

Kurumi- Yuma! Yuma, wake up!

books fall

Yuma- huh? What's going on?

Kurumi- Yuma are you okay?

Yuma- y-yeah I am but... where are we? What happened to the restricted area and the factory?

Kurumi- all that? Don't you remember? It's kind of strange for you to be asking about it now.

Yuma- you mean everything was solved?

(Wait, where's Shinigami? Shinigami! She's not here... but if she isn't that means I should have forgotten everything. Why can I still remember?)

Kurumi- yeah, thanks to you! The city is doing great now, a lot of people have come to terms with being homunculi.

Right now we're in the Tokyo library

Yuma- i've never heard of Tokyo before. Is it a new place in Kanai ward?

Kurumi- we aren't in Kanai ward anymore... Tokyo is a completely different city.

Yuma- A different city?!

Kurumi- I'm worried those books hit you too hard... I don't know why you were sleeping here either.

Yuma- I'm okay!

Kurumi- Okay... Well, I found some newspapers and a few books about the thing you wanted information on. It's why I came to check on you actually.

Yuma- Right. Uh, what information did I ask for again?

Kurumi- Yuma, you're acting kind of strange. Do you need to go to the doctor?

Yuma- No, no, I'm fine, really. I remember now, i'll go check it out.

(It's better not to make her worry about me while I figure out what's going on.)

(I should read the information she got for me. If I really asked for it, it might help me understand the situation better.)

Tokyoo. A desert full of crime that the police haven't been able to keep up with. Even the court can't manage it. Subsequently things have been spiralling, getting worse and creating JD or Just Dessert, a crime syndicate.

(A lot of information is hearsay but from what I'm reading they started off with small crimes like burglary and vandalism but as time has gone on, it's escalated to murders, jailbreaks, worst of all... killing games.)

No one knows what their goal is or what their name even means. But whatever they have in mind, apparently it's something big.

Shinigami- Looks like we have another Kanai ward case on our hand

Yuma- Huh!? Wah! *falls off chair*

Kurumi- Yuma, what happened?

Yuma- N-nothing, I just thought I saw a spider.

Shinigami- A spider? Really?

Kurumi- As long as you're fine...

Yuma- (What else was I supposed to say?)

Shinigami- never mind, it's not like you could say anything with the pact and all.

Yuma- (The pact? But you said it would be cancelled if I used the emergency exit.)

Shinigami- It did buuut that doesn't stop you from signing another pact with me. I thought I wouldn't be seeing you until you were ready to show me a world without mysteries, what happened to the plan?

Yuma- (Well... I'm not sure)

Shingami- Kyahaha, of course you don't know, not with those memories missing again, master.

Yuma- (Is there really something I couldn't solve without you again...?)

Shinigami- Details, details.

library door bursts open

Rune- *catches his breath* phew. Here you are! Almost thought someone was conning me when they said another master detective was around town.

Right, introductions. I'm Rune Gritting, Tokyo's lead detective. To save you asking, this town's other detectives prefer to stay in the shadows. Can't blame them for it either, I've already had to avoid a few assassination attempts.

Yuma- Assassination!?

Rune- yup, yup! Who wouldn't want to cover up their crimes by killing the person who can solve it best? Here, it's a race against time. Solve everything and get the culprit arrested before they get you.

What are your names by the way?

Yuma- (I feel like he should be more concerned about that.)

I'm Yuma Kokohead

(I don't know if I'm still considered a trainee...)

Kurumi- my name is Kurumi Wendy but I'm not a detective. It's nice to meet you,

Rune- likewise.

Yuma- so does that mean this city has an agency too?

Rune- eh, not really. The private investigators have their own building but as far as the WDO goes it's not safe enough to have an agency. It would be like holding up a big sign and saying 'master detectives here, come get us' *laugh*

Here, people send their information to the police admin and it gets forwarded to master detectives. Don't be mistaken though, we can't rely on them for everything. They only give us the basics, we still have to find most info on our own.

I don't know where I heard it but I like the saying "Providing any information beforehand will merely result in misconceptions."

Yuma- (isn't that something number one said? Or well, number ones stand in.)

Rune- I can take you there if you want to check it out and introduce you to the staff. That way they will know who you are.

Yuma- S-sure

(I don't think I'm doing anything right now.)

Rune- Great, lets go

Yuma- I didn't notice because the library is so dark but it's sunny outside. Kurumi, you can't go in the sun.

Kurumi- It's okay! I have all the latest items from Kanai ward that protects homunculi from the sun. Although I do start to feel hazy when it is so bright out. I can stay here until it starts to get darker.

Yuma- (I should have known Kanai ward would create technology like that. It still feels so soon.)

Shinigami- When you think about it, you don't even know how long its been since then. Or what happened.

Yuma- (right, what did happen?)

Shinigami- it's not like I know either kyahaha

Yuma- *sigh*

Alright. Then I'll meet you here again later.

Kurumi- Right!

they exit the library

Rune- You alright? You're looking around a lot.

Yuma- I'm not used to my surroundings yet. I was just in a city where it was always raining.

Rune- You were one of the detectives in Kanai ward? You must have some skill. So many detectives died on the way there.

Yuma- i'm not that talented.

Shinigami- take some credit master! You solved Kanai ward's ultimate secret.

Yuma- (yeah, but it was mostly with your help. I'm not sure if it counts. I don't even know how I resolved everything after leaving the labyrinth...)

Rune- Do you know who you're going to vote for?

Yuma- Vote?

Rune- Yeah, for the next number one since the last one stepped down

Yuma- (i'm not number one anymore?)

Rune- People have been throwing around the name Halara Nightmare. I'm sure they're a great detective but I have my doubts about them. Their motto is 'I don't work for cheap'

Shinigami- Yup, that sounds like Hellara

Rune- Bit concerning to me. Imagine how much money they could hoard by deciding what their time is worth.

Yuma- I'm not sure that's something Halara would do.

flyer hits Yuma in the face

Yuma- huh, what's this?!

(A missing poster...)

Rune- ah, that one. I started working on it but couldn't get very far. There wasn't enough information, security cameras, anything really. It's a shame, I see her mom on the streets every day, begging for help but there isn't much anyone can do unless a witness steps forward or she's found.

Yuma- Have you asked anyone for information?

Rune- Of course i've done the legwork, well, as much as I could.

Shinigami- Something tells me it wasn't a lot at all.

Rune- I prioritise quick to solve cases. I don't have enough time to work on something with no definitive clues. It would be a waste of my forte.

Yuma- What is your forte?

Rune- That's a secret for now. Can't give people another reason to target me. I'll tell you about it when I need to use it.

Yuma- (I suppose this is like the detectives in Kanai ward. I didn't know their fortes straight away either.)

Shinigami- he probably doesn't trust you master.

Yuma- (don't say it like that. Besides, he already said why)

Rune- Hey, look. We're here.

Yuma-

- insert Willow introduction, show around

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Yuma- (there are so many police officers...)

Shiniami- I smell a murder! Hurry, hurry. I can't wait to see it.

Rune- alright, everybody out except for the photographers. Leave it to the detectives.

Ugh. Yuma, you might want to cover your nose for this one.

Yuma- (the smell was enough to confirm there was a dead body in the room. I desperately wanted it to be anything else but as each person moved out of the way, I lost the shield blocking the horror from sight.

The girl from the missing poster lay dead in front of us with a knife sticking out of her eye. Flies gathered around the areas that showed signs of decay, this body wasn't fresh. How long had she been left here without a second thought?)



Rune: this is a shame...

Yuma: (it looks like he's struggling to find the right words to say.)

Shinigami: who cares about Noodles right now? This is amazing, there's a body right in front of us! You should be focusing on that master.

Yuma: (I know... wait, Noodles?)

Shinigami: yeah, that new detective over there. His hair looks like instant ramen kyahaha

Yuma: (I should start investigating. It looks like Rune is busy talking to the officers.)

Um, Rune?

Rune: sorry, not now Yuma. I need to talk with these guys. You can go ahead and investigate without me.

Yuma: (I shouldn't bother him right now.)

Yuma starts investigating the body

Yuma: (there's a knife gouged into her left eye. It looks like it could have killed her instantly.)

(There's blood near her mouth. Where did it come from?)

(The body shows multiple signs of decay. Flies are gathering. I wonder how long it was left here for.)



yuma continues to investigate the room

Yuma: (there's an air conditioning vent but it's not blowing any cold air. I don't think it has been on at all.)

(There isn't any windows in here. It seems like the only exit is the door.)

(On the floor there are two crumpled pieces of paper)

Yuma picks one up to read it

Yuma: ("one of you must die to leave." Signed by the JD.)

Shinigami: we have a motive!

Yuma: (no, not yet. There's still one more piece of paper.)

("If you die here, the person you care about most will be killed too." There's no way of telling who got what motive.)

(It looks like Rune is finished talking. I should tell him what I found.)

Rune: Yuma, take a look at this.

they both look at a giant graffiti in the wall of the JD logo

Rune: I'm pretty sure we know who's responsible.

I always found their name odd. It could be a typo for 'just deserts' the whole saying about how they got what they deserved but its hardly a group about justice. Not after this crime either.

Did you find anything?

Yuma: just these pieces of paper

Rune reads them and looks angry

Rune: they really are doing killing games now... Forcing innocent people into horrible situations. Who do they think they are?

Yuma: it sounds like the JD have a big presence... is it possible they are a distraction to hide something else?

Rune: ah... no, there's no way. It's not important right now. We need to focus on Ena.

Yuma: (I wonder why Rune is avoiding that idea.)

Coroner: coroner coming through. Here to collect the body.

Yuma: already?

Rune: don't worry about it. We have photos so it's fine if the body is taken away. We can get another look at it in the autopsy room where it's cold and not rotting anymore.

Shinigami: that would explain why he didn't show much interest in looking at it now. His loss.