

The hu-
ghall die.
the brit-
when

man whose name is written in this note
This note will not take effect unless
er has the person's face in their mind
writing his/her name. Therefore, people

DEATH NOTE

デスノート

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SHONEN JUMP ADVANCED

Story by TSUGUMI OHBA

Art by TAKESHI OBATA

sharing
the cause
of brit-

game name will not be affected
Death is written within 40 seconds
ing the person's name, it will happen. If
of death is not specified, the person will
simply die of a heart attack. After writing the cause of





I HEAR THAT THE COMIC VERSION OF "DEATH NOTE" WILL FIRST HIT
JAPANESE BOOKSTORES ON APRIL 2, 2004.

SNOWMELT FLOWS INTO STREAMS
AND BELOW THE DANCING PETALS OF CHERRY BLOSSOMS
STIRRED UP BY THE SPRING WIND
FIRST GRADERS, BRIGHTLY COLORED WITH THEIR SHINY LEATHER
BACKPACKS
HOLD HANDS AND STEP OUT TOWARD HOPE ON THE GREEN.

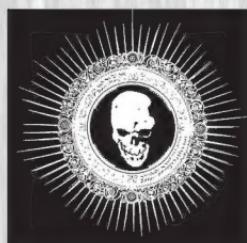
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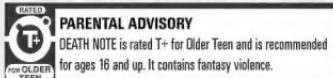
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Realm
of the
Shinigami

SAME
OLD
THING,
DAY
AFTER
DAY...
WHAT A
BORE.



THIS
WORLD
IS A
ROTTEN
MESS...

The
Human
World

chapter 1 Boredom



6'0"

5'6"

5'0"

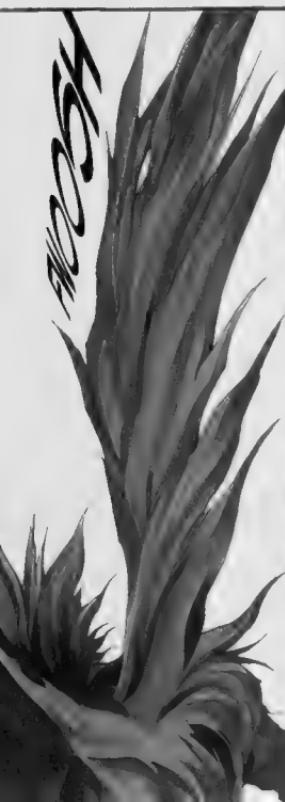
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4'

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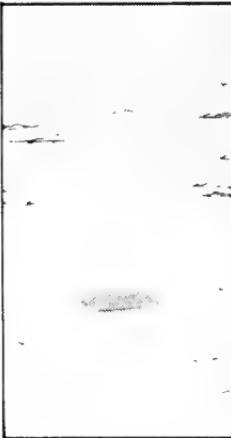


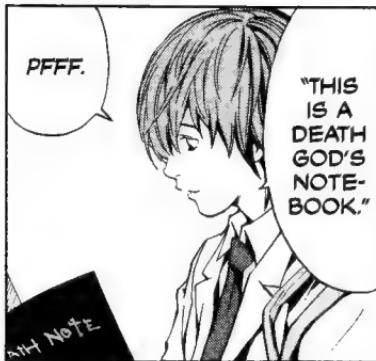
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world by a
Shinigami

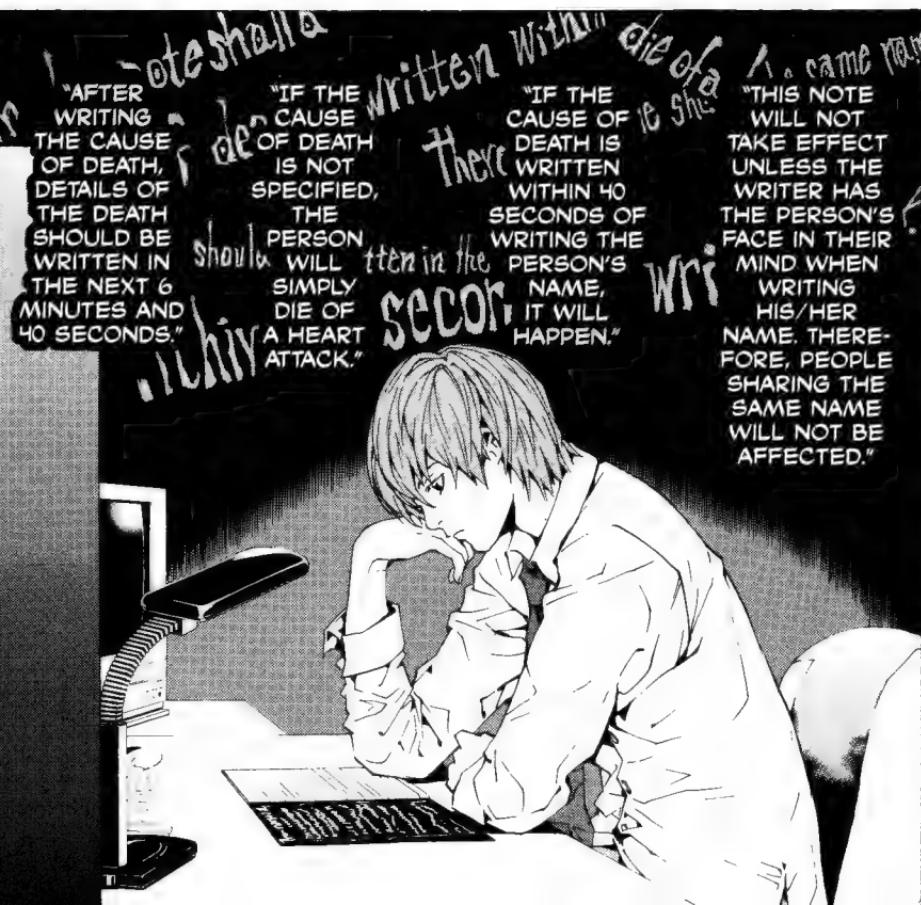
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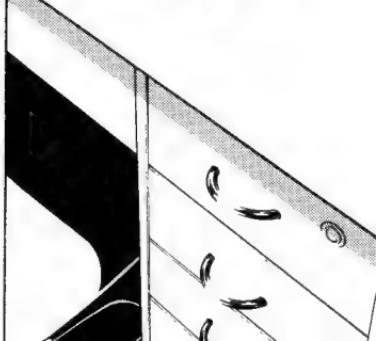
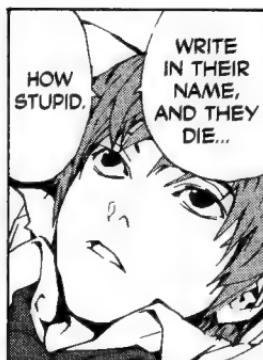
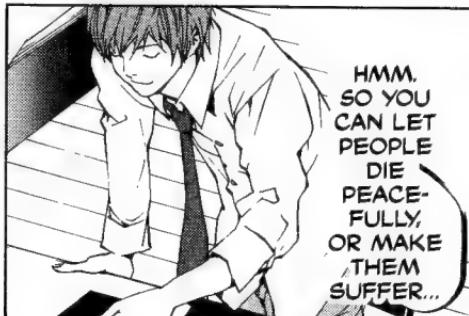
...sets off an
all-out battle
between two
chosen people.

Light
Yagami,
age 17.



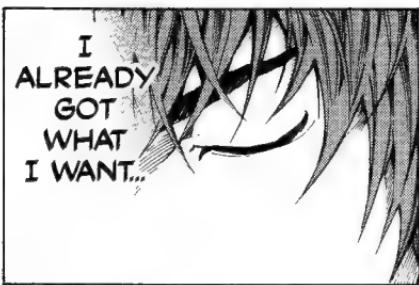


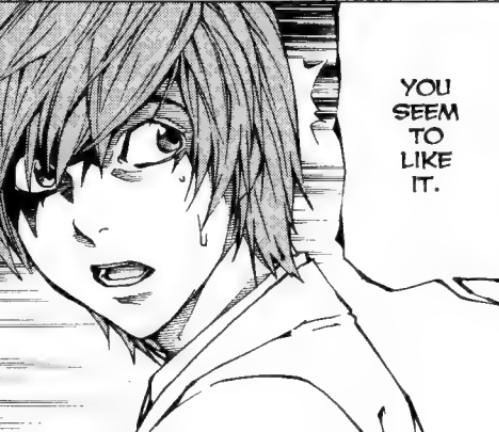
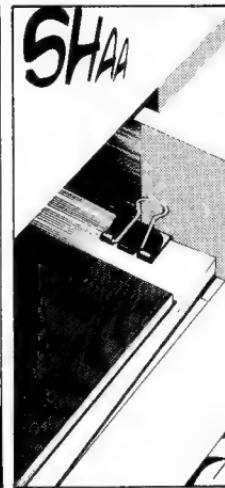




READ
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WAY

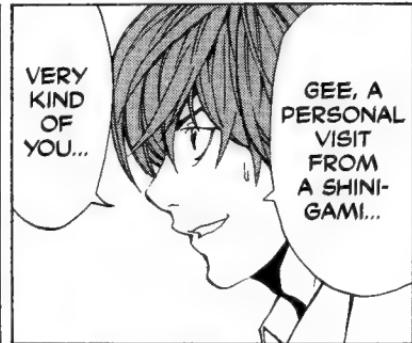
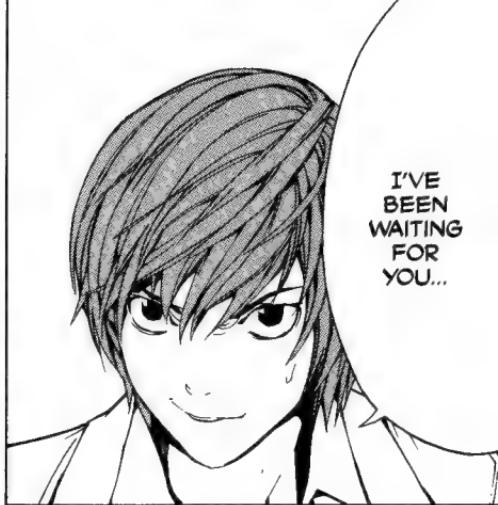






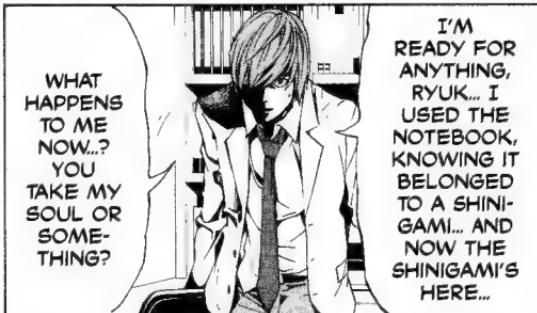


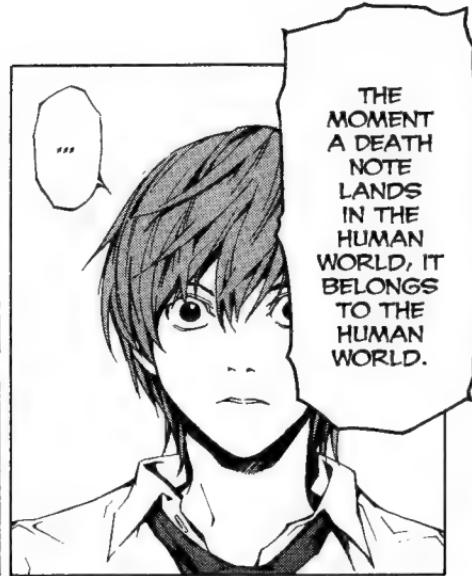




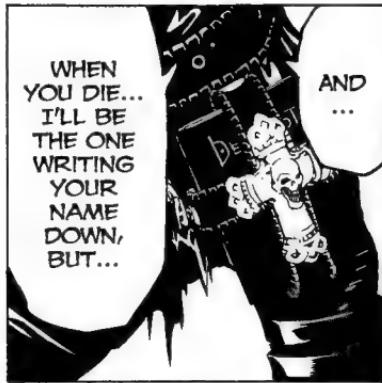


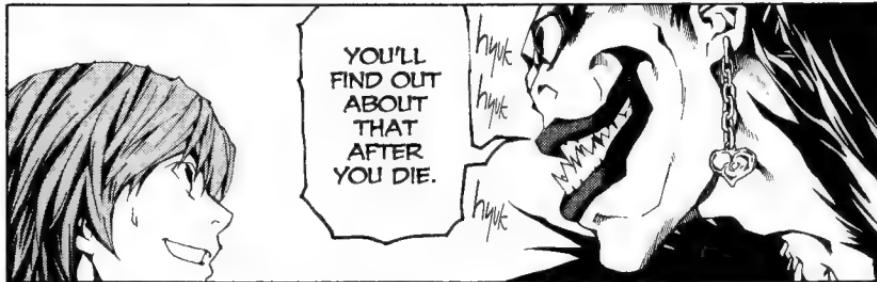
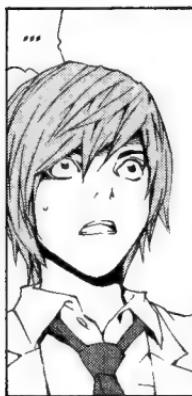
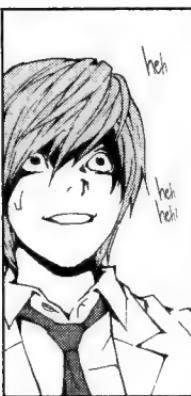
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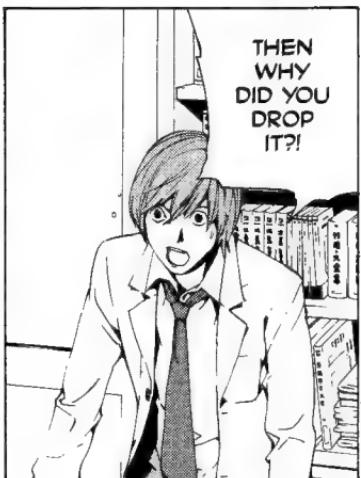
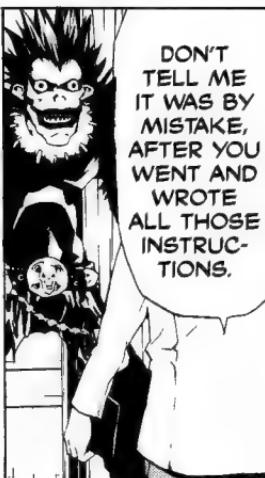
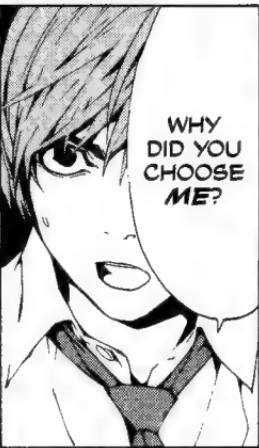












BECAUSE
I WAS
BORED,
THAT'S
WHY.



IN ACTUAL FACT, SHINIGAMI THESE DAYS DON'T HAVE A LOT TO DO. ALL THEY DO IS NAP, OR GAMBLE. IF THEY SEE YOU SCRIBBLING HUMANS' NAMES INTO YOUR DEATH NOTE, THEY SAY, "WHAT'RE YOU WORKING SO HARD FOR?" AND LAUGH AT YOU.



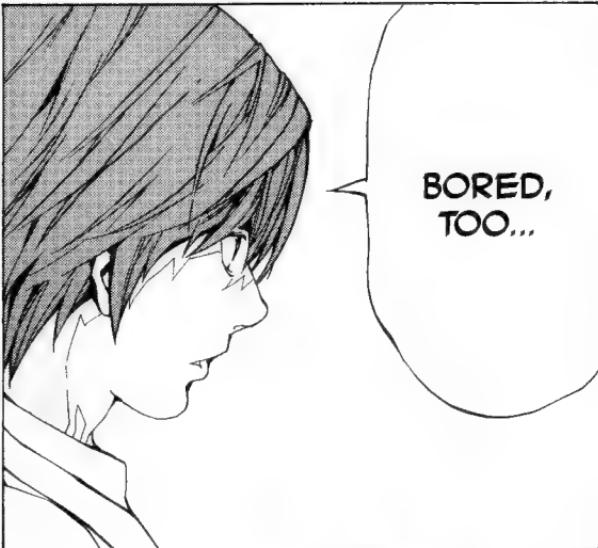
BUT IF I
WRITE THE
NAMES OF
SHINIGAMI
INTO THE
BOOK,
THEY DON'T
DIE.

I'M IN THE
SHINIGAMI'S
REALM,
SO KILLING
PEOPLE IN
THE HUMAN
WORLD
ISN'T ANY
FUN.



GOTTA
SAY,
THOUGH,
YOU
REALLY
WROTE A
LOT OF
NAMES IN
HERE.

FUJI



BUT
THAT NOTE-
BOOK HAS
A POWER...
THAT MAKES
ANYBODY
WANT TO TRY
USING IT, AT
LEAST ONCE.

OF
COURSE,
I DIDN'T
BELIEVE IT
AT FIRST...



AND THERE HAS TO BE A WAY TO FIND OUT RIGHT AWAY IF THEY DIE...

I GUESS IT WOULD HAVE TO BE...

SOMEONE IT'S OKAY TO KILL... WHO HAS NO RELATION TO ME AT ALL...

GEEZ, I'M GETTING TOO SERIOUS ABOUT THIS...

BIP 00.

HEY, THAT'S RIGHT...

TWO DAYS AGO, OTOHARADA...

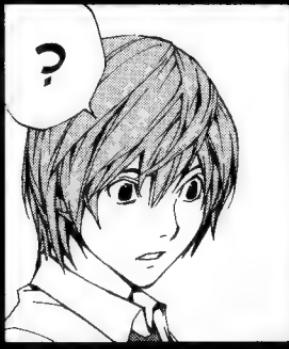
THE METROPOLITAN POLICE HAVE DETERMINED THE MAN'S IDENTITY. HE IS KUROU OTOHARADA, 42 YEARS OLD AND UNEMPLOYED.

KUROU OTOHARADA (42)

THE MAN WHO INDISCRIMINATELY KILLED AND WOUNDED SIX PEOPLE YESTERDAY IN SHINJUKU IS STILL BARRICADED INSIDE THIS NURSERY SCHOOL, WITH EIGHT HOSTAGES, INCLUDING LITTLE CHILDREN.

SHINJUKU KILLER
CHILDREN AMONG 8 HOSTAGES





BUT
NO SIGN
OF THEIR
CAPTOR
JUST YET.



A HEART
ATTACK...



WELL, THE HOSTAGES ARE APPAR-
ENTLY SAYING HE SUDDENLY
COLLAPSED...

COULD THAT
MEAN HE
COMMITTED
SUICIDE?

THE
POLICE ARE
EMPHASIZING
THAT THEY
DID NOT
SHOOT HIM.

Yipes

LIGHT!

IT...
COULD
JUST BE
A COINCI-
DENCE.

THERE'S
ONLY
ONE WAY
TO FIND
OUT...



IT
WOULD
BE OKAY
TO KILL...
NO, WHO
OUGHT
TO DIE.

SOME-
BODY...

IT'S 6:25
ALREADY.
YOU HAVE
YOUR PREP
COURSE
TODAY.

UH,
YEAH.
I WAS
JUST
GETTING
READY
TO GO.

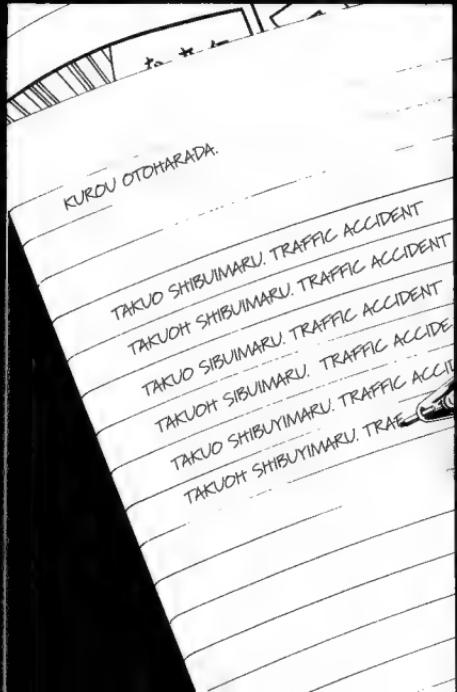


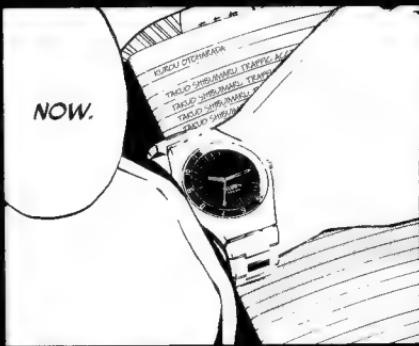




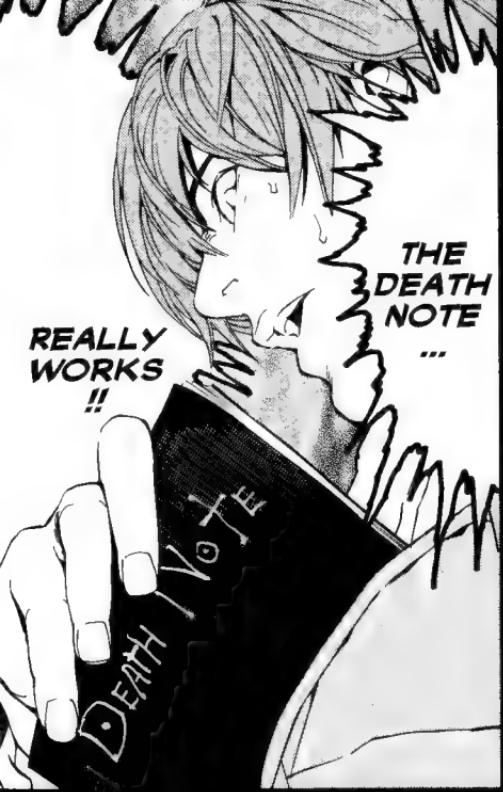
*"SHIBUI" MEANS "COOL," SO HE IS "COOL TAKU." IT IS ALSO SIMILAR TO JAPANESE IDOL TAKUYA KIMURA'S NICKNAME, "KIMUTAKU." —ED.

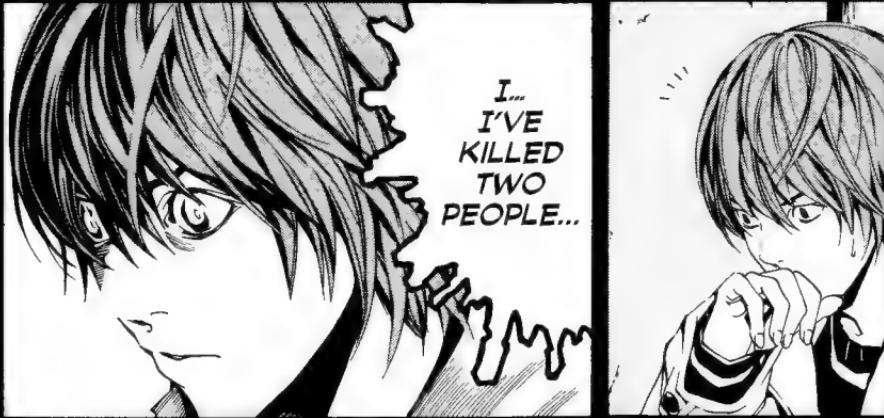












THAT
WASN'T
WORTH
THE
DEATH
PENALTY.
WHAT
HE DID...

BUT
WHAT
ABOUT
THE
SECOND
GUY...?

I WAS
ACTUALLY
DOING A
SERVICE,
KILLING
HIM...

THIS IS
WHAT
I'VE
BEEN
THINK-
ING ALL
ALONG-

NO,
WAIT...

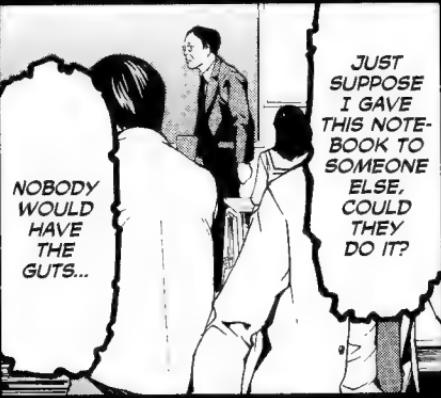
THIS
WORLD
IS A
ROTTEN
MESS.

THE
QUESTION
IS...

WITH THIS
NOTEBOOK,
I CAN
ACTUALLY
DO IT...

I...





WRITING
IN THE
NAMES
OF THE
WORLD'S
MOST
BRUTAL
CRIMINALS.

STILL,
I'M ON A
MISSION
HERE,
SO I'VE BEEN...

I ADMIT,
IT'S BEEN
GIVING ME
BAD DREAMS
AND I'VE
HARDLY
SLEPT THE
LAST FIVE
DAYS. I'VE
LOST 10
POUNDS.

OKAY.

PLUS
EVERY-
THING
ON THE
INTERNET.

WORLD
NEWS 24
HOURS A
DAY ON
TV...

ALL THE
DATA I
NEED IS
IN MY
ROOM.

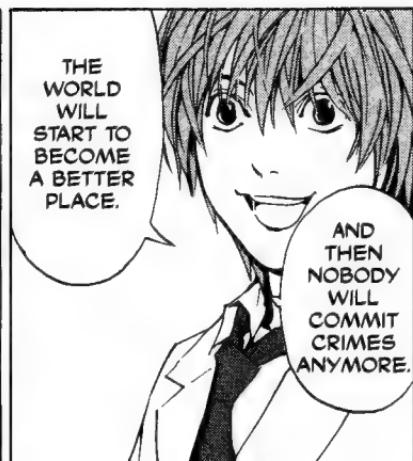
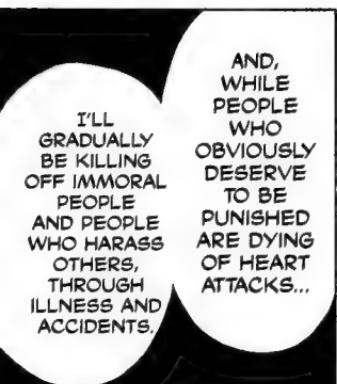
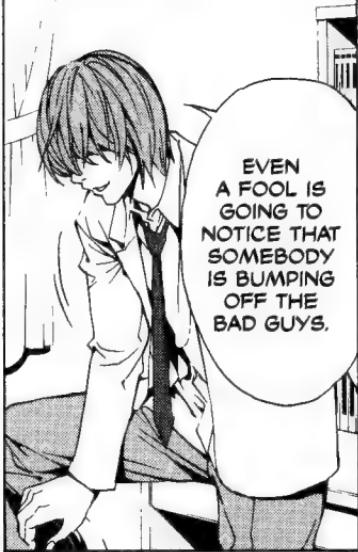
THAT'S
THE BEST
THING ABOUT
THE DEATH
NOTE, RYUK.

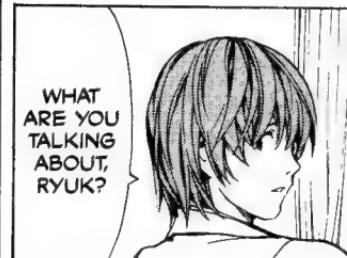
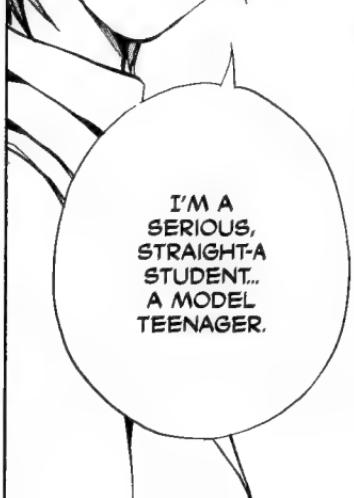
IF YOU
DON'T
SPECIFY
THE CAUSE
OF DEATH,
THEY ALL
DIE FROM
A HEART
ATTACK.

?

CAN'T
BE
BOTH-
ERED?

BUT YOU ONLY
SPECIFIED THE
CAUSE OF
DEATH FOR THE
GUY WHO GOT
HIT BY A TRUCK.
NOBODY ELSE.
HOW COME?

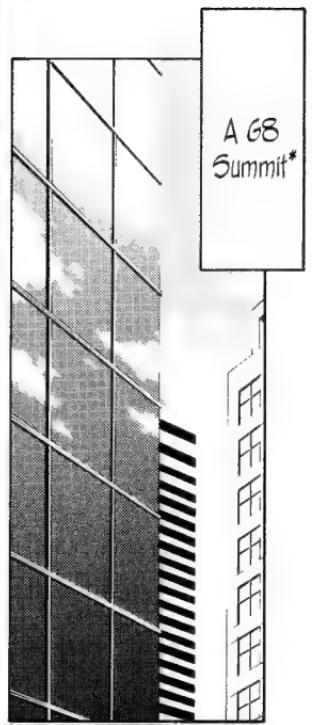




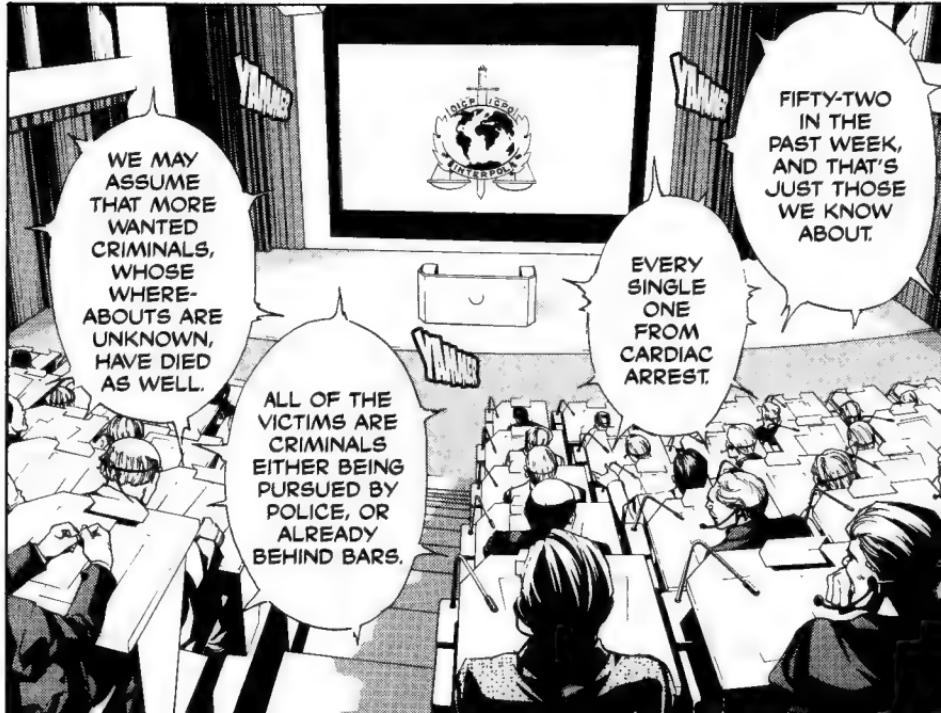


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WILL
REIGN
OVER
A NEW
WORLD.

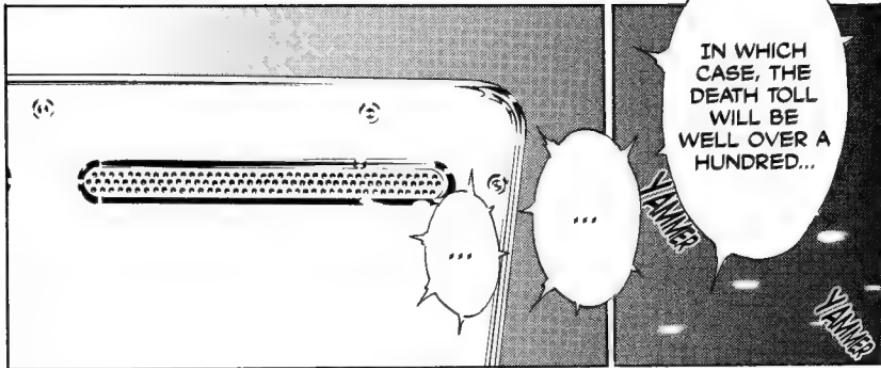




*G8 STANDS FOR GROUP OF EIGHT, WHICH IS
MADE UP OF THE WORLD'S LEADING NATIONS.



READ
THIS
WAY



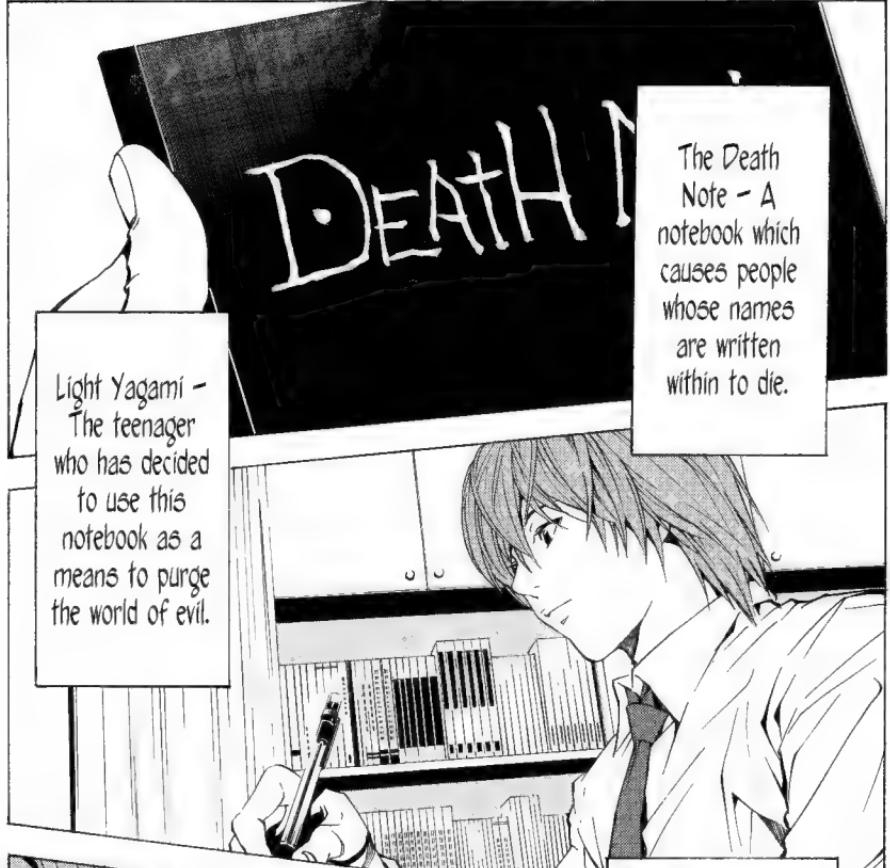


DEATH NOTE

How to USE it

I

- The human whose name is written in this note shall die.
このノートに名前を書かれた人間は死ぬ。
- 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.
書く人物の顔が頭に入っていないと効果はない。
どうせいどうめい じんぶつ いっぺん こうか
ゆえに同姓同名の人物に一遍に効果は得られない。
- If the cause of death is written within 40 seconds of writing the person's name, it will happen.
名前の後に人間界単位で40秒以内に死因を書くと、その通りになる。
- If the cause of death is not specified, the person will simply die of a heart attack.
死因を書かなければ全てが心臓麻痺となる。
- After writing the cause of death, details of the death should be written in the next 6 minutes and 40 seconds.
死因を書くと更に6分40秒、詳しい死の状況を記載する時間が与えられる。

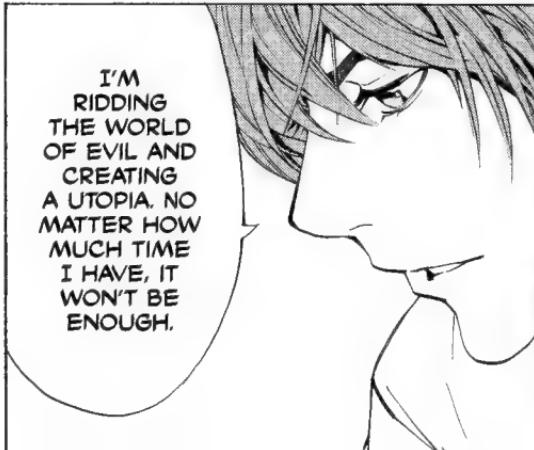
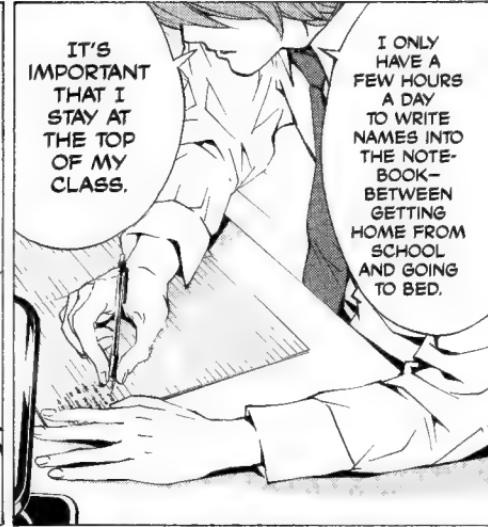
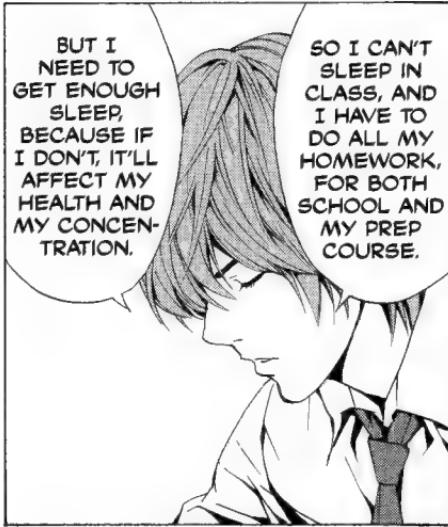


Light Yagami -
The teenager
who has decided
to use this
notebook as a
means to purge
the world of evil.

The Death
Note - A
notebook which
causes people
whose names
are written
within to die.

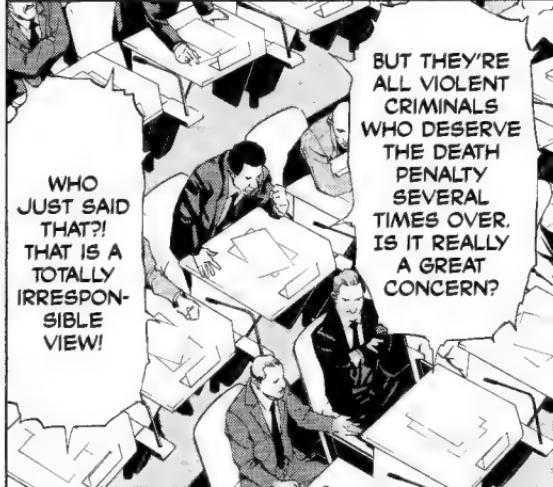
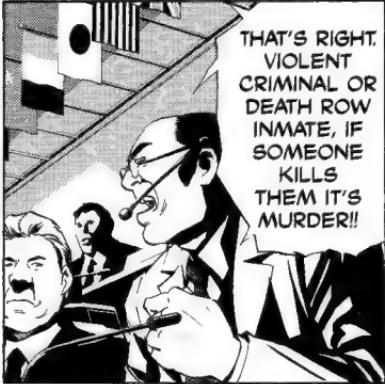


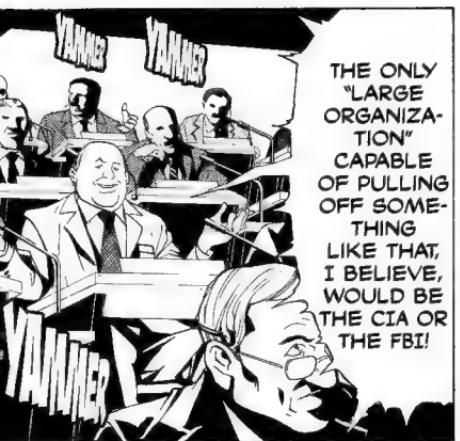
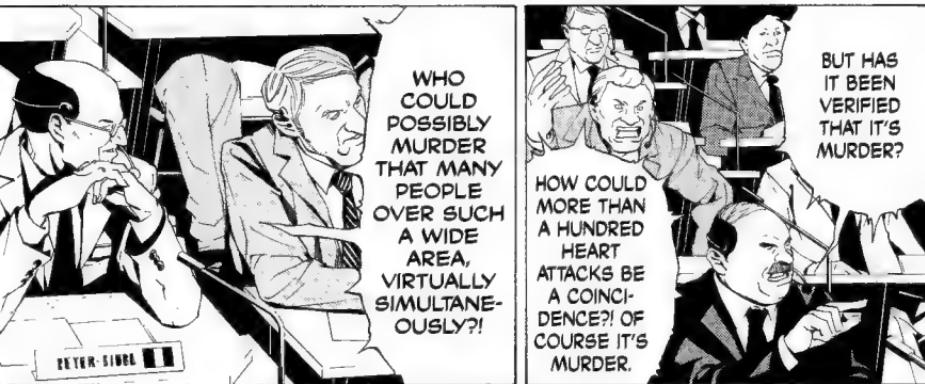
And Ryuk the
Shinigami - the
original owner of
the notebook, who
seems content to
act as spectator
as Light pursues
his project.



CHAPTER 2 L









...L'S
REAL
NAME, OR
WHERE-
ABOUTS,
OR EVEN
WHAT HE
LOOKS
LIKE.

NOBODY
KNOWS...

THAT'S
RIGHT,
THIS IS
YOUR
FIRST
INTER-
POL
MEET-
ING.

L...?
WHAT'S
THAT,
CHIEF?

BUT HE HAS
SOLVED
COUNTLESS
UNSOLVED
CASES SO
FAR. YOU
MIGHT SAY/
HE'S OUR
TRUMP
CARD... OUR
ACE IN
THE HOLE...
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT...

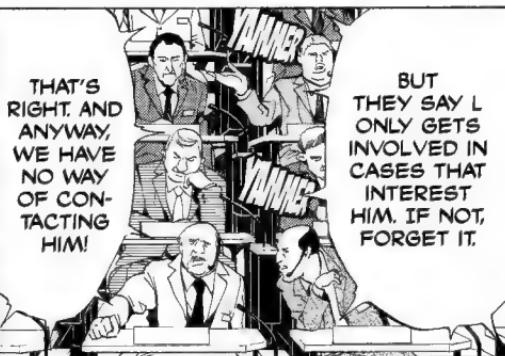
I SUPPOSE
YOU COULD
CALL HIM
A SLEUTH...
NO- WELL
ANYWAY,
NOBODY
KNOWS
WHO HE
IS...

BUT HE CAN
SOLVE ANY
CASE, NO
MATTER
WHAT IT IS.

THAT'S
RIGHT. AND
ANYWAY,
WE HAVE
NO WAY
OF CON-
TACTING
HIM!

BUT
THEY SAY L
ONLY GETS
INVOLVED IN
CASES THAT
INTEREST
HIM. IF NOT,
FORGET IT.

L IS
ALREADY
INVOLVED.



OIPC ICPO

L HAS BEEN INVESTIGATING THIS CASE FOR SOME DAYS NOW.

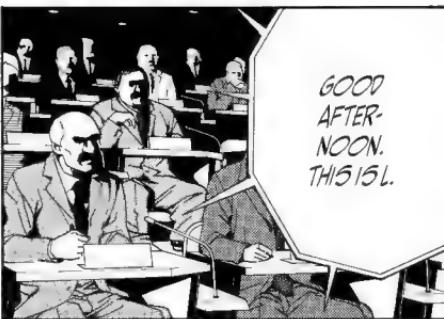
WATARI...

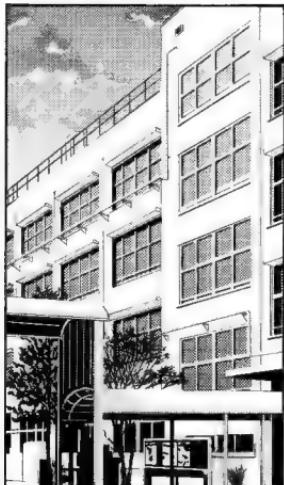
HE ISN'T WITH US. WATARI IS THE ONLY PERSON WHO CAN CONTACT L. BUT NOBODY KNOWS WHO HE REALLY IS, EITHER.

HUH? WATARI? THERE'S ANOTHER JAPANESE HERE?

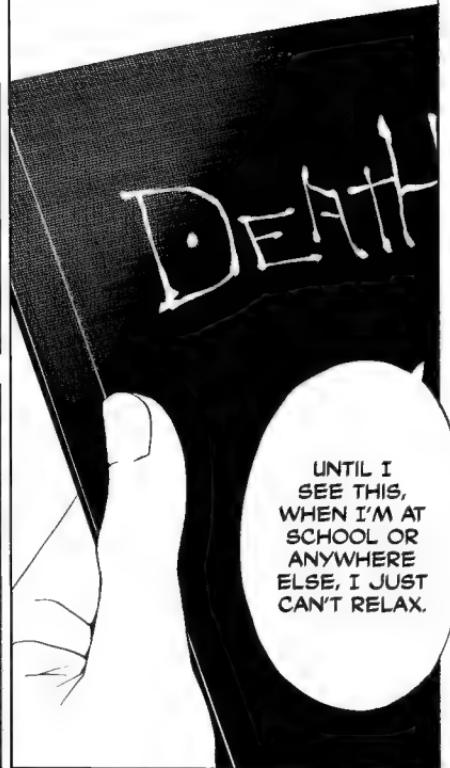
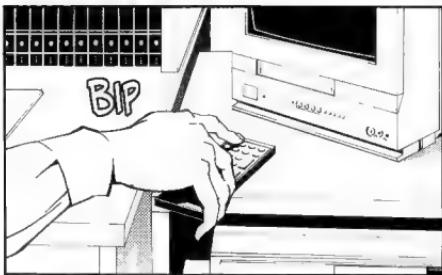
KACK

SILENCE, PLEASE. YOU WILL NOW HEAR L SPEAK.





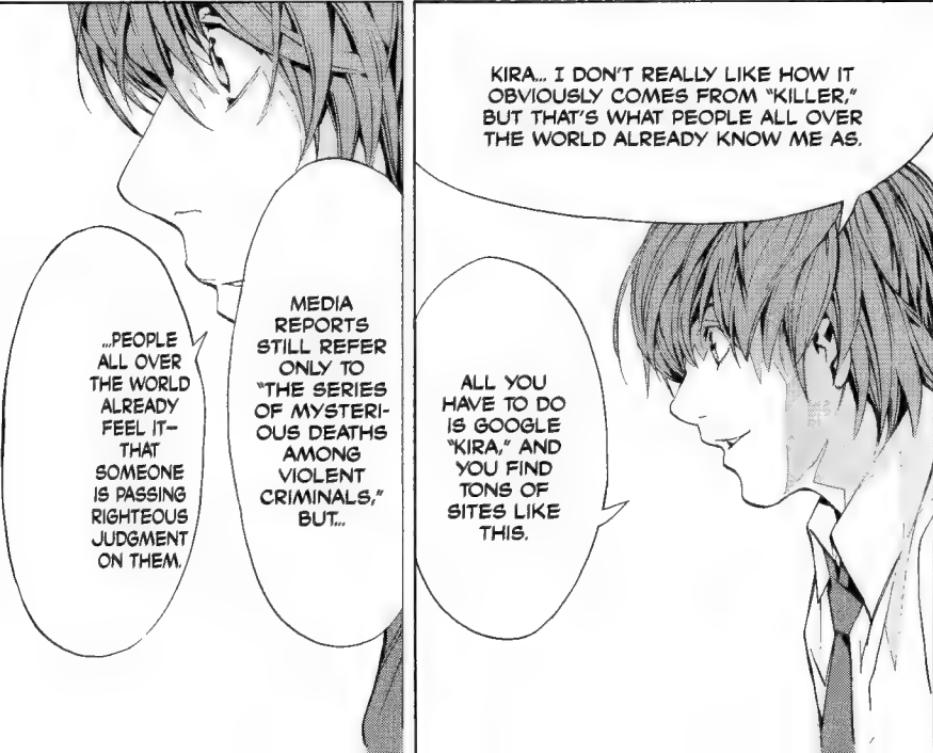






BEWARE: YOU MAY
ONLY ENTER THIS SITE
IF YOU BELIEVE IN LORD
KIRA'S RESURRECTION.

ENTER



THERE'S NO WAY THE SUBJECT WOULD BE, "IS IT ALL RIGHT TO KILL SOMEONE EVIL?"

SAY IN SCHOOL, WE HAVE A DISCUSSION IN CLASS...

THIS IS WHAT HUMAN BEINGS ARE LIKE, RYUK.

?

PEOPLE NEED TO MAINTAIN THAT KIND OF FAÇADE IN PUBLIC.

AND OF COURSE, THAT WOULD BE THE PROPER RESPONSE.

EVERYONE WOULD ACT ALL VIRTUOUS AND SAY, "NO, IT'S WRONG TO KILL ANYBODY."

BUT LET'S SAY THAT WAS THE SUBJECT.

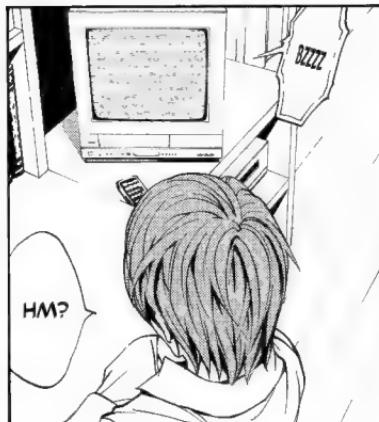
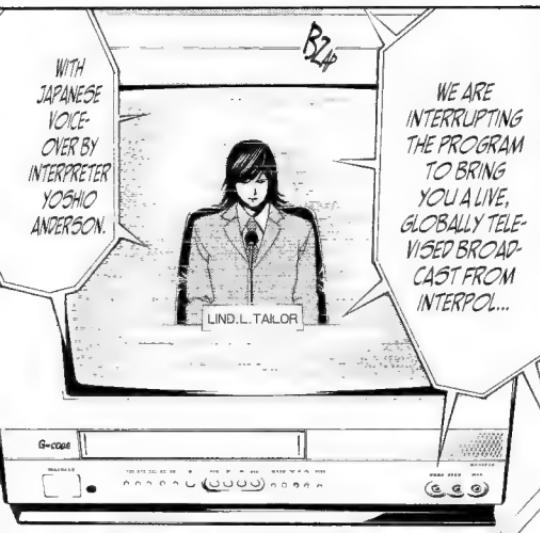
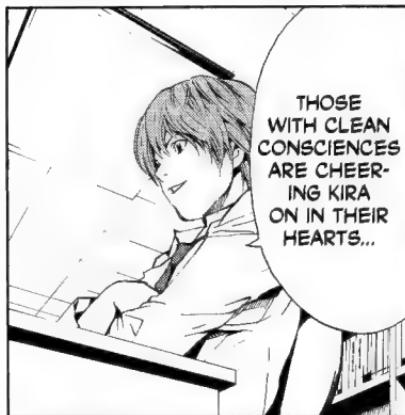
BUT OUT ON THE ANONYMOUS INTERNET, "KIRA" RULES. HE'S ALL OVER THE PLACE.

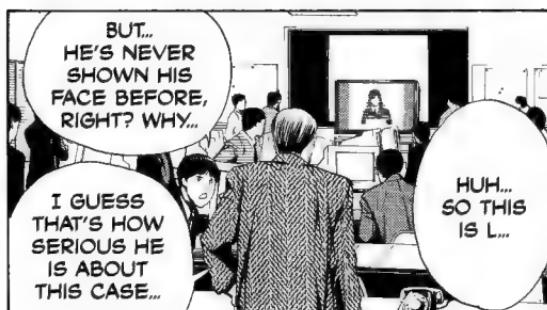
COWARDS, NOBODY WILL ACKNOWLEDGE MY EXISTENCE OPENLY...

BUT THIS IS WHAT THEY REALLY THINK.

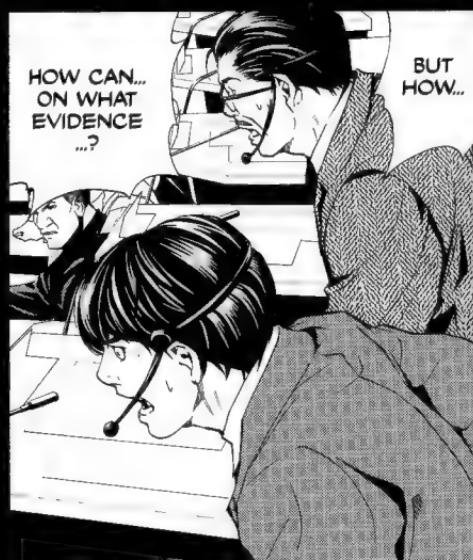
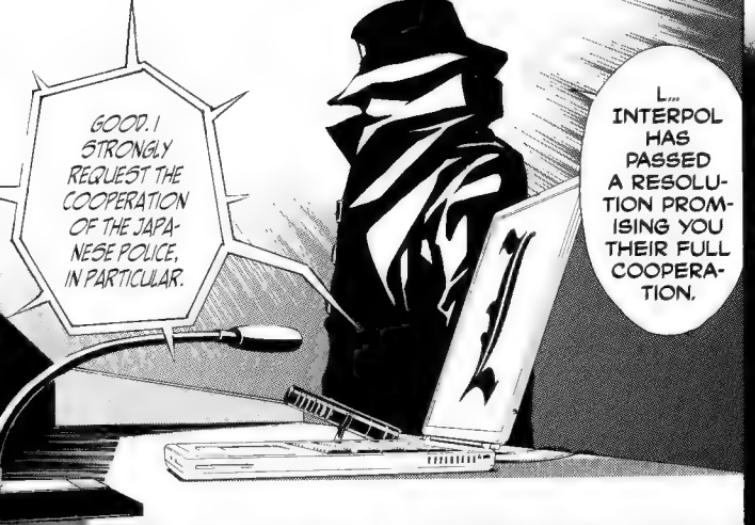
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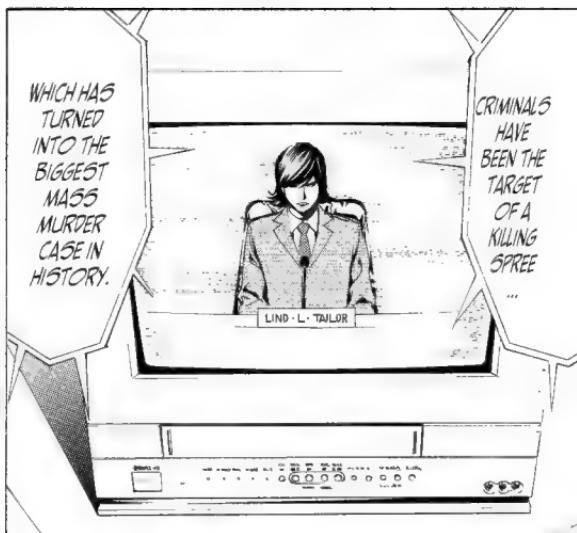
GOOD OF KIRA THE SAVIOR
C. THE INCREDIBLE ONE BY ONE?
EVEN THOSE WHO DON'T BELIEVE IN KIRA IS A MEN-ON-SIDE FROM
WHO WILL NOT SUFFER THE ESSENCE OF EVIL IN THIS WORLD.
ARE YOU A COWARD?
LET OTHER DIES? YOU BELIEVE IN LORD OF DESTRUCTION.



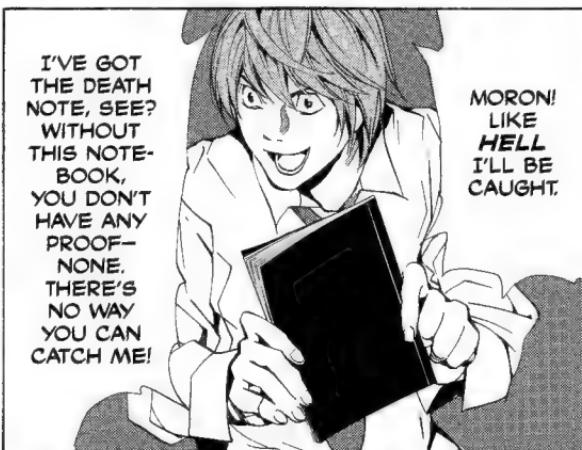
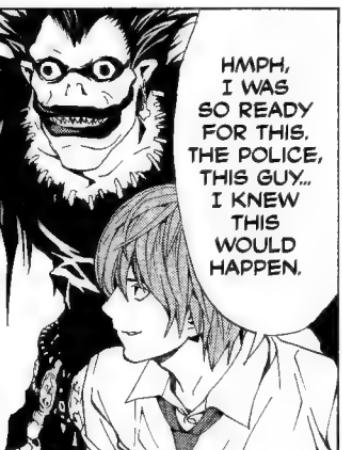


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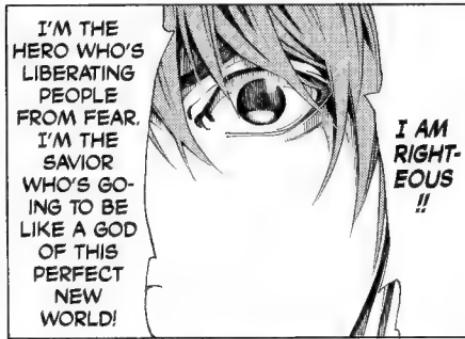


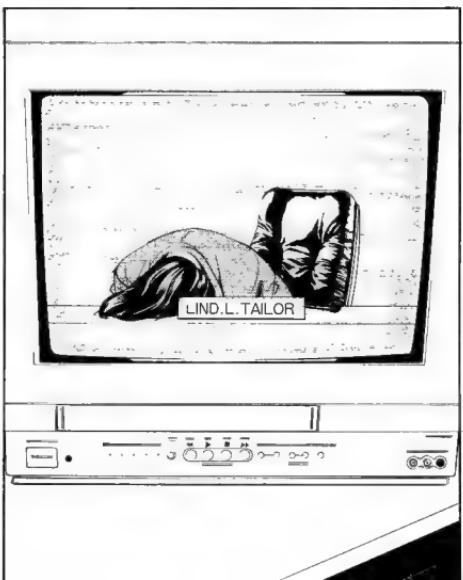
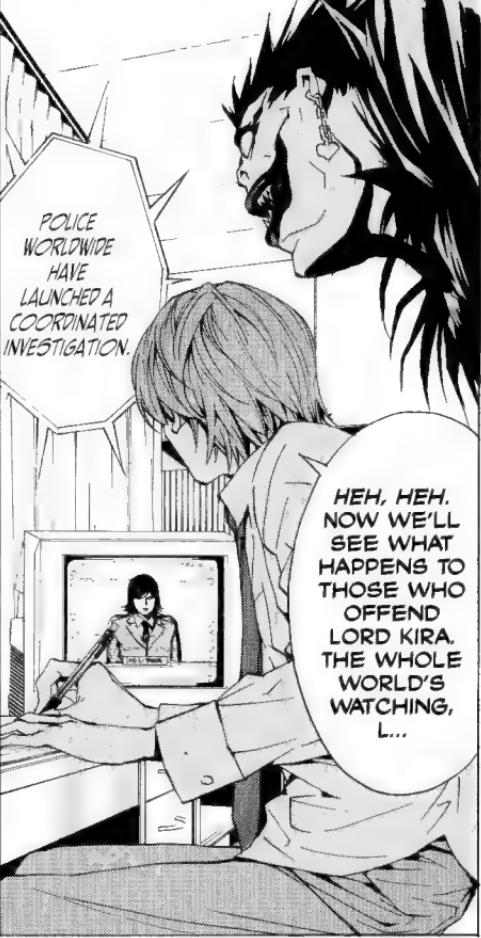
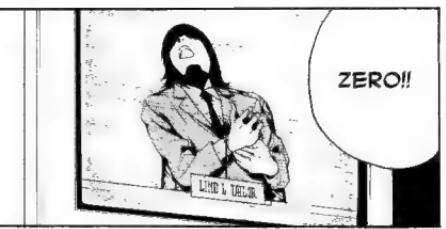
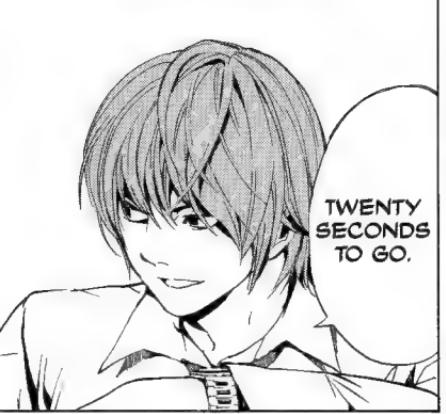
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WAY

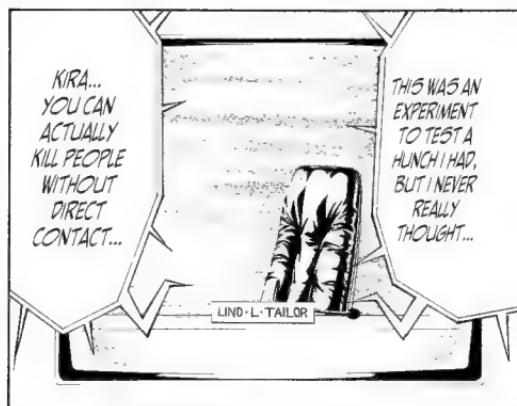




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EVIL!!

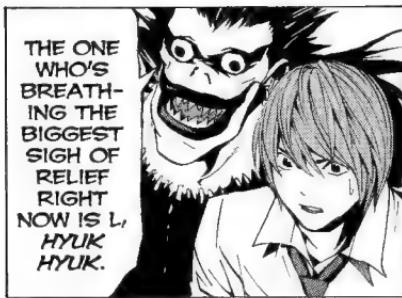






BUT I, L, DO IN FACT EXIST.







ACTUALLY,
IT WAS
BROADCAST
ONLY IN
THE KANTO
REGION
AROUND
TOKYO.

ALTHOUGH
IT WAS
ANNOUNCED
THAT THIS
WAS BEING
TELEVISIONED
GLOBALLY...

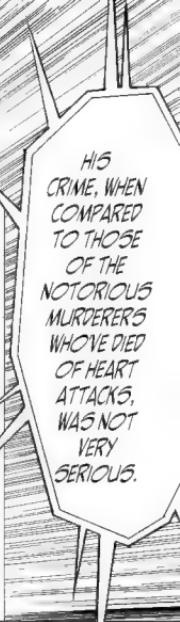




I KNEW,
KIRA, THAT YOU
WERE IN JAPAN!!
AND THAT YOUR
FIRST VICTIM
WAS NOTHING
BUT A GUINEA
PIG FOR
TESTING YOUR
POWERS!!



MOREOVER,
THIS CASE
WAS REPORTED
ONLY IN JAPAN,
NOWHERE
ELSE... THAT
WAS ALL THE
INFORMATION
I NEEDED.



HIS
CRIME, WHEN COMPARED
TO THOSE OF THE
NOTORIOUS
MURDERERS
WHO DIED
OF HEART
ATTACKS,
WAS NOT
VERY
SERIOUS.



WE BROADCAST
FIRST TO KANTO
BECAUSE IT HAS THE
LARGEST REGIONAL
POPULATION IN
THE COUNTRY. THAT
YOU HAPPENED
TO BE THERE WAS
PURE LUCK.



I DIDN'T
EXPECT
THIS TO
WORK SO
PERFECTLY
ACCORDING
TO PLAN.
BUT...

NOW, I
DARE SAY,
IT MAY NOT
BE SO LONG
BEFORE I SEND
YOU TO DIE.

...
I CAN
FIND OUT
AFTER
I CATCH
YOU!!

BUT
THAT'S
SOME-
THING...

KIRA,
IT WOULD
INTEREST ME
GREATLY TO
KNOW HOW
YOU CARRY
OUT YOUR
MURDERS...

TO
DIE,
HE
SAID...

SEND
ME...

L...

KIRA...



I'M
GOING TO
FIND AND
DISPOSE
OF YOU,
IF IT'S
THE LAST
THING
I DO!!



RIGHTEOUS!!



I'M...



I'M...



TILL WE
MEET
AGAIN,
KIRA.



BZAP



AND
WHOEVER
IS FOUND
FIRST,
IS OUT.
DEAD...

SO, YOU'RE
BOTH TRYING
TO FIND
SOMEONE
YOU KNOW
NOTHING
ABOUT... NOT
THEIR NAME,
FACE OR
ANYTHING
ELSE.





DEATH NOTE

How to USE it

II

- This note shall become the property of the human world, once it touches the ground of (arrives in) the human world.

このノートは人間界の地に着いた時点から人間界の物となる。

- The owner of the note can recognize the image and voice of its original owner, i.e. a god of death.

所有者はノートの元の持ち主である死神の姿や声を認知する事ができる。

- The human who uses this note can neither go to Heaven nor Hell.

このノートを使った人間は天国にも地獄にも行けない。

Chapter 3: Family



HEY,
YOU
SEEN
RYUK
AROUND
LATELY?

AS IF... IF SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPENED, HE'D HAVE TO STICK AROUND UNTIL THAT HUMAN DIED, OR THE NOTEBOOK IS DONE.

I MEAN, WHAT IF A HUMAN PICKED IT UP BEFORE HE FOUND IT?

'CUZ HE SAID HE DROPPED HIS NOTEBOOK DOWN TO THE HUMAN WORLD... YOU THINK THAT WAS FOR REAL?

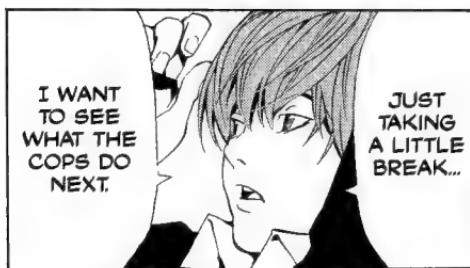


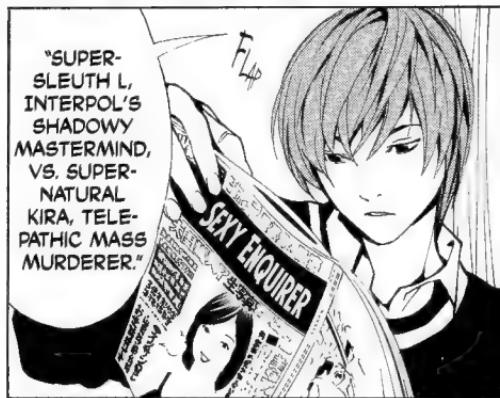
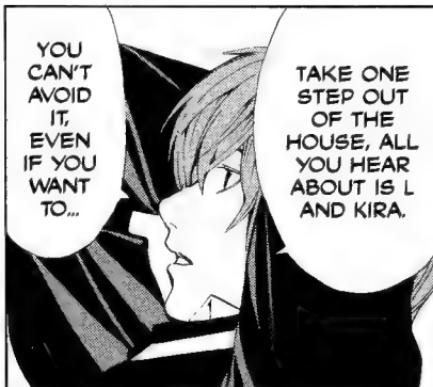
WHY
WOULD
HE
WANT
TWO?
...

PLUS,
I HEARD
HE HAD
TWO
NOTE-
BOOKS...

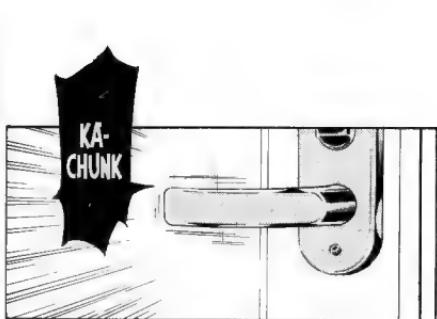
I
KNOW...
WHAT A
PAIN IN
THE BUTT.
NOT EVEN
RYUK
WOULD
WANNA
DO
THAT...

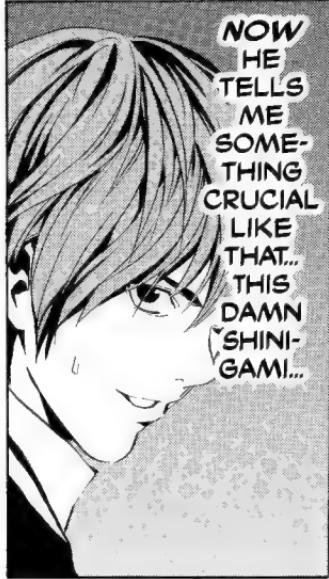
YOU
NEVER
KNOW
WITH
RYUK,
THOUGH
...

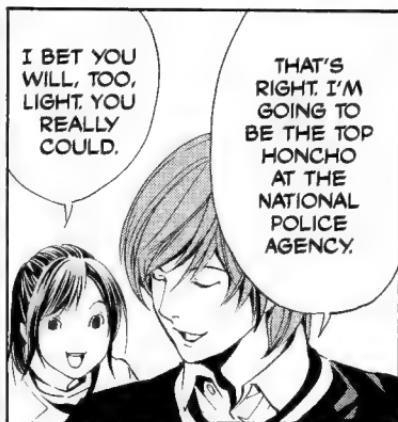
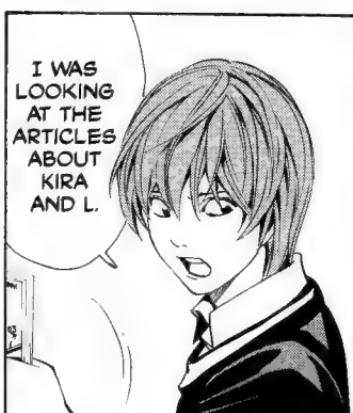




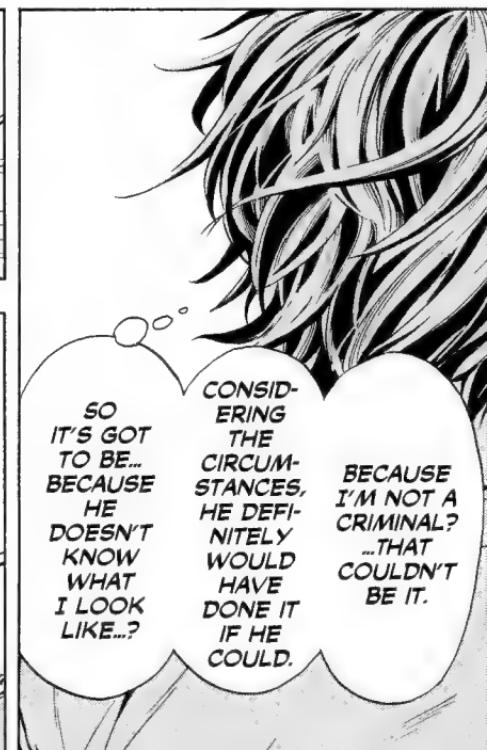
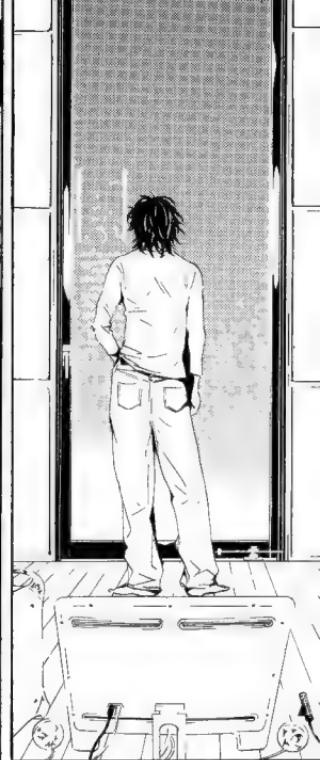








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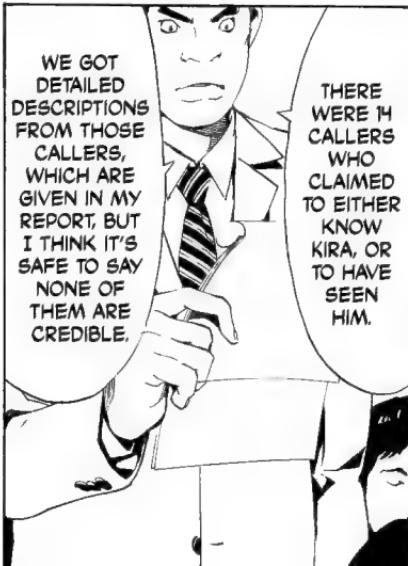


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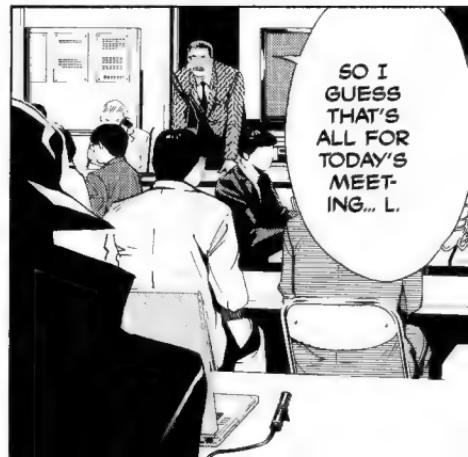




SIXTY-EIGHT PERCENT OF THE VICTIMS DIED ON A WEEKDAY BETWEEN FOUR P.M. AND TWO A.M. JAPAN TIME, WITH A MAJORITY OF THOSE BETWEEN EIGHT P.M. AND MID-NIGHT.







I'D LIKE YOU TO INVESTIGATE ONCE MORE HOW THE VICTIMS WERE REPORTED IN THE JAPANESE MEDIA.

THIS IS FOR THE SQUADS IN CHARGE OF VICTIMS, MEDIA AND THE INTERNET.

NOW, I'VE GOT ANOTHER REQUEST FOR YOU, IF YOU DON'T MIND.

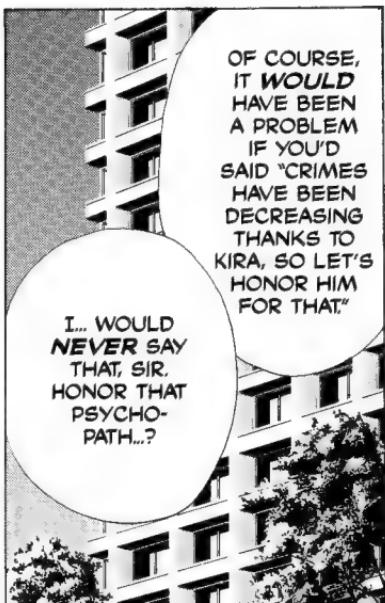
NAMELY, I WANT TO KNOW IF REPORTS INCLUDED PHOTOGRAPHS OR FOOTAGE SHOWING THE FACES OF THE CRIMINALS WHO LATER DIED.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

EVERYONE ELSE, CONTINUE WITH THE INVESTIGATION OR GO HOME AND GET SOME SLEEP, AS YOU WISH. MEETING'S OVER.

ALL RIGHT. TWO TEAMS ON THE NIGHT SHIFT.









DAD,
WELCOME
HOME.

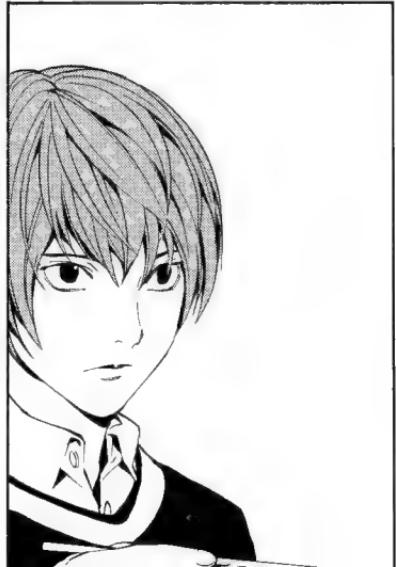
THANKS,
FINALLY

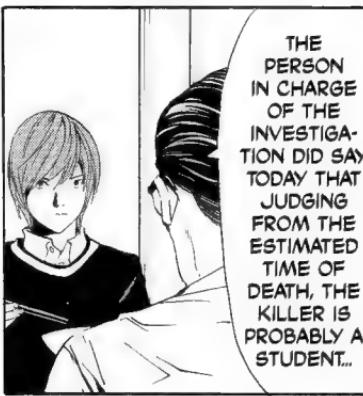
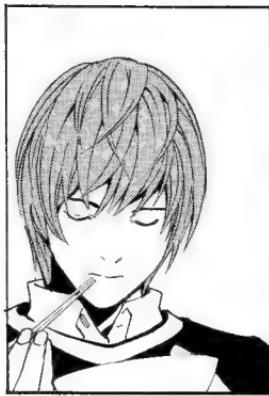
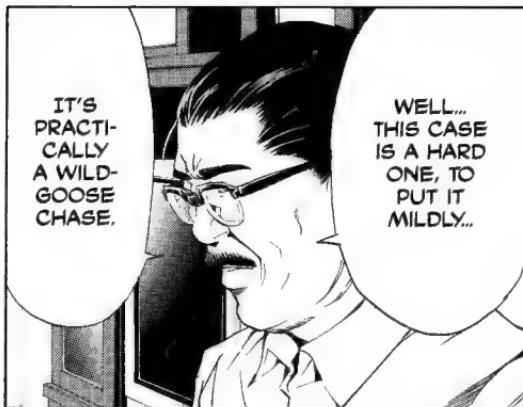


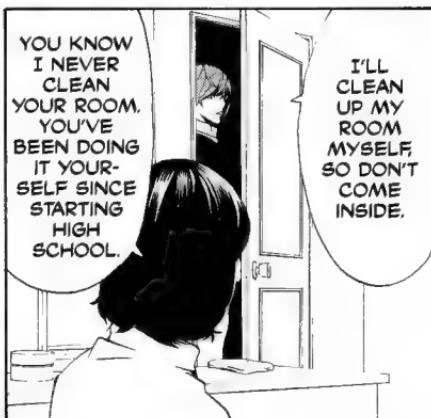


I
GUESS
IT'S...
SAME AS
USUAL
FOR ME,
TOO.

AND
WHAT
ABOUT
YOU,
SAYU?

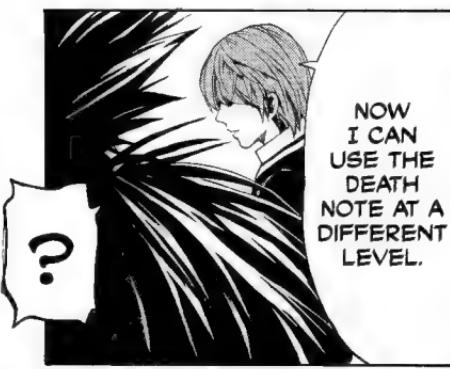




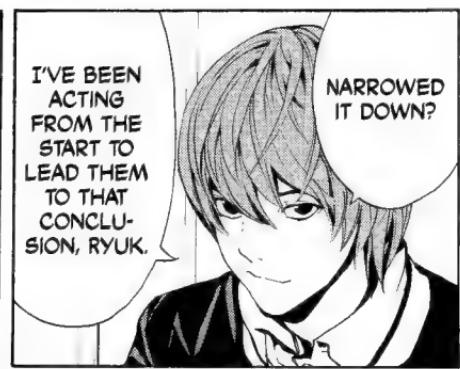




SO THEY'VE
ALREADY
NARROWED
IT DOWN TO
A STUDENT
IN THE
KANTO
REGION
OF JAPAN,
LIGHT.

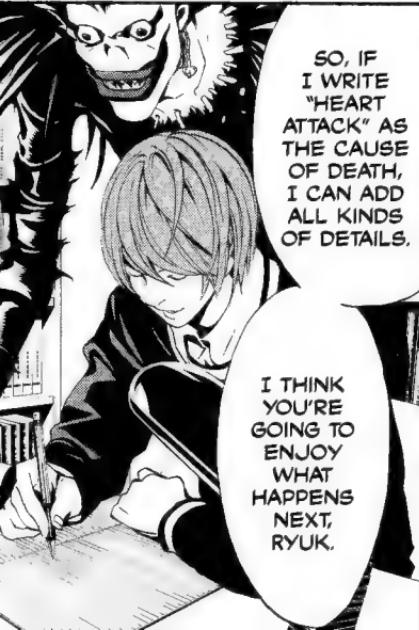


NOW
I CAN
USE THE
DEATH
NOTE AT A
DIFFERENT
LEVEL.



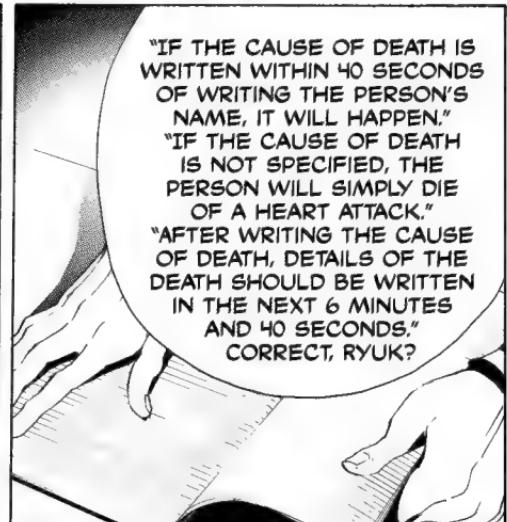
I'VE BEEN
ACTING
FROM THE
START TO
LEAD THEM
TO THAT
CONCLU-
SION, RYUK.

NARROWED
IT DOWN?



SO, IF
I WRITE
"HEART
ATTACK" AS
THE CAUSE
OF DEATH,
I CAN ADD
ALL KINDS
OF DETAILS.

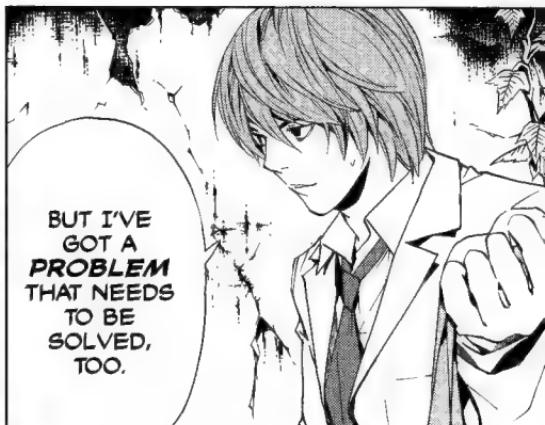
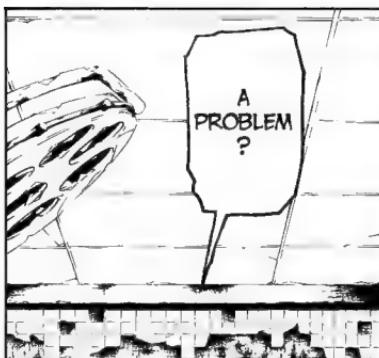
I THINK
YOU'RE
GOING TO
ENJOY
WHAT
HAPPENS
NEXT,
RYUK.

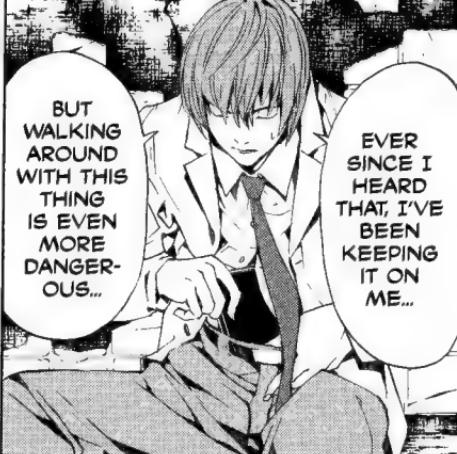


"IF THE CAUSE OF DEATH IS
WRITTEN WITHIN 40 SECONDS
OF WRITING THE PERSON'S
NAME, IT WILL HAPPEN."
"IF THE CAUSE OF DEATH
IS NOT SPECIFIED, THE
PERSON WILL SIMPLY DIE
OF A HEART ATTACK."
"AFTER WRITING THE CAUSE
OF DEATH, DETAILS OF THE
DEATH SHOULD BE WRITTEN
IN THE NEXT 6 MINUTES
AND 40 SECONDS."
CORRECT, RYUK?











DEATH NOTE

How to USE it

III

- If the time of death is written within 40 seconds after writing the cause of death as a heart attack, the time of death can be manipulated, and the time can go into effect within 40 seconds after writing the name.

死因に心臓麻痺と書いた後、40秒以内に死亡時刻を書けば、
心臓麻痺であっても死の時間を操れ、その時刻は名前を書いてからの
40秒以内でも可能である。

- The human who touches the DEATH NOTE can recognize the image and voice of its original owner, a god of death, even if the human is not the owner of the note.

デスノートに触った人間には、そのノートの所有者でなくとも、
元持ち主の死神の姿や声が認知できる。



WHOEVER
TOUCHES
THE DEATH
NOTE CAN
SEE YOU,
RIGHT?

THAT'S A
PROBLEM.

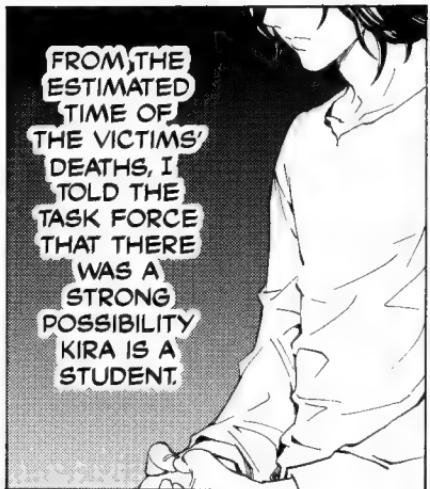
I DON'T
THINK YOU
CAME HERE
BECAUSE
YOU ENJOY
THE
AMBIENCE.
WHAT'RE
YOU UP TO,
LIGHT?

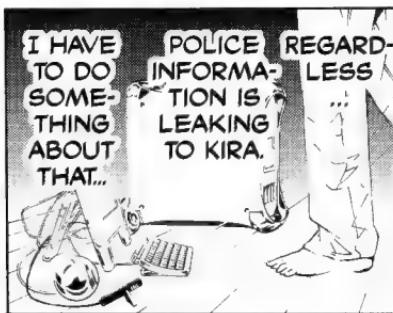
YEAH,
YOU
CAN'T
EXACTLY
PASS
ME OFF
AS "A
FRIEND."





CHAPTER 4: DAWN





READ
THIS
WAY

I NEED
SOME
THINGS
FOR
HIDING
THE
NOTE-
BOOK.

AT THE
SAME
TIME, IT
HAS TO
BE SOME-
PLACE MY
FAMILY
WOULD
NEVER
TOUCH
IT...

I WANT
TO HIDE
IT IN MY
ROOM,
WHERE
I CAN
EASILY
TAKE IT
OUT AND
PUT IT
BACK.

NOW FOR
SOME
SHOP-
PING?

HOME IMPROVEMENT

HOME
IMPROVEMENT
CENTER

IF HE
WANTS TO
CATCH KIRA,
HE NEEDS A
CONFESSION
FROM ME, OR
THE DEATH
NOTE. ONE OR
THE OTHER.

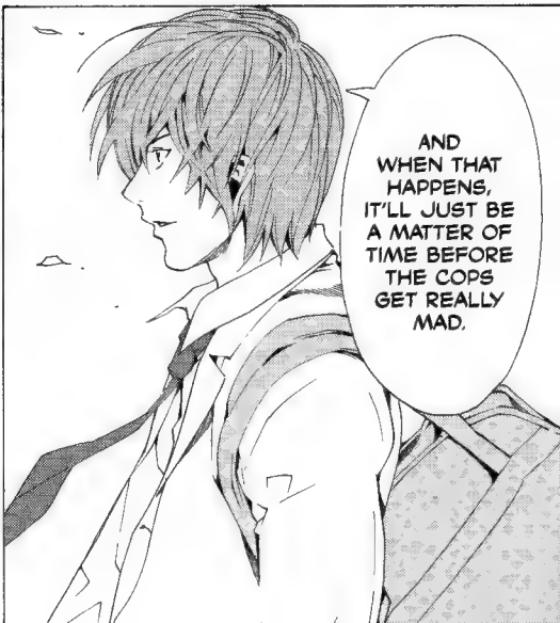
L IS
START-
ING TO
SUSPECT
PEOPLE
INVOLVED
IN THE
INVESTI-
GATION...

AND BY
NOW...









AND THE POLICE WILL BE TRYING TO TRACK DOWN L!!

BUT BEHIND THE SCENES, L WILL BE SPYING ON THE POLICE...

...BY ME.

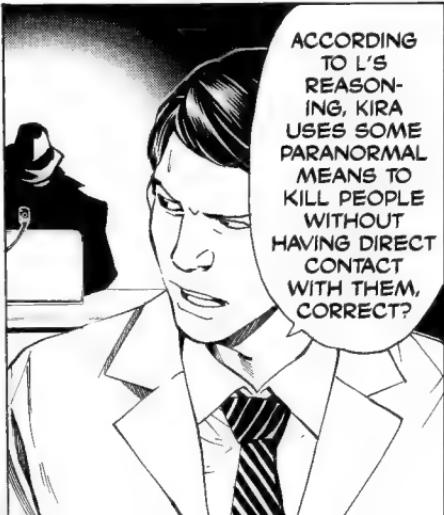
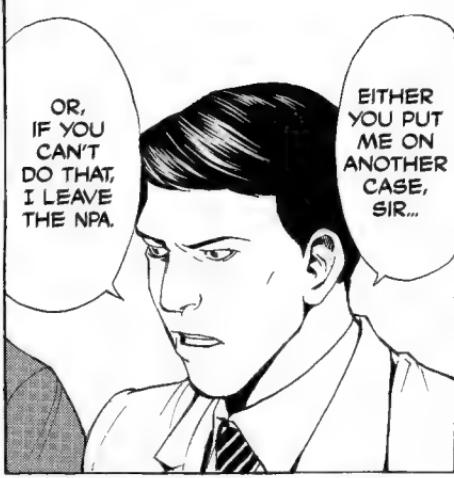
SO L IS NOT GOING TO BE FOUND...

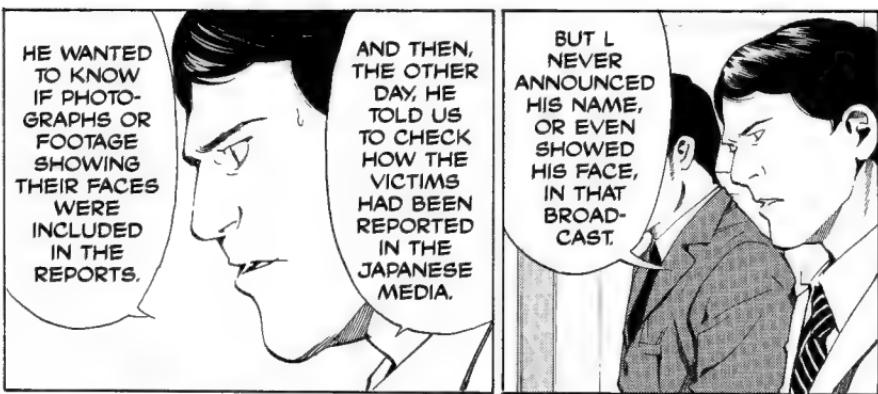
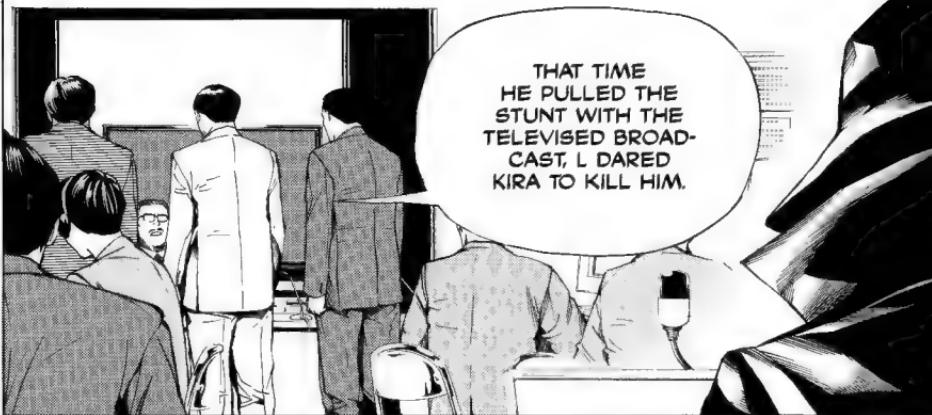
I'M POSITIVE THAT THE ONE WHO'S GOING TO HAVE THE POLICE CLOSING IN ON HIM FIRST IS L, NOT KIRA.

AND THEN I'LL ELIMINATE HIM...

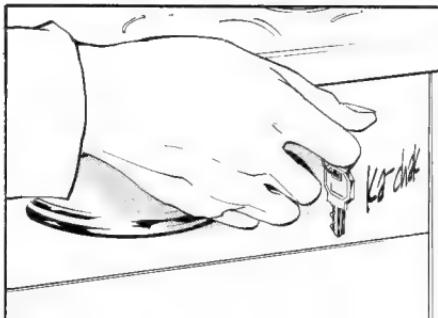
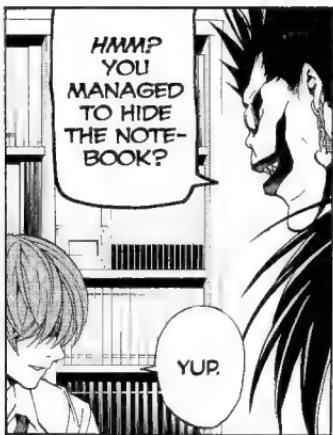
THE POLICE WILL TAKE CARE OF THAT PART FOR ME.













I GET IT.
THE DRAWER
HAS A FALSE
BOTTOM...
THIS IS WHY
YOU SPENT
SO MUCH
TIME AT
THAT STORE,
PICKING OUT
A BOARD.

KAZUNK

EVEN IF THEY
SUSPECT THE
DRAWER HAS A
FALSE BOTTOM,
THEY'LL NEVER
BE ABLE TO
JUST LIFT THE
NOTEBOOK
OUT LIKE THIS.

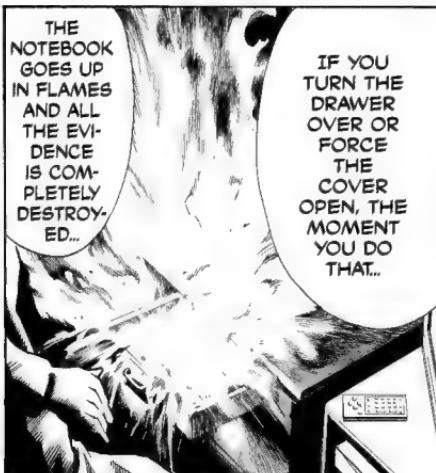
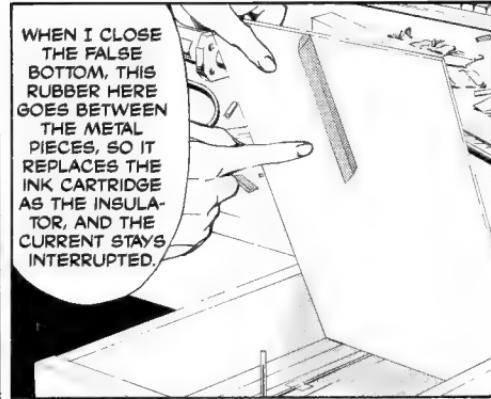
THAT'S
NOT ALL.

I
GUESS
NOBODY
WILL
FIND
THE
NOTE-
BOOK.

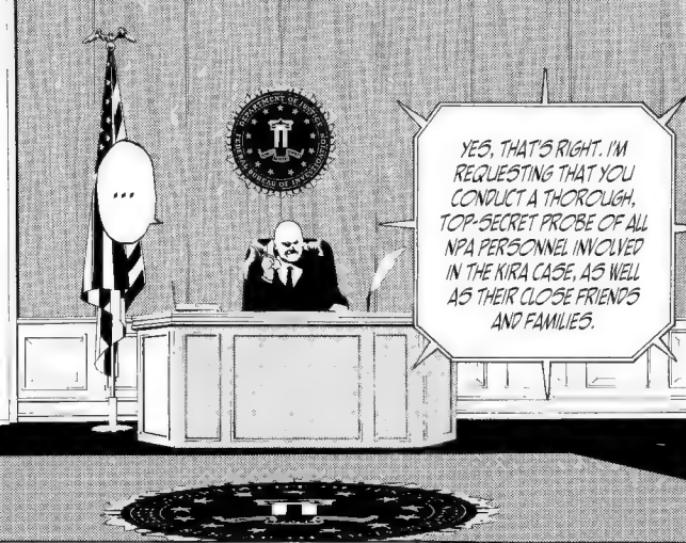
WITH
THAT
DIARY AS A
DECoy,
AND THIS...

THE INK CARTRIDGE
IS PLASTIC, SO IT
DOESN'T CONDUCT
ELECTRICITY. UNLESS
YOU STICK IT IN
HERE, A CURRENT
WILL PASS THROUGH
THIS AND IGNITE THE
GASOLINE IN THIS
THIN PLASTIC BAG.
THE NOTEBOOK WILL
GO UP IN FLAMES,
JUST LIKE THE ONE
I TRIED OUTSIDE
THIS AFTERNOON.

SEE
THIS?









DEATH NOTE

How to USE it

N

- The person in possession of the DEATH NOTE is possessed by a god of death, its original owner, until they die.

デスノートを持っている限り、自分が死ぬまで元持ち主である死神が憑いてまわる。

- If a human uses the note, a god of death usually appears in front of him/her within 39 days after he/she uses the note.

死神は通常、人間がノートを使った39日以内に使った者の前に姿を現す。

- Gods of death, the original owners of the DEATH NOTE, do not do, in principle, anything which will help or prevent the deaths in the note.

デスノートの元持ち主である死神は、そのノートでの死の手伝いや妨げになる行為は基本的にはしない。

- A god of death has no obligation to completely explain how to use the note or rules which will apply to the human who owns it.

デスノートの使い方や、それを持つ人間に発生する捷を死神が全て説明する義務はない。

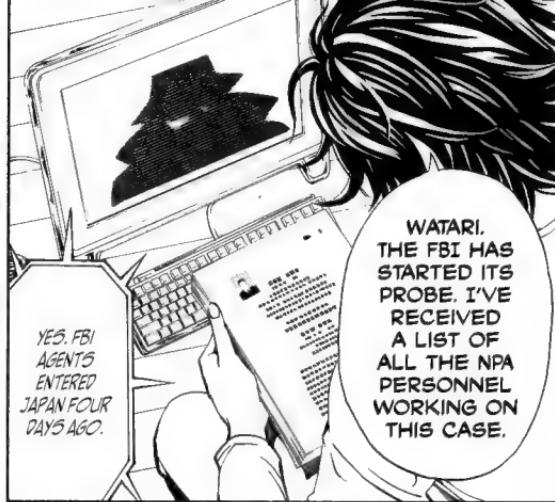
Chapter 3: Fugitives

No. 1

JUST WITHIN
IN THE NPA,
141 PEOPLE
WITH
ACCESS TO
TASK FORCE
INFOR-
MATION. HMM.

No. 141

FLAP



YES. FBI
AGENTS
ENTERED
JAPAN FOUR
DAYS AGO.

THAW

OR SOME-
ONE VERY
CLOSE TO
ONE OF
THEM...

BUT
ONE OF
THESE 141
PEOPLE...



...IS
KIRA.
I'M
SURE
OF IT.

No. 5

Soichiro Yagami
D.O.B. July 12, 1955. Age 48
Detective Superintendent,
NPA Head of Special Investigation
Headquarters for Criminal Victim
Serial Murder Case

Sachiko Yagami
D.O.B. October 10, 1962. Age 41
Housewife

Light Yagami
D.O.B. February 28, 1986. Age 17
Third year student, Daikoku
Private Academy

Sayu Yagami
D.O.B. June 18, 1989. Age 14
Second year student, Eishu Junior
High School



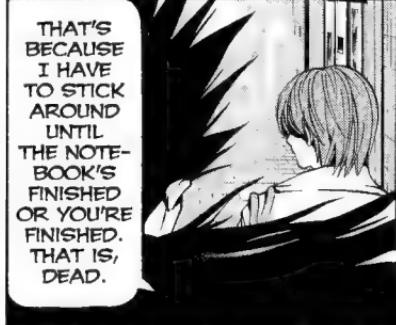
• chapter 5 Eyeballs





BUT...

THAT'S
BECAUSE
I HAVE
TO STICK
AROUND
UNTIL
THE NOTE-
BOOK'S
FINISHED.
OR YOU'RE
FINISHED.
THAT IS,
DEAD.



I DON'T HAVE
ANYTHING
AGAINST
YOU, LIGHT.
IN A WAY, I
THINK YOU'RE
THE BEST
PERSON WHO
COULD'VE
PICKED UP
MY NOTE-
BOOK.

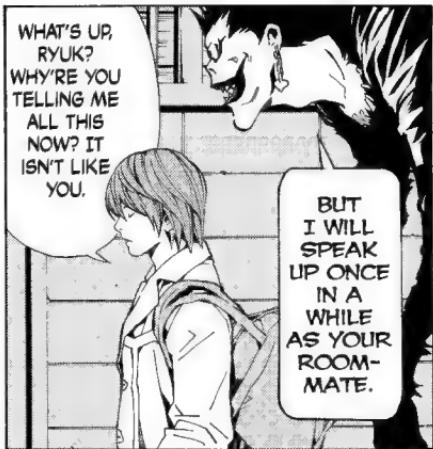


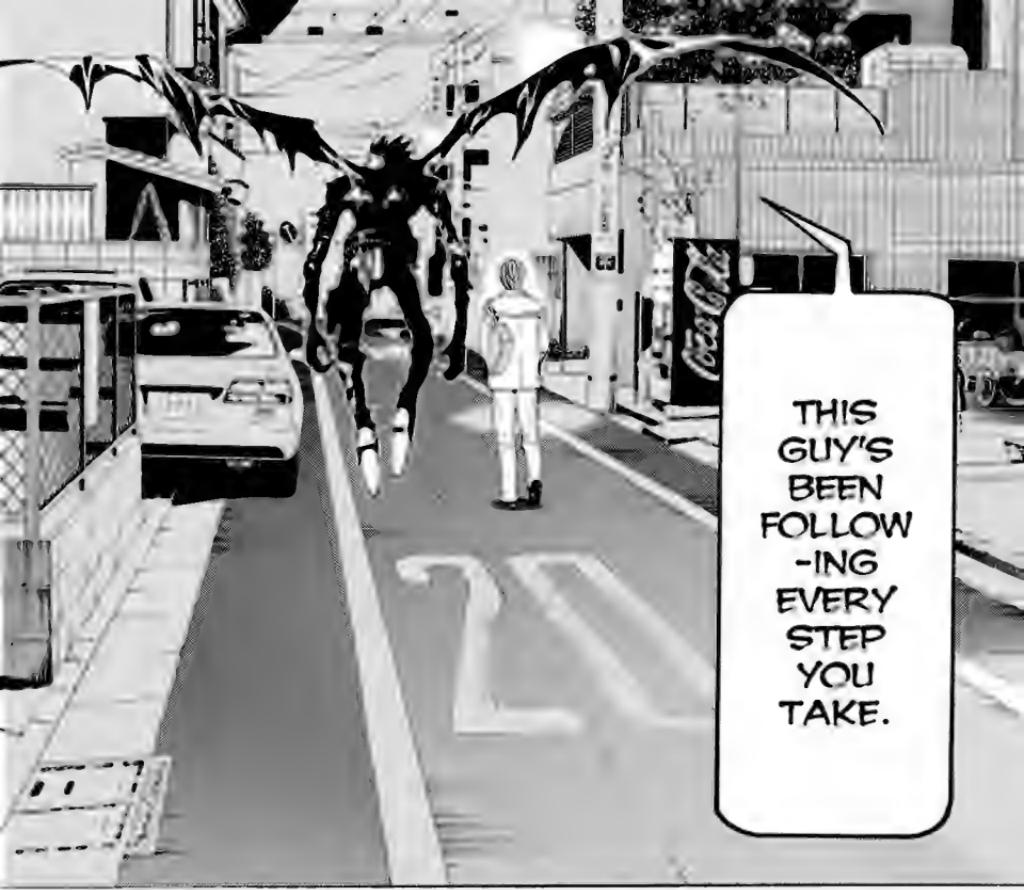
I'M
NEITHER
ON
YOUR
SIDE
NOR L'S
SIDE IN
THIS.



I
KNEW
THAT,
RYUK.



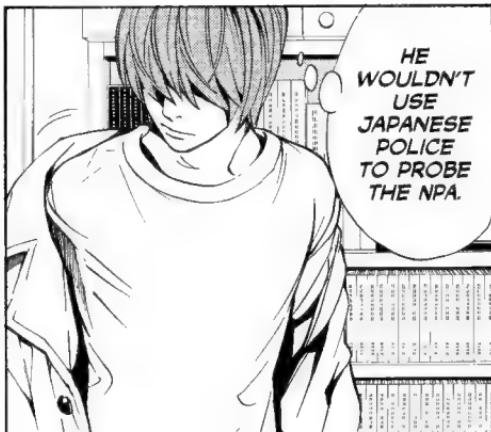
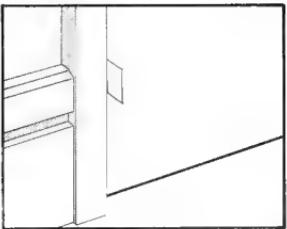


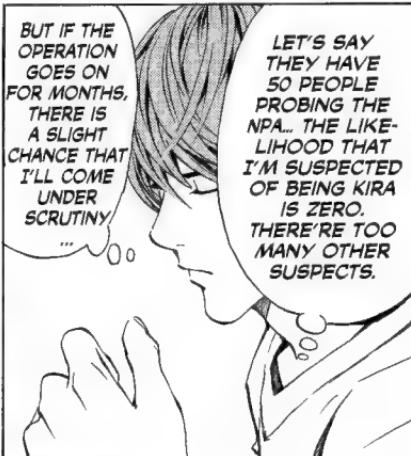
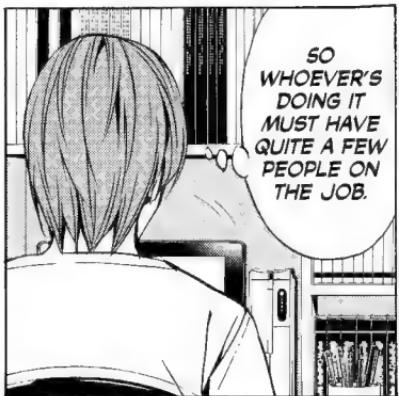


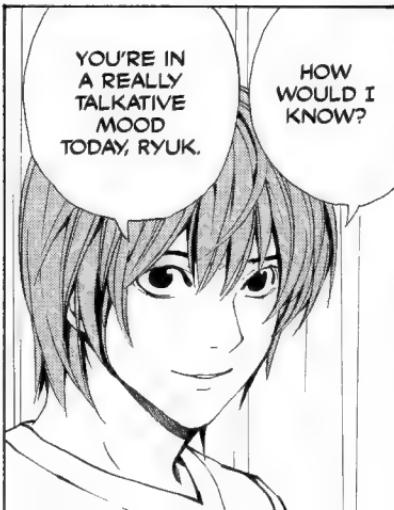
THIS GUY'S
BEEN
FOLLOW
-ING
EVERY
STEP
YOU
TAKE.











EXTRA
LIFE?!

IT'S
BECAUSE
SHINIGAMI
GET EXTRA
LIFE FROM
HUMANS.

SIXTY MINUS 40 IS 20, SO
THOSE TWENTY YEARS OF
HUMAN-WORLD TIME
GET ADDED ONTO THE
SHINGAMI'S LIFE SPAN.

LET'S SAY YOU
HAVE SOMEONE
WHOSE NATURAL
LIFETIME IN THE
HUMAN WORLD
IS 60 YEARS.
IF A SHINIGAMI
WRITES THEM
IN TO DIE
AT 40...

I HAVE SEEN
SHINIGAMI
WHO DIED
NATURALLY,
THOUGH...
THOSE WHO SAT
AROUND DOING
NOTHING, LIVING
FOR CENTURIES
WITHOUT
REMEMBERING
TO WRITE DOWN
A SINGLE
HUMAN NAME...

WELL,
WE ARE
"GODS"
OF A
SORT,
AFTER
ALL.

AND SO,
UNLESS THEY'RE
REALLY LAZY,
YOU CAN
SHOOT THEM
THROUGH THE
HEAD, OR KNIFE
THEM IN THE
HEART, OR
ANYTHING, AND
A SHINIGAMI
WON'T DIE.

BUT APPARENTLY, A WAY TO KILL A SHINIGAMI DOES EXIST.

AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS MYSELF ...



...



TELL YOU THE TRUTH, THE HUMAN WORLD DOESN'T MEAN A THING TO THE SHINIGAMI.

BUT ANYWAY, SHINIGAMI THESE DAYS DON'T HAVE FEELINGS LIKE "I DON'T LIKE THIS HUMAN" OR "LET'S MAKE THE HUMAN WORLD A BETTER PLACE" OR "LET'S MAKE IT A WORSE PLACE."

TALK ABOUT A MEANINGLESS EXISTENCE...

NOBODY EVEN KNOWS WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR ANYMORE.

THE REALM OF THE SHINIGAMI HAS REALLY GONE TO THE DOGS THESE DAYS.

THEY JUST DON'T WANT TO DIE, SO THEY GET LIFE FROM HUMANS, AND THEN THEY JUST GO ON WITH THEIR OWN EMPTY LIVES...

YOUR
EXISTENCE...
THE REALM
OF THE
SHINIGAMI...
IS SO MEAN-
INGFUL IT'S
SCARY. AND
THAT'S TRUE
IN ANY AGE.

A SHINIGAMI
LIKE YOU
COMES DOWN
ONCE IN A
HUNDRED
YEARS... NO,
ONCE IN A
THOUSAND
YEARS, AND
THE HUMAN
WORLD IS
TOTALLY
TRANS-
FORMED.

YOU'RE
A REAL
FOOL,
RYUK...



IF THE PLACE
IS REALLY AS
GONE TO THE
DOGS AS YOU
SAY, HOW
ABOUT MAKING
SOME CHANGES
WHEN YOU GO
BACK? YOU
KNOW, APPLY
SOME OF WHAT
YOU'RE SEE-
ING HERE...



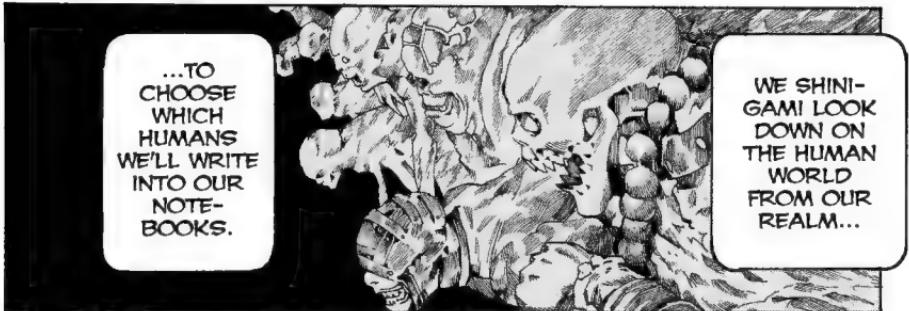
OF COURSE
I AM. IF I
WEREN'T AN
OPTIMIST,
I WOULDN'T
HAVE THOUGHT
I COULD MAKE
THE WORLD A
BETTER PLACE.

HA
HA!

LIGHT...
I THINK
YOU
MIGHT
ACTU-
ALLY BE
A REAL
POSITIVE-
THINKER
...

...







THE
UNLUCKY
BASTARD
WHO'S
POSSESSED
BY A
SHINIGAMI.



BUT
USUALLY,
IT'S JUST
WHOMEVER
YOUR EYE
HAPPENS
TO LAND
ON.

THERE
MIGHT BE
SOME
PREFER-
ENCES
INVOLVED
...



!
...
SO HOW
DO WE
KNOW THE
PERSON'S
NAME,
JUST BY
LOOKING
AT THEM?



WELL,
A SHINI-
GAMI'S
EYES...

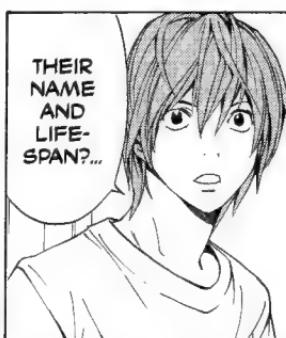


...CAN
SEE A
HUMAN'S
NAME
AND
LIFESPAN
OVER
YOUR
HEAD
WHEN
WE LOOK
AT YOU.



AND HOW
MUCH
EXTRA
LIFE
THEY'LL
GET IF
THEY KILL
THEM.

YEAH.
THAT'S
WHY
SHINIGAMI
ALWAYS
KNOW THE
NAME
OF THE
PERSON
THEY'RE
KILLING...



THEIR
NAME
AND
LIFE-
SPAN?...



AND...



OUR
EYES ARE
DIFFERENT.
THAT'S
THE
BIGGEST
DIF-
FER-
ENCE
BETWEEN
YOU AND
ME.

!

... WHICH WILL GIVE THAT HUMAN A SHINIGAMI'S EYES.

THERE'S A DEAL THAT, TRADITIONALLY, SHINIGAMI WHO DROP THEIR DEATH NOTE CAN ONLY MAKE WITH THE HUMAN WHO PICKS IT UP...

THE PRICE OF A SHINIGAMI'S EYES IS...

WHAT... KIND OF DEAL...?

HALF OF THEIR REMAINING LIFE-TIME...

...

...HALF OF THAT HUMAN'S REMAINING LIFE-TIME.

AND IF YOU HAVE JUST ONE YEAR LEFT, IT'S SIX MONTHS.

YEAH. SO IF YOU HAVE 50 YEARS LEFT, THAT'S 25...

LIGHT YAGAMI

9 3 31 2 6 3 9

OF COURSE,
I CAN SEE
YOUR NAME
AND
LIFESPAN
RIGHT NOW,
LIGHT.



'COURSE-
AND I
KNOW I
LITERALLY
HAVE A BIG
MOUTH-I'D
NEVER TELL
YOU WHAT
THAT IS.'



IF I
CONVERT IT
TO HUMAN-
WORLD TIME,
I KNOW
EXACTLY
HOW MANY
YEARS YOU
HAVE LEFT.

NO.
IN FACT,
THAT'S
ONE OF THE
RULES
OF THE
SHINIGAMI
REALM...

AND SINCE
YOU AREN'T ON
KIRA'S SIDE OR
L'S SIDE, EVEN
IF YOU SEE THE
NAME OF THE
PERSON I WANT
TO KILL, YOU
AREN'T GOING
TO TELL ME
WHAT IT IS...



IN OTHER WORDS, THIS DEAL WAS INVENTED TO HELP HUMANS WHO'VE PICKED UP DEATH NOTES.

I CAN EXTEND MY LIFE SPAN USING ANYBODY.

I OUGHTA TELL YOU, THIS DEAL HAS NO ADVANTAGES FOR THE SHINIGAMI.

AND WITH THOSE, I CAN LOOK AT ANYONE AND KNOW WHAT THEIR NAME IS... HMM...

GIVE ME HALF OF YOUR REMAINING LIFETIME, AND YOU CAN HAVE A SHINIGAMI'S EYES.



DEATH NOTE

How to USE it

- A god of death can extend his life by putting human names on the note, but humans cannot.
死神はデスノートに人間の名前を書く事で自分の寿命を延ばせるが、人間は延ばせない。

- A person can shorten his or her own life by using the note.

自分で自分の寿命をデスノートによって縮める事はできる。

- The human who becomes the owner of the DEATH NOTE can, in exchange of half of his/her remaining life, get the eyeballs of the god of death which will enable him/her to see a human's name and remaining lifetime when looking through them.

デスノートの所有者となつた人間は、自分の残された寿命の半分と交換に、人間の顔を見るとその人間の名前と寿命の見える死神の眼球をもらう事ができる。

- A god of death cannot be killed even if stabbed in his heart with a knife or shot in the head with a gun. However, there are ways to kill a god of death, which are not generally known to the gods of death.

死神は心臓をナイフで刺しても頭を銃で撃ち抜いても殺す事はできない。しかし、一介の死神は知らない死神の殺し方は存在する。

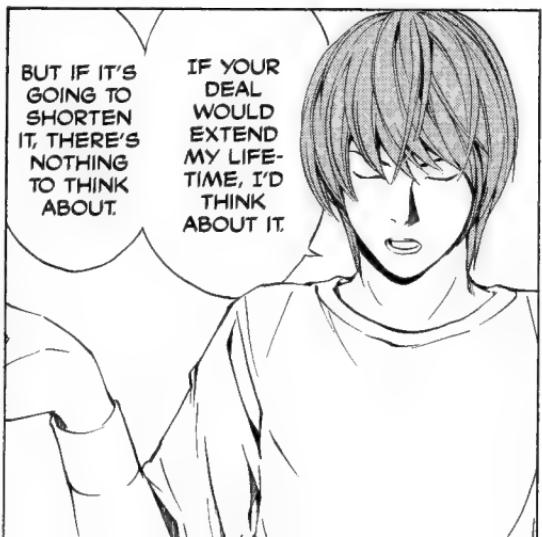
Ich habe sie für die Aktionation





HALF OF MY REMAINING LIFE-SPAN FOR A SHINIGAMI'S EYES...





BY THE WAY, YOU CAN MAKE THE DEAL ANYTIME, AS LONG AS YOU HAVE THE DEATH NOTE.

I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THIS KIND OF DEAL EXISTS, THAT'S ALL. GOTTA GET IT OUT OF THE WAY FIRST, CUZ I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANY "YOU NEVER TOLD ME" BELLYACHING LATER.

SHOULDN'T YOU TELL ME THAT KIND OF STUFF AS SOON AS WE MEET, OR WRITE IT DOWN IN THE "HOW TO USE" PART OF THE NOTEBOOK?

IN THAT CASE...

"GOTTA GET IT OUT OF THE WAY FIRST?"

THAT WAS A LITTLE LATE, WASN'T IT?

...
EVEN THOUGH
I'M A SHINIGAMI,
HE'S NEVER BEEN
AFRAID OF ME OR
TRIED TO KISS
MY BUTT. AND
WHEN IT COMES
TO STUFF LIKE
THIS, HE TOTAL-
LY GIVES ME A
HARD TIME...

UH...
YEAH...

...





I'M NOT GOING TO BE HEARING ABOUT ANY MORE RULES OR DEALS LATER, AM I?



READ THIS WAY



THAT
WOULD BE
PRETTY
INTEREST-
ING, TOO.

STILL, IF I KEPT
CUTTING DEALS
ON EYES AND
WINGS AND STUFF,
NEXT THING I
KNOW I'D BE A
REAL SHINIGAMI
MYSELF...



EVEN
WITHOUT
DOING
THAT...

DON'T
WORRY,
LIGHT.



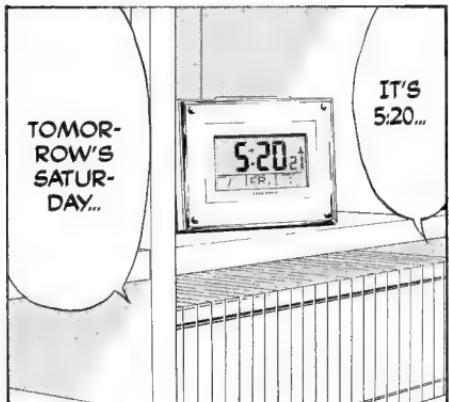
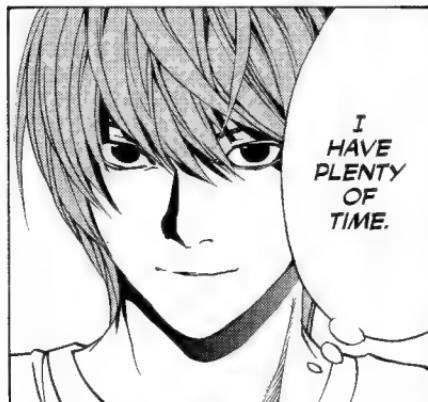
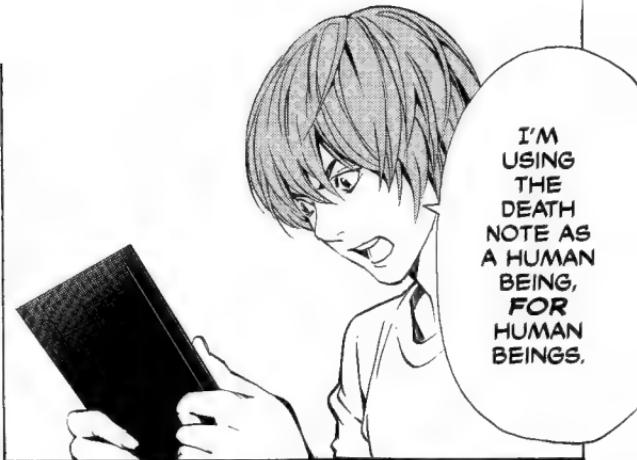
YOU'RE
ALREADY
A FINE
SHINIGAMI.

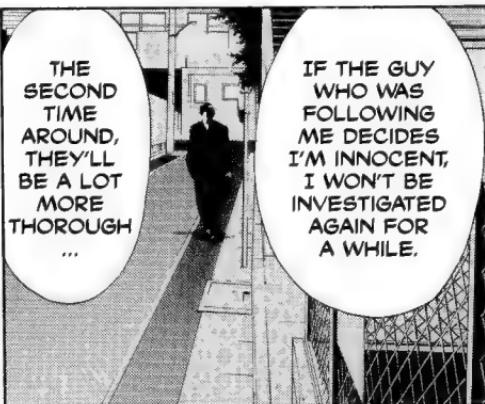
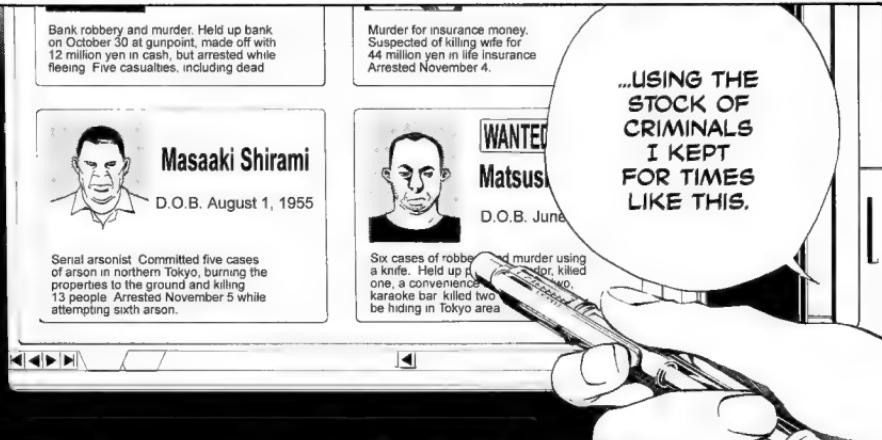
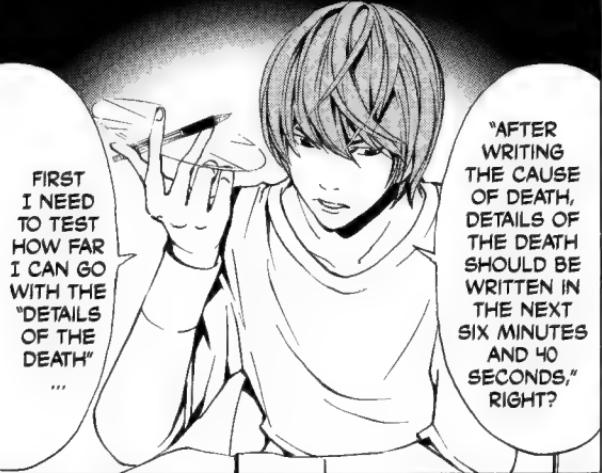


BUT
DON'T
LUMP ME
TOGETHER
WITH YOU
GUYS.



WELL,
FROM WHAT
YOU SAID, I
SEEM TO BE
WORKING A
LOT HARDER
THAN MOST
SHINIGAMI
THESE
DAYS...



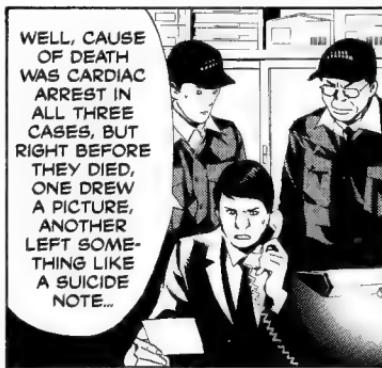


DRRRRR

Special
Investigati
Head-
quarters
for
Criminal



READ
THIS
WAY



CRIMINAL VICTIM SERIAL MURDER CASE VICTIM LIST

DATE	NAME	CRIME	PLACE	CAUSE OF DEATH
12.18 2003	KEITO NAWARAMI	KIDNAP/ MURDER	PRISON # 21	CARDIAC ARREST
12.18 2003	KYU ISHIDA	MURDER FOR INSURANCE	PRISON # 21	CARDIAC ARREST
12.18 2003	TOMITETSU MASANAKA	ROBBERY/ MURDER	PRISON # 21	CARDIAC ARREST
12.19 2003	MASAAKI SHIRAMI	SERIAL AR		

VICTIM'S
NAME?
OKAY...
MASAAKI
SHIRAMI,
UH-HUH...

OH, THAT
ARSONIST.
YEAH, THE
ONE WHO
KILLED 13
PEOPLE
IN THEIR
HOMES...

KATTA

KATTA

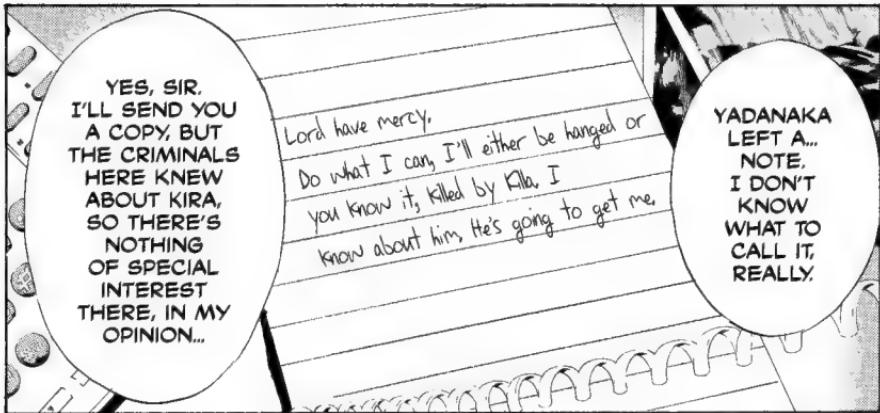




WITH
A FIVE-
POINTED
STAR
INSIDE THE
CIRCLE...



YES...
SHIRAMI CUT
HIS FINGER,
AND DREW A
BIG CIRCLE
ON THE
WALL OF
HIS CELL,
IN HIS OWN
BLOOD...



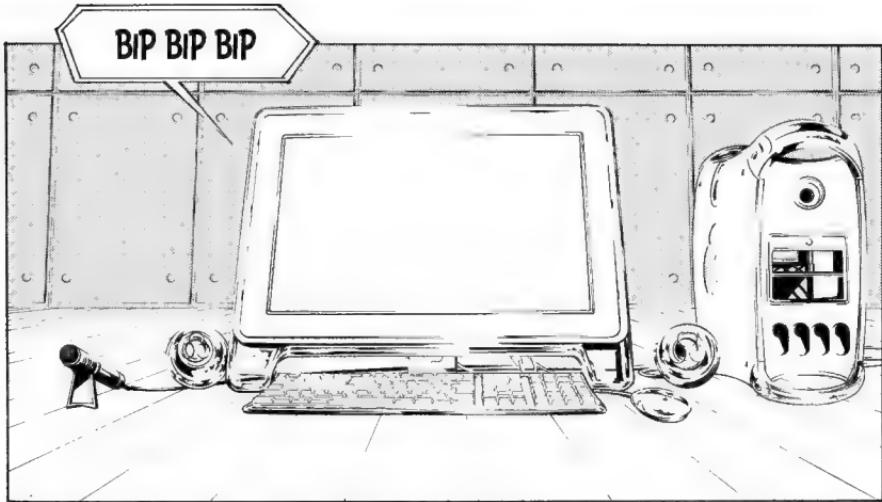
YES, SIR.
I'LL SEND YOU
A COPY, BUT
THE CRIMINALS
HERE KNEW
ABOUT KIRA,
SO THERE'S
NOTHING
OF SPECIAL
INTEREST
THERE, IN MY
OPINION...

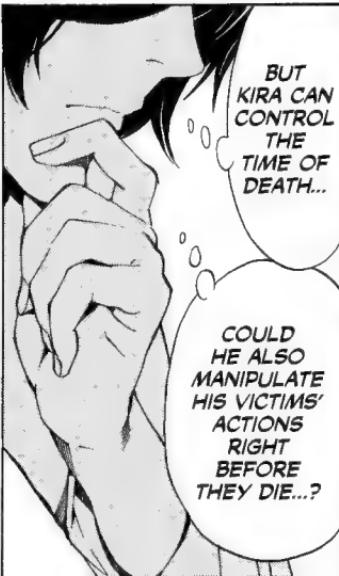
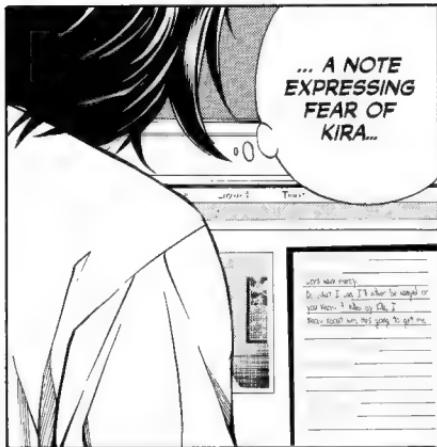
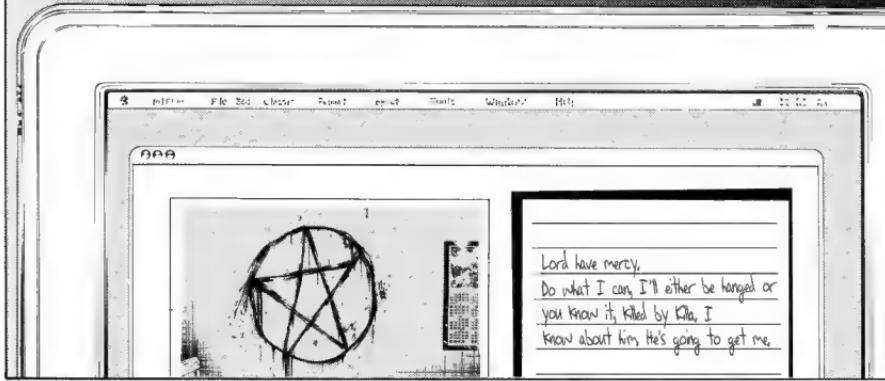
Lord have mercy.
Do what I can, I'll either be hanged or
you know it, killed by Kira. I
know about him. He's going to get me.

YADANAKA
LEFT A...
NOTE.
I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT TO
CALL IT,
REALLY.

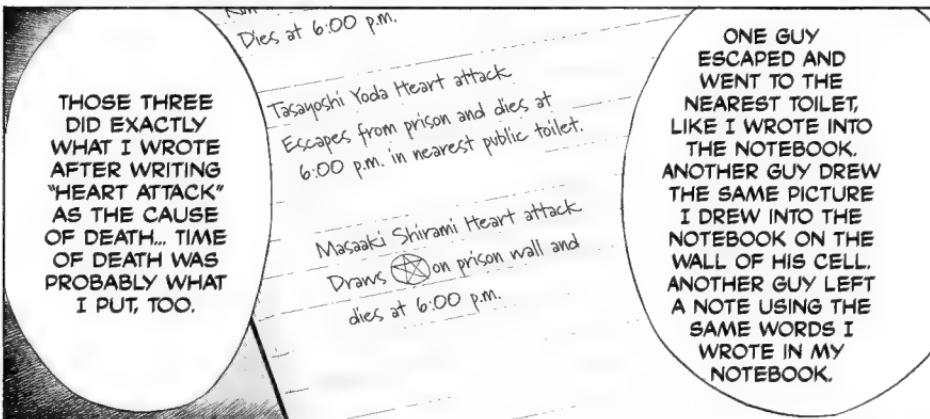
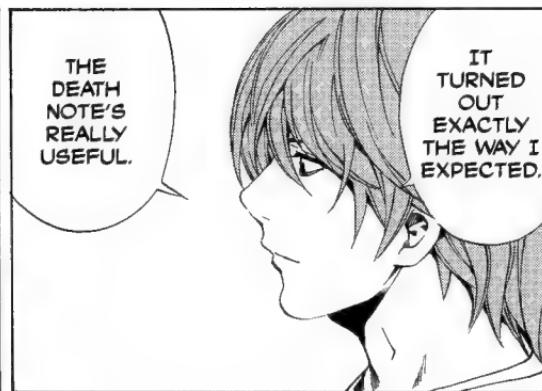
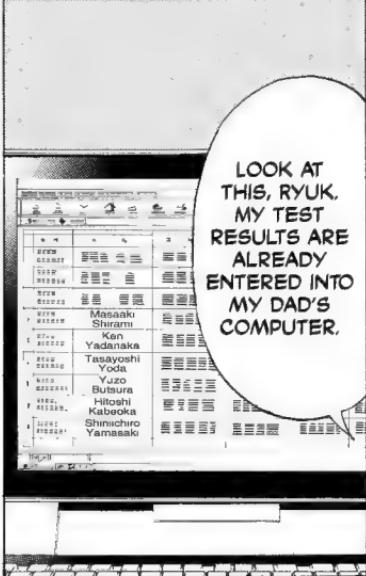


THE MOST
PUZZLING ONE
WAS YODA. HE
MANAGED TO
ESCAPE FROM
THE PRISON
AND GET TO A
PUBLIC TOILET
30 METERS
AWAY, ONLY TO
COLLAPSE
THERE...









READ
THIS
WAY

IT'S PHYSICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR SOMEONE WHO WAS IN A JAPANESE PRISON AT 5:30 TO DIE IN FRANCE AT 6:00. SO THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN, AND HE JUST DIED OF A HEART ATTACK.



FOR ONE, I WROTE "DIES AT 6:00 P.M. TODAY IN FRONT OF THE EIFFEL TOWER IN FRANCE."

FOR THE OTHER THREE, I DELIBERATELY WROTE IN PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE DETAILS.

I THOUGHT THIS ONE MIGHT WORK, BUT SINCE IT DIDN'T, IT MEANS THAT HE COULDN'T WRITE SOMETHING THAT HE HIMSELF DIDN'T KNOW OR THINK.

a perfect likeness of L's face
at 6:00 p.m.

Sherlock Yagami:
Wrote a little saying "I know that L
suspects the Japanese police" and
dies at 6:00 p.m.

FOR THE LAST ONE, I WROTE "WRITES 'I KNOW THAT L SUSPECTS THE JAPANESE POLICE'."

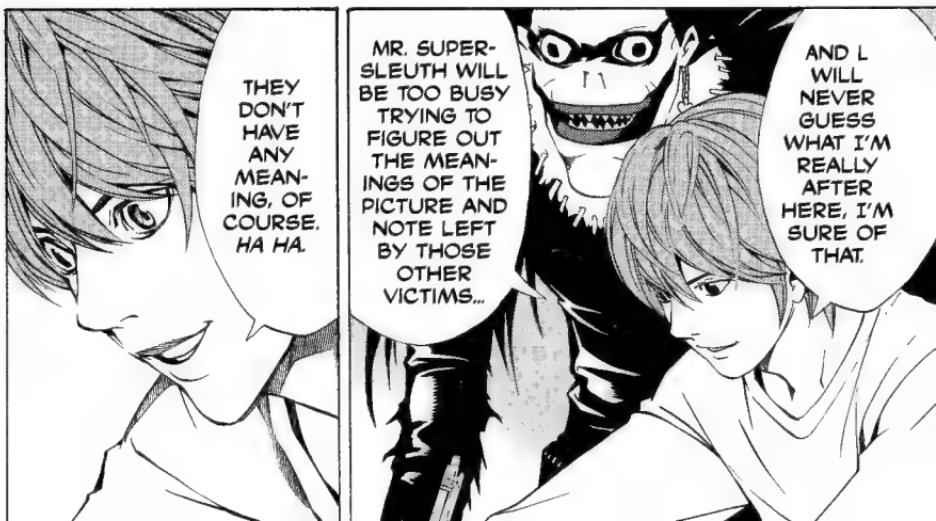
BUT YOU CAN'T DRAW SOMEONE YOU'VE NEVER SEEN.

FOR THE NEXT ONE, I WROTE "DRAWS A PERFECT LIKENESS OF L'S FACE ON PRISON WALL" ...

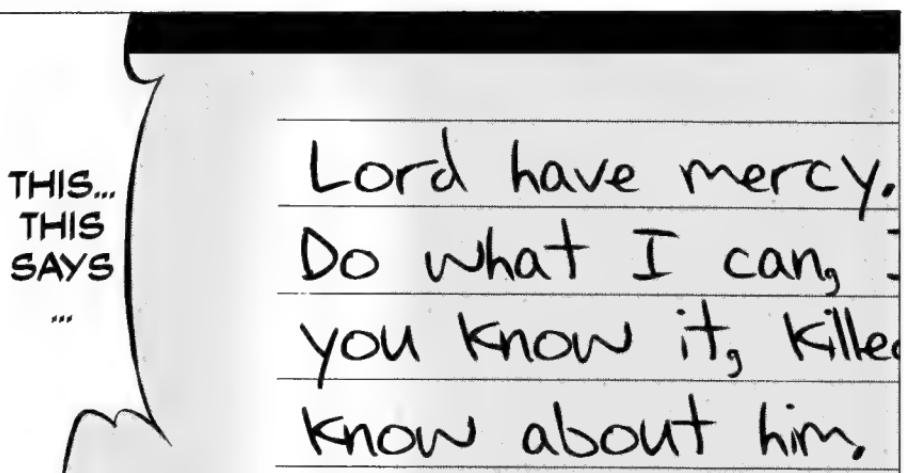
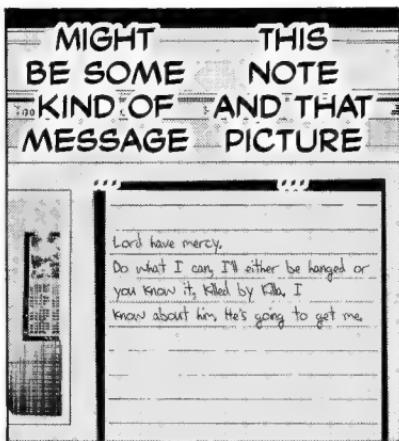
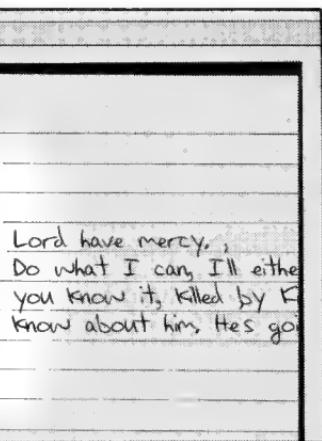
BUT... ACTIONS THAT AREN'T UNNATURAL FOR THAT PERSON CAN BE WRITTEN INTO HOW THEY DIE, AND THEY'LL DO THEM.

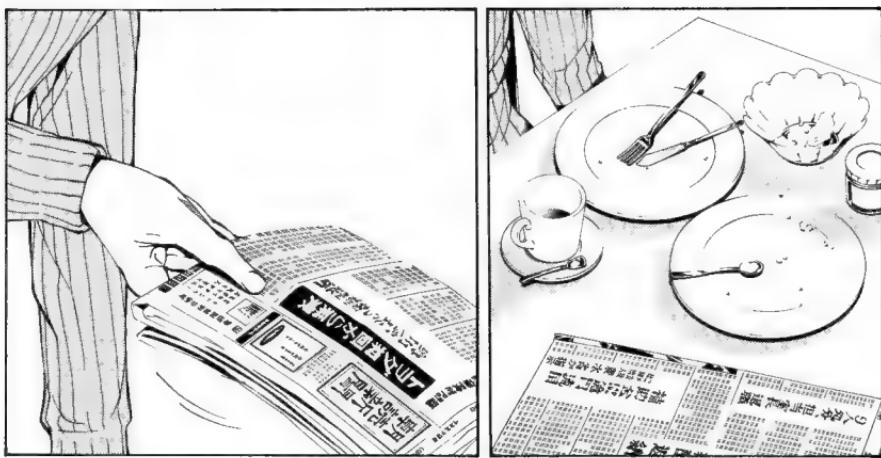
IN OTHER WORDS, EVEN WITH THE DEATH NOTE, YOU CAN'T DO SOMETHING THAT ISN'T POSSIBLE.





READ THIS WAY





CONVENIENCE STORE ROBBER STABBED TO DEATH BY EMPLOYEE



大手のコンビニエンスストアで、強盗犯が店員に刃物で刺され死亡した事件が発生。強盗犯は、店員の自衛行為によるものと見られる。強盗犯は、刃物を持ったまま、店舗内を徘徊する際に、店員によって刃物で刺され、そのまま倒れてしまった。強盗犯は、刃物を持ったまま、店舗内を徘徊する際に、店員によって刃物で刺され、そのまま倒れてしまった。

**WANTED
CRIMINAL
IN
ROBBERY-
MURDER
CASE**

**POLICE
RELEASE
EMPLOYEE
AS ACTING
IN SELF-
DEFENSE.**



MATSUSHIRO NAKAKAJI

**INCIDENT
RECORDED
ON
STORE'S
SECURITY
CAMERA**

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LOOK AT
THIS. IT
HAPPENED
PRECISELY
THE WAY I
WROTE IT!

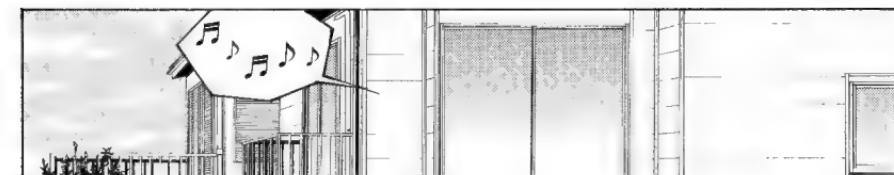




THIS MIGHT SURPRISE YOU, BUT I'M PRETTY POPULAR WITH THE LADIES, RYUK.

TRY A FEW ...?

GIRLS.





DEATH NOTE

HOW TO USE IT

VI

- The conditions for death will not be realized unless it is physically possible for that human or it is reasonably assumed to be carried out by that human.

書き入れる死の状況は、その人間が物理的に可能な事、
その人間がやってもおかしくない範囲の行動でなければ実現しない。

- The specific scope of the condition for death is not known to the gods of death, either. So, you must examine and find out.

死の状況で可能になる事の詳細な範囲は死神にもわからないので、
自分で検証し明らかにしていくしかない。



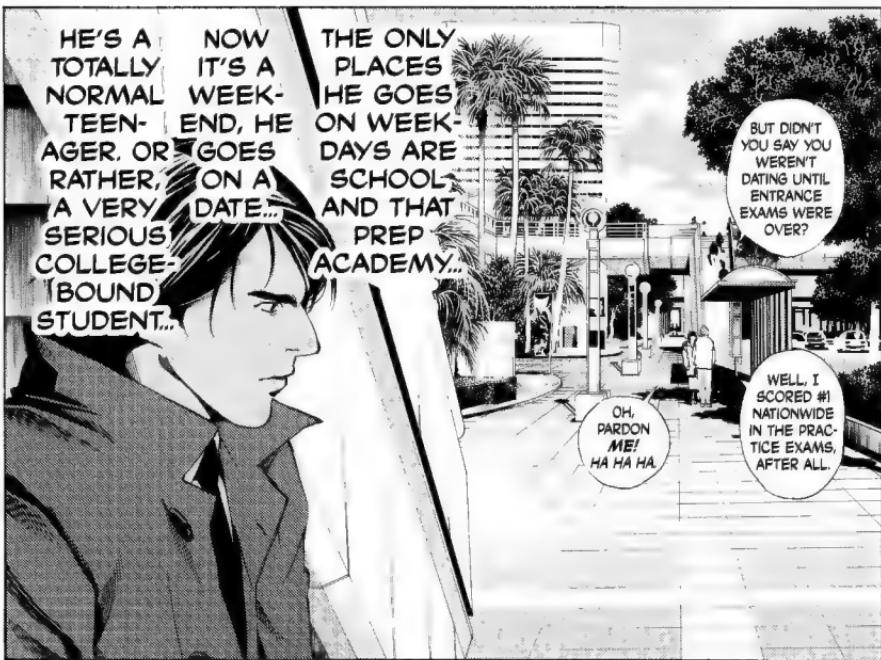
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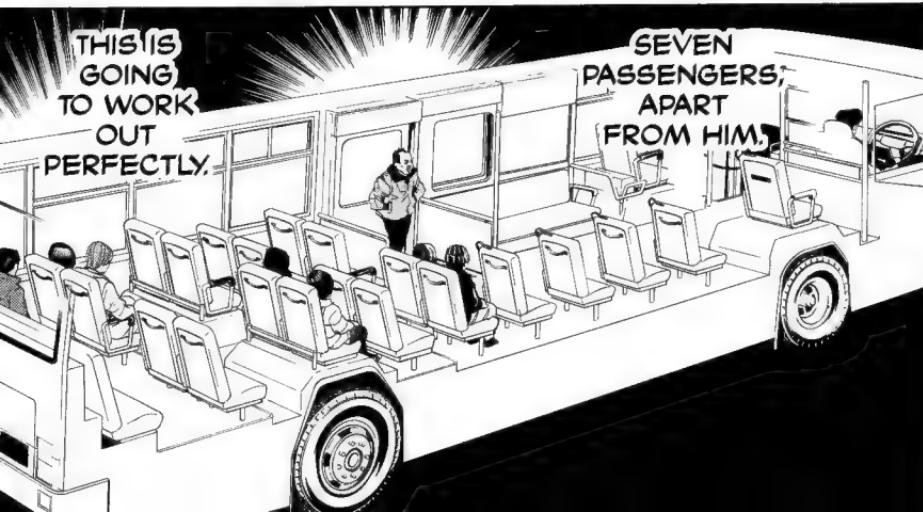
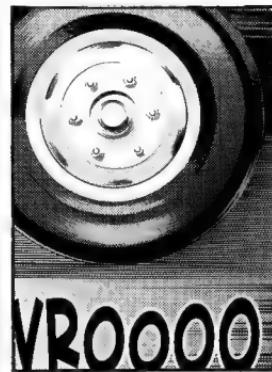


BUT THIS
MORNING,
YOU WROTE
THAT DRUG
ADDICT'S
NAME INTO
THE NOTE-
BOOK,
SAYING YOU
WERE GOING
TO FIND
OUT YOUR
SHADOW'S
NAME...



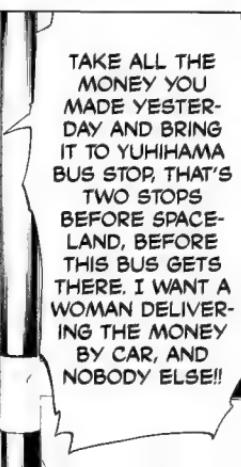


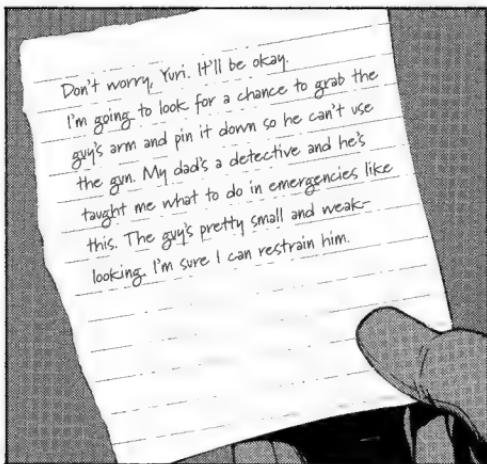
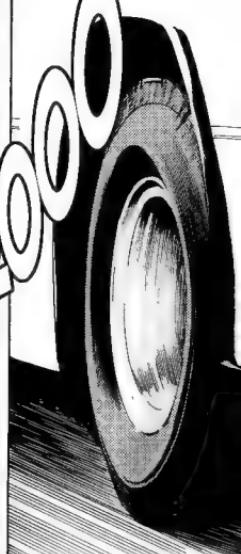


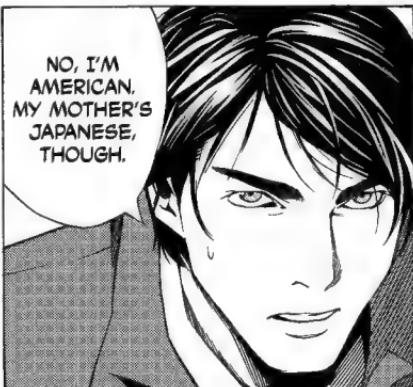
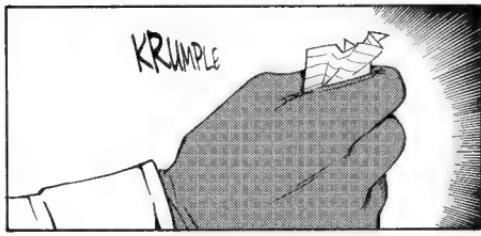
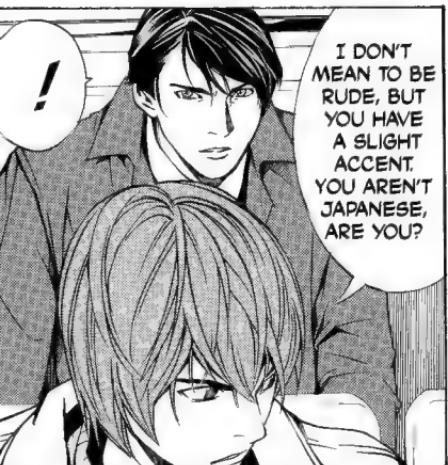


THIS BUS HAS JUST
BEEN HIJACKED,
LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN!!











NAME,
RAYE
PEMBER.



of INVESTIGATION

FBI



SOCIAL AGENT

YES.

SO
YOU'LL
TAKE
CARE
OF IT IF
SOME-
THING
HAPPENS?

OKAY, I
TRUST YOU.
AND RIGHT
NOW I WON'T
ASK WHY AN
FBI AGENT IS
ON BOARD
THIS BUS.

YES,
I DO.

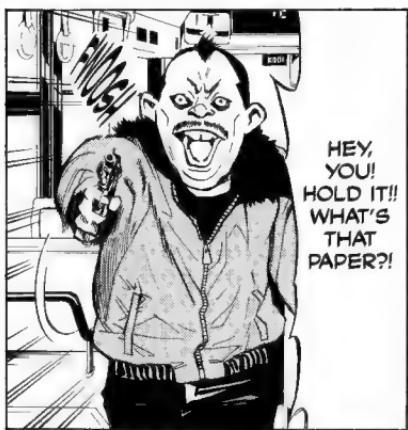
GOT A
GUN?

WHO
KILLED
THREE
PEOPLE
TRYING
TO ROB
A BANK.
THE MAN'S
EXTREMELY
DANGEROUS...

THE
HIJACKER... I
SAW HIM ON
THE NEWS
HERE TWO
DAYS AGO.
HE'S THAT
DRUG ADDICT...

AND
ANYWAY,
THE TOP
PRIORITY
RIGHT
NOW IS
SAVING
THESE
PEOPLE'S
LIVES...

BUT KIRA'S
MURDERED MORE
CRIMINALS IN
AMERICA THAN
ANYWHERE ELSE.
SO I COULD SAY
THE FBI'S CON-
DUCTING ITS OWN
INVESTIGATION, AND
THEY WOULDN'T
SUSPECT WE'RE
PROBING THE NPA.

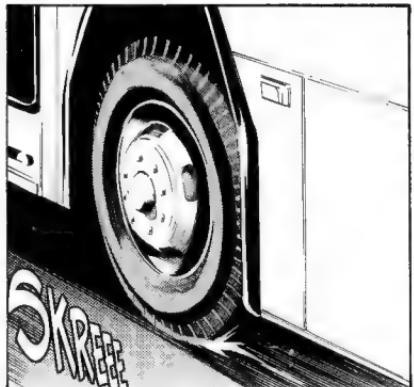










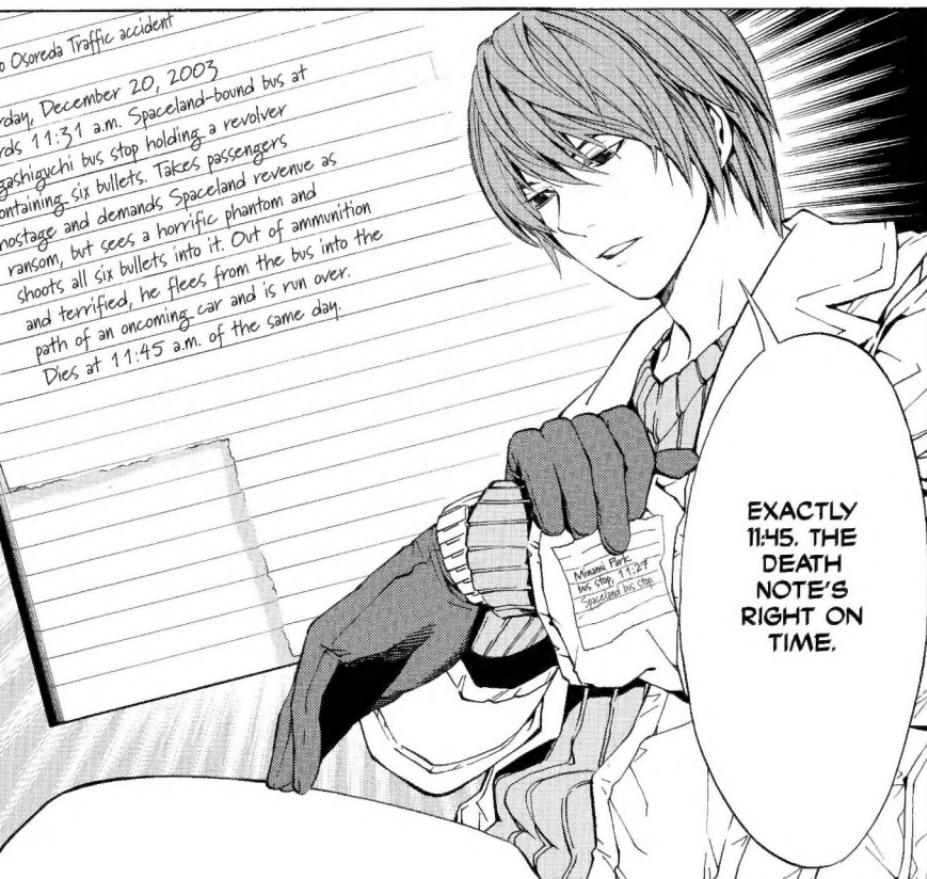






Osoreda Traffic accident

Today, December 20, 2003
At 11:31 a.m. Spaceland-bound bus at
Gashiguchi bus stop holding a revolver
containing six bullets. Takes passengers
hostage and demands Spaceland revenue as
ransom, but sees a horrific phantom and
shoots all six bullets into it. Out of ammunition
and terrified, he flees from the bus into the
path of an oncoming car and is run over.
Dies at 11:45 a.m. of the same day.





DEATH NOTE

How to USE it

VII

- One page taken from the DEATH NOTE, or even a fragment of the page, contains the full effects of the note.
デスノートから切り取った1ページやその切れ端でも全て、
デスノートの特性が有効である。
- The instrument to write with can be anything, (e.g. cosmetics, blood, etc) as long as it can write directly onto the note and remains as legitimate letters.
文字として残る物であれば、書く道具はノートに直に書き込みさえすれば
何でもよい。化粧品や血でも構わない。
- Even the original owners of the DEATH NOTE, gods of death, do not know much about the note.
デスノートについて、わからない事は元持ち主の死神でも沢山ある。



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