MISA...

YES.

...

SURE!

AND ONCE YOU REALIZE I'M KIRA, YOU'LL MARRY ME, MISA.

SINCE I'M KIRA AND WANT YOU TO TRUST ME, I WILL HALT THE KILLING OF CRIMINALS.

SO IF THE KILLINGS STOP THEN HIGUCHI IS KIRA... THIS EVEN STOPS WHAT YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT, CHIEF. WOW, MISA MISA!

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BUT IF THE KILLINGS STOP THEN IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE THE ALL-IMPORTANT METHOD OF KILLING... I BETTER THINK UP A PLAN...

IF THE KILLING OF CRIMINALS STOPS, THERE SHOULD BE NO DOUBT THAT HIGUCHI HAS KIRA'S POWERS... I FIGURED AMANE WOULD DO SOMETHING FOR LIGHT YAGAMI, BUT FOR HER TO DO THIS MUCH...

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READ THIS WAY

IF I DON'T SAY THIS NOW I'LL PROBA-BLY SLIP UP LATER...

HE THINKS THAT I'M THE SECOND KIRA.

HUH? HE'S TOTALLY CRAZY ABOUT ME SO I JUST SAID "I'D MARRY KIRA" AND HE TOLD ME.

MISA, HOW DID YOU GET HIGUCHI TO SAY THAT?

B-BUT NOW WE KNOW THAT HIGUCHI IS KIRA, SO WE CAN JUST CATCH HIM.

DUMMY! I TOLD YOU TO DENY THAT! WE AGREED THAT YOU'D SAY YOU WERE CAPTURED AS THE SECOND KIRA BUT THAT IT WAS ALL A MISTAKE.

YES.

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WAIT... WE CAN JUST CONFIRM WITH NAMIKAWA IF SOMETHING LIKE THAT CAME UP BEFORE THE KILLINGS STOPPED...

EEP... SINCE I KNOW THAT HIGUCHI IS KIRA, I ASSUMED THIS WOULD WORK... DARN...

NO, IF HE TELLS THE OTHER SEVEN THAT THEY SHOULD "STOP THE KILLING IN ORDER TO BRING MISA, THE SECOND KIRA, ON OUR SIDE" THEN WE WON'T KNOW WHO KIRA IS...

AND IF HE DOESN'T, THEN HE'LL HAVE TO BRING IT UP AT THE MEETING, BUT I DOUBT THAT KIRA WOULD ACT ON HIGUCHI'S PERSONAL REQUEST... WE ***CAN*** JUST ASK NAMIKAWA.

IF HIGUCHI HAS KIRA'S POWERS, THEN HE'LL STOP THE KILLINGS WITHOUT TELLING ANYONE.

EITHER WAY, IF THE CRIMINAL KILLINGS DO INDEED STOP...

AT THIS POINT, IF WE TELL HIM THAT HIGUCHI IS KIRA, I THINK HE'D HAVE TO SIDE WITH L AND NOT LIE TO US.

THOUGH WE CAN'T BE CERTAIN NAMIKAWA WILL TELL US THE TRUTH, RIGHT?

YAY!

THAT WOULD BE TRUE.

...HIGUCHI HAS THE POWER OF KIRA. THAT IS CLEAR.

YES... I'D LIKE TO FIND THAT OUT BEFORE WE CAPTURE HIGUCHI...

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WE CAN'T CELEBRATE YET, RYUZAKI. WE STILL DON'T KNOW HOW KIRA KILLS.

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WOULD YOU CALL THIS A TRIUMPH, MATSUDA-SAN?

HUH?

WHAT SHOULD WE DO? AT THIS RATE MISA MIGHT BE KILLED.

BUT IF THE KILLINGS STOP, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO... RIGHT?

YES.

UH... UMM...

MISA-SAN, HOW DID YOU GET HIGUCHI TO THINK YOU WERE THE SECOND KIRA?

...

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AND THEN THINGS KEPT ROLLING AND HIGUCHI SAID THIS STUFF.

I SAID IF HE PROVED THAT HE WAS KIRA THEN I'D PROVE I WAS THE SECOND KIRA AND WE'D GET MARRIED. I KEPT ACTING LIKE I REALLY LOOKED UP TO KIRA AND STUFF...

I TOLD HIM I COULD KILL PEOPLE...

OH, YOU'RE JEALOUS OF HIGUCHI? DON'T WORRY, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I'LL MARRY.

NO, MARRIAGE ISN'T HIS MAIN GOAL. IF YOU AREN'T THE SECOND KIRA, HE'LL KILL YOU.

OF COURSE NOT. BUT HIGUCHI JUST WANTS TO MARRY ME, HE WON'T KILL ME.

THEN IF THE KILLINGS STOP, YOU'LL HAVE TO KILL SOMEONE. CAN YOU DO THAT, MISA-SAN?

LIGHT...

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YES.

IN ORDER TO KEEP MISA-SAN OUT OF DANGER?

THIS IS BAD, WE CAN'T WORRY ABOUT HOW HE KILLS. LET'S CAPTURE HIGUCHI.

AND REM SAID NOT TO MENTION THE NOTEBOOK BECAUSE IT WOULD RUIN LIGHT'S PLAN...

"YOU KILL BY WRITING A PERSON'S NAME INTO A NOTEBOOK"... NOT LIKE THEY'D BELIEVE ME... AND IT WOULD BE ODD THAT I KNOW THAT...

BUT IF LIGHT YAGAMI WAS KIRA, THEN EVEN IF WE CATCH HIGUCHI, IT'S POSSIBLE THE SAME THING COULD HAPPEN AGAIN...

...

WE MIGHT LEARN HOW HE DID IT AFTER WE CAPTURE HIM!

WE HAVE NO CHOICE, AND...

MISA DID THIS BECAUSE SHE THOUGHT IT WOULD HELP CATCH HIGUCHI.

EVEN IF WE'RE GOING TO CAPTURE HIGUCHI, IT WON'T TAKE PLACE UNLESS THE CRIMINALS STOP DYING. LET ME THINK IT OVER.

LOOKING AT HIS PERSONALITY PROFILE, I DOUBT...

HOWEVER... THIS OPPONENT ISN'T LIGHT YAGAMI, BUT HIGUCHI...

WITHIN THE COMPANY BUILDING, WE ARE NOW ABLE TO TRACK ABOUT 70 PERCENT OF THE SEVEN'S MOVEMENTS. BUT MONITORING THEM ON THE OUTSIDE IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH JUST WATARI AND ME.

HOW IS IT GOING, WEDY?

YES.

WATARI, GET ME WEDY.

WE CAN'T TRANSMIT PICTURES OR SOUND FROM THAT ROOM, BUT WE COULD SNEAK IN AND INSTALL DEVICES AND THEN RETRIEVE THEM AT A LATER TIME.

I'VE ONLY ENTERED THE HOUSES OF FIVE OF THEM BUT MIDO, NAMIKAWA AND HIGUCHI HAVE SERIOUS SECURITY SYSTEMS. ESPECIALLY HIGUCHI, HE'S RECENTLY BUILT AN UNDER-GROUND ROOM THAT LOCKS OUT ELECTRONIC WAVES. IT TOOK ME TWO DAYS TO BREAK IN.

WHAT ABOUT IF WE JUST FOCUSED ON HIGUCHI?

HIGUCHI?

YES.

HUH...? DO YOU KNOW HOW HARD IT'S BEEN GETTING THIS FAR INTO HIS HOUSE...?

DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY CARS HE OWNS?

I UNDERSTAND. THEN PLEASE ATTACH CAMERAS AND LISTENING DEVICES TO HIGUCHI'S CAR INSTEAD.

YES.

HIGUCHI DOES SEEM SUSPICIOUS.

I SHOULD PROBABLY STAY ON THE SIDE-LINES FROM NOW ON...

WHOA... I'D BE IN DEEP TROUBLE HAD THEY DONE THIS BEFORE I MET WITH HIGUCHI TODAY...!

FINE, SO IN ALL HIS CARS?

SIX OF THEM.

YES PLEASE.

NO! IF YOU ASK HIM THAT, HE'LL KNOW YOU AREN'T THE SECOND KIRA! YOU STAY PUT, MISA!

OKAY, SO I'LL MEET WITH HIGUCHI IN HIS CAR AND HAVE HIM REVEAL HOW HE KILLS?

BUT THAT WOULDN'T BE LIKE ME, I BETTER USE SOME OF MY ACTING SKILLS...

HOW ABOUT WE... CREATE A SITUATION WHERE HIGUCHI IS FORCED TO SHOW US HOW HE KILLS?

...

Plop

YES, ONCE THE KILLINGS STOP, IF HIGUCHI SEES MISA-SAN THEN HE'LL OBVIOUSLY ASK HER TO PROVE SHE CAN KILL SOMEONE.

...

I THINK SO. BUT BEFORE THAT, THERE'S SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN BUGGING ME...

YOU HAVE AN IDEA?

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DO YOU REMEMBER HOW TO KILL?

I'M JUST GOING TO STRAIGHT OUT ASK.

YAGAMI-KUN, SORRY TO BRING THIS UP AGAIN, BUT...

WHAT?

I DON'T EITHER. I'M NOT KIRA.

I DO NOT.

WHAT ABOUT YOU, MISA-SAN?

PLEASE ANSWER THE QUESTION. DO YOU REMEMBER?

YOU'RE STILL ON THIS...? HOW MANY TIMES MUST I TELL YOU THAT I'M NOT KIRA...?

I WANT YOU TO ANALYZE WHAT I SAY WHILE ASSUMING THOSE STATEMENTS ARE TRUE.

LIGHT YAGAMI WAS KIRA. AND KIRA'S POWER PASSED ON TO SOMEONE ELSE WHILE LIGHT YAGAMI HAS FORGOTTEN THAT HE WAS ONCE KIRA.

YAGAMI-KUN, PLEASE SERIOUSLY ANALYZE WHAT I'M ABOUT TO SAY. HOW YOU ANSWER MAY DETERMINE IF WE CAN CAPTURE KIRA.

OKAY, I'LL TRY...

CAN YOU DO THAT?

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WHICH IS IT?

OR IS THERE SOMEONE OPERATING BEHIND THE SCENES WHO SWITCHED THE POWER TO SOMEONE ELSE?

DID IT PASS ON THROUGH LIGHT YAGAMI'S WILL?

LIGHT YAGAMI WAS KIRA, AND THE POWER PASSED ON TO SOMEONE ELSE...

READ THIS WAY

YES... IF THERE WAS SOMEONE WHO COULD TRANSFER THE POWER, AND THEY DIDN'T WANT THE METHOD OF KILLING TO BE UNCOVERED, THEN IT WOULD BE ODD THAT HE WAITED SO LONG BEFORE SWITCHING THE POWER TO SOMEONE ELSE.

UNDER THOSE CIRCUM-STANCES, IT WOULD BE BY LIGHT YAGAMI'S WILL.

THEN IT WOULD MAKE EVEN LESS SENSE FOR THE POWER TO BE PASSED ON WHEN IT WAS.

AND IF SOMEONE HAD JUST TRANSFERRED THE POWER AND WASN'T PAYING ATTENTION...

IF WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE EXISTENCE OF SOMEONE WATCHING DOWN ON US FROM ABOVE, THEN THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO. WE'D HAVE BEEN KILLED LONG AGO OR WE'D JUST BE MADE FOOLS OF FOREVER.

I FIGURED YOU'D COME TO THE SAME CONCLU-SION AS ME.

YEAH, IF THERE WAS SOMEONE BEHIND THIS, UNLESS HE WAS HERE WITH US, HE'D HAVE TO BE LOOKING DOWN ON US CONSTANTLY FROM HEAVEN OR SOMETHING.

NO...

IF HE COULD DO THAT, THEN HE'D EVEN KNOW WHAT WE'RE SAYING RIGHT NOW.

KIRA'S POWER CAN ONLY BE TRANSFERRED BY THE WILL OF THE PERSON WHO POSSESSES IT.

EVEN IF LIGHT YAGAMI IS KIRA,

SUCH A BEING CANNOT EXIST...

WE WILL CREATE A SITUATION WHERE HIGUCHI WON'T PASS ON THE POWER, AND HAVE HIM DEMONSTRATE HOW HE KILLS.

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THANK YOU, YAGAMI-KUN. I FEEL 99 PERCENT CONFIDENT NOW.

CANDID CAMERA?

HUH?

BUT NOBODY WILL BELIEVE ANYTHING ON SAKURA... OH!

THE IDEA YOU HAD ABOUT REVEALING EVERYTHING ON SAKURA TV, WE'LL USE THAT. WE'LL USE SAKURA TV TO TRICK HIGUCHI.

HOW?

YES... THOSE WEEKLY KIRA SPECIALS THAT DEMEGEWA IS DOING... NOBODY BELIEVES THEM AND HIS RATINGS HAVE PLUMMETED. THE MINISTRY OF TELECOMMUNI-CATIONS DOESN'T EVEN BOTHER TO INTERFERE.

I GET IT... THERE'RE SOME THINGS WE CAN ONLY DO BECAUSE NOBODY TRUSTS WHAT'S ON SAKURA TV...

WOULD HE BELIEVE THAT? THIS IS SAKURA TV, YOU KNOW? HIGUCHI MIGHT NOT EVEN WATCH THE SHOW...

WE'LL GET A THREE-HOUR BLOCK AND ANNOUNCE THAT WE WILL REVEAL KIRA'S IDENTITY AT THE VERY END.

BUT THOSE WHO KNOW THE TRUTH WILL KNOW WHETHER IT'S REAL OR NOT.

I SEE, SO WE'LL USE AIBER!

REVEAL THAT HE WAS A SPY THIS WHOLE TIME.

SORRY BUT NO.

ALL WE NEED TO DO IS HAVE NAMIKAWA CALL HIGUCHI AND TELL HIM TO TUNE IN IMMEDI-ATELY...

AND ONCE HIGUCHI SEES THAT SOMEONE ON TV KNOWS ABOUT HIS SECRET, HE'LL BELIEVE IT.

WAIT... WHO THE HECK IS GOING TO PLAY THIS DANGEROUS ROLE?

HIGUCHI HAS TO THINK THAT THE PERSON ON THE SHOW IS SOMEONE HE CAN KILL. MEANING SOMEONE WHOSE NAME IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE WITH A LITTLE EFFORT. IF IT'S SOMEONE LIKE THAT, HIGUCHI WON'T GIVE UP UNTIL THE VERY END.

WE WON'T USE AIBER. IF IT'S ERALDO COIL DOING THIS, IT LIMITS WHAT STEPS HIGUCHI WILL TAKE.

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HIGUCHI THINKS MATSUDA OVERHEARD THEIR MEETING AND HE'D BELIEVE THAT THE SUPPOSED DEAD MANAGER MATSUI COULD REVEAL HIS SECRET.

SO, MATSUDA THEN?

MATSU!

IT HAS TO BE MATSUDA!

"AND I FIGURED I WOULD BE A HERO IF I COULD UNCOVER KIRA'S IDENTITY, SO I INVESTIGATED ALL THE PEOPLE AT THE MEETING AND WILL ANNOUNCE MY CONCLUSION AT THE END OF THE SHOW."

YES, WE'LL HAVE HIM SAY, "I WAS DISCOVERED EAVESDROPPING ON KIRA'S CONVERSATION, AND THOUGHT I WOULD BE KILLED. SO I HAD A FRIEND HELP ME FAKE MY OWN DEATH."

HA HA, SOUNDS FUN.

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AND JUST IN CASE, WE'LL HAVE THE SCREEN ACCIDENTALLY SLIDE AND REVEAL YOUR FACE.

SAKURA TV WILL HAVE A SCREEN TO COVER YOUR FACE AND A MIC TO SCRAMBLE YOUR VOICE. HIGUCHI SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIGURE OUT WHO YOU ARE EVEN WITH THAT.

YES, WE'LL ADD IN YAGAMI-KUN'S IDEA.

IF WE'RE GOING TO DO THAT, THEN WE SHOULD HAVE HIM MENTION THAT THE OTHER SEVEN IN THE MEETING WERE MERELY VICTIMS.

THAT WAY HIGUCHI WILL BE THE ONLY ONE TO REACT TO IT.

BUT IT'S NOT LIKE HIGUCHI IS GOING TO HEAD TO SAKURA TV TO KILL MATSUDA.

AND WE'LL SAY THAT WE WILL ANNOUNCE WHO KIRA, ACTUALLY A MR. H, IS AT THE VERY END.

KIRA'S IDENTITY WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE END OF THE SHOW!

WE'LL MAKE A BIG DEAL ABOUT HOW THE OTHER SEVEN WERE VICTIMS. THAT'S PROBABLY THE TRUTH ANYWAY AND WE CAN EVEN RELEASE THEIR INITIALS. THIS WILL CAUSE HIGUCHI TO PANIC.

IF YOU STILL DON'T DIE THEN HE'LL CALL UP MISA, WHO HE BELIEVES IS THE SECOND KIRA, AND ASK HER TO KILL YOU. OR HE'LL START ASKING STUFF LIKE "YOUR LAST MANAGER, WAS MATSUI HIS REAL NAME...?"

HIGUCHI'S ACTIONS WILL BE OBVIOUS.

FIRST HE'LL SEE IF HE CAN KILL THE PERSON NAMED TARO MATSUI WITH KIRA'S POWERS, IF HE HASN'T DONE SO ALREADY.

WE'LL JUST HAVE HIM SAY "MISA MISA HAD A DAY OFF AND WENT OUT SOMEWHERE"... ACTUALLY, LET'S TELL HIM SHE'S IN OKINAWA.

SO THEN HE'LL NEXT CALL THE CURRENT MANAGER, MOGI, AND ASK WHERE AMANE IS.

HIGUCHI BELIEVES THAT MISA-SAN IS THE SECOND KIRA. HE'LL WANT HER HELP SO SHE WON'T BE IN ANY DANGER.

BUT HE'LL ONLY GET MISA-SAN'S ANSWERING MACHINE AND WE'LL MAKE IT SO HE WON'T KNOW WHERE SHE IS.

THEN HE CAN SAY, "ASK THE BOSS OR SOMEONE AT THE OFFICE." HIGUCHI'S NEXT MOVE WOULD BE TO HIT UP YOSHIDA PRODUCTIONS ANYWAY.

AND IF HE ASKS MOGI-SAN WHAT THE PREVIOUS MANAGER'S NAME IS, HE'LL JUST ANSWER WITH "I DON'T KNOW" OR "TARO MATSUI."

...TARO MATSUI IS JUST HIS NAME AS A MANAGER AND WHILE HE DOESN'T REMEMBER THE REAL NAME, IT'S ON HIS RESUME IN THE OFFICE.

AND THE BOSS WILL TELL HIGUCHI THAT...

WHEN HE CALLS YOSHIDA PRODUCTIONS WE'LL HAVE IT SO THE CALL IS FORWARDED TO THE BOSS THERE AND SAY THAT THE WHOLE STAFF WENT TO OKINAWA ON VACATION.

THERE IS NO POTTED PLANT BY THE ENTRANCE.

YEAH, I KNOW. BUT I FIGURED IT WAS ABOUT TIME I CHIMED IN WITH SOME-THING...

THEN WE CAN PLACE ONE THERE OR DO SOMETHING ELSE. THAT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER.

...

AT THIS POINT WE CAN TELL HIM "IF YOU WANT TO SEE THE RESUME, THERE'S A KEY TO THE OFFICE IN THE POTTED PLANT BY THE DOOR. HELP YOURSELF."

YES.

SO THE NEXT ACTION HE TAKES AFTER ENTERING THE OFFICE AND LOOKING AT THE RESUME WILL BE THE METHOD OF KILLING...?

IF SOMEONE ELSE COMES, WE COULD JUST NOT LET THEM IN. I'M ALMOST CERTAIN HIGUCHI WILL GO HIMSELF, THOUGH. HAVING SOMEONE ELSE LOOK FOR A NAME WOULD BE SUSPICIOUS.

WITH THE TV PROGRAM ONGOING AND A SITUATION WHERE HE COULD BE UNCOVERED AT ANY TIME, HE'LL BE THE ONE TO GO. HE'LL WANT TO KNOW THE NAME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND HE WON'T HAVE THE TIME TO SEND SOMEONE ELSE.

BUT WILL HIGUCHI DEFINITELY BE THE ONE WHO GOES THERE...?

...THEN MATSUDA-SAN WILL BE KILLED.

THE ONLY ISSUE RIGHT NOW IS...

...IF HIGUCHI IS ABLE TO KILL WITH JUST A PERSON'S FACE, LIKE THE SECOND KIRA...

MATSUDA-SAN, DURING THAT PERIOD DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT YOU'LL DO IT. IF NOT, THEN WE'LL THINK UP ANOTHER PLAN.

WELL, THIS IS ONLY A PLAN IF THE CRIMINALS STOP DYING. WE'LL WAIT TWO OR THREE DAYS TO CONFIRM THAT.

PROBABLY ...?

BUT BASED ON THE FACT THAT MATSUDA-SAN IS STILL ALIVE, THE VICTIMS UP UNTIL NOW, AND THE FACT THAT HE WANTS MISA, THAT'S PROBABLY NOT THE CASE.

I DON'T NEED TWO OR THREE DAYS.

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LET ME DO IT!

# DEATH NOTE

## How to use it

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- If a DEATH NOTE owner accidentally misspells a name four times, that person will be free from being killed by the DEATH NOTE. However, if they intentionally misspell the name four times, the DEATH NOTE owner will die.

デスノートに名前が書き込まれ死ぬ事を避ける為に
故意に４度名前を間違えて書くと、書き込んだ人間は死ぬ。

- The person whose name was misspelled four times on purpose will not be free of death by a DEATH NOTE.

故意に４度名前を間違えて書かれた人間は、
４度間違えて書かれた事になりデスノートに名前を書き込まれても
死ななくなる事にはならない。