
chapter 37 The Eight

JINGLE

IS THIS REALLY NECESSARY, RYUZAKI...?

I'M NOT DOING THIS BECAUSE I WANT TO.

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HUH...? THIS IS WHAT YOU MEANT BY BEING TOGETHER 24 HOURS A DAY?

AND IF YOU'RE ALWAYS TOGETHER, THEN WHEN AM I SUPPOSED TO GO ON DATES WITH LIGHT?

BUT LIGHT BELONGS TO ME...

I'M ***NOT*** DOING THIS BECAUSE I WANT TO.

TWO GUYS CHAINED TOGETHER IS GROSS... THIS IS WHAT YOU'RE INTO? YOU WERE WITH LIGHT AT SCHOOL, TOO...

I DIDN'T SAY YOU HAVE TO DO ANYTHING. BUT I WILL BE WATCHING...

YOU'RE SAYING WE HAVE TO KISS IN FRONT OF YOU?

THE DATES WILL NATURALLY BE WITH THE THREE OF US...

WHA?!!

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LIGHT-KUN, PLEASE SHUT MISA-SAN UP.

HUH? WHAT THE HELL?! I KNEW IT! YOU ***ARE*** A PERVERT!

MISA, DON'T BE SO DIFFICULT. YOU WERE DEFINITELY THE ONE WHO SENT THOSE VIDEOS. BE GRATEFUL THAT YOU'RE ALLOWED THIS MUCH FREEDOM.

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HEY, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, LIGHT?

I'M YOUR GIRLFRIEND, RIGHT? YOU DON'T TRUST YOUR LOVER?

GIRLFRIEND...? ALL I KNOW IS THAT YOU SAY YOU FELL IN LOVE WITH ME AT FIRST SIGHT AND NOW YOU WON'T LEAVE ME ALONE...

EEP!

THEN YOU TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THAT AND KISSED ME...?!

ABOUT THIS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT...

...

YES.

IT WAS IN AOYAMA ON MAY 22ND, CORRECT?

I'M NOT ALLOWED TO HANG OUT IN AOYAMA WITH-OUT A REASON?

HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU? I JUST WENT THERE BECAUSE I FELT LIKE IT. HOW SHOULD I BE ABLE TO REMEMBER EXACTLY WHAT CLOTHES I WAS WEARING?

WHY DID YOU GO TO AOYAMA THAT DAY? WHAT WERE YOU WEARING?

THAT'S RIGHT.

BUT YOU DON'T KNOW HOW YOU LEARNED HIS NAME.

YES.

SO YOU WENT TO AOYAMA AND WHEN YOU GOT HOME YOU WERE IN LOVE WITH LIGHT-KUN AND KNEW HIS NAME?

HUH?

THEN... HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF LIGHT-KUN WAS KIRA?

...

AWE-SOME.

YES.

IF LIGHT WAS KIRA...?

IF LIGHT WAS KIRA, THEN I'D LIKE HIM EVEN MORE.

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN GRATEFUL TO KIRA FOR PUNISHING THE MAN WHO KILLED MY PARENTS.

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IF LIGHT WAS KIRA, RIGHT? I WOULDN'T BE SCARED AT ALL. MISA IS PRO-KIRA!

I'D THINK OF WAYS I COULD HELP HIM.

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT KIRA HERE...? YOU'D LIKE KIRA MORE...? AREN'T YOU AFRAID AT ALL?

THOUGH I ALREADY LIKE HIM SO MUCH, THERE MIGHT NOT BE ANY MORE ROOM.

BUT ACCORDING TO THIS, THERE'S NO MISTAKE THAT YOU'RE THE SECOND KIRA...

...

YOU'D PROBABLY ONLY GET IN HIS WAY...

YOU WILL BE PUT UNDER SURVEIL-LANCE.

ANYWAY...

GOOD, BECAUSE MISA ISN'T KIRA!

IT'S ACTUALLY SO DEFINI-TIVE THAT IT MAKES ME QUESTION IT...

AS YOU'VE SEEN, I'VE GONE OUT OF MY WAY AND GIVEN YOU A ROOM THAT CONNECTS TO LIGHT-KUN'S. SO TRY TO BEAR WITH US.

ON PRIVATE OUTINGS AND MODELING JOBS, MATSUDA-SAN WILL ACCOMPANY YOU AS YOUR MANAGER, MATSUI. WE'VE ALREADY PAID OFF YOUR AGENCY TO AGREE TO THIS, BUT THEY DON'T KNOW HE'S A POLICE OFFICER, SO DON'T REVEAL THAT TO THEM YOURSELF.

THE DOOR TO YOUR ROOM CAN ONLY BE OPENED WITH THIS CARDKEY. WHEN YOU WISH TO LEAVE, CALL US AND WE'LL LET YOU OUT.

HEY... WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME, MISA-MISA?

I DON'T WANT THIS GUY AS MY MANAGER!

THIS IS THE *KIRA CASE*, DAMN IT! TAKE IT SERIOUSLY!

KLATTER

GIVE IT A FREAKIN' REST WITH ALL THIS DATING AND KISSING AND MISA-MISA TALK!!

WHAT?

ANYWAY... GO TO YOUR ROOM, AMANE.

OH... SORRY ABOUT THAT... I KNOW WE'RE TAKING IT SERIOUSLY BUT...

S... SORRY...

PHEW ...

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LIGHT, LET'S GO ON A DATE EVEN IF IT'S THE THREE OF US.

READ THIS WAY

NO... AS I SAID, IT'S ALL ONE-SIDED.

ARE YOU SERIOUS ABOUT AMANE?

YEAH?

LIGHT-KUN.

...

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AND ALSO THAT SHE LOVES YOU...

THEN COULD YOU ACT LIKE YOU'RE SERIOUS ABOUT HER? WE KNOW SHE'S INVOLVED WITH THE SECOND KIRA FROM THE VIDEOTAPE EVIDENCE...

...

RYUZAKI...

YOU WANT ME TO GET CLOSE TO HER AND MAKE HER REVEAL THINGS ABOUT THE SECOND KIRA?

YES, I THINK YOU ARE CAPABLE OF DOING IT, LIGHT-KUN. THIS IS ONE OF THE REASONS THAT I RELEASED THE TWO OF YOU.

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I'M SORRY, BUT YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND. TO ME, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF A PERSON'S FEELINGS LIKE THAT IS THE MOST DESPICABLE THING A PERSON CAN DO.

EVEN IF IT'S TO SOLVE THE KIRA CASE, I COULD NEVER PLAY WITH A WOMAN'S EMOTIONS LIKE THAT.

WHAT'S WRONG, RYUZAKI?

BUT I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD REMIND HER TO MAKE SURE SHE DOESN'T REVEAL THINGS ABOUT OUR INVESTIGATION TO ANYONE.

NOTHING. YOU'RE RIGHT, LIGHT-KUN...

SHOULD I ASSUME THAT NOT ONLY WAS AMANE CONTROLLED BY KIRA, BUT LIGHT-KUN WAS TOO...?

YES, SOMETHING'S ODD HERE... IT'S LIKE HIS PERSONALITY HAS CHANGED... COULD THIS REALLY BE AN ACT?

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AND SO...

YES, I'VE ALREADY THOUGHT ABOUT THAT...

I THINK IT WOULD BE BETTER IF WE COULD STAY IN ONE LOCATION.

HEY RYUZAKI, IS THERE ANYTHING THAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT THIS CONSTANT NEED TO CHANGE HOTELS?

THERE ARE 23 FLOORS ABOVE GROUND, TWO FLOORS BELOW. YOU CAN'T SEE FROM THE OUTSIDE, BUT THE ROOF IS EQUIPPED WITH TWO HELICOPTERS.

clack clack clack

CONSTRUCTION STARTED WHEN I FIRST MET FACE TO FACE WITH YAGAMI-SAN AND THE OTHERS.

HUH?

WOW...

TAKE A LOOK.

IT SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN A FEW DAYS.

?!

THE 5TH TO THE 20TH FLOORS ALL HAVE FOUR PRIVATE ROOMS PER FLOOR, SO I'D LIKE ALL OF YOU TO LIVE THERE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. AND IF WE INCREASE OUR NUMBERS, WE COULD ACCOMMODATE ABOUT 60 PEOPLE.

THE OUTSIDE LOOKS LIKE AN ORDINARY HIGH-RISE BUILDING, BUT TO ENTER YOU NEED TO GO THROUGH VARIOUS SECURITY CHECK POINTS.

ALL THE EQUIPMENT AND COMPUTERS INSIDE ARE STATE OF THE ART.

ACTUALLY... WHERE ARE YOU GETTING THE MONEY FOR THIS, RYUZAKI?

BUT WOW. TO GO THIS FAR...

OH? YEAH.

MISA-SAN WILL GET HER OWN FLOOR. THAT SHOULD KEEP HER HAPPY.

YOU DIDN'T ANSWER THE QUESTION ...

THAT'S WHAT THIS MEANS...

...I WANT TO SOLVE THIS CASE NO MATTER WHAT.

SO AS YOU CAN SEE...

THE MASS KILLINGS ARE BAD ENOUGH, BUT I'LL NEVER FORGIVE KIRA FOR THE TROUBLE HE'S BROUGHT TO MY DAD AND ME. I WANT TO CATCH HIM NO MATTER WHAT, TOO.

YEAH, I'M WITH YOU...

I SEE... THAT'S UNFORTU-NATE...

I CAN'T DO THAT— IT GOES AGAINST MY CODE.

IF YOU REALLY MEAN "NO MATTER WHAT," HOW ABOUT GETTING CLOSER TO MISA-SAN AND MAKING HER REVEAL THINGS...?

YES.

ha ha...

SORRY... I'M REALLY MOTIVATED NOW, TOO. RYUZAKI, CHIEF, LIGHT, LET'S CATCH KIRA NO MATTER WHAT!

UMM... YOU DIDN'T IN-CLUDE ME...

HUH?

PFF...

KLAK

KLAK

KLAK

KLAK

KLAK

YOTSUBA

TAK

LOOKS LIKE WE'RE ALL HERE. LET'S BEGIN OUR MEETING.

...WHO SHALL WE KILL?

FOR THE FURTHER ADVANCEMENT OF OUR YOTSUBA GROUP... ...FOR OUR COMPANY TO BECOME THE LARGEST BUSINESS IN THE WORLD...

HEY MIDO, DON'T BE SOFT... DON'T FORGET THAT...

BUT OOI... DO WE NECES-SARILY HAVE TO KILL SOMEONE EVERY WEEK?

GIVE ME A BREAK, KIDA. I'M NOT BEING A COWARD.

THOSE WHO LOSE THEIR NERVE WILL QUICKLY BE ELIMINATED.

...WE HAVE A CONNECTION TO KIRA.

WELL... IT WOULDN'T BE HARD TO FIGURE OUT WHICH ONE OF US IS CONNECTED TO KIRA, IF YOU PUT A LITTLE THOUGHT INTO IT. BUT IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIFE, IT WOULD BE WISE TO AVOID DOING SO.

IT'S DEFINITELY A FACT THAT ONE OF THE EIGHT HERE IS CONNECTED TO KIRA...

OUR DECISIONS AT OUR PREVIOUS MEETINGS BECAME REALITY LAST WEEK AND THE WEEK BEFORE...

READ THIS WAY

BUT WHY HAS KIRA STARTED DOING KILLINGS LIKE THIS?

AND THIS PERSON HAS DECIDED TO USE THAT CONNECTION NOT JUST FOR HIMSELF, BUT FOR THE COMPANY AND FOR THE EIGHT OF US. HOW GREAT IS THAT?

BENEFITS? YOU'RE SAYING KIRA HAS STARTED A KILLER-FOR-HIRE BUSINESS, HIGUCHI?

OBVIOUSLY, BECAUSE IT BENEFITS KIRA...

HUH?

YOU'RE AN IDIOT, TAKAHASHI... HAVEN'T YOU FIGURED IT OUT?

IT DOESN'T MAKE MUCH SENSE FOR KIRA TO WANT TO ASSIST A SINGLE COMPANY. RATHER THAN ONE OF US HAVING A ***CONNECTION*** TO KIRA...

AND SINCE WE'VE STARTED THESE MEET-INGS, OUR SALARIES HAVE BEEN RAISED ABOVE ANYONE ELSE'S.

THE EIGHT OF US HERE ARE STILL YOUNG, BUT ALL OF US HAVE A CHANCE OF LANDING IN THE CEO'S CHAIR BEFORE LONG.

I'D ADVISE YOU TO KEEP YOUR MOUTH CLOSED. YOU MIGHT BE KILLED FOR BEING SUCH A MORON...

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...ONE OF US PROBABLY *IS* KIRA.

BRAVO TO KIRA FROM THE SEVEN OF US!

BUT IF WE KEEP OUR MINDS OFF THAT AND JUST CONCENTRATE ON WHAT DEATHS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE GROWTH OF OUR YOTSUBA GROUP, WE GAIN MORE AND MORE INFLUENCE.

YEAH, THAT WILL MEAN CERTAIN DEATH.

NOW THERE'S NO WAY TO EVER LEAVE THIS GROUP.

YEAH, THERE'S NO KIRA AMONG US.

HATORI'S RIGHT, WE'RE MERELY CHATTING.

HEY SHIMURA, ALL WE'RE DOING IS HAVING A LITTLE DISCUS-SION ABOUT WHOSE DEATH WOULD HELP OUR COMPANY GROW. DON'T LOSE SIGHT OF THAT.

BUT ADVANCING YOUR CAREER BY KILLING PEOPLE IS...

ANYWAY, GETTING DOWN TO BUSI-NESS. ANYONE HAVE AN IDEA?

HOW ABOUT THAT STUBBORN OLD COOT ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS? WE DON'T NEED HIM. HE'S JUST IN THE WAY. LET'S KILL HIM OFF AND DIVVY UP HIS STOCKS. PAST 70—HE'S READY TO DIE ANYWAY.

RIGHT NOW WE REALLY NEED TO WIN IN THE TECH SECTOR. HOW ABOUT WE CONTROL A BRILLIANT DESIGNER FROM A RIVAL COMPANY, AND HAVE HIM BRING US HIS RESEARCH MATERIALS BEFORE DYING?

JUST THREATEN HIM TO GET HIM TO COME WORK FOR US. IT'D BE A WASTE TO KILL HIM.

YOU WANT TO THREATEN TO KILL HIM?

WINNING IN TECHNOLOGY WON'T REALLY RAISE THE STATURE OF THE COMPANY AS A WHOLE. INSTEAD, WE SHOULD LOOK TO STRENGTHEN OUR WEAKER SECTORS...

OUR AUTOMOBILE BUSINESS HAS BEEN FLOUNDERING. HOW ABOUT WE KILL OFF A BUNCH OF PEOPLE IN ACCIDENTS WHILE THEY DRIVE OUR RIVAL'S CARS?

HA HA, THAT WOULD BE FUNNY.

BUT THE POLICE DON'T KNOW THAT YOU CAN KILL IN WAYS OTHER THAN A HEART ATTACK.

HEY NAMIKAWA, THAT'S WHY WE NEED TO KEEP THAT PART SECRET.

YEAH, THE POLICE AREN'T IDIOTS. EVEN IF WE'RE MERELY SUSPECTED, THE COMPANY IMAGE WOULD BE HURT AND WE'D ALL BE FIRED.

CAN YOU TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY? UNNATURAL ACCIDENTS LIKE THAT WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE SUSPICIOUS.

OH?

YES, USING AN INTERMEDIARY SO I WOULDN'T BE FOUND OUT, I SEARCHED FOR FAMOUS DETECTIVES AND ASSASSINS ALL OVER THE WORLD AND FOUND A DETECTIVE NAMED ERALDO COIL.

OH YEAH, LAST WEEK WE DISCUSSED MIDO'S IDEA OF CRUSHING THE POLICE AND ESPECIALLY L. WE CHOSE KIDA TO WORK ON IT, RIGHT? SO WHAT'S THE UPDATE?

THIS GUY IS SAID TO BE EVER GREATER THAN L IN TERMS OF LOCATING LOST PEOPLE. AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, HE'LL DO ANY JOB FOR THE RIGHT PRICE.

THERE'S NO GREATER ASSASSIN THAN KIRA, SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT...

HA HA...

YEAH, AND ONE WHOSE NAME AND FACE ARE KNOWN WOULD HAVE ALREADY BEEN KILLED BY KIRA...

AN EASILY FOUND ASSASSIN WOULDN'T BE MUCH OF ONE AT ALL...

UNFORTUNATELY, I DIDN'T HAVE MUCH LUCK FINDING AN ASSASSIN...

HUMANS ARE SUCH ...UGLY CREATURES...

HAVING KIRA KILL OFF CRIMINALS SURE IS SOMETHING TO BE GRATEFUL FOR...

EXACTLY, ESPECIALLY THIEVES. NICE FOR US RICH FOLK NOT TO HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT AS MUCH.