Chapter 31: The Spider's Thread

1===

Just like in the short story "The spider's thread",

I’m crawling up a thin thread in the dark…

With little hope for survival…

We should…

Go check, immediately?

2===

We should go there as soon as possible!

As soon as possible?

[If I can't get it into Kyoichi's home…!]

Well… what if someone is trying to break in right now?

Trying to get inside and mess your room?

...right…

3===

I don't think it's likely, but I'll go check just in case…

Eh…!

Please wait!

Are… Are you going to leave me here...!?

Sfx cling clang

Huh?

Is there a reason to take you with me?

[That's right]

[There is no reason to take me with him…]

No… but…

4===

Do you have a reason to leave me here?

Are you going to make another trip back here..? Is there something else you want to do in this room?

[How about that…!?]

5===

Ah.. ah! Hahaha… I tried to take it off…

But it didn't work.

I probably shouldn't take my eyes off of him…

I'll kill you the next time you try to escape.

Of… of course…

[That's the first barrier…]

6===

[The evidence package, ALS flashlight, and Kasen's cellphone,]

[Were sealed in a plastic bag and hidden in the ditch by the parking lot.]

[So there is no way Kyoichi will find that…]

[But I still have to find a way to get that into Kyoichi's apartment.]

This is where the challenge begins…

7===

Heh… is this where you live…?

Pretend I don't know.

Give me your hand.

My hand?

Eh!?

Eh!? Wait wait?

What if someone sees some guy cuffed inside a car and calls the police!?

8===

It won't take long, just checking the mailbox.

I failed…!?

Phew…

There is no one watching I hope…?

Bomb… I doubt it… I should still stay cautious…

9===

He’s back…!

Hello? Yeah it's me.

Hey did you really deliver it?

10===

Of course I did!?

See…

Just like my theory right?

Ouch!

So somebody took it?

Yeah that might be the case. Maybe it's being used as a relay point for illegal substances!

You were hacked right!?

Then could it be by a different organization?

Worst case… the police may get involved… something like that!

11===

Putting the drug in our possession, then tipping the cops!

If that's the case… if it's no longer in the mailbox, maybe police already took it…

Wouldn’t that be really bad!?

… I don't think they'd go that far.

But…

There might be another possibility… but you wouldn't be involved.

It's possible, so I'll look into it from my side.

Just like what Tetsuo said, "It could be Takeda who sent it to my place"...?

Okay!? I understand, I'll leave it to you!

Fuck…

The trouble keeps coming...

...hmm?

12===

Isn't this the same as what I said?

So… you know…

Sfx cling clang

Tsk…

Here!

It worked!

Thank you very much.

I can go inside!

13===

Alright, heads down.

...eh?

Keep your head down until we get inside…

Knock

14===

Ah…

15===

Ahh...ouch…!

Uhm, my head is injured…

Ah… sorry…

Sfx biiii

Sfx elevator sound

16===

… Well…

I already know where it is…

Ding dong

Keep your head down.

Okay…

17===

Sfx: Door open

This…

18===

What is this…?

Huh?

Well… I can tell by the shape.

Shut up and get in.

Protection against thumb turn bypass…!!

I made the right choice…!!

I won't be able to open it even if I kept trying!!

19===

He is extremely cautious...

Because he's a seasoned criminal…

Can I really deceive this guy… can I really win?

Release

But… finally…

I'm inside Kyoichi's apartment…!

Sfx lock

20===

The Spider's Thread… is not yet broken…!!

End