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YES, COMING.

MOTCHI, IS IT READY?

YES.

MOTCHI.

THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE A SECRET FROM LIGHT, RIGHT? I'M BEGINNING TO FEEL BAD THAT WE'RE TOGETHER 24 HOURS A DAY AND NOT TELLING LIGHT.

YES?

IT'S REALLY GREAT THAT YOU'RE A GOOD COOK, AND YOU DO EVERYTHING FOR ME, BUT IT'S BEEN FIVE DAYS, YOU KNOW?

YES.

YES...

EVEN THOUGH LIGHT LOVES ME AND TRUSTS ME, HE MAY THINK I'M HAVING AN AFFAIR BECAUSE I'VE BEEN WITH YOU FOR FIVE WHOLE DAYS UNDER THE SAME ROOF.

THIS STUPID GIRL IS THE SECOND KIRA...? BUT I CAN'T THINK OF ANY OTHER REASON WHY MOGI WOULD BE WITH HER... HER...

IT'S TRUE THAT THE GUY WHO KILLED HER PARENTS WAS KILLED BY KIRA, AND SHE HAS MADE SOME STATEMENTS THAT MAKE HER APPEAR TO BE A KIRA SUPPORTER... BUT IF SHE REALLY IS THE SECOND KIRA, IT WOULD ONLY BE NATURAL FOR HER NOT TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS LIKE THAT. I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT THIS GIRL IS KILLING PEOPLE WITH THE NOTEBOOK...

Model Misa's Website

BORING...

MATT, HOW'S IT GOING FOR YOU?

BEEP

THOUGH, IF SHE HAD THE EYES, THAT IN ITSELF COULD BE ENOUGH TO MAKE HER WORTH SOMETHING TO KIRA... STILL, FOR KIRA TO BE USING A GIRL LIKE THIS...

WHICH MAKES IT VERY LIKELY THAT THIS IS THEIR HEAD-QUARTERS...

SO FAR, THEY'VE HAD ALL THEIR FOOD AND STUFF DELIVERED. AND BOTH AIZAWA AND THE OTHER JAPANESE GUY WHO WENT INTO THE BUILDING AFTER HIM HAVEN'T COME OUT.

I'VE SEEN NO MOVEMENT AT ALL.

BUT IT'S SO BORING WATCHING SOMETHING THAT NEVER CHANGES.

BEEP BOOP

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NEAR DOESN'T SEEM TO BE MAKING ANY MOVES EITHER. DOES HE THINK THAT I'M GOING DIRECTLY TO AMANE AND AIZAWA'S PLACE TO GET THE NOTEBOOK AGAIN...? AT ANY RATE, I SHOULDN'T MAKE ANY MOVES AS LONG AS MOGI IS WITH AMANE...

THEN WHY DON'T YOU CHANGE PLACES WITH ME? AT LEAST YOU GET TO EAVES-DROP ON A CUTE GIRL.

COME ON, I'M DOING THE SAME THING. AND IF L IS THERE, THEN THEY MAY THINK THAT THE SPK TAILED AIZAWA AND DISCOVERED THEIR LOCATION, SO THEY MIGHT DECIDE TO MOVE. IF YOU'RE NOT CAREFUL, THEY COULD GET AWAY.

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AND THE JAPANESE POLICE HAVE GIVEN ALL THEIR EMPLOYEES FALSE JOB TITLES TO HIDE THE FACT THAT THEY ARE MEMBERS OF THE POLICE FORCE.

LIGHT YAGAMI IS REGISTERED AS A GRADUATE STUDENT AT TO-OH UNIVERSITY, BUT NOBODY HAS SEEN HIM ON CAMPUS SINCE HE GRADUATED.

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ALSO, WHEN I ASKED FORMER STUDENTS WHAT THEY REMEMBERED ABOUT LIGHT YAGAMI, SEVERAL OF THEM HAD INTERESTING COMMENTS...

LIGHT YAGAMI RECEIVED LETTERS OF APPRECIATION FROM THE POLICE IN 2000 AND 2002 FOR ADVICE THAT LED TO THE RESOLVED CASES. I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT THESE FACTS AND THE INFLUENCE OF HIS FATHER ALL POINT TO HIM CURRENTLY BEING ON THE POLICE FORCE.

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AND HE WAS OFTEN SEEN WITH LIGHT YAGAMI.

LIGHT YAGAMI HAD THE HIGHEST SCORE IN THE ENTRANCE EXAM, BUT SOMEONE GOING BY RYUGA HIDEKI, THE SAME NAME AS THE TOP JAPANESE POP IDOL BACK THEN, TIED SCORES WITH YAGAMI. AND THEY MADE THE FRESHMAN ADDRESS TOGETHER.

LIGHT YAGAMI AND MISA AMANE ALSO WENT MISSING FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AT THAT TIME.

I ALSO RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT AROUND JUNE OF 2004, HIDEKI RYUGA, LIGHT YAGAMI AND MISA AMANE WERE SEEN TOGETHER ON THE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS. AFTER THAT, EVERYBODY SEEMS TO HAVE LOST TRACK OF HIDEKI RYUGA.

BUT NO PHOTOGRAPH OF THIS RYUGA HIDEKI CAN BE FOUND.

BUT THE SECOND KIRA APPEARED, WITH THE ABILITY TO LEARN PEOPLE'S NAMES JUST BY LOOKING AT THEIR FACES...AND KIRA AND THE SECOND KIRA JOINED HANDS.

EVERY-THING FITS...

HE USED THE NAME OF A POPULAR POP IDOL TO GET CLOSE TO LIGHT YAGAMI, WHOM HE SUSPECTED OF BEING KIRA... IT WAS A DANGEROUS PLAN THAT ASSUMED HE WOULDN'T BE KILLED AS LONG AS KIRA DIDN'T FIND OUT HIS REAL NAME...

TOK TOK

KIRA

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SO THE FACT THAT MISA AMANE IS LIGHT YAGAMI'S FIANCÉE IS...

IT CORRO-BORATES WITH THE REPORT WE RECEIVED THAT MR. MOGI AND MR. AIZAWA WENT STRAIGHT TO MISA AMANE'S PLACE AFTER LEAVING HERE.

AND HIDEKI RYUGA... L...

LIGHT YAGAMI... KIRA... MISA AMANE... THE SECOND KIRA...

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KIRA

...IS PROOF...

ALL I NEED NOW...

...

KIRA

I'M GOING TO HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE...

I CAN ASSUME THAT MOGI HAS HIS EYES ON MISA AMANE, AND AIZAWA HAS HIS EYES ON LIGHT YAGAMI... IF THEY FIND SOME-THING, THEY'LL PROBABLY GET IN CONTACT WITH ME...

NO, THAT'S WRONG!! EVEN IF MISA AMANE ISN'T, LIGHT YAGAMI IS DEFINITELY KIRA.

IF I START THINKING THAT YAGAMI ISN'T KIRA, I'LL LOSE!

BUT JUDGING FROM THE FACT THAT THE CRIMINALS AND DEMEGAWA WERE KILLED AFTER MOGI AND AIZAWA RETURNED, IT'S VERY UNLIKELY I'LL FIND ANY EVIDENCE AGAINST AMANE OR YAGAMI...

THE PERSON DOING THE KILLINGS WITH THE NOTEBOOK IS SOME-BODY ELSE... IT'S EVEN POSSIBLE THAT NEITHER YAGAMI NOR AMANE ARE KIRA ANYMORE... THEN I MUST GATHER EVIDENCE AGAINST THE ONE WHO IS ACTING AS KIRA NOW, AND ARREST THAT PERSON...

AND WITH THE FAKE 13-DAY RULE, HE FORCED L TO ASSUME THAT THEY WERE INNOCENT, AND TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO KILL L... LIGHT YAGAMI... KIRA SURPASSED L, AND DEFEATED HIM... IF I DON'T ADMIT THAT REALITY, I WILL BE KILLED, TOO...

BY PUTTING TOGETHER THE FACTS UP TILL NOW WITH THE INFORMATION I GOT FROM RESTER AND THE STORY ABOUT YAGAMI AND AMANE'S CONFINEMENT AIZAWA TOLD ME... L GOT AS FAR 'AS HAVING THOSE TWO CONFINED, BUT YAGAMI USED HIGUCHI AND GOT EVERYBODY EXCEPT L TO BELIEVE THAT THE TWO BEING CONFINED DIDN'T DO ANYTHING, THEREFORE THEY WEREN'T KIRA, AND THEY WERE RELEASED...

EVEN IF KIRA PASSED THE ROLE ON TO SOMEONE ELSE, KIRA WOULD MAKE SURE TO HAVE CONTROL OVER THAT PERSON. AS LONG AS KIRA KNOWS THE PERSON'S FACE AND NAME, THAT IS EASILY DONE. NO, THE WAY THE WORLD IS NOW, THERE MUST BE ANY NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WOULD VOLUNTEER FOR SUCH A POSITION...

AND BASED ON THE ORIGINAL INTERACTIONS BETWEEN L AND KIRA, I FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THE PROUD KIRA WOULD COMPLETELY PASS ON THE POSITION TO SOMEBODY ELSE. KIRA HATES TO LOSE.

IF I CAN PROVE THAT, IT WILL BE SOLID EVIDENCE... IF I CAN CAPTURE THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF KILLING AND THE NOTE-BOOK ALONG WITH LIGHT YAGAMI...

KIRA

LIGHT YAGAMI IS KIRA! SO HE DEFINITELY IS GIVING ORDERS TO THE ONE DOING THE KILLINGS NOW.

LOOK, THINGS ARE GETTING INTERESTING.

WHAT? MATSUDA, THERE'S NEVER BEEN A TIME WHEN SOMETHING WAS INTERESTING WHEN YOU SAID IT WAS "INTERESTING."

I GUESS TV STATIONS WOULD DO ANYTHING TO HAVE HIGH RATINGS. KIRA'S KINGDOM HIT 76 PERCENT VIEWERSHIP AT ITS HIGHEST.

SAKURA TV GOT A LOT OF ATTENTION FROM HAVING DEMEGAWA AS KIRA'S SPOKESMAN.

OH... SORRY. SINCE DEMEGAWA DIED, TV STATIONS ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE COMPETING FOR KIRA... SO I THOUGHT IT WAS KIND OF FUN...

I KNEW IT. THAT'S NOTHING TO LAUGH ABOUT.

I HAD AN IDEA ABOUT HOW THE TV STATIONS WERE GOING TO ACT. BUT NOW, A BUNCH OF COMPANIES EVEN HAVE COMMERCIALS WITH A LINE SAYING "OUR COMPANY SUPPORTS KIRA"...

HEY, YOU'RE RIGHT. WOW.

BUT IT SURE HAS BECOME A SCARY WORLD, HASN'T IT...?

O-OF COURSE I DO. I JUST MEANT THAT IT'S GOING TO BE HARD IF NOBODY COOPERATES WITH US.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, MATSUDA? DO YOU WANT TO GET KIRA OR NOT?

Our company

IT FEELS LIKE IT MIGHT BE IMPOSSIBLE TO GET THE WORLD BACK FROM KIRA NOW.

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I HATE TO ADMIT IT, BUT THE WORLD IS MOVING IN THE DIRECTION KIRA WANTS IT TO.

I AGREE. IT'S TRUE THAT L'S SUPPORTERS ARE BECOMING FEW AND FAR BETWEEN...

Our company supports KIRA

Our company is supporting KIRA

I BELIEVE YOU ARE MERELY HIDING THE FACT THAT YOU ARE KIRA!

I DON'T KNOW... BUT ALL I CAN DO FOR NOW IS TO KEEP AN EYE ON LIGHT...

THEN IF THE 13-DAY RULE IS FAKE, THAT'S IT. THOSE TWO ARE THE GUILTY ONES...

I CAN'T SEE THE LIFESPAN OF SOMEONE WHO OWNS THE NOTE-BOOK. LIGHT, YOU'RE NOT KIRA... I'M SO GLAD...

BUT AS LONG AS AIZAWA, MOGI, AND IDE HAVE ANY DOUBT ABOUT ME, AND HAVE THEIR EYES ON ME, I CAN'T MAKE ANY SUSPICIOUS MOVES.

IF NEAR HAD AIZAWA AND MOGI TAILED, THEN HE ALREADY KNOWS THAT L IS HERE...

BUT IF THIS SITUATION CONTINUES FOR MUCH LONGER, THERE WILL INEVITABLY BE GAPS BETWEEN OUR IDEALS... I MUST GET IN CONTACT WITH HIM BEFORE THAT HAPPENS...

MIKAMI KILLED DEMEGAWA BEFORE I GAVE HIM THE ORDER TO DO SO. I WOULD HAVE MADE THE SAME CHOICE, SO HE IS DOING FINE FOR NOW. WHAT IF I JUST LET MIKAMI DO AS HE WANTS...?

KIRA, PLEASE USE OUR TV STATION TO SPREAD YOUR IDEALS, AND CHOOSE ME AS YOUR SPOKES-PERSON...

NO, THIS IS AN IMPOR-TANT TIME FOR KIRA, SO KIRA WILL DEFINITELY NEED A SPOKESPERSON TO SPREAD HIS IDEALS. HAS KIRA TRUSTED ME TO CHOOSE A SPOKES-PERSON? OR... CAN IT REALLY BE THAT KIRA CAN'T MAKE ANY MOVES RIGHT NOW? EVEN SO, I CAN'T LET THE KIRA MOVEMENT STOP. NOW IS THE TIME TO CHANGE THE WORLD...

WHY ISN'T KIRA SAYING ANY-THING? SO MANY STATIONS HAVE COME FORWARD TO BE KIRA'S NEXT SPOKES-PERSON... DOES THIS MEAN THAT KIRA HAS NO NEED FOR A SPOKESPERSON ANYMORE?

...I'LL GET PERMISSION FROM KIRA MYSELF...

THEN, IF KIRA ISN'T GOING TO GIVE ME ORDERS...

WELL, THEY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A TV STATION WITH NO PRINCIPLES...

THEY'VE HAD FIVE DEATHS, AND STILL AREN'T GOING TO GIVE UP...

OH? THEY'RE STILL GOING TO RUN *KIRA'S KINGDOM* TODAY.

Kira's KINGDOM

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Kira's KINGDOM

WE INTEND TO LEARN FROM THIS EXPERIENCE AND STRIVE EVEN HARDER THAN BEFORE TO CREATE THE TRULY IDEAL WORLD THAT KIRA WANTS, AND ONLY WISH THAT KIRA WOULD USE SAKURA TV AGAIN TO DELIVER KIRA'S MESSAGE ALL OVER THE WORLD.

MR. DEMEGAWA MISUSED KIRA'S PURSUIT OF AN IDEAL WORLD TO COLLECT FUNDS TO CREATE A KIRA KINGDOM, WHICH WAS IN HIS OWN INTERESTS, AND AS A RESULT MET WITH KIRA'S WRATH.

THAT WAS A NATURAL CONSEQUENCE, AND WE, SAKURA TV, APOLOGIZE TO KIRA AND ALL THE VIEWERS WHO SUPPORT KIRA...

Kira's KINGDOM

AS YOU CAN SEE, THE NUMBER OF DEVOTED SUPPORTERS WHO ATTEND THE SHOW HAS NOT DIMINISHED, AND THEY STILL FILL THIS HALL AS BEFORE.

Kira Kingdom

SAKURA TV HAS BEEN SUPPORTIVE OF KIRA SINCE YOU APPEARED, AND WE FEEL THAT OUR PASSION IS NO LESS THAN ANY OF THE OTHER TV STATIONS.

EVERY TV STATION SOUNDS LIKE SOME KIND OF POLITICAL CAMPAIGN BROADCAST NOW.

IF KIRA CHOOSES YOU, THEN YOU'RE THE ELECTED PARTY, HUH...?

YES.

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NUMBER 19, MR. MIKAMI. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY?

LET US ASK SOME OF OUR PARTICIPANTS TO CALL UPON KIRA, TOO.

MIKAMI...! WHAT ARE YOU STILL DOING IN SUCH A PLACE...?

I BELIEVE THAT FOLLOWING YOUR ORDERS AND TEACHINGS IS THE QUICKEST WAY TO ACHIEVE WORLD PEACE. KIRA, PLEASE LET US HEAR YOUR VOICE.

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WE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO HEAR KIRA'S VOICE AGAIN. WE INTEND TO FOLLOW YOUR IDEALS AND GOALS.

TH-THAT'S RIGHT, WE WOULD ALL LIKE TO HEAR KIRA'S WORDS AGAIN THROUGH SAKURA TV.

Through Sakura TV.

Don't forget to include that!!

KIRA WORSHIP-PERS ARE SO SCARY...

MIKAMI... YOU WANT ME TO GIVE YOU ORDERS...

READ THIS WAY

IF THERE ARE NO ORDERS ...?

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IF THERE ARE NO ORDERS OR WORDS FROM KIRA...

MIKAMI... YOU RISKED SHOWING YOURSELF ON TV JUST TO GET PERMISSION FROM KIRA. YOUR LOYALTY TO KIRA IS IMPRESSIVE...

...I BELIEVE THAT IT'S IMPORTANT TO JUDGE FOR OURSELVES WHAT KIRA'S THOUGHTS MAY BE, AND PUT THEM INTO ACTION.

IF THERE ARE NO ORDERS OR WORDS FROM KIRA...

I'M SURE THAT KIRA WILL USE SAKURA TV AGAIN... TH-THANK YOU, MR. MIKAMI...

IS THERE ANYBODY ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO CALL UPON KIRA?

...I WILL CHOOSE THE SECOND DEMEGAWA, A NEW SPOKES-PERSON...

KIRA... I'M GOING TO WAIT THREE DAYS. IF I DON'T HEAR FROM YOU BY THEN...

BUT SAKURA TV WILL NOT DO. AT THIS RATE, IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THEY ARE GOING TO START MOVING AWAY FROM KIRA'S IDEALS, JUST AS DEME-GAWA DID...

...AND GIVE ORDERS TO SPREAD KIRA'S WORDS DIRECTLY THROUGH THAT PERSON.

AND I KNOW EXACTLY THE RIGHT PERSON. I KNOW HOW SHE FEELS ABOUT CRIME FROM HER REPORTS ON SEVERAL CASES IN WHICH I WAS THE PROSECUTOR... BUT I CAN'T TELL HER THAT I, TERU MIKAMI, AM ACTING AS KIRA. IT'S GOING TO HAVE TO BE IN A WAY THAT SEEMS LIKE KIRA HAS CHOSEN HER, AND IS THREATENING HER TO MAKE HER SPREAD THE IDEALS.

SOMEONE WHO IS EDUCATED AND INTELLIGENT... SOMEONE WHO WILL BE ABLE TO CALMLY SPREAD KIRA'S WORDS IN AN ACCURATE AND STRAIGHT-FORWARD MANNER...

HURRAY FOR KIRA! HURRAY FOR KIRA!

KIRA COME BACK! KIRA COME BACK!

...

Four days later

YES!!

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WHAT'S WITH ALL THE NOISE, MATSUDA?

...!

THE NEWS-PAPER EXTRAS HAVE ALREADY COME OUT.

THERE'S BEEN A FINAL DECISION. THE NEXT KIRA SPOKES-PERSON IS TAKKI FROM NHN.

BUT IT SURE IS A STUFFY PROGRAM. I LIKED SAKURA TV MORE...

NHN HAS RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM KIRA TO SPREAD KIRA'S WORDS TO THE WORLD, AND AFTER A BOARD MEETING, WE'VE DECIDED TO ACCEPT THIS REQUEST. AS BEFORE, KIRA ANNOUNCED A DEATH BEFOREHAND AS PROOF OF BEING THE REAL KIRA.

MAT-SUDA!

TAKKI FROM NHN?

News 6

GOOD EVENING. THIS IS NEWS 6, AND I'M KIYOMI TAKADA. STARTING TODAY, IT IS MY DUTY TO SPREAD THE WORD OF KIRA ACCURATELY TO EVERYBODY.

THAT'S TAKKI.

HYUK HYUK. THIS BRINGS BACK MEMORIES! IT'S THAT GIRL FROM UNIVERSITY ...

I KNEW THAT SHE WAS POPULAR AS AN NHN ANCHOR-WOMAN, BUT...

KIYOMI TAKADA... HER?