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SO IF MATSUDA'S STORY IS TRUE, THEN ONE OF THESE EIGHT IS KIRA, OR CONNECTED TO KIRA.

IT'S TRUE! I HEARD THEM SAY THEY'D USE KIRA TO KILL SOMEONE.

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HUH...? OH YEAH... I REALLY WAS IN TROUBLE, WASN'T I...?

IF THEY COULD DO THAT, THEN I'D HAVE A HARD TIME BELIEVING MATSUDA-SAN WOULD BE ALIVE NOW.

RYUZAKI, EVEN IF ALL EIGHT OF THEM HAVE THE POWER OF KIRA, IS IT CORRECT TO ASSUME THAT THEY CANNOT KILL WITH JUST A PERSON'S FACE, LIKE THE SECOND KIRA?

YES...



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EITHER WAY, HE'S ASSEMBLED A GROUP TO MAKE THE DECISIONS SO THE PERSON MUST BE A STUPID COWARD WHO CAN'T DO ANYTHING ON HIS OWN.

OR PERHAPS THEY'RE BEING CAREFUL SO THAT EVEN IF YOTSUBA IS SUSPECTED, THEY WON'T BE PERSONALLY.

SO THEY AREN'T ABLE TO USE KIRA'S POWER FREELY THEN...?

I FIGURED THAT IF THEY WERE USING KIRA'S POWER TO INCREASE THE WEALTH OF THE YOTSUBA CORPORATION, THEN THEY'D ALSO USE IT FOR THEIR OWN PERSONAL BENEFIT BUT...

WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO UNCOVER ANY DEATHS THAT WOULD IMPLICATE ANY OF THEM PERSONALLY.

"I HEARD IT" ISN'T ENOUGH EVIDENCE.

I HEARD IT WITH MY OWN EARS, THERE'S NO DOUBT!

I'D LIKE TO BE ABLE TO PROVE THAT CONCLU-SIVELY.

SO THE MEETINGS HAPPEN ON FRIDAYS, AND THEN KILLINGS OCCUR FROM FRIDAY NIGHT TO SATURDAY.

THIS NEXT FRIDAY SHOULD BE VERY INTEREST-ING.

EHWW...

IF THINGS GO WELL...

RIGHT NOW AIBER IS WORK-ING TO GET CLOSE TO ONE OF THE EIGHT AND WEDY IS CONCENTRATING ON BREAKING THROUGH THE SECURITY OF THE YOTSUBA BUILDING.

READ THIS WAY

RIING RIIING

YOTSUB

THIS IS MASAHIKO KIDA, VICE-PRESIDENT OF RIGHTS AND PLANNING AT YOTSUBA TOKYO OFFICE, CORRECT?

YES...?

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CONTACTS

HUH?

RE-STRICTED?

ERALDO COIL?! THE DETECTIVE WE HIRED TO FIND L? WHY IS HE CALLING ME...?

MY NAME IS ERALDO COIL.

IT IS, AND YOU ARE...?

HELLO?

I BELIEVE YOU HIRED ME FOR A JOB.

OH... I UNDER-STAND, THE SUDDEN PHONE CALL MUST HAVE CAUGHT YOU OFF GUARD.

...

WAIT, THE ONLY PERSON BESIDES COIL WHO WOULD KNOW ABOUT THIS WOULD BE THE INTER-MEDIARY...

...

I DID HIRE HIM, BUT I MADE IT SO THE TRUE CLIENT WOULD BE HIDDEN... SHOULD I ACKNOW-LEDGE HIM RIGHT NOW...? IS HE REALLY EVEN COIL?

...

...

THAT MAKES SENSE BUT... HOW SHOULD I RESPOND TO THIS...?

BUT PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT I ONLY TAKE A JOB WHEN I CAN SPEAK TO THE CLIENT DIRECTLY.

$8,000,000?! RIDICULOUS...

I'LL TELL YOU MY CONDITIONS NOW. I CAN ACCEPT UNDER THE FOLLOWING TERMS- I REQUIRE $2,000,000 UP FRONT AND $8,000,000 ON COMPLETION.

ALL RIGHT... I'LL GIVE YOU A DAY, THEN. IF YOU STILL WISH TO HIRE ME, CALL ME BACK AT THE SAME TIME TOMORROW. THE NUMBER IS...

BEEP

THINK IT OVER, I'LL BE HOPING FOR A POSITIVE RESPONSE.

BUY HIS SILENCE? WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT?!

AND ALSO, IN THE EVENT THAT YOU DON'T HIRE ME, I'LL BE ASKING FOR $2,000,000 TO BUY MY SILENCE.

BEEP

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...

HE ASKED FOR TWO MILLION DOLLARS UP FRONT AND EIGHT MILLION AFTER-WARDS...

NO... I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING BUT...

WHAT? A CALL FROM COIL? DID WE LEARN ANYTHING ABOUT L?

YEAH, AND WE SHOULDN'T BE TALKING ABOUT IT OVER THE PHONE...

ANYWAY... HE WANTS A RESPONSE BY TOMORROW. I THINK WE'LL NEED TO GET TOGETHER AND MAKE A DECISION...

WELL, THAT'S WHAT HE SAID...

EIGHT MILLION?! SO TEN MILLION TOTAL... IS HE CRAZY...?

ALL RIGHT.

EVERYONE SHOULD BE FREE AFTER 9 PM TONIGHT. I'LL CALL TAKAHASHI, HATORI AND NAMIKAWA, YOU TELL THE OTHER THREE.

READ THIS WAY

WE'LL NOW BEGIN THE MEET-ING, TAKE A LOOK AT THE PAPERS IN FRONT OF YOU...

...

ARE YOU GUYS IDIOTS? TRY TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE'RE BEYOND THE LEVEL OF BEING "SUSPICIOUS."

YOU THINK? IT'S BAD THAT HE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING... IT WOULD SEEM SUSPI-CIOUS THAT HE DIDN'T RESPOND.

I THOUGHT THAT KIDA ACTED CAREFULLY ENOUGH...

OTHER-WISE HE WOULDN'T BE ASKING FOR MONEY TO KEEP HIS MOUTH SHUT.

HIGUCHI'S RIGHT. COIL HAS FIGURED A LOT OUT.

LISTEN, COIL WOULD OBVIOUSLY WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE CLIENT BEFORE HE TAKES A JOB.

HOW MUCH HAS HE FIGURED OUT?

ONCE HE FINDS OUT THAT IT'S KIRA, HE'LL INVESTIGATE HIM IN DEPTH, THAT'S TO BE EXPECTED.

HE'D FIGURE OUT WHO IT WAS QUICKLY, OTHERWISE HE'D BE USELESS AS A DETECTIVE. COIL IS WORLD FAMOUS FOR HIS ABILITY TO FIND PEOPLE...

...WE SHOULD ASSUME THAT COIL HAS FIGURED OUT THAT WE ARE CONNECTED TO KIRA...

SO BASICALLY ...

HE MUST HAVE NOTICED THE GROWTH IN THE COMPANY THESE LAST FEW MONTHS AND WHAT WAS BEHIND IT...

THE CLIENT WORKS FOR YOTSUBA... BUT COIL DIDN'T STOP THERE.

THAT'S WHY HE'S ASKING FOR MONEY TO KEEP QUIET.

...

IF HE WERE TO REVEAL THAT TO SOME-ONE...

ISN'T... THAT BAD...?

...

HATORI, YOU'LL BE DEAD BY TOMORROW...

...

I... I DON'T KNOW WHO KIRA IS BUT I WANT OUT OF THESE MEETINGS. I DON'T WANT TO GO TO JAIL!

WAIT! THAT WAS A JOKE! I'LL STAY WITH YOU GUYS! I SWEAR!

WHOA ...

A... ANYWAY, WE CAN'T KILL HATORI. WE CAN'T HAVE ONE OF OUR MEMBERS DIE. THAT WILL MAKE THINGS DIFFICULT.

YOU SURE? IF HATORI WERE KIRA THEN HE'D NEVER BE KILLED. THAT MEANS HE COULD SAY WHATEVER HE WANTED TO.

SO HATORI DEFINITELY ISN'T KIRA...

SO WHAT DO WE DO? IF HE KNOWS WE'RE CONNECTED TO KIRA, THEN WE BETTER AT LEAST GIVE HIM THE TWO MILLION AND KEEP HIM FROM REVEALING IT.

YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT... SORRY...

I WOULDN'T BE THINK-ING ABOUT LEAVING IF I WERE YOU...

HATORI, HOW MANY OF THESE MEETINGS HAVE WE HAD SO FAR...? LEAVING NOW WON'T CHANGE ANYTHING FOR YOU.

WE'LL JUST MAKE IT A CONDITION THAT HE HAS TO APPEAR BEFORE US. OR ONE OF US CAN MEET HIM AND SNAP A PICTURE.

WE DON'T KNOW HIS FACE, HOW CAN WE KILL HIM?

...

IF WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PAY HIM $2,000,000 EITHER WAY, THEN IT WOULD BE BETTER TO HAVE HIM UNCOVER L AND THEN KILL HIM.

...

WOULD HE REALLY HAVE HIS REPRESEN-TATIVE SAY SOMETHING LIKE "BUY MY SILENCE"? COIL IS A DETECTIVE, YOU KNOW?

THE GUY ON THE PHONE MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN HIM.

KIDA KNOWS HIS VOICE, RIGHT?

WE WOULDN'T KNOW IF IT WAS REALLY HIM.

READ THIS WAY

HIGUCHI, WHY DO YOU WANT TO KILL EVERYONE? THERE'S NO NEED TO KILL COIL.

COIL IS VERY SMART.

UNCOVERING KIDA AS THE CLIENT MAY BE EXPECTED, BUT COIL LOOKED AT HOW WE'RE THROWING MONEY AROUND AND FIGURED OUT THAT WE ARE ACTING AS AN ORGANI-ZATION.

YES...

AND NOT ONLY THAT, COIL HAS EVEN...

...FIGURED OUT KIRA'S THINKING.

KIRA'S THINK-ING?

WHAT IS KIRA THINKING? PLEASE TELL US, NAMIKAWA.

LISTEN, JUST BECAUSE I'M TALKING ABOUT HOW KIRA THINKS DOESN'T MEAN YOU SHOULD ASSUME THAT I AM KIRA. NOT THAT I HAVE ANY PROBLEMS IF YOU DO...

WHAT KIRA WANTS IS WISDOM.

THAT HAS BEEN SLOWLY HAPPENING AND THE WORLD HAS CHANGED.

KIRA STARTED OUT WANTING TO RID THE WORLD OF EVIL.

LIKE WE CAN'T FIGURE THAT OUT ON OUR OWN? STOP ACTING SO SUPERIOR.

THAT'S WHY INSTEAD OF ACTING ON HIS OWN, HE ASSEMBLED SEVEN OTHERS.

KIRA CAN CONTROL PEOPLE BEFORE HE KILLS THEM. EARNING MONEY WOULD BE SIMPLE, BUT WHAT HE WANTS...

IN TERMS OF HUMAN NEEDS, WHAT'S NEXT? IT'S MONEY. ACTUALLY, MOST PEOPLE WOULD GO FOR THAT FIRST.

IF KIRA IS AMONG US, THEN HE IS IN POSITION TO GAIN BOTH MONEY AND STATUS.

YOU CAN WIN THE LOTTERY OVER AND OVER OR HIT IT BIG ON THE STOCK MARKET AND BECOME NOUVEAU RICHE, BUT THAT WILL NEVER BE SEEN THE SAME AS SOMEONE WITH SOCIAL STATUS.

...IS NOT MERELY MONEY, BUT SOCIAL STATUS.

STATUS... EH? HOW STUPID...

SO IN ORDER TO GAIN THAT, THE EIGHT OF US ARE PUTTING OUR HEADS TOGETHER? I GET IT...

AND ALL OF US WILL DEFINITELY BE SITTING AT THE TOP. ALL OF US REALIZE HOW COMFORTABLE THAT CHAIR WOULD BE...

TRUE... IF WE KEEP HAVING THESE MEETINGS, THEN YOTSUBA'S WEALTH WILL SOON BE UNPARALLELED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

YOU COULD ALSO ASSUME THAT HE'S TRYING TO IMPRESS KIRA.

AND COIL HAS SHOWN THAT HE'S FIGURED OUT THAT MUCH.

BEFORE, HE COULD USE THE EXCUSE THAT HE WAS JUST SEARCHING FOR L OUT OF INTEREST.

BUT AS EXPECTED, HE'S SHOWING THAT ALL HE CARES ABOUT IS MONEY.

LISTEN, IF COIL IS A DETECTIVE WHO ACTS ACCORDING TO A STUPID NOTION OF JUSTICE INSTEAD OF MONEY, THEN WE'RE ALL SCREWED.

THAT MEANS THAT HE'S PREPARED TO SHARE THE GUILT IF CAUGHT... IF WE MAKE THIS DEAL, WE'LL BOTH BE HOLDING THE OTHER SIDE'S WEAKNESS.

BUT NOW HE'S STILL WILLING TO ACCEPT THE JOB KNOWING WHAT WE'RE DOING.

AREN'T WE BEING A BIT TOO POSITIVE HERE...?

THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE SAYING...

SO AS LONG AS WE PAY HIM, HE'S WITH US.

NO MATTER HOW MUCH IT COSTS.

YEAH, BUY HIM.

WE NEED TO GET GUYS LIKE THIS ON OUR SIDE. HE WILL BE VALUABLE IN THE FUTURE.

I AGREE THAT COIL IS SMART.

HE ASKED FOR $2,000,000 UPFRONT, RIGHT?

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YEAH.

SHOULD WE JUST AGREE TO HIS TERMS? WE SHOULDN'T DELAY HIM ANY FURTHER.

WE HAVE ABOUT ¥600,000,000 AVAILABLE TO US RIGHT NOW. AND THE AMOUNT SHOULD ONLY GO UP IN THE FUTURE...

AND HOW MUCH WE VALUE HIM.

WE SHOULD SHOW COIL JUST HOW BIG WE ARE.

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GIVE HIM $5,000,000.

SO I'LL MAKE THE DEAL FOR FIVE MILLION UPFRONT AND TEN MILLION AFTER COMPLETION?

...

YEAH, COIL WILL BE A FUTURE YOTSUBA EXECUTIVE.

ONCE WE'VE BOUGHT HIM, WE WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HIM REVEALING ANYTHING.

YEAH, THAT'S GOOD THINKING. THIS IS A GUY WHO ACTS FOR MONEY, WE MIGHT AS WELL SHOW HIM HOW DEEP OUR POCKETS ARE.

I UNDER-STAND WHAT MIDO AND NAMIKAWA ARE SAYING BUT...

WHAT IS IT, SHIMURA?

OOI.

HE COULD BE A FOREIGN SPECIAL AGENT OR SOME-THING...

WE MAY HAVE SHUT DOWN THE JAPANESE POLICE, BUT KIRA DOESN'T JUST KILL JAPANESE CRIMINALS AND COIL ISN'T JAPANESE.

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AREN'T YOU NEGLECTING THE POSSIBILITY THAT COIL COULD BE A SPY FOR L OR THE POLICE?

SHIMURA, WHY DO YOU ALWAYS THINK SO NEGATIVELY ...?

COIL COULD ALWAYS SELL US OUT TO L OR THE POLICE.

YEAH, BUT...

RELAX.

WHAT'S THE POINT OF FOCUSING ON THE BAD? IF YOU REALLY THINK THAT, THEN BE CONFIDENT AND BRING IT UP AT THE MEETING.

I'M JUST LOOKING AT ALL POSSIBILI-TIES AND...

UH...

THAT...

...WAS A JOKE...

IF WORST COMES TO WORST, WE CAN BLAST A MISSILE INTO COIL'S OR L'S OR WHOEVER'S BASE.

YOTSUBA IS POWERFUL!

PUT IT THROUGH.

WA

RYUZAKI, I HAVE A CALL FROM AIBER.

AIBER...

A

AT THIS RATE THEY'LL SOON BE ASKING ME FOR MY OPINION AND WANTING TO MEET.

YOU SURE WORK FAST, AIBER.

I'LL BE COMING BACK TO JAPAN TOMORROW.

RYUZAKI, I WAS ABLE TO CONTACT THE EIGHT INDIRECTLY AND THEY ARE START-ING TO TRUST ME, THOUGH NOT YET COMPLETELY.

THIS IS A LOT MORE FUN THAN THAT. ONE REASON I CAN'T QUIT BEING A CON MAN IS THE THRILL OF IT.

I UNDERSTAND. BUT YOU'VE SAVED ME MORE THAN ONCE, L. AND ANYWAY, WITH THE EVIDENCE YOU HAVE ON ME, I'M LOOKING AT A LIFE BEHIND BARS.

SHOWING YOURSELF BEFORE THEM IS VERY DANGEROUS. PLEASE BE CAREFUL...

READ THIS WAY

ALL RIGHT, I'LL THINK ABOUT IT AS WELL.

A

OH YEAH, I'VE GOTTEN $5 MILLION OFF THEM SO FAR, BUT IS IT OKAY IF I START THINKING UP A WAY TO HAND OVER A FAKE L AND COLLECT ANOTHER $10 MILLION?

I DON'T APPRECIATE HIM USING MY OTHER SELF LIKE THAT, BUT I'M STAYING QUIET SINCE IT'S A GOOD IDEA.

INFILTRATING YOTSUBA AS COIL, SMART THINKING BY AIBER.

HE'S TRY-ING TO CON THEM OUT OF TEN MILLION DOLLARS WITH A FAKE L...

...

IT'S ALL PART OF THE INVESTI-GATION.

RYUZAKI, WEDY'S ON THE PHONE NOW.

PUT HER THROUGH.

WHAT

TALK ABOUT DISAPPOINTING... THE YOTSUBA SECURITY SYSTEM IS NOTHING SPECIAL AT ALL. THEY JUST HAVE A FEW SECURITY GUARDS.

AS LONG AS I KNOW THE GUARDS' SCHEDULE, IT'S NO PROBLEM TO PLANT THE SURVEILLANCE GEAR IN THE MEETING ROOM.

YES.

YOU'RE RIGHT, RYUZAKI. IF THEY HAVE ANOTHER MEETING ON FRIDAY, IT WILL BE VERY INTERESTING.

THINGS SURE ARE GOING WELL... I'M SO EXCITED!

OKAY!

I'D LIKE YOU TO HELP OUT THE PEEPING TOM WATARI'S HIRED AND SNEAK INTO THE MEETING ROOM LATE TOMORROW NIGHT AND INSTALL THE CAMERAS AND BUGS.

READ THIS WAY

10/15.
Friday

WE'RE ALL HERE, LET'S BEGIN THE MEETING...

IT'S LATER THAN MATSUDA SAID, BUT THEY ARE STARTING A MEET-ING...

WITH YOUR STUPIDITY ...

MY HEART'S POUNDING! THEY'RE ABOUT TO START THE SECRET MEETING I UNCOVERED WITH MY HEROICS...

BUT I ONLY SEE SEVEN OF THEM...



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