The human whose name is written on this note shall die

This Note will not take effect unless the writer has the person's face in their mind when writing his/her name. Therefore, people sharing the same name will not be affected.

If cause of death is not specified, the person will simply die of a heart attack.

After writing the cause of death, details of the death should be written in the next 6 minutes and 40 seconds

A FAKE RULE...

If the person using the Note fails to ecutively write names of people to be killed with days of each other, then the user will die.

If you make this Note unusable by tearing it up or burning it, all the humans who have touched the Note till then will die.

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THERE-FORE...

TEAR IT UP OR BURN IT... THE NOTE-BOOK STILL EXISTS, AND THERE'S NO WAY OF TESTING THAT...

JUDGING FROM ALL THE MURDERS, IT IS UNMISTAK-ABLE THAT THE NOTEBOOK IS ABLE TO KILL PEOPLE BY HEART ATTACK, AND BY CONTROLLING THEM TO A CERTAIN DEGREE.

THE FAKE RULE IS THE ONE WHERE YOU MUST WRITE ANOTHER NAME DOWN WITHIN THIRTEEN DAYS OR DIE.

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RIGHT.

GEVANNI, PLEASE CONNECT ME TO L.

I MAY AS WELL ASK DIRECTLY ...

EAT

NEAR AGAIN.

BEEP

WHAT ...?! DAMN IT...

YES!

SHOOT, THEY GOT TO HIM BEFORE WE DID.

L, I'VE CAUGHT MELLO.

...

...!

BUT... HE ESCAPED.

NEAR, MELLO DIDN'T ESCAPE, YOU LET HIM GET AWAY... AM I RIGHT?

...?

OR DO YOU STILL HAVE HIM WITH YOU?

QUESTION HIM...! DAMN IT. WAIT...NEAR WAS IN A SITUATION WHERE HE COULD QUESTION MELLO, BUT MELLO STILL ESCAPED...? COULD THIS BE...?

HOWEVER, I WAS ABLE TO QUESTION HIM A LITTLE.

HE DID TELL ME A FEW THINGS OF INTEREST, AND I WOULD LIKE YOUR OPINION ON THEM, L...

heh heh

NO, HE REALLY DID ESCAPE. I'M PRETTY IMPRESSED AT HOW HE ESCAPED FROM UNDER OUR NOSES.

...

...

THE PROBLEM [redacted] IS HOW MUCH MELLO TOLD HIM... IF THIS IS ALL MELLO TOLD NEAR, THEN...!

MELLO CLAIMED THAT A SHINIGAMI POSSESSES THE NOTEBOOK. HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM SUCH AN EXISTENCE?

WELL, I WOULDN'T.

I'D REALLY LIKE TO HAVE A TALK WITH THAT SHINIGAMI.

YES, SHINIGAMI TRULY DO EXIST. BUT I KEPT IT A SECRET BECAUSE I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER BELIEVE ME.

...IS THAT THERE'S A FAKE RULE HIDDEN AMONG THE SEVEN RULES YOU TOLD ME ABOUT BEFORE.

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AND THE THING THAT'S BUGGING ME THE MOST...

A FAKE RULE...?

YES.

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DAMN IT!

IF ONE OF THE RULES IS FAKE, WHICH ONE DO YOU THINK IT IS?

BUT L, I'D LIKE TO HEAR YOUR OPINION.

THAT'S TRUE.

BUT THIS IS MELLO WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. HE MIGHT JUST BE TRYING TO CONFUSE US.

AND ON TOP OF THAT, HE'S FORCED ME TO SAY WHICH RULE IS THE FAKE ONE...

DAMN. BECAUSE MY FATHER DIDN'T KILL MELLO THAT TIME, THINGS ARE TURNING INTO THE WORST SITUATION I IMAGINED...

YES, THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT TOO.

BY PROCESS OF ELIMINATION, IT IS LIKELY TO BE THE ONE THAT SAYS THE WRITER WILL DIE UNLESS THEY WRITE ANOTHER NAME IN THE NOTE-BOOK WITHIN THIRTEEN DAYS.

...!

NO, THERE ISN'T.

SHINIGAMI, IS THERE A FAKE RULE WRITTEN IN THE NOTE-BOOK?

READ THIS WAY

AND IF WE WRITE A NAME DOWN IN THE NOTEBOOK, THAT PERSON WILL DIE, SO THERE'S NO WAY OF TESTING IT.

IT SEEMS THAT THERE IS NO FAKE RULE. I CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT MELLO WAS LYING...

YES.

AS IF HE DIDN'T KNOW ALREADY ...

SO... YOU HAVE THE SHINIGAMI BESIDE YOU?

THAT IS CORRECT ...

YOU SAID THAT THE NOTEBOOK IS BEING HELD AT THE JAPANESE TASKFORCE HEADQUARTERS. THAT MEANS THAT YOU, L, ARE ALSO AT THE HEADQUARTERS. AM I CORRECT?

YES... THERE ARE.

DAMN...HOW MUCH DOES HE KNOW? NO, CALM DOWN. IF I TELL HIM, NEAR IS GOING TO WANT TO GET IN CONTACT WITH THEM, AND THAT'S JUST WHAT I WANT...

ARE PEOPLE OTHER THAN YOU LISTENING TO THIS CONVERSA-TION?

THE NEW L... AND MEMBERS OF THE JAPANESE TASK-FORCE...

?

I THINK I'M FIGURING IT OUT...

?

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...!

!

DID YOU SEE THE ORIGINAL L'S FACE?

CLICK

HE GOT ME... HE KNOWS MUCH MORE THAN I EXPECTED...

YEAH ...

I CAN ONLY GUESS THAT NEAR SUSPECTS THAT ONE OF US IS KIRA.

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS GUY...!

WHICH IS THE SAME AS ADMITTING THAT THEY'VE SEEN L'S FACE.

L CUT THE CONNECTION...

IT'S TRUE THAT THERE ARE SOME MEMBERS HERE WHO HAVE SEEN THE ORIGINAL L'S FACE.

CLICK

I'LL CONTINUE WITH THE CONVERSATION.

YEAH, WHAT'S THE POINT...?

B-BUT LYING NOW AND SAYING WE DIDN'T SEE HIS FACE IS...

WHY, YOU...!

...SO YOU'VE SEEN HIM.

AH...

...

THEN WHY IS KIRA, WHO KILLED L, KEEPING YOU ALIVE? DON'T YOU THINK IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EASIER TO KILL ALL OF YOU ALONG WITH L?

...THAT ONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SEEN THE ORIGINAL L'S FACE IS KIRA.

...AND AS I SAID, THIS IS ONLY AN ASSUMP-TION...

THEN LET'S ASSUME ...

YOUR ASSUMP-TION DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE.

?

NEAR.

NOW, IS THAT REALLY TRUE?

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THE FACT THAT WE'RE ALL STILL ALIVE IS THE GREATEST PROOF THAT ONE OF US IS ***NOT*** KIRA. OUR ASSUMPTION IS THAT KIRA GOT HOLD OF L'S INFORMATION BY SOME MEANS, AND KILLED HIM.

THAT'S RIGHT!

THE TASKFORCE HAS BEEN THROUGH MANY SITUATIONS WHERE WE CLEARLY COULD TELL THAT KIRA WAS NOT AMONG US. THAT'S WHY WE'VE COME THIS FAR TOGETHER.

...

IF SO, DO YOU STILL THINK THAT MY ASSUMPTION DOESN'T STAND?

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I BELIEVE THAT THE "THIRTEEN DAY RULE" IS A FAKE.

AND IF MY ASSUMPTION STANDS...

IT'S A SHINIGAMI. FOR GOD'S SAKE... HOW COULD I BELIEVE SUCH A THING...?

YES. I BELIEVE MELLO OVER A SHINIGAMI.

THE SHINIGAMI CLAIMS THAT ALL THE RULES ARE TRUE. ARE YOU SAYING THAT THE SHINIGAMI IS LYING?

WOW, THIS GUY'S HIT THE BULL'S EYE...

L'S HEIR, HUH...? HE'S WORSE THAN L...

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THEN KIRA IS AMONG YOU, AND IS MAKING THE SHINIGAMI LIE.

HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

NO, IT WILL MEAN LIGHT'S CONFINE-MENT WAS MEAN-INGLESS...

EVEN IF THE SHINIGAMI IS LYING, WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

OH YEAH, I REMEM-BER...

IF THE THIRTEEN DAY RULE IS A LIE, THEN CLAIMING THAT HE'S NOT KIRA SINCE HE DIDN'T TOUCH THE BOOK FOR MORE THAN THIRTEEN DAYS MEANS NOTHING, RIGHT? EVEN IF KIRA KEPT KILLING PEOPLE DURING THAT TIME, HE COULD HAVE JUST GOTTEN SOMEBODY ELSE TO DO THE KILLINGS FOR HIM. AND IT'S AN ACTUAL FACT THAT THERE WAS MORE THAN ONE NOTEBOOK.

RIGHT...

ANYWAY, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO TRY OUT THE NOTEBOOK. I CAN ONLY THINK THAT NEAR IS COMING UP WITH THIS NONSENSE TO MAKE US START DOUBTING EACH OTHER.

THAT'S RIGHT!

NEAR'S ASSUMPTION MAKES IT SOUND AS IF ONE OF US IS KIRA...

YES...

NO, BUT THAT STILL DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. THERE'S NO WAY THAT LIGHT CAN BE KIRA. THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR DIED CONFIRMING THAT LIGHT WAS NOT THE OWNER OF THE NOTEBOOK.

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THEN HOW ABOUT THIS?

WE HAVE TALKED BEFORE ABOUT TESTING THE NOTEBOOK, BUT WE'VE ALWAYS CONCLUDED THAT WE MUST RESPECT HUMAN LIFE, AND THEREFORE TESTING THE NOTEBOOK IS SOMETHING WE MUST NEVER DO.

NEAR, I UNDERSTAND YOUR THEORY, BUT WE CAN'T WRITE SOMEBODY'S NAME DOWN JUST TO FIND OUT WHETHER THE RULE IS A FAKE OR NOT.

...!

I'LL WRITE MELLO'S NAME IN THE BOOK.

HE KNOWS THAT WE HAVE MELLO'S NAME... HE MAY EVEN HAVE LET MELLO GO ON PURPOSE FOR THIS...

...

OF COURSE, THAT IS ONLY IF YOU KNOW MELLO'S REAL NAME...

IF MELLO DIES...

IF I SPECIFY WHERE HE DIES, THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO CONFIRM MELLO'S DEATH. AFTER THAT, YOU CAN PERFORM DNA TESTS AND SUCH UPON THE THINGS YOU HAVE GATHERED FROM THE REMAINS OF THE EXPLOSION.

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OBVIOUSLY, MELLO WILL GET THE DEATH SENTENCE IF HE IS CAUGHT. SO I'LL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR WRITING HIS NAME DOWN SINCE I LET MELLO ESCAPE AFTER GETTING MY HANDS ON HIM.

WH-WHAT? SO IT'S A MATTER OF WINNING OR LOSING...?

...KIRA WINS. AND I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT.

...AND I DIE THIRTEEN DAYS AFTER WRITING HIS NAME DOWN...

THIS IS A TRAP. HOW DO I KNOW IF NEAR REALLY WRITES THE NAME DOWN HIMSELF? AND EVEN IF NEAR DOES WRITE IT, I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT HE'D SHOW HIS FACE TO US. HE MIGHT EVEN WRITE A DIFFERENT NAME DOWN AT THE LAST MINUTE.

NEAR USES THE NOTE-BOOK TO KILL MELLO. I'LL SEE NEAR'S FACE, AND THEN KILL NEAR THIRTEEN DAYS LATER. PERFECT...

I WILL DO THE TEST MYSELF.

"IF THE PERSON USING THE NOTE FAILS TO CONSECUTIVELY WRITE NAMES OF PEOPLE TO BE KILLED WITHIN THIRTEEN DAYS OF EACH OTHER, THEN THE USER WILL DIE." TESTING THIS RULE MAY TURN OUT TO BE A PLUS FOR OUR KIRA INVESTIGATION, AND IT COULD NEVER BE A MINUS.

NEAR, PLEASE WAIT A MINUTE. WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT YOUR SUGGESTION.

CLICK

ONLY THE PEOPLE HERE KNOW ABOUT THE CONFINEMENT. WHAT IF I KILL THEM FIRST, AND THEN MAKE IT SEEM THAT I DIED TOO...? NO, THEY MAY FIND OUT LATER THAT I WAS A MEMBER OF THIS TEAM, AND THAT PLAN IS THE SAME AS RUNNING AWAY... I CAN DO THIS— THESE GUYS TRUST ME MORE THAN THEY TRUST NEAR...

BUT MISA AND I WERE THE ONES WHO WERE CONFINED. IF I JUST REJECT THIS OFFER ON MY OWN, THEN IT'LL GIVE A BAD IMPRESSION TO THE OTHERS.

...

"WE MUST RESPECT HUMAN LIFE, SO WE CAN'T DO IT." THAT'S EASY TO SAY, BUT I'M THE ONE WHO WAS CONFINED, SO IT'S STRANGE FOR ME TO BE THE ONE SAYING IT.

I WANT EVERYONE TO TELL ME HIS OPINION ON THIS.

I'M AGAINST IT. I SINCERELY BELIEVE THAT KIRA IS NOT AMONG US, AND NO MATTER WHAT THE REASON IS, WE SHOULD NOT USE THE NOTEBOOK TO KILL PEOPLE. I'M SURE THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOULD SAY SO TOO.

...IF NEAR'S WILLING TO DO IT, THEN I WOULDN'T BE TOO TEMPTED TO STOP HIM...

IT'S A TOUGH CALL... IT'S NOT THAT I DOUBT YOU, LIGHT. BUT MELLO'S THE ONE WHO KILLED THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SO...

I'M AGAINST TESTING IT OUT TOO.

...

THAT'S RIGHT. WE DON'T WANT TO WORK WITH NEAR.

I DON'T THINK NEAR IS WORTHY OF OUR TRUST AT THIS POINT, AND I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD COOPERATE OR TEST THE NOTEBOOK.

RIGHT, I'M AGAINST IT TOO. I USED TO THINK THAT WE SHOULD COOPERATE WITH NEAR, BUT NOW THAT HE'S COMING UP WITH PLANS LIKE THIS, I'VE CHANGED MY MIND. ANYWAY, THE WHOLE STORY ABOUT MELLO ESCAPING AFTER BEING CAPTURED SOUNDS FISHY TO ME...

VERY WELL, AS EXPECTED.

NEAR, WE CAN'T TEST THE NOTEBOOK, WHATEVER THE REASON. WE PROMISE YOU THAT WE'LL TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROTECTING IT.

I BET HE'S DESPERATE TO GET INFORMATION FROM US. BUT HE DOESN'T HAVE THE GUTS TO COME DOWN HERE AND JOIN US IN THE INVESTIGATION, SINCE HE SUSPECTS KIRA IS HERE.

BUT THIS MAKES IT CLEAR. NEAR SUSPECTS ME.

THEN NEAR'S REAL OBJECTIVE WAS TO GET THE OTHERS TO HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT ME...?

EXPECTING US TO SAY THAT...? SO HE SAID IT EVEN THOUGH HE KNEW THAT WE WERE GOING TO REJECT IT...?

THAT'S RIGHT. NEAR HAS COME THIS FAR, AND IF NEAR AND MELLO DID COME IN CONTACT WITH ONE ANOTHER, THEN MELLO WILL DEFINITELY WANT TO GET INFORMATION FROM US TOO.

NEAR AND MELLO BOTH DON'T SEEM TO BE GIVING UP ON THE NOTEBOOK, SO IT'S VERY LIKELY THAT THEY'LL TRY TO MAKE CONTACT WITH US.

NOW THAT IT'S TURNED OUT THIS WAY, IT LOOKS LIKE WHAT YOU WERE SAYING MAY ACTUALLY COME TRUE, LIGHT.

YES, AND JUDGING FROM THE SITUATION AROUND THE WORLD, HE SHOULD BE FEELING PRETTY PRESSURED ABOUT CONTACTING ONE OF YOU.

ESPECIALLY MELLO, SINCE HE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET MOGI AND MATSUDA'S PHONE NUMBERS WHEN HE KIDNAPPED THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR.

BECAUSE MOGI WON'T SAY ANYTHING UNNECESSARY.

WHY'S THAT?

AND IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR US IF MELLO CONTACTS MOGI, ANYWAY.

ACTUALLY, IT WILL PROBABLY BE YOU, MOGI, BECAUSE WE TOLD MELLO THAT MATSUDA IS L.

YOU WANT A FIGHT, MATSUDA? AND THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH HAVING GREAT ROMANCES, ANYWAY.

IDE...BUT YOU'VE NEVER HAD MUCH OF A ROMANCE...

NAH... MELLO CAN'T HAVE SUCH GOOD TIMING. IT'S AS IMPOSSIBLE AS IDE HAVING A GREAT ROMANCE, *HAH HAH HAH!*

IT'S A RESTRICTED NUMBER...

BEEEP

ARE YOU MOGI?

GOOD! I'VE GOT HIM!

IF IT'S MELLO, I WANT YOU TO DO EVERYTHING HE SAYS...WE'LL HELP YOU, AND CAPTURE MELLO, WHATEVER IT TAKES.

WE'LL USE THE CELL PHONE SHARING SYSTEM.

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How to use it

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◦ However, if a seventh DEATH NOTE is owned by a human in the human world, nothing will happen even if used,.

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