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DROP YOUR GUN!

DON'T MAKE ME SAY IT AGAIN. OUR GOAL IS TO CAPTURE KIRA.

WE HAVE NO PROOF OF THAT, AND I THINK KIRA IS THE ONE WHO KILLED THE DIRECTOR... BUT THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT NOW.

IT'S MEANING-LESS FOR US TO SHED ANY BLOOD HERE.

THAT GOES FOR EVERY-BODY. PUT YOUR GUNS DOWN.

B-BUT, MELLO KILLED THE OTHER SPK MEMBERS... AND HE KIDNAPPED AND KILLED THE JAPANESE POLICE DIRECTOR...

HE GOT THE NOTEBOOK ONCE, AND WAS ABLE TO GET CLOSER TO KIRA THAN ANY OF US. THAT'S SOMETHING WE SHOULD RESPECT, AND POINTING A GUN AT HIM IS JUST PLAIN RUDE.

THERE IS ZERO GAIN FOR US IN KILLING MELLO RIGHT NOW.

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WELL SAID, NEAR.

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VERY WELL...

THOUGH I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO COME ALL THE WAY HERE...

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YES.

SO EVERY-THING'S GONE AS YOU IMAGINED?

NEAR.

AND THANKS TO YOU, MELLO, I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GREATLY NARROW DOWN MY SUSPECTS FOR KIRA.

SHUP

I'M NOT A TOOL FOR YOU TO USE TO SOLVE THE PUZZLE.

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CHAK

MELLO, IF YOU WANT TO SHOOT ME, SHOOT.

COMMANDER RESTER, DON'T MAKE ME REPEAT MYSELF. PLEASE LOWER YOUR GUN.

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CHAK

SHK

MELLO, IF YOU KILL NEAR RIGHT NOW, THEN EVEN IF YOU SUCCEED IN CAPTURING KIRA, IT WILL BE MEANINGLESS.

AND IF YOU SHOOT NEAR, WE'LL BE LEFT WITH NO CHOICE BUT TO SHOOT YOU.

WHAT GOOD IS THERE IN BOTH OF YOU DYING? THAT WILL ONLY MAKE KIRA HAPPY.

SHUP

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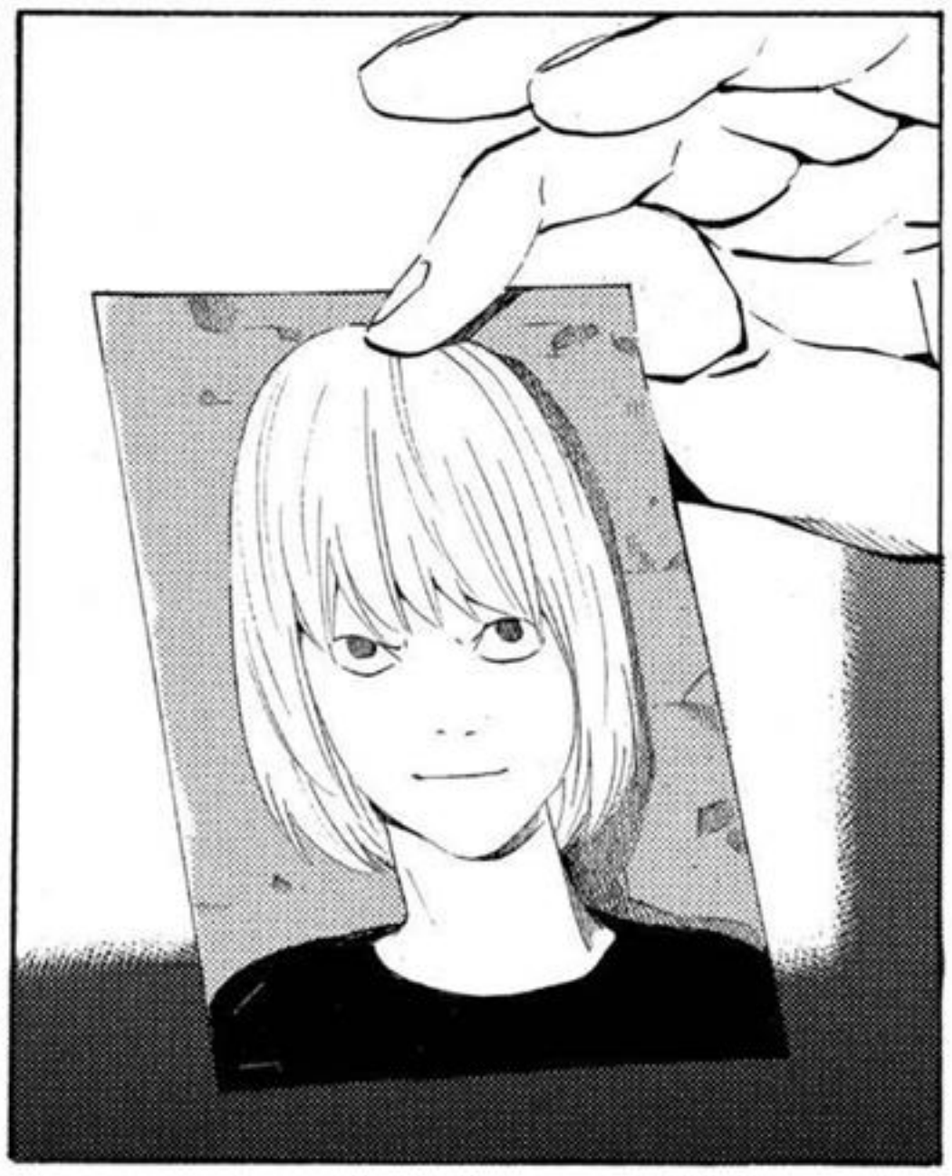
YES.

SHE'S RIGHT, NEAR, I JUST CAME TO GET THE PHOTO YOU HAVE OF ME.

HEH ...

ALSO, THE SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS HERE ONLY MONITOR, THEY DON'T RECORD.

THIS IS THE ONLY REMAINING PHOTO-GRAPH, AND THERE ARE NO COPIES OF IT.



COME TO THINK OF IT, IT MUST HAVE ALSO BEEN NEAR'S PLAN FOR HAL TO GIVE ME THE SPK'S INFOR-MATION ON KIRA...

SO NEAR KNEW THAT HE WOULD BE HANDING ME THIS PHOTO-GRAPH SOONER OR LATER...

IT'S NOT A HUNDRED PERCENT PERFECT, BUT I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT YOU WON'T BE KILLED BY THE NOTE-BOOK.

I'VE CONTACTED ALL THE MEMBERS OF WAMMY'S HOUSE AND ANYONE ELSE FROM YOUR PAST WHO WOULD KNOW YOUR FACE.



Dear Mello

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BUT IT WOULD UPSET ME TO RECEIVE THIS PICTURE WITHOUT GIVING ANY-THING IN RETURN...

I KNOW.

NEAR, I HAVE NO INTENTION OF JOINING FORCES WITH YOU.

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THE MURDER NOTEBOOK. IT'S A SHINIGAMI'S NOTEBOOK, AND PEOPLE WHO TOUCH IT ARE ABLE TO SEE THE SHINIGAMI.

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I BELIEVE HIM.

WHO'S GOING TO BELIEVE THAT? A SHINIGAMI...?

I-IMPOS-SIBLE...

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IF HE WERE TELLING ME A LIE, HE WOULD TELL ME A NORMAL—MORE MEANINGFUL—LIE. THEREFORE, THE SHINIGAMI EXISTS.

WHAT ADVANTAGE IS THERE FOR MELLO IN COMING UP WITH SUCH A STUPID STORY ABOUT A SHINIGAMI REALLY EXISTING?

IT WOULD BE ODD FOR A SHINIGAMI TO WRITE RULES DOWN FOR HUMANS TO USE WHEN HE WANTS TO GET IT BACK...

WE KNOW THAT BECAUSE THERE WERE RULES WRITTEN IN ENGLISH INSIDE THE NOTEBOOK FOR HUMAN USE, RIGHT?

THE NOTEBOOK I HAD BELONGED TO A SHINIGAMI NAMED SIDOH, WHO DROPPED IT IN THE HUMAN WORLD. HE HAD TO COME DOWN TO GET IT BACK.

BUT ANOTHER SHINIGAMI HAD IT BEFORE.

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AND ONE MORE THING... THERE IS A FAKE RULE HIDDEN AMONGST THE RULES WRITTEN IN THE NOTE-BOOK. THAT'S ALL THE INFOR-MATION I CAN GIVE YOU.

NEAR.

MELLO.

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WHICH OF US IS GOING TO GET TO KIRA FIRST...?

OUR DESTINATION IS THE SAME. I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU WHEN YOU GET THERE...

MUNCH

THE RACE IS ON...

DARLING, ARE YOU GOING TO STAY UP LATE TONIGHT AGAIN?

MELLO... NEAR... AS LONG AS THESE TWO ARE ALIVE ...

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO CON-TINUE DECEIV-ING THEM.

NO... IT'S STILL TOO EARLY FOR THAT.

AT THIS POINT, SHOULD I KILL THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE TASK-FORCE ...?

ACTUALLY, I'LL USE THE MEMBERS AS BAIT. NEAR AND MELLO WILL DEFINITELY TRY TO CONTACT THEM.

SO THE TOP PRIORITY IS STILL TO KILL MELLO AND NEAR. AS LONG AS THEY DON'T ANNOUNCE THAT THE PRESENT L IS KIRA, I CAN KEEP THE MEMBERS OF THE TASK-FORCE ALIVE.

George=Sairas

klak

klak

I SHOULD DO EVERY-THING I CAN...

CHAK

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BEEEP

I-IS THIS A JOKE..?

YOU'LL FIND OUT IF THIS PHONE CALL WAS A JOKE OR NOT TOMORROW WHEN YOU CHECK ON THE PEOPLE WHOSE NAMES I'M GOING TO READ OFF MY KILL LIST RIGHT NOW.

IT... IT CAN'T BE... NO... IF KIRA KILLED THE FORMER PRESI-DENT, THEN...

IT'S KIRA.

HOWEVER ...

I ALSO HIGHLY APPRECIATE THAT YOU'VE MADE PUBLIC THE SECRET ORGANIZATION CALLED THE SPK, WHICH WAS CREATED TO CAPTURE KIRA, AND DISBANDED IT.

WE DON'T SUPPORT YOU...

VICE PRESIDENT GEORGE SAIRAS, FIRST, LET ME TELL YOU HOW GRATEFUL I AM ABOUT THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTING ME.

THE SPK WAS CREATED BY THE FORMER PRESIDENT, SO I DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS.

...IT WILL BE MEANINGLESS UNLESS YOU DISCLOSE THE MEMBERS.

OF COURSE, I WANT YOU TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS, AND PLEASE MAKE SURE TO KEEP IT A SECRET TO ALL WHO ARE AGAINST KIRA.

THEN I WOULD LIKE YOU TO LOOK FOR PEOPLE IN THE AMERICAN POLICE, CIA, FBI, AND ANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE GONE MISSING, OR WHOSE DATA HAS DISAPPEARED AROUND THE TIME OF THE CREATION OF THE SPK.

V-VERY WELL...

BIP

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YOU'VE ANNOUNCED THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL NO LONGER CAPTURE KIRA, BUT UNLESS YOU COOPERATE WITH ME, I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO GIVE YOU THE SAME FATE AS THE FORMER PRESIDENT.

AT ANY RATE, SOONER OR LATER, PEOPLE WON'T BE ABLE TO CONDEMN KIRA AS EVIL, EVEN IF THEY FIND OUT KIRA'S IDENTITY... I'M GOING TO MAKE SURE THAT THE WORLD CHANGES THAT WAY...

NEAR SPECIFICALLY STATED THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL SPK MEMBERS STILL ALIVE. IF I'M LUCKY, I MAY BE ABLE TO GET TO NEAR THROUGH THEM...

HUH... NOW...? I'M SLEEPY... BUT I'LL DO MY BEST.

GET READY FOR SAKURA TV.

YES, LIGHT!

MISA.

Three days later

SAKURA TV

SCREE

CHAK

AND JUSTICE HAS BEEN DONE, AS I CLAIMED. THEREFORE ...

TWO DAYS AGO, I ANNOUNCED TO YOU THE WORDS OF KIRA.

"KIRA'S KINGDOM"... WHAT A TERRIBLE NAME...

KIRA'S KINGDOM

"KIRA'S KINGDOM" IS ABOUT TO START.

BUT...

SOME MAY TRY TO KILL ME.

...IT IS NOW CLEAR TO ALL THAT I HAVE BEEN CHOSEN BY KIRA TO BE HIS SPOKESPERSON.

YEAH!

...I INTEND TO RISK MY LIFE TO SPREAD THE WORD OF KIRA AROUND THE WORLD!

YOU'RE SO COOL, DEME-GAWA!

WOW

WOW

YAY

CLAP

CLAP

CLAP

...KIRA IS SURELY THE LAW AND ORDER OF THE WORLD.

NOW THAT MOST OF THE COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WILL NOT TRY TO CAPTURE KIRA, AND THE REST REMAIN SILENT...

THERE ARE STILL THOSE WHO ARGUE OVER WHETHER KIRA IS RIGHT OR WRONG...

BUT THESE ARE ALL KIRA'S WORDS AND NOT DEME-GAWA'S, RIGHT?

S-SOME-ONE REALLY NEEDS TO KILL THIS GUY...

BUT...

AND IF THE MAJORITY OF THE PUBLIC OPINION HAPPENS TO BE AGAINST KIRA, THEN KIRA WILL JUST FADE AWAY AND BECOME A THING OF THE PAST.

...AND I SEE NO REASON NOT TO. AS A MATTER OF FACT, WE SHOULD ARGUE OVER IT.

POLICE, AVERAGE CITIZENS, CRIMINALS- WHOEVER THEY BE, SEND WORD TO SAKURA TV AND WE WILL INDICT THEM.

...NOW THAT KIRA HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY US, TRYING TO CAPTURE KIRA IS AN UNFORGIVABLE SIN, AND A CRIME.

THOSE WHO SUPPORT KIRA, PLEASE JOIN FORCES TO KEEP AN EYE UPON EVERY CORNER OF THE WORLD.

KIRA IS PROTECTING SAKURA TV. PEOPLE WHO TRY TO STOP ME OR THIS PRODUCTION ARE EQUALLY GUILTY.

AND ULTIMATELY, KIRA...GOD... WILL DO THE FINAL RESEARCH AND...

ALSO, IF YOU FIND A CRIMINAL, PLEASE CONTACT ME, DEMEGAWA AT SAKURA TV. I WILL USE ALL MY POWER AND STAFF TO DO EXTENSIVE RESEARCH ON THEM.

I CAN'T BELIEVE THE PUBLIC IS FOLLOW-ING A MAN AS STUPID AS DEME-GAWA...

NO. SO NOW *WE'RE* THE CRIMINALS...

THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN DO A NORMAL INVESTIGA-TION NOW ...

...ADMINISTER JUSTICE UPON THE SINNER.

NEAR...

IF KIRA IS REALLY DOING ALL THIS, THEN IT ONLY PROVES THAT KIRA IS AFRAID OF MELLO AND ME... COULD IT BE THE FAKE RULE...?

KIRA CHOSE SUCH A SLEAZEBAG AS HIS SPOKES-PERSON... AND THIS ALL SEEMS RATHER EARLY AND FORCED...

THEY'RE FOLLOW-ING *ME*...