chapter 90 Preview

AND WHEN WE MEET... ...WE'LL SEE WHO IS MORE PREPARED, AND WHO IS BETTER ...

VERY WELL, NEAR. IF YOU'RE COMING OUT, I'LL COME OUT TOO. IF THAT'S YOUR WISH, BRING IT ON.

WHEN THAT HAPPENS, THIS BATTLE WILL BE OVER AND I WILL BEGIN MY REIGN AT THE TOP.

...

NO, HE MEANS THAT SINCE WE'RE DOING THE SAME INVESTIGATION, WE'LL PROBABLY BE SEEING EACH OTHER, SO LET'S NOT GET IN EACH OTHER'S WAY... I THINK.

WHAT IS NEAR SAYING? DOES HE WANT TO MEET AND COOPERATE AFTER ALL?

NO, I HOPE I'M JUST THINKING TOO MUCH, AND IT ONLY MEANS WHAT IDE SAID...

BUT IF LIGHT REALLY IS KIRA, IT MEANS THAT HE'S ACCEPTED NEAR'S CHAL-LENGE...

YET HE SAID, "LET'S MEET AND BRING AN END TO KIRA" ...IF L IS KIRA, THAT MEANS THAT NEAR IS GOING TO CAPTURE KIRA WHEN THEY MEET...

IT'S CLEAR THAT NEAR BELIEVES THAT THE PRESENT L IS KIRA. UNDER NORMAL CIRCUM-STANCES, HE WOULDN'T WANT TO REVEAL HIS FACE...

RIGHT!

IT SEEMS THAT NEAR IS STILL MAKING A MISTAKE... LET'S NOT WORRY ABOUT IT AND CONTINUE ON WITH OUR INVESTIGATION.

CHAK

RIGHT NOW, THEY'RE BOTH IN A ROOM WE BOOKED NEAR NHN.

PLEASE CONNECT ME TO THEM.

COMMANDER RESTER, WHERE ARE GEVANNI AND LIDNER NOW?

DO YOU MEAN YOU'RE GOING TO SEE HIM FACE-TO-FACE, AND THEN CAPTURE HIM?

IN PERSON...?! SETTLE THIS CASE...?

!

PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO WHAT I'M GOING TO SAY. I HAVE DECIDED TO MEET L, OR RATHER KIRA, IN PERSON IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AND SETTLE THIS CASE ONCE AND FOR ALL.

YES... THE WORLD IS PRACTICALLY IN KIRA'S HANDS NOW.

BUT...

...IN KIRA'S NEARLY COMPLETED WORLD, ONLY THE SPK MEMBERS, MELLO, THE JAPANESE TASK FORCE, AND I REMAIN IN KIRA'S WAY. AND I AM THE BIGGEST PROBLEM, SINCE HE CAN'T EASILY GET MY NAME OR IMAGE.

IF KIRA SUCCEEDS IN KILLING ME, HE WILL VERY LIKELY KILL ALL THE SPK MEMBERS AS WELL... AND KILLING THE MEMBERS OF THE JAPANESE TASK FORCE WILL BE A PIECE OF CAKE...

AND AS WE ALL KNOW, HE LETS HIS EMOTIONS CONTROL HIM... KIRA MAY THINK THAT IT WILL BE EASY TO KILL HIM BY USING HIS FOLLOWERS...

IT SEEMS THAT MELLO'S NAME HAS ALREADY BEEN DISCOVERED, AND HE IS ALSO WANTED FOR THE MURDER OF THE JAPANESE POLICE DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR...

...

THE DIE IS CAST. WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT, WE MUST MAKE OUR MOVE.

SINCE I, HIS BIGGEST HEADACHE, WHO HASN'T MADE A MOVE UNTIL NOW, IS FINALLY MAKING A MOVE, KIRA WILL NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO KILL ME. WELL, THE FACT THAT HE SAID HE IS WILLING TO SEE ME MEANS THAT HE HAS ACCEPTED MY CHALLENGE.

L LIGHT KIRA

THERE'S ALMOST NO DOUBT THAT HE IS KIRA. I'M 99.9999% SURE. THE LACK OF PROOF IS THE ONLY REASON IT'S NOT 100%.

BUT...

BUT OBVIOUSLY, HE WILL DENY THE FACT THAT HE IS KIRA. THERE HAVE BEEN MANY INCIDENTS TO MAKE US SUSPECT HE IS KIRA, BUT NO SOLID PROOF.

L LIGHT

L IS LIGHT YAGAMI AND KIRA. WE KNOW FOR SURE THAT L WOULD ANSWER "YES" IF WE ASK IF HE IS LIGHT YAGAMI FROM THE FACT THAT L TOLD US THAT HE HAD PERSONALLY GOTTEN IN CONTACT WITH TAKADA.

LET US EXAMINE THE SITUATION.

KIRA

THAT'S BECAUSE THE PEOPLE AROUND HIM ARE KEEPING AN EYE ON HIM AND THE NOTEBOOK.

BUT PRESENTLY, L-KIRA IS NOT PERSONALLY USING THE NOTEBOOK HIMSELF.

L LIGHT KIRA

KIRA... LET'S CALL HIM L-KIRA. AROUND HIM ARE SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO KNOW OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE NOTE-BOOK, SUCH AS AIZAWA, MOGI AND THE OTHERS...

X-KIRA

BASED ON THE FACT THAT L-KIRA USED AMANE IN THE PAST, AND THE ATTACK ON MELLO'S HIDEOUT, I THINK THAT L-KIRA DOES NOT HAVE THE SHINIGAMI EYES. BUT JUDGING FROM THE RECENT KILLINGS OF CRIMINALS, X-KIRA DEFINITELY HAS THE EYES.

X-KIRA

SO THERE IS ANOTHER PERSON WHO HAS THE NOTE-BOOK AND IS ACTUALLY USING IT. THAT'S X-KIRA.

BECAUSE KIRA'S MESSAGES ARE SPREAD THROUGH NHN, AND L-KIRA CAN MEET WITH TAKADA IN PERSON.

THUS, THE WAY TO GET IN CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER IS THROUGH TAKADA.

OF COURSE, L-KIRA AND X-KIRA ARE CONNECTED IN SOME WAY. BUT SINCE L-KIRA IS BEING WATCHED, IT WOULD BE VERY HARD— ACTUALLY, IMPOSSIBLE— FOR HIM TO GET IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH X-KIRA.

AT THE MOMENT, BOTH L-KIRA AND X-KIRA ARE ABLE TO SEND MESSAGES TO TAKADA, SO SOMETHING IS ROTTEN THERE. AND EVEN THOUGH TAKADA MAY ONLY BE KIRA'S PUPPET, WE CAN'T DENY TAKADA IS HIGHLY IMPORTANT TO US IN DISCOVERING X-KIRA.

I PROBABLY DIDN'T HAVE TO EXPLAIN THAT TO YOU, BUT THIS IS THE CURRENT SITUATION.

...!

THE FIRST IS...

...I SEE TWO WAYS.

AS FOR DEFEATING KIRA...

WE KILL THESE TWO...

PONK

...AND X-KIRA...

PONK

L-KIRA...

L LIGHT KIRA

...

RIGHT. THAT WILL PROVE THAT L, LIGHT YAGAMI, WAS KIRA.

AND IF THE KIRA KILLINGS STOP, IT MEANS WE ARE CORRECT.

...AND CONFISCATE THE NOTE-BOOKS.

?!

...WE WILL NEVER USE THIS METHOD, NO MATTER WHAT.

L LIGHT KIRA

BUT...

RIGHT.

WE ARE ALMOST POSITIVE THAT L IS KIRA, SO I AM CONFIDENT THAT THIS SHOULD SOLVE THE CASE.

ALSO, THE KILLINGS MIGHT CONTINUE IF THERE ARE Y-KIRAS AND Z-KIRAS.

FIRST OF ALL, EVEN IF THE KILLINGS STOP, IT DOES NOT REALLY PROVE THAT LIGHT YAGAMI IS KIRA. SINCE NOBODY IS USING THE NOTE-BOOK AT THE TASK FORCE HEADQUARTERS, THERE IS ALWAYS A CHANCE THAT THE KILLINGS STOPPED BECAUSE OF X-KIRA'S DEATH.

WHY NOT?

THEN TO SAY, "SEE, WE WERE RIGHT"... SUCH EX POST FACTO JUSTIFICATION WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. THAT IS NOT THE WAY WE DO THINGS.

WE KILL THOSE TWO AND THE KIRA KILLING STOPS...

AND MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL...

ME...

THAT'S RIGHT. WE...

WE?

READ THIS WAY

...

THEREFORE, EVEN IF WE ARE GOING TO KILL L-KIRA AND X-KIRA...

...FIRST WE MUST...

...AND L. L WILL NOT BE HAPPY IF WE DO THAT.

IT WOULD BE AN INSULT TO L, WHO ENTRUSTED THOSE WHO CAME AFTER HIM WITH THIS CASE.

AND HOW WILL WE DO THAT...?

SO WE ARE GOING TO GET SOLID PROOF.

IT'S OUT OF THE QUESTION TO KILL THEM BEFORE THAT.

...RUB THEIR FACES IN THE EVIDENCE, AND MAKE THEM TASTE THE MISERY OF THEIR DEFEAT...

L
LIGHT
KIRA

!

HAVE HIM USE THE NOTEBOOK, AND THEN ARREST HIM ON THE SPOT.

L
LIGHT
KIRA

BUT I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING. WHEN WE MEET KIRA, THE FIRST PERSON HE WILL WRITE DOWN IS ME, SO...

NO, NOT AT THE MOMENT, BUT WE NO LONGER HAVE ANY OTHER WAYS TO GET PROOF.

THEN...THE PERSON WHOSE NAME IS WRITTEN DOWN WILL DIE... DO YOU HAVE ANY PLANS FOR THAT?

WELL NOW, WHAT AM I TO DO...?

KIRA WILL DEFINITELY ASSUME THAT THAT MAY BE ONE OF OUR PLANS.

L LIGHT KIRA

BUT AS I SAID JUST NOW, KILLING KIRA AND CONFISCATING THE NOTEBOOK WITH HOPES THAT THE KILLINGS WILL STOP...

...

...

WELL... FOR THE TIME BEING, OUR JOB IS TO FIND OUT WHO IS EXECUTING THE CRIMINALS AS KIRA.

WE MAY BE ABLE TO USE THAT TO OUR ADVANTAGE...

THAT KIRA WILL TRY TO KILL US BEFORE WE KILL HIM...

L LIGHT

RIGHT...

AND IN ORDER TO DO THAT, WE MUST INVESTIGATE NHN AND KIYOMI TAKADA... EVEN THOUGH KIRA KNOWS WE WILL BE DOING IT.

THE POLICE ARE INITIATING A FULL SEARCH FOR THESE PEOPLE AND ARE CALLING FOR PUBLIC SUPPORT...

News 9

THE JAPANESE POLICE ANNOUNCED AT 3:00 PM TODAY THAT FOUR MEMBERS OF THE SPK WHO ESCAPED FROM NEW YORK HAVE ENTERED JAPAN.

YEAH... I REALLY BELIEVED THAT THERE'D BE A DAY WHEN WE'D ALL BE HEROES...

News 9

NOW PEOPLE TRYING TO CAPTURE KIRA ARE TRULY CONSIDERED CRIMINALS...

MATSUDA... I HESITATE TO ASK YOU THIS, BUT LIGHT IS SEEING TAKADA EVERY DAY AS PART OF THE INVESTIGATION, RIGHT?

WELL... MAYBE IT'S HALF-INVESTIGATION, HALF-DATE. IF IT WAS ME, IT WOULD BE MOSTLY A DATE, BUT IN LIGHT'S CASE, I'M SURE IT'S ALL INVESTIGATION...

YES.

LIGHT, LET'S GO.

AND FOR NEAR TO WIN, HE HAS TO GET RID OF KIRA AND THE NOTE-BOOKS...

NEAR SAID, FOR ME TO WIN I HAVE TO KILL EVERYBODY WHO KNOWS ABOUT THE NOTEBOOK...

BY KILLING US, THE CRIMINALS WILL NO LONGER BE KILLED, AND THAT WOULD BE THE PROOF HE NEEDS... OR HE COULD KILL ME AFTER HE PINS ME WITH SOME KIND OF SOLID PROOF...

THEN THE EASIEST THING FOR NEAR TO DO WOULD BE TO KILL MIKAMI AND ME AND THEN TAKE THE NOTEBOOKS...

SO HE MAY TRY TO KILL ME...

BUT I AM GOING AGAINST L'S HEIR AND NOT L HIMSELF...

L...

IF IT WAS YOU, YOU WOULD DEFINITELY PIN THE PROOF ON ME FIRST... IF NOT, THIS BATTLE... WITH OUR PRIDE AT STAKE, WOULD HAVE NO TRUE VICTOR.

...THEN THE ONLY WAY IS TO CAPTURE US WHEN WE ACTUALLY WRITE A NAME IN THE NOTEBOOK, OR FORCE US TO CONFESS.

BUT IF NEAR IS GOING TO TRY AND FIND PROOF TO PIN ON ME...

FOR NEAR'S SIDE, CAPTURING US RED-HANDED WOULD BE THE PROOF HE NEEDS.

BUT SOONER OR LATER I MUST WRITE NEAR'S NAME IN THE NOTE-BOOK AND KILL HIM. THAT IS A MUST.

BOTH MIKAMI AND I WILL NEVER CONFESS.

THE ONLY THING I CAN DO NOW IS BE BETTER PREPARED THAN THEY ARE...

EITHER WAY, THEY'LL START WITH TAKADA... AND I'M MOST LIKELY GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE SOME RISKS TO GET RID OF THEM.

OH MY, THEY'VE REPORTED THAT TOO...? THAT'S RIGHT, I GET ABOUT AN AVERAGE OF 2,000 LETTERS PER DAY... WELL, THAT'S WHAT I'VE HEARD.

MISS TAKADA, I HEARD ON THE NEWS THAT YOU GET A HUGE AMOUNT OF FAN MAIL EVERY DAY.

THEY MAY JUST BE FAN MAIL, BUT I'M SURE THERE'S A LOT OF A GOOD ADVICE IN THEM, TOO. IT WOULDN'T HURT TO TAKE A LOOK THROUGH THEM.

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT... I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO.

SCRATCH

COME ON... THAT'S NOT LIKE YOU, LIGHT. AND I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO LOOK THROUGH THE LETTERS ANYWAY, SO THEY'RE ALL PILED UP NEXT TO MY DESK...

TWO THOUSAND LETTERS... I'M GETTING A LITTLE JEALOUS.

AND THE WHOLE THING'S SO BLAND WITH JUST THEIR VOICES AND NO IMAGES.

YOU KNOW, COME TO THINK OF IT, INVESTIGATING SOMEBODY WHILE PRETENDING TO BE ON A DATE MUST BE HARD...

SHA

From now on, suspect everybody who comes near you as being a member of the SPK. But don't let them know that you suspect them, and let them do as they like.

THEY SURE DO HAVE A LOT OF NERVE TO ASK OUT KIRA'S SPOKESPERSON... OH NO... IM NOT BEING JEALOUS OR ANYTHING, I'M ONLY ASKING YOU BE CAREFUL. YOU NEVER KNOW, THERE MAY BE MEMBERS OF THE SPK AMONGST THEM...

NOT ONLY DO I GET ALL THAT FAN MAIL, BUT I GET PEOPLE ASKING ME OUT THROUGH MY BOSS...

om now on, suspect
rybody who comes
ou as being a
of the SPK.
let them
you suspect
t them

Also, I want you to phone T and give him the following message. But make sure you don't pry into who T is. T hates that the most, even if it's you.

YES, I HAVE TO BE CAREFUL OF THE SPK...

...?

T will send you a fan mail that you will know on sight is from him.

Inside it will be 5 blank sheets of notepaper. Until you receive it, he is to continue bringing justice upon the criminals like always, but after he receives notification from you that you have received the fan mail, he is to stop using the real notebook and to create an exact duplicate, which he will keep on using as if he is still bringing justice to the people. The people who are to be brought to justice will be announced on NHN, with their photographs, like before.

SINCE THE SPK HAVE BEGUN TO MOVE, I FEEL IT NECESSARY TO YOUR SAFETY TO KNOW WHO IN NHN KIRA IS SENDING MAIL TO.

HEY, THERE GOES LIGHT!

?

Kiyomi, I want you to calm down so that the people listening to this conversation will not know that you're agitated.

THE PERSON WHOSE NAME IS WRITTEN ON THE PAPER WILL DIE...? THAT IS KIRA'S POWER...

?!

If you write names down upon the paper T sends you, that person will die. That is Kira's power.

STUMBLE

!!

I want you to write down the names of the people who are announced on NHN. In order to create a perfect world for Kira, there is something else that T must do. I must ask you to do it for me.

LATER

DON'T WORRY, THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF.

GRAB

ONCE THAT'S POSSIBLE, I THINK IT WILL BE SAFE TO SEND KIRA INFORMATION THAT CAN'T BE ANNOUNCED ON TV, SO THAT THE SPK WON'T KNOW ABOUT IT.

...

I'LL PROBABLY FIND A WAY TO SEND A MAIL BACK TO KIRA FROM KIRA'S EMAILS.

OOH, AND ONCE HE MAKES PROGRESS IN THE INVESTIGATION, HE MOVES IN FOR THE KILL... WOW...

TAKADA, HOW LONG CAN YOU STAY WITH ME TONIGHT...?

O-OKAY, I'LL DO IT...

LIGHT SURE IS GOOD AT THESE THINGS.

YEAH.

THAT'S A PITY.

I'M SORRY, LIGHT... I CAN'T STAY FOR LONG TODAY...

SHOOT ...

...

I'm sorry. Go home quickly and give T the message I just told you.

BEEP BEEP

KIYOMI TAKADA!

BEEP BEEP

SKRITCH SKRITCH

DELETE.

DELETE.

YOU ARE TO SEND ME FAN-MAIL THAT I CAN TELL IS FROM YOU. INSIDE IT WILL BE FIVE BLANK SHEETS OF NOTEPAPER.

HERE'S THE MESSAGE FOR TODAY.

YES?

NO... THERE IS NO NEED FOR ME TO QUESTION. GOD IS ABSOLUTE. MY JOB IS TO DO AS GOD WISHES ...

SKRITCH SKRITCH

GOD, WHAT ARE YOU...?

VERY WELL.

BEEP

DEATH NOTE

How to use it

LXI

○ Even if a new victim s name, cause of death, or situation of death is written on top of the originally written name, cause of death or situation of death, there will be no effect on the original victim s death. The same thing will also apply to erasing what was written with a pencil, or whitening out what was written with a pen, in an attempt to rewrite it.

名前や死の状況が書き込まれた上に重ねて名前等を書き込んでも、
上に書かれた方は無効であり、
既に書き込まれてあった方の死・死因・死の状況には何の影響も及ばない。
鉛筆で書いた物を消したり、修正液等で消した上から書き直しても同様である。