# DEATH NOTE

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SHONEN JUMP ADVANCED

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The human whose name is written in this notebook shall die.

This note works like an effect unless the person's face is in their mind when writing his/her name.

Therefore, people who have written in this notebook will not take any action against the author.

After writing a human name, it will happen in 40 seconds.

If the cause of death is not specified, the person will simply die of heart attack.

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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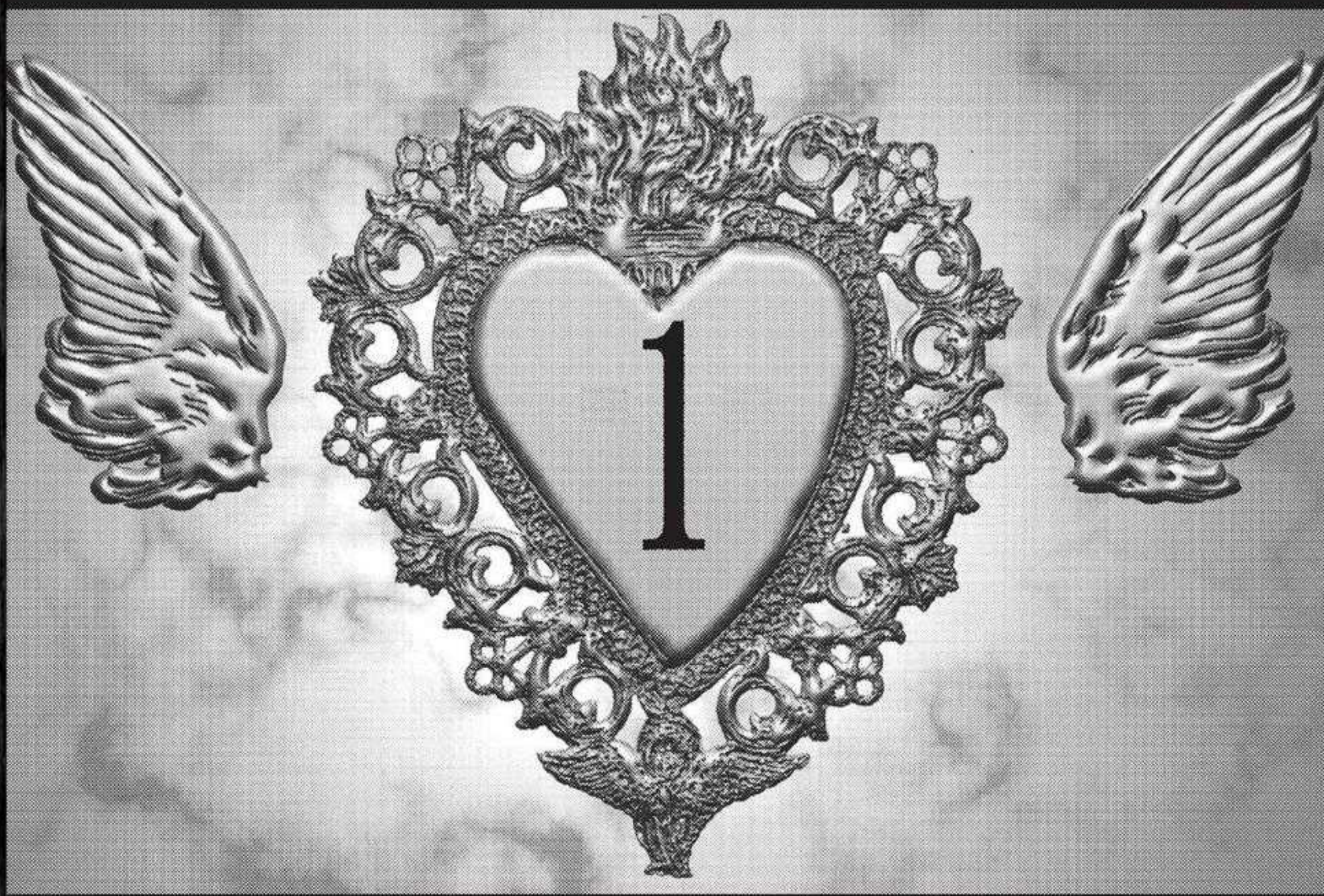


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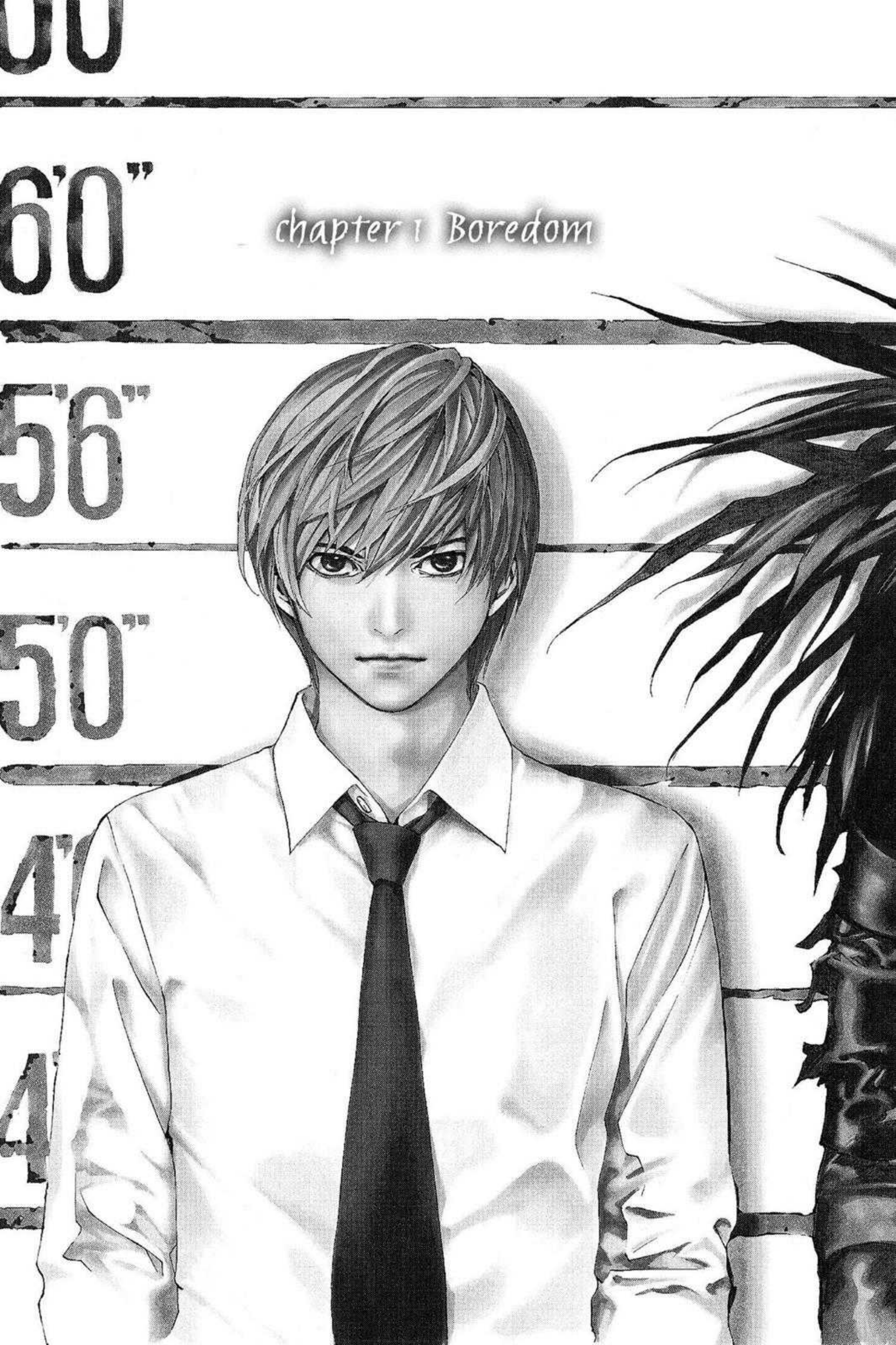
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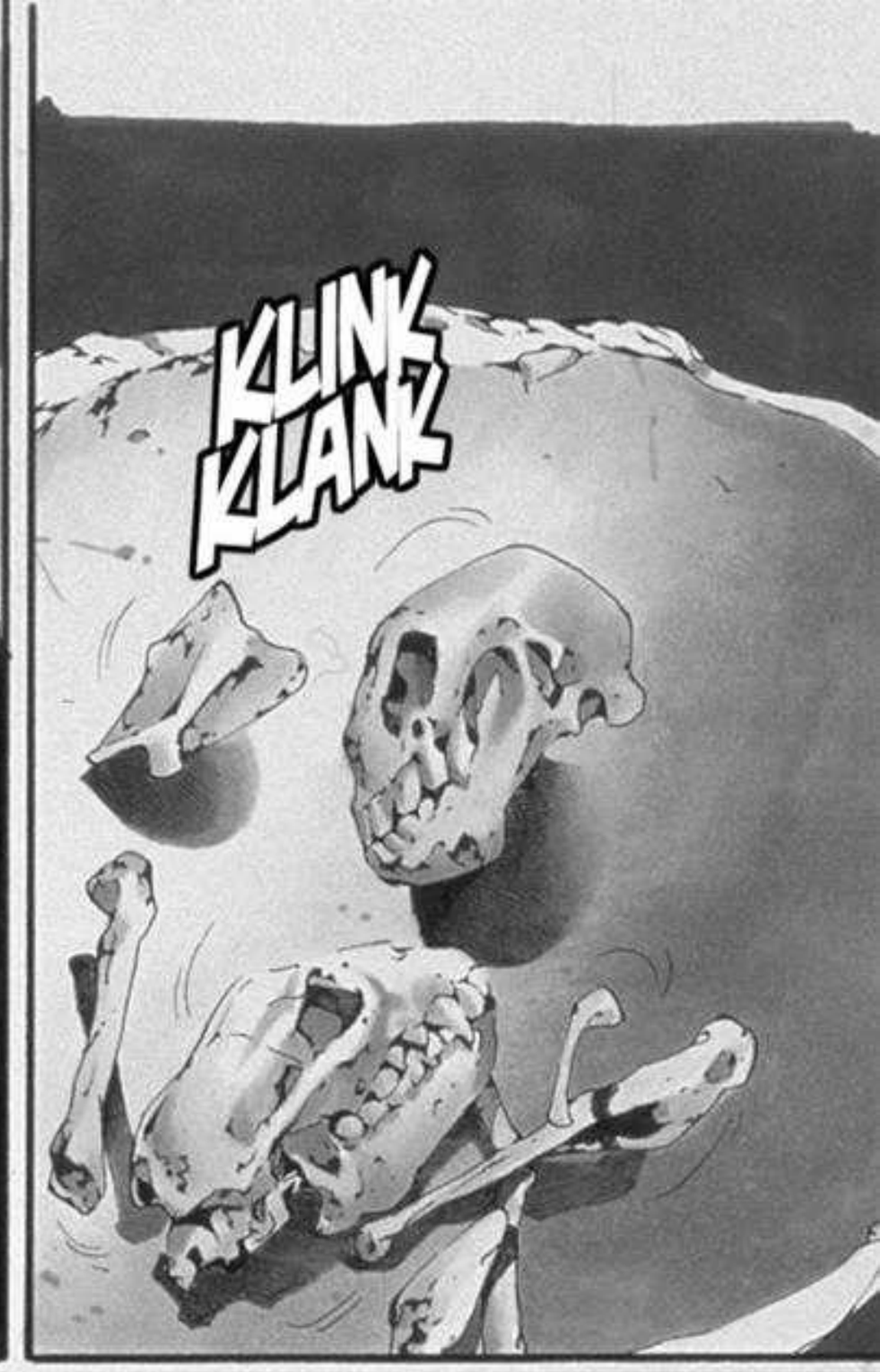
HEH HEH HEH.
TWO DEATH'S-HEADS. I WIN AGAIN.
IT'S BEEN FIVE DAYS NOW...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ANYPLACE YOU GO AROUND HERE, IT'S ALL BARREN ANYWAY. HEE HEE
HM? WHERE YOU OFF TO, RYUK?
'BOUT TIME I GOT GOING.
KRUNCH

HEY, WEREN'T YOU CARRYING AROUND A SECOND ONE BEHIND THE OLD MAN'S BACK? YOU SAYIN' YOU LOST BOTH?
WHOOPS! HYUK HYUK HYUK! YOU REALLY SCREWED UP, MAN!

I DROPPED MY DEATH NOTE.

WHAT ?!

YEAH. THE HUMAN WORLD.
SO, YOU GOT ANY IDEA WHERE YOU DROPPED IT? KYAK KAK KAK

HOOOOM

KRIA-KROOM

This single notebook, dropped into the human world by a Shinigami ...
...sets off an all-out battle between two chosen people.

Light Yagami, age 17.

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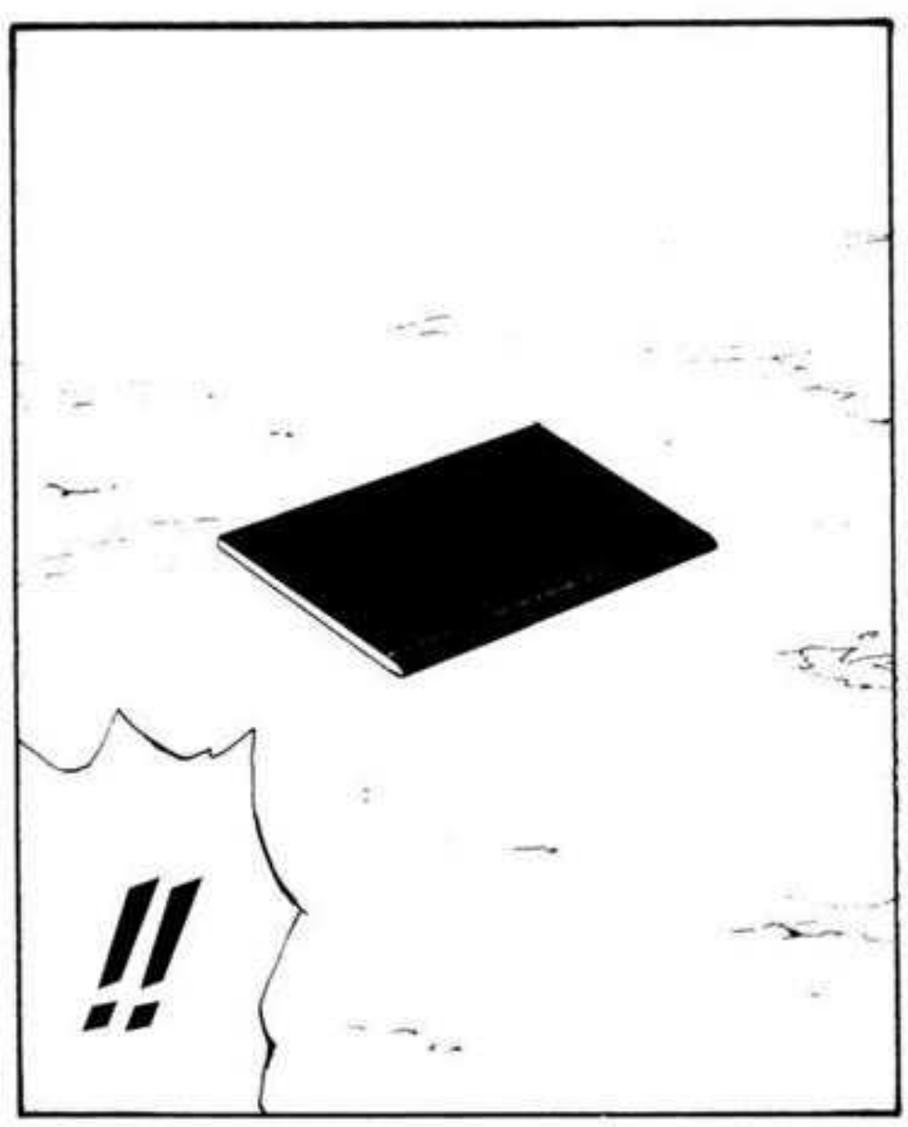

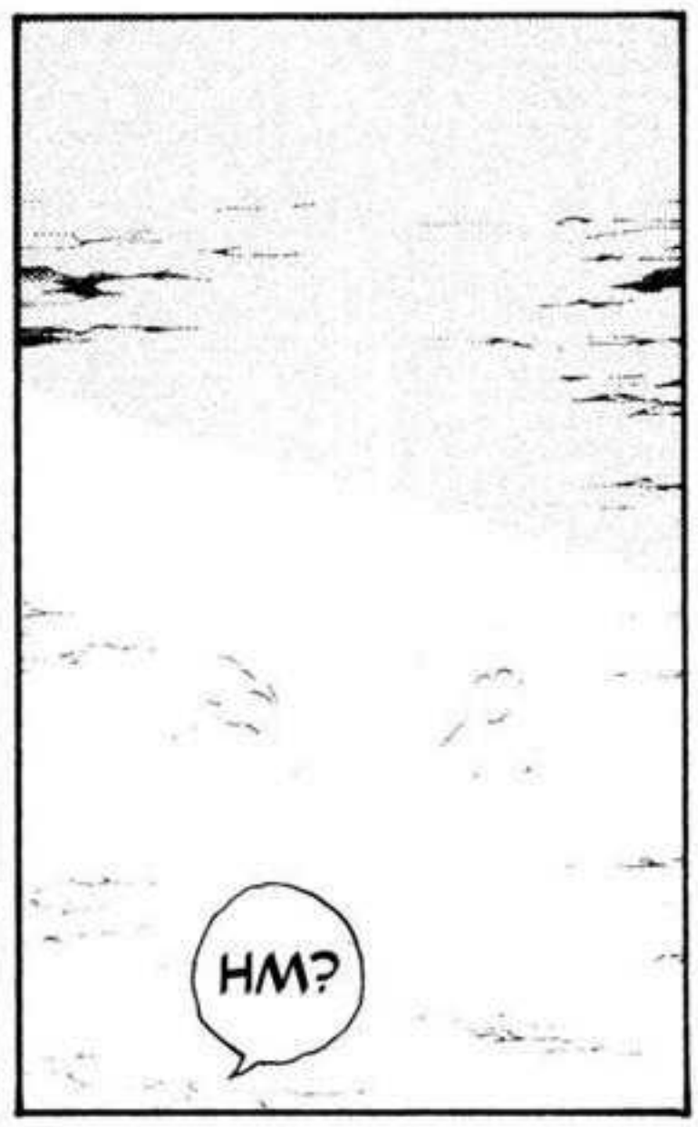


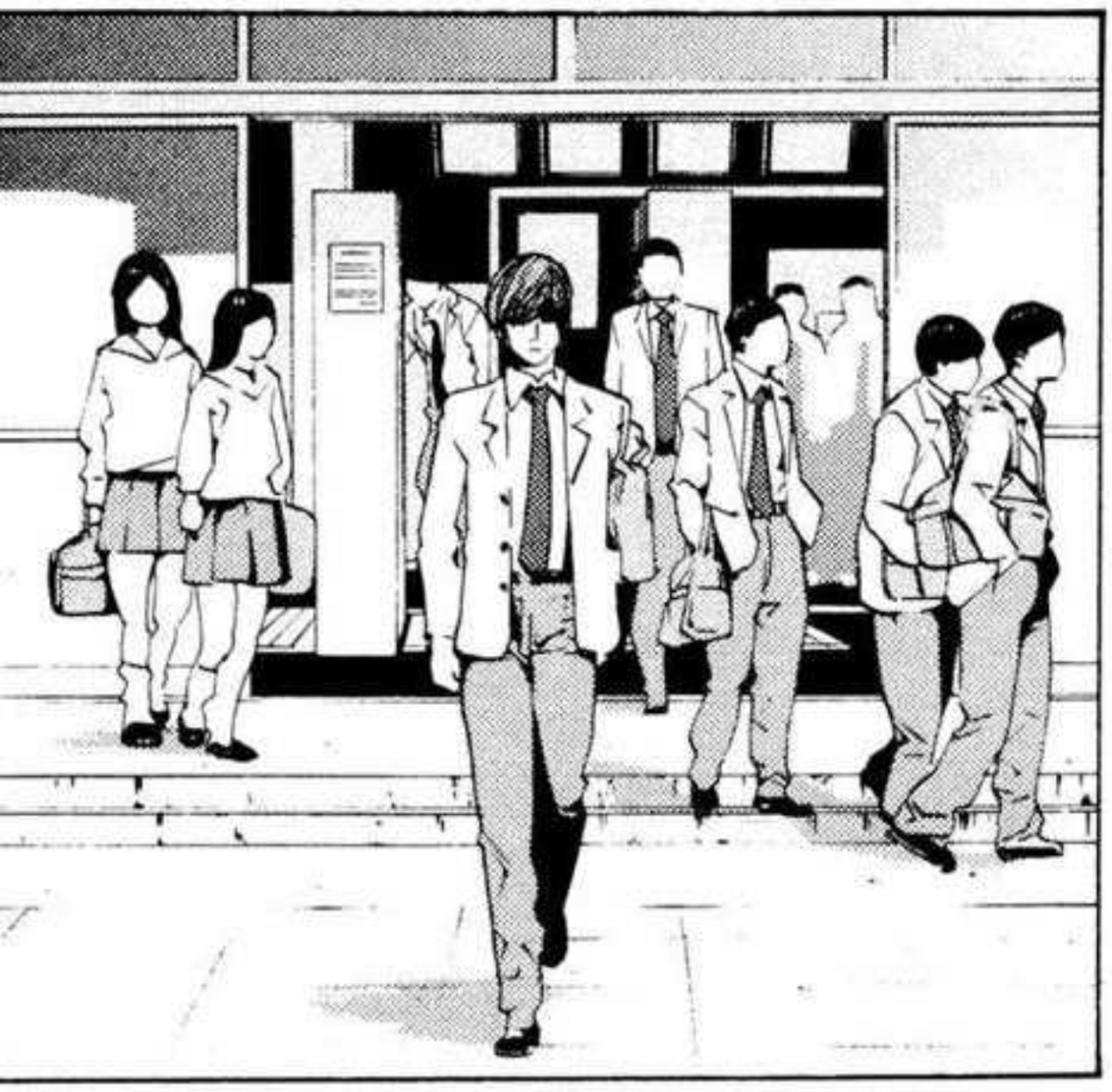

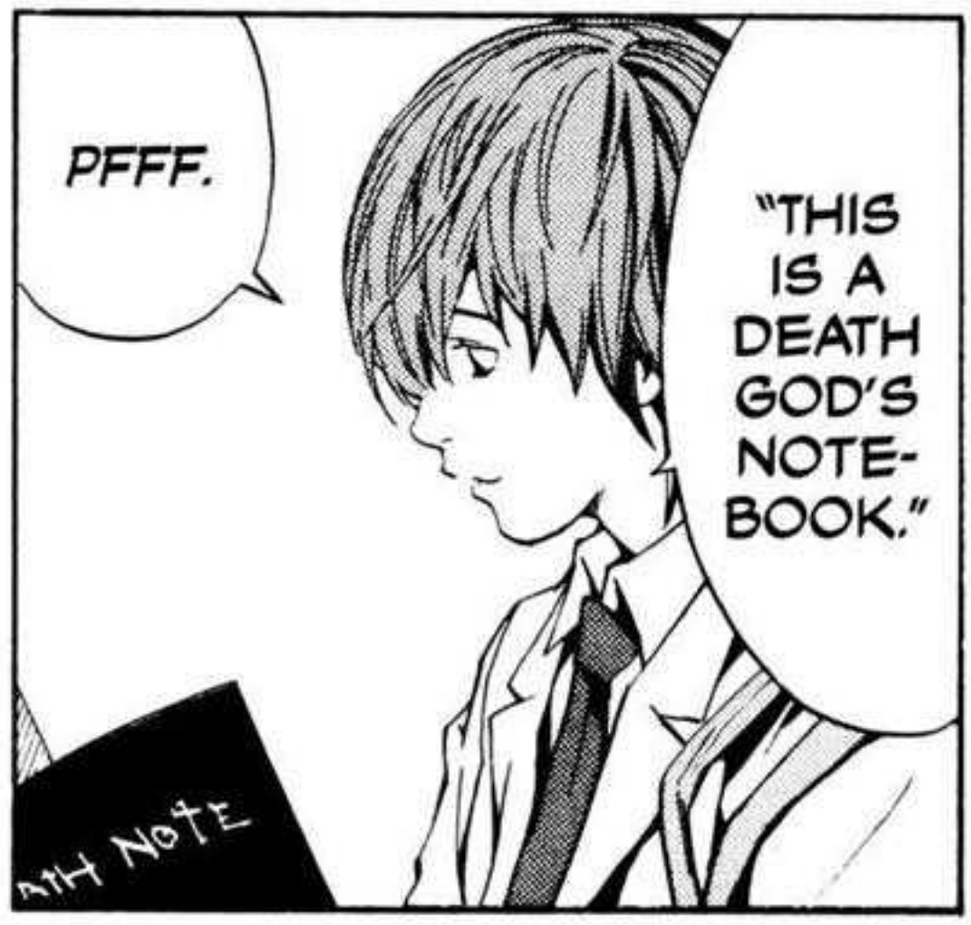
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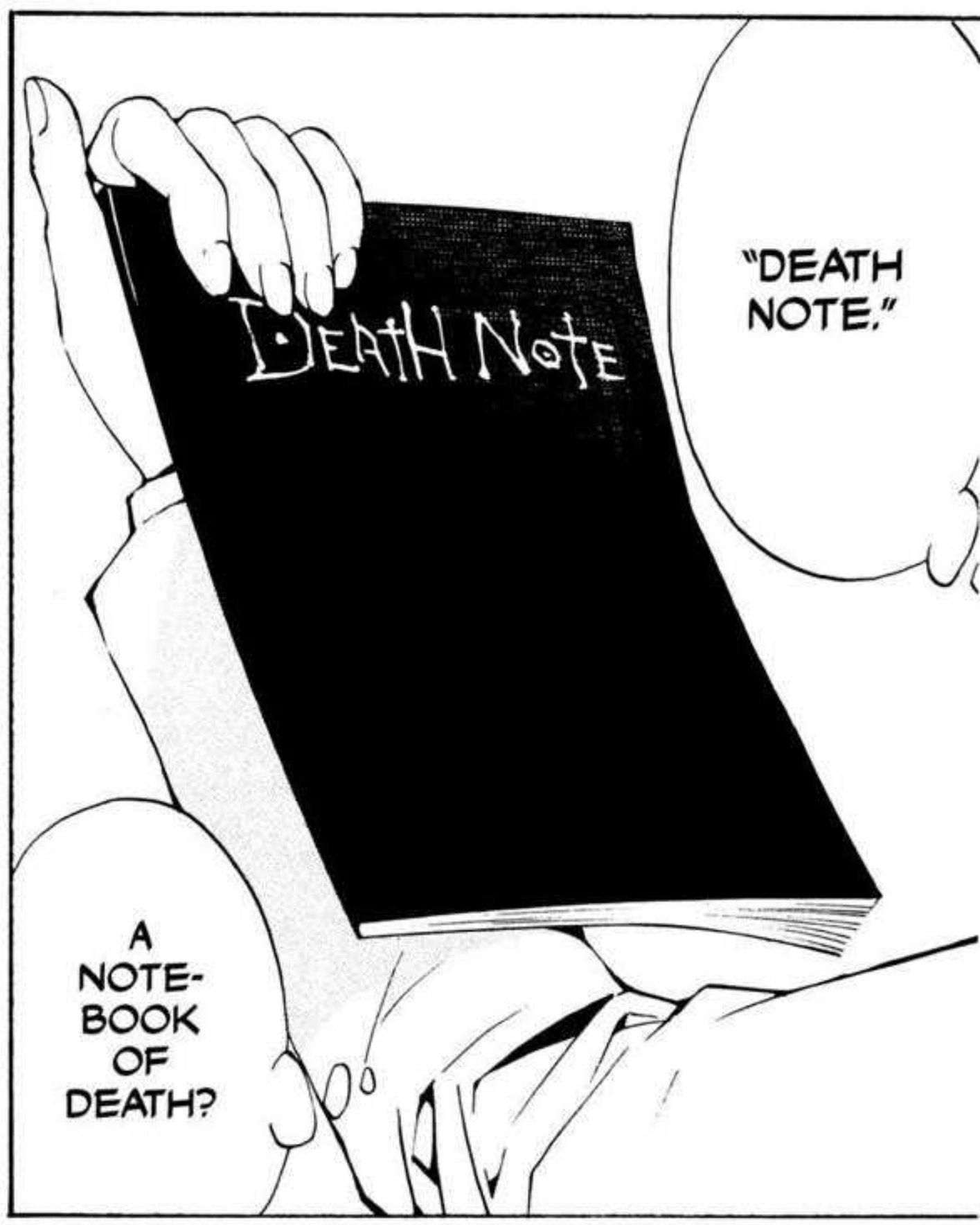
"THIS IS A DEATH GOD'S NOTE-BOOK."
DEATH NOTE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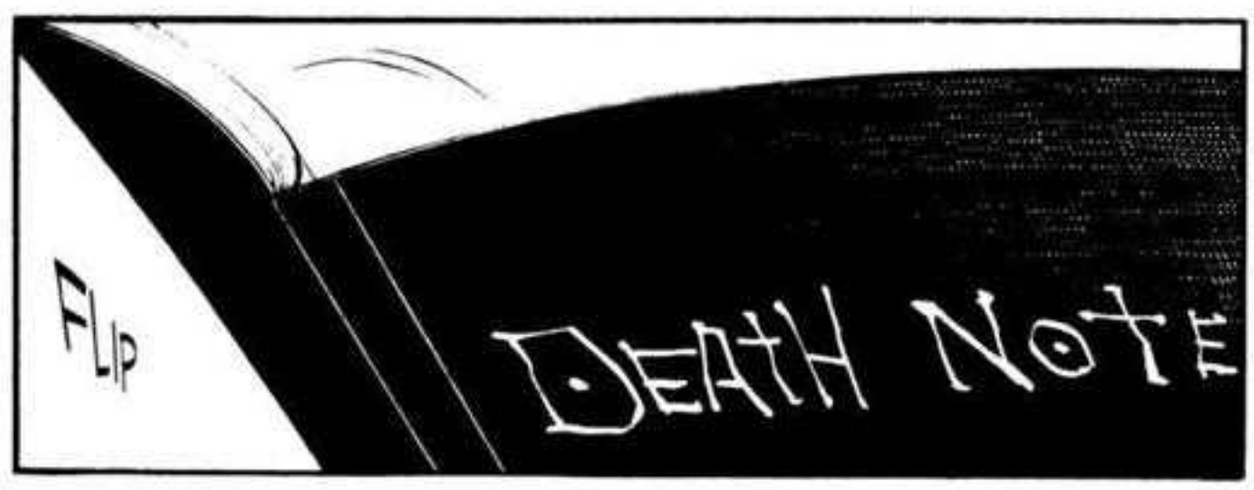
"DEATH NOTE."
A NOTE-BOOK OF DEATH?

DEATH NOTE
How to use it
GEEZ, IT'S ALL IN ENGLISH. WHAT A PAIN...
"HOW TO USE IT..."


FLIP
DEATH NOTE

I'M HOME.

TALK ABOUT SICK. WHY'S EVERY-BODY INTO THIS KIND OF CRAP, ANYWAY?

LIKE THOSE DUMB CHAIN LETTERS THAT SAY YOU'LL GET CANCER IF YOU DON'T PASS THEM ON...

HA HA HA

"THE HUMAN WHOSE NAME IS WRITTEN IN THIS NOTE SHALL DIE."

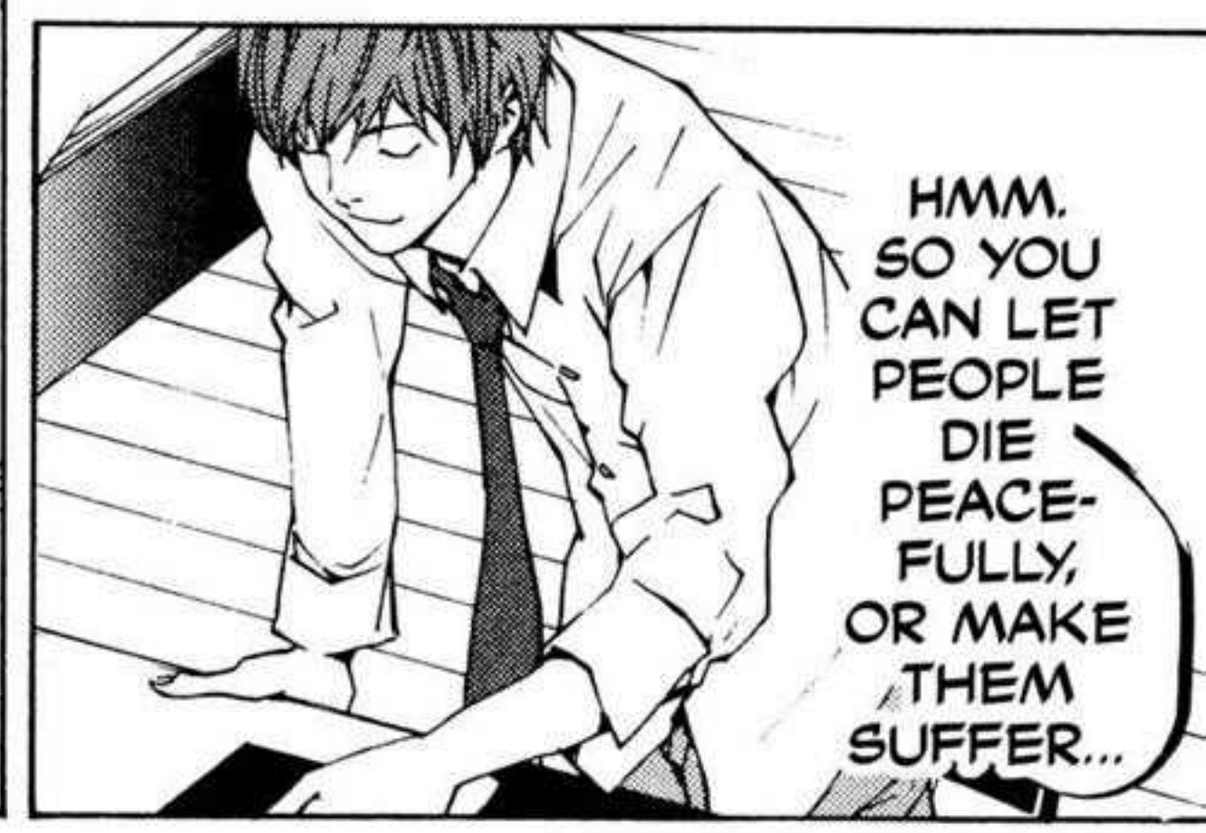
"AFTER WRITING THE CAUSE OF DEATH, DETAILS OF THE DEATH SHOULD BE WRITTEN IN THE NEXT 6 MINUTES AND 40 SECONDS."

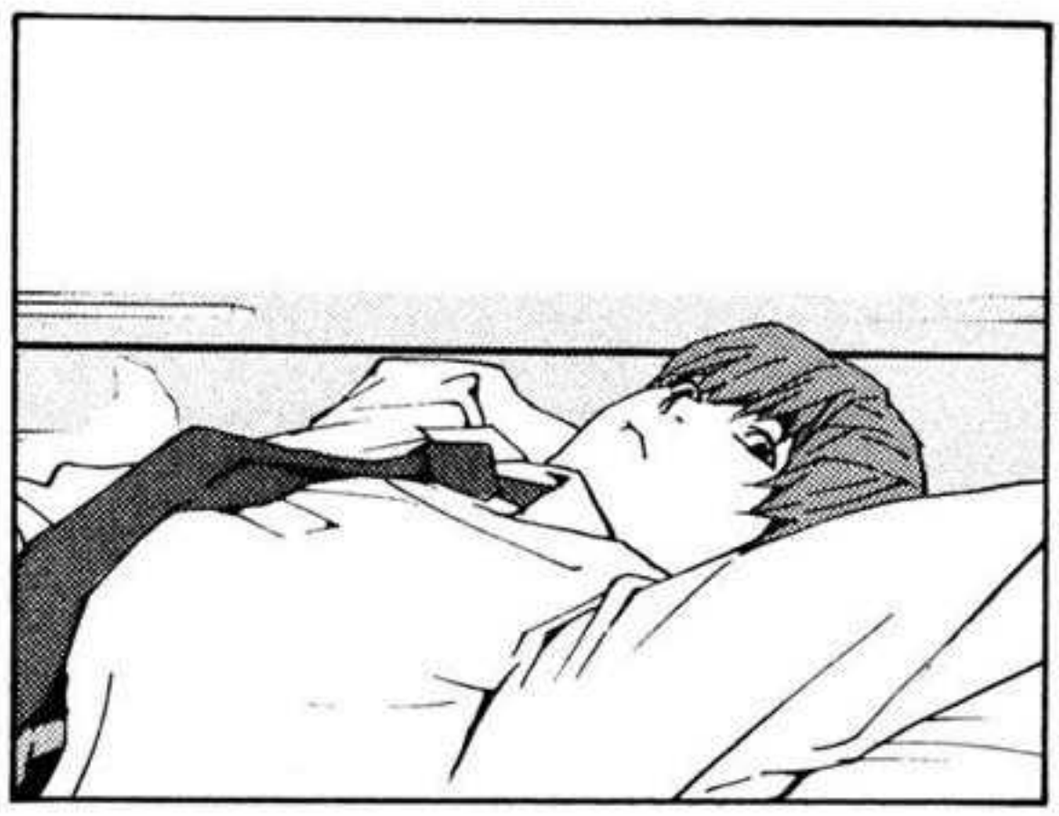
"IF THE CAUSE OF DEATH IS NOT SPECIFIED, THE PERSON WILL SIMPLY DIE OF A HEART ATTACK."

"IF THE CAUSE OF DEATH IS WRITTEN WITHIN 40 SECONDS OF WRITING THE PERSON'S NAME, IT WILL HAPPEN."

"THIS NOTE WILL NOT TAKE EFFECT UNLESS THE WRITER HAS THE PERSON'S FACE IN THEIR MIND WHEN WRITING HIS/HER NAME. THERE-FORE, PEOPLE SHARING THE SAME NAME WILL NOT BE AFFECTED."

A PRANK *THIS* INTRICATE ISN'T TOO BAD, I GUESS...


HMM. SO YOU CAN LET PEOPLE DIE PEACE-FULLY, OR MAKE THEM SUFFER...



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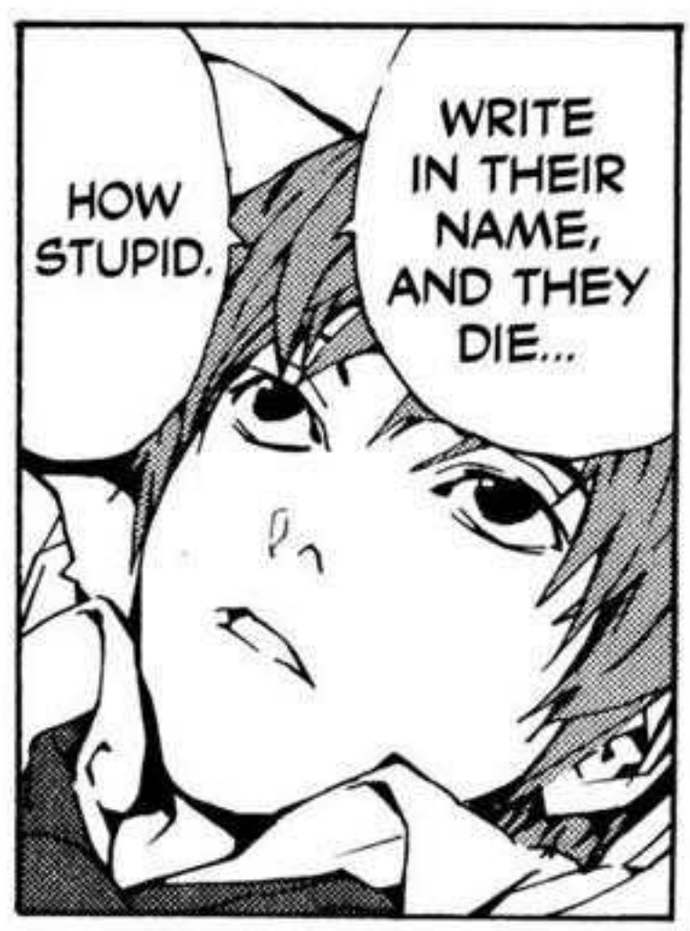
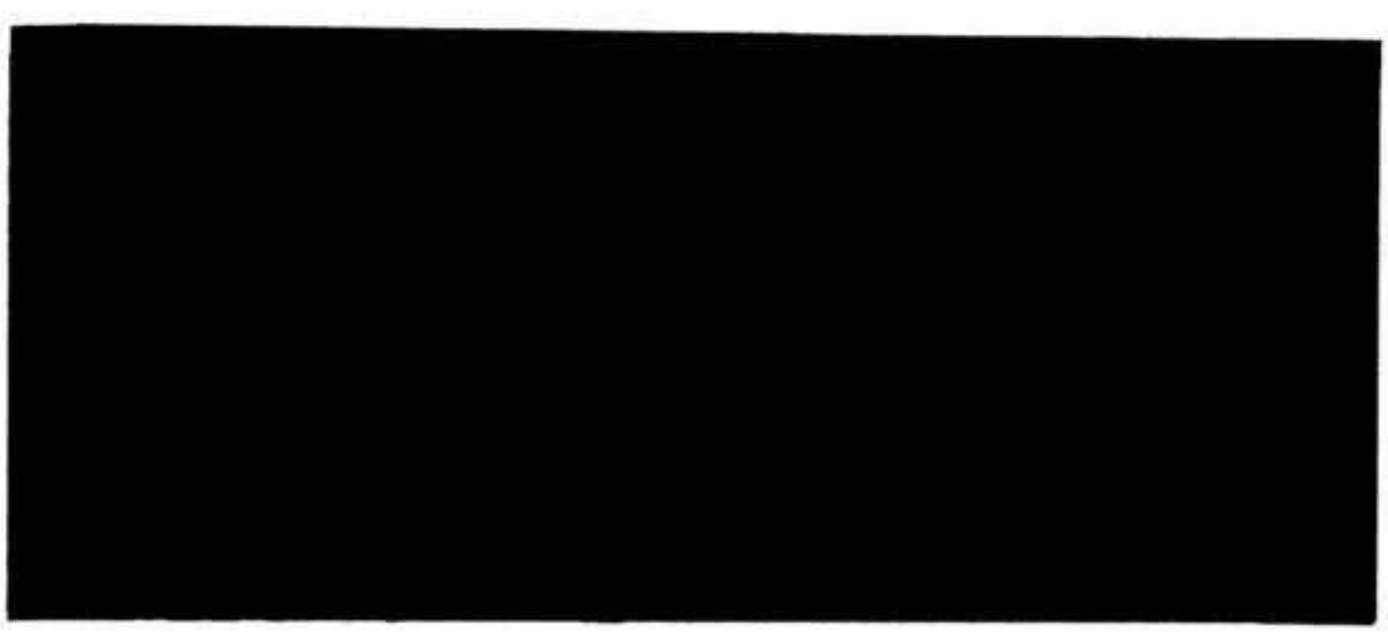
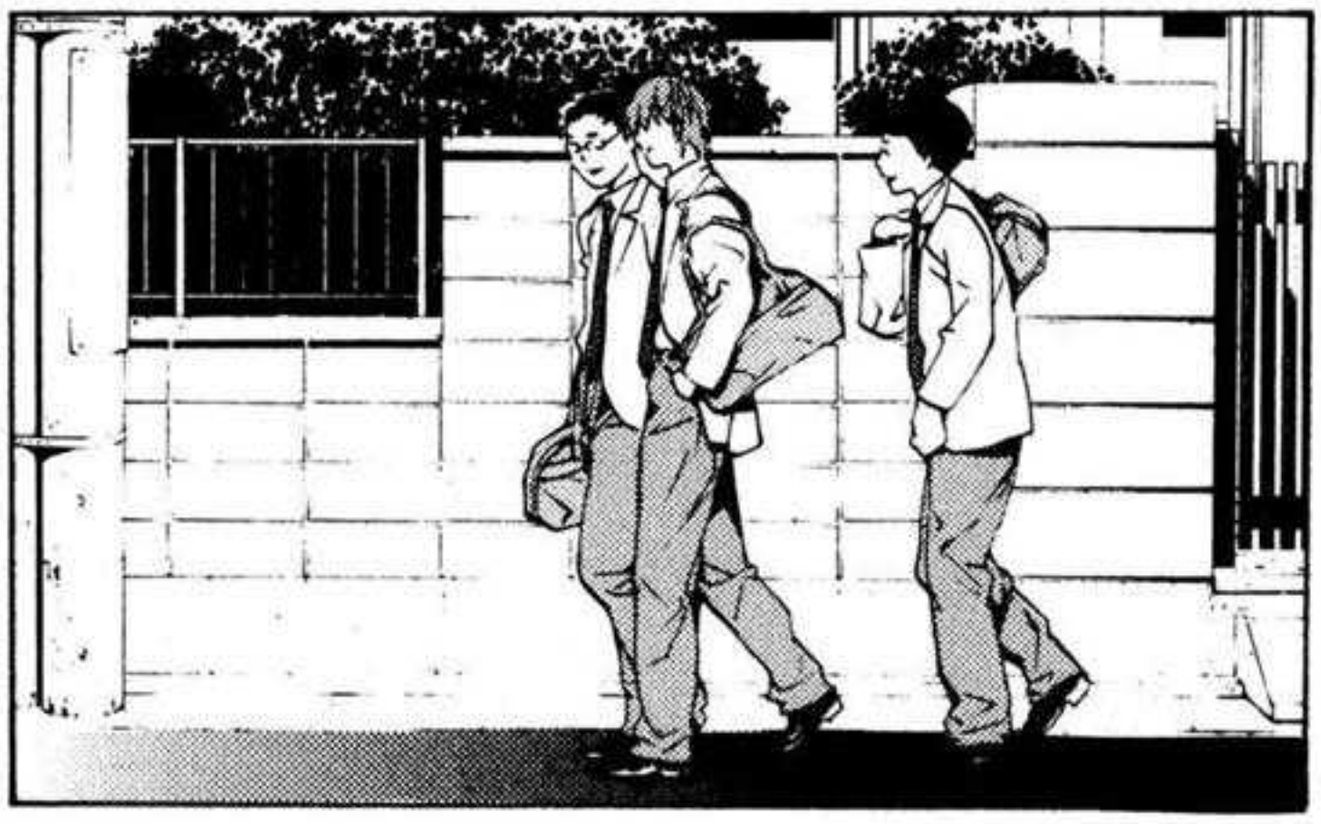

HOW STUPID.
WRITE IN THEIR NAME, AND THEY DIE...

DEATH NOTE





Five days later...

LIGHT, IS THAT YOU?
I'M HOME.
ドシ

SEE YA.

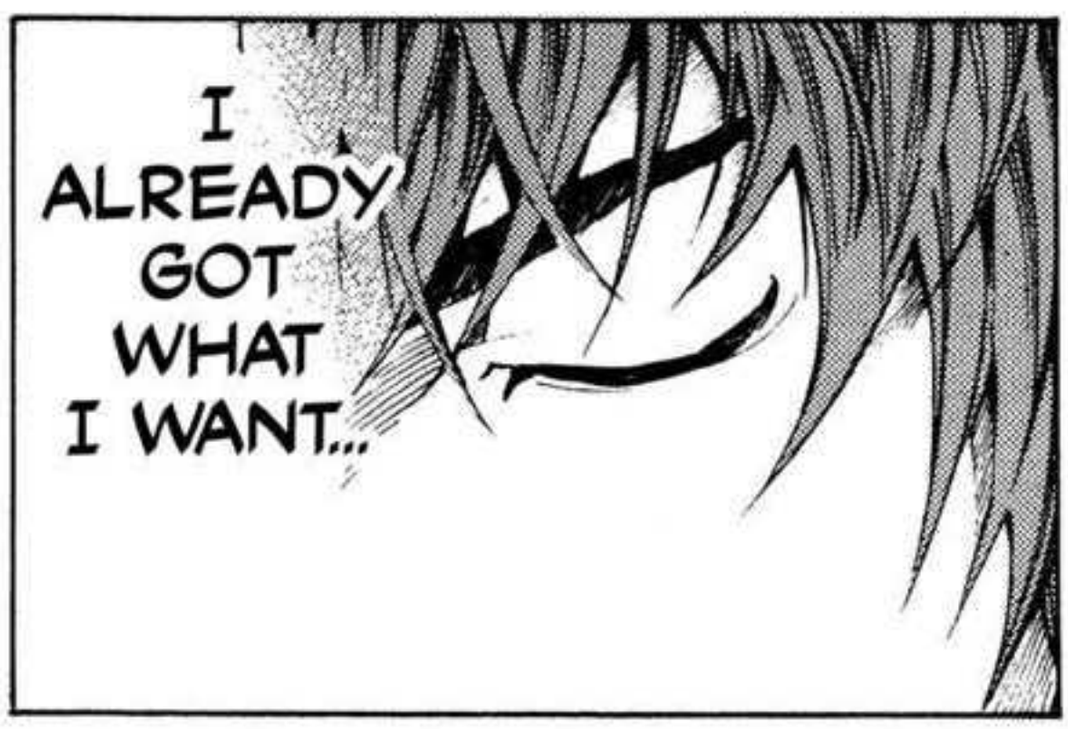
OH, YEAH.

SMILE
SMILE

HERE.

WELL, I'LL BE STUDYING SO DON'T BOTHER ME, OKAY?
OKAY, DEAR.

OH, MY! YOU PLACED FIRST AGAIN— AND THESE PRACTICE COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS ARE NATION-WIDE!
UH-HUH.

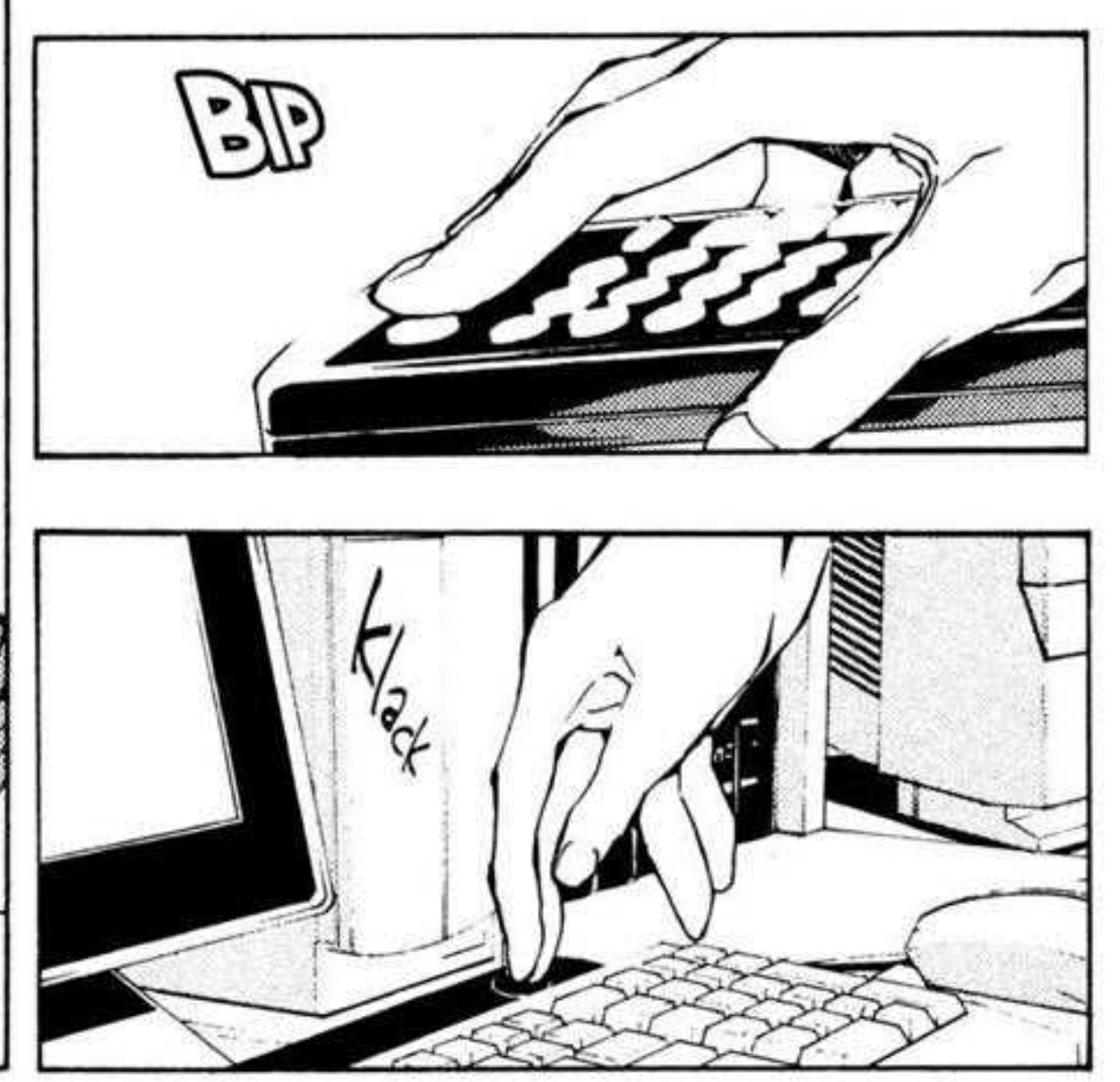

I ALREADY GOT WHAT I WANT...

OH, LIGHT. IS THERE ANYTHING YOU'VE BEEN WANTING? ANYTHING AT ALL— JUST LET ME KNOW.
NO, MOM.

Ka-chak

PHEW...
Klik

ABCN


BIP
klack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DEATH NOTE
SHAA
YOU SEEM TO LIKE IT.
HEH, HEH...
HEH.

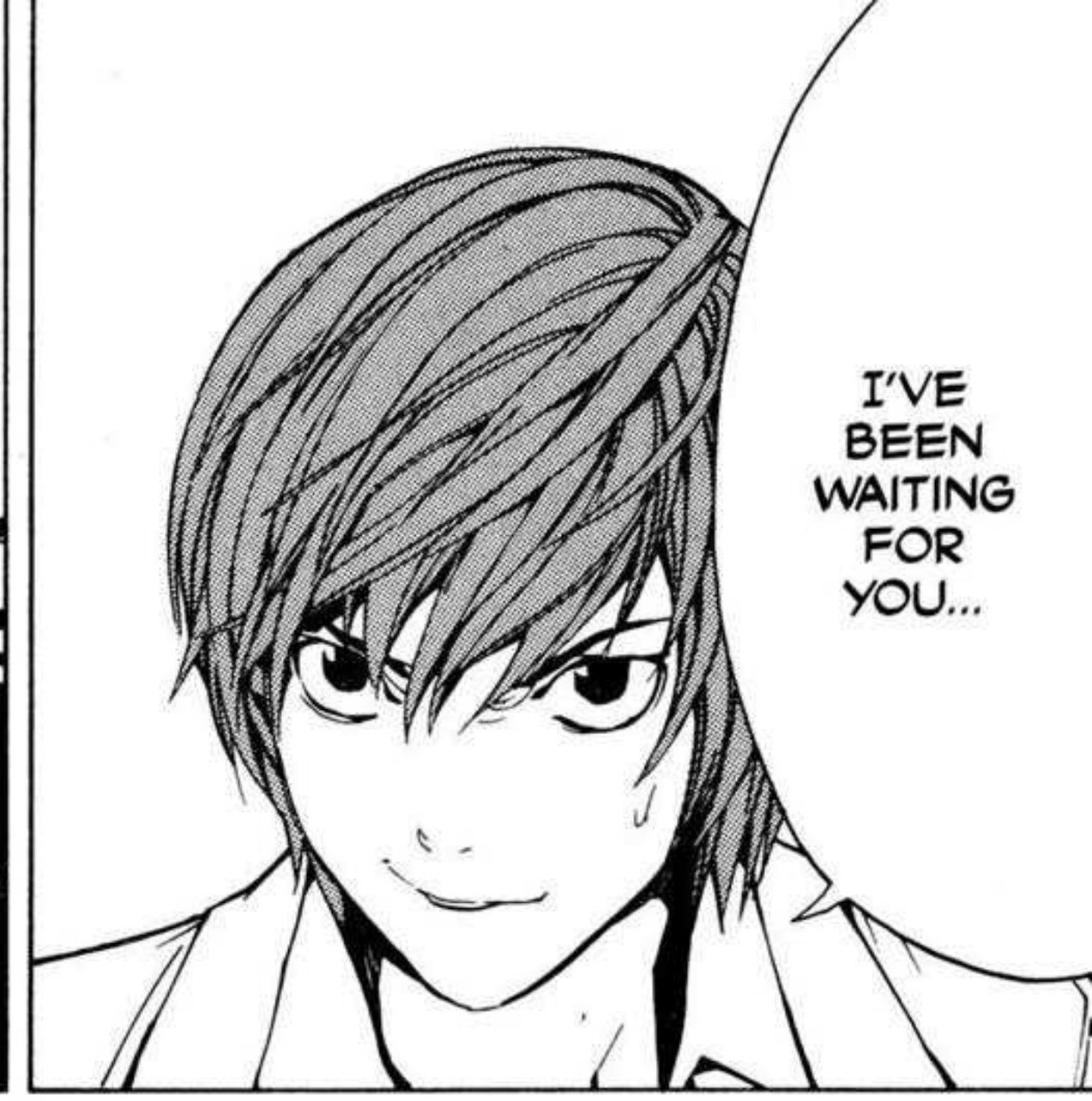
AAA-RGH...!

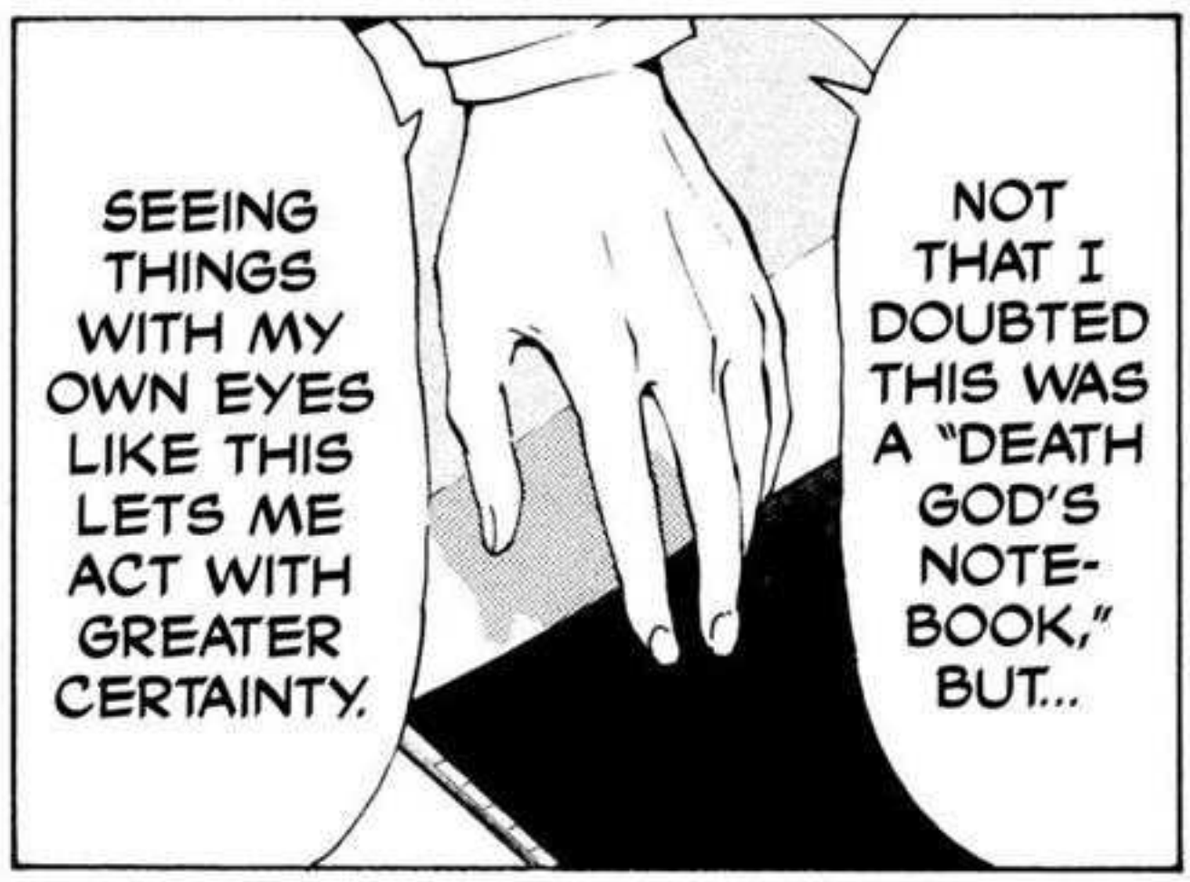
A... SHINI-GAMI?

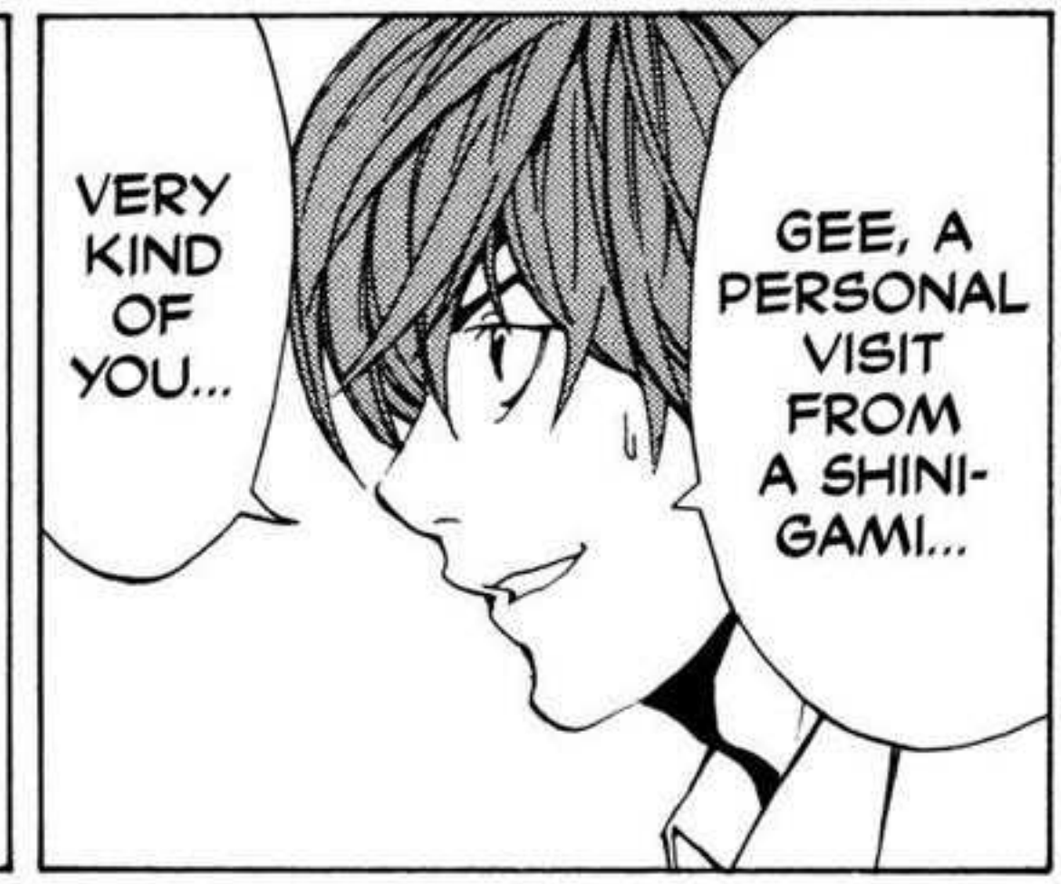
THE WAY YOU WERE ACTING JUST NOW, I CAN TELL YOU KNOW IT ISN'T JUST ANY OLD NOTE-BOOK... RIGHT?
WHY'RE YOU SO SURPRISED TO SEE ME? I'M RYUK, THE SHINIGAMI WHO DROPPED THAT NOTEBOOK.

A "DEATH GOD"...
...
...
IN FACT...
I'M NOT SURPRISED TO SEE YOU, RYUK.

REALLY.


I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU...


SEEING THINGS WITH MY OWN EYES LIKE THIS LETS ME ACT WITH GREATER CERTAINTY.
NOT THAT I DOUBTED THIS WAS A "DEATH GOD'S NOTE-BOOK," BUT...


VERY KIND OF YOU...
GEE, A PERSONAL VISIT FROM A SHINI-GAMI...

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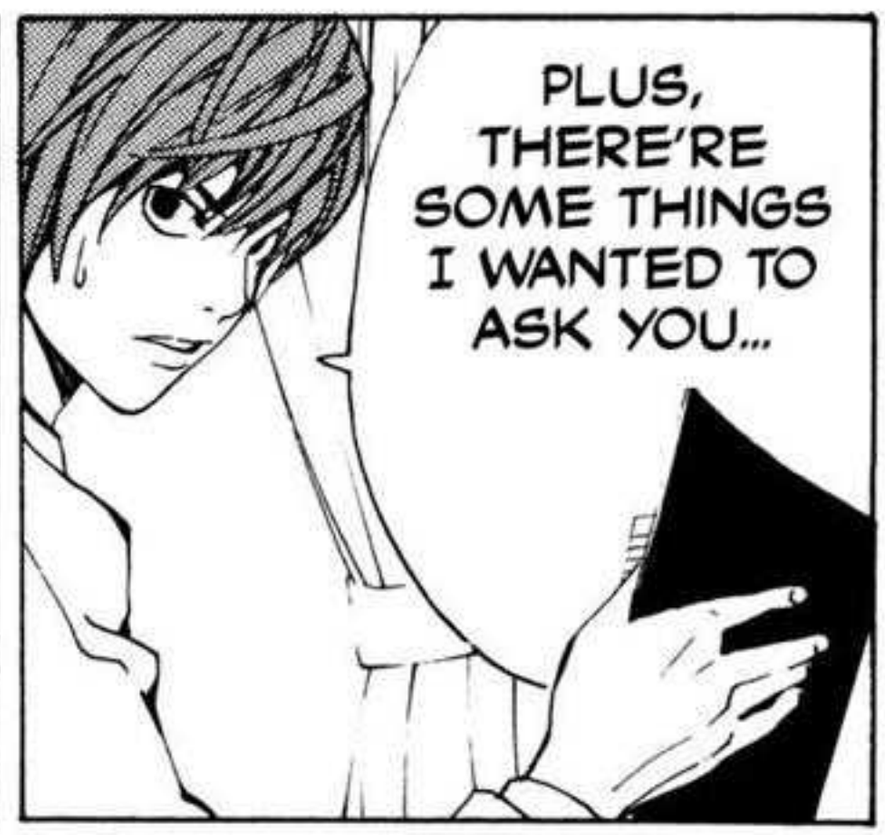
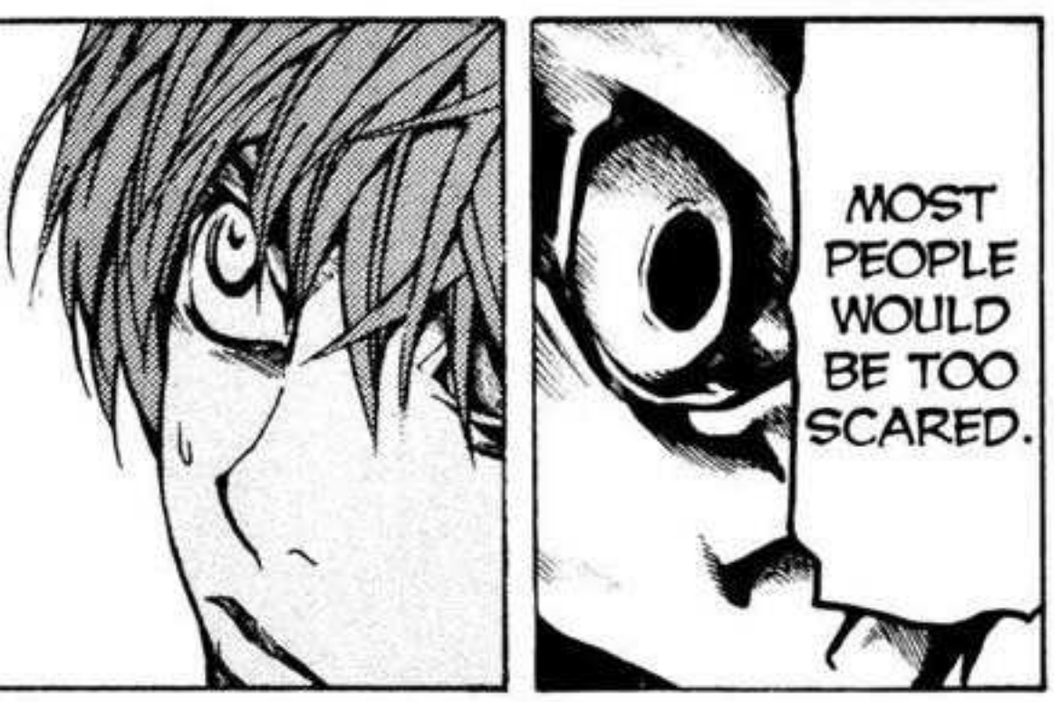
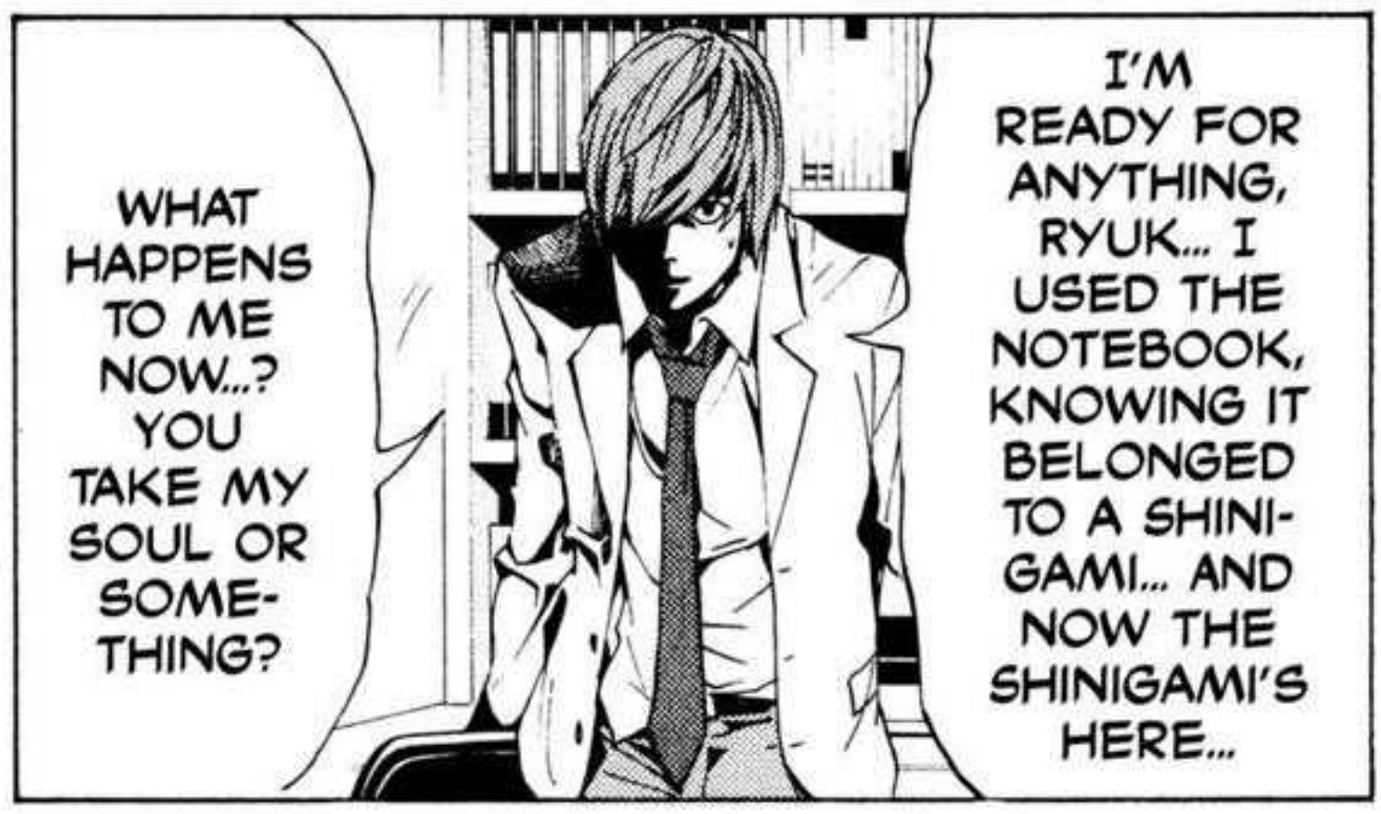

PLUS, THERE'RE SOME THINGS I WANTED TO ASK YOU...

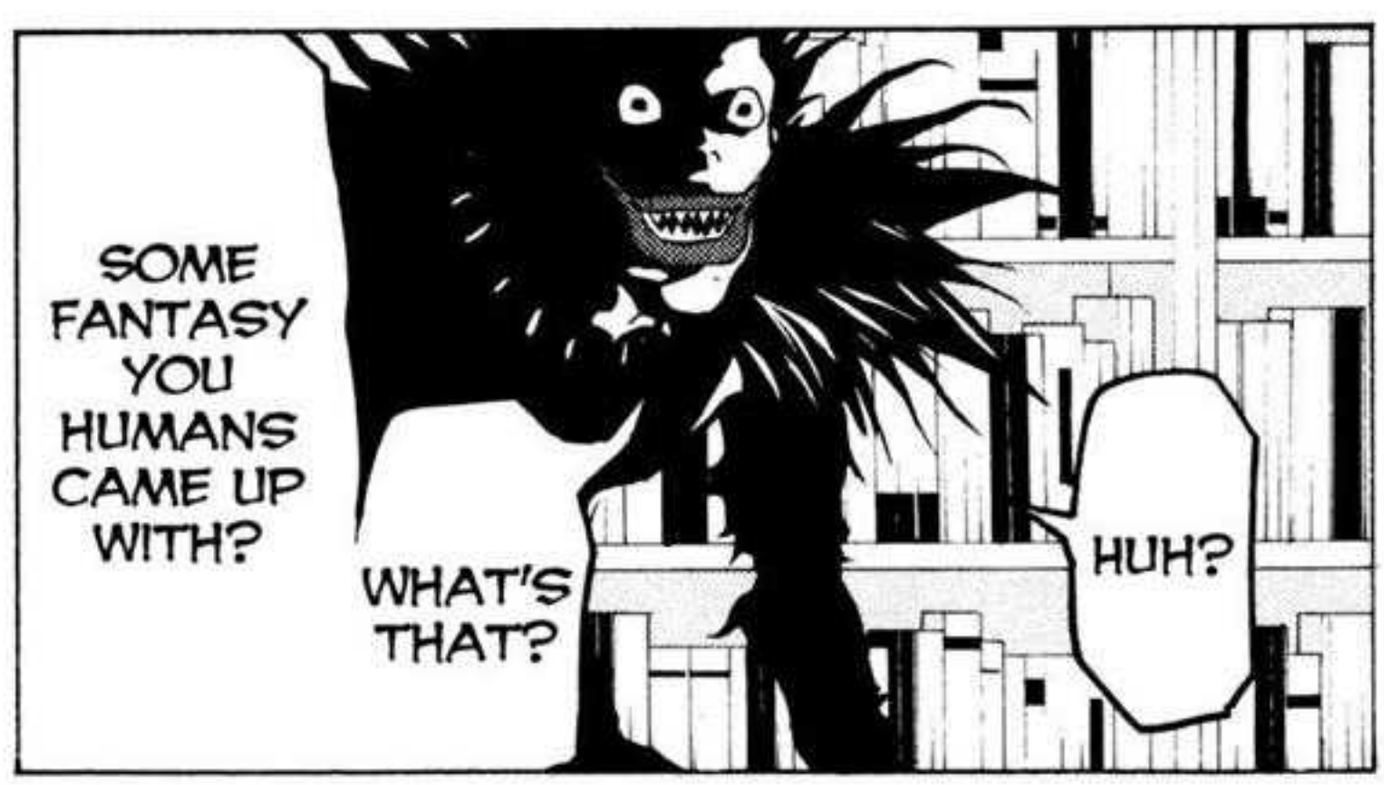
BUT NO ONE'S EVER DONE THIS MANY IN JUST FIVE DAYS.
I'VE HEARD OF DEATH NOTES GETTING DOWN TO THE HUMAN WORLD A FEW TIMES BEFORE...

GOTTA SAY, I'M THE ONE WHO'S SURPRISED.
HEE HEE... WOW, THIS IS AMAZ-ING.

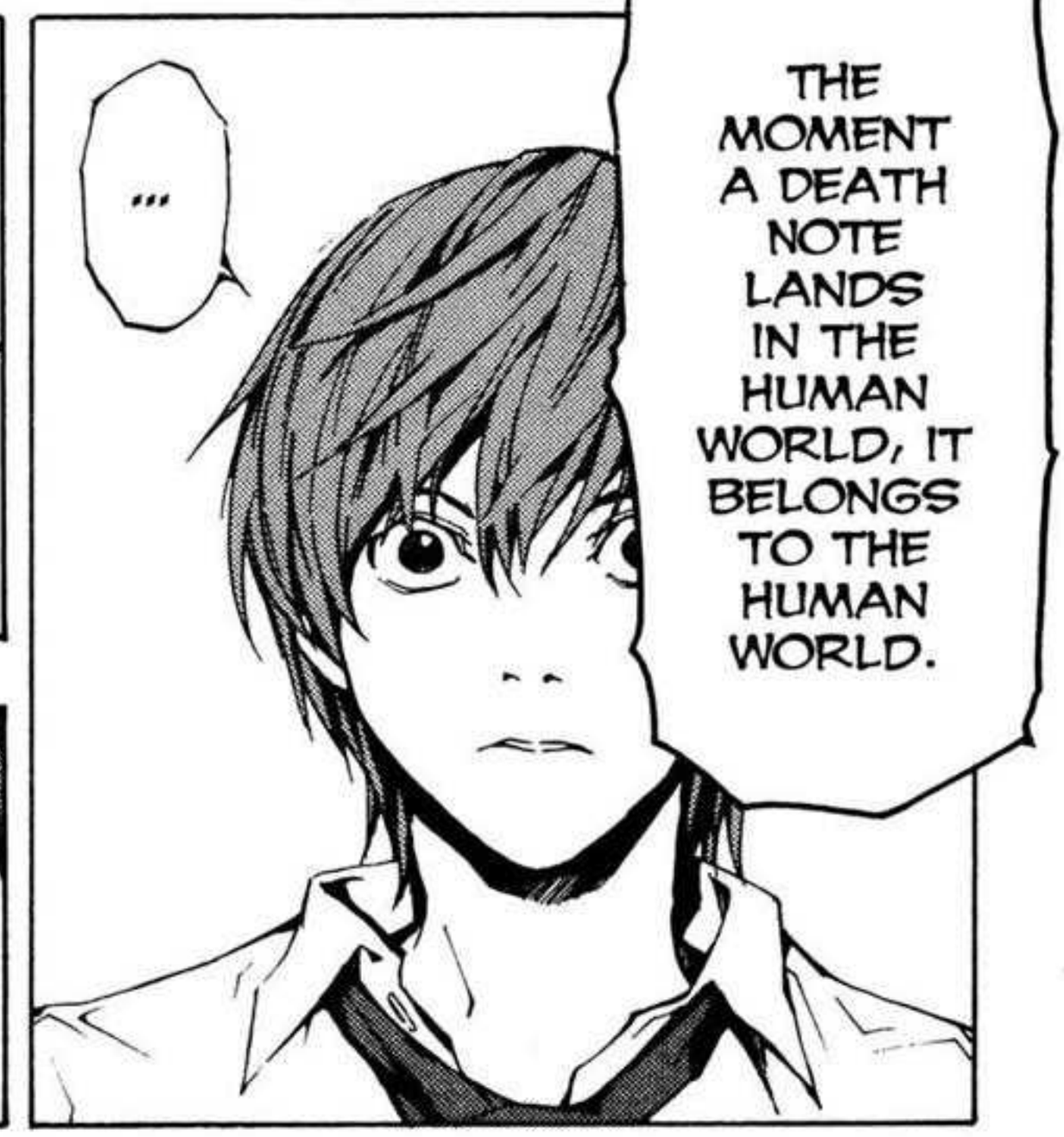

MOST PEOPLE WOULD BE TOO SCARED.

I'M NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING TO YOU.


WHAT HAPPENS TO ME NOW...? YOU TAKE MY SOUL OR SOME-THING?
I'M READY FOR ANYTHING, RYUK... I USED THE NOTEBOOK, KNOWING IT BELONGED TO A SHINI-GAMI... AND NOW THE SHINIGAMI'S HERE...


SOME FANTASY YOU HUMANS CAME UP WITH?
WHAT'S THAT?
HUH?

SO IT'S YOURS NOW.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THE MOMENT A DEATH NOTE LANDS IN THE HUMAN WORLD, IT BELONGS TO THE HUMAN WORLD.

MINE...
...

FLOOSH!
?!

YOU DON'T WANT IT, GIVE IT TO ANOTHER HUMAN.
KRRE
WHEN YOU DO, I'LL JUST HAVE TO ERASE ALL YOUR DEATH NOTE MEMORIES.

OH, AND...

IS THE BOND BETWEEN LIGHT THE HUMAN AND RYUK THE SHIN-IGAMI.

THE DEATH NOTE...

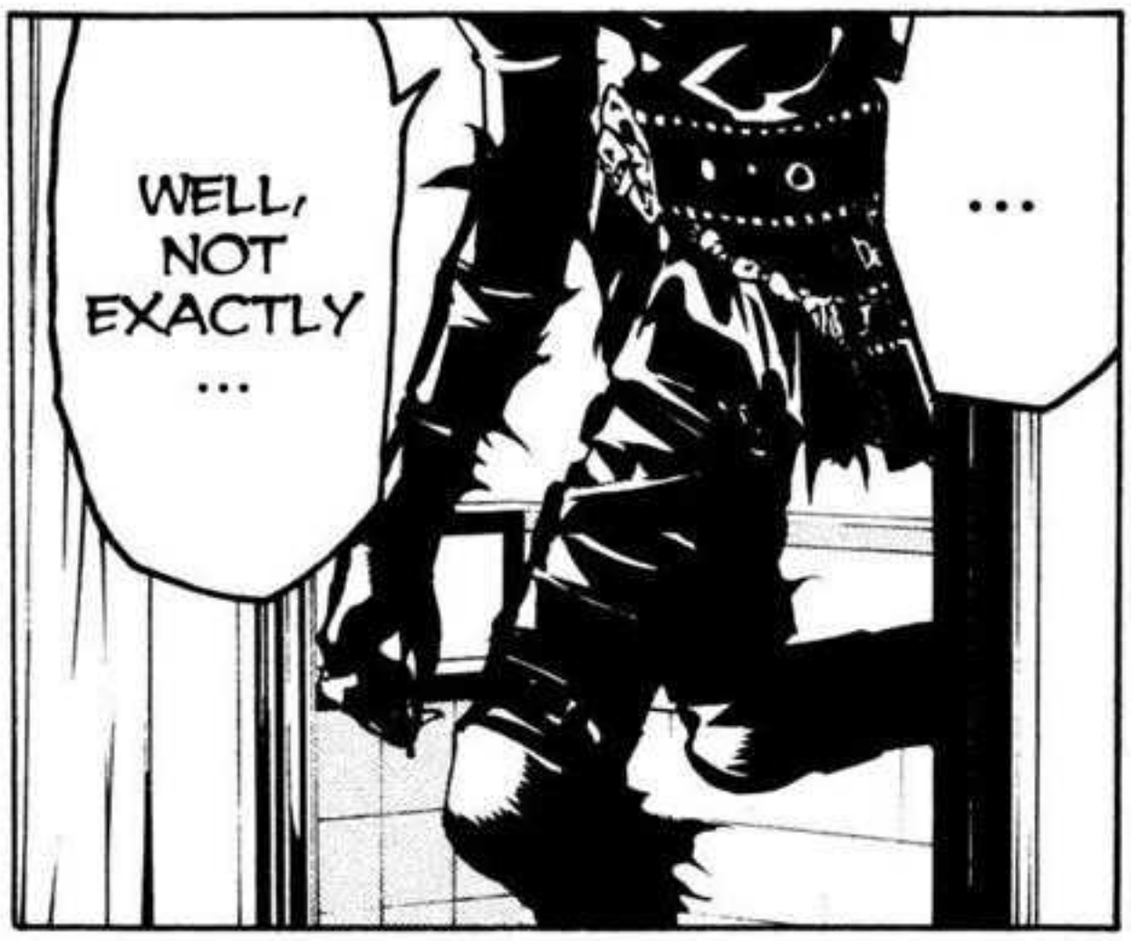
ZWAP

NOBODY ELSE CAN HEAR ME EITHER, OF COURSE.

SINCE YOU'VE USED WHAT WAS *MY* NOTE-BOOK, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SEE ME.

I KNOW, SO...

HA HA HA! NO WAY.


WELL, NOT EXACTLY ...
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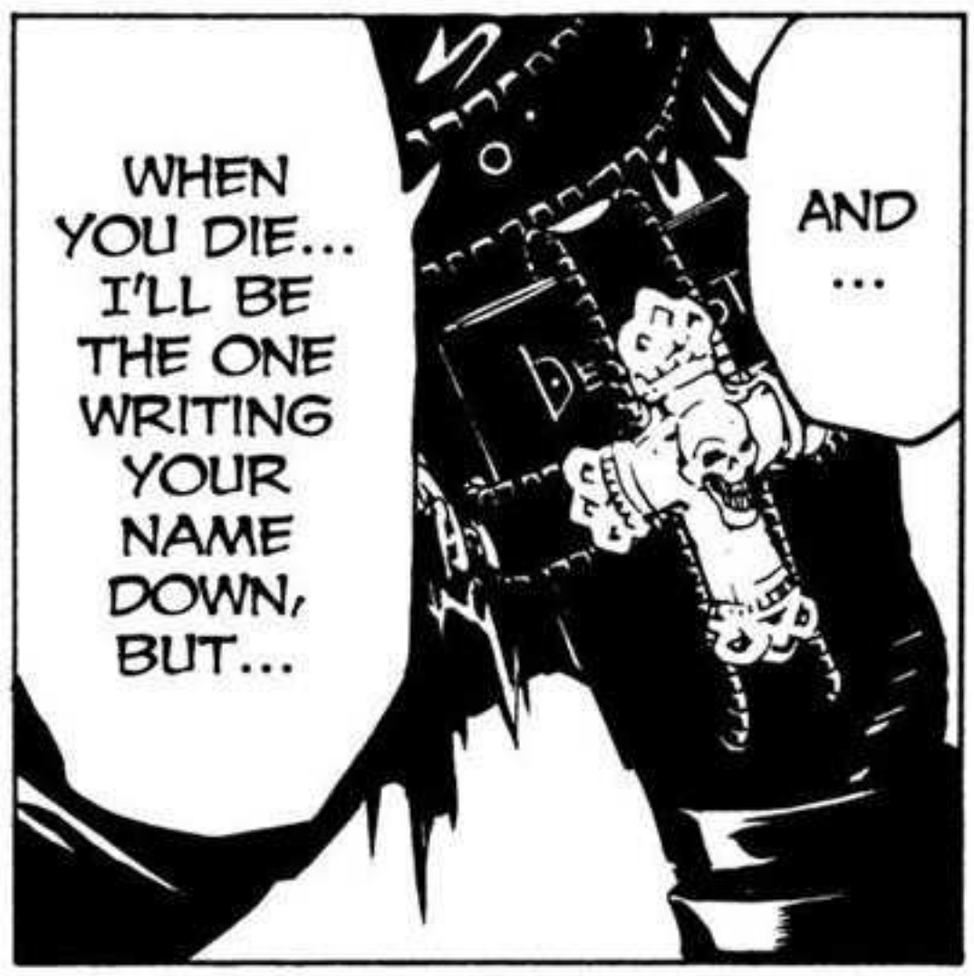
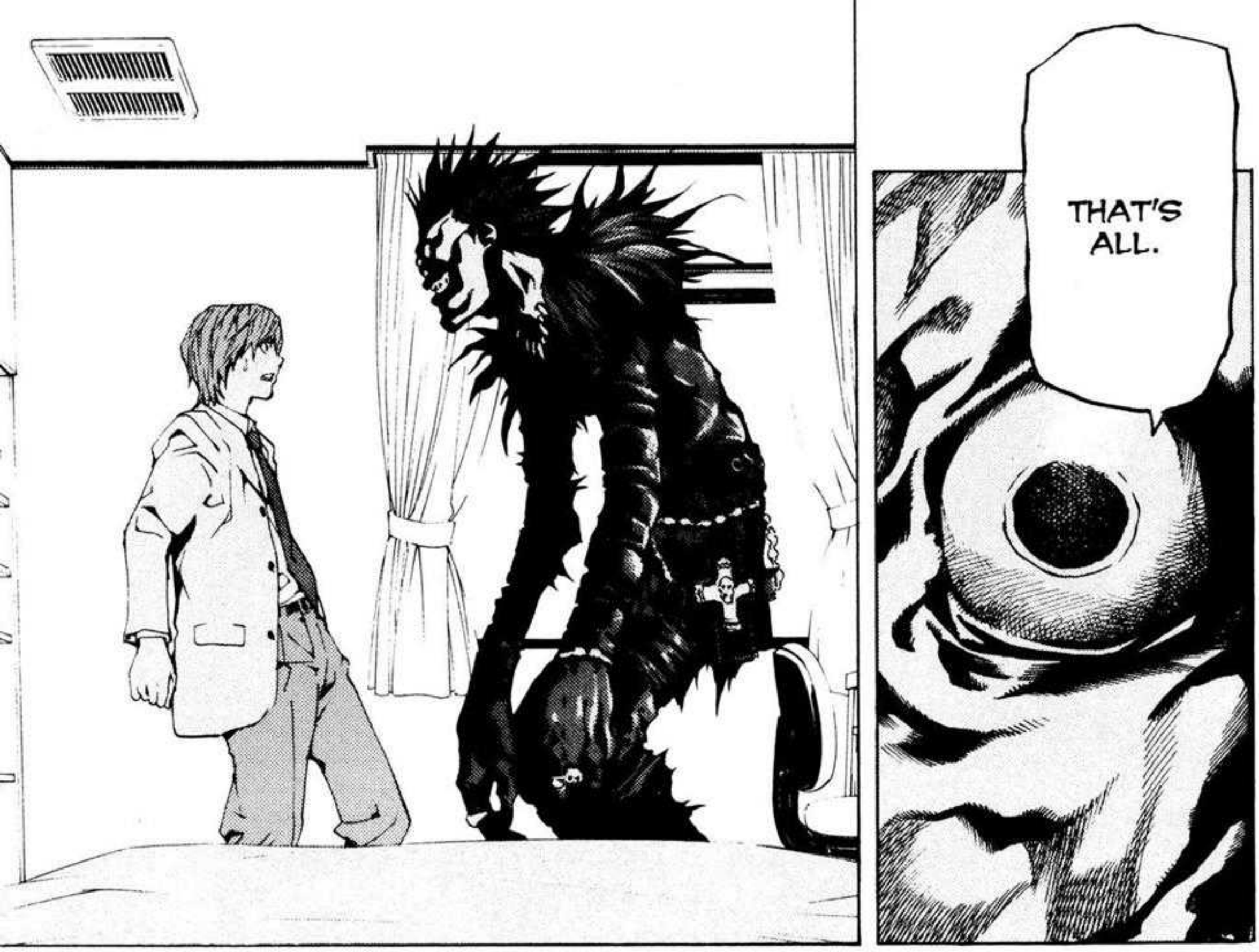
SO THERE REALLY IS NO PRICE TO PAY FOR USING THE DEATH NOTE?


WHEN YOU DIE... I'LL BE THE ONE WRITING YOUR NAME DOWN, BUT...
AND ...

BUT THERE IS THE TERROR AND TORMENT THAT ONLY HUMANS WHO'VE USED IT WILL EXPERI-ENCE...

DON'T THINK THAT ANY HUMAN WHO'S USED THE DEATH NOTE CAN GO TO HEAVEN OR TO HELL.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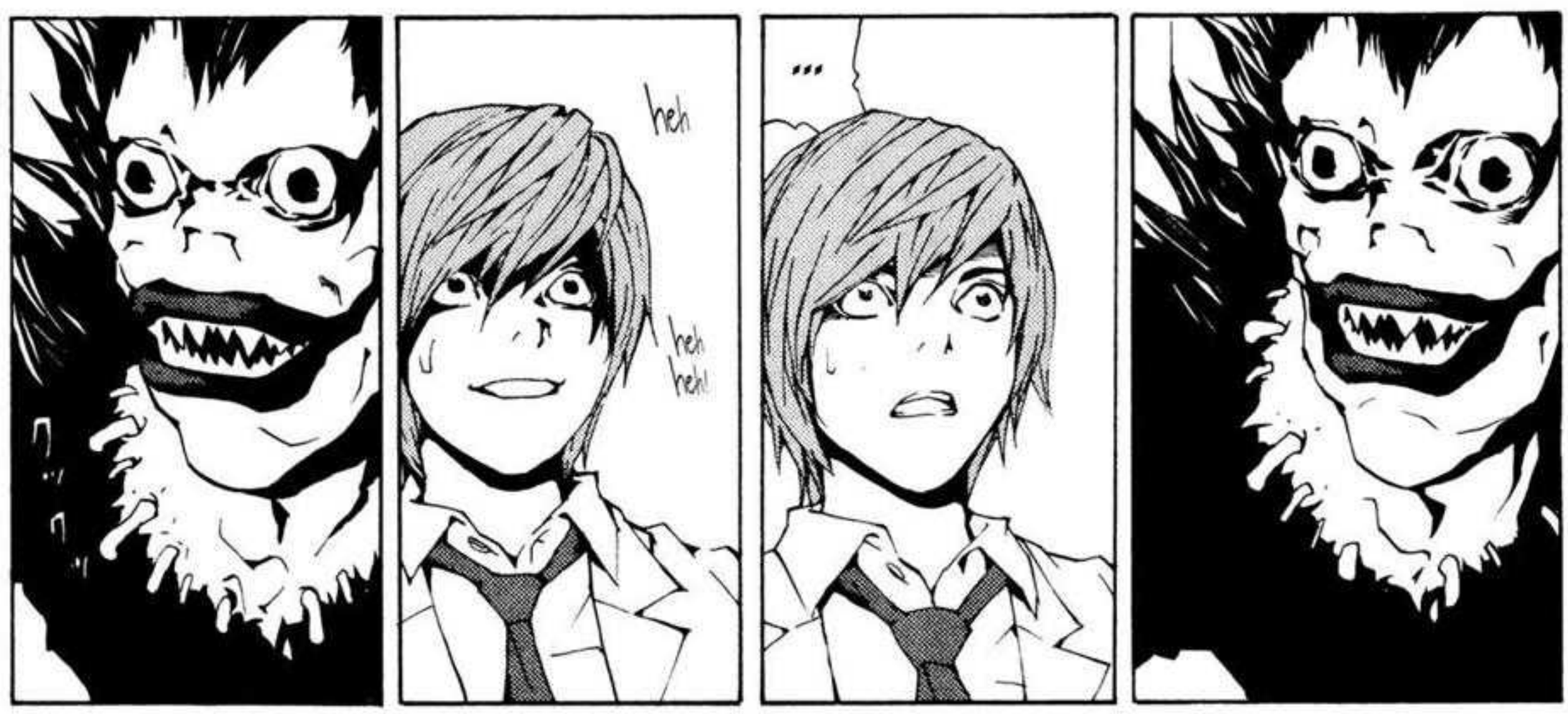
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heh heh!
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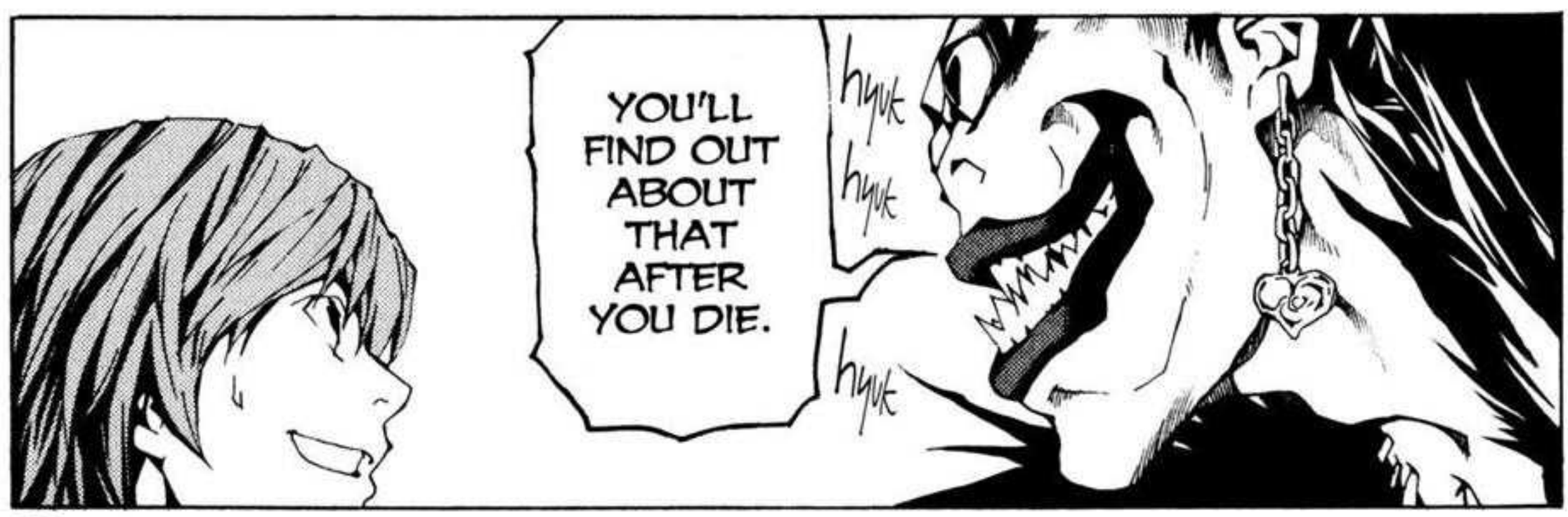
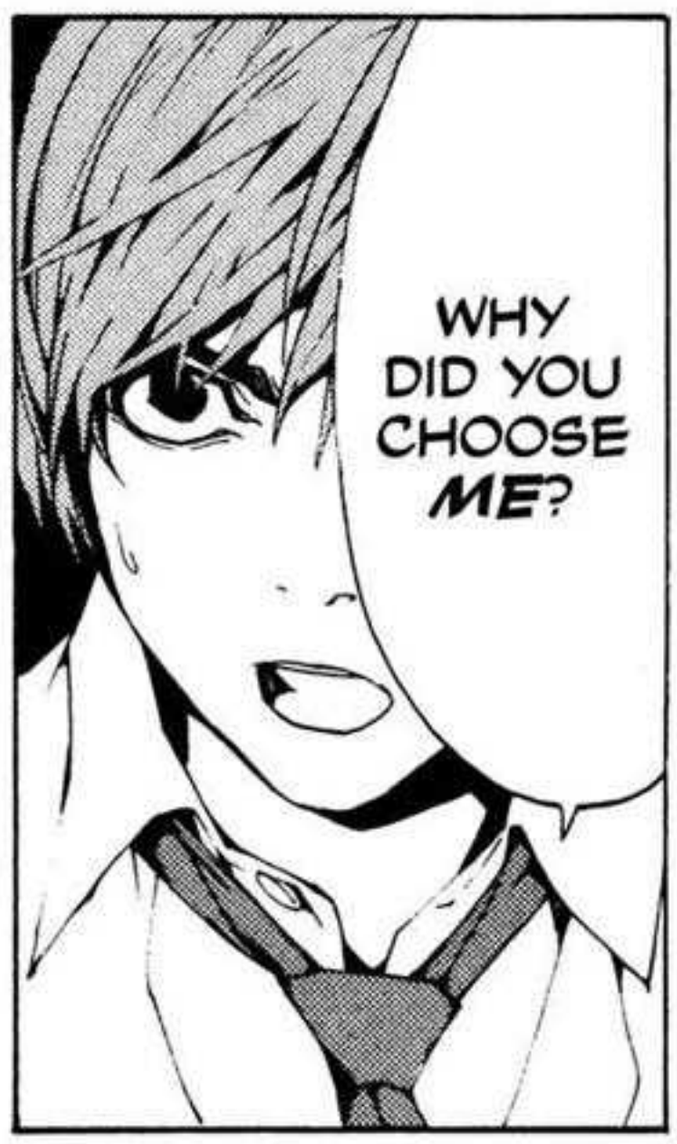

YOU'LL FIND OUT ABOUT THAT AFTER YOU DIE.
hyuk hyuk
hyuk

HUNH ?

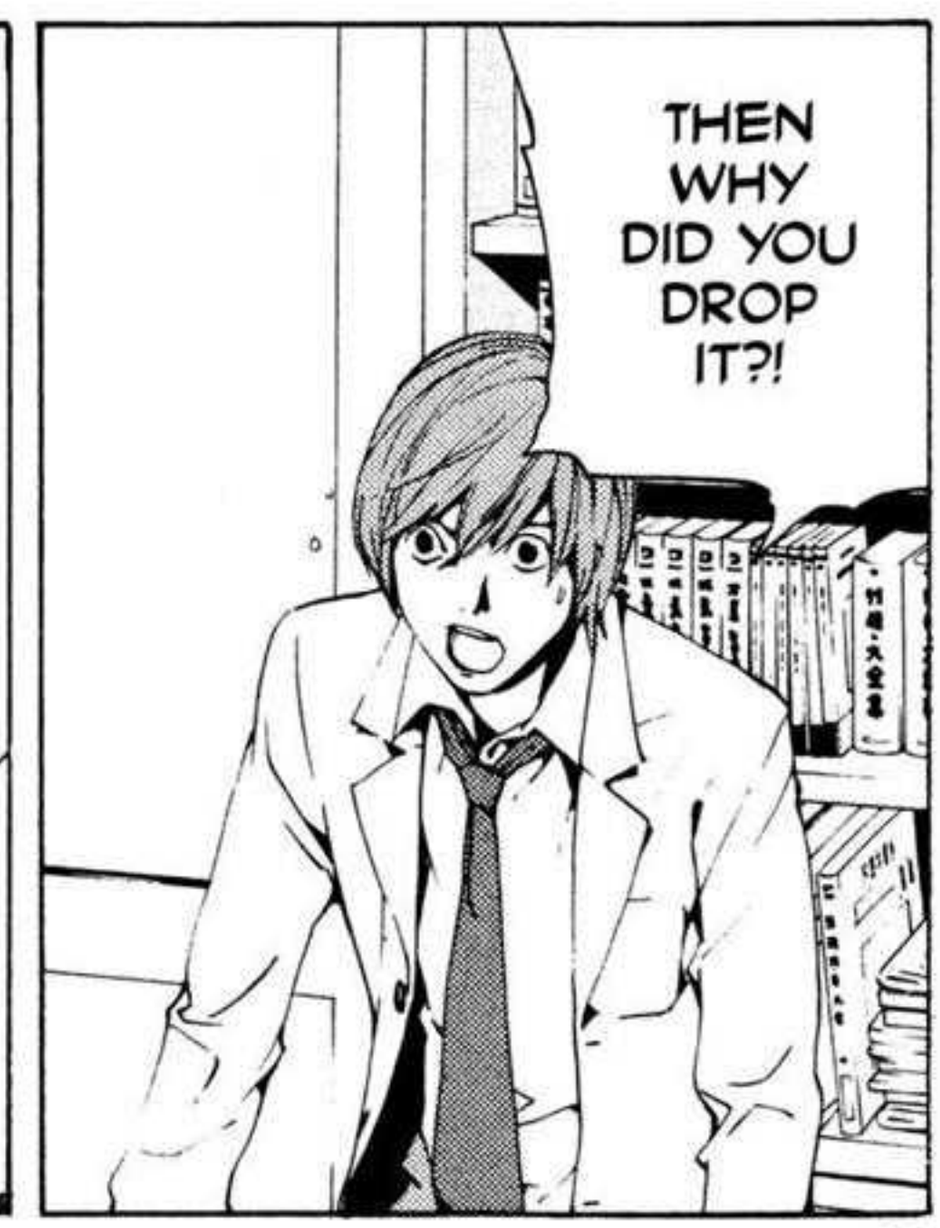

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE ME?

O... OKAY, ONE MORE QUES-TION.

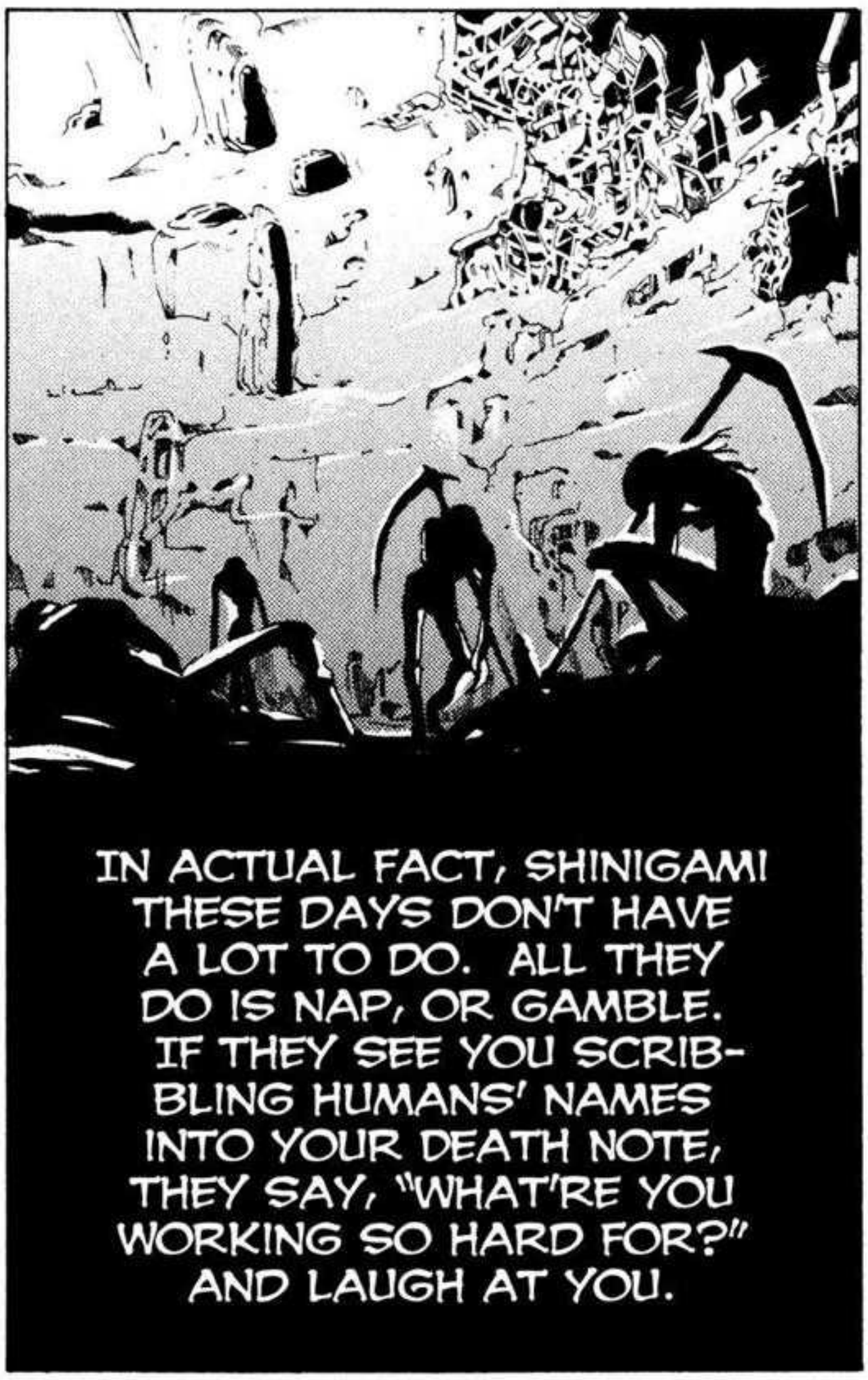
THAT'S WHY I WROTE THE INSTRUC-TIONS IN ENGLISH— IT'S THE MOST POPULAR LANGUAGE IN YOUR WORLD.
IT JUST HAPPENED TO LAND SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE... AND YOU JUST HAPPENED TO PICK IT UP.
ALL I DID WAS DROP THE NOTE-BOOK, THAT'S ALL. YOU THOUGHT I CHOSE YOU? 'CUZ YOU'RE SO SMART OR SOME-THING?
HYUK HYUK! DON'T FLATTER YOUR-SELF.

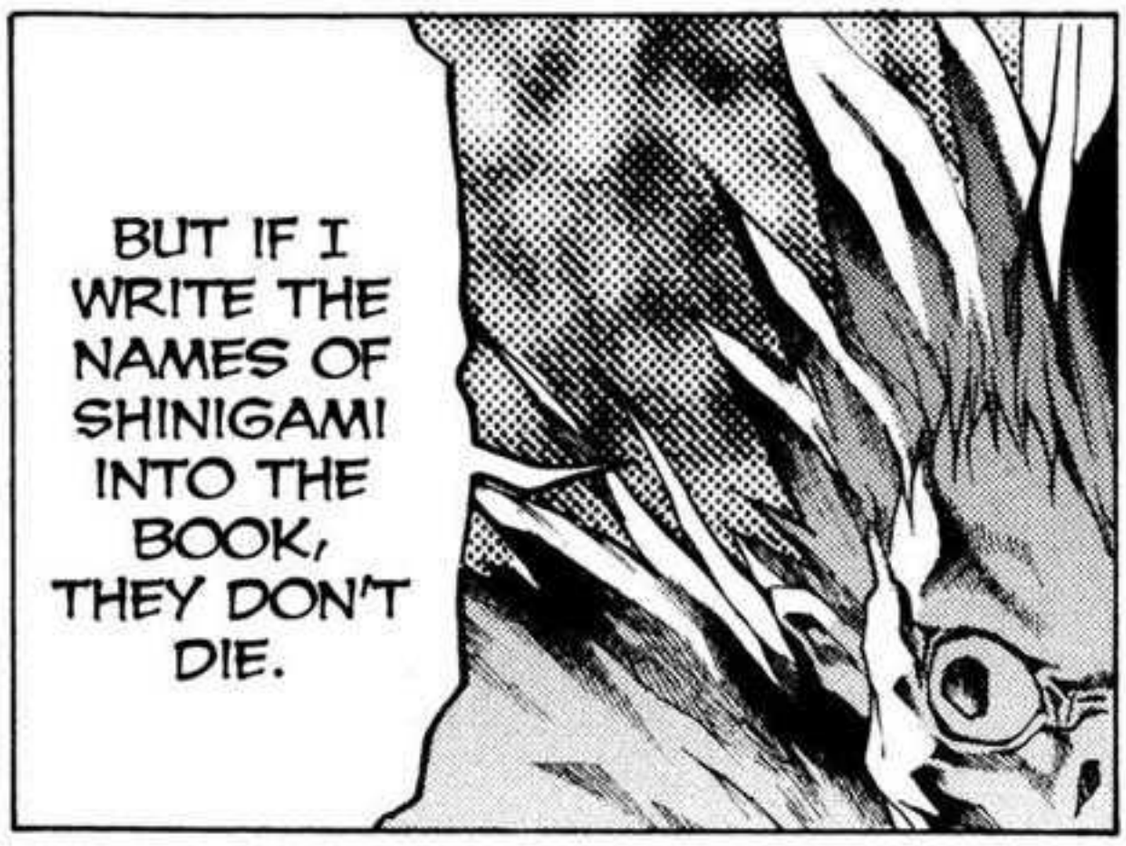
WHY DID I DROP IT...?

DON'T TELL ME IT WAS BY MISTAKE, AFTER YOU WENT AND WROTE ALL THOSE INSTRUC-TIONS.


THEN WHY DID YOU DROP IT?!

BECAUSE I WAS BORED, THAT'S WHY.




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.

IT'S MORE FUN TO BE HERE, IS HOW I FIGURED IT.

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

FLAP

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I WAS ...
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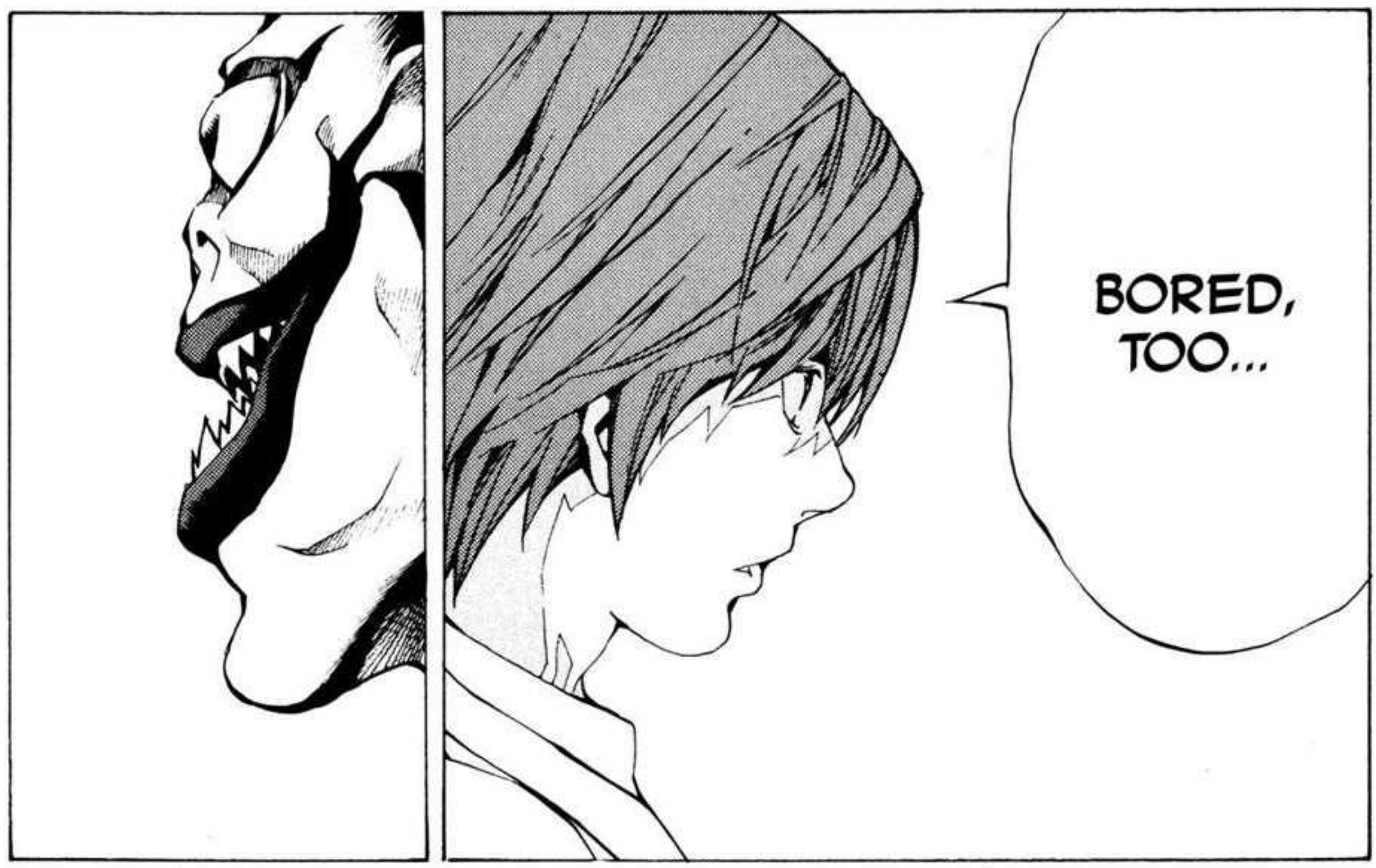
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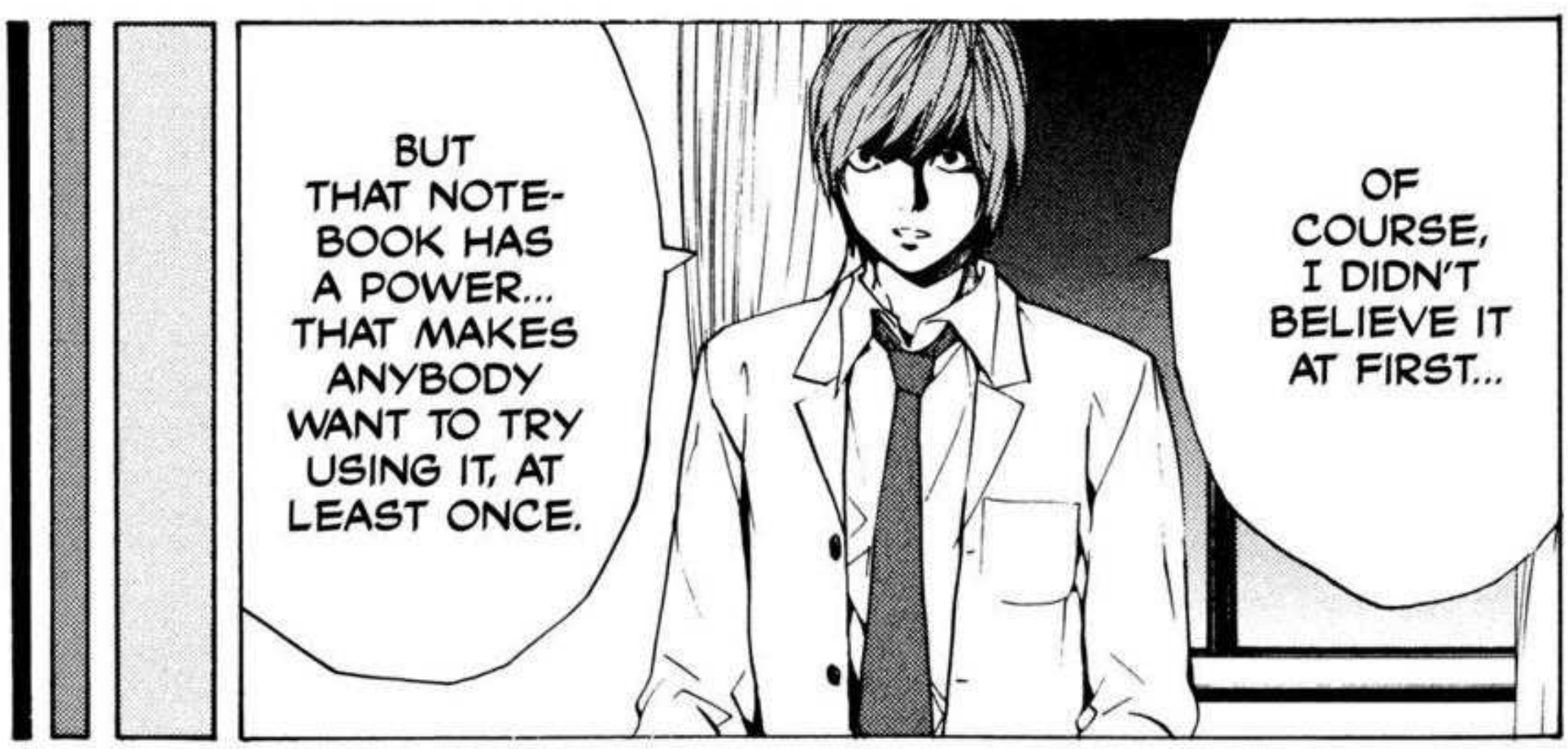
BUT THAT NOTE-BOOK HAS A POWER... THAT MAKES ANYBODY WANT TO TRY USING IT, AT LEAST ONCE.
OF COURSE, I DIDN'T BELIEVE IT AT FIRST...

Death Note

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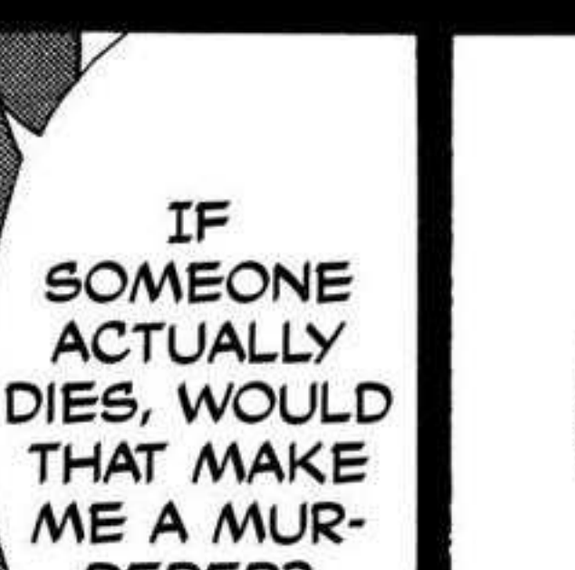

IF SOMEONE ACTUALLY DIES, WOULD THAT MAKE ME A MUR-DERER?

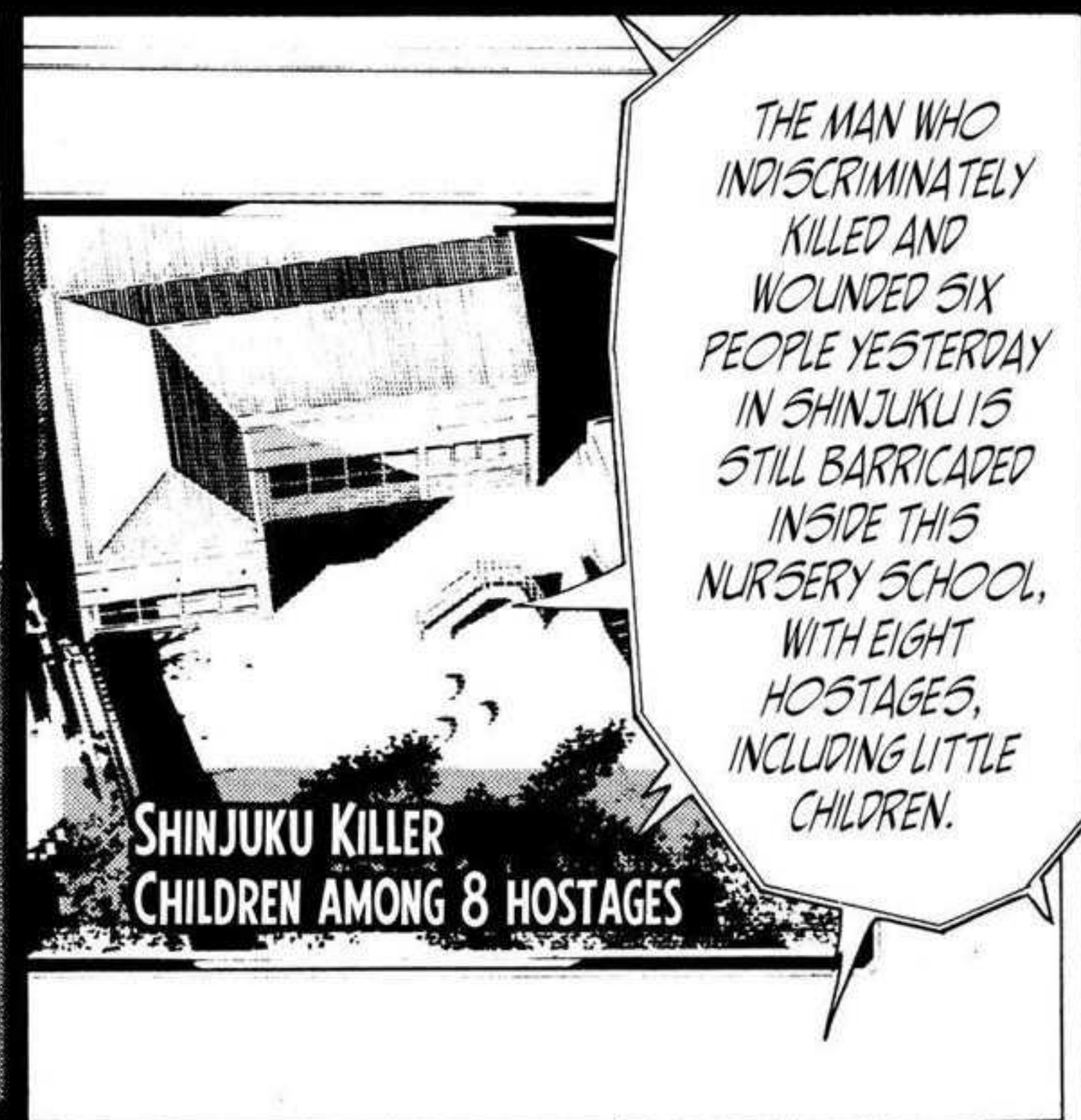
WAIT A MINUTE.

DEATH NOTE
HOW TO USE IT

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

I GUESS IT WOULD HAVE TO BE...

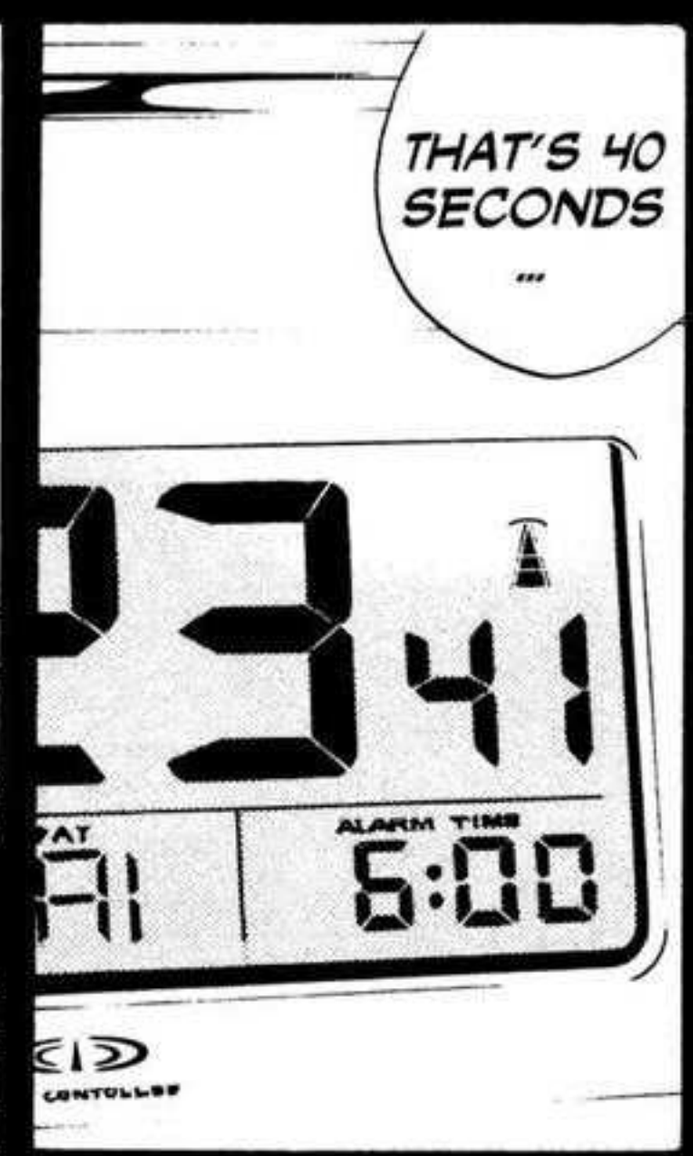
SOMEONE IT'S OKAY TO KILL... WHO HAS NO RELATION TO ME AT ALL...



FLASH
18:22

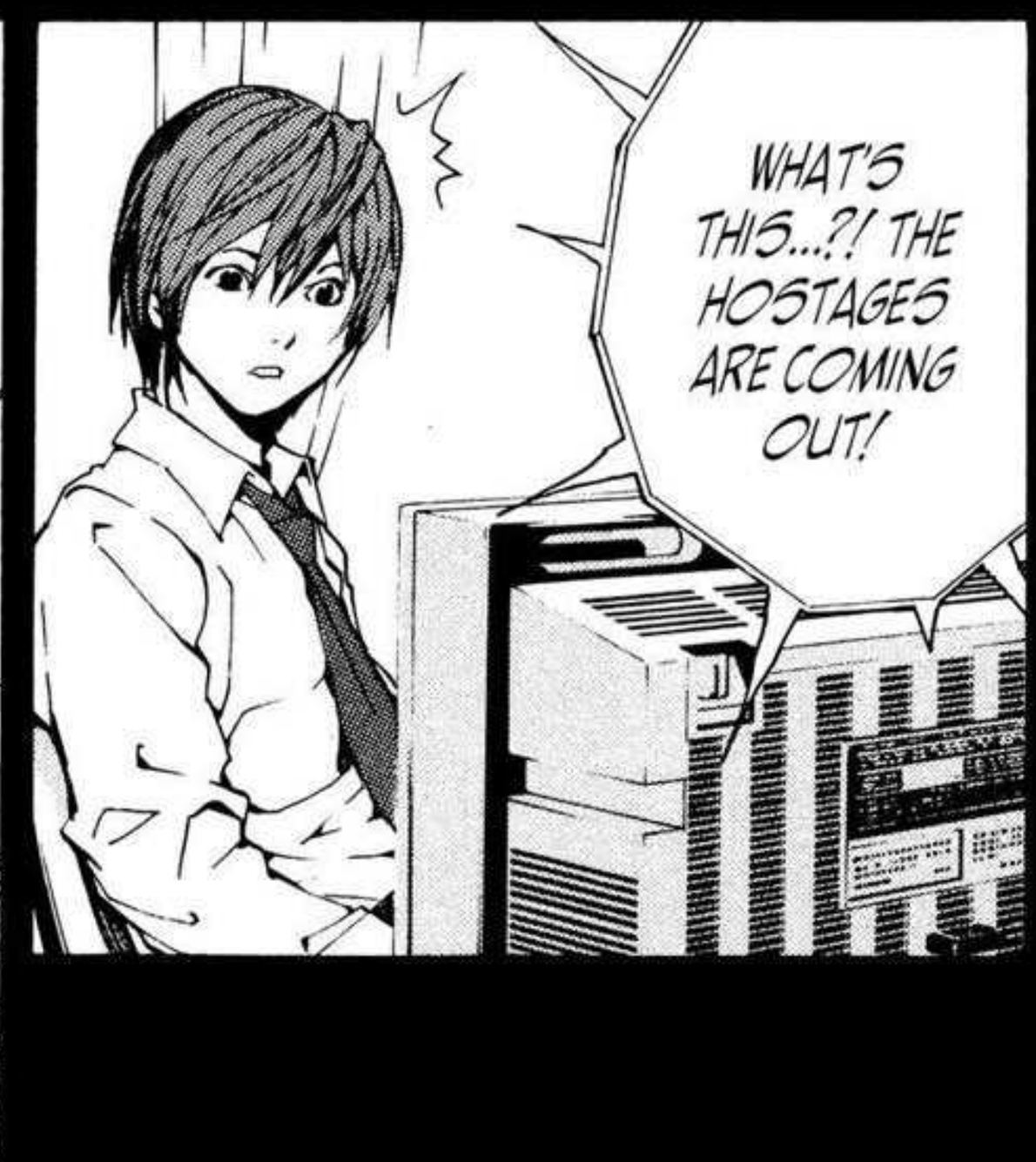
KUROU OTOHARADA

NOTHING. I KNEW IT.


THAT'S 40 SECONDS ...
23:41
ALARM TIME
6:00

FORTY SECONDS, AND IT'S A HEART ATTACK.
18:23 00
11/28 FRI 6:00

THEY ALL SEEM TO BE ALL RIGHT.
AND NOW THE POLICE ARE GOING IN! WILL THEY BE ABLE TO ARREST OTOHARADA?!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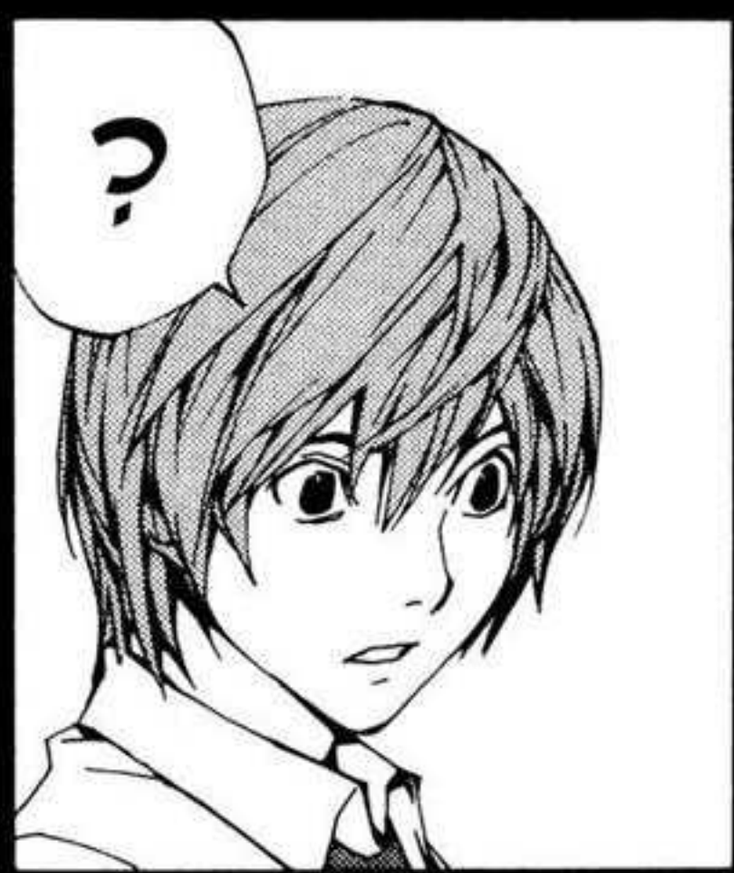
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THEY'RE... COMING BACK OUT!

BLAH BLAH

WHAT EXACTLY IS GOING ON?

BLAH BLAH
BUT NO SIGN OF THEIR CAPTOR JUST YET.

DEAD?!

IT APPEARS OTOHARADA IS DEAD!!

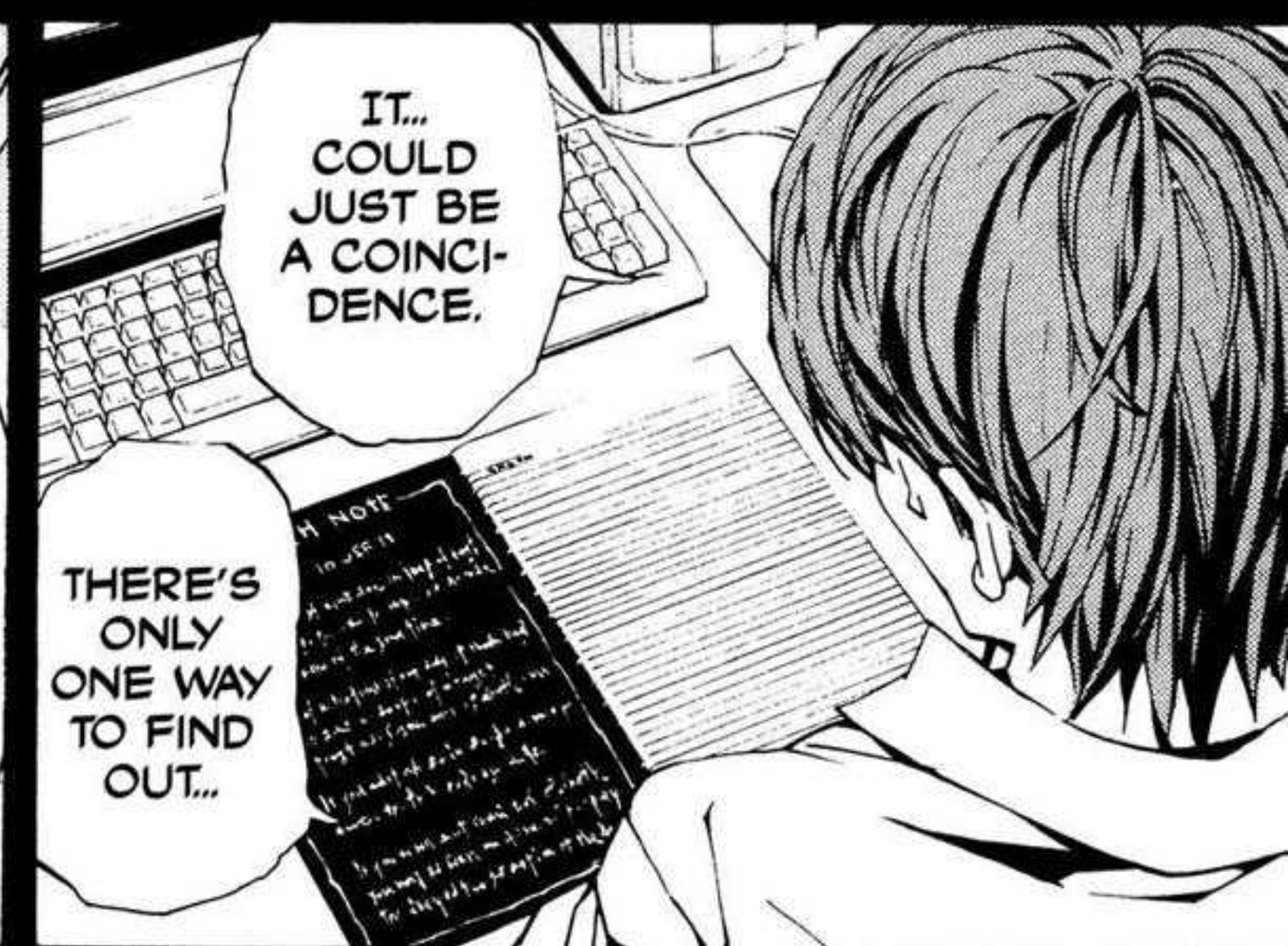
THIS JUST IN!! THE CAPTOR IS INSIDE THE NURSERY SCHOOL, AND HE IS DEAD!!

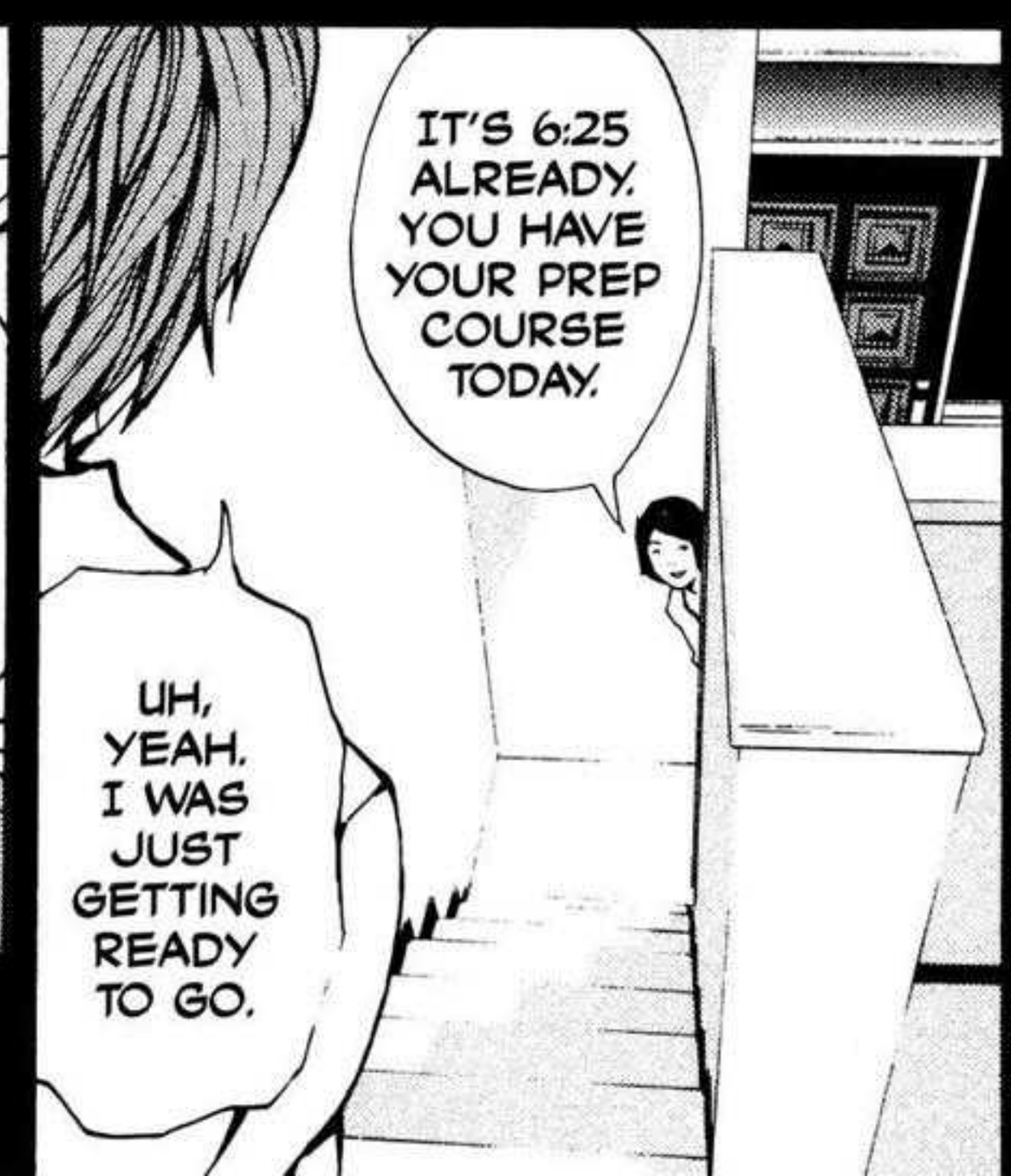
A HEART ATTACK...

WELL, THE HOSTAGES ARE APPARENTLY SAYING HE SUDDENLY COLLAPSED...

COULD THAT MEAN HE COMMITTED SUICIDE?

THE POLICE ARE EMPHASIZING THAT THEY DID **NOT** SHOOT HIM.





GAMOU PREP ACADEMY

BUT NOT ANYONE TOO MAJOR, OR THE COPS MIGHT KEEP IT SECRET FOR A WHILE.

SO I GUESS IT HAS TO BE A CRIMINAL, AFTER ALL...

UH... WH... WHAT? AGAIN?

LEND ME SOME MONEY. TWO THOUSAND'LL DO IT.

UH... WHAT, SUDOU?

I NEED A RESULT RIGHT AWAY.

HEY, RYO BABY.

AM I BEING TOO CAREFUL...? A GUY LIKE THAT, NOBODY'S EVEN GOING TO NOTICE...

NO, I SHOULD AVOID ANYBODY I ACTUALLY KNOW...

TRY KILLING HIM?...

SUDOU.

YO, DUDES! WE'RE GOING TO THE GAME CENTER TONIGHT!

YOU'RE OUR STAR PUPIL! WE NEED YOU TO PLACE FIRST AGAIN!

YES, SIR. SORRY, SIR...

YOU, YAGAMI! MISTER NUMBER-ONE NATION-WIDE! WHAT'RE YOU DOING SPACING OUT?

OW.

BONK

MY MOM ISN'T HERE YET? WHAT'S THAT NAG DOING, GEEZ!

HEY, CAN I GO TOO?

YEAH, TOTAL-LY!

HEY, MAKI. WANNA PARTY TOMORROW WITH SOME GUYS FROM S. COLLEGE? TEN O'CLOCK.

DAMN...

START LOOKING AROUND YOU...

HA HA!

AND ALL YOU SEE ARE PEOPLE THE WORLD WOULD BE BETTER OFF WITHOUT.

HEY TAKU, YOU GOT GOOD TASTE, MAN.

HOW 'BOUT HAVIN' SOME FUN WITH ME TONIGHT?

VROOOOM

EEK!

HEY, GIRLIE.

I... DON'T THINK SO...

WELL, IT *IS* HIS REAL NAME...

TAKU'S USUAL COME-ON.

MY NAME'S TAKUO SHIBUI-MARU, THAT'S ***SHIBUTAKU**** FOR SHORT, *HEH HEH...* COME ON, GIRLIE, HOW ABOUT IT?

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

VRUT

ZNEEEN

VRUT

HAR HAR HAR

AWW, COME ON!

VRU

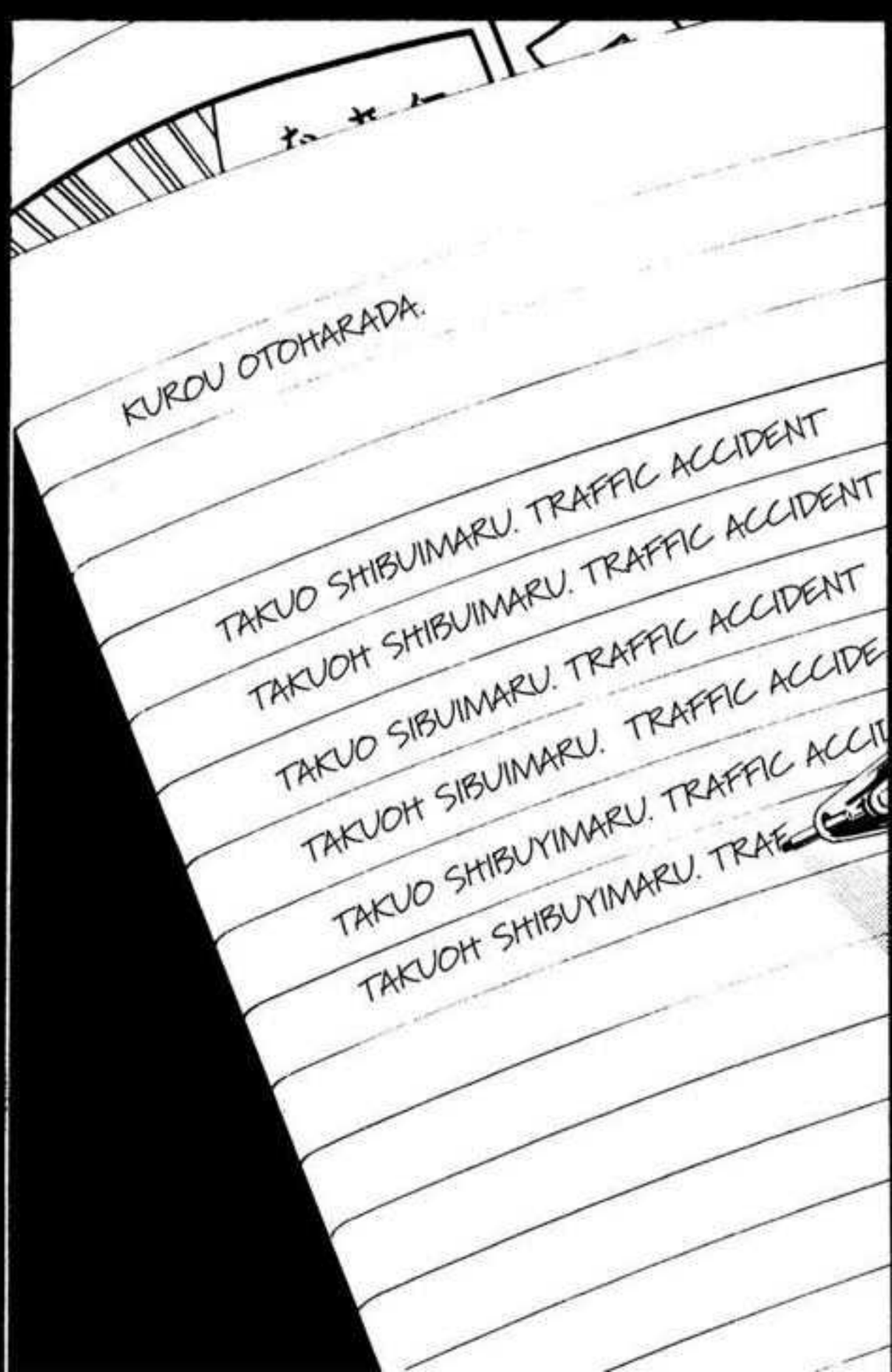
SHE DOESN'T THINK SO, DUDE!

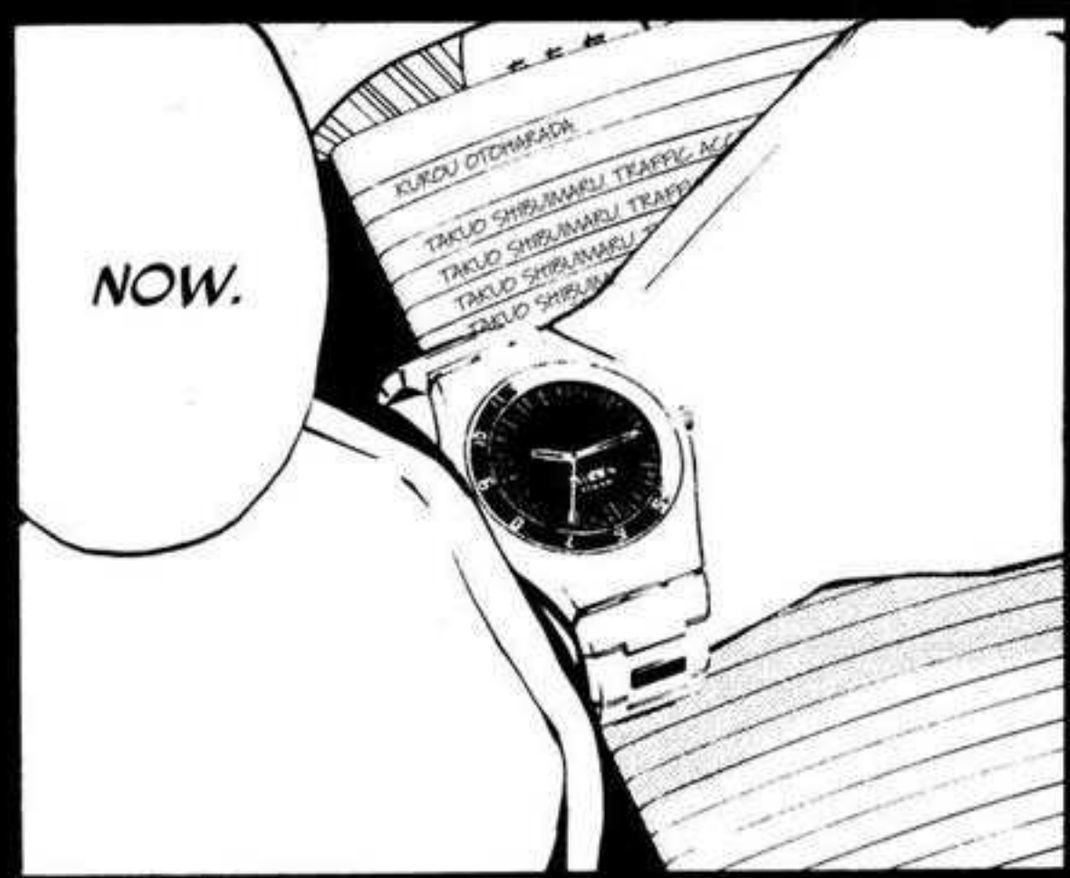
YOH YOH

ATM

HA HA HA

ATM




NOW.

...

HEY, GIRLIE! I GOT WHEELS, REMEMBER?
SHE GOT AWAY!
VUM VUM VUM VUM

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS ?!

TAKU! WATCH OUT...

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THE DEATH NOTE ...

REALLY WORKS !!

DEATH NOTE

PROVES THIS IT. ...

DEATH NOTE

...

OOOH...

UGH...

DAMN IDIOT, WHAT WERE YOU THINK-- YAA... YAAA-RGH!!

AAH-HHH!

VRO OM

I'M... OUTTA HERE, MAN!

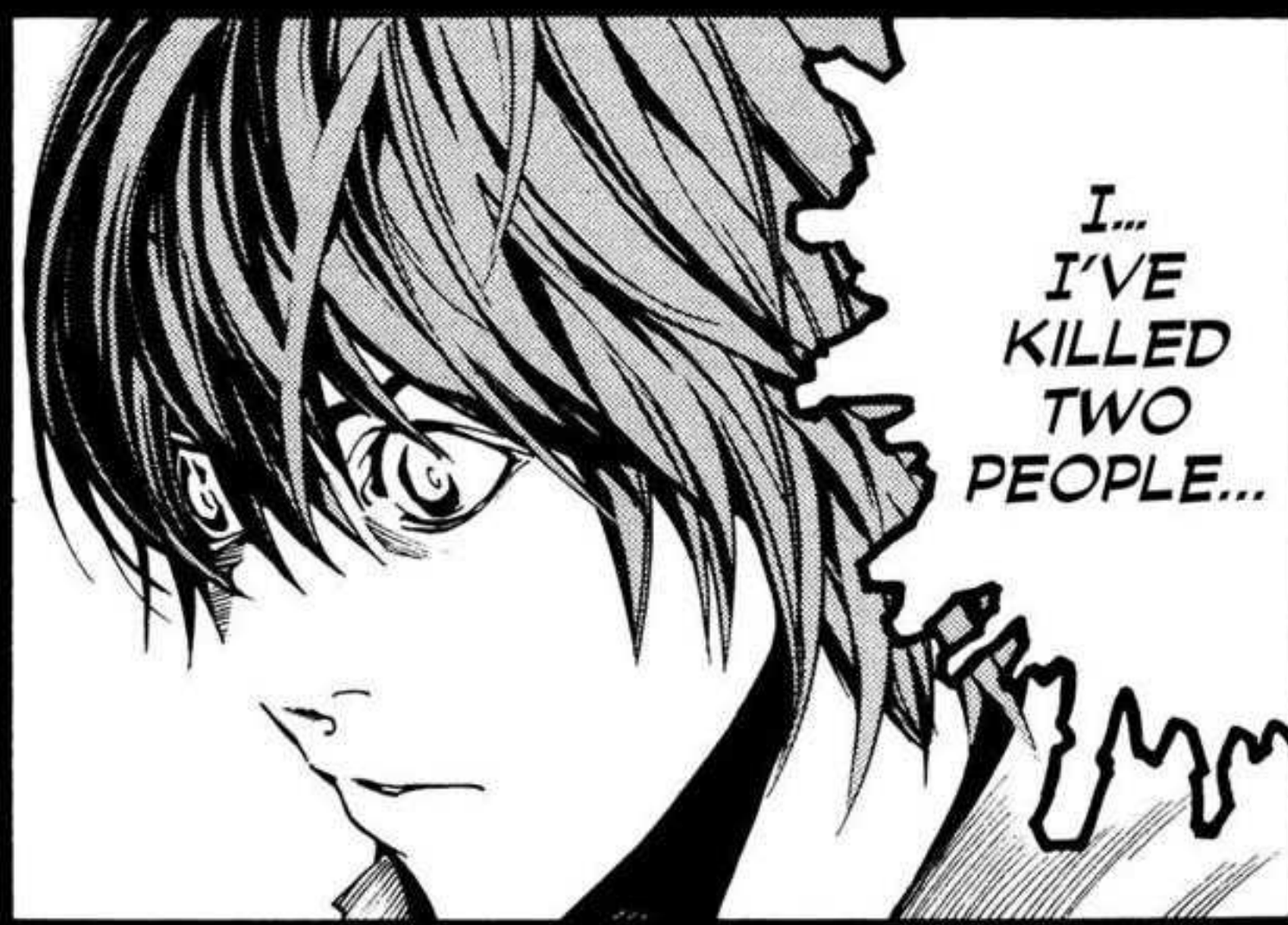
TAKU !!

URGH ...

HFF

HFF

WHAT, AN ACCI-DENT?!


I... I'VE KILLED TWO PEOPLE...

WHAT DO I DO...

I'VE... KILLED ...
ME...
TWO PEOPLE ...

NO...
...

GET... RID OF THIS EVIL THING...

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...

...

IT REALLY NEEDS TO BE CLEANED UP.
THIS WORLD IS A ROTTEN MESS.

...
THE QUESTION IS...
I...
WITH THIS NOTEBOOK, I CAN ACTUALLY DO IT...

DO I HAVE THE GUTS ...?
JUST TWO, AND LOOK AT ME...
WELL, IT'S ONLY NATURAL. THEY'RE HUMAN LIVES... OF COURSE IT ISN'T EASY.
CAN I TAKE IT?
...
MAYBE NOT.
SOME-BODY HAS TO DO THIS!!
THE WORLD NEEDS TO BE CLEANED UP.
BUT... COME ON, I CAN'T QUIT. SO I LOSE MY PEACE OF MIND. SO I SACRIFICE PEOPLE'S LIVES...

BUT I DO...
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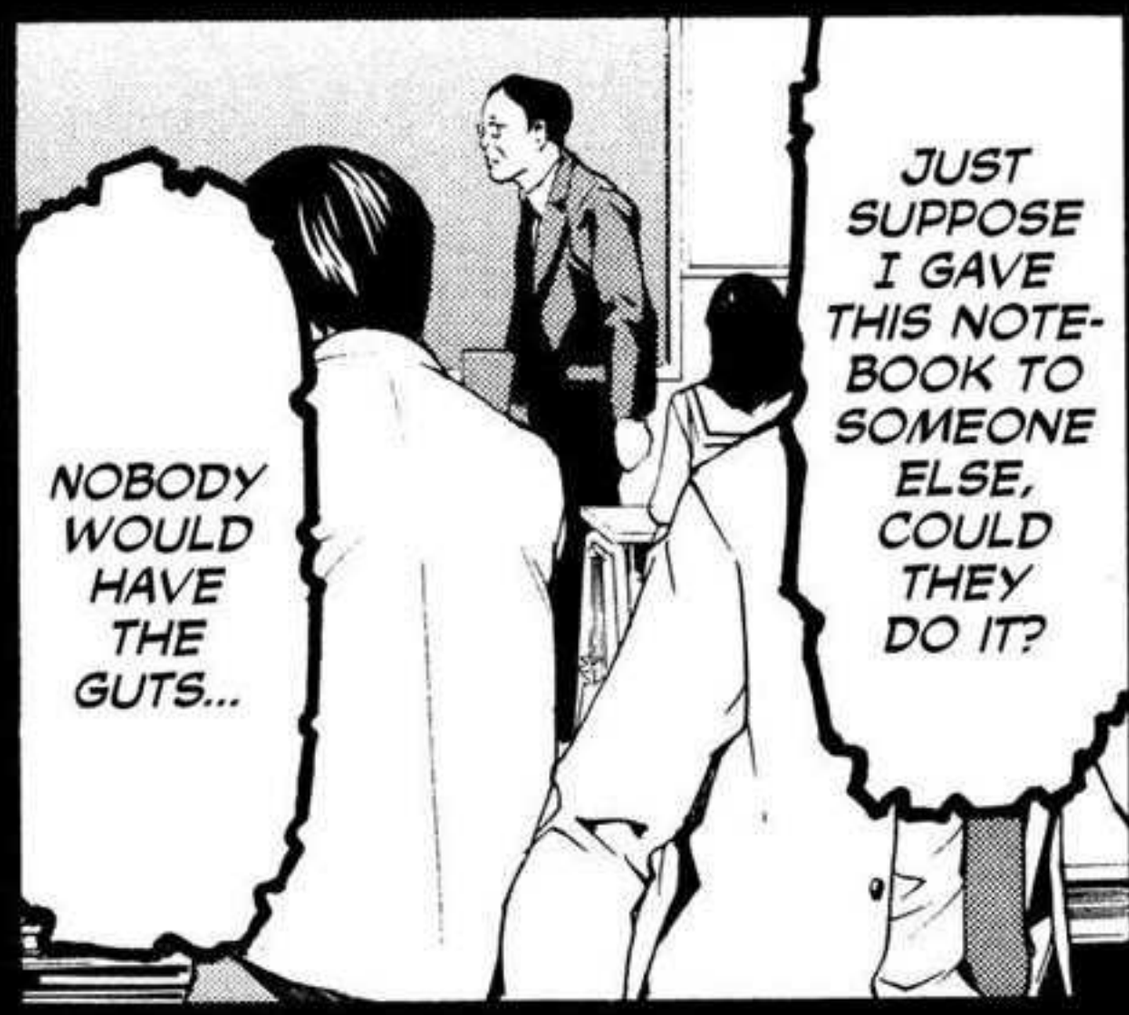
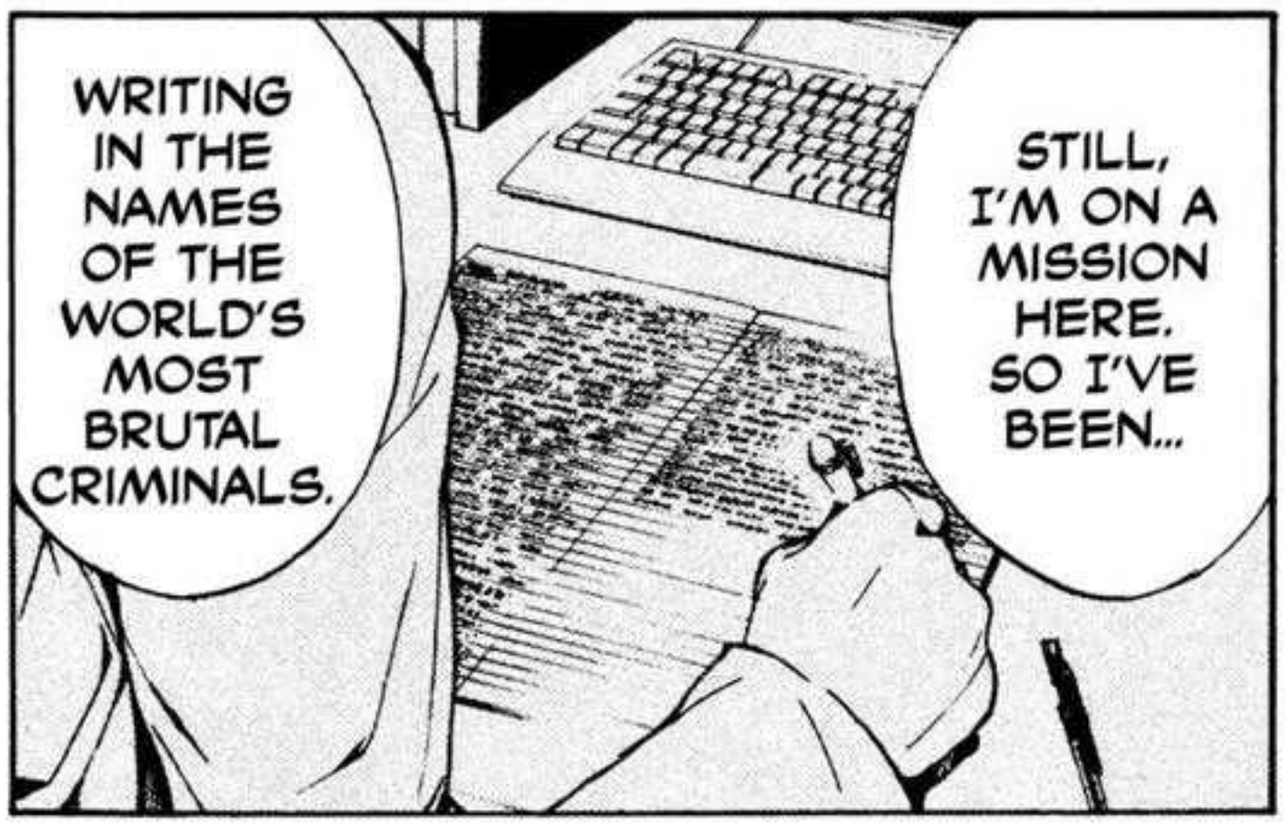
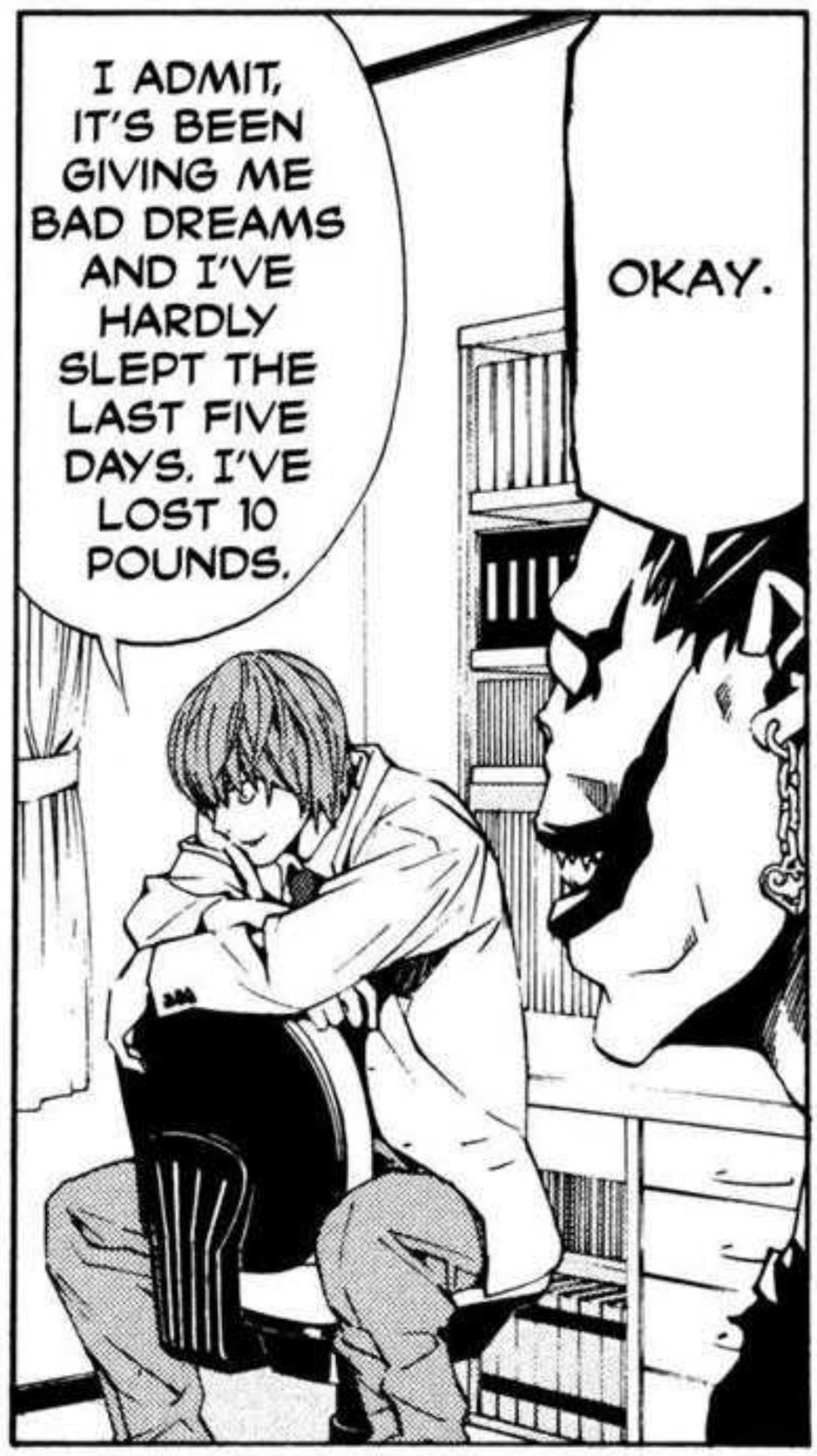

NOBODY WOULD HAVE THE GUTS...
JUST SUPPOSE I GAVE THIS NOTE-BOOK TO SOMEONE ELSE, COULD THEY DO IT?

SO I'LL DO IT!!
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD DO IT.

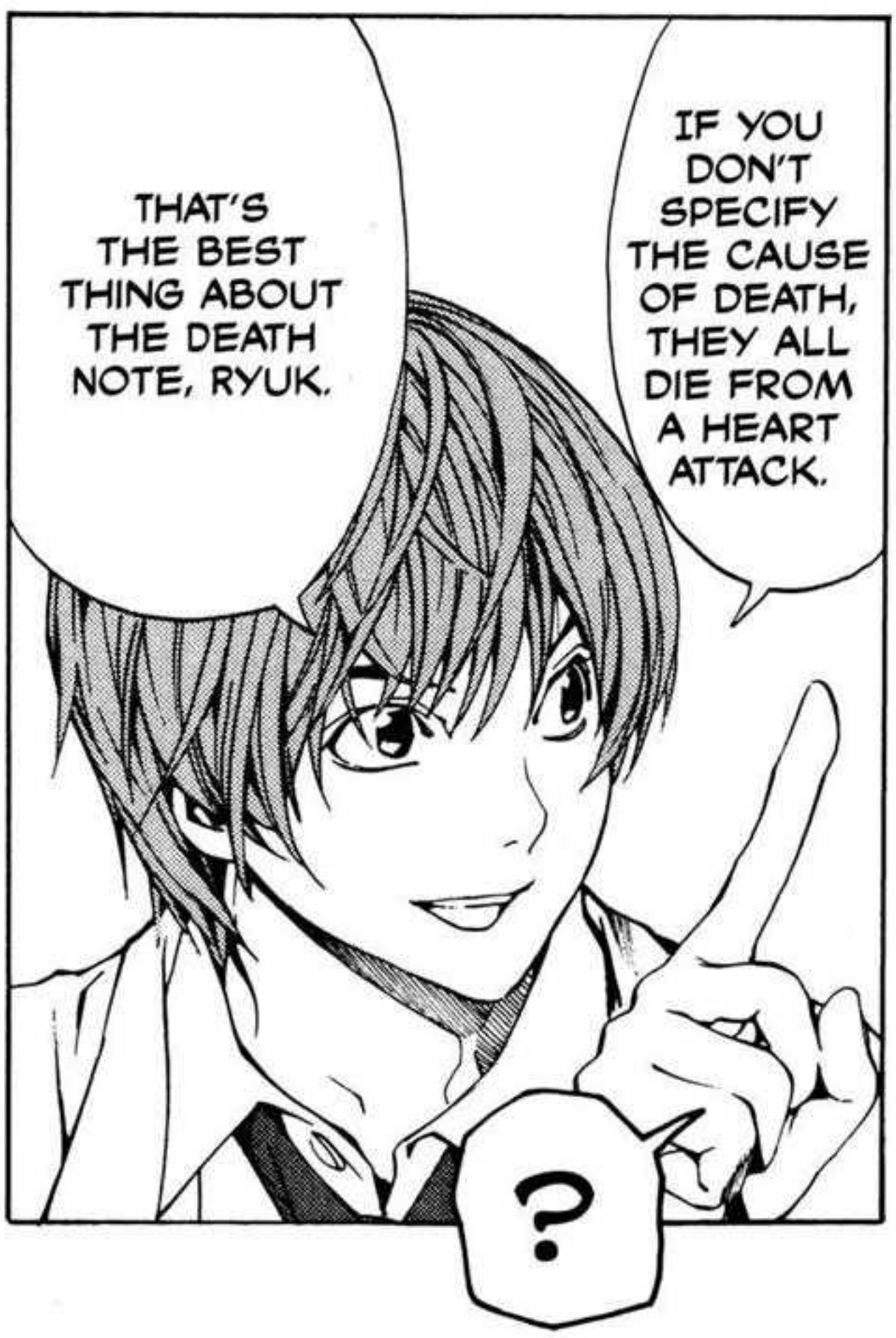
NOT JUST THAT...
I COULD DO IT...

TO CHANGE THE WORLD.
I'M USING THE DEATH NOTE...


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.
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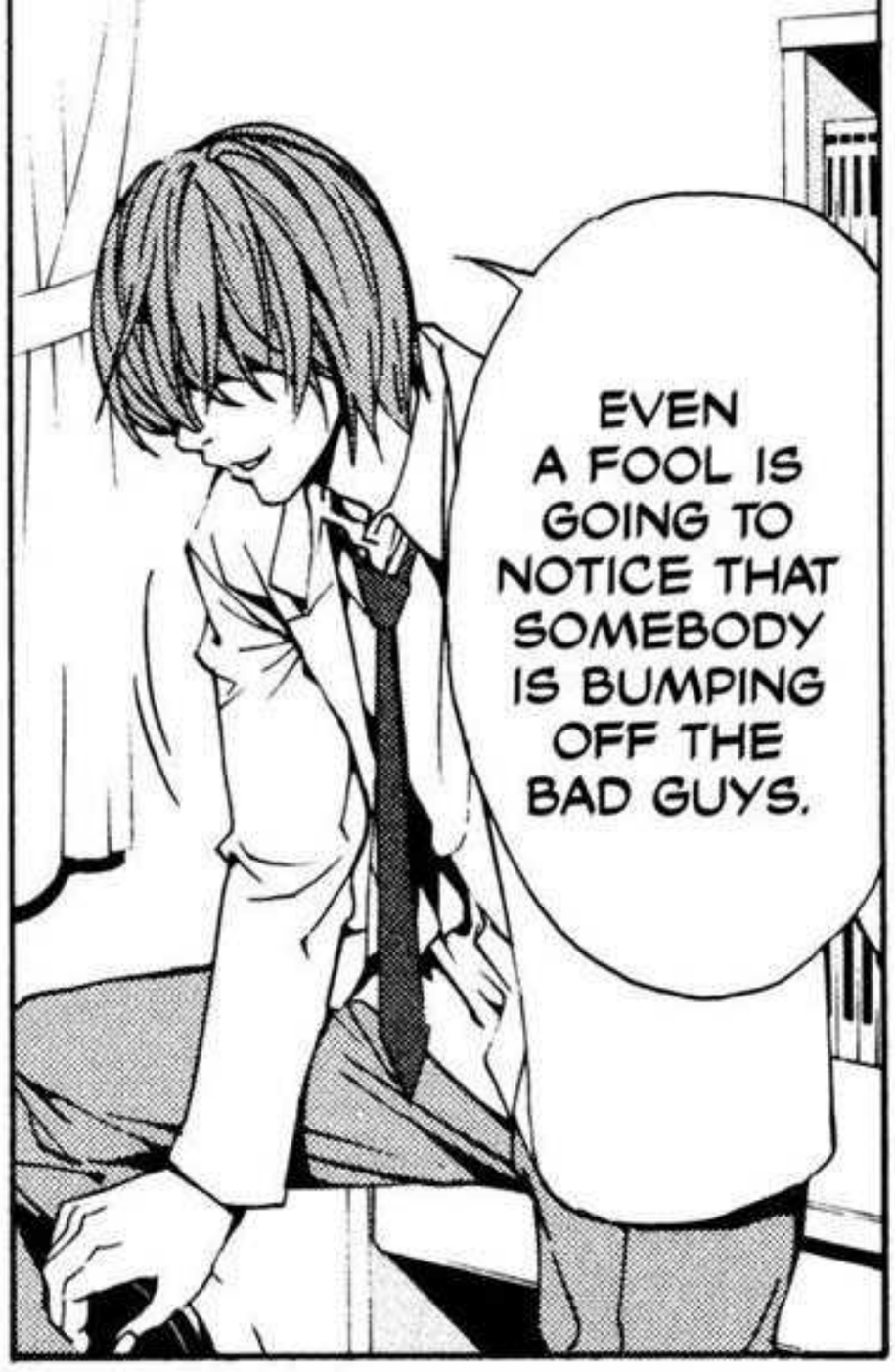
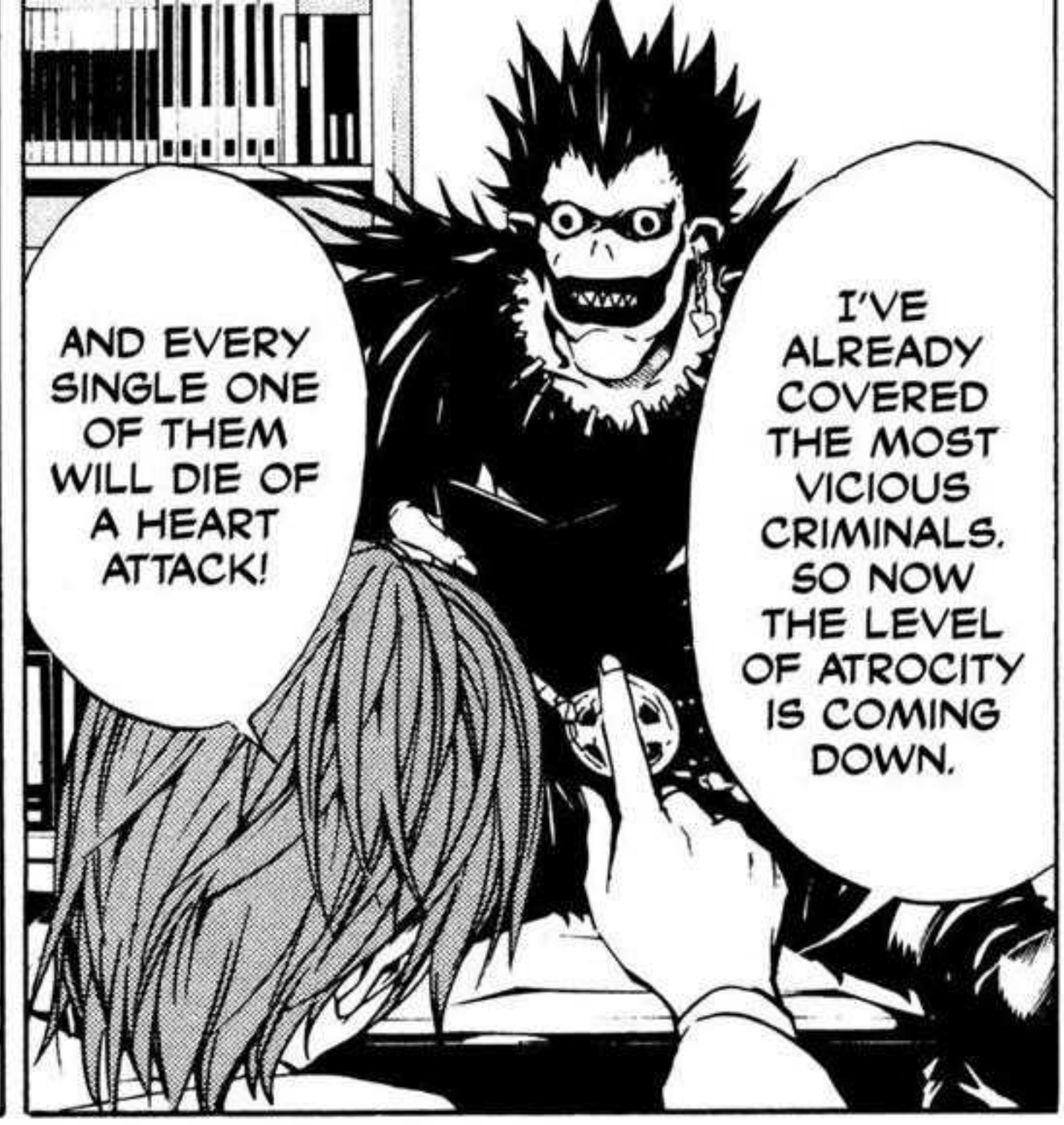
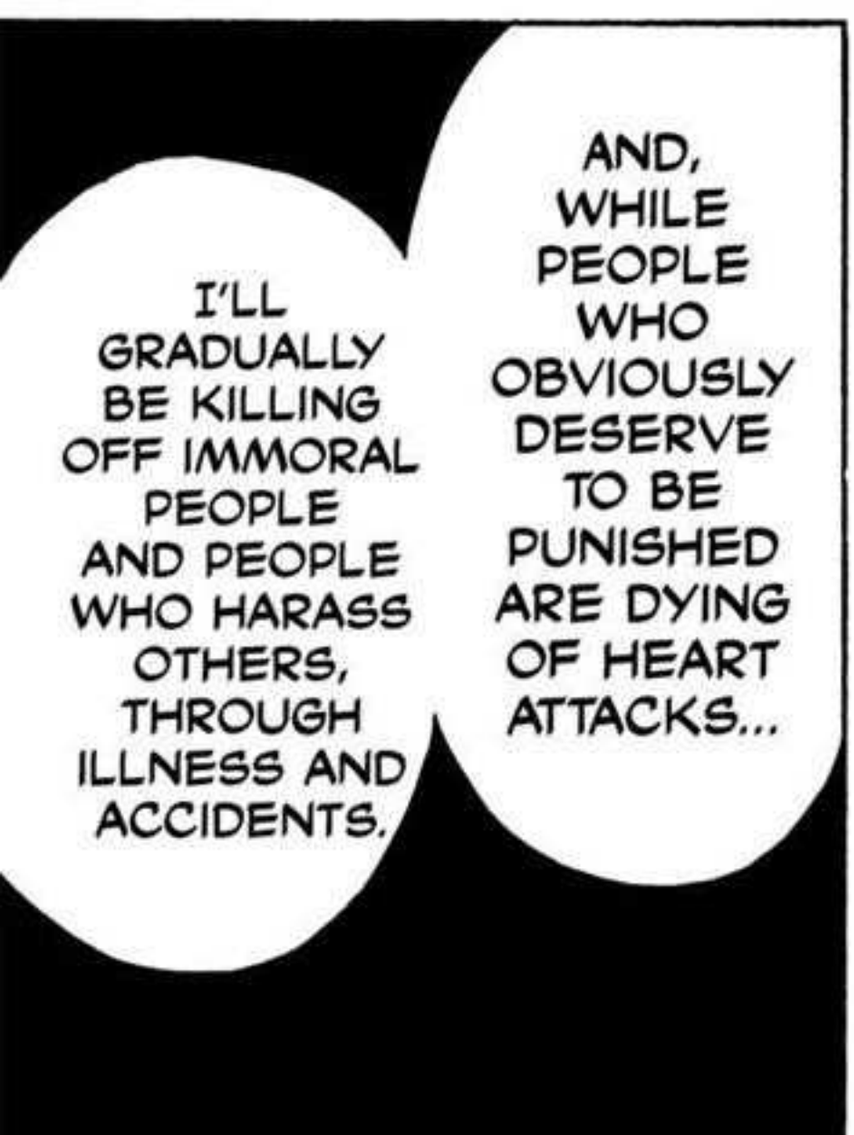
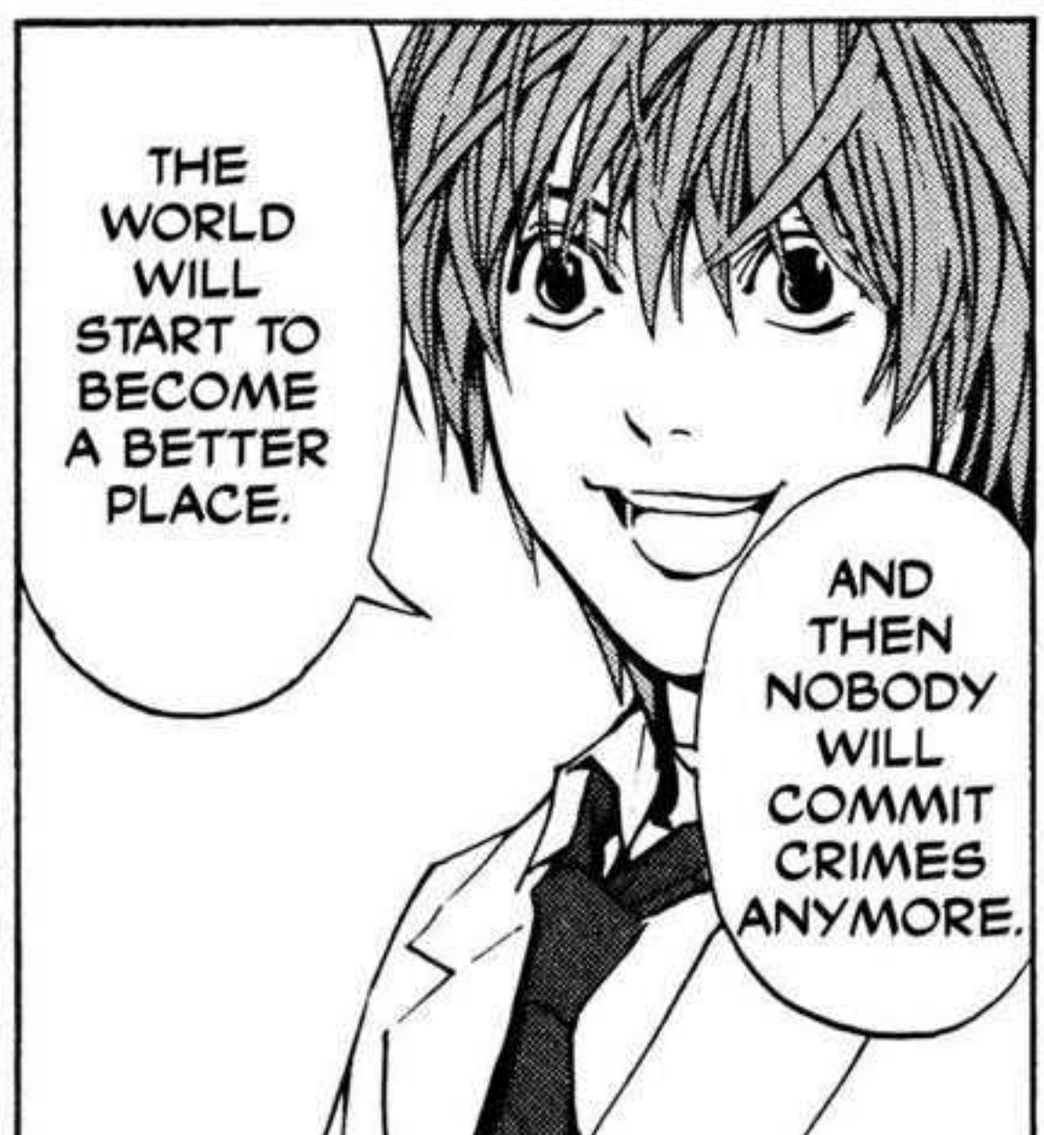
DEATH NOTE
CAN'T BE BOTH-ERED?
BUT YOU ONLY SPECIFIED THE CAUSE OF DEATH FOR THE GUY WHO GOT HIT BY A TRUCK, NOBODY ELSE. HOW COME?


EVEN A FOOL IS GOING TO NOTICE THAT SOMEBODY IS BUMPING OFF THE BAD GUYS.


AND EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM WILL DIE OF A HEART ATTACK!
I'VE ALREADY COVERED THE MOST VICIOUS CRIMINALS. SO NOW THE LEVEL OF ATROCITY IS COMING DOWN.

THAT SOMEBODY IS PASSING RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT ON THEM!!
I'M GOING TO MAKE THE WHOLE WORLD KNOW I'M HERE...

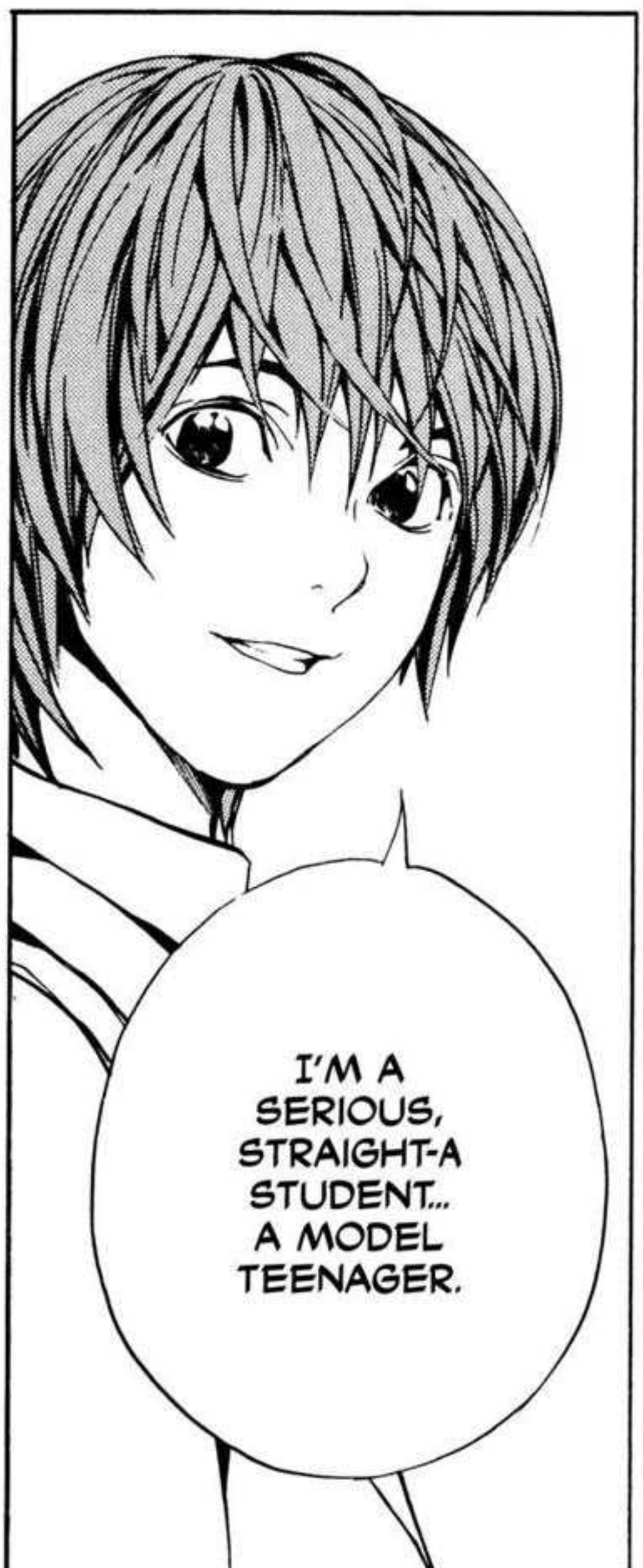

I'LL GRADUALLY BE KILLING OFF IMMORAL PEOPLE AND PEOPLE WHO HARASS OTHERS, THROUGH ILLNESS AND ACCIDENTS.
AND, WHILE PEOPLE WHO OBVIOUSLY DESERVE TO BE PUNISHED ARE DYING OF HEART ATTACKS...


THE WORLD WILL START TO BECOME A BETTER PLACE.
AND THEN NOBODY WILL COMMIT CRIMES ANYMORE.

I'LL MAKE THIS A WORLD INHABITED ONLY BY PEOPLE I DECIDE ARE GOOD!

EVEN THAT WILL EVENTUALLY BE NOTICED BY THE IDIOT MASSES.

THEY'LL REALIZE THEY'LL DIE IF THEY DON'T CHANGE THEIR WAYS...



YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT, THE ONLY ONE LEFT WITH A BAD PERSONALITY WILL BE YOU...

AND I...

I'M A SERIOUS, STRAIGHT-A STUDENT... A MODEL TEENAGER.

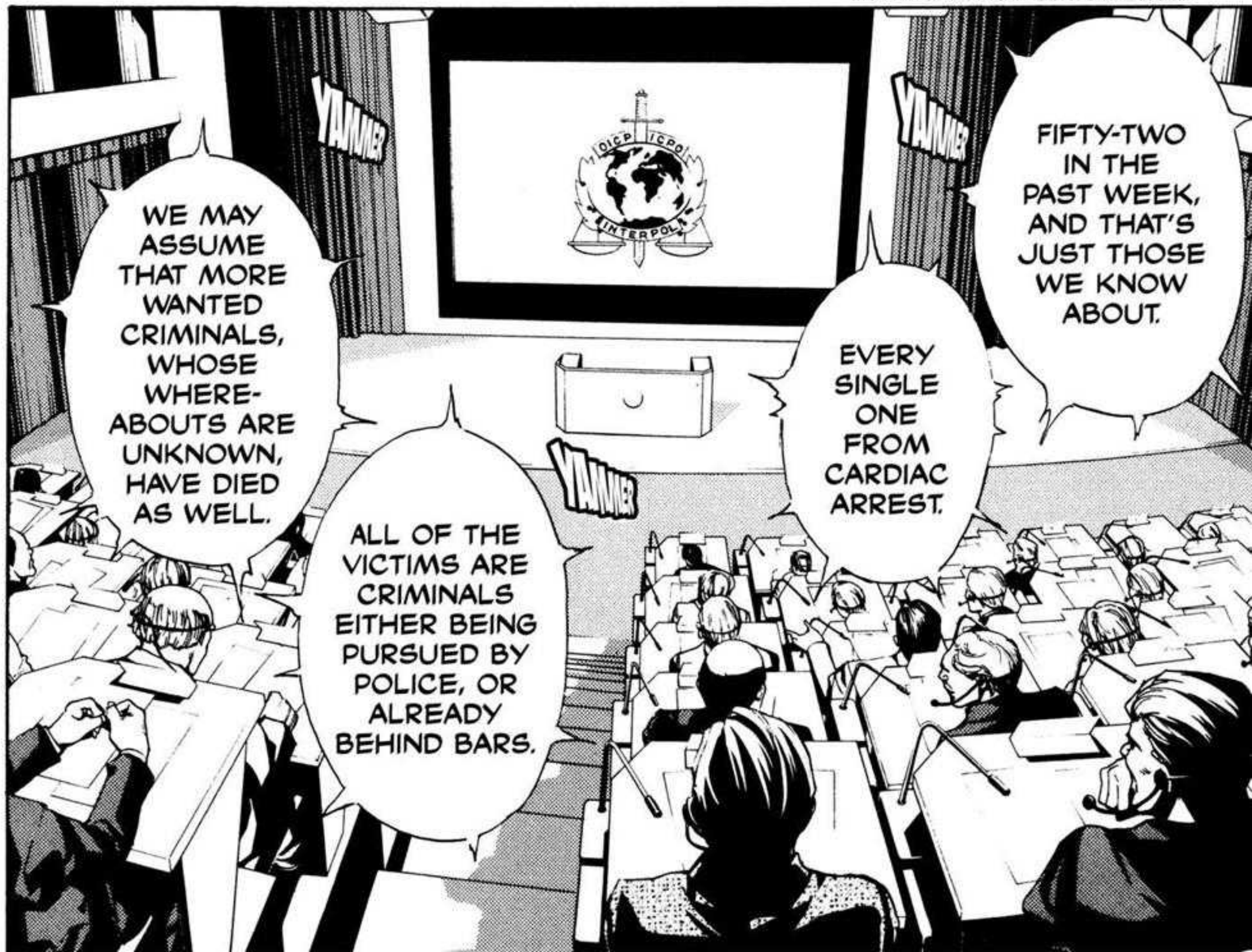
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, RYUK?

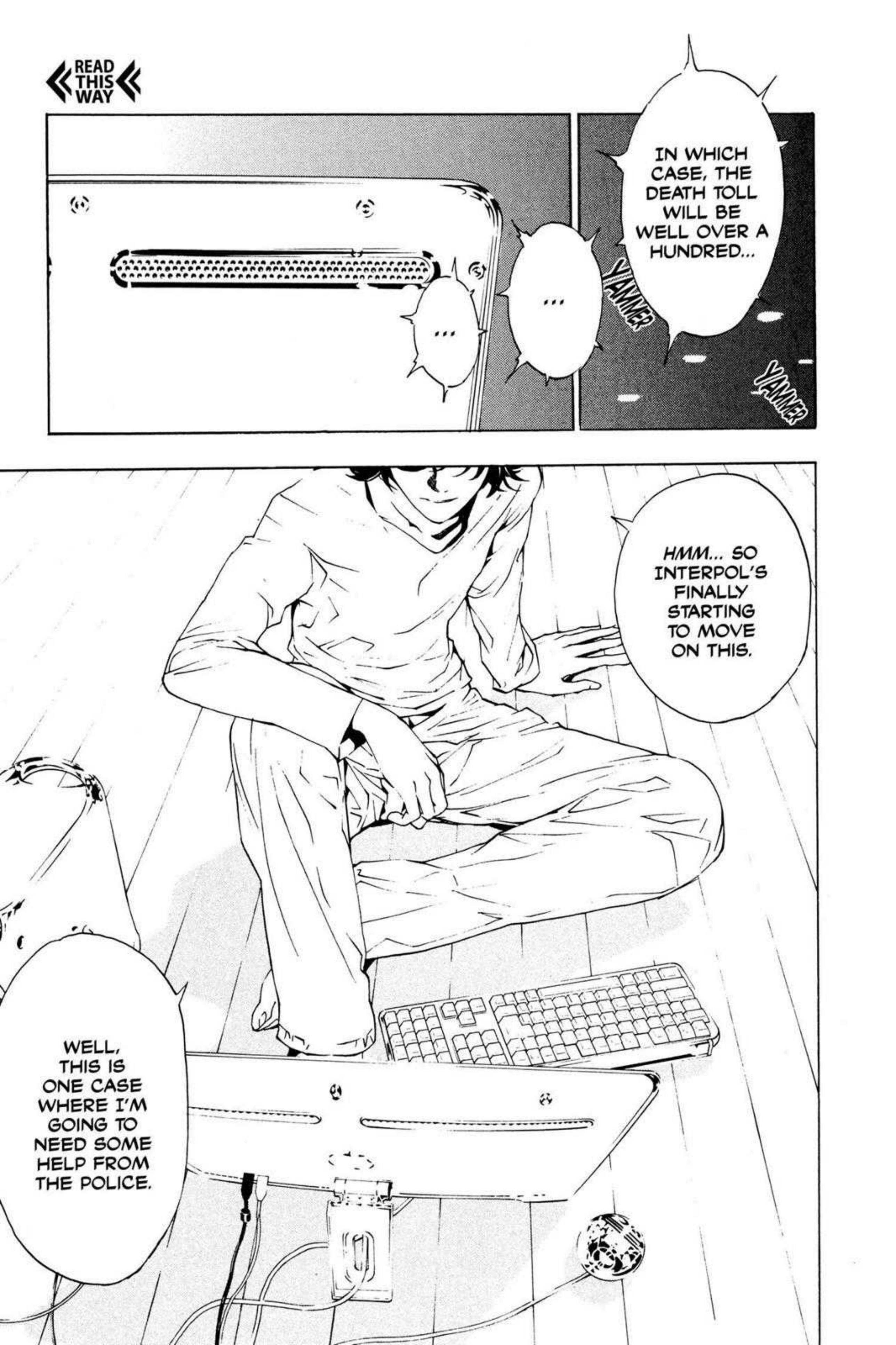
...
WILL REIGN OVER A NEW WORLD.

A meeting of the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol).

A G8 Summit*

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




READ THIS WAY
...
...
IN WHICH CASE, THE DEATH TOLL WILL BE WELL OVER A HUNDRED...
YAMMER
YAMMER
HMM... SO INTERPOL'S FINALLY STARTING TO MOVE ON THIS.
WELL, THIS IS ONE CASE WHERE I'M GOING TO NEED SOME HELP FROM THE POLICE.

# 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。
  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。