chapter 15 Phone Call



Special Investigation Headquarters for Criminal Victim Mass Murder Case

NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY

NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

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HOW'D YOU EXPECT ONE PERSON TO DEAL WITH ALL OF THIS, ANYWAY?!

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THESE PHONES ARE DRIVING ME CRAZY...

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READ THIS WAY

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THIS IS THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATION HEADQUARTERS FOR THE CRIMINAL VICTIM SERIAL MURDER CASE.

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Phoo

WELL, IF I'M WATCHING THE NEWS AND I THINK "THIS GUY DOESN'T DESERVE TO LIVE"... THEY REALLY DIE, LIKE, A FEW DAYS LATER...

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT?

NOT ANOTHER ONE...

UH, UM... I'M CALLING BECAUSE I THINK I MIGHT BE KIRA...

...THEN WHY DON'T YOU GO TO YOUR NEAREST POLICE STATION FOR QUESTION-ING? THAT WOULD BE FINE.

BUT... WAIT! WHAT IF I AM, THOUGH? I THINK YOU BETTER ARREST ME.

OH. NO, I DIDN'T.

SO YOU PROBABLY AREN'T KIRA, THEN.

OKAY, SO DID YOU WISH THE FBI AGENTS WOULD DIE, TOO?

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LOTS OF PEOPLE THINK CRIMINALS SHOULD ALL BE KILLED. GUESS MORE AND MORE OF THEM MIGHT START THINK-ING THEY'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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MAN... I CAN'T WAIT TO GET BACK TO THE REAL HEAD-QUARTERS...

UH-HUH, AND THEN?

YES, THAT'S FINE.

IS THIS WHERE I CALL WITH INFORMA-TION ON THE CASE?

SPECIAL INVESTI-GATION HEAD-QUARTERS FOR THE CRIMINAL VICTIM SERIAL MURDER CASE.

PHOOO
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AS FOR THE OTHERS, THE MOST WE COULD FIND WAS WHERE THEY'RE LEAVING THEIR HOTELS.

SO WE HAVE THREE OF THEM ON CAMERA WHEN THEY HAD THE HEART ATTACKS: KNICK STAEK WAS IN A GINZA DEPARTMENT STORE, RAYE PENBER WAS ON A PLATFORM ON THE YAMANOTE LINE, AND NIKOLA NASBERG WAS IN AN IKEBUKURO BANK.

THAT'S ALL OF THE SECURITY CAMERA FOOTAGE WE MANAGED TO FIND SHOWING THE MURDERED FBI AGENTS. WE'RE LUCKY WE FOUND THIS MUCH.

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CAN YOU PLAY BACK THE PARTS WHERE RAYE PENBER GOES THROUGH THE TURNSTILE, WHERE HE GETS ON THE TRAIN, AND WHERE HE DIES? I'D LIKE TO SEE THOSE AGAIN, NEXT TO EACH OTHER.

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山手線 Yamanote Line
渋谷・品川方面
12.27.15:13:21
2003.12.27 15:11
IT'S NOT THE CLEAREST IMAGE, BUT THAT'S DEFINITELY RAYE PENBER. WE DON'T HAVE TO SEND THIS TO THE LAB TO SEE THAT.
HE ENTERS THROUGH A TURNSTILE ON THE WEST SIDE OF SHINJUKU STATION AT 15:11. THAT MATCHES WHAT'S PRINTED ON THE BACK OF HIS PASS.
HE GETS ON THE TRAIN AT 15:33. HE DIES THE MOMENT HE GETS OFF, AT 16:45.
ONE FULL CIRCLE ON THE YAMANOTE LINE LOOP TAKES AN HOUR, AND HE WAS ON THERE FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF... BUT NO OTHER TICKET WAS FOUND ON HIM, AND NOTHING IS PRINTED ON HIS PREPAID CARD TO INDICATE HE GOT OUT AND REENTERED.
VERY STRANGE ...

2003.12.27. 16:42'09"

AND RIGHT BEFORE HE DIED...

HE GETS ON THE TRAIN AT 15:13. EVEN IF HE WAS SHADOWING SOMEONE AT THE TIME, THIS IMAGE ISN'T CLEAR ENOUGH TO FIGURE OUT WHO IT MIGHT BE.

PENBER SAT ON THAT TRAIN FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF WITH THE FILE ON HIM...

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THAT'S JUST EIGHT MINUTES AFTER HE BOARDED.

RAYE PENBER RECEIVED THE FILE WITH THE NAMES AND FACES OF ALL THE FBI AGENTS IN JAPAN ON HIS COMPUTER AT 15:21.

KIRA CAN CONTROL PEOPLE'S ACTIONS RIGHT BEFORE THEY DIE.

SO I SUPPOSE WE COULD JUST SAY THAT'S THE REASON ANY OF THE AGENTS ACTED STRANGELY THAT DAY, BUT...

AT THE TURNSTILE AND ON THE PLAT-FORM, HE'S HOLDING SOME-THING LIKE A MANILA ENVELOPE.

HUH?!

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ENVE-LOPE?!

HEY! YOU'RE RIGHT. HE'S DEFINITELY HOLDING AN ENVELOPE!

AN ENVE-LOPE ?!

READ THIS WAY

THERE WAS NOTHING LIKE AN ENVELOPE FOUND ON HIS BODY, THOUGH...

HE'S GOT IT OVER HERE, TOO.

...

WHICH WOULD MEAN HE LEFT IT ON THE TRAIN.

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU NOTICED THAT, RYUZAKI.

OH, YEAH ...

NO. PENBER ONLY GOT THE FILE AT 15:21, ON THE TRAIN. HE COULDN'T HAVE HAD IT BEFORE HE BOARDED.

AND KIRA GOT IT FROM HIM, THEN MADE PENBER GET OFF AND KILLED HIM.

MAYBE... THAT ENVELOPE CONTAINED A FILE OF THE FBI AGENTS IN JAPAN...

AND ...

THIS LAST IMAGE OF RAYE PENBER... TO ME...

2003.12.27.

UH, OKAY...

GET EVERY STATION ON THE YAMANOTE LINE TO GIVE YOU ALL THE FOOTAGE THEY HAVE FOR DECEMBER 27.

IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S DESPERATELY TRYING TO LOOK INTO THE TRAIN...

I AGREE, IT ISN'T LIKELY. IF KIRA CAN MURDER FROM AFAR, WHY WOULD HE BOTHER GOING THERE...?

YOU... COULDN'T BE...

...AND IF HE IS, THAT'S A CLUE?

WOULDN'T IT BE INTERESTING IF KIRA WAS IN THERE?

A PUBLIC PLACE LIKE THIS, HE WOULD HAVE CHECKED THE CAMERA LOCATIONS IN ADVANCE AND USED THE BLIND SPOTS, IF ANY. IF NOT, HE'D HIDE BEHIND SOMEONE.

BUT IF HE *IS* CAPTURED ON CAMERA WITH IT, WE COULD CALL HIM IN AS A MATERIAL WITNESS.

WELL, EVEN IF KIRA WAS ON THIS TRAIN, I'M PRETTY SURE HE WOULDN'T LET HIMSELF BE CAPTURED ON A SECURITY CAMERA WITH THE ENVELOPE...

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STILL, HE MIGHT HAVE FIGURED THAT'S WHAT WE'D THINK, AND TAKEN THE RISK OF COMING OUT IN THE OPEN.

YOU'VE SPENT FOUR WHOLE DAYS WRITING CRIMINALS' NAMES INTO THE DEATH NOTE. YOU'VE HARDLY SLEPT.

YOU OKAY, LIGHT ...?

NO, I'M NOT.

YOU'RE NOT MUCH HELP.

SO WHAT? A BIGGER CONCERN FOR ME IS THAT IT DEFINITELY WORKS IF THE DATE IS BEFORE THE END OF THEIR PREDESTINED LIFETIME, RIGHT?

COM-MON SENSE SAYS YEAH, IT WOULD.

SHINIGAMI DON'T USE THE NOTE-BOOK LIKE THAT, SO I CAN'T SAY FOR SURE, BUT...

PUT SIMPLY, SUPPOSE I WENT INTO THE HOSPITAL. I DON'T WANT PEOPLE SAYING, "THE MOMENT MR. YAGAMI'S SON WENT INTO THE HOSPITAL, CRIMINALS HAVE STOPPED DYING."

MM.

BUT HOW COME YOU HAVE TO SCHEDULE THESE DEATHS WEEKS IN ADVANCE?

THIS OUGHT TO BE ENOUGH...

Death Note

HYUK HYUK

I GET IT...

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THAT, AND THE FACT THAT NOBODY WAS IN THE TASK FORCE OFFICE THE OTHER DAY, INDICATES THERE'VE BEEN SOME MAJOR CHANGES...

SINCE THE NEW YEAR, NO DETAILS WHATSO-EVER OF THE INVES-TIGATION HAVE BEEN ENTERED INTO MY DAD'S COM-PUTER...!

... NOW ON TO THE COMPUTER ...

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THEN THERE WAS THAT WOMAN ...

ONLY 12 FBI AGENTS WERE SENT TO JAPAN ...

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WAS THAT UNDER ORDERS FROM L...?

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I NEED TO MAKE SURE THIS COMPUTER IS CLEAN, NO MATTER WHO LOOKS AT IT...

THE FACT THAT NOTHING'S HAPPENED TO ME YET IS PROOF THAT SHE ACTED EXACTLY AS I WROTE INTO THE DEATH NOTE. SHE DIDN'T TELL ANYBODY WHAT SHE KNEW.

TODAY IS THE FIFTH.

THAT WOMAN SHOULD HAVE COMMITTED SUICIDE BY THE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY THIRD...

ANYWAY, NOW THAT RAYE PENBER AND NAOMI MISORA ARE DEAD, EVEN IF IT EMERGES THAT I WAS ON THAT BUS, THAT SHOULDN'T PLACE ME UNDER SUSPICION.

NOBODY KNOWS ABOUT ME AND YURI, AND SHE ISN'T STUPID ENOUGH TO SHOW OFF BY BRAGGING ABOUT OUR DATE. YURI SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM.

I TOLD YURI THAT OUR DATE AT SPACELAND WAS OUR LITTLE SECRET... "BECAUSE I WANT HER MEMORIES OF THAT DAY, AND EVERYTHING ELSE IN HER HEART, TO BELONG TO ME ALONE." GIRLS LOVE STUFF LIKE THAT.

MY WALLET.

WHAT DO I ALWAYS HAVE ON ME ...?

DEATH NOTE

SO ALL I NEED TO DO NOW IS HIDE A SCRAP OF THE DEATH NOTE SOME-WHERE NOBODY WILL NOTICE...

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YOU'RE NOT POPULAR WITH THE LADIES, RYUK?

YOU CAN SEW...? BET THE GIRLS LOVE YOU.

YEAH, BUT SEW-ING'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH IT. LOOKS ARE ALL THAT COUNT.

I'M ON IT.

OKAY.

WHILE YAGAMI-SAN AND MATSUDA-SAN CONCEN-TRATE ON WHAT RAYE PENBER WAS UP TO.

OKAY, SO... AIZAWA-SAN, YOU KEEP SEARCHING FOR CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE 11 FBI AGENTS AND THOSE HEART ATTACK VICTIMS—

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ALL RIGHT. TELL HIM THE NUMBER FOR LINE FIVE, AND HAVE HIM ASK THE PERSON TO CALL BACK THERE.

RYUZAKI. IT'S FROM UKITA-SAN AT THE OTHER OFFICE. HE SAYS HE'S ON THE LINE WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS INTERESTING INFORMATION.

BIP BIP BIP

PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT.

YES... YES...

...I SWEAR ...

YES, THIS IS SUZUKI, HEAD OF THE INFORMATION PROCESSING UNIT FOR THE KIRA CASE.

BIP BIP BIP

HEY!

HUH? OH, OKAY.

MATSUDA-SAN, YOU CAN TURN YOUR CELL PHONE BACK ON. THAT IS, PLEASE TURN IT ON.

THEY CAME TO JAPAN IN MID-DECEMBER AND WERE GOING TO COME VISIT US OVER THE NEW YEAR...

YES. OUR DAUGHTER, NAOMI MISORA, WAS ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED TO RAYE PENBER.

RAYE PENBER'S FIANCÉE?!

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GLANCE

NAOMI MISORA? I'VE HEARD THAT NAME BEFORE.

JOINED FBI IN SEPTEMBER 2001 AND ATTAINED RANK OF SPECIAL AGENT WITH UNUSUAL SPEED FOR A WOMAN. ARRESTED PERPETRATOR OF THE "LOS ANGELES BB SERIAL MURDER CASE" ON AUGUST 22, 2002.

NAOMI MISORA

KLIK

READ THIS WAY

WELL, WE CALLED HER THE MOMENT WE HEARD ABOUT IT ON THE 28TH AND TOLD HER TO COME HOME, BUT—

BUT THEN AFTER WHAT HAPPENED ON THE 27TH...

AND NOW SHE'S IN JAPAN ...

THAT'S RIGHT. I WORKED WITH HER ON THAT CASE.

...SHE'S IN DANGER...

THINK SOME-THING OVER...? SHE WAS FIGUR-ING OUT HOW TO GET KIRA...

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SHE SAID SHE WANTED SOME TIME ALONE, TO THINK SOME-THING OVER...

NO...

YAGAMI-SAN. THERE'S NO WAY OF TRACING A CELL PHONE IF IT'S TURNED OFF, IS THERE?

AND IT'S BEEN LIKE THAT EVER SINCE. HER HOTEL SAYS SHE HASN'T BEEN BACK SINCE DECEMBER 28.

WE TRIED CALLING AGAIN ON NEW YEAR'S DAY, BUT HER CELL PHONE WAS SWITCHED OFF.

MISORA

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AND THE DAY AFTER PENBER DIED, SHE WENT MISSING...

WHEN RAYE PENBER ENTERED JAPAN, HIS FIANCÉE WAS WITH HIM. SHE WAS STAY-ING WITH HIM IN HIS HOTEL...

I THINK SHE'D TRY TO GO AFTER KIRA...

NO. THE NAOMI MISORA I KNEW HAD GREAT INNER STRENGTH. AND WAS AN EXCELLENT FBI AGENT.

SHE KILLED HERSELF ...

ANYBODY WOULD GET DEPRESSED IF HER FIANCÉ DIED. YOU DON'T THINK...

IN WHICH CASE, DID KIRA GET TO HER FIRST ...?

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SHE MIGHT HAVE KNOWN SOME-THING...

SHE WAS WITH RAYE PENBER...

AND NOW, HIS FIANCÉE HAS GONE MISSING...

THEN THERE'S HIS UNUSUAL BEHAVIOR ON THE YAMANOTE LINE.

SO THE ONE WHO ***WANTED*** THE FILE FIRST COULD HAVE BEEN PENBER. THAT'S VERY SIGNIFICANT.

HALEY BELLE WAS THE FIRST PERSON TO RECEIVE THE FILE. PENBER CALLED HIM MINUTES BEFORE THAT.

BELLE THEN SENT PENBER THE FILE RIGHT AWAY...

WE'RE NARROWING OUR INVESTIGATION DOWN TO THOSE RAYE PENBER WAS PROBING BEFORE DECEMBER 19, WHEN KIRA STARTED CONDUCTING TESTS ON PRISONERS.

THAT'S VERY FEW PEOPLE.

HERE'S WHAT WE DO.

THERE'S SOMETHING THERE ...

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NEVERTHELESS, INSIDE THOSE TWO HOMES...

PENBER REPORTED THERE WERE "NO GROUNDS FOR SUSPICION" FOR ANY OF THEM, BUT...

OUR FOCUS WILL BE TWO NPA PERSONNEL, AND THEIR FAMILIES...

HOWEVER... SINCE IT'S QUITE POSSIBLE THAT KIRA IS ONE OF THEM, CALLING THEM IN FOR QUESTIONING IS NOT GOING TO WORK. IT'S TOO DANGEROUS.

WE WILL PLACE SECRET CAMERAS AND LISTENING DEVICES.

NOT JUST THAT, WE'D BE ARRESTED ...

IF THAT GOT OUT, THERE'D BE A HUGE SCANDAL. WE'D ALL BE FIRED.

YEAH... THAT'S GOING TOO FAR, RYUZAKI...

WH... WHAT?! THIS IS JAPAN! THAT'S TOTALLY ILLEGAL!

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SO YOU WON'T RISK YOUR JOBS? I THOUGHT YOU WERE RISKING YOUR *LIVES* FOR THIS.

READ THIS WAY

LET'S SEE, THAT'S BEFORE DECEMBER 19TH...

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WHO WERE THE TWO NPA PERSONNEL THAT PENBER WAS PROBING?

DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL KITAMURA AND HIS FAMILY. AND DETECTIVE-SUPERINTENDENT YAGAMI AND HIS FAMILY.

I'D LIKE TO PLACE BUGS AND HIDDEN CAMERAS IN THOSE TWO HOMES.