chapter 10 Confluence

SHUTTLE TRANSPORTATION
Incorporated Office

OUT OF SERVICE

YES... YES, THAT'S HIM.

BUT AS TO ALL THE OTHER PASSEN-GERS...

I COULDN'T SWEAR TO IT, BUT I'M PRETTY SURE THIS IS HIM.

I REMEM-BER HIM BECAUSE HE WAS ALONE, PLUS HE SHOUTED FOR EVERYONE TO GET DOWN.

READ THIS WAY

ONE THING'S FOR SURE, THOUGH. THERE WERE SIX OTHER PASSENGERS.

CAN'T SAY UNTIL I SEE THEM, BUT TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I WAS TOO SCARED TO NOTICE MUCH...

IF I CAME AGAIN WITH OTHER PHOTO-GRAPHS, DO YOU THINK YOU MIGHT REMEMBER?

HMMM ...

IF MY HUNCH IS RIGHT, ONE OF THOSE OTHER SIX PASSENGERS COULD HAVE BEEN KIRA...

IN WHICH CASE, HE MAY LIVE SOME-WHERE NEAR THIS BUS ROUTE...

THAT'S ALL I CAN TELL YOU... SORRY.

OH NO, YOU'VE BEEN A GREAT HELP. THANK YOU. I MAY COME AGAIN IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS.

HE'S RIGHT, MOM. IT IS.

WHAT FOR? THE HOUSE IS ALWAYS SPOTLESS, MOM.

LIGHT, SAYU! HOW ABOUT HELPING OUT WITH THE YEAR-END CLEANING?

VROOO

YAGAM

WHAT-EVER...

GEEZ, WHAT ARE THESE TV STATIONS THINKING? ALL THE NEW YEAR'S EVE SPECIALS ARE ABOUT KIRA. LOOK AT THIS— "EMERGENCY NEWS REPORT— CLOSING IN ON THE TRUTH OF THE KIRA CASE!!" "ANALYSIS— ALL-NIGHT SPECIAL ON L AND KIRA" .....

IS... IS IT?

VROO

OH... CURVE BALL.

WELL, I'M WATCHING THE ALL-STAR SONG CONTEST NO MATTER WHAT, SO WATCH THAT STUFF IN YOUR ROOM, OKAY?

ACTUALLY, I'M WATCH-ING THE SAPP-AKEBONO FIGHT.

RUSTLE

SAYS THE ONE WHO'S GOING TO WATCH THEM, RIGHT?

HYUK HYUK

AND NOW, THE DUTIFUL COLLEGE-BOUND SENIOR WILL STUDY UNTIL DINNER...

I FEEL LIKE I'M WATCH-ING A SITCOM.

SO HEY, SAYU, TAPE THE "EMERGENCY NEWS REPORT" FOR ME, OKAY?

I KNEW IT! YOU ***ARE*** GOING TO WATCH IT!

UGH, I ***HATE*** KIRA, I SWEAR.

HE WAS HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS LAST YEAR. IT'S ALL KIRA'S FAULT.

NO SUCH THING AS NEW YEAR'S EVE FOR THE POLICE, HE SAID. OR NEW YEAR'S EITHER...

OH. WHAT ABOUT DAD?

VROOO

YEAH. POOR DAD...

THE DEATHS OF THE FBI AGENTS TELL US THAT KIRA'S TARGETS ARE NOT RESTRICTED TO CRIMINALS. HE WILL KILL ANYBODY WHO TRIES TO APPRE-HEND HIM...

ALL OF US COULD BE MURDERED BY KIRA.

QUITTING THE TASK FORCE WILL NOT LEAD TO DEMOTION. I'VE ALREADY SPOKEN TO THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL ABOUT THIS.

IF YOU WANT OUT OF THIS INVESTIGA-TION, YOU'RE FREE TO LEAVE.

THINK ABOUT YOUR OWN LIVES, AND ABOUT YOUR FAMILIES AND YOUR FRIENDS.

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ONLY THOSE WHO ARE READY AND WILLING TO SACRIFICE EVERYTHING AND FIGHT, WHO ARE TRULY COMMITTED TO STOPPING THIS PSYCHOPATH...

...ARE ASKED TO REMAIN. I'LL FIND OUT WHO YOU ARE WHEN I RETURN AT FIVE O'CLOCK FROM MY MEETING UPSTAIRS.

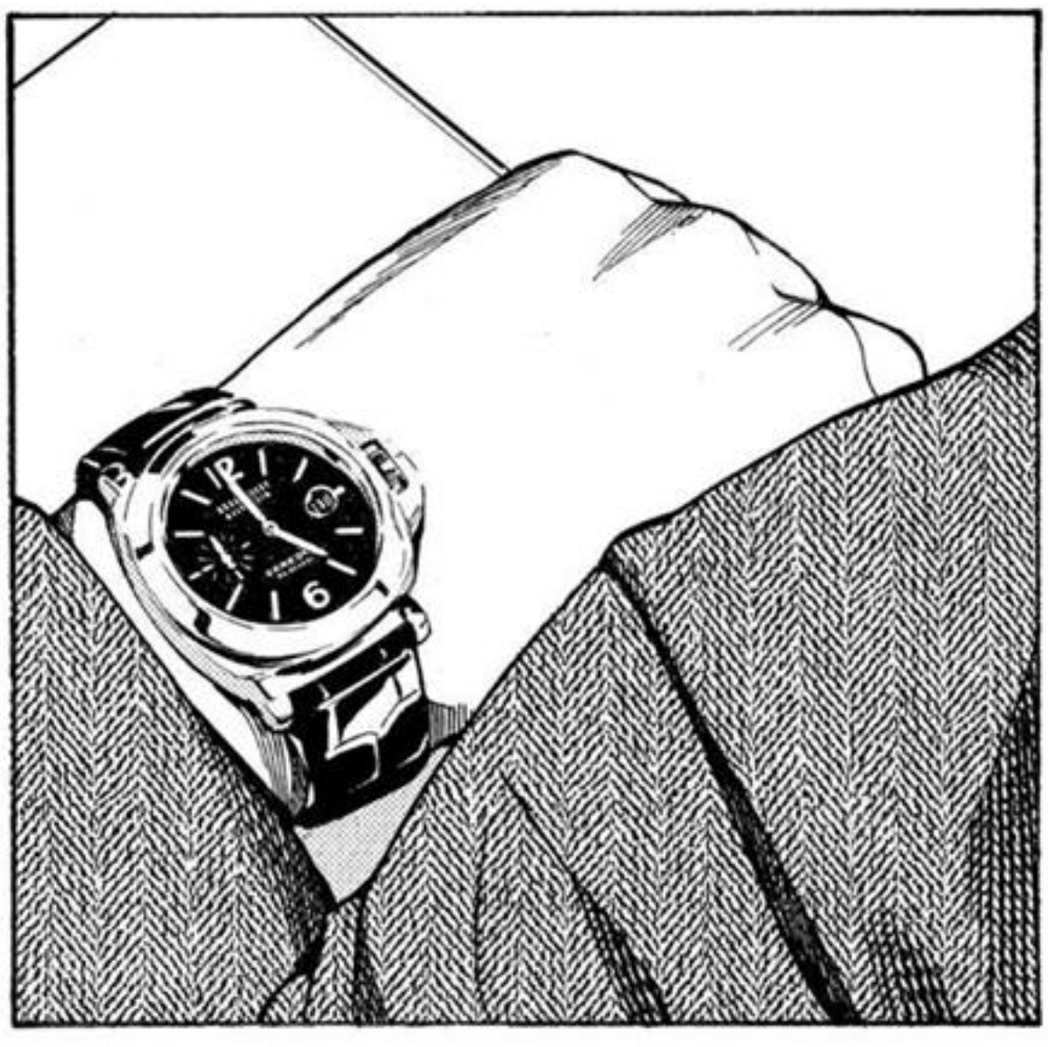
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GLAD TO HAVE YOU BACK, CHIEF.

I SHOULD SAY, AS MANY AS FIVE OF YOU ARE WILLING TO LAY YOUR LIVES ON THE LINE.

NO...

JUST FIVE...

THERE'S L, WHICH MAKES IT SEVEN. ADD WATARI, AND WE HAVE EIGHT, CHIEF.

HOW ARE WE GOING TO DO THIS WITH JUST SIX PEOPLE...?

WITH MYSELF, THAT'S SIX OF US...

I HAVE GREAT FAITH IN THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE BRAVE AND COMMITTED ENOUGH TO REMAIN.

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UH... JUST WAIT A MINUTE.

WE DON'T HAVE FAITH IN L. WE CAN'T TRUST HIM!

L SAID HE HAS GREAT FAITH IN US, BUT...

YOU OUGHT TO KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS. WE'RE TOTALLY EXPOSED.

WE'VE DECIDED TO RISK OUR LIVES TO GET KIRA, L.

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WHAT DO YOU EXPECT?! IF PEOPLE SAY IT'S L'S FAULT THAT TWELVE FBI AGENTS HAVE DIED, WHO CAN DENY IT?

IT'S NOT JUST US. THE PUBLIC DOESN'T TRUST YOU EITHER. PEOPLE ARE TURNING AGAINST YOU.

WE'LL GO AFTER KIRA, L, BUT WE CAN'T WORK WITH YOU.

BUT YOU JUST ORDER US AROUND WITHOUT EVER SHOWING YOUR FACE.

IT'S TRUE THAT A NUMBER OF CRIMINAL PSYCHOLOGISTS HAVE SUGGESTED THAT L IS KIRA. IN OTHER WORDS, THEY'RE SAYING THAT L HAS A SPLIT PERSONALITY...

READ THIS WAY

L WOULD HAVE KNOWN THE IDENTITIES OF THOSE AGENTS...

AND THEN ALL THE FBI AGENTS WHO ENTERED JAPAN WERE KILLED.

THE FBI WAS BROUGHT IN BY L.

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L...

KRATER

THE FACT THAT HE'S NEVER SHOWN HIMSELF TO ANYONE, AND THAT HE'S A GENIUS WHO CAN SOLVE ANY CRIME, ONLY MAKES THAT THEORY MORE CONVINCING.

THAT'S NOT ALL! IF YOU CONSIDER EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED SO FAR AS BEING ORCHESTRATED BY L, IT ALL SUDDENLY MAKES SENSE.

YEAH. IF YOU SHOW YOURSELF TO US AND PROMISE TO BE PART OF THE TEAM, WE'LL TRUST YOU. WE'LL COOPERATE WITH YOU.

IF YOU WANT TO WORK WITH US AND HELP US CATCH KIRA, HOW ABOUT COMING HERE TO THE TASK FORCE IN PERSON?

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YES.

WATARI...

SWIVEL

AS I SAID EARLIER, I HAVE GREAT FAITH IN YOU.

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Finder

Please keep what is about to happen a secret among the eight of us.

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WHAT'S ABOUT TO HAPPEN ...?

HUH...? WHAT?

I would like to meet the six of you who have my trust as soon as possible.

Do not speak of our meeting, or having met me, or what we will be doing, to anyone who is not in the room now. That includes anybody in the NPA, your families, and your friends.

Please leave the NPA building to discuss whether you can swear to the above, and whether you can trust me. Only those who agree to work with me in this investigation shall return to the room, and I will send my further conditions for our meeting to this computer.





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A PROXY? THAT IS POSSIBLE ...

I MEAN, HOW DO WE EVEN KNOW THE GUY WE'RE MEETING IS HIM? FROM HIS USUAL M.O., I'D BET HE SENDS US A PROXY.

I'D RATHER CONDUCT THIS INVESTIGATION ON OUR OWN, WITHOUT L.

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IF HE'S REALLY CRACKED ALL THOSE HARD CASES ALONE, WHY WOULD HE BE WILLING TO SHOW HIMSELF NOW, WHEN WE'RE DOWN TO JUST SIX PEOPLE? HOW MUCH HELP WOULD WE BE?

WHAT, SO HE CAN USE US AND GET US KILLED, LIKE THOSE FBI AGENTS?

WELL... I TRUST HIM. AND I REALLY THINK THAT TO SOLVE THIS CASE, WE NEED TO HAVE HIM ON BOARD.

L WAS WAITING FOR THIS TO HAPPEN.

WHAT IF WE LOOK AT IT THIS WAY?

L MADE IT CLEAR FROM THE VERY START THAT HE WOULD NEED HELP FROM THE POLICE TO CRACK THIS CASE...

UNDER THE CIRCUM-STANCES, I COULDN'T TRUST THE TASK FORCE.

THEN WE HAD DETECTIVES QUIT THE CASE, ONE AFTER THE OTHER. AND CONFIDEN-TIAL INFOR-MATION WAS LEAKING OUT TO KIRA—

THERE WERE PEOPLE IN THE TASK FORCE WHO DIDN'T TRUST L, FROM THE VERY START...

FOR WHAT TO HAPPEN?

WELL, IF WE'RE GOING TO TEAM UP WITH L, I'M OUT.

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SO YOU MEAN, L WAS WAITING FOR THE TASK FORCE TO BE REDUCED TO JUST THOSE WHO WERE WILLING TO RISK THEIR LIVES? AND WHO TRUSTED HIM, AND COULD BE TRUSTED BY HIM?

YES.

ME TOO...

I DO TRUST L. I'D LIKE TO WORK WITH HIM.

DON'T WORRY, I WON'T TRY TO TRAIL YOU GUYS OR FIND L OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.

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I am now in a room in the Imperial Hotel.

SO I DID EXPECT SOME-THING LIKE THIS TO HAPPEN...

THE IMPERIAL HOTEL?! THAT'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER FROM HERE.

I am now in a room in the Imperial Hotel.

Every few days, I will move to a different hotel in the Tokyo area.

I would like the task force office in the NPA building to serve as a front from now on

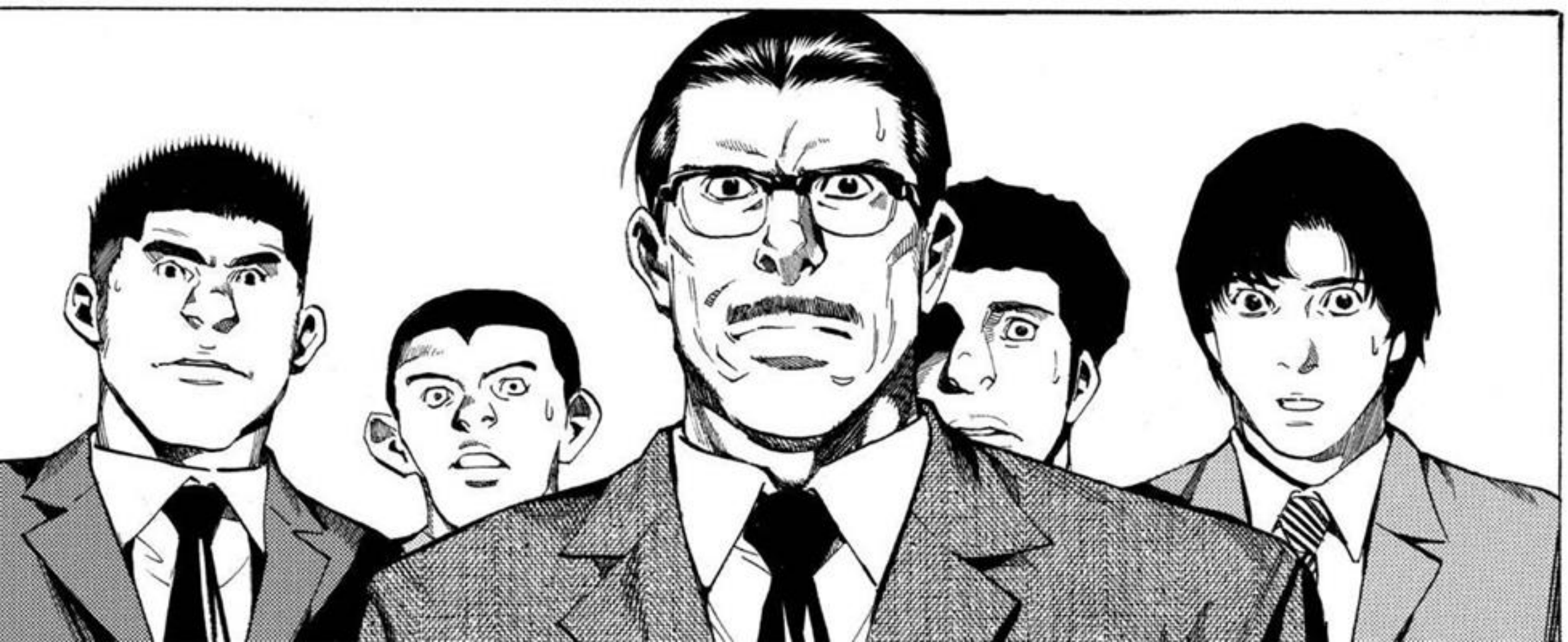
with my hotel room serving as the de facto center of the investigation.

Of course, this is a defensive measure to prevent Kira from learning what I look like, and I realize this means I will have an unfair advantage over all of you in that regard.

However, this is as far I am able to go at this point in order to gain your trust and work with you on this investigation.

If you are able to cooperate with me on these terms, please split into two teams and come to my room by midnight, that is by the year 2004, leaving at least a 30-minute interval between the two teams. Watari will hand you a memo with my room number.

I'll be waiting.



KIRA...

I THINK THAT RIGHT NOW, WE'RE EVEN IN HOW FAR WE'VE CLOSED THE DISTANCE BETWEEN US.

SO I'LL DO THIS. I'LL SHOW MYSELF TO OTHERS AS L FOR THE FIRST TIME...

...

BUT THE CLUE I'VE MANAGED TO GET WAS OBTAINED BY SACRIFICING THE LIVES OF 12 FBI AGENTS. TWELVE PRECIOUS LIVES...

READ THIS WAY

BRING IT ON.

YOU'LL DEFINITELY MOVE IN CLOSER.

IF YOU MANAGE TO FIND OUT ABOUT THIS, KIRA...

AND EVEN IF I FIND YOU, I CAN'T PROVE YOU'RE A MURDERER UNLESS I CATCH YOU IN THE ACT, OR NAIL DOWN HARD EVIDENCE.

EVEN IF YOU GET A LOOK AT MY FACE, YOU CAN'T KILL ME WITHOUT KNOWING MY NAME.

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING RIGHT NOW...?

ELIMINATING THOSE FBI AGENTS HAS GOT TO HAVE PUT YOU ON THE DEFENSIVE.

KIRA ...

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GO!
YEAH!

THESE GUYS ARE FIGHTING FOR REAL! HUMANS ARE HILARIOUS ...

SO FAR, I DID THAT ON PURPOSE TO PUT PRESSURE ON L, BUT NOW...

THE TASK FORCE HAS LOST A LOT OF PEOPLE... I CAN'T DO ANYTHING THAT PUBLICIZES MY ACCESS TO SECRET INFORMATION ANYMORE...

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ROAR

IF L WAS DELIBERATELY USING SO FEW AGENTS BECAUSE HE ASSUMED I'D KILL THEM...

WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT THE FBI SENT ONLY 12 AGENTS TO JAPAN...? WAS I BEING SHADOWED SO EARLY ON JUST BECAUSE MY FATHER'S IN CHARGE OF THE INVESTIGATION?

READ THIS WAY

I CAN'T LET MYSELF BE EVEN REMOTELY SUSPECTED OF BEING KIRA!!

NO! I'VE GOT TO STOP THINKING LIKE THAT!!

AND ANYWAY, EVEN IF HE SUSPECTS ME OF BEING KIRA, HE CAN'T ARREST ME UNLESS HE GETS HIS HANDS ON THE DEATH NOTE...

STILL, I'M PRETTY SURE I DIDN'T LEAVE ANY EVIDENCE...

THINK. DID I MAKE ANY MISTAKES?

AND WHAT IS MY NEXT MOVE...?

I MOVED AROUND A LOT THESE PAST FEW DAYS...

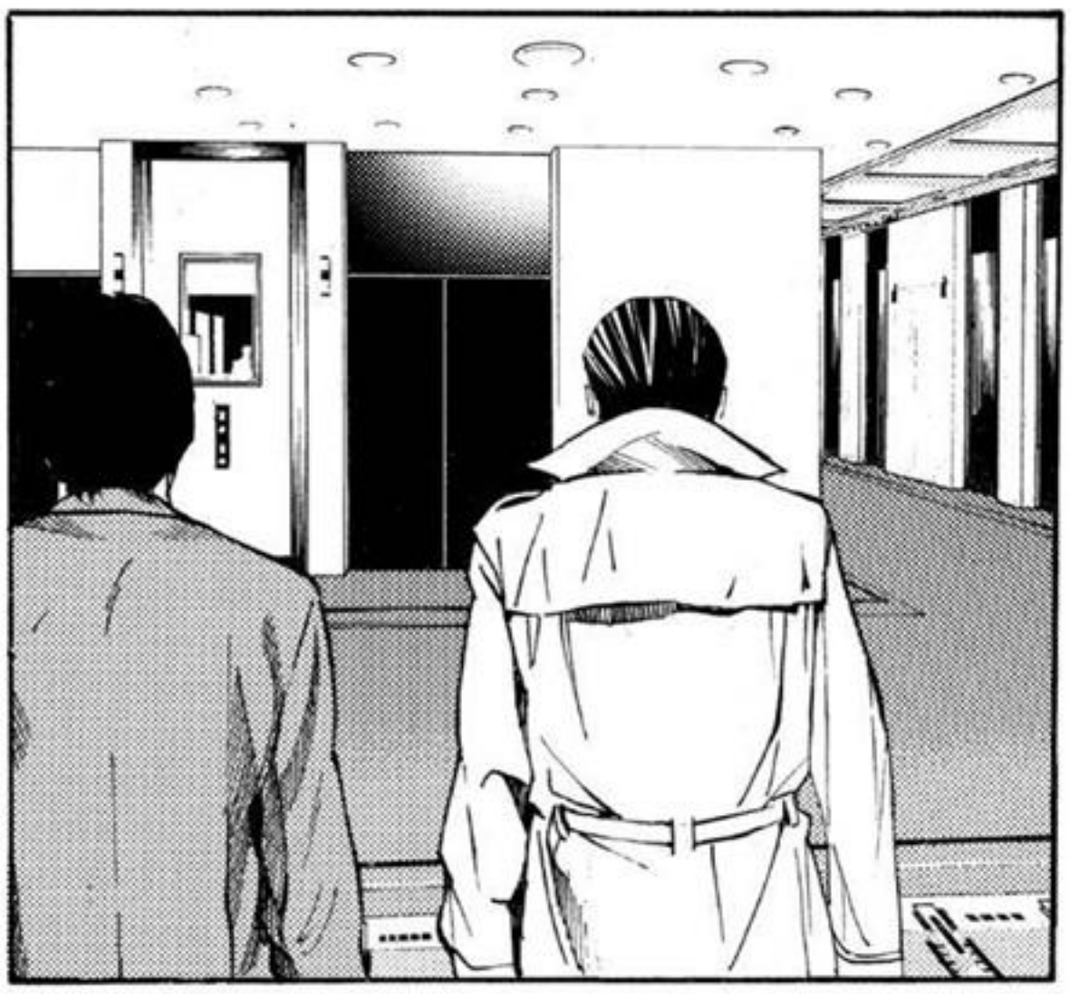
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FBI

HUH? IT'S OVER ALREADY ...

THE REAL BATTLE STARTS NOW...









NOK

NOK

KA-CHAK

PLEASE ENTER. I'VE BEEN AWAITING YOU.

L IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS DOOR...