chapter 104 The Answer

MELLO... CAN IT BE?!

TO MELLO ...?!

OWE THIS TO MELLO ...?!

I'M SURE YOU UNDER-STAND WHAT I MEAN BY THAT.

I OWE THIS TO MELLO.

FLIP

LOOK AT THE PAGE BEFORE THE PAGE I JUST TURNED TO. THIS IS THE FAKE NOTEBOOK WE CREATED, BUT IT IS EXACTLY THE SAME AS THE REAL ONE.

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C-CAN IT BE THAT MIKAMI ALSO...

KIYOMI TAKADA! SUICIDE... AND IT'S SET A MINUTE AFTER THE TIME I WROTE DOWN...!

Kiyomi Takada Suicide
January 26th, 2010, 2:32 PM
Burns to death by setting fire to everything around her including the things she wrote on.

I-I THOUGHT YOU COULDN'T MAKE ANY MOVES WITH THE PEOPLE WATCHING YOU...

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I TOLD YOU NOT TO MAKE ANY UNNEC-ESSARY MOVES UNTIL TODAY...

YOU IDIOT!

I-IF TAKADA IS IN A SITUATION LIKE THAT, THEN IT'S MY JOB TO...

...!

THAT'S RIGHT. WHEN MELLO KIDNAPPED TAKADA, MIKAMI TOOK OUT THE REAL NOTEBOOK.

AFTER TAKADA'S KIDNAPPING WAS ANNOUNCED ON THE NEWS, MIKAMI HEADED FOR THE BANK. OCTOBER 25TH WAS A SUNDAY, SO HE WENT ON THE 26TH, BUT MY RESEARCH SHOWS THAT IN AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER HE WENT TO THE BANK ON THE 25TH.

AND WROTE TAKADA'S NAME DOWN.

THE ONE HE HAD HIDDEN IN A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX AT THE BANK.

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AND FOR THE FIRST TIME, MIKAMI SEEMED TO BE NERVOUS ABOUT HAVING A TAIL ON HIM.

AS I ENTERED THE BANK TO GET CLOSER TO HIM, I SAW MIKAMI ENTER THE SAFE DEPOSIT ROOM.

SO MIKAMI WENT TO THE BANK ON JANUARY 25TH, AND THEN AGAIN THE VERY NEXT DAY ON THE 26TH, WHEN TAKADA WAS KIDNAPPED... IT WAS SURELY A STRANGE MOVE FOR MIKAMI, WHO WAS EXTREMELY METHODICAL.

SO WE ACTUALLY WOULD HAVE LOST IF I HADN'T FOUND OUT.

UNTIL THEN, WE WERE COMPLETELY TRICKED BY YOU, TAKADA, AND MIKAMI, AND HAD REPLACED THE PAGES IN THE FAKE BOOK.

COME TO THINK OF IT, WE SHOULD HAVE SUSPECTED WHEN MIKAMI USED THE NOTE-BOOK IN PUBLIC, AND TALKED TO HIMSELF ABOUT "NOT HAVING A SHINIGAMI." THE FACT THAT WE FOUND OUT ABOUT MIKAMI SO QUICKLY ACTUALLY WORKED AGAINST US.

MIKAMI LIVES A COMPLETELY FIXED LIFE, BUT JUST AS TAKADA WAS KIDNAPPED, HE SUDDENLY GOES TO THE BANK TWO DAYS IN A ROW. TO BE HONEST, I ONLY THOUGHT ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF THE NOTE-BOOK BEING A FAKE AFTER GEVANNI TOLD ME ABOUT THIS.

HIS OVERT ADORATION, SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND PERFECTION, AND HIS INTELLIGENCE WORKED AGAINST HIM THIS TIME.

BUT MIKAMI STILL MADE HIS MOVE FOR YOU, TO PERFECTION, IN HIS ROLE AS KIRA'S STAND-IN.

WHEN MELLO KIDNAPPED TAKADA, YOU WERE NO LONGER ABLE TO GET IN CONTACT WITH MIKAMI.

THAT'S RIGHT, IT WAS AN EASY TASK TO OPEN THAT SAFE.

ALSO, SINCE YOU ALLOWED US TO LOOK THROUGH MIKAMI'S BAG WHEN HE WAS AT THE GYM, WE ALREADY HAD MADE COPIES OF ALL HIS KEYS AND CARDS.

IT WASN'T DIFFICULT FOR US TO SNEAK INTO THE SAFE DEPOSIT ROOM TO CRACK IT. IT WAS AN OLD-FASHIONED SAFE AT A LOCAL BANK.

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INSIDE IT WAS A NOTEBOOK, AND TAKADA'S NAME WAS WRITTEN IN IT.

EVEN AN IDIOT WOULD FIGURE OUT EVERYTHING FROM THERE.

READ THIS WAY

THAT MEANS THAT YOU HAD MIKAMI WALK AROUND WITH THE FAKE NOTE-BOOK STARTING TWO MONTHS IN ADVANCE TO TRICK US.

THIS IS VERY INTERESTING. IN THE FAKE NOTE-BOOK, THE ONE WE REPLACED THE PAGES OF FIRST, ONE PAGE WAS FILLED IN WITH NAMES EVERY DAY, BUT THE REAL ONE JUMPS FROM NOVEMBER 25TH TO JANUARY 26TH, WHEN TAKADA'S NAME WAS WRITTEN DOWN.

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THIS MEANS THAT WHEN MIKAMI WROTE TAKADA'S NAME IN THE REAL NOTEBOOK ON THE 26TH, HE ALSO WROTE THE NAMES OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO WERE TO BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE ON THE 26TH AND 27TH.

IN THE FAKE NOTEBOOK THAT MIKAMI MADE, TAKADA'S NAME IS PROBABLY WRITTEN DOWN EXACTLY LIKE THIS, BUT THE REST OF THE PAGE IS ONLY NAMES, WITH NO TIMES WRITTEN DOWN TO SET THE TIME OF DEATH.

BEFORE JANUARY 26TH, THE TIME OF DEATH WASN'T SPECIFIED, SAME AS IN THE FAKE NOTEBOOK. BUT AFTER TAKADA'S NAME WAS WRITTEN IN IT, ALL THE JUDGMENTS FOR JANUARY 26TH WERE SET TO THE EARLY HOURS OF THE 27TH, AND THE JUDGMENTS FOR THE 27TH WERE SET TO THE EARLY HOURS OF THE 28TH.

ALL MIKAMI HAD TO DO WAS TO SEND A LIST OF PEOPLE TO BE KILLED VIA CELL PHONE OR COMPUTER, AND THEN DELETE THE DATA.

IN ORDER TO MAKE MIKAMI'S FAKE NOTEBOOK LOOK REAL, YOU PROBABLY CUT THE PAGES OUT OF THE REAL ONE AND HANDED THEM TO TAKADA, AND HAD HER ACTUALLY DO ALL THE KILLINGS.

MIKAMI COULD HAVE KILLED THE PEOPLE USING THE SCRAPS FROM THE NOTEBOOK. BUT IF HE WROTE ON THEM IN HIS HOUSE, ASSUMING WE HAD INSTALLED A CAMERA, WE MIGHT HAVE FOUND OUT ABOUT THE FAKE NOTEBOOK, AND THE FACT THAT YOU CAN KILL PEOPLE EVEN WITH JUST A PIECE OF THE NOTEBOOK.

AS FOR THE 28TH, TODAY'S KILLINGS WOULD BE AT YOUR LEISURE, SINCE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN AFTER YOU KILLED US.

FOR THE DEATHS ON THE 26TH AND 27TH, YOU MIGHT HAVE HAD HIM SEND A LIST OF PEOPLE TO TAKADA AFTER SHE WAS KIDNAPPED, BUT JUST IN CASE, MIKAMI WROTE THOSE NAMES DOWN TOO WHEN HE WROTE TAKADA'S NAME.

KIRA

...ACCORDING TO YOUR PLAN, LIGHT YAGAMI..

WELL...

AND THAT'S BECAUSE MIKAMI WAS NOT ALLOWED TO TAKE THE NOTEBOOK OUT AGAIN UNTIL TODAY.

SO, THOUGH IT'S NOTHING I WOULD HAVE TAKEN NOTICE OF UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, IF YOU LOOK CLOSELY, THERE AREN'T ANY KILLINGS OF NEW CRIMINALS ON THE 26TH OR 27TH.

KIRA

AND THOUGH I DON'T KNOW WHO WAS FIRST, THIS MEANS THAT YOU KILLED TAKADA, TOO. IF THE SCRAPS OF THE NOTEBOOK CAN BE USED TO KILL PEOPLE, IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT YOU WOULDN'T HAVE HAD ONE ON YOU.

BECAUSE YOU KILLED HER TOO, THE ANNOUNCE-MENT OF TAKADA'S DEATH WAS REPORTED ON THE NEWS QUICKLY, AND SINCE MIKAMI ALSO KNEW OF HER DEATH, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE ASSUMED THAT MIKAMI MADE A MOVE ON HIS OWN.

...MIKAMI SHOULDN'T HAVE TAKEN THE NOTE-BOOK OUT UNTIL TODAY NO MATTER WHAT.

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WHEN MELLO KIDNAPPED TAKADA, MIKAMI WROTE HER NAME DOWN IN THE REAL NOTEBOOK AS WELL!

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TOO BAD.

MIKAMI, YOUR LOYALTY TO ME WAS QUITE IMPRES-SIVE...

G- GOD...

BUT I ALSO TOLD YOU NOT TO TAKE THE REAL NOTE-BOOK OUT. TRUSTING IN YOUR LOYALTY WORKED AGAINST ME...

I DID TELL YOU THAT PEOPLE HAD THEIR EYES ON ME, AND I COULDN'T ACT. LIKE NEAR SAID, YOU MUST HAVE USED YOUR WITS AND MADE YOUR MOVE BELIEVING THAT IT WOULD BE FOR MY GOOD.

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FOR BOTH YOU AND ME...

...

READ THIS WAY

WE HAD TO DO THAT. IF NOT, WE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CAPTURE MIKAMI, GET THE NOTEBOOK FROM HIM, OR TAKE A LOOK AT THE NOTE-BOOK. WHETHER THE PAGE ON THE LEFT WAS FILLED WITH NAMES OR NOT, IT HAD TO BE THE PAGE ON THE RIGHT.

...HAVING MIKAMI WRITE OUR NAMES DOWN ON THE PAGE ON THE RIGHT WAS THE PLAN.

IT'S A LOT HARDER TO FIND OUT THAT THE NOTEBOOK HAS BEEN SWITCHED IF YOU REPLACE THE WHOLE NOTEBOOK RATHER THAN JUST A PART OF IT.

...BUT WE WENT A STEP BEYOND YOU BY HAVING MIKAMI BRING A FAKE VERSION OF THE REAL NOTE-BOOK.

AND YOU TRIED TO KILL US BY HAVING US REPLACE THE PAGES OF A FAKE NOTEBOOK, AND HAVING MIKAMI BRING THE REAL ONE HERE...

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OF COURSE, THIS IS IN LARGE PART DUE TO GEVANNI AND REST ER, WHO DUPLICATED IT IN ONE DAY. BUT THE BIGGEST THANKS GOES TO THE ONE WHO CREATED THIS SITUATION...

...MELLO.

I TOLD MELLO THAT NEAR WAS TALKING ABOUT "BRINGING AN END TO THIS CASE WITH HIS OWN HANDS."

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MELLO MAY HAVE KNOWN ABOUT IT.

YES...

BY HAVING HIS NAME WRITTEN IN THE NOTE-BOOK...?

BUT NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, HE...

...

...

...

BEEP

THEN I GUESS I'M GOING TO HAVE TO DO IT.

AND AFTER A LONG SILENCE, HE JUST SAID...

BUT IF MELLO HADN'T MADE HIS MOVE, THEN WE WOULD ALL HAVE...

AT FIRST, I THOUGHT HE ONLY MEANT, "I'M GOING TO BRING THE CASE TO AN END BEFORE NEAR."

BUT...

THE FACT THAT WE REPLACED THE PAGES IN THE NOTEBOOK, AND THAT NOTE-BOOK HAPPENED TO BE A FAKE...

I FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT MELLO THOUGHT THAT FAR AHEAD.

EVEN IF HE DIDN'T SURPASS ME...

...I AM SURE THAT HE WAS ALWAYS TRYING TO GET AHEAD OF ME. AND THAT'S NOT ALL...

...?

EVEN IF HE DIDN'T...

AND EVEN THOUGH WE COULDN'T SURPASS THE ONE WE ADMIRED ON OUR OWN...

IT COULD BE THAT I LACK THE ACTION AND HE LACKED THE CALM...

...BUT I ALWAYS KNEW THAT I WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO SURPASS L.

MELLO ALWAYS SAID HE WAS GOING TO BE NUMBER ONE, AND THAT HE WAS GOING TO BE BETTER THAN ME AND L...

READ THIS WAY

...TOGETHER WE CAN STAND WITH L. TOGETHER WE CAN SURPASS L.

AND NOW...

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FACING KIRA WITH SOLID EVIDENCE BEFORE HIS VERY EYES!

...WE ARE FACING KIRA, WHOM L COULD FIND NO PROOF AGAINST, THE VERY KIRA WHO L WAS DEFEATED BY.

URGH...

...!

LET'S SEE YOU TALK YOUR WAY OUT OF THIS ONE.






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HA HA HA

HA HA HA HA

SNAP

THAT'S RIGHT. I AM KIRA.