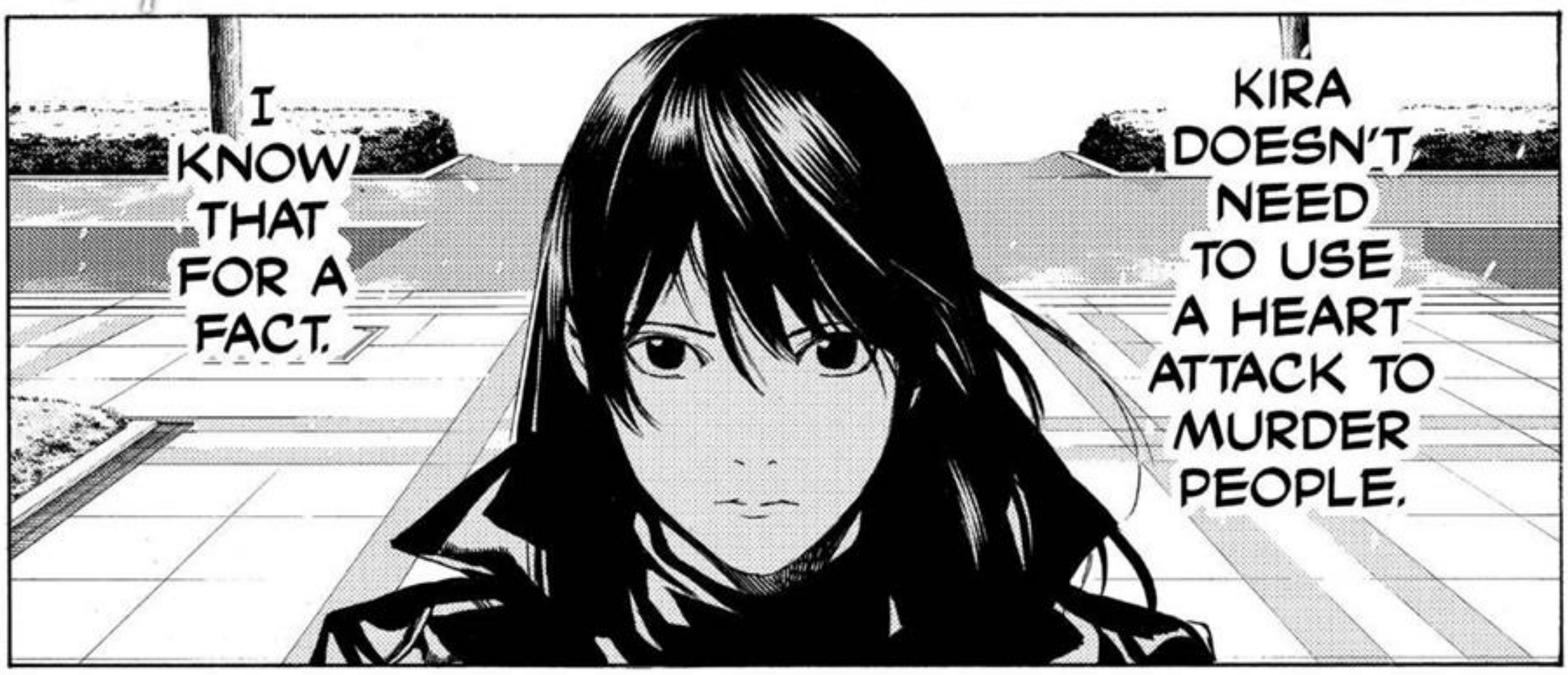
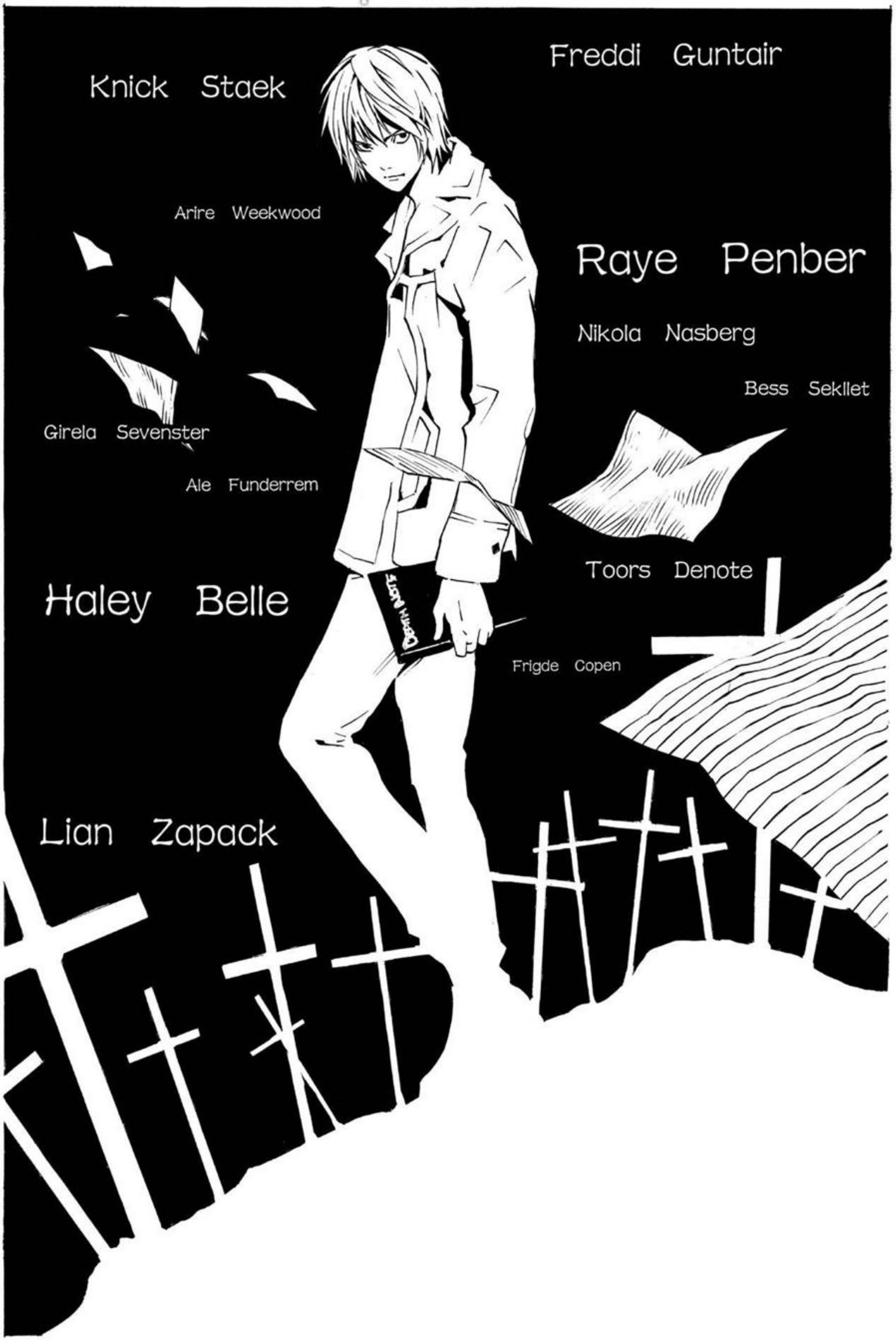
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SAYU, CAN YOU TAKE YOUR FATHER THIS CHANGE OF CLOTHES?

WHA-AAT?

YAGA

THAT'S OKAY, MOM. I'LL GO FOR YOU.

YAY! THANK YOU, LIGHT!

...

I TOLD YOU, MOM. I'M GOING OUT WITH A FRIEND TODAY.

SO JUST LEAVE A LITTLE EARLY AND STOP THERE ON THE WAY.

NO. I'M ONLY GETTING AS FAR AS THE RECEPTION DESK.

SO NOW YOU GET TO SNOOP AROUND THE TASK FORCE OFFICE?

DON'T WORRY, MOM. PLACING FIRST ON THE PRACTICE EXAM'S A THOUSAND TIMES HARDER THAN GETTING INTO COLLEGE.

ARE YOU SURE, LIGHT? YOUR ENTRANCE EXAM IS COMING UP.

OH, SO YOU'RE TAKING A PAGE OF THE DEATH NOTE... KILLING SOMEONE OUT THERE?

I ALWAYS DO THIS WHEN I GO OUT THESE DAYS. JUST IN CASE.

KLAK

I'M OFF, THEN.

I KNOW. CALL DAD ON HIS CELL PHONE FIRST.

THANKS, LIGHT. AND DON'T FORGET, BEFORE YOU GET THERE...

READ THIS WAY

FWOOSH

YOU HAVE REACHED THE VOICE MAIL SERVICE FOR...

HUH? THAT'S UNUSUAL ...

BIP BIP

地下鉄 SUBWAY 霞ヶ関駅 Kasumigaseki Sta.

国家公安委員会 警察庁

... MAYBE HE'S IN AN IMPORTANT MEETING...?

...

NO, IT HAS TO BE IN PERSON. I CAN'T LEAVE A MESSAGE.

BUT I MADE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THEM YESTERDAY. HOW COULD NOBODY BE THERE?

HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU THIS? THERE'S NOBODY IN THE KIRA TASK FORCE OFFICE RIGHT NOW.

I'M SORRY, BUT I DON'T KNOW.

AND WHY'S THAT WOMAN BEING SO INSISTENT ABOUT SEEING THE TASK FORCE...?

FATHER'S CELL PHONE TURNED OFF... WHAT'S GOING ON?

...NO-BODY IN THE TASK FORCE OFFICE ...

UH... I'M SORRY. ALL THE RECEP-TION PEOPLE LOOK THE SAME TO ME.

OH, LIGHT! NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

I BROUGHT MY FATHER A CHANGE OF CLOTHES, BUT I GUESS HE ISN'T HERE. CAN YOU GIVE THIS TO HIM?

I'M LIGHT YAGAMI, SON OF DETECTIVE SUPER-INTENDENT YAGAMI.

I WRITE MY NAME HERE, CORRECT?

IS THAT RIGHT? I BEG YOUR PARDON.

...

REMEMBER, LAST YEAR? WHEN YOU HELPED SOLVE THAT INSURANCE MONEY MURDER? I WAS ON DUTY THAT TIME, TOO...

OH, WELL I SUPPOSE SO. WE'RE JUST SMALL FRY, AFTER ALL.

...

BEAT L...?!

SURE AM. IF I'M ON THE RIGHT TRACK, I MAY BE ABLE TO BEAT L TO IT...

SO, ARE YOU TRYING TO SOLVE THE KIRA CASE TOO, LIGHT?

UMM.

...

YOU CAN TRUST US, COME ON. WE BELONG TO THE NPA TOO, OKAY? WE PROMISE YOU, WE'LL PASS YOUR MESSAGE ON TO THE TASK FORCE.

...

HIS CELL PHONE SEEMS TO BE TURNED OFF RIGHT NOW, THOUGH, SO IT WOULD HAVE TO BE LATER...

SO IF YOU'D LIKE, I CAN PUT YOU IN TOUCH WITH HIM.

MY FATHER HEADS THE TASK FORCE INVESTI-GATING THE KIRA CASE.

IT'S COMMON KNOWLEDGE. RUMORS LIKE THIS GET AROUND FAST.

THAT'S... TRUE, BUT...

A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE BEEN QUITTING THE TASK FORCE SINCE THOSE FBI AGENT MURDERS. I GUESS THEY'RE REALLY UNDER-STAFFED RIGHT NOW.

LIGHT! THAT ISN'T SOME-THING YOU SHOULD BE TELL-ING...

READ THIS WAY

THE FBI MURDERS INDICATE THERE ARE PROBLEMS WITHIN THE NPA. THAT'S WHY SHE WANTS TO SPEAK DIRECTLY TO THE TASK FORCE. SHE'S NOT TAKING ANY CHANCES.

PLUS, SHE'S A VERY CAUTIOUS PERSON.

...

AND ANYWAY, I KNOW I CAN TRUST THIS WOMAN. HER EYES TELL ME I CAN.

...

OF COURSE, YOU HAVE TO TRUST MY FATHER, AND ME, OR THIS ISN'T GOING TO WORK.

WHO'S THIS FRIENDLY GUY?

HA HA!

IF YOU CAN WAIT, FEEL FREE TO TALK TO HIM THEN.

MY FATHER WILL CALL ME WHEN HE HEARS MY VOICE MAIL.

SURE. I CAN'T TELL YOU MY FATHER'S CELL PHONE NUMBER, BUT IF YOU TALK TO HIM ON MY PHONE, I DON'T SEE WHY NOT.

IS IT REALLY OKAY?

...

HOW LETHAL COULD IT BE...? STILL, I BETTER FIND OUT WHAT IT IS, JUST IN CASE...

SO YOU GOT HER TO TAKE OUR BAIT, LIGHT. WONDER WHAT SHE WANTS TO TELL THE TASK FORCE. COULD BE LETHAL.

THANK YOU.

THIS IS NO GOOD. THE NPA BUILDING'S FILLED WITH SECURITY CAMERAS...

KIRA HAS FAR GREATER POWERS THAN PEOPLE THINK.

!

THE WAY I FIGURE IT...

YOU'VE NOTICED THAT TOO? THAT'S AMAZING. BUT THIS ISN'T THE PLACE TO BE...

THE NPA MIGHT BE DANGER-OUS NOW.

I'VE NOTICED THAT TOO. THAT'S WHY I'M HERE...

...

LET'S STEP OUTSIDE.

...

NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY

I DON'T MIND.

HOPE YOU DON'T MIND.

I ALWAYS PREFER WALKING AROUND OUTSIDE WHEN I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO HEAR WHAT I'M SAYING...

UM, WOULD YOU MIND TELLING ME YOUR NAME?

I'M LIGHT YAGAMI. YOU WRITE THE KANJI FOR "MOON" AND READ IT LIGHT— UNUSUAL, ISN'T IT? AND YAGAMI IS WRITTEN WITH THE KANJI FOR "NIGHT" AND "GOD."

THE WAY I SEE IT, KIRA...

?

...

HYUK HYUK HYUK

I'M SHOKO MAKI. THE "SHO" IS THE KANJI FOR "SHINE," AND "KO" IS "CHILD." MAKI IS WRITTEN WITH THE KANJI FOR "BETWEEN" AND "TREE."

READ THIS WAY

...

I THINK KIRA CAN DO MORE THAN JUST KILL PEOPLE. IT SEEMS TO ME HE CAN CONTROL THEIR ACTIONS BEFORE THEY DIE.

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL. IF MY ANALYSIS IS RIGHT...

YES. HE CAN CONTROL WHAT PEOPLE DO BEFORE THEY DIE...

YOU THINK SO TOO?

THAT'S... WHAT I THINK! I DIDN'T REALIZE ANYBODY ELSE HAD...

...WHO IS THIS WOMAN ...?

KIRA CAN KILL PEOPLE USING MEANS OTHER THAN HEART ATTACKS.

BUT IF YOU'RE RIGHT—

HE CAN KILL PEOPLE USING MEANS OTHER THAN HEART ATTACKS...? I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT MYSELF ...

BUT IF THE POLICE GO AFTER KIRA WITH THAT IN MIND, I THINK THEY CAN CATCH HIM.

I DON'T THINK ANYBODY ELSE HAS REALIZED THIS.

SOMEONE YOU KNOW MET KIRA?!

I'M PRETTY SURE SOMEONE I KNOW MET KIRA.

EXACTLY.

THE MURDERS KIRA WANTS TO KEEP SECRET WOULD BE COMMITTED WITH THOSE OTHER MEANS...

...

I KNOW.

SORRY... IT'S JUST THAT, YOU'D HAVE A PRETTY HARD TIME CONVINCING THE POLICE OF THAT.

?

HA HA HA!

READ THIS WAY

BUT IF YOUR FRIEND ACTUALLY MET KIRA, SHOULDN'T HE OR SHE BE THE ONE TALKING TO THE TASK FORCE?

THAT'S WHY I WANT TO EXPLAIN MY REASONING TO THE TASK FORCE, IN DETAIL.

...

HE WAS ONE OF THE FBI AGENTS WHO WAS KILLED...

HE CAN'T DO THAT.

HE WAS ALSO MY FIANCÉ...

YOU... MEAN...

AN FBI AGENT WHO MET KIRA...

...!!

RAYE PENBER

...

BUT IF MY HUNCH IS CORRECT, KIRA WAS ON THAT BUS...

HE TOLD ME HE GOT MIXED UP IN A BUS-JACKING...

YES. THAT'S WHY I WON'T REST FOR A MOMENT UNTIL THE POLICE ARREST KIRA. AND I'LL DO EVERY-THING IN MY POWER TO HELP THEM.

I WAS JUST SHOCKED TO HEAR THAT YOUR FIANCÉ...

...

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

DEATH BY EMPL

Matsushiro Nakaokaji

ON STORE'S SECURITY

EIGHT HOURS BEFORE THAT, ANOTHER WANTED CRIMINAL TRIED TO ROB A CONVENIENCE STORE AND WAS STABBED TO DEATH...

THE BUSJACKER WAS A KILLER WANTED FOR HOLDING UP A BANK TWO DAYS EARLIER... HE DIED WHEN HE WAS RUN OVER BY A CAR.

...BUT WHY DO YOU THINK KIRA WAS ON THAT BUS?

READ THIS WAY

TWO WANTED CRIMINALS COMMITTED CRIMES ON THE SAME DAY...

AND DIED AT THE SCENE IN ACCIDENTS. THAT'S HIGHLY UNUSUAL.

EIGHT DAYS AFTER THE BUSJACKING, MY FIANCÉ AND HIS 11 COLLEAGUES ALL DIED.

AND DURING THOSE EIGHT DAYS, MORE THAN 20 PEOPLE WITH SOME LINK TO CRIME, INCLUDING PETTY CRIMINALS, DIED IN TOKYO OF HEART ATTACKS.

BUT AFTER THE FBI AGENTS DIED, THIS SPATE OF DEATHS ABRUPTLY STOPPED...

MY FIANCÉ... AND THE CONVENIENCE STORE ROBBER... AND THE BUSJACKER...

WERE ALL USED BY KIRA IN ORDER TO MURDER THE FBI AGENTS IN JAPAN. I'M CONVINCED OF IT.

AND THE BUSJACKING WAS A RUSE FOR KIRA TO GET INFORMATION ON THE FBI FROM MY FIANCÉ.

THE CONVENIENCE STORE ROBBER COULD HAVE BEEN USED AS PRACTICE FOR THE BUSJACKER'S DEATH...

AND THAT'S HOW YOU FIGURED OUT KIRA CAN USE OTHER MEANS TO MURDER PEOPLE?

THE ROBBER AND THE BUSJACKER BOTH DIED FROM CAUSES OTHER THAN HEART ATTACKS.

...

NO. KIRA FOR SURE CONTROLLED THE BUSJACKER. I KNOW IT.

THAT SEEMS LIKE KIND OF A BIG LEAP TO ME...

YES.

READ THIS WAY

HE NEVER SAID WHO IT WAS, BUT...

SO I CASUALLY ASKED MY FIANCÉ ABOUT IT LATER.

EVER SINCE I HEARD ABOUT THAT BUS-JACKING, IT NAGGED AT ME.

of INVESTIGATION

FBI

IAL AGENT

HE SHOWED HIS FBI ID TO ANOTHER PASSENGER. HE SAID HE HAD NO CHOICE.

HE DID TELL ME THIS.

HE MADE ME SWEAR I WOULDN'T MENTION THIS, OR THE BUS-JACKING, TO ANY-BODY.

HE WAS ON A TOP-SECRET MISSION, WHICH WAS UNKNOWN TO THE JAPANESE POLICE. HE WAS UNDER STRICT ORDERS NOT TO SHOW ANYONE HIS ID.

...

SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT KIRA MADE THE CRIMINAL HIJACK A BUS TO GET YOUR FIANCÉ TO REVEAL HIS IDENTITY...

I'M CONVINCED HE WAS THE ONE WHO TIPPED KIRA OFF TO THE PRESENCE OF THE FBI IN JAPAN...

THAT'S WHY...

YOUR DEDUCTION IS BASED ON FACTS KNOWN ONLY TO YOU, AND YOUR EMOTIONS OVER LOSING YOUR FIANCÉ LED YOU TO THIS CONCLUSION...

SO YOUR JUDGMENT IS CLOUDED BY PERSONAL FEELINGS, AND YOU HAVE NO PROOF...

AND THEN, THE BUSJACKER WAS RUN OVER BY A CAR...

WHICH MEANS KIRA DOESN'T ONLY USE HEART ATTACKS TO MURDER PEOPLE...

I... HOPE SO.

I AGREE IT'S WORTH LOOKING INTO. YOUR TESTIMONY WILL MEAN A LOT TO THE TASK FORCE. RIGHT NOW, THEY'RE AT A TOTAL LOSS. THIS COULD REALLY HELP THEIR INVESTIGATION.

STILL...

KIRA WAS THE PERSON YOUR FIANCÉ SHOWED HIS ID TO ON THE BUS.

AND IF WHAT YOU SAY TURNS OUT TO BE RIGHT, I AGREE WITH YOU THAT THEY'LL BE ABLE TO CATCH KIRA.

BECAUSE IF YOU ARE RIGHT—

THIS SHINIGAMI MAY NOT BE ON MY SIDE, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER GOD IS.

IF THIS WOMAN HAD TOLD THE POLICE ALL THIS BEFORE SHE TOLD ME...