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THE STORY SO FAR

Miho, long the hunted, became the hunter as she lured John, a young American exorcist, to Cheju Island where she received his help in freeing a little girl from the clutches of an evil spirit. But more blood was soon spilled, as John was forced into a confrontation with Miho's bodyguard, the demon-killer Pan. As they fought through the streets of Cheju Island, John used his clairvoyance to delve into his opponent's mind, but Pan's final attack was too much for him, leaving him unconscious and hospital-bound.

1989 7/22 11:30 PM
Japanese National Institute of Health







EVERYONE'S
BEEN WIPE OUT!
IT'S A MASSACRE!



MORE BACK-UP
WON'T HELP
CALL THE ARMY

THEN WHAT'S
THE SELF-DEFENSE
FORCE FOR?
WE HAVE A
WEAPON OF MASS
DESTRUCTION HERE!



WE'VE LOST
CONTACT WITH FIVE
SEPARATE TACTICAL
POLICE UNITS ON
THE 15TH FLOOR.



YOU IDIOT!
HOW CAN YOU
TALK ABOUT
"SECRECY" AT
A TIME LIKE
THIS?

WHO'S THE
MEDIA GONNA
TELL IF EVERYONE
IN TOKYO IS
WIPE OUT?!



IT'S A GOD-DAMN
SLAUGHTERHOUSE!



WHAT DOES ALL
THAT NOISE SOUND
LIKE TO YOU?
BIRDS SINGING?!

WE'VE GOT PEOPLE WITH
THEIR EYEBALLS
MELTING OUT OF
THEIR FUCKING
SOCKETS.

ARGH!

MY EYES!
MY EYES!

AAAH!

THE PLATOON
WON'T LAST
MUCH LONGER!

WE NEED A
MEDICAL UNIT
IMMEDIATELY!



AND, GET THE
SELF-DEFENSE
FORCE DOWN
HERE BEFORE
I BLOW THE
INSTITUTE TO
KINGDOM COME!

OFFICER
MASAO!



WHAT THE
HELL IS IT?!



**YOU IDIOT!
YOU LET A
CIVILIAN
IN HERE?!**



**WHICH
FLOOR
IS IT?**



**WHAT FLOOR
IS THE
BASTARD ON?**





OH JAMES
哇 阿魂感吓
吓文



哇吓吓
莎阿!!

哇吓吓
SHUSH
吓



He
Sect



THERE
YOU ARE...





TEACHER WON,
THERE'S A CALL
FOR YOU AT
THE FACULTY
OFFICE

TEACHER
WON,
THERE'S A CALL
FOR YOU AT
THE FACULTY
OFFICE



TEACHER
WON...

LOOK, I'M TELLING YOU... I CAN'T!



HOW MANY TIMES ARE YOU GONNA MAKE ME SAY IT?

PLEASE, TEACHER MA...



IT'S NOT LIKE I'M SELLING BAD BOOKS TO STUDENTS!

BUT YOU ARE! YOUR PUBLISHER'S BOOKS ARE FAMOUS FOR HAVING POOR INFORMATION WHILE COSTING AN ARM AND A LEG.

THAT POET'S WORK IS SUFFICIENTLY REPRESENTED IN OUR TEXTBOOKS. I DON'T WANT TO BURDEN THE KIDS WITH ANOTHER VOLUME.



HELLO...?

DON'T BE LIKE THAT, WHY DON'T YOU...?

I'M TELLING YOU I CAN'T!



AH...

DAD?



YEAH,
IT'S ME.
HOW HAVE
YOU BEEN?

SEEMS LIKE
IT'S BEEN
FOREVER SINCE
THE LAST TIME
WE TALKED.



HOW'S
TEACHING?



HA-HA...
I STILL CAN'T
BELIEVE THAT
YOU'RE A
TEACHER.



.....

...ARE YOU
CRYING?



I HATE HIM.
HE ONLY CALLS
WHEN IT'S
CONVENIENT.

HE DOESN'T
EVER KNOW THE
ROUGH TIME
I'VE BEEN
HAVING.

OF COURSE
NOT! WHY
WOULD I..?



ARE YOU
WELL?

YES,
EXCEPT FOR
THE DOCTOR
NAGGING ME
ABOUT MY
BLOOD SUGAR.

HA-HA...
SEE, I
TOLD YOU
TO WATCH
YOUR DIET.

UH-HUH...
DO YOU EVER
THINK ABOUT
ME?

DAD...



OH, DO YOU
HAVE TIME TO
VISIT THIS
SATURDAY?



THE JAPANESE
BUYERS ARE
VISITING THE
BRANCH OFFICE
OVER THERE...

YOU'RE
GOING TO
HAVE TO
SHOW THEM
AROUND.



IT'S AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR COMPANY TO GAIN A STRONG POSITION FOR OUR NEW MODEL IN THE JAPANESE AUTO MARKET.



I THINK IT WOULD BE A LOT MORE EFFECTIVE IF THEY WERE GREETED BY YOU RATHER THAN THAT SORT OF A BRANCH PRESIDENT.



BESIDES, IT'S A GOOD PLACE TO START LEARNING THE BUSINESS, DON'T YOU THINK?



ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?



.....

SO, IS THAT THE ONLY REASON YOU'RE CALLING ME?



FIRST YOU SHIP ME
OFF TO THE MIDDLE
OF NOWHERE,
AND THEN I DON'T
EVEN HEAR FROM YOU
FOR THREE MONTHS.

SUDDENLY YOU
REMEMBER
I'M ALIVE
WHEN YOU NEED
MY HELP?



I'M NOT
DOING IT
WHY SHOULD I
WASTE MY
TIME?



IF THEY'RE
SUCH IMPORTANT
PEOPLE, WHY
DON'T YOU COME
YOURSELF?



THEY'RE
ARRIVING ON
THE 8 AM
FLIGHT.

WE CAN SORT
THIS OUT
AFTER THEY
GET THERE.





SAME OLD
MHD...

I THOUGHT
MAYBE SHE'D
GROWN UP
A BIT.



BSGP

BSGP

BSGP



BSGP

BSGP

YOU'RE THE
THIRD GRADE
ETHICS TEACHER,
RIGHT?



NICE TO
MEET YOU.
I'M MARKLING
SANGJUN
FROM WORLD
PUBLISHERS...
AND I
HAVE A BOOK

I CAN
STRONGLY
RECOMMEND
FOR YOUR
STUDENTS.



**GET
OUT!!**

BAKJIANG CAVE



NOW,
THIS TIME
PUT YOUR
ARMS
AROUND
THE BRIDE'S
WAIST.

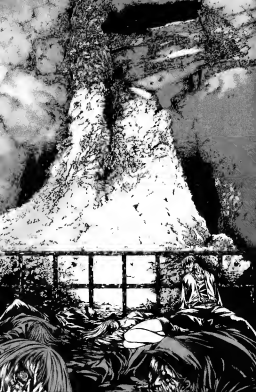
GROOM,
PUT YOUR
CHIN UP
JUST A
LITTLE.



GOOD,
THAT'S
PERFECT.







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When the wife that used to come back to haunt them...

Six years ago, more than 100 people were massacred at the Japanese Institute for Health. The only clue to the disaster was a human skull. Similar skulls are now appearing on Korea's Shodo Island, and the dying has begun anew. Korean authorities are at a loss as to what they should do, so a Japanese Interpol agent and a trio of spirit-trail fighters are called in to clean up the mess. Is the source of the skulls' power really a new retrovirus like the Interpol agent says, or are there more sinister forces at work?





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鬼を 逃げしに
来たんです。
(WE CAME
TO CATCH
GHOSTS.)

ANOTHER HOMELAND
PART 2



GHOSTS. YOU'RE PULLING MY LEG, RIGHT?

PERHAPS I BETTER GIVE YOUR PAPERS A SECOND LOOK.



UCHIDA, KYOICHI... STUDENT, RIGHT?

YEAH, SURE.



HAL
AND KOJIMA TADASHI, THE INTERPOL AGENT...!



AIKAWA, ARASE... THAT WOULD BE YOU.



EP, AND YOU MUST BE--



STOP!



IT'S NOT LIKE
JUST ANYONE
CAN GO BY
THAT NAME.

I'M THE LAST
OF THE BUNCH,
SO WHAT'S
THERE TO
ASK IT?



THAT WAS
A BIT OVER
THE TOP,
MONK SENAN.



IT'S YOUR
FIRST TRIP SO
IT MIGHT NOT
SEEM ALL THAT
DIFFERENT...

... BUT
WE'RE IN
KOREA
NOW.



WONSEN!
THE LOWLY
HIREO HELP
MAY NOT
LITTER MY
NAME!

WELL, YES...
BUT STILL...



THAT'S THAT,
I GUESS.
THIS PLACE...

...DID
YOU SAY IT
WAS CHEJU
ISLAND?
IT'S QUITE
SPLENDID.



IT'S
DISGUSTING.

DON'T
YOU AGREE,
AIKAWA?



YOU FELT IT
TOO, WONG SEIMAN?
I'VE NEVER
EXPERIENCED
ANYTHING LIKE IT...



...THE ENTIRE
ISLAND IS ENVELOPED
IN AN AIR OF EVIL!

I'M STARTING TO
THINK WHAT WE'RE
LOOKING FOR IS JUST
THE TIP OF ONE NASTY
ICEBERG
EVEN WORSE...



...THERE'S
SOMETHING
EVEN BIGGER
BEHIND IT.
CONTROLLING
THE ISLAND.

WE COULD
WALK AWAY NOW
IT'S JUST A MATTER
OF TIME BEFORE
THE WHOLE PLACE
ROTS TO HELL.



HOLD ON
LET'S NOT
FORGET
WHAT WE
CAME
HERE FOR.



WHAT
HAPPENS
ONCE WE'RE
THROUGH IS
NONE OF OUR
CONCERN.



HEY? WHAT
THE HELL
HAPPENED TO
KYOICHI?

DID THAT KID
TAKE OFF AGAIN?
MAN, WE ONLY JUST GOT
HERE, AND ALREADY
I'M LOSING CONTROL.



WHO THE HELL IS THAT?
HE'S ALREADY
WON FORTY
GAMES IN A
ROW!

SHIT,
I THINK HE'S
JAPANESE.



C'MON, SOMEONE,
KICK HIS BUTT!
AT THIS RATE,
HE'S NEVER GONNA
STOP WINNING,
AND IT'S GONNA
MAKE US ALL
LOOK BAD.

타닥 타닥

IT'S HIS
COUNTRY'S
GAME,
BUT THIS IS
A NATIONAL
DISGRACE!





SO BORING!
I GUESS I EXPECTED
TOO MUCH. NORMALLY,
KOREA HAS A LOT OF
STRENGTH, EVEN
IN ITS GAMING.

BUT THIS IS
LIKE GOING UP
AGAINST A PILE
OF WET GARBAGE!



おい、外に
誰かいらんかい?
THEY CAN'T ANY
OF YOU LOSERS PLAY
WORTH A DUNK?

誰でも 来てみる!
(ANYONE?
CHALLENGE ME!)



DUDE!
WHERE HAVE
YOU BEEN?

RA! I CAN SEE
THAT YOU GUYS
ARE GETTING
YOUR ASSES
WHIPPED. -

BUT I DOUBT
THIS FOREIGNER
IS ANY MATCH
FOR THE
HYDRANG OF
SOGWIP'D.

JOHN

BLACK

WONDER

GAMELAND

COMPUTER

ARCADE

MOBILE

EK
EK
EK
EK

YING PASH

IK

PASH

YING



LUCKY!
A COMPLETE
VICTORY
AGAIN!



YO! ENOUGH!
MIND YOUR
MANNERS.











I'LL MAKE SURE THIS IS THE LAST GAME YOU'LL PLAY FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE



LET'S TAKE THIS OUTSIDE!



PLEASE, FOLLOW ME THIS WAY, EVERYONE!



MISS!

THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TOYOTA COMPANY ARE HERE.



SHOW
THEM IN.



I'M PRESIDENT
T'AERIAN WON'S
ONLY DAUGHTER.
WHO WON

THANK
YOU SO
MUCH FOR
COMING.



I SEE, SO,
YOU'RE THE ONE
BEHIND THIS.
WHAT'S THE
PURPOSE OF
BRINGING US
HERE WITHOUT
SO MUCH AS A
STOP AT OUR
HOTEL?

AS IF KEEPING
US WAITING
AT THE
AIRPORT WASN'T
BAD ENOUGH!

I'VE NEVER
BEEN TREATED
SO SHABBLLY
IN MY LIFE.

YOUR FATHER
OBVIOUSLY
HAS JUDGED
YOUR ABILITY
TO HANDLE
THIS TASK.





SHE'S DEFINITELY
THE DAUGHTER
OF A PRESIDENT!
SHE TOOK THOSE
OLD STIFFS
FOR ONE HELL
OF A RIDE!

SHE'S GOT
THEM ALL
EATING
OUT OF THE
PALM OF
HER HAND!



I AM ALWAYS
AMAZED BY
WHAT AN
EXTRAORDINARY
LADY SHE IS.



AH, I FORGOT.
I HAVE LINED UP
THE BEST CHEFS
ON THE ISLAND
TO COOK
FOR YOU.

I GUARANTEE
YOU HAVE NEVER
EXPERIENCED
THE DELICACIES
OUR ISLAND
HAS TO
OFFER.



COME ON,
MAN!

WHAT
ARE YOU SO
PISSED
ABOUT?
IT'S JUST
A STUPID
GAME!

LOOK, IT
WASN'T COOL
OF ME TO
TEASE YOU
AFTER,
I'M SORRY.

BUT DOING
THAT TO MY
FRIEND'S WRIST
WAS WAY
TOO MUCH!

HONESTLY, IF I KNEW
YOU COULD HEAR WHAT
I WAS THINKING—HOW
COULD I KNOW YOU HAD
PSYCHIC POWERS?



YOU FIGHT IN
REAL LIFE JUST
LIKE YOU DO IN
THE GAME.



YOUR ATTACKS
ARE POWERFUL,
BUT THEY'RE
WAY TOO
DIRECT.

IT'S EASY
TO SEE
THEM
COMING,
AND IT'S
BARELY AN
EFFORT
TO AVOID
THEM.



...BEFORE
COUNTERING!



ADMIT IT!
I'M A BETTER
PLAYER THAN
YOU ARE.



I DON'T HAVE
TO USE MAGIC
TRICKS TO WIN!



FINE
THEN,
HOTSHOT.

LET'S TRY
SOMETHING
ELSE!

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ANOTHER HOMELAND
PART 3







I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
AS IF DITCHING
THE REST OF US
WASN'T ENOUGH,
THE FREAK IS USING
INCANTATIONS ON
SOME CIVILIAN

YOU'RE GONNA
BE SO DEAD WHEN
YOU WAKE UP,
ASSHOLE!

カハ

KOJIMA,
DID YOU FIND
KYOICHI?

E-EMP
THERE'RE
MORE...

AH, MONK
SENAN.
YEAH, I FOUND
THE BRAT.
WE SHOULD'VE
CHECKED THE
ARCADE IN THE
FIRST PLACE.

!!

WHAT THE-?
WHERE'D THAT
BIG DUDE
COME FROM?

THEY ALL SEEM
TO POSSESS
SOME KIND OF
MAGICAL
POWERS.

!!

SORRY, KID.
I APOLOGIZE
ON BEHALF
OF THIS
IDOT.

JUST THINK OF
WHAT HAPPENED
TODAY AS SOME
KIND OF BAD DREAM.
TRUST ME,
IT'S FOR YOUR
OWN GOOD.



SAYONARA.



I'M SO
LOST.



ON TOP OF
EVERYTHING,
ELSE, I CAN'T
TELL. BY HIS
ENGLISH,
WHERE HE
WAS FROM.



BUT ...



WHY ARE
THOSE PEOPLE
HERE?



YOU SPEAK
OUR LANGUAGE
VERY WELL.
MISS WOLF
YOUR ACCENT
IS VERY GOOD.



USUALLY WE'RE
SUBJECTED TO
THE AWFUL TONE'S
THEY TEACH
PEOPLE AT THOSE
LAST-MINUTE
CRASH-COURSE
PROGRAMS.



.....



MISS WONG, HAVE YOU BEEN TO JAPAN BEFORE?



YES, I SPENT MY SECOND YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL AT THE TOKYO ART INSTITUTE.

I BECAME SO ABSORBED IN JAPANESE ART THAT I WAS ABLE TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE EXPERIENCE STUDYING ABROAD.



.....

OH-HOW REMARKABLE! ISN'T TOKYO ART INSTITUTE WHERE ALL THE GENIUSES GATHER?



MISS WONG THERE'S A CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT.

PLEASE BE NICE.



YES AND I WASN'T JUST A CASUAL STUDENT, I WAS MIXED WITH A FEW SCHOOL LEADERS.



EXCUSE
ME A
MOMENT.



SHIT... IS
HE CALLING
TO CHECK UP
ON ME?

HE STILL
DOESN'T
TRUST ME,
OO'S HE?



HEH...
I HAVE NO
IDEA WHO'S
ENTERTAINING
WHO?



HA-HA...
NAKADA-SAN
BE PATIENT
SHE'S STILL
YOUNG.



REALLY?
I DON'T FEEL
THAT WAY
AT ALL.

THE FACT
THAT SHE'S YOUNG
IS THE PROBLEM.
TO TELL YOU
THE TRUTH,
I DON'T LIKE HER.
IS IT JUST ME,
OR OO'S SHE ACT
LIKE WE'RE HER
INFERIORS?

OH, DEAR...
YOU'VE FALLEN
FOR HER HARD.







ALRIGHT,
YOU GUYS,
HERE ARE
YOUR KEYS!



IS
THAT
IT?

ORAY,
I'LL
TAKE
CARE
OF IT.



OLD MAN!
I NEED YOU
TO GET
ME A CAR.

IF YOU CAN,
MAKE IT A
CHARTER
BUS.



OH-
CHARTER
BUS?

YES, A
CHARTER
BUS!



DAD SAID THEY MUST BE AS COMFORTABLE AS POSSIBLE, AND FOR THAT, I NEED THE BIGGEST CAR YOU CAN FIND.

EVEN SO, A BUS IS A BIT...

I'LL BE IN THE LOBBY IN 10 MINUTES. I HAVE FAITH IN YOU.



WHAT'S THIS?

AH, YOU'RE HERE!

I SHOULD HAVE GUESSED YOU HAVE A BOYFRIEND.

I DON'T KNOW WHO HE IS, BUT I ENVY HIM.



HEH-HEH...
IT CAN'T
BE TRUST

IT'S
PROBABLY
JUST AN
ADMONI

HA-HA
YOU WISH
YOU OLD
COOT!

IF YOU
DON'T MIND,
WOULD YOU
OPEN IT
HERE?

WE'RE
REALLY
CURIOUS

ALRIGHT...

I'LL OPEN IT,
BUT JUST
FOR A SECOND!

I'VE ALREADY TAKEN
CARE OF ALL MY
BUSINESS WITH THE
BOYFRIEND IN SEOUL.

THIS IS A GIFT.

A GIFT
CARD?



WHAT DOES
IT SAY,
MISS MINDY?

HEY,
BEHAVE
YOUR-
SELF.





IT WAS RIGHT
UNDER OUR
NOSES ALL
ALONG!!

THOSE DAMN
GHOSTS ARE
HERE!



MY
GOD!!

WHERE
ARE THEY
HIDE
SEMAN??

IF WE DONT
HURRY THEY'LL
CORRUPT THE
WHOLE ISLAND







AAAARGH!!

KAAARGH!



HELP!

E-EVERYONE
GET OUT
NOW!



WHAT'S
WRONG WITH
THE DOOR?!

IT'S
LOCKED!



CRAP! HOW WERE WE TO KNOW THEY'D ATTACK AGAIN SO FAST?

RIGHT ABOVE OUR HEADS, TOO!



WE WON'T MAKE IT IN TIME!

I CAN'T FEEL ANYTHING THEY'RE ALREADY DEAD

SHIT! SHIT! SHIT!!



WHY COULDN'T THERE HAVE BEEN AN ELEVATOR?



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NICE TO MEET
YOU, TEACHER
BUT I'M AFRAID
I WON'T BE
ATTENDING
SCHOOL EVER
AGAIN.



SHIT!
THE ENTIRE
HOUSE IS
A HOST!

ANOTHER HOMETLAND

PART 4



IF YOU
WANT
TO
LIVE...



...KEEP
YOUR HANDS
IN THIS
POSITION!



**PREPARE
THE
BARRIER!!**



**DAMNIT...
WE'RE TOO
LATE! IT'S A
SLAUGHTER!**



IF YOU
WANT
TO LIVE...

...REMEMBER
THIS HAND
GESTURE!





WHO IS SHE?!



WHAT ARE YOU DOING, KOJIMA?!



I CAN SENSE IT.
AT ONE O'CLOCK
THE ENTITY
IS THERE!









AND DID YOU SAY YOU'RE ROJINA?

I CAN ONLY SPEAK A LITTLE ENGLISH, SO LET'S TAKE IT SLOW.



SO SHE'S THE WOMAN?

AH...YES.



SHE'S THE ONLY SURVIVOR THAT I KNOW OF. SHE SAW IT ALL.

I THINK SHE WENT INTO SHOCK.



WELL, FINE. THE ORDER CAME DOWN FROM THE TOP THAT I SHOULD TURN THIS INVESTIGATION OVER TO YOU AND THE BOYS AT INTERPOL...

SO, I'M DETECTIVE HANSOP CHONG, THE HEAD OF VIOLENT CRIMES SECTION.



I JUST HAVE ONE THING I NEED TO ASK YOU .



IN THE REPORT,
IT APPEARS I
HAVE TO WRITE
THAT THE ONLY
SUSPECT FOR THIS
IS A SKILL. WHAT
WOULD YOU DO IF
YOU WERE ME?



HUNT
THAT'S A GOOD
QUESTION.
LOOK, I NEED
YOUR FULL
COOPERATION
HERE.

TO GET THAT,
I'M WILLING
TO TELL YOU
EVERYTHING.



BUT
MAYBE WE
SHOULD GO
SOMEWHERE
ELSE
TO TALK.











ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO...
ON JULY 27,
AROUND 6 PM,
SOMETHING
NASTY
WENT DOWN
AT MANJANG
CAVE.



THE CAUSE
OF DEATH
WAS
TOTAL BODY
DECOMPOSITION
INSTIGATED
BY AN
UNKNOWN
VIRUS

OR, AT LEAST,
THAT'S WHAT
THE FORENSIC
TEAM THINKS
HAPPENED.



NO TRACE
OF ANY
PATHOGENIC
ORGANISM
WAS FOUND IN
ANY OF THE
CORPSES.





BEFORE...



KYONGHI,
TAKE OUT CASE
NUMBER TWO!



NOW,
SHALL WE
TAKE THE
STORY EVEN
FARTHER
BACK THIS
TIME?



I WANT YOU
TO LISTEN TO ME
CAREFULLY,
DETECTIVE
CHONG



EVERYTHING I SAY
FROM NOW ON IS A JAPANESE
MILITARY TOP SECRET.
IN ESSENCE, YOU COULD
SAY THAT IT'S A MATTER
OF NATIONAL SECURITY

ONE THAT AFFECTS
OUR ABILITY TO
DEFEND OUR ENTIRE
COUNTRY.



WHAT YOU ARE
ABOUT TO HEAR IS
BEST FORGOTTEN
THE MOMENT IT
HITS YOUR EARS.

IF THIS
WERE TO INFECT
THE KOREAN
PUBLIC THE WAY
GOSSIP CAN...



WE'D BE
FORCED TO
ASSUME THAT
YOU LEAKED IT
AND OUR SELF-
DEFENSE FORCE
WOULD HAVE NO
CHOICE BUT TO
FINISH YOU
ACCORDINGLY.



SO PLEASE,
BE CAREFUL. NOT
TO FIND YOURSELF
IN AN UNEXPECTED,
UNWANTED
SITUATION.



HEH...
I'M AMAZED
FOREIGNERS
THREATENING
PHYSICAL
FORCE AGAINST
MY COUNTRY?



DON'T WORRY!
THOUGH I
MAY NOT LOOK
LIKE MUCH...

...EVEN I
KNOW WHO WAS
RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE
ASSASSINATION
OF PARK
CHUNG HEOP...



EXACTLY
SIX YEARS AGO
TODAY, IN
JULY 1999, WE HAD
AN INCIDENT IN
JAPAN THAT WAS
SIMILAR TO
HAILUANG CAVE.



IT HAPPENED
AT THE NATIONAL
INSTITUTE
OF HEALTH,
JAPAN'S LEADING
MEDICAL
CENTER.



TWENTY-TWO
MEDICAL OFFICIALS
THIRTEEN CIVILIANS
AND SIXTY-EIGHT
TOKYO CITY SWAT
TEAM PERSONNEL...

THE DEATH TOLL
EXCEEDED
ONE HUNDRED.
ALL BODIES IN A
STATE OF TOTAL
DECOMPOSITION.

THIS IS THE ORIGIN.
THE BEGINNING
OF THE SERIES
OF EVENTS
THAT LED US
TO TONIGHT.





IF IT'S THE NATIONAL
INSTITUTE OF HEALTH...
THAT'S ?

YOU GUYS DID AN
AMAZING JOB COVERING
THAT UP. THERE'S NO WAY
THE MEDIA WOULD HAVE
IGNORED SUCH CARNAGE.



THE FUNDAMENTAL
CAUSE OF DEATH
IS STILL UNKNOWN.



NO
PLAUSIBLE
CLUE WAS
FOUND ON
ANY OF THE
CORPSES.

BUT ONE
THING IS
FOR SURE .



...NO VIRUS
ON EARTH CAN
OPERATE
OUTSIDE THE
LAWS OF CAUSE
AND EFFECT!



CAN YOU
PUT THAT
IN LAYMAN'S
TERMS?



NO MATTER HOW MUCH BACTERIA, OR RADIATION TRIES TO HIDE IN THE SHADOWS, IT LEAVES SOME KIND OF TRAIL.

IF THIS IS BACTERIA, AND IF IT CAN DISINTEGRATE THE HUMAN BODY, I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO IMAGINE HOW CONTAGIOUS IT COULD POSSIBLY BECOME.



THANKFULLY, SO FAR, THE VIRUS HAS HAD NO SIDE EFFECTS FOLLOWING EACH CASE OF OUTBREAK.

UNFORTUNATELY, IT CAN MAKE TRYING TO TRACK THE CAUSE CONFUSING AT BEST.



THE QUESTION BECOMES...

...IF THESE CRAFTY LITTLE GERMS CAN APPEAR AND DISAPPEAR AT WILL... DO THEY EVEN EXIST AT ALL?



THEN, WHAT?



YES.

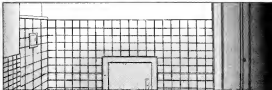
YOU ASKED ME A QUESTION EARLIER, DETECTIVE CHONG, AND HERE COMES YOUR ANSWER.

THIS IS, IN FACT, YOUR CRIMINAL. THERE HAS BEEN ONE AT EVERY CRIME SCENE

BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY...



RIGHT NOW ABOUT TWO HUNDRED OF THEM HAVE TRAVERSED THE OCEANS AND COME HERE TO CHEJI ISLAND.





...BUT THAT'S AS FAR AS IT GOES I CAN'T SENSE ANY MORE THAN THAT, AS IF SOMEONE HAS SET UP A BARRIER.

IT MEANS THERE COULD BE OTHER SWANANS, OTHERS WITH MAGICAL ABILITIES, IN THAT ROOM.



AND IF THERE ARE OTHERS WITH SPIRITUAL POWERS AROUND HERE, IT'S LIKELY THAT SOMETHING SUPERNATURAL IS GOING DOWN



I'M DYING OF CURIOSITY.

WHAT ON EARTH COULD IT BE?







BUT WHAT
COULD POSSIBLY
BE THE MOTIVE
FOR A MURDER
THIS HEIDOUS?

AND WHERE DO
THESE SKILLS
DRAW THEIR
EVIL POWER
FROM?



I'M
EMBARRASSED
TO ADMIT IT,
BUT I HAVE NO
ANSWER FOR
YOUR FIRST
QUESTION

WE HAVEN'T
FOUND A
SINGLE
PLAUSIBLE
CLUE.



THE IDENTITY
OF THE SKELETAL
REMAINS,
HOWEVER...

...IS A
WHOLE OTHER
MATTER.



THEY'RE
THE REMAINS OF
THE UNFORTUNATE
JAPANESE CITIZENS
WHOSE LIVES WERE
CUT SHORT...

...IN A
MASSIVE
AIR RAID
ON TOKYO
DURING
WORLD
WAR II.



SO THAT'S WHY...
EVEN AFTER DEATH
THEY'RE STILL...

LISTEN,
LET'S NOT
ASSUME
ANY MORE
THAN WE
HAVE TO

WE DIDN'T
COME ALL
THIS WAY TO
STAND AROUND
DISCUSSING
SCIENCE
FICTION

I'M SORRY...

OUR PRIMARY
GOAL IS TO
FIND THE PERP,
AND TO DO
IT NOW!

WE NEED
TO FIND OUT
WHO STOLE
THOSE
REMAINS...

BECAUSE
IF WE DON'T,
HE'LL MAKE
CHEJU ISLAND
A HELL BY THE
SEA, AND KILL
EVERYONE ON IT.



I UNDERSTAND
WHAT CAN I
DO TO HELP?

I'VE
BEEN WITH
THE VIOLENT
CRIME'S
DIVISION FOR
TWENTY
YEARS.

IF THERE'S
A CLUE
OUT THERE,
I'LL FIND IT,
AND WE'LL
STOP THIS.



HEH-HEH...
I EXPECTED
AS MUCH.



CAN I
JOIN YOU IN
YOUR GAME OF
HIDE-AND-
SEEK?



WELL,
LOOK WHO
DECIDED
TO JOIN US...
OUR
WITNESS?





I WANT TO
HELP YOU
CATCH THE
ASSHOLE WHO
DELIVERED
THAT SKULL!

HEL
SCARLETT



I SAW THE
BASTARD
COME IN.
I COULD
POINT HIM
OUT!



HEY
IS SOMEONE
OUT
THERE?



WAIT A
SECOND...



YOU SAW
THE BODY
THIEF?



I SAW HIM FOR A SECOND, AT LEAST.

IT'S A LONGSHOT, BUT I'M SURE IT WAS HIM.



HE WAS ABOUT 5' 7" OR 8", SLIGHTLY OVERWEIGHT FOR HIS SIZE.



I COULDN'T SEE HIS FACE BECAUSE HE WORE HIS CAP DOWN OVER HIS EYES... I THINK HE HAD A MUSTACHE.



WAIT A MINUTE, I KNEW I'D SEEN YOU BEFORE...

YOU'RE THE DAUGHTER OF TAEHAN GROUP'S PRESIDENT?



TAEHAN GROUP?!



OF COURSE! I RECOGNIZE YOU! YOU'RE THE ONLY DAUGHTER, WHO WON! AGE 24.

YOU GRADUATED FROM THREE OF THE WORLD'S MAJOR SCHOOLS, AND YOU CAME HERE FROM SEOUL, THREE MONTHS AGO.

HAPPY. YOU'RE ONE POWERFUL GIRL. SOME THINK YOU HAVE AS MUCH INFLUENCE AS OUR PRESIDENT'S OWN CHILDREN.



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THE PAPERS SAID YOU CAME TO CHEJU ISLAND FOR A HOLIDAY. SO WHY IS IT MURDER FOLLOWS YOU WHEREVER YOU GO?

THERE WAS THAT FIRE THAT DESTROYED THE FAMILY OF YOUR STUDENT, SUHYUN YI! THEN THE VIOLENT DEATH OF THOSE BODYGUARDS AT FOX CREEK IN POHANG-SI! AND THE GAS EXPLOSION AT THAT HOTEL... THE LIST IS ENDLESS.



I'VE BEEN CURIOUS ABOUT YOU. YOU'VE GOT A REAL DARK CLOUD HOVERING OVER YOU.



THEN AGAIN
MAYBE THE POLICE
HAVEN'T BEEN LOOKING
IN THE RIGHT PLACE
THERE'S NO SUCH
THING AS A PERFECT
CRIME. IF YOU CATCH
MY DRIFT.



YOUR SUSPICIONS
ARE GOING TO HAVE TO
TAKE A BACKSEAT,
DETECTIVE.



RIGHT NOW,
THIS GIRL IS
ALL WE'VE GOT.





BECAUSE OF THAT SHITHEAD, ALL OF MY FATHER'S CUSTOMERS DIED. I COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT HIS FORTUNE...

...BUT IF I DON'T MAKE THINGS RIGHT, I'LL FEEL INDEBTED TO THE OLD BASTARD FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.



IT'S A FAMILY... PROBLEM?

LOOK! DETECTIVE KOURMA!

I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT ANY PAST CRIMES, CHIN.

OKAY, THEN LET'S PLAY HIDE AND SEEK TOGETHER.

I'M SURE YOU UNDERSTAND HOW IMPORTANT THIS IS. WE NEED HER HELP, AND THAT'S THAT.

TRUST ME. I'M A GOOD JUDGE OF CHARACTER.



LET'S GIVE IT
OUR BEST SHOT,
MISS WHO WON?



THEN IS THIS
PEP RALLY
FINALLY OVER?



IT'S PATHETIC,
AND A TOTAL
WASTE OF TIME.

I EXPECT
IT OF KOJIMA,
BUT I THOUGHT
THE REST OF YOU
WOULD CATCH ON



WHAT DO YOU MEAN, KYONCHI?

HANG ON A MINUTE!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?



WE ALREADY
KNEW
EVERYTHING.
KYD...



REALLY?
THEN WHY
HAVEN'T
WE DONE
ANYTHING?



WE WANTED
TO WAIT
AND SEE.
WE HAVE TO
WAIT UNTIL
THEY'RE ON
THE RUN.



YOU'RE
CRUEL!
BOTH
OF YOU...

WHAT THE HELL IS HE DOING?

ATUTA BU
QUEGIN!!

OK

PA



**THERE'S
SOMEONE
IN THE
CEILING?**



**IT'S
HIM!**

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PART 5







**SHIT, HE
ESCAPED!!**



**THE THREE
OF YOU,
HURRY UP AND
FOLLOW HIM!!**



**DETECTIVE
CHONG, HE'S
USING THE AIR
DUCT! GET TO THE
OTHER SIDE
BEFORE HE DOES!**

**NOW!
GO!!!**





GOOD—
MY WOUNDS
ARE NOW
COMPLETELY
HEALED!



NOW,
WHERE DO
I START
LOOKING
FOR WHO?







UGH...
UGH...



UH... MISTER,
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
YOU'RE BLEEDING
A LOT.

DO YOU
NEED
HELP?



WHAT'S IN
THAT BOX?

TH-THERE'S A
TREMENDOUS
AURA OF EVIL
AROUND IT!



HE'S
THIS WAY!
COME
QUICKLY!

DON'T
LOSE
HIM
AGAIN!









AREN'T YOU
THAT DEFT LITTLE
HWORANG?



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PART 6



MY NAME
ISN'T THAT
COMPLICATED,
PAL.
IT'S JOHN.



AND
THE JAPANESE
I HEARD,
IT WAS YOU
PEOPLE.

YOU'RE A
LITTLE LATE
THE GUY YOU'VE
BEEN CHASING
HAS ALREADY
JUMPED OUT
THE WINDOW





HE WAS
BANGED UP
PRETTY BAD,
BUT HE
WOULDN'T
LISTEN TO
REASON.



SWIF...
WE'RE
ONE STEP
BEHIND...

BUT THE
GAME'S
NOT OVER
YET!



HELLO?

KOJIMA,
IT'S ME,
KYOICHI!



THE DASTARD
ALREADY
ESCAPED.
DON'T COME HERE.
HE WAS HEADED
NORTHEAST.



THE
SKULL?!
AH, DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
THAT.



HE KNEW
HE WAS
IN A JAM,
SO HE
DITCHED IT
HERE.

I'LL RECOVER
IT AND
DESTROY IT.
IMMEDIATELY!



OKAY BUT MAKE SURE IT'S COMPLETELY OBLITERATED!

WE WON'T LET HIM GET AWAY.



DETECTIVE CHONG, STAY HERE AND KEEP LOOKING.

HE MIGHT HAVE A PARTNER.



GOTCHAI! NO PROBLEM.



IF HE'S HEADING NORTHEAST, HE'S MAKING FOR THE ENTRANCE.

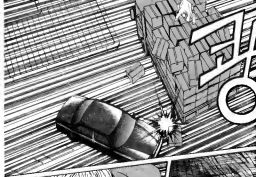
WHEN WE CAME IN, I NOTICED THERE WAS A SEVERE SLOPE.











WH-
WHAT
THE--?!



IT'S YOU!





HE'S
GOING TO
REVERSE!







ET
O



OOP!

WHAT
THE HELL
IS WRONG
WITH YOU,
ASSHOLE?

DO YOU
WANT TO HAVE
A REMATCH
AT THE ARCADE OR
SOMETHING?

AH! NO,
I'M NOT
THAT
PETTY.

IT'S JUST
THAT I'VE
MADE A
PROMISE.



YOU CAN'T
HAVE
THE BOX!

I WAS ASKED
TO WATCH IT,
AND I KEEP
MY WORD.



HA-HA...
ARE YOU
TOTALLY
NUTS?

DO YOU EVEN
KNOW WHAT'S
IN IT?



WELL,
LET'S SEE...
I'D SAY IT'S A
PRETTY SAFE
BET IT'S NOT
A BIRTHDAY
CAKE...

... BUT EVEN
IF THERE'S A
BOMB INSIDE
I CAN'T LET YOU
TAKE IT.



YOU PRICK!

WAIT, KYOICHI.



YOUNG MAN, SINCE I CAN'T SPEAK A WORD OF ENGLISH, WE'LL HAVE TO SPEAK IN KOREAN



IN THAT BOX, THERE'S AN OBJECT OF SPIRITUAL POWER THAT CAN WIPE OUT HUNDREDS OF LIVES.

THE PERSON WHO PUT YOU IN CHARGE OF THE BOX HAS ALREADY USED IT TODAY TO CAUSE A MASSACRE IN THIS HOTEL.

WE HAVE COME HERE TO RECOVER THAT BOX AND ELIMINATE ITS CONTENTS!



PLEASE, HAND IT OVER TO US...



YOU NEED TO KNOCK ME DOWN AND TAKE IT FROM MY HANDS!



HUH... OKAY, IT'S YOURS...

ON ONE CONDITION

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SO THAT'S IT.
ALL YOU HAVE
TO DO IS
KNOCK ME
DOWN!

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PART 7



I'M SORRY,
I DON'T
MEAN TO BE
STUBBORN.

NO MATTER
HOW EVIL
THIS BOX IS,
I CAN'T
BREAK THAT
PROMISE.

IN ALL
HONESTY,
THERE ARE
A THOUSAND
WAYS TO
"TELL A LIE,"
BUT ONLY ONE
WAY TO "TELL
THE TRUTH."

IT'S ONLY
THAT I MADE
A PROMISE
I TOLD HIM
I'D KEEP THE
BOX SAFE.

I DON'T KNOW
IF IT'S BECAUSE
YOU'RE FOREIGNERS
THAT I CAN'T MAKE
YOU UNDERSTAND,
BUT DON'T YOU
SEE MY POSITION
AT ALL?



SHIT... I KNEW
SOMETHING
ABOUT YOU
MADE ME SICK.
YOU'RE A HOLY
ROLLER!

FINE!
I'VE BEEN
WANTING TO
KICK YOUR
ASS!



WAIT, KYOICHI!



I'LL TAKE
CARE OF
HIMIT



WHAT'S
HAPPENING
TO THIS
PLACE?

OH I
HOPE MISS
MIND IS
SAFE



MISS!

AH, OLD MAN.

A-ARE YOU
ALRIGHT?
WHAT'S
GOING ON?



I'M SORRY.
I CAN'T
ANSWER
ANYTHING
RIGHT NOW.

YOU'RE GOING
TO HAVE TO
SHUT THIS
PLACE DOWN
FOR A COUPLE
OF DAYS. THE
POLICE ARE
GOING TO NEED TO
INVESTIGATE.

UH...

THE
JAPANESE
BUYERS
YOU WERE
WITH?



DIDN'T YOU
SEE ALL THE
BODIES THEY
WHEELED
OUT OF HERE?

EVERYONE
DIED
EXCEPT
FOR ME.



PLEASE,
DON'T TELL
MY FATHER...

NOT
YET!



JUST GO HOME.
SIT TIGHT.
YOU'LL BE
MUCH MORE
HELPFUL
THERE.

I HATE TO
ADMIT IT,
BUT GIVEN THE
CIRCUMSTANCES,
I MIGHT EVEN
NEED THAT
GUY'S HELP.

THAT
GUY?





PAN WILL
COME TO THE
HOUSE
SOONER OR
LATER.

WHEN
THAT DIRTYBAD
SHOWS UP,
I WANT YOU
TO CALL ME
RIGHT WAY.



YES,
I'LL DO
THAT.

BY THE
WAY...



...DO YOU
KNOW
WHERE
JOHN IS?





アムン
唵 喇日囉
娑婆訶 !!

HEH
HE'S USING
AN ESOTERIC
BUDDHIST
INCANTATION

HIS SPIRITUAL
ENERGY IS
AWE-INSPIRING!



BROTHERS, MY WORDS
AND MY GOALS ARE
FROM THE LORD'S GOSPEL.
IF THERE IS HE AMONG
US WHO INCREASES
THY SUFFERING

AND THY
TRIE TO TALK
EARTH AND
OBSTRUCTS
THEE FROM
LISTENING

...FIRE WILL
FLOW LIKE
A GREAT
RIVER...



...AND
BRING HIM
FORTH!





**DAMN! THAT
BASTARD!**

HE'S USING
CHRISTIAN MAGIC.
THAT'S CRAZY THOUGH!
HOLY MAGIC CAN'T
BE USED FOR ATTACKING!



HA HA HA...

YOU LITTLE BUG,
YOUR TRICKS
ARE MERE
PYROTECHNICS







**MY
GOD!**

HIS SIMPLEST
TOUCH IS
POWERFUL
ENOUGH
TO TURN ME
TO DUST!



ALIGH!

**WAIT, MONK
SEIMANI!**

**I'M CALLING
A TIME-OUT!**





EMBASSY
YOU TOUCHED A NERVE
WITH MONK SENJIN.
WOULD YOU RATHER
HAVE ANOTHER
BIRTHDAY, OR A DAY
FOR LOVED ONES TO
VISIT YOUR GRAVES?

WELL?



LOOK,
YOU'VE
ALREADY
DROPPED
THE BOX.

CAN YOU
JUST LET IT
GO NOW??



FORGET IT!
I MAY NOT HAVE
WHAT IT TAKES
TO BEAT
YOU GUYS.



BUT THIS
IS A TEST OF
MY SPIRIT,
AND I MUST
FIGHT!

I'M
PREPARED
TO TAKE
THIS ALL
THE WAY.





HEY!
YOU CAN'T
DO THAT!



THAT'S A FOUL!

KAAAA!!





**YOU
INSOLENT
TRASH...**

**HOW
DARE YOU
DAMAGE
MY HAT!**

**YOU! A MERE
CHOSENJIN!**



**LITTLE
PUP! YOUR
MASTER WILL
SHOW YOU
MANNERS!**



STOP!



**STOP ALREADY,
MONK SEINAN!**

*HIS
SPIRIT IS
DIMINISHING!*

*PLEASE,
STOP!*

*SHUT UP!
THESE PEOPLE
WERE ONCE
OURS TO RULE!!*







A character with short, light-colored hair, wearing glasses and a hooded jacket, is shown in a close-up. They have a slight, confident smile and are looking towards the right. The background is dark.

YOU HAVE
WON
TODAY...

...BUT SOON
I'LL PUT A
BULLET
THROUGH
YOUR HEAD!

A wide shot of a sky filled with white, fluffy clouds. The clouds are scattered across the frame, creating a bright, overcast atmosphere.

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING,
KYOICHI?

A close-up of a character's face, wearing a dark mask with a wide, toothy grin. The character has a serious, intense expression, looking directly at the viewer.

ARE YOU
BETRAYING
ME?

A close-up of a character's face, looking slightly downwards and to the left. They have a calm, somewhat somber expression. A single tear is visible on their cheek.

DON'T BE
AN IDIOT!
I DON'T
CARE IF THIS
BASTARD
DIES OR NOT...



...BUT
HE'S
MINE.

I STILL
OWE HIM
FOR MESSING
WITH ME AT
THE ARCADE,
SO KEEP
YOUR HANDS
OFF HIM.

TO BE HONEST,
WATCHING HIM
USE HIS HOLY
POWER IS
MAKING ME ITCH
FOR A FIGHT.

I WANT TO PIT
MY BLACK MAGIC
AGAINST HIS
SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS
AND FIND OUT
ONCE AND FOR ALL
WHICH IS SUPERIOR.



IF I
LET YOU
KILL HIM,
I MAY
NEVER
KNOW





**PU-HA-HA!
YOU'VE
GOT GUTS,
FREAK!**

**ALRIGHT,
IT'LL BE GOOD
PRACTICE
FOR YOU
ANYWAY!**



**JUST MAKE SURE YOU
KILL THE RUNT NEXT TIME!**

**IF YOU DON'T SET AN
EXAMPLE, THESE CHOSEN-
MAN
SCUM WILL STEP ALL
OVER YOU!**



**IS THERE
ANY DOUBT?**



**JOHN CAME WITH
ME. HE WENT TO
THE BATHROOM
BUT THAT WAS A
LONG TIME AGO.**

**SHOULD I
GO CHECK
ON HIM?**



**YES...
PLEASE...**



YOU' SHIT...

WHAT HAVE YOU GOT AGAINST US?



YOU SON
OF A BITCH...
YOU WON'T
ANSWER ME?
ORAY THEN,
I DON'T NEED
YOUR CONFESSION
TO AVENGE MY
BRETHREN.



C'NON!
I CHALLENGE YOU!
"SCOURGE OF
THE BURNING
DESIRE
DEMONS!"



PAN!



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ANOTHER HOMELAND
PART 8



I'M
REALLY
SORRY.

I DON'T
KNOW
HOW IT
HAPPENED.



I APOLOGIZE
ON BEHALF OF
MONK SEINAM.



I'M SORRY,
MISS WON.



WHY
ARE YOU
APOLOGIZING
TO ME?

JOHN'S
THE ONE YOU
PSYCHOS
BEAT UP.



WELL,
SEEING AS
HOW YOU'RE
HIS FRIEND
AND ALL...

YOU MEAN
YOU WOULDN'T
HAVE CARED IF
I DIDN'T
KNOW HIM?



IF JOHN
WAS SOME
STRANGER,
YOU'D JUST
KICK THE SHIT
OUT OF HIM.

AND NOT
GIVE IT A
SECOND
THOUGHT?



APOLGY BE DAMNED, NOTHING IS GOING TO STOP YOU FROM GETTING YOUR PRECIOUS SKILLS.

NOT EVEN JOHN'S LIFE!



HA-HA, YOURS EXAGGERATING!



YOU BIG GLIMMY... WHY DIDN'T YOU GIVE THEM THE BOX?

I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW YOU CAN BE SO DAMN RIGHTEOUS.



HE'LL BE FINE THE DOCTOR SAYS HE WAS HEALTHIER THAN TEN MEN BEFORE THIS.

WHEN HE FINALLY WAKES UP, I'LL TELL MONK SEINAN TO APOLOGIZE.



LET GO OF MY SHOULDER! DON'T TOUCH ME, EVER!

I'M NOT YOUR PLAYTHING.



OH, BEFORE I FORGET



THE MAD SKILL BOMBER SENT ME A NOTE BEFORE THE ATTACK.

DO YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE IT?



A NOTE?

YEAH, IT WAS LIKE A GREETING CARD, LIKE FROM A GIFT.

TO BE EXACT, IT WASN'T REALLY A NOTE. IT WAS A STRANGE PICTURE IT HAD THE WORD "LIVER" WRITTEN IN KOREAN.

...ALONG WITH THE LETTER "J" AND AN IMAGE OF A KNIFE LAYING ON ITS SIDE.





YES... SO IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER IF IT DOESN'T TURN UP.





I BETCHA
HE'S HOT FOR
THAT KOREAN
WOMAN

DON'T YOU
THINK SO,
AIKAWA?



REALLY?
I DIDN'T
SENSE IT.



EH, WHAT DO YOU
KNOW, ANYWAY? WHEN
A SHIRAZI WIDOW MARRIES
HER LIVING WITH HER
SIBINGS SAYS SHE
DOESN'T KNOW THAT
MEANS SHE SUCKS
AT HER JOB.

MAYBE YOU
SHOULD TRY
SENSING A
LITTLE BIT
MORE.



WELL,
I COULDN'T
VERIFY
ANYTHING.



FINALLY, A LITTLE
COMPETITION IN THE
GAME OF LOVE, EH,
AIKAWA? I THINK
THIS KOREAN
MAY HAVE
YOU BEAT.

YOU'RE
PHYSICALLY
HANDICAPPED,
AFTER ALL.
WHAT'S WORSE,
YOUR OPPONENT
IS THE LOVE
HEIRESS TO A
MULTI-BILLION
DOLLAR
FORTUNE.



BUT
YOU'RE RIGHT,
HE HAS BEEN
OVERLY POLITE
TO HER.



GAND,
WHAT'S TAKING
THAT GEEZER
SO DAMN LONG?



IS HE
HOLDING
A BUDDHIST
MASS OR
SOMETHING?



IT'S AN
ESOTERIC
BUDDHIST
INCANTATION,
A POWERFUL
ONE AT THAT!

JUST BEYOND
THE MOUNTAINS,
SOMEONE IS
USING BUDDHIST
MAGIC TO DESTROY
DEMONS!



THEY'RE CALLED GYPSY CARDS.

GYPSIES USED THEM TO TELL FORTUNES IN THE 19TH CENTURY RUSSIA.



THERE ARE TWENTY-FIVE CARDS IN A SET AND EACH CARD HAS A MEANING THAT IS IDENTIFIED BY THE PICTURE ON THE FRONT

THIS WAS INTENDED AS A MESSAGE.



BY LEAVING THIS CARD AT THE CRIME SCENE, THE CRIMINAL IS TELLING US THAT THE MYSTICAL MEANING OF THE CARD IS IDENTICAL TO HIS OWN.

IT'S ONE OF THE MOST TYPICAL WAYS FOR SERIAL KILLERS TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE LAW THAT'S HUNTING THEM.



WHAT'S HE TRYING TO TELL US WITH THE WORD "KAM" - LIVER - AND THE LETTER J, THEN?

GOOD QUESTION THIS IS A RUSSIAN MANUAL...

...FOR THE INTERPRETATION OF GYPSY CARDS



THE MEANING DEPENDS ON HOW YOU SAW THE CARD INITIALLY.

A GYPSY CARD HAS A DIFFERENT MESSAGE DEPENDING ON THE FOUR DIRECTIONS THE PICTURE MAY BE PLACED IN



SO HOW HE PLACED THE CARD WAS VERY DELIBERATE



THAT'S RIGHT. THE CRIMINAL HAD TO BE SURE WHICH ENDS WE'D SEE AS THE TOP AND THE BOTTOM OF THE CARD.

HE HAD TO PLACE IT JUST RIGHT SO HIS MEANING WOULD BE CLEAR, RATHER THAN RISK CONFUSING YOU.



FOR INSTANCE, IF YOU WRITE THE LETTERS THIS WAY, THE READER HAS TO FLIP THE CARD RIGHT SIDE UP.



SO OUR GOAL
IS TO INTERPRET
HIS MESSAGE
BASED ON THE
STANDARD THE
KILLER SET.

THE DAGGER
IS LAYING
DOWN AND
POINTING TO
THE RIGHT.



"ESCAPE
FROM DANGER
THROUGH THE
CONSIDERATION
OF FRIENDS."

.....

WHAT
DOES THAT
MEAN?



I THINK
THIS IS A
MESSAGE
TO YOU
PERSONALLY.

I THINK HE
PREDICTED
THAT YOU'D BE
THE ONE TO
SURVIVE HIS
ATTACK ON
THE HOTEL.



A PREDICTION? THE
MANIAC COULD FORESEE
THAT I'D GET OUT ALIVE?

HANG ON,
THERE'S
MORE...



"THE
CONSIDERATION
OF FRIENDS"-
I WOULD GUESS
THAT MEANS
MYSELF AND MY
COLLEAGUES

WHEN THE
ATTACK BEGAN,
WE WERE JUST
A COUPLE OF
FLOORS BELOW
YOU



THAT WAS NOT
A COINCIDENCE.
THIS GUY PUT
HIS PLAN INTO
MOTION KNOWING
THAT WE
WERE THERE.



HE TIMED
THINGS TO GIVE
US THE
OPPORTUNITY
TO COME AND
RESCUE YOU.

"CONSIDER-
ATION OF
FRIENDS."



HE KNEW
THAT IF
TROUBLE
STARTED,
WE'D COME
RUNNING.
HE WAS
COUNTING
ON IT.

BUT IT
TOOK YOU
GUYS A
WHILE TO
GET THERE?







DIDN'T YOU SAY THE FIRST INCIDENT WAS AT MANJUNG CAVE?

THERE MUST'VE BEEN A MESSAGE THERE, TOO?



AH, THERE IS... BUT IT'S DIFFICULT.

THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU AND...



SHOW ME!



SHOW ME THAT MESSAGE!

PLEASE?



WELL, I SHOULDN'T THIS IS TOP SECRET



I REALLY SHOULDN'T



THIS WAS FOUND IN THE HAND OF ONE OF THE BODIES AT MANLIANG CAVE.

WE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW IT WAS A MESSAGE AT FIRST.

IT'S A PICTURE OF A HEARSE, AND IT MEANS, "A DISASTER WILL BEFALL."

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IT'S A PRETTY STANDARD MESSAGE... THE KILLER ANNOUNCING THAT HIS MURDERS ARE ONLY JUST BEGINNING.

A CROSS?

THE CROSS MUST REFER TO GOD...

THE CROSS, COMBINED WITH "A DISASTER WILL BEFALL."

HE'S INVOKING THE JUDGMENT OF GOD.

HE THINKS THAT HE'S GOD, OR MAYBE GOD'S APOSTLE.

IT'S CLEAR THAT HE'S A COMPLETE PSYCHOPATH.





IT'S ALL SO COMPLICATED,
SO WELL
PLANNED—
WHAT'S
HE UP TO?

THIS
SEEMS TO GO
BEYOND YOUR
AVERAGE
KILT JOB.



MONK SEINAN,
WE'RE
BUGGING OUT.
GET YOUR ASS
IN GEAR!





WHO IS
THIS PERSON
SLAYING
DEMONS
BEYOND THE
MOUNTAINS?

WHO WOULD
HAVE SUCH
FERCE BUDDHIST
POWER IN A
COUNTRY
LIKE THIS?



I'M SICK
AND
FLICKING
TIRED...

...OF YOU
GODDAMN
BLIVING
DEMONS...

TO BE CONTINUED IN ISLAND BOOK 5!



THE MYSTERY OF THE SKULLS SPIRALS DEEPER AND DEEPER, AS MIHO SEEKS THE HELP OF HER FRIEND SUJIN IN EXAMINING THE SKELETAL REMAINS. AS THE TRUTH SLOWLY BEGINS TO UNRAVEL, THE LINK BETWEEN THE SKULLS AND THE

MYSTERIOUS JAPANESE AGENTS COMES MORE CLEARLY INTO THE LIGHT. BUT AS THE CLOSER THEY COME TO ANSWERS, THE MORE THEY REALIZE THERE ARE SOME SECRETS BETTER LEFT BURIED, AND SOME WORTH KILLING FOR TO PROTECT. ANOTHER HOMELAND CONTINUES IN *Island* BOOK 5.

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