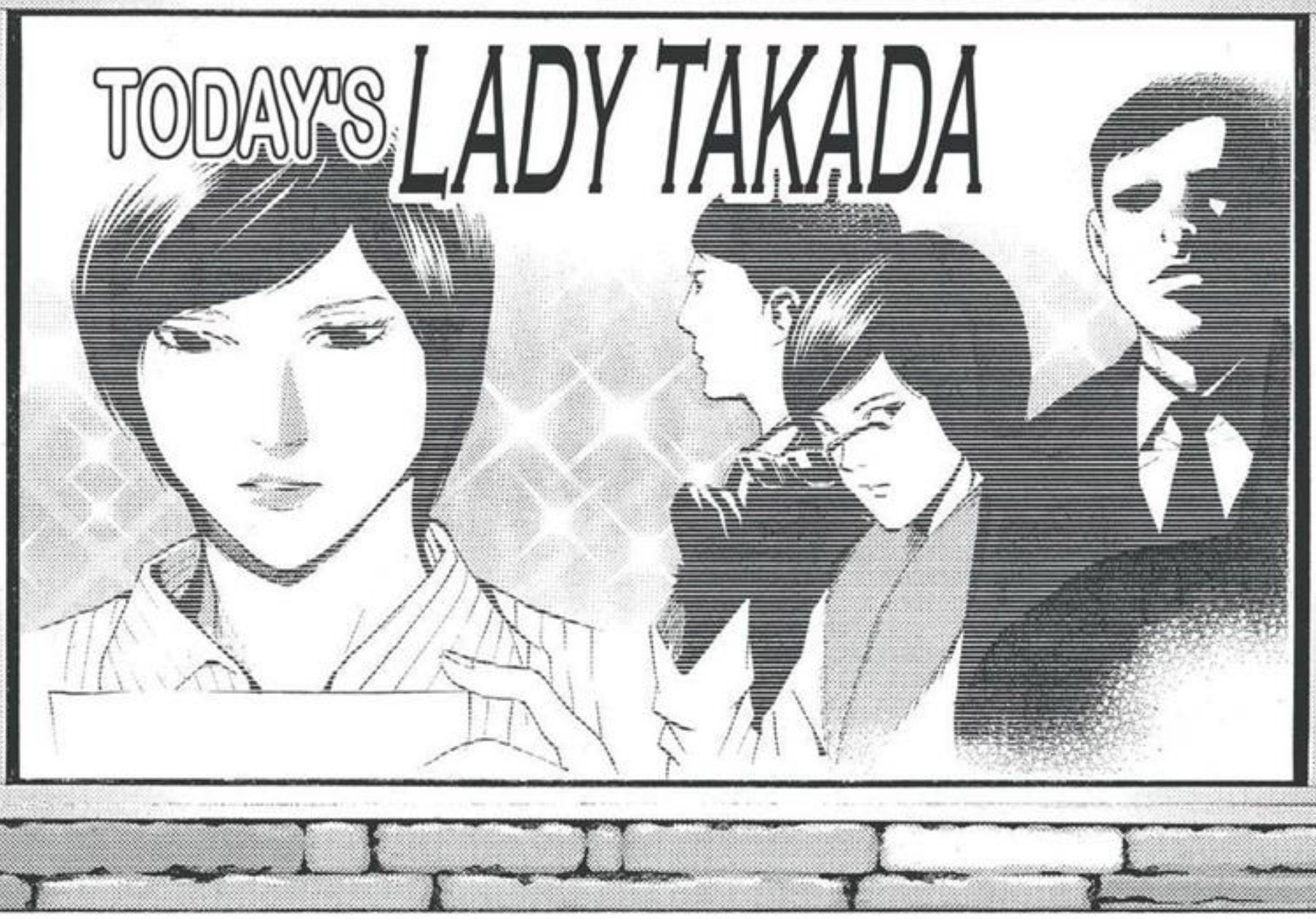
chapter 91 Standstill



WELL, IT'S NOT A VERY GOOD PROGRAM BECAUSE THERE ISN'T MUCH THEY CAN SAY ABOUT TAKKI'S PRIVATE LIFE.

IF THEY CAN'T KISS UP TO KIRA, THEN THEY KISS UP TO THE SPOKES-PERSON... AS ALWAYS, THEY SURE ARE UN-SCRUPULOUS.

AND THOSE FOUR GLORIOUS WOMEN ARE...

TODAY, LADY TAKADA CHOSE FOUR FEMALE BODY-GUARDS FROM 20 FINALISTS WHO WENT THROUGH VIGOROUS TESTING...

SAKURA TV'S NEW PROGRAM, SINCE THEY COULDN'T KEEP RUNNING "KIRA'S KINGDOM."

WHAT IS THIS PROGRAM?

FORMER CIA AGENT, HAL LIDNER.

Former CIA Agent Hal Lidner

TATSUMI OOYAMA, CHAMPION OF THE WOMEN'S 60KG WEIGHT CLASS IN THE 22ND WORLD KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

BUT I DON'T HAVE TO TELL HIM JUST YET...

NEAR SAID I COULD TELL I IF I NOTICED ANY MEMBERS OF THE SPK.

THESE FOUR ALL PASSED THE TESTS AND...

HAL LIDNER...! A MEMBER OF THE SPK HAS BECOME TAKADA'S BODYGUARD...

IF THERE'S A MEMBER OF THE SPK AMONGST THESE FOUR, THEN IT'S HAL LIDNER.

I GUESS IT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD WHEN A GROUP OF BUFF MEN LINE UP OUTSIDE THE WOMEN'S RESTROOM.

OF COURSE, NEAR MUST NOT HAVE TOLD HER HIS WHERE-ABOUTS, IN CASE SHE'S CONTROLLED BY THE NOTEBOOK.

NEAR ISN'T TRYING TO HIDE HER. AS A MATTER OF FACT, HE'S MADE SURE THAT I WOULD OBVIOUSLY NOTICE HER.

EVEN IF SHE TRIES TO DO ANYTHING, THERE ARE OTHER BODYGUARDS AROUND. I CAN ALWAYS HAVE KIRA KILL HER IF SHE MAKES ANY SUSPICIOUS MOVES BY ANNOUNCING HER NAME OUT ON TELEVISION.

BUT I'VE ALREADY TOLD TAKADA TO SUSPECT EVERY-BODY NEAR HER OF BEING MEMBERS OF THE SPK.

NEAR IS WELL AWARE OF THAT, AND IS GOING TO HAVE HER INVESTI-GATE TAKADA ...

FURTHER-MORE, SHE'S BECOME TAKADA'S BODYGUARD AS A KIRA WORSHIPPER. IF I KILL HER, THEN NEAR, AIZAWA AND THE OTHERS WILL FIGURE OUT THAT I'M KIRA.

MY PRIORITY IS TO MAKE MY PREPARA-TIONS...

IF NEAR SAYS SOMETHING TO ME, I'LL JUST ACT AS IF I HAVE SOME SUSPICIONS ON HER.

WELL, IT WOULD LOOK STRANGE FOR ME TO GET IN THE WAY OF SPK'S INVESTIGA-TION. AND THEY'RE NOT GOING TO FIND ANYTHING NEW THAT EASILY, EVEN IF I LEAVE THEM ALONE.

YES... I AM GRATEFUL TO LIDNER FOR PUTTING THE INVESTIGATION BEFORE HER SAFETY.

SOONER OR LATER TAKADA NEEDED FEMALE BODYGUARDS, WHICH SHE DIDN'T HAVE UNTIL NOW. BEING A FORMER CIA AGENT MADE IT EASIER FOR HAL TO BE CHOSEN... BUT IT WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR KIRA TO NOTICE HER AS WELL...

IT'S JUST AS YOU SAID, NEAR.

BY THE WAY... COMMANDER RESTER, HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO COME UP WITH AN ANSWER FOR THIS?

IF I WAS KIRA, WHO WOULD I HAVE CHOSEN FOR THE SPOKESPERSON AFTER DEMEGAWA...?

YES.

...!

WELL, I WAS JUST GOING TO USE YOUR OPINIONS AS REFERENCE.

I'M SORRY, BUT UNLIKE YOU, I CAN'T WATCH AND LISTEN TO SEVERAL SCREENS AT THE SAME TIME. I CAN'T DO IT IN ONLY 5 DAYS... I NEED MORE TIME...

IS THAT SO? GEVANNI SAID THE SAME THING.

SO DON'T THINK TOO HARD ABOUT IT. AN ANSWER OFF THE TOP OF YOUR HEAD WILL SUFFICE.

OKAY...

WORLDNEWS

SO WHY AREN'T I THE FINAL SINGER? EVERYBODY WAS SAYING THAT I'M THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE SHOW THIS YEAR.

WELL, YOU ARE A HIGHLIGHT OF THE SHOW. BUT IT'S TRADITIONAL TO HAVE ONE OF THE BIG NAME SINGERS CLOSE THE SHOW...

CLICK

CLACK

NHH

KIYOMI TAKADA ...

!

WHOA!

SHE'S SO STUPID. SHE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW THAT LIGHT'S JUST USING HER TO INVESTIGA–

CLAK

CLAK

READ THIS WAY

YOU SHOULDN'T SAY THAT. IF ANYBODY HEARS YOU, YOU'LL BE KILLED...

I KNOW, THAT'S WHY I'M SAYING IT IN A LOW VOICE.

...

HEY... HEY... SHE SNEERED AT ME!

CLAK

CLAK

HMPH...

DASH

HEY, NO!

I'M GOING TO GIVE HER A KICK!

!

...

Y-YOU TOOK THE WORDS RIGHT OUT OF MY MOUTH LADY...

OUCH ...

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?

YES, I'M VERY SORRY.

LIDNER, SHE'S A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE, AND SHE ONLY CAME NEAR TO SAY HI TO ME. PLEASE DON'T MISTREAT HER.

YOU HAVE TO BE QUIET...

IS SHE THE ONE CLOSING THE SHOW...?

EUUUGH!

KICK

KICK

TH-THAT WAS SO FRUSTRAT-ING!!

CLAK

CLAK

I CAN'T DECIDE EITHER, BUT I DEFINITELY WOULDN'T HAVE CHOSEN TAKADA, WHO IS STILL A ROOKIE ANNOUNCER.

NEAR, AS LONG AS IT'S NOT SOMEBODY EXTREME LIKE DEMEGAWA, THEY ALL LOOK THE SAME TO ME AS A POSSIBILITY FOR KIRA'S SPOKESPERSON ...

AND OF COURSE, THERE ARE MALE ANNOUNCERS WITH MORE EXPERIENCE AND DIGNIFIED DEMEANORS....

FEMALE ANNOUNCER RANKING

2

KIYOMI TAKADA

MIHO SATO

5

I AGREE... BUT IT SEEMS THAT SHE IS POPULAR SINCE SHE HAS RECEIVED 2ND PLACE ON A MAGAZINE POLL. THE 1ST PLACE WENT TO MIHO SATO, ANOTHER ANNOUNCER AT NHN.

...

I THINK IT WAS BECAUSE...

IT COULD JUST BE THAT TAKADA IS THE TYPE OF WOMAN KIRA FANCIES, BUT...

THEN WHY WAS TAKADA CHOSEN?

READ THIS WAY

THE REASON DEMEGAWA WAS CHOSEN IS BECAUSE HE ZEALOUSLY USED SAKURA TV TO SUPPORT KIRA EVEN BEFORE THE WORLD WAS LEANING TOWARDS KIRA...

OF COURSE, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EASY FOR KIRA TO THREATEN SOMEBODY INTO BEING THE SPOKESPERSON, BUT IT WOULD BE TO HIS ADVANTAGE IF THE SPOKESPERSON SUPPORTED KIRA.

THAT'S WHY.

...TAKADA WAS A KIRA WORSHIPPER AND KIRA KNEW ABOUT IT.

News 9

BEEP

HERE'S A COMMENT BY TAKADA FROM LAST NIGHT'S NEWS.

WELL, IN TAKADA'S CASE, I AM SURE THAT SHE WAS CHOSEN BECAUSE SHE IS A KIRA WORSHIPPER.

News 9

I FEEL THAT IT IS NECESSARY FOR SCHOOLS TO EDUCATE CHILDREN ABOUT KIRA AND THAT KIRA'S TEACHINGS ARE THE PROPER WAY TO LIVE...

THEN, IF WE BELIEVE THAT LIGHT YAGAMI IS KIRA, DOES IT MEAN THAT HE CHOSE TAKADA BECAUSE HE WAS ON INTIMATE TERMS WITH HER IN COLLEGE AND KNEW HER FEELINGS TOWARDS KIRA?

BUT IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT TAKADA'S WORDS ARE AFFECTING THE PUBLIC, WHICH IS ALSO FILLED WITH STUPID PEOPLE... AND TO KIRA, THIS IS GREAT...

EVER SINCE SHE STARTED MAKING COMMENTS TO KIRA, TAKADA'S BEEN NOTHING BUT A STUPID KIRA WORSHIPPER.

AND I'M SURE THAT WE'LL BE ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT WITH MR. AIZAWA AND THE OTHERS.

L/ LIGHT YAGAMI CLAIMS THAT HE IS IN CONTACT WITH TAKADA FOR THE INVESTIGATION.

L
LIGHT
KIRA

THE ONE AT THE HOTEL ...?

NO, TAKADA ONLY STARTED MAKING PRO-KIRA REMARKS AFTER THE MEETING.

BUT IN REALITY, TAKADA ONLY STARTED MAKING PRO-KIRA COMMENTS THE DAY AFTER THE MEETING. ALSO, SHE SPOKE DIRECTLY TO KIRA IN THE COMMENT, SO I CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT L-KIRA MADE HER SAY THIS COMMENT SINCE HE HAD NOT YET GOTTEN IN CONTACT WITH X-KIRA AT THAT POINT.

TAKADA

L LIGHT KIRA

THEREFORE, IF L-KIRA/ LIGHT YAGAMI CHOSE TAKADA, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET TAKADA TO MAKE PRO-KIRA REMARKS FROM THE MOMENT SHE BECAME THE SPOKES-PERSON...

TAKADA

X-KIRA

THIS MEANS THAT TAKADA WAS CHOSEN AS THE SPOKES-PERSON THROUGH X-KIRA'S PERSONAL JUDGMENT.

CLONK

L LIGHT KIRA

L-KIRA HADN'T GOTTEN IN CONTACT WITH X-KIRA OR EVEN TAKADA BEFORE THAT MEETING... THAT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE MR. AIZAWA AND THE OTHERS HAD DOUBTS ABOUT HIM AGAIN, AND HAD THEIR EYES ON HIM.

I WON'T SAY THAT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, BUT AFTER DEMEGAWA DIED, IT WAS A WEEK BEFORE TAKADA WAS CHOSEN AS THE NEXT SPOKESPERSON. EVEN IF L-KIRA HAD ORDERED X-KIRA TO USE TAKADA AFTER DEMEGAWA DIED, IT WOULD BE MEANINGLESS AND ODD TO ORDER X-KIRA TO WAIT A WEEK.

BUT, ISN'T IT POSSIBLE THAT L-KIRA ORDERED X-KIRA TO KILL DEMEGAWA AND CHOOSE TAKADA AS THE NEXT SPOKESPERSON BEFORE AIZAWA AND THE OTHERS BEGAN TO WATCH OVER HIM?

RIGHT.

SO IT FITS BETTER TO ASSUME THAT X-KIRA, UNABLE TO GET IN CONTACT WITH L-KIRA, KILLED THE OUT-OF-CONTROL DEMEGAWA, AND THEN TOOK A WEEK TO DECIDE WHO TO CHOOSE AS THE NEXT SPOKES-PERSON.

OKAY.

YES.

I UNDER-STAND THAT IT'S DANGEROUS TO INVESTIGATE TAKADA RIGHT NOW, BUT COULD YOU PLEASE LOOK INTO IT WITH GEVANNI AGAIN?

YES.

THEN WE SHOULD ASSUME THAT X-KIRA IS SOMEBODY VERY CLOSE TO OR INTIMATE WITH TAKADA, WHO KNEW THAT SHE WAS A KIRA WORSHIPPER.

I'M GOING TO START OFF BY TRACING ALL THE PROGRAMS THAT TAKADA HAS APPEARED ON, STARTING WITH THE MOST RECENT ONES.

殺人事件
条庁は

peak th
renaing y
fficials
shortly a

WORLD FLASH NEWS

ニュース MONDAY

財政の赤
に政府の

問題につ
処理の責

谷国首脳
いちじろ

!

Prosecutor:
Teru Mikami

THIS GUY...

ST CENTURY DISCUSSION:
E REBUILDING OF JAPAN

The KIRA kingdo

CLUNK

CRASH

KI M

21ST CENTURY DISCUSSION: THE REBUILDING OF JAPAN

BEEP

HE'S THE ONE I NOTICED ON KIRA'S KINGDOM AS SOME-ONE COM-PLETELY INTO KIRA'S IDEALS...

AS I THOUGHT

M...

ALL THE YOUNG PEOPLE GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD SHOULD HAVE THEIR OWN GOALS, AND USE THEIR ABILITIES TO THEIR FULLEST TO CONTRIBUTE TO SOCIETY...

21ST CENTURY DISCUSSION: THE REBUILDING OF JAPAN

THE REASON I BECAME A PROSECUTOR IS BECAUSE OF THE FRUSTRATION AND HELPLESSNESS I FELT OVER ALL THE PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL ABUSE I WITNESSED AS A CHILD.

AND MOST OF ALL, HIS SPEECH FROM KIRA'S KINGDOM ...

BEEP

AND THE WAY HE TALKS... IT IS VERY SIMILAR TO THE MESSAGE FROM KIRA THAT, "PEOPLE WITH ABILITY WHO DO NOT USE THAT ABILITY FOR THE GOOD OF THE SOCIETY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED."

OF ALL THE PROGRAMS TAKADA HAS BEEN ON, I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT MIKAMI WAS ON TWO OF THEM. TWICE...THAT WOULD HAVE GIVEN HIM ENOUGH TIME TO GET TO KNOW HER.

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

KINGDOM

KINGDOM

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

TERU MIKAMI ...

...I BELIEVE THAT I AM GOING TO HAVE TO JUDGE BY MYSELF WHAT KIRA'S THOUGHTS MAY BE, AND PUT THEM INTO ACTION.

KIRA'S KINGDOM

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

NATURALLY, L...L-KIRA WOULD ASSUME THAT L/LIGHT YAGAMI AND MISA AMANE WERE GOING TO BE PUT UNDER SURVEILLANCE AGAIN. IF YAGAMI HAD AMANE DOING ALL THE KILLINGS WITH THE EYES," THEN HE WOULD FEEL PRESSURED INTO GIVING THE NOTE-BOOK TO A KIRA WORSHIPPER, MIKAMI, WHOM HE HAD NOTICED ON KIRA'S KINGDOM...

DEMEGAWA DIED FOUR DAYS BEFORE THIS STATEMENT," AND FOUR DAYS AFTER IT, TAKADA WAS CHOSEN BY KIRA AS THE NEXT SPOKES-PERSON... THIS IS AFTER I TOLD L THAT "THE 13-DAY RULE IS A LIE," AND AFTER MOGI CAME TO ME FOLLOWING MELLO'S ORDERS, AND AFTER AIZAWA CAME TO SEE ME...

13

BUT SINCE KIRA STILL WOULD NOT GIVE HIM ANY ORDERS, HE USED KIRA'S KINGDOM TO SPEAK TO KIRA, AND THEN FOUR DAYS LATER, HE CHOSE KIYOMI TAKADA, WHO HE KNEW WAS ON KIRA'S SIDE, AS A SPOKESPERSON...

SINCE AIZAWA AND THE OTHERS ARE KEEPING A WATCH ON HIM, L-KIRA IS UNABLE TO GET IN CONTACT WITH MIKAMI. THEREFORE, IT WAS MIKAMI WHO DECIDED TO KILL DEMEGAWA TO STOP HIM...

EVERY-THING SEEMS TO FIT... L-KIRA... LIGHT YAGAMI... X-KIRA... TERU MIKAMI...

SINCE L-KIRA/YAGAMI WAS CLOSE TO TAKADA IN COLLEGE, HE WAS ABLE TO MEET TAKADA, AND CONSE-QUENTLY ABLE TO GET IN CONTACT WITH X-KIRA...

THE FACT THAT TAKADA WAS CHOSEN WAS A COMPLETE COINCIDENCE TO L-KIRA, RESULTING IN A SUCCESSFUL CHOICE FOR X-KIRA...

WHAT, YOU ALREADY FOUND A SUSPECT FOR X-KIRA...?

YES, I'M GOOD AT LOOKING.

YOU NO LONGER NEED TO LOOK INTO TAKADA'S FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES. PLEASE COME BACK, I'VE JUST COME UP WITH A SUSPECT. I'LL ASK YOU TO START INVESTIGAT-ING AGAIN IF MY ASSUMPTION IS WRONG.

BEEP BEEP

DEATH NOTE

How to use it

LXII

◎ Once the victim s name, cause Of death and situation Of death have been written down in the DEATH NOTE, this death will still take place even if that DEATH NOTE or the part of the Note in which it has been written is destroyed, for example, burned into ashes, before the stated time of death.

一度、名前・死因・死の状況が書き込まれれば、
万が一、その設定した死の時間の前にノートや書き込んだその部分が
燃える等しても書き込まれた内容に影響はない。

◎ If the victim s name has been written and then the DEATH NOTE is destroyed in the middle Of writing the cause Of death, the victim will be killed by heart attack in 40 seconds after writing the name.

名を記し死因を書いている途中で燃える等した場合は
名を記してから40秒で心臓麻痺となる。

◎ If the victim s name and cause Of death have been written and the DEATH NOTE is destroyed, like burned, in the middle Of writing the situation of death, then the victim will be killed within 6 minutes and 40 seconds via the stated cause Of death if the cause is possible within that period Of time, but otherwise, the victim will die by heart attack.

名前・死因を書き、死の状況を書いている途中で燃える等した場合は
6分40秒以内で可能な死因ならば死因は有効、
不可能であれば心臓麻痺となる。