TO NEAR, MELLO IS A SOURCE OF INFORMATION FOR CAPTURING KIRA. SO HE DOESN'T WANT MELLO KILLED. I THINK THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT, BUT...

DAMN IT, I WAS CONSIDERING TRICKING THE PEOPLE CONNECTED TO WAMMY'S HOUSE... TO WRITE MELLO'S NAME DOWN IN THE NOTEBOOK, BUT I CAN'T GET IN CONTACT WITH ANY OF THEM. NEAR MUST HAVE GOTTEN TO THEM BEFORE ME... SO EVEN IF I SUCCEED IN FINDING THEM, THEY'D PROBABLY ALL REFUSE TO WRITE THE NAME...

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NEAR.

BEEP BEEP

NEAR AGAIN...? HE SURE IS PERSISTENT...

THAT'S RIGHT, STOP BEING SO OBSTINATE. NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU ASK ME, IT'S GOING TO BE THE SAME ANSWER. I'VE TOLD YOU EVERYTHING I CAN.

MELLO ESCAPED, BUT YOU GOT THE NOTEBOOK BACK...

THE ONLY REASON YOU FOUND THEIR HIDEOUT WAS BECAUSE YOU HAD KIRA'S HELP. BUT YOU DON'T KNOW HOW KIRA FOUND THE HIDEOUT.

THE IMPORTANT POINT IS THE FACT THAT L AND THE JAPANESE POLICE ARE IN POSSESSION OF THE NOTEBOOK THEY RECOVERED ...

KIRA HELPED THEM ...

DAMN... THIS IS ALL BECAUSE DAD DIDN'T KILL MELLO, AND THEN MELLO MADE SUCH A MESS BLOWING THE PLACE UP... I NEAR HAD ALREADY NARROWED DOWN THE HIDEOUT TO FOUR LOCATIONS, SO IT'S OBVIOUS THAT HE WOULD HAVE GOTTEN TO THAT PLACE SOONER OR LATER... I DIDN'T WANT TO TELL HIM ABOUT GETTING THE NOTEBOOK BACK, BUT WITH EVERYBODY AROUND ME, I COULDN'T JUST LIE ABOUT IT. THE NOTEBOOK... AS LONG AS ONE OF OUR MEMBERS DOESN'T COME IN CONTACT WITH NEAR, IT'S SAFE...

READ THIS WAY

HE'S BEEN BUGGING ME LIKE THIS FOR A WHOLE WEEK, EVER SINCE MY DAD DIED... NO, SINCE TWO DAYS BEFORE WE ATTACKED THE HIDEOUT...

CLICK

BUT HE PROBABLY ISN'T GOING TO TELL ME ANYTHING MORE...

NEAR'S ALREADY BOMBARDING ME WITH QUESTIONS LIKE IT'S AN INTERROGATION... THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THAT HE'S BEGINNING TO SUSPECT ME...L!

IT'S GOING TO SEEM SUSPICIOUS IF L JUST REMAINS SILENT AFTER THE DEATH OF MY DAD...

LIGHT, ARE YOU OKAY? YOU SHOULD GET SOME REST...

NO, I'M OKAY.

THE NEW L IS TOO FOOLISH AND KIRA IS TOO ACTIVE.

NEAR, I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU TELL US YOUR THOUGHTS ON THIS CASE.

AND IN ORDER TO GET THE NOTE-BOOK BACK, KIRA OFFERED TO LEND THEM A HAND...

KIRA KNEW THAT THE JAPANESE INVESTIGATION TEAM HAD THE NOTEBOOK, BUT FROM THE DEATH OF CERTAIN GANGSTERS, KIRA FIGURED OUT THAT THE NOTEBOOK HAD FALLEN INTO EVIL HANDS.

HE DOESN'T WANT TO TELL US WHY THEY BELIEVED THE INFORMATION KIRA GAVE THEM, BUT EVERYBODY AT THE HEAD-QUARTERS WAS CONVINCED BY IT...

THIS L KNEW THAT EVERY MAFIA MEMBER IN THE UNITED STATES WAS GOING TO DIE ON NOVEMBER 10TH BECAUSE KIRA CONTACTED THE JAPANESE TASKFORCE AND TOLD THEM SO... WHAT A JOKE...

READ THIS WAY

IT SEEMS LIKE A PRETTY CONSISTENT STORY TO ME.

NO, IT'S NOT.

KBOOH

...

AND THEY SUCCEEDED IN GETTING THE NOTEBOOK BACK...

?

IF KIRA WAS ABLE TO DIRECTLY CONTACT THE JAPANESE TASKFORCE, THEN WHY IS KIRA ALLOWING THEM TO KEEP THE NOTEBOOK?

BUT IF KIRA WANTED TO GET THE NOTEBOOK BACK, KIRA SHOULD HAVE REGAINED POSSESSION OF IT. KIRA WAS ABLE TO DIRECTLY CONTACT THE HEADQUARTERS, SO IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EASY TO THREATEN THEM.

KIRA TEAMED UP WITH THEM TO GET THE NOTEBOOK BACK— THAT I CAN UNDERSTAND.

AND IF KIRA FOUND OUT ABOUT IT ONLY AFTER THE GANGSTERS TOOK IT, WHY IS KIRA ALLOWING THEM TO KEEP IT NOW?

MAYBE KIRA DIDN'T KNOW THAT THE TASK FORCE GOT THE NOTEBOOK WHEN THEY TOOK IT FROM HIGUCHI. BUT IF HE KNEW OF ITS EXISTENCE BEFORE THE GANGSTERS GOT AHOLD OF IT, WHY DIDN'T HE DO ANYTHING?

FURTHERMORE, THERE ARE MANY RULES TO USING THE NOTEBOOK. IT'S HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT KIRA WOULD LET ANYBODY ELSE HAVE THE NOTEBOOK, SINCE IT WOULD PROVIDE THEM WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE MURDER WEAPON.

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE POLICE COULD KEEP THE NOTEBOOK A SECRET, FEARING A PANIC BY THE PUBLIC, BUT...

IF ANYBODY OTHER THAN KIRA HAS THE NOTEBOOK AND ITS EXISTENCE BECOMES PUBLIC, THERE WILL BE PEOPLE WHO WILL TRY TO GET IT FOR THEMSELVES.

...AT THE VERY LEAST...

I'VE HAD MY SUSPICIONS, BUT JUDGING FROM THE UNBELIEVABLY CONVENIENT DEAL BETWEEN KIRA AND THE JAPANESE TASKFORCE ON THIS CASE...

YOU'RE RIGHT. WHY DOES THE JAPANESE TASKFORCE STILL HAVE IT...?

...THERE ARE MILLIONS OF RUMORS ABOUT KIRA'S METHODS, AND NOBODY IS GOING TO BELIEVE IN THE NOTEBOOK UNLESS ITS POWERS ARE DEMONSTRATED TO THEM. WHAT KIRA SHOULD FEAR THE MOST IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THEY MIGHT GO TO THAT EXTREME.

CON-
NECTED
...?

REE

NO...
IF KIRA IS
ACTUALLY
WITHIN
THE TASK
FORCE,
THEN...

POLICE

POLICE

...KIRA
AND THE
JAPANESE
TASKFORCE
ARE
CONNECTED.

POP

POLICE

...THE
NEW L
IS KIRA.

BUT
ABOUT...

YES.

ARE YOU
SERIOUS,
NEAR?

TH-
THAT
CAN'T
BE...

SEVEN PERCENT ?!

SO THE POSSI-BILITY IS VERY LOW...

SO THE PROBLEM IS...

BUT IT DOES MAKE SENSE.

...SEVEN PERCENT SERIOUS.

POLICE

LUCKILY, MELLO ESCAPED, SO THE REMAINING 93 PERCENT MIGHT NOT BE AS HARD AS IT SEEMS TO FILL IN.

ALL WE DID WAS KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON THEM, AND KIRA BEGAN TO MOVE AROUND, AND THE NEW L BEGAN TO GIVE HIMSELF AWAY.

...HOW TO FILL IN THE REMAINING 93 PERCENT.

POLICE

REE

REE

REE

DIDN'T YOU THINK IT WAS STRANGE THAT HE WAS SO RELUCTANT ABOUT COOPERATING WITH US IN THE INVESTIGATION?

POP

I'VE HAD AN UNCOMFORTABLE FEELING ABOUT THE NEW L FROM THE START.

...

COMMANDER RESTER, INVESTIGATIONS ...

NEAR... ISN'T THAT TOO MUCH OF AN ASSUMPTION...?

BUT THEY WOULDN'T JUST TRUST US FROM THE START, SO I CAN UNDERSTAND THEM NOT TELLING US EVERYTHING...

SKWUK

POLICE

THAT'S BECAUSE HE DOESN'T WANT US TO INVESTIGATE THEM.

...

WELL THEN, PLEASE ASSUME THAT THIS IS CORRECT AND START INVESTIGATING EVERYTHING YOU CAN ABOUT THE JAPANESE TASK FORCE.

IF YOU'RE WRONG, YOU JUST HAVE TO SAY "SORRY."

...ARE BASED UPON ASSUMPTIONS.

ONCE I SUCCEED IN THAT, THERE'S NOTHING ELSE I NEED TO WORRY ABOUT.

NEAR... SPK... MELLO... HOW MUCH HAVE THEY FOUND OUT, AND WHAT ARE THEIR NEXT MOVES...? I'VE GOT TO GET RID OF THEM QUICKLY...

EVERYBODY ALREADY KNOWS THAT KIRA DID IT. WHY WOULD HE NEED TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT IT?

HE'S PROBABLY GOING TO MAKE A STATEMENT ON THE MAFIA DEATHS.

I JUST REMEMBERED THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT IS HOLDING A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 6:00 TODAY.

WHAT'S HE GOING TO SAY?

YOU'RE ALWAYS WATCHING TELEVISION, MATSUDA.

...

THEN I GUESS IT'S SOMETHING REALLY IMPORTANT ...

UH, BUT DIDN'T THEY ANNOUNCE AT 3:00 THAT HIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS GOING TO BE TELEVISED WORLDWIDE?

FLASH

CLICK

CLICK

FLASH

WE, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA...

THIS VICE PRESIDENT ALWAYS LOOKS SO TIMID.

...HAVING MET WITH THE ANNIHILATION OF THE MAFIA ON OUR SHORES AS WELL AS THE DEATH OF OUR PRESIDENT...

COULD IT BE?!

I INTEND TO SUGGEST THIS TO THE OTHER WORLD LEADERS IN THE NEXT WORLD SUMMIT.

...HAVE DECIDED TO ACCEPT KIRA, AND WILL DO NOTHING TO STAND IN KIRA'S WAY.

EVEN THE UNITED STATES HAS BOWED DOWN TO KIRA NOW...

WH-WHAT A FOOL!

YES!

SLAM

...

HE MUST BE TERRIFIED OF KIRA...

WH-WHAT IS HE SAYING...? IS HE SERIOUS?

READ THIS WAY

ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY THAT KIRA IS RIGHTEOUS?!

MUTTER

MUTTER

WE NEED AN EXPLA-NATION!

MUTTER

MR. VICE PRESIDENT, WHEN DID YOU MAKE THIS DECISION?!

AND ORGANIZED CRIME IN THE UNITED STATES, AS WELL AS OTHER COUNTRIES, IS ON THE BRINK OF BEING WIPED OUT.

BUT, OWING TO KIRA'S POWERS, WAR IS NOW A THING OF THE PAST.

THAT IS NOT WHAT I SAID.

RIGHTEOUS ...?

...

WE'VE ALSO FOUND OUT THAT THE PRESIDENT'S DEATH IS CONNECTED TO HIS ATTEMPTS TO CAPTURE KIRA.

THAT IS WHY OUR GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN EVASIVE CONCERNING KIRA. BUT OUR COUNTRY WILL COME TO A STANDSTILL IF THE HEAD OF THE NATION CHANGES EVERY TIME WE TRY TO CAPTURE KIRA.

IF WE GO DIRECTLY AGAINST KIRA, WE'LL BE KILLED, AND THAT IS A PROVEN FACT.

YOU JUST SAID A MINUTE AGO THAT YOU WERE GOING TO ACCEPT KIRA!

I-IT'S THE SAME THING, YOU IDIOT!

...WE'RE JUST NOT TAKING ANY ACTIONS AS A COUNTRY TO TRY TO CAPTURE KIRA.

WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING KIRA AS RIGHTEOUS...

S-STOP IT.

I-I'LL DO IT!

...!

I ACTUALLY THINK THAT THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION IS RIGHT...

WHAT ?!

TH-THEN CAN YOU OPENLY DEFY KIRA RIGHT HERE, ON TELEVISION?

NOW ALL THE OTHER COUNTRIES WILL START TO... NO, THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING, THERE'S GOING TO BE SOME CHAOS FOR A WHILE. IT WASN'T MY INTENTION, BUT MY ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE MELLO ACTUALLY PUSHED THE UNITED STATES INTO GIVING IN TO KIRA... IT'S SO CLOSE NOW... MY NEW WORLD!

NO!

AHH!

HEY!

SO NOW YOU'RE RUNNING AWAY!

YOU CALL YOURSELF OUR LEADER?!

YOU'VE GOT TO BE MAD!

WHAT?!

WE'RE GOING TO BE DISSOLVED.

THANKS TO THAT CHICKEN-HEARTED PRESIDENT... NO, HE'S NOT A CHICKEN. HE'S NOT EVEN A MAGGOT.

WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO US NOW...?

ACCEPTING KIRA IS OUT OF THE QUESTION.

RIDICULOUS!

...

M-MAYBE HE WAS BEING CONTROLLED BY KIRA...? OR NOT?

I-I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS... WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE UNITED STATES HERE, RIGHT? HOW COULD THE MAN SET TO TAKE OVER AS PRESIDENT SAY THAT...?

?

UMM...

BUT NOW THAT HE'S MADE SUCH A STATE-MENT, I WOULDN'T BE SUR-PRISED IF THOSE WHO ARE AGAINST KIRA ASSAS-SINATE HIM.

SHA

EVEN IF KIRA MADE HIM SAY IT, IT WILL BE MEANING-LESS IF HE JUST DIES RIGHT AFTER.

DOES THAT MEAN YOU'RE USUALLY NOT SERIOUS, MATSUDA?

WHAT'S THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN?

AIZAWA, MOGI, IDE, AND LIGHT... CAN I ASK YOU A SERIOUS QUESTION?

?!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, MATSUDA?!

DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT KIRA IS EVIL?

...I JUST CAN'T MAKE MYSELF BELIEVE THAT KIRA IS COMPLETELY EVIL.

...

TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH...

I DON'T KNOW IF KIRA IS GOOD OR EVIL. AND I'M SERIOUS WHEN I SAY I'D GIVE MY LIFE TO CAPTURE KIRA ...

BUT I ALSO THINK THAT KIRA IS FIGHTING AGAINST EVIL.

DO YOU THINK THAT KIRA IS RIGHTEOUS, THEN?

A-AND TO THE WEAK AND EARNEST, THE WORLD IS DEFINITELY BECOMING A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE...

I BELIEVE THAT THIS WAS POSSIBLE BECAUSE WE ALL BELIEVED IN KIRA...

LOOK AT THIS LAST INCIDENT. KIRA CALLED US THE ENFORCERS OF JUSTICE, AND LENT US A HAND IN ORDER TO GET THE NOTEBOOK BACK... AND AS A RESULT, WE GOT IT BACK...

I KNOW THAT KIRA IS A MASS MURDERER.

I KNOW, I DO KNOW THAT.

A PEACE BASED UPON MURDER AND FEAR IS NOT A REAL PEACE.

THAT'S NOT TRUE. THE WORLD MIGHT BE MORE PEACEFUL, BUT THAT'S BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE AFRAID.

...BUT I STILL CAN'T DENY KIRA'S PRESENCE. MAYBE THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH ME? *HA HA...*

I'M A COP, I CAN'T ACCEPT KIRA. I KNOW THAT, AND IT IS MY JOB TO CAPTURE KIRA...

BUT I CAN ALSO UNDER-STAND THE FEELING OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO LOOK UPON KIRA AS BEING THEIR SAVIOR. I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ONE OF THE WEAK PEOPLE... SO I UNDER-STAND THEM.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, LIGHT?

LIGHT!

THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH YOU, MATSUDA.

WHAT I'M SAYING IS MATSUDA'S IDEA IS NOT WRONG FROM THAT STANDPOINT.

IT'S A FACT THAT MANY ANONYMOUS SURVEYS NOW SHOW A MAJORITY OF PEOPLE ARE PRO-KIRA.

I THINK KIRA UNDER-STANDS THIS.

BUT THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT KIRA. THAT'S ALSO TRUE...

KIRA IS A MASS MURDERER... EVIL. THAT'S TRUE.

BUT KIRA WILL SACRIFICE EVEN HIMSELF TO CHANGE THE WORLD FOR THE BETTER... THAT IS THE TRUE JUSTICE KIRA HAS CHOSEN...

THAT WHAT HE DOES IS EVIL.

HYUK

WE'VE GOT NO CHOICE BUT TO CATCH KIRA.

IT IS NOT OUR BUSINESS TO DEBATE WHETHER KIRA IS EVIL OR NOT. THAT IS UP TO THE PUBLIC AND PHILOSO-PHERS TO DECIDE.

THAT IS PROBABLY WHAT KIRA IS THINK-ING...

...

GOOD... OR EVIL... EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON THE RESULTS.

IF KIRA IS CAUGHT, THEN THE WORLD WILL BE IN CHAOS AGAIN, BUT DON'T THINK ABOUT THAT.

IF KIRA RULES THE WORLD, THEN KIRA IS GOOD.

IF WE CATCH KIRA, THEN KIRA IS EVIL.

BUT THE WORLD IS RAPIDLY COMING TO KIRA'S SIDE. SOON KIRA WILL BE JUSTICE!

WELL, COME TO THINK OF IT, THE WORLD HAS ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT...

SO THE VICTOR IS RIGHTEOUS... BUT, THAT'S SO...

R-RIGHT...

I-I'M SORRY, I SHOULDN'T HAVE MADE SUCH A STUPID REMARK... WE MUST CATCH KIRA. THAT'S DEFINITELY THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

DEATH NOTE
How to use it

- One god of death is allowed to pass on DEATH NOTEs to only 3 humans at a time.

一匹の死神が、同時に異なる人間にデスノートを渡していいのは三人まで。

- It is possible for a single god of death to hand out up to 6 DEATH NOTEs, for example, by handing 3 humans 2 DEATH NOTES each.

デスノートを渡す人間が三人までであれば、
たとえば2冊ずつ三人に渡すという様に、一匹の死神が6冊まで
ノートを人間に持たせることは可能である。

- In other words, one human could own all 6 DEATH NOTE.

よって、一人の人間が6冊のノートを使用する事も可能である。