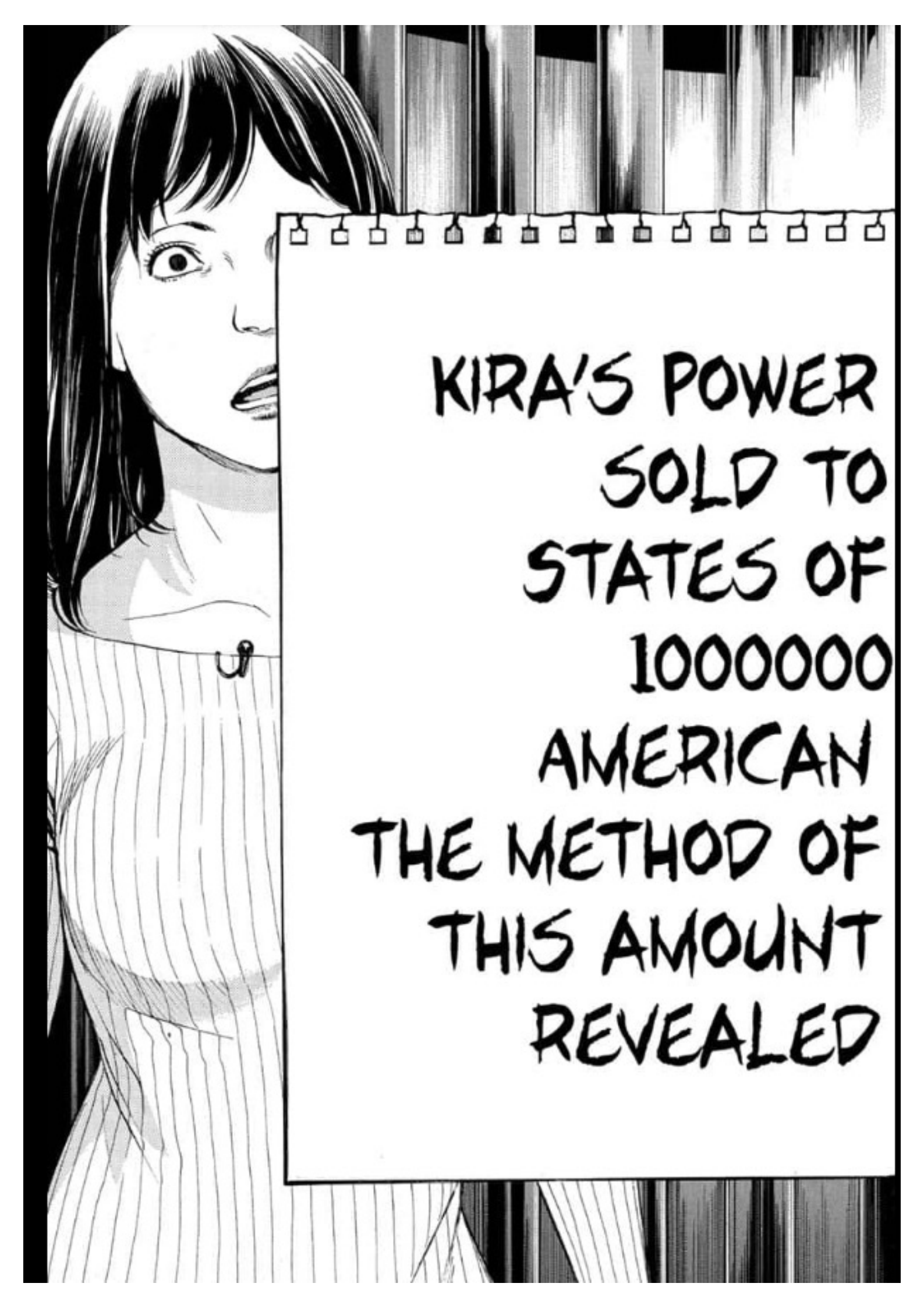
GIVEN
HOW
CAUTIOUS
A-KIRA
HAS BEEN,
I CAN'T
IMAGINE
THEY'RE JUST
TESTING TO
SEE HOW
MUCH KIRA'S
POWER
WOULD
GO FOR.



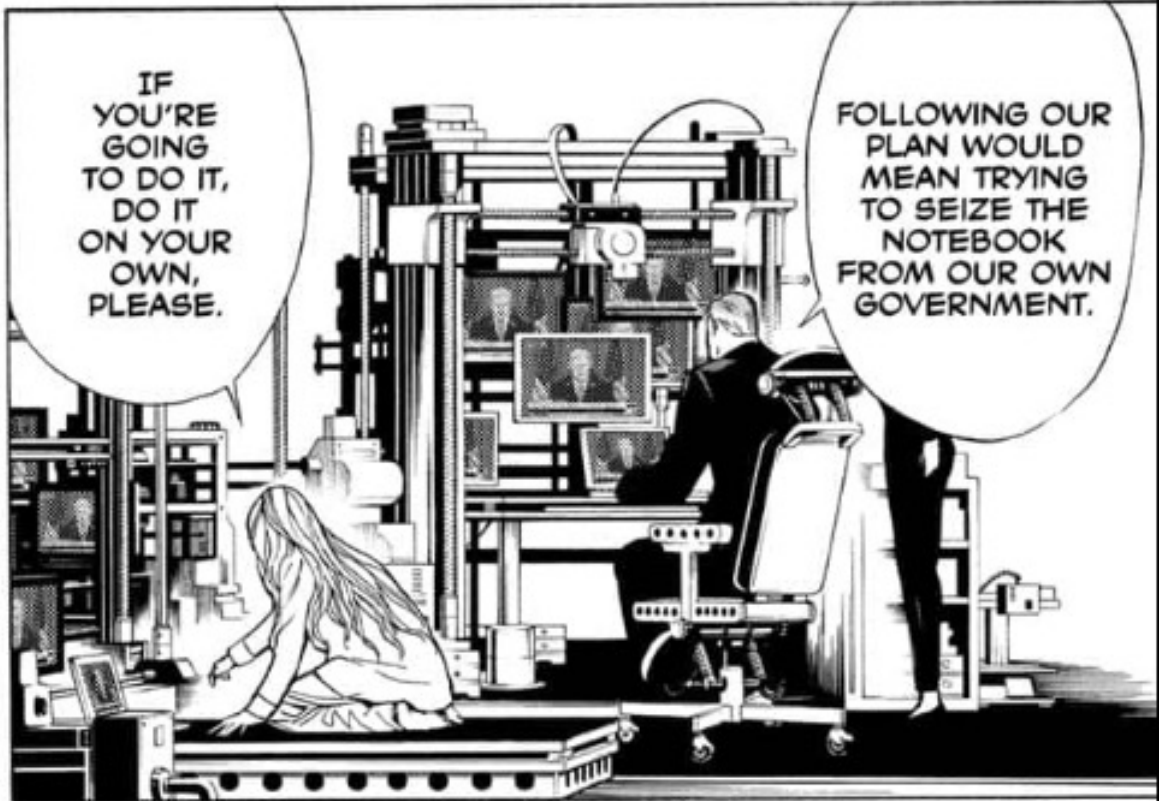
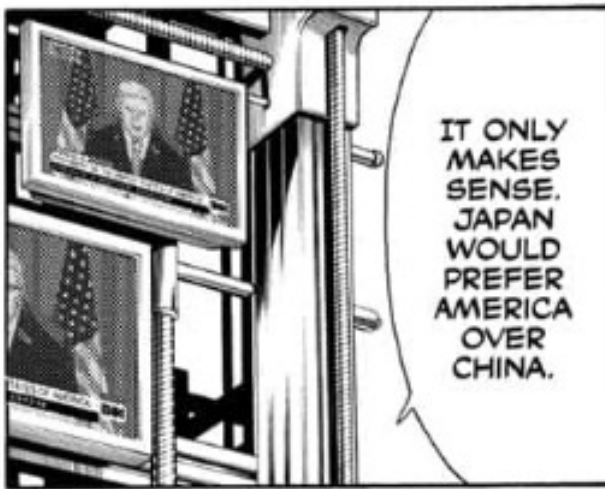




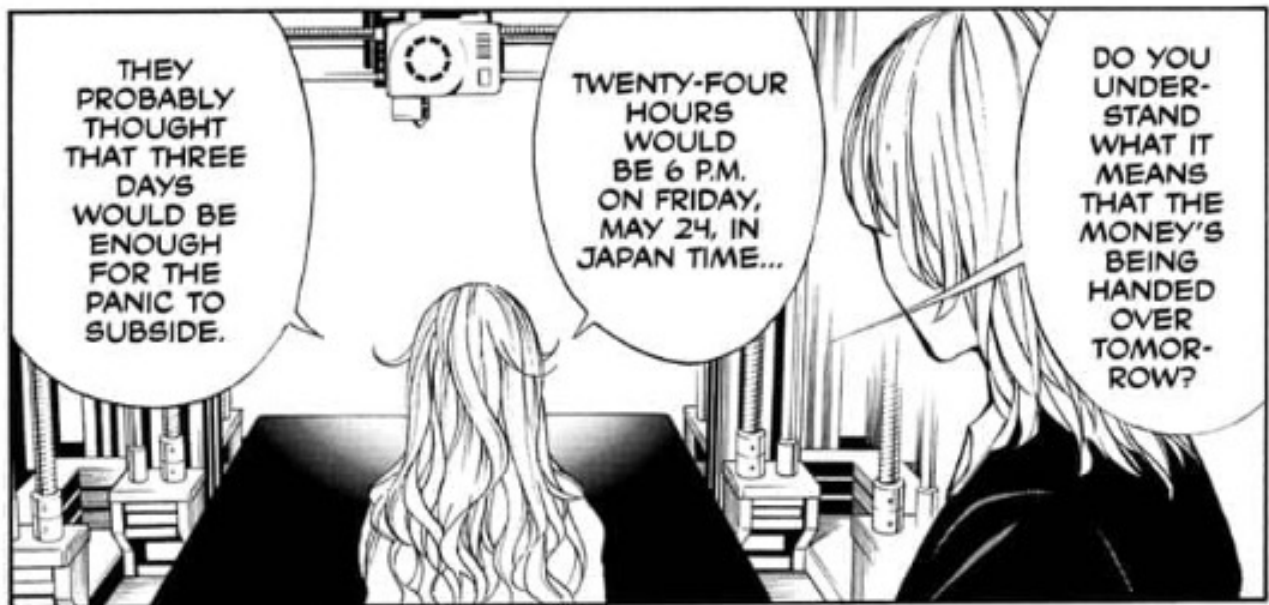
HAS BEEN
THE UNITED
AMERICA FOR
0000000
DOLLARS
TRANSFERRING
WILL BE
IN 24 HOURS



KIRA'S POWER
SOLD TO
STATES OF
1000000
AMERICAN
THE METHOD OF
THIS AMOUNT
REVEALED







THEY PROBABLY THOUGHT THAT THREE DAYS WOULD BE ENOUGH FOR THE PANIC TO SUBSIDE.

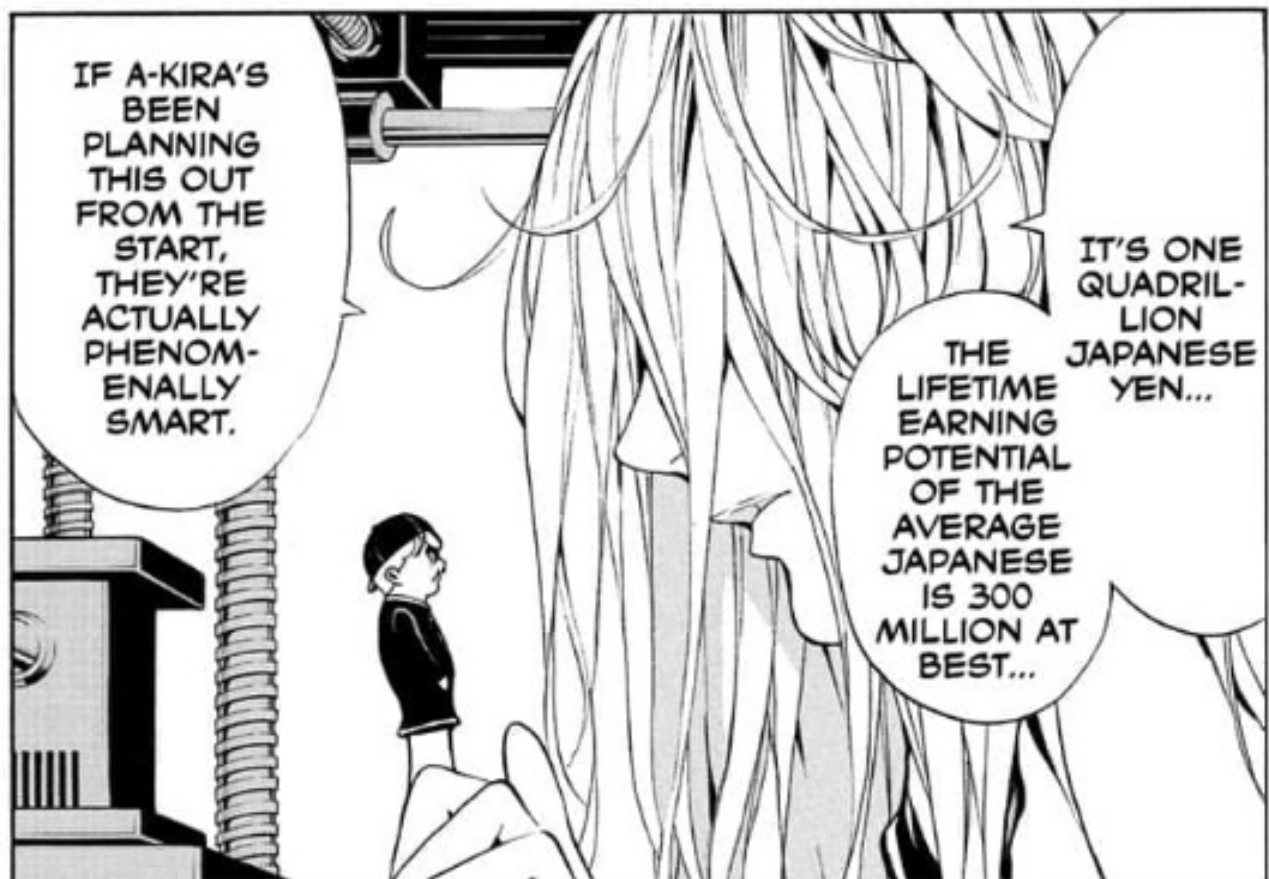
TWENTY-FOUR HOURS WOULD BE 6 P.M. ON FRIDAY, MAY 24, IN JAPAN TIME...

DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS THAT THE MONEY'S BEING HANDED OVER TOMORROW?



BUT IF THEY WANT THE MONEY DEPOSITED IN A JAPANESE BANK... IT'S LIKE THEY'RE ASKING TO GET CAUGHT...


OH! THE BANKS! THEY CLOSE AT THREE ON FRIDAY AND DON'T OPEN OVER THE WEEKEND!



IF A-KIRA'S BEEN PLANNING THIS OUT FROM THE START, THEY'RE ACTUALLY PHENOMENALLY SMART.

THE LIFETIME EARNING POTENTIAL OF THE AVERAGE JAPANESE IS 300 MILLION AT BEST...

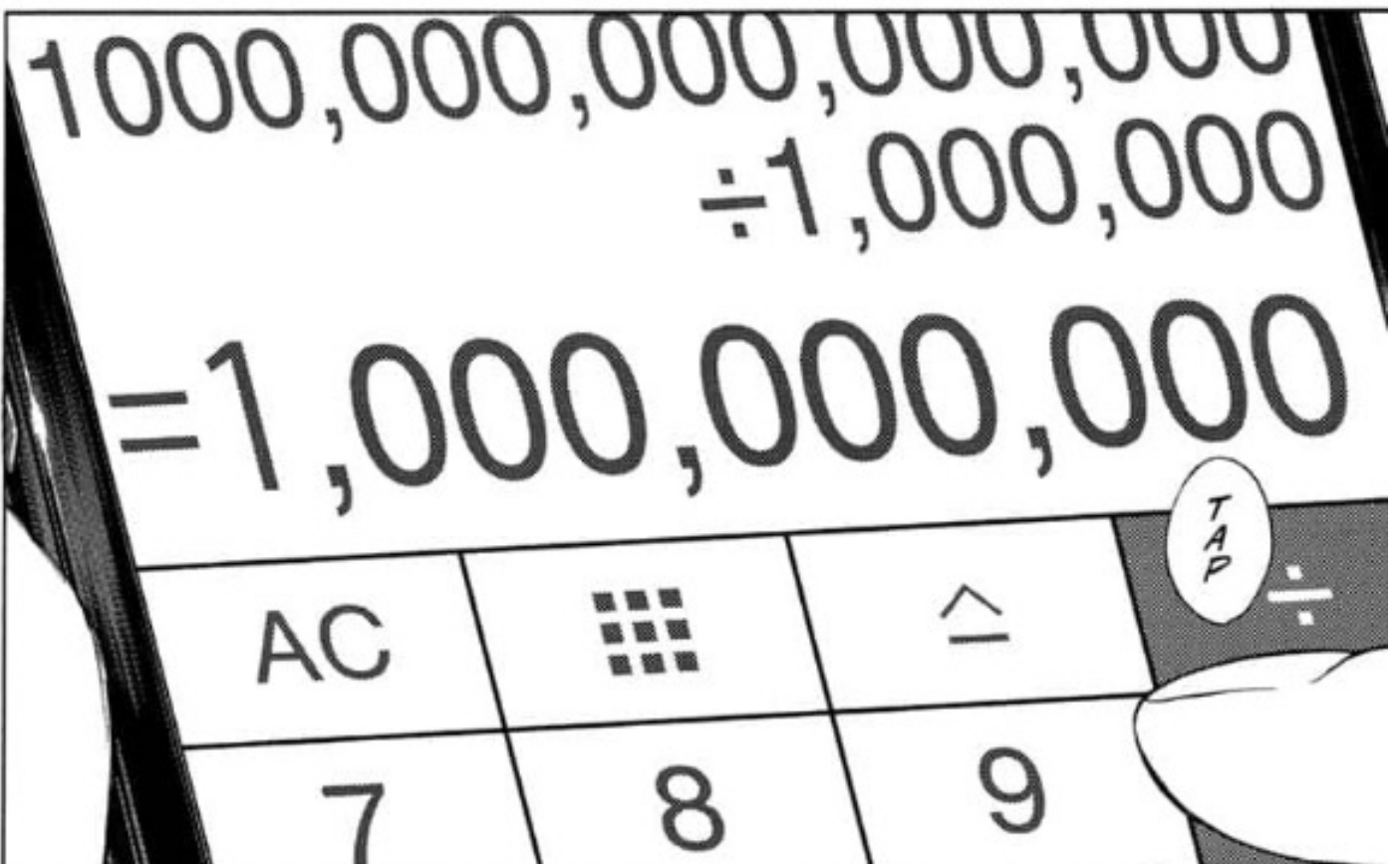
IT'S ONE QUADRILION JAPANESE YEN...



The
next
day

THE MONEY FROM THE WINNING BID
SHOULD BE DEPOSITED BY MAY 27 OF THIS YEAR
IN EQUAL AMOUNTS TO EVERY PERSON WITH A
YOTSUBA BANK OF JAPAN SAVINGS ACCOUNT AND
REGISTERED RESIDENCE IN TOKYO AGED 60
AND UNDER AS OF THE DATE OF MAY 24, 2019

THE MONEY FROM THE WINNING BID
WLD BE DEPOSITED BY MAY 27 OF THIS Y
QUAL AMOUNTS TO EVERY PERSON WITH
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GISTERED RESIDENCE IN TOKYO AGED 6
D UNDER AS OF THE DATE OF MAY 24, 20



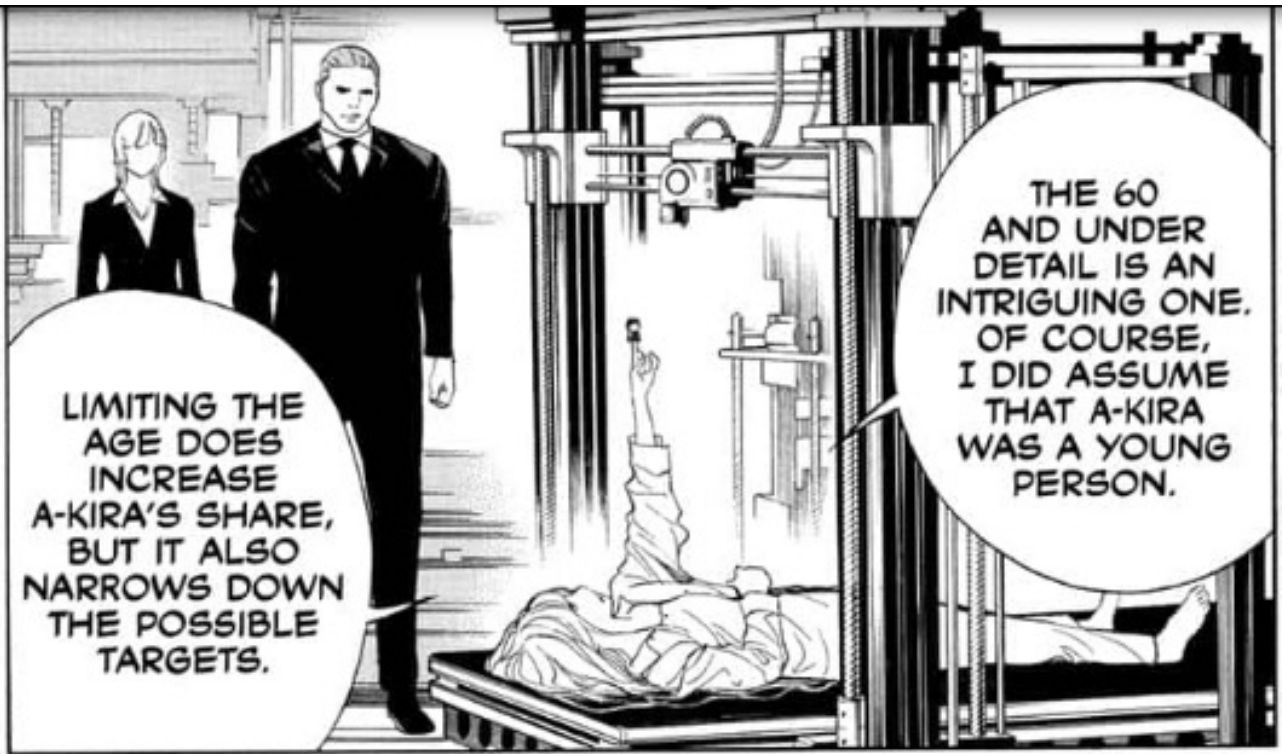
ONE BILLION YEN PER PERSON?!?!



*About ten million dollars







LIMITING THE AGE DOES INCREASE A-KIRA'S SHARE, BUT IT ALSO NARROWS DOWN THE POSSIBLE TARGETS.

THE 60 AND UNDER DETAIL IS AN INTRIGUING ONE. OF COURSE, I DID ASSUME THAT A-KIRA WAS A YOUNG PERSON.

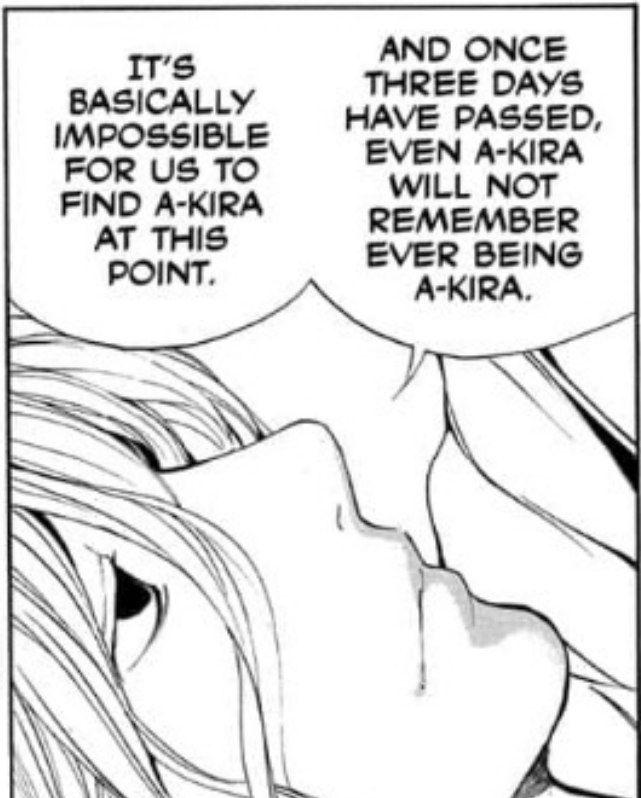


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FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE BECOMING L, I MUST ADMIT DEFEAT.

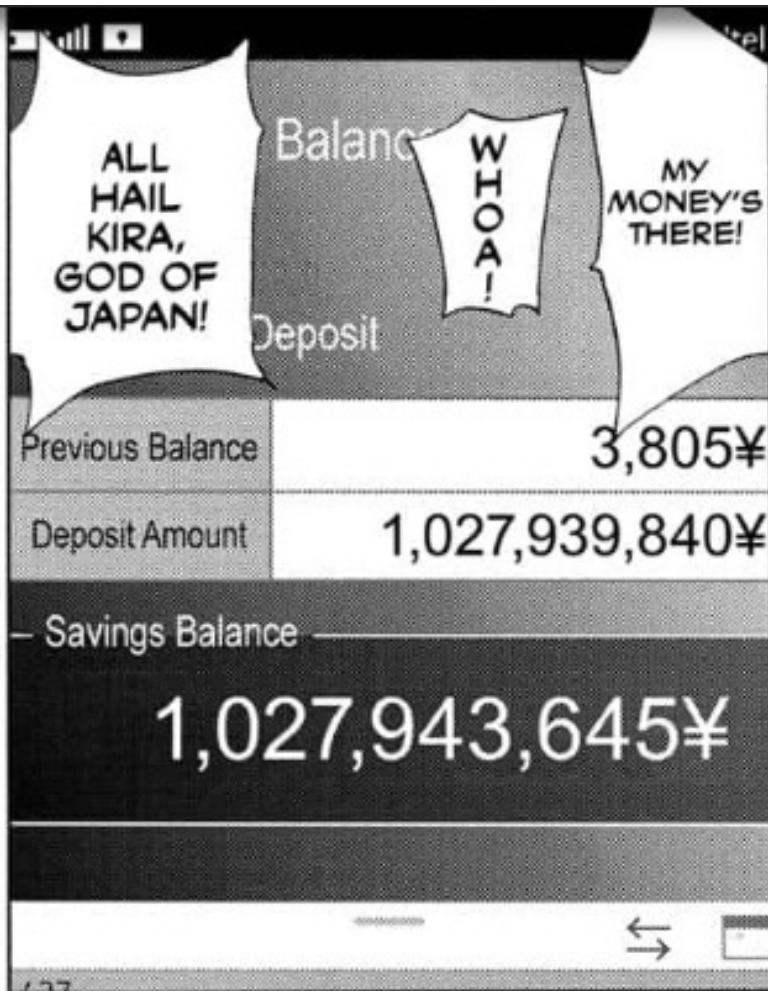


EVEN STILL, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WITH THOSE ACCOUNTS.



IT'S BASICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO FIND A-KIRA AT THIS POINT.

AND ONCE THREE DAYS HAVE PASSED, EVEN A-KIRA WILL NOT REMEMBER EVER BEING A-KIRA.





MORE
DETAILS CAN BE
FOUND ON THE
YOTSUBA BANK
WEBSITE...

THE BANK
ANNOUNCED THAT
CUSTOMERS WILL
ONLY BE ABLE TO
WITHDRAW THEIR
SAVINGS
AMOUNT PRIOR
TO THE 24TH AT
THIS TIME, UP TO
A TOTAL OF
100,000 YEN
PER DAY.

SO I
WON'T BE
ABLE TO
ACCESS IT
FOR LIKE A
MONTH.



OKAY.

GO
AHEAD AND
TAKE THE
NOTEBOOK
TO THE
PRESIDENT
OF THE
UNITED
STATES.

BUT
THEY
DID
PAY
UP.



I'M GOING TO FORGET ALL OF THIS AND LIVE A HAPPY LIFE.

ONCE I'VE DISCARDED POSSESSION OF THE NOTEBOOK, DON'T EVER SHOW UP AROUND ME AGAIN, FOR ANY REASON.



YEP, WE'RE ALL DONE. THANKS.

IS THAT EVERYTHING, THEN?



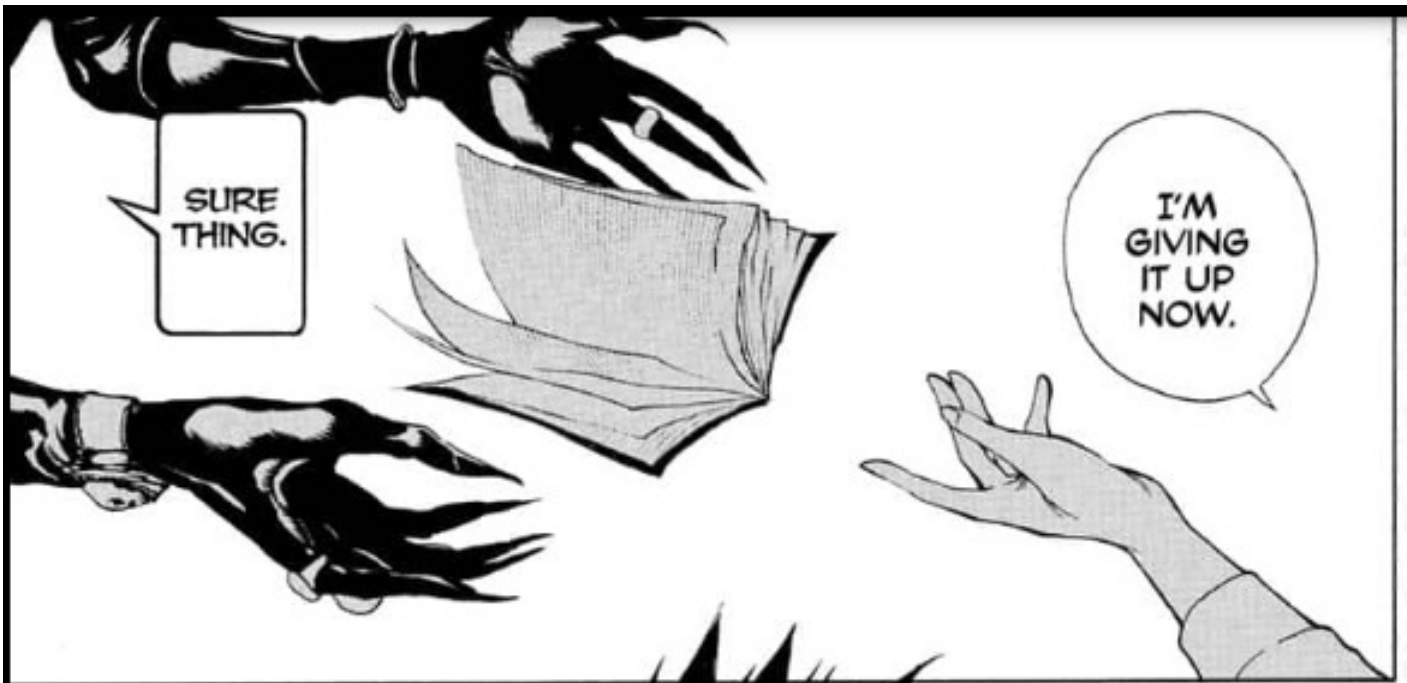
MAN... I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU HATED ME SO MUCH.

I DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS DANGEROUS THING.



THAT WAS A FUN TIME, MINORU.

YOU MANAGED TO USE THE DEATH NOTE WITHOUT EVEN WRITING IN IT.

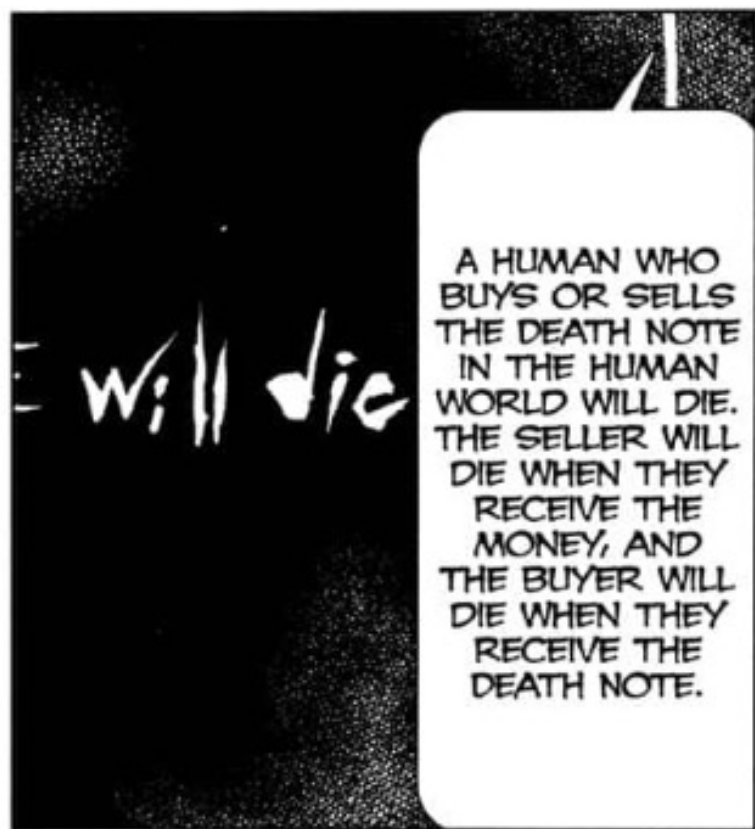




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HE SAID,
"HOW COULD
YOU LET HIM
SELL THE
DEATH NOTE
IN THE HUMAN
WORLD?!"

I ACTUALLY
GOT YELLED
AT BY THE
SHINIGAMI
KING BEFORE
I CAME
HERE...



Will die

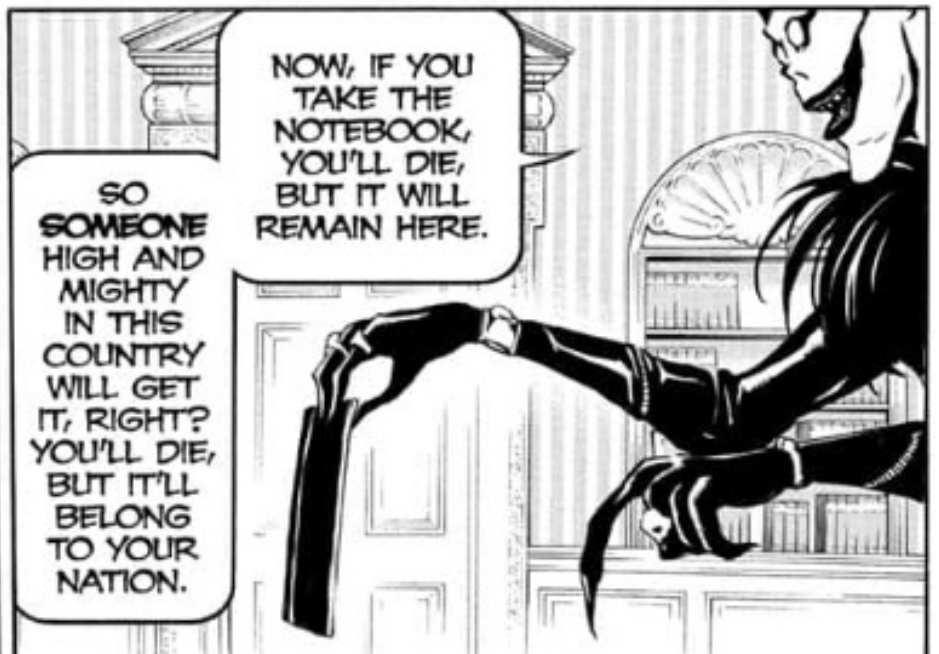
A HUMAN WHO
BUYS OR SELLS
THE DEATH NOTE
IN THE HUMAN
WORLD WILL DIE.
THE SELLER WILL
DIE WHEN THEY
RECEIVE THE
MONEY, AND
THE BUYER WILL
DIE WHEN THEY
RECEIVE THE
DEATH NOTE.



SO
THERE'S
BEEN A
NEW RULE
ADDED.



WHAT...?!





GOT IT.
YOU
VALUE
YOUR
LIFE
OVER
YOUR
COUNTRY.

I'M NOT
TAKING IT...



...

SHF
/!
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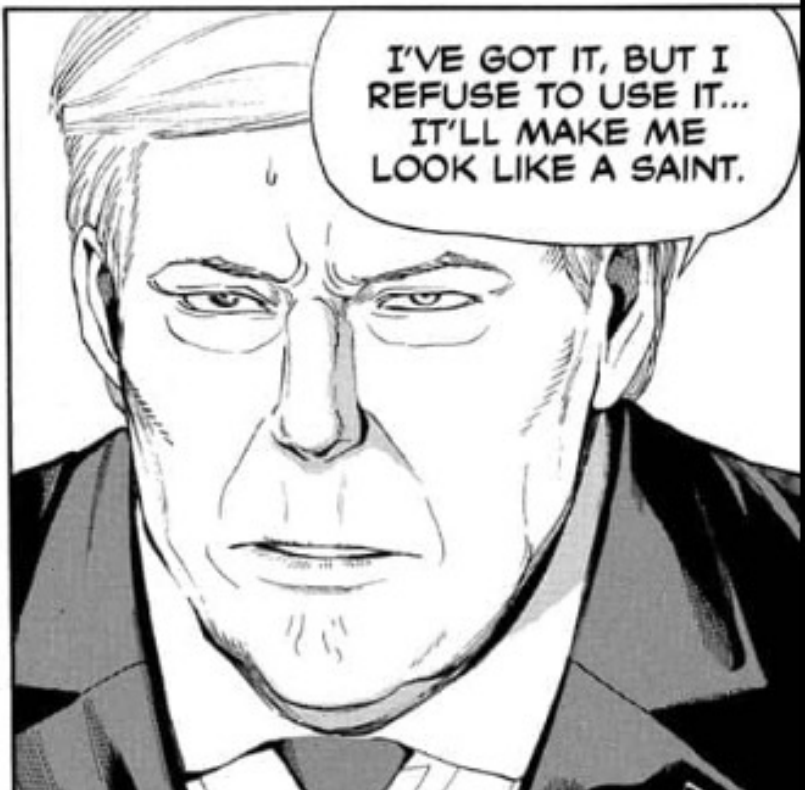


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BUT I'M
GOING TO
ANNOUNCE
THAT I'VE
GAINED
THE POWER
OF KIRA
ANYWAY.



VERY
SHREWD,
MR.
PRESIDENT.



I'VE GOT IT, BUT I
REFUSE TO USE IT...
IT'LL MAKE ME
LOOK LIKE A SAINT.



MINORU
DOESN'T
KNOW
ABOUT
THIS NEW
RULE...

WHAT
DO I
DO
NOW?

SO...



YEAH...
HE DID
SAY
THAT...



DON'T EVER
SHOW UP
AROUND ME
AGAIN, FOR
ANY REASON.

YOU HAVE
TO KEEP
YOUR WORD,
WHETHER
HUMAN OR
DEATH GOD.



A HOUSE
AND THREE
CARS, ALL
IN CASH.

I BOUGHT
AN APART-
MENT!

CUMMIS!

A TOAST
TO KIRA,
A GOD
AMONG
MEN!

*One month later,
Japan's economy
was booming,
especially around
the capital.
They called it the
Reiwa Bubble or
the Kira Bubble.*



Light Yagami

Minoru Tanaka

I GUESS
IT DOESN'T
MATTER HOW
YOU DO IT--
ANY HUMAN
WHO USES THE
DEATH NOTE
MEETS AN
UNFORTUNATE
END.

WHAT A
SHAME.
HIS PLAN
WAS
PERFECT.

ISN'T
THERE
ANYONE
WHO WILL
USE THIS
THING
FOR A BIT
LONGER
THAN
THAT?

AWW...

