chapter 11 One



I'M L.

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I'M MOGI.
I'M UKITA.
I'M AIZAWA.
I'M MATSUDA.
I'M DETECTIVE-SUPER-INTENDENT YAGAMI OF THE NPA.
Shhhh
THIS YOUR IDEA OF A JOKE?!
HUH?!
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BANG!

GULP

IF I WAS KIRA, YOU'D BE DEAD... YAGAMI-SAN.

THAT IS HOW HE MURDERS PEOPLE— WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO BELIEVE IT.

COMMON SENSE SAYS YOU CAN'T KILL ANYBODY JUST BY KNOWING THEIR NAME AND FACE. BUT THE FACT IS, CRIMINALS ARE DROPPING DEAD ONE AFTER THE OTHER ON THE BASIS OF THAT INFORMATION ALONE.

ALL KIRA NEEDS TO MURDER SOMEONE IS KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR NAME AND THEIR FACE. YOU OUGHT TO KNOW THAT BY NOW...

LET'S VALUE OUR LIVES.

WE'RE THE ONLY ONES LEFT WHO ARE WILLING TO RISK OUR LIVES FOR THIS. SO LET'S BE CAREFUL ABOUT TELLING PEOPLE OUR NAMES.

READ THIS WAY

EVERY MAJOR CRIMINAL WHOSE NAME IS UNKNOWN, OR WHOSE NAME WAS REPORTED ERRONEOUSLY, REMAINS ALIVE. THIS WAS BROUGHT UP IN TASK FORCE MEETINGS...

HE NEEDS TO KNOW THEIR NAMES? I KNEW ABOUT FACES, BUT DID ANYONE EVER MENTION NAMES?

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PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONES, LAPTOPS, AND ANY OTHER ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT YOU MAY HAVE, AND PLACE THEM ON THAT TABLE FIRST.

RATHER THAN STANDING AROUND TALKING, HOW ABOUT WE MOVE OVER THERE?

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BUT IF THAT'S THE ONLY BASIS...

IT'S NOT THAT. I JUST CAN'T STAND IT WHEN SOMEONE'S CELL PHONE RINGS WHILE I'M TALKING.

WE ALL KNEW HE WAS CAUTIOUS, BUT THIS MAKES ME WONDER IF HE REALLY TRUSTS US OR NOT.

JUST DO AS HE SAYS, AIZAWA.

...YOU THINK WE MIGHT HAVE OUR CELL PHONES ON TALK MODE SO SOMEONE OUTSIDE COULD MONITOR OUR CONVERSATION...?

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AND DON'T CALL ME "L" ANYMORE. PLEASE ALWAYS CALL ME "RYUZAKI" FROM NOW ON. BOTH FOR SAFETY'S SAKE.

TWO MORE THINGS. DON'T WRITE DOWN ANY-THING I SAY HERE. JUST KEEP IT IN YOUR HEADS.

NOW ALL OF YOU, PLEASE SIT DOWN.

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IF WE DO THAT, ORDINARY PEOPLE WILL BE KILLED.

I JUST HAD AN IDEA. IF WE KNOW THAT KIRA NEEDS TO KNOW PEOPLE'S NAMES AND FACES, THEN CAN'T WE TELL THE MEDIA TO OMIT THOSE FROM THEIR CRIME COVERAGE? THAT COULD LIMIT THE NUMBER OF VICTIMS.

SLURP

THAT'S HOW I KNOW...

YOU GUESSED IT... I'M ALSO CHILDISH AND HATE LOSING...

WHY'S THAT?

ORDINARY PEOPLE?

KIRA IS CHILDISH, AND HE HATES LOSING.

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L... NO, RYUZAKI. COULD YOU EXPLAIN THAT A LITTLE MORE CLEARLY?

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KIRA, WHO AS FAR AS WE KNOW HAD KILLED ONLY CRIMINALS UNTIL THEN, DIDN'T HESITATE TO KILL ME... THAT IS, THE DEATH ROW INMATE HE THOUGHT WAS ME.

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THAT TIME I USED THE TV BROADCAST TO CHALLENGE HIM...

HE STARTED CONCENTRATING ON JAPANESE CRIMINALS. AND BY THE TIME HE ELIMINATED THE FBI AGENTS, HE WAS CONCENTRATING ON KANTO-AREA CRIMINALS.

THEN, WHEN I SAID HE WAS IN THE KANTO REGION AROUND TOKYO...

WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD HAPPEN IF YOU USED MEDIA RESTRICTIONS TO SHIELD CRIMINALS FROM SOMEONE LIKE THAT?

HE ALWAYS HAS TO WIN. HE CAN'T STAND LOSING...

EVERY TIME YOU CHALLENGE HIM, INSTEAD OF BACKING OFF, HE COCKILY RESPONDS WITH A CHALLENGE OF HIS OWN.

THAT IS KIRA'S MENTAL PROCESS.

AND HE'D SAY, "IT'LL BE YOUR FAULT, NOT MINE. THOSE WHO SHIELD EVIL-DOERS FROM MY JUDGMENT ARE EVIL THEMSELVES!!"

HE'D SAY, "WITHHOLD CRIMINALS FROM ME, AND I'LL KILL LIARS AND CHEATERS! I'LL EVEN KILL INNOCENT PEOPLE! I'M TAKING THE WHOLE WORLD HOSTAGE!!"

AND WHILE WE'RE AT IT, LET'S FIGURE OUT HOW TO USE THE MEDIA TO OUR BENEFIT.

IF WE'RE GOING TO WORRY ABOUT THE MEDIA, WHAT WE REALLY NEED TO SHIELD IS HOW FEW OF US ARE HUNTING KIRA NOW.

HOW ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE THIS, FOR EXAMPLE...

FORTUNATELY, WE'VE GOTTEN COMMITMENTS FROM POLICE IN EVERY COUNTRY, INCLUDING THE U.S., TO PROVIDE US WITH INFORMATION AND FORENSIC EXPERTISE.

KIRA WILL START SEEING ENEMIES EVERYWHERE HE GOES. AS HE STARTS FEELING CORNERED, HE'LL MAKE SOME KIND OF MOVE.

THAT'S A WHOLE DIFFERENT DIMENSION FROM FINDING AND KILLING JUST 12 AGENTS.

"U.S. OUTRAGED OVER DEATHS OF FBI AGENTS, WORLD OUTRAGED. G8 NATIONS AGREE TO SEND TOTAL OF 1,500 INVESTIGATORS TO JAPAN FOR KIRA MANHUNT."

YEAH. MAKE HIM THINK 1,500 ARE AFTER HIM, WHEN ACTUALLY IT'S ONLY SEVEN... AND UNLIKE THOSE FBI AGENTS, THEY WON'T REALLY EXIST, SO HE CAN'T KILL THEM.

I LIKE IT.

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LIKE AIZAWA SAID, THESE GUYS WON'T EXIST—

BUT IF KIRA FEELS CORNERED, WHO KNOWS WHAT KIND OF MOVE HE'LL MAKE...?

...

RYUZAKI. I'LL SEND THIS IDEA UP TO THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE RIGHT AWAY.

...

READ THIS WAY

DO YOU MIND IF I SHARE MY THOUGHTS ON THIS CASE WITH YOU?

KIRA IS ONE PERSON, ACTING ALONE.

HE HAD ACCESS TO TASK FORCE INFORMATION.

BUT... WHAT'S YOUR BASIS FOR DECIDING HE'S ACTING ALONE?

HOLD ON, AIZAWA. LET'S LET RYUZAKI FINISH, AND ONCE WE'VE HEARD EVERYTHING HE HAS TO SAY, THEN WE CAN ALL ASK HIM QUESTIONS.

UH... RIGHT, SIR.

HE NEEDS KNOWLEDGE OF HIS VICTIM'S NAME AND FACE TO COMMIT MURDER.

AND HE CAN CONTROL THE TIME OF DEATH, AS WELL AS THE VICTIM'S ACTIONS BEFORE DEATH, TO A CERTAIN EXTENT.

POP

NOW PLEASE KEEP THOSE POINTS IN MIND AND LISTEN CAREFULLY TO WHAT I SAY NEXT.

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DECEMBER 19. KIRA USES IMPRISONED CRIMINALS TO CARRY OUT WHAT ARE CLEARLY TESTS OF HIS ABILITY TO CONTROL VICTIMS' ACTIONS BEFORE THEY DIE.

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DECEMBER 14. 12 FBI AGENTS ENTER JAPAN.

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HE FELT THREATENED, AND IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE ALL THE AGENTS IN JAPAN– WHOSE NUMBER, AND NAMES AND FACES HE COULDN'T HAVE KNOWN– HE USED CRIMINALS TO TEST HOW FAR HE COULD CONTROL HIS VICTIMS' ACTIONS.

12/19 TESTS

12/14 FBI AGENTS INTO JAPAN

IN OTHER WORDS, WITHIN JUST FIVE DAYS, KIRA BECAME AWARE OF THE FBI'S PRESENCE.

THIS PROVES THAT HE NEEDED TO CONCEAL FROM US WHICH AGENT'S FILE HE HAD SEEN– THAT IS TO SAY, WE CAN ASSUME HE HAD FAIRLY CLOSE CONTACT WITH ONE OF THE AGENTS.

12/27 FBI

12/19 TESTS

12/14

DECEMBER 27. USING THE RESULTS OF HIS TESTS, HE GETS ALL 12 AGENTS TO RECEIVE A FILE WITH THEIR NAMES AND PHOTOGRAPHS, AND SUCCEEDS IN KILLING THEM ALL.

THE BODIES OF ALL 12 AGENTS WERE FOUND IN TOKYO.

THESE VICTIMS WERE CLEARLY UNLIKE KIRA'S TARGETS SO FAR.

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FROM DECEMBER 19 TO DECEMBER 27... A TOTAL OF 23 WANTED, FORMER, OR SUSPECTED CRIMINALS IN TOKYO DIED OF HEART FAILURE. AND THAT'S JUST THE VICTIMS WE KNOW ABOUT.

HE PROBABLY ONLY NEEDED A FEW.

AND THE LARGE NUMBER OF VICTIMS INDICATES THAT HE WANTED TO CONCEAL WHICH ONES THOSE WERE.

AND THAT MEANS TO ELIMINATE THE FBI AGENTS, KIRA NEEDED TO KILL SOME PEOPLE, EVEN IF THEY WEREN'T CLASS-A CRIMINALS...

12/14 FBI INTO JAPAN

12/19 TESTS

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HOWEVER, WE CAN BE SURE THAT DURING THOSE FIVE DAYS HE WAS AMONG THOSE BEING PROBED BY THE FBI HERE IN JAPAN.

12/14 FBI

12/19 TESTS

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THE EIGHT-DAY GAP BETWEEN THE TESTS AND THE FBI MURDERS WAS TO GIVE THE AGENTS TIME TO PROBE OTHERS, SO AS TO DRAW SUSPICION AWAY FROM HIMSELF.

THE FBI HAS SENT ME COMPUTER RECORDS SHOWING THE ORDER IN WHICH THE AGENTS RECEIVED THE FILE. I HAVE THOSE HERE, AS WELL AS OTHER DATA, BUT THEY CAN'T LEAVE THIS ROOM ...

KIRA WENT TO QUITE A LOT OF TROUBLE TO GET THE NAMES AND PHOTOS OF ALL 12 AGENTS.

TO SEND THAT FILE TO ALL THE AGENTS, HE FIRST NEEDED TO GET IT TO ONE OF THEM.

RIGHT, LET'S FORM TWO TEAMS. ONE TRACES THE AGENTS' MOVE-MENTS, THE OTHER TRACES THE VICTIMS.

FIRST, WE LOOK FOR CONTACT BETWEEN THOSE 23 HEART ATTACK VICTIMS AND THE FBI AGENTS...

THAT'S GREAT. IF WE KNOW THIS MUCH WE CAN GET HIM, EVEN WITH JUST SEVEN OF US.

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HMM, YOU'RE RIGHT.

THERE AREN'T MANY PEOPLE WHO HAD ACCESS TO TASK FORCE INFORMATION ***AND*** WERE BEING PROBED BY THE FBI IN THE FIRST FIVE DAYS.

...SO, ANY QUES-TIONS?

BY SHOWING YOUR FACE TO US, AREN'T YOU ADMIT-TING THAT KIRA DEFEATED YOU?

EARLIER YOU SAID YOU HATE LOSING.

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I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU, RYUZAKI.

BUT...

I LOST.

YES. SHOWING MYSELF, AND THE LOSS OF THOSE FBI AGENTS' LIVES, MEANS...

LET'S SHOW HIM, THOSE OF US WHO ARE RISKING OUR LIVES...

LIKE YOURSELVES, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE STAKED MY LIFE ON A CONTEST.

I'LL WIN IN THE END.

Skrch

THAT THE GOOD GUYS ALWAYS WIN.

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Skrch

YEAH, LET'S GET HIM, L! OOPS... RYUZAKI!!

LET'S SHOW HIM!

THAT'S... RIGHT!

THE GOOD GUYS ARE GOING TO WIN!

AND IF HE REMAINED, HE'S SEEN RYUZAKI'S FACE...

RYUZAKI'S RIGHT. IF KIRA WAS IN THE TASK FORCE TO START WITH, IT STANDS TO REASON HE'D REMAIN IN IT NOW.

HA HA

FLAP FLAP

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GREAT. SO FIRST, TO BE SURE THAT NONE OF YOU IS KIRA, I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO EACH OF YOU ALONE—

ONE CLUE ...

NO. IF WE LET HIM GET AWAY NOW ...

MAYBE I'M BEING TOO IMPA-TIENT...

IF I COULD JUST GET ONE MORE CLUE... SOME-THING TO CLINCH IT...

STUDYING FOR THAT ENTRANCE EXAM?

WAY TOO LATE TO STUDY FOR THAT NOW.

HUH? THAT ISN'T THE DEATH NOTE ...

IF I MESSED UP EVEN ONE TIME...

IF I LEFT EVEN ONE CLUE TO MY IDENTITY, I'M FINISHED.

JUST ONE CLUE ...

CAFEEL

TODAY'S MENU

AND THAT DAY, FOUR PEOPLE DIED OF HEART ATTACKS AROUND SHINJUKU STATION.

RAYE SAID HE WAS GOING TO SHIN-JUKU THAT DAY.

KIRA DOESN'T NEED TO USE A HEART ATTACK TO MURDER PEOPLE!! I KNOW THAT FOR A FACT!!

IT WAS NO COINCI-DENCE THAT RAYE WAS THERE!!

THEN THERE'S ...

THAT BUS-JACK-ING,

田野自動車

KIICHIRO OSOREDA

BUSJACKER RUN OVER, DIES

一昨日の銀行強盗犯

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