It's not like Kuro-kun wanted to become like that.

Like I said, it's not Kuro-kun's fault!

Well, let's set that aside and move on to the main topic.

So, meeting again would surely be strange.

We broke up without resolving anything.

We're surprisingly calm right now. It's probably due to this girl.
Kurousa, do you think you were fighting for Nanase because Iwanaga-san told you to?

Hm, yes.

I still can't stand her.

I came here because Iwanaga called me.

Meeting Koujin Nanase was a coincidence.

That's...
When I was stopped by a nekomata being chased by Kojin Nanase.

After arriving, I was heading to Iwanaga's hotel.

TLN: NEKOMATA = SPLIT-TAILED CAT

After being dragged around by Iwanaga to help her with various yokai-related problems,
whereas before, these things would avoid me after sensing my presence.

"The one-eyed, one-legged princess has him on a leash, he won't dare cause trouble.

We can go to him for help, just like the princess."
...after such rumors spread, they began seeking me out for aid.

So, without bothering to find Iwanaga, I went alone to where Kolujin Nanase had appeared.

I had no idea Kuroiisenpai had already arrived.

As for me, I had instructed the yokai to report to me when Kolujin Nanase appeared.

So I hurried over as soon as a ghost informed me of her whereabouts.
I'm actually troubled by them coming to me, you know.

Isn't that nice? With such rumors, maybe next time the kappa won't run away.

That aside,

I see.

Even after seeing me, Koujin Nanase wasn't the least bit scared.

But she didn't react at all. That's rather disturbing.

Among yokai and spirits, I should be a rather terrifying existence still.

Indeed.
AN INDESCRIBABLE COMPOSITE THAT EVOLES FEAR AND STINKS OF FISH AND BEAST

WELL, I'M NOT SURE OF SPECIFICS

I'VE HEARD HIM DESCRIBED AS SOMETHING UNBEARABLY UGLY AND OMINOUS THAT CAUSES ONE TO SCREAM UNCONTROLLABLY

A FREAK EVEN AMONG MONSTERS, IF YOU WILL.

FOR KUJIN NANAEG IN TO NOT REACT TO SUCH A KUROKU-KUN,

THEN, IWANAGA-SAN,

WHAT EXACTLY IS A [MONSTER OF THOUGHT]?
I didn't want to tell her this much, but I suppose it can't be helped.

Hm, then we shall start with what Koujin Nanase is.

Senpai and Sakisama don't seem to have lingering feelings, but I can't let my guard down.

Saki-san seems rather determined to remain involved, and she just had to run into Kuroh-sempai again.
If it comes to this, I must explain everything so that she understands the distance between our worlds.

This is the best course of action.

I shall show you, the gap between us is unbridgeable.

Many of these are actually the monsters of thought, of the numerous yokai, spirits, and urban legends that we know of.
A pale woman wearing a face mask called out to me. It was so scary!

And finding it not exciting enough,

So?

Yeah—

After saying this,

Wah! That is so scary!

I noticed that under the mask, her mouth was split apart!

It was so scary! I ran away, but she started chasing me with a murderous look in her eyes~!
Even with such added lies, it is but a fictitious story.

Given time, it can spread as far as the borders of any nation.

Soon after, the story begins circulating.

Common tales do not have the power to manifest. That is, not until they receive a name.

She chases with a knife.

She asks, "Am I pretty?"

A woman with a face.

Masu-kko shita aoie na onna ga "Watashi, kirei?" to tanatekuru "Kirei" to tomeru to masukon wo tai "Kore demo?" to tanatekuru sono masu-ko no saka no kou wa takakuro ear mada kakete i-teita. Kirei ja nai to tomeru to onna wa akeko wo hettte kareru kure.
KUCHISAKE-ONNA = SLIT MOUTHED WOMAN

This name alone unites the nebulous rumors and evokes an image

KUCHISAKE-ONNA

A name gives a story recognizable features.
Though it was initially a fabricated story,

after attaining a name and a form these imaginary figures are planted in the minds of thousands, ten thousands, even millions. Little by little, they attain flesh and blood - the ability to materialize.

I know that one. "Kuchisake-onnà," right?

I heard a scary story about a slit-mouthed woman who chases people with a knife!

The name determines the story's form in people's hearts.

...and thus.
HUMAN THOUGHT CREATES A MONSTER

How can such things be happening in everyday life?

I just want to believe in the normalness of daily life.

If what you're saying is true, doesn't that mean new yokai and monsters are born every minute?
ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT CHARACTERS FROM POPULAR ANIME AND GAMES ALSO GAIN PHYSICAL FORM?

"IMAGINARY FIGURES WITH A NAME AND A FORM"

"THINKING THIS IS A FIGURE FROM THAT ANIME, I'M WATCHING ANIME"

IF, FROM THE ONSET, THESE FIGURES ARE TREATED AS "MANMADE" AND "IMAGINARY,"

THEN THEY CANNOT GAIN LIFE FROM THE THOUGHTS THAT, "PERHAPS THIS IS REAL." THEY CANNOT OBTAIN FLESH.

NO, THEY WILL NOT MATERIALIZE.
**INMENKEN = HUMAN-FACE ANOTHER L&PAN L.ECEN**

"WHAT? THAT THING'S TOTALLY FAKE."

"KUCHISAKE-ONNA APPEARED NEAR THE SCHOOL!"

"CONSEQUENTLY, EVEN WITH A NAME AND A FORM, IF MANY REMAIN SKEPTICAL ABOUT THEIR EXISTENCE, THEY CANNOT MATERIALIZE."

"RIGHT NOW JINMENKEN IS MORE POPULAR."

"LIKE CHANTING "POMADE" IS REALLY GONNA DO ANYTHING, IT'S SUSPICIOUS."

"KLCHISAKE-ONNA IS SAID TO HATE POMADE A HAIR GEL, SO CHANTING THIS GUARANTEES SAFETY."

"AS BEINGS BORN FROM HUMAN THOUGHTS, IF THOSE THOUGHTS ARE INSUFFICIENTLY STRONG OR NUMEROUS, THEY EASILY LOSE THEIR MATERIAL FORMS."

"WITHOUT CONTINUED THOUGHTS TO SUSTAIN THEM, THEY SOON VANISH."

"THE AGE OF JINMENKEN!"

**JINMENKEN = HUMAN-FACE DOGS, ANOTHER URBAN LEGEND**
Only in rare instances do they survive long enough to become new Ayakashi and Yokai.

For a single rumor to be firmly rooted in the minds of thousands of people, this is already a difficult task.

Can it finally achieve a solid form.

Even if many people do think about it, they may not truly believe in the story.

Only after a story is repeated and doubted over and over.
Furthermore, even with a physical form, these beings initially have neither an intelligence nor a sense of self.

Only those beings that have been sustained by hundreds of years of belief have the ability and right to become new yokai.

They are but weak, unstable beings that will fade away when the rumors fall out of fashion.

Thus, [mons...]
KUCHISAKE-ONNA AND JINRENKEN, THOUGH THEIR TALES CAUSED QUITE A STIR IN THEIR TIME.

IN THE END, THESE BEINGS DISAPPEARED WITHOUT CAUSING MUCH ACTUAL HARM.

CERTAINLY, IF I WERE TO PROPOSE A THEORY FROM THIS KNOWLEDGE,

THE FORCE, OR PERHAPS 'POWER', TO CREATE ANYTHING, EVEN THOUGH IT BEND THE LAWS OF REASON, EXISTS SOMEWHERE IN THIS WORLD.

I BELIEVE THIS WORLD IS NOT AS STABLE AS IT FIRST APPEARS.
SURELY, THE BEINGS CALLED 'SUPER-NATURAL' AND 'OTHER-WORLDLY' WERE BORN FROM THAT POWER.

WHEN THE TWISTED DELUSIONS OF MAN ARE COLLECTED IN A SINGLE SPACE, AND THIS CORE IS GIVEN A 'NAME,' THAT POWER CAN CREATE A PRE-CONCEIVED 'FORM.'

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THUS, ALL YOKAI AND LEGENDS, EVEN THOSE WITH ORIGINS IN THE ANCIENT PAST WILL ULTIMATELY RETURN TO THE HUMAN IMAGINATION. IT IS A CYCLE OF THEIR LIFE AND DEATH.

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BUT EVEN IF MONSTERS CREATED BY HUMAN THOUGHTS COULD EXIST,

ISN'T KOUJIN NANASE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM A [MONSTER OF THOUGHT]?

I...KNOW THAT YOKAI EXIST IN THIS WORLD

THINGS HAS A NAME AND A RECOGNIZABLE FORM.

I MEAN, IT'S WEARING HER IDOL DRESS, SWINGING AROUND A STEEL BEAM (AND HUGE BREASTS!),

BUT IT HASN'T EVEN BEEN A YEAR SINCE NANASE KARIN'S DEATH. HOW COULD SHE MATERIALIZE SOON?
As a disclaimer, I am a complete novice that really wanted ch. 5. I simply found the Chinese raws and did things in paint. Please enjoy!

I say.

Why did things turn out this way...

It’s fine this way.

Aren’t we a bit close?

MHANABA SAN
Precisely.

Eh..?

There's no way the story about her ghost could have been so firmly planted in the minds of millions of people.

But that thing has the ability to murder people.

Monsters of thought are originally unimpressive.

They are normally easily forgotten, and require years to materialize.

It's clearly incredibly dangerous.

How did she materialize so strongly less than a year after Nanase Karin's death?

Then, why does Kojin Nanase have such power?
These irregularities were made possible by a single method.

Where can we place information such that it is available to the multitudes?

By what means can modern man transmit information that would otherwise take years to reach people?

You mean the news? But the media was only responsible for part of the story.

Most of the popular speculations were born on the internet—
YES,
IT IS PRECISELY THE INTERNET.

COLLECTING THE RUMORS?

AH,
YOU MEAN, LIKE THAT KOHJIN NANASE WEBPAGE?

IT BECOMES ALL THE MORE EFFECTIVE WHEN THE ENDLESS RUMORS ARE COLLECTED INTO A SINGLE SPOT.

A STORY ON THE INTERNET CAN REACH THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD.

AND ALLOW NUMEROUS PEOPLE TO COME INTO CONTACT WITH THIS TALE WITHIN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.
BECAUSE OF THAT WEBSITE, KOUJIN NANASE'S NAME AND STORY WERE SPREAD WITH UNPRECEDENTED SPEED. IF YOU ALSO KNOW OF IT, THAT MAKES THIS EXPLANATION EASIER.

EVEN THOUGH IT'S JUST A PAGE OF RUMORS.

A STORY'S FORM CANNOT BE CLEARLY DISCERNED FROM RUMOR ALONE.

FURTHERMORE, THAT WEBSITE PROVIDED KOUJIN NANASE WITH A FORM.

TO PUT IT SIMPLY, A STORY'S FORM IS A COMPOSITE PORTRAIT PAINTED BY THE BRUSHSTROKES OF THOUSANDS OF THOUGHTS.
EVEN IF THE STORY IS THE SAME, THEY WILL IMAGINE A FORM BASED ON THEIR OWN EXPERIENCES AND PREFERENCES.

ONLY AFTER THESE IMAGES HAVE REACHED A DEGREE OF UNIFORMITY ACROSS THE NATION CAN A SINGLE FORM EMERGE.

SAKI-SAN, DO YOU RECALL THE PICTURE THAT WAS PRESENT ON THE KOUJIN NANASE RUMORS WEBSITE?

DO YOU NOT THINK THEY ARE FAR TOO SIMILAR, DOWN TO THE FINEST OF DETAILS?

THAT PORTRAIT AND THE KOUJIN NANASE THAT YOU WITNESSED TONIGHT...
WITHOUT EVEN A PROPER WITNESS TESTIMONY, AND ONLY THE RUMORS ONLINE,

WOULD A COMPOSITE SKETCH REALLY HAVE BEEN SO ACCURATE?

...NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, THEY WERE EXACTLY THE SAME.

THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE.

THAT PORTRAIT WAS NOT DRAWN IN THE IMAGE KOUJIN NANASE, RATHER,

THAT IMAGE WAS WHAT TOOK ON FLESH, AND BECAME KOUJIN NANASE.
THE WANDERING GHOST OF A VENGEFUL IDOL.

IS A COMMON STORY, AND NOT WORTHY OF MUCH ATTENTION.

IN ORDER TO INFORM THE PEOPLE ON THIS MATTER.

A CERTAIN WEBSITE COLLECTED THESE RUMORS.
This website was not created because the ghost of Nanase Karin had appeared.

But the truth is completely backwards.

On the contrary, it was the existence of this website that enabled Koijin Nanase to come to life.
Indeed, it can be said that this website itself is the true form of Koujin Nanase!
MONSTERS OF THOUGHT EXIST BECAUSE OF THE THOUGHTS OF PEOPLE

THUS, SO LONG AS THERE ARE HUMANS SUPPLYING THOUGHTS OF HER EXISTENCE, KOUJIN NANASE REMAINS EFFECTIVELY IMMORTAL

EVEN IF ONE WERE TO SNAP HER NECK, OR STAB HER IN THE CHEST, SHE WOULD DOUBTLESS REAWAKEN

THAT IS BECAUSE HER LIFE LIES NOT WITHIN HER BODY,

BUT WITHIN THE COUNTLESS DESIRES THAT HAVE GIVEN HER FORM ITS FLESH.

LIES NOT WITHIN HER.
BUT EVEN AFTER KUROU-KUN SNAPPED HER NECK, SHE STOOD UP AGAIN...

WHAT ON EARTH IS SHE?

CAN THAT EVEN BE DEFEATED?

A MONSTER.

I KNOW. WHAT I MEAN IS,
She is an anomaly completely separate from proper yokai and spirits.

Without any semblance of consciousness,

She is an automaton that moves according to the delusions that have given her life.

How do I put it? That thing... Feels like a marionette on strings...

How can that be...
THEN, HOW DO WE DEFEAT HER?

WELL, LET'S JUST LEAVE IT AT THAT FOR SAKI-SAN.

IWANAGA, ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?

YET HE IS STILL CONSIDERING HOW TO FIGHT THAT 'MONSTER.

AS ALWAYS, SUCH A THIN FRAME...
Ah, no, my apologies. I was mesmerized by your collar-bones.

You haven't let me touch them in such a long while.

Now is not the time for that!

By your logic, her immortality would disappear if the rumors fade, but we can't just wait around for that to happen.

Eye-witness reports about her are increasing.

She has already killed people.
Yes, I believe that is the case.

Which is why it is possible to defeat Koujin Nanase using this very website.

That website's probably been reporting her assaults, making her stronger. It's like a positive feedback loop.

In the first place, it's rare for a [MONSTER OF THOUGHT] to grow this powerful.

If she has become immortal through the power of thought, we need only attack at the source.
AS A POLICE OFFICER?

WE NEED ONLY PROCURE ASSISTANCE FROM SAKI-SAN AS A POLICE OFFICER.

AS A POLICE OFFICER?

OF COURSE NOT.

IT WOULD BE UNREALISTIC TO DEMAND A SITE BE TAKEN DOWN WITHOUT AN ACCEPTABLE REASON.

DO YOU WANT TO USE POLICE AUTHORITY TO SHUT DOWN THAT WEBSITE?

THEN, WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?

AND FURTHERMORE, RUMORS THAT "THE KOUJIN NANASE CASE HAS BECOME SO SERIOUS, EVEN THE POLICE ARE GETTING INVOLVED" MUST BE AVOIDED, LEAST THEY ONLY INCREASE HER POWER BY ENCOURAGING THOUGHTS ON THE MATTER.
Using that as a basis, I will create a rumor that surpasses the story of [Kolijin Nanase].

I need to receive accurate information about Nanase Karin's death from you.

Kolijin Nanase is a ghost, a monster of thought born from the circulation of a particular urban legend.
Then she will lose her source of life and disappear soon after.

If we wish to overturn the story that "her ghost exists,"

then we have no option but to rewrite the rumor with one saying, "there is no ghost."

If the people who believe in Koujou Nanase accept this new version of events,

so you want to give the urban legend a logical explanation.

And prove that it's a lie?

A story where there is no ghost...
THAT WON'T WORK.

IF THE RUMORS ARE MORE EXCITING AND CARRY EVEN A HINT OF PLAUABILITY,
THEN EVEN OUTFRIGHT LIES WILL WIN OVER THE TRUTH.

EVEN IF IT'S THE TRUTH, PEOPLE WILL FIND IT HARD TO ACCEPT A SIMPLE SUBSTITUTE FOR A POPULAR URBAN LEGEND.

WORMS...

AFTER HEARING SUCH AN UNPLEASANT STORY, FEELINGS OF SUSPICION WILL ARISE AND TAKE OVER.

Even if you don't completely trust the rumor, a sense of disgust will remain.

FOR EXAMPLE, THIS WAS ANOTHER URBAN LEGEND BUT, A CERTAIN FAST FOOD RESTAURANT WAS SAID TO USE WORMS INSTEAD OF BEEF IN THEIR BURGERS.
But even though it's such a ridiculous lie, this story is still being circulated today.

Whether it's the manpower needed or the projected profit, using real beef is surely better.

Thinking about it logically, it would be unreasonable for a restaurant to use worms in their burgers.

No.

So, even if we use the truth, the story can't be overwritten so easily.

Nanase Karin's ghost never existed in the first place.

It's the same.
"The idol who died full of regrets and hatred, she became a ghost and appeared again."

"In the first place, it was someone who had no proof whatsoever that irresponsibly came up with this story."

Using such a careless and ridiculous premise, rumors were spread online.

And then...

"Even without relying on logic, those lies became the truth."

Nanase Kouljin became real..."
IT IS POSSIBLE.

BUT YOUR ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED, SAKI-SAN.

THAT IS WHY I SENT FOR YOU TONIGHT.

--KOJUIN NANASE, AN ANOMALOUS MONSTROSITY.
THE TRUTH IS NOT ALWAYS THE STRONGEST REALITY, AND KOJIN NANASE IS NOW VERY "REAL."

INDEED.

THUS, I MUST USE A REASONABLE FABRICATION TO OPPOSE HER.

WITH THE MORE APPEALING STORY THAT "SHE IS NOT REAL," AND POST IT DIRECTLY ONTO THIS WEBSITE FOR THE BELIEVERS TO SEE.

I WILL REPLACE THIS REALITY THAT "KOJIN NANASE IS A GHOST,"
With the wind and wound people without inflicting pain, then they appear. The first one pushes you over.

They look like weasels, right?

The second one cuts.

And the third applies medicine before they all leave.

Yes, to be more precise, there are three of them that move as one.
"Before, they would appear in the mountains and frigid places, but they are now nowhere to be found."

He told me the Kamaitachi are perhaps still alive somewhere, but have grown weak and are living quietly.

There have also been these sorts of rumors floating about.

Yes, I heard of this from the grandfather of these yokai.
But aren't the Kamaitachis impossible to find because they never existed in the first place?

Yes.

Your source is a yokai grandfather?

Strong winds over uneven ground would cause rapid changes in pressure, and the temporary vacuums wounded people.

That phenomenon was explained by science as "vacuums that create cuts."
AFTER BEING EXPLAINED BY SCIENCE, THEY DISAPPEARED, DIDN'T THEY?

OH!

THE KAMAITACHI WERE ALSO MONSTERS OF THOUGHT, RIGHT?

THE WOUND APPEARS WITH THE WIND, AND THEY WOULDN'T FEEL THE PAIN UNTIL LATER.

THAT'S THE TRUTH BEHIND THE SO-CALLED KAMAITACHI.

BUT DUE TO HOW ANCIENT THEIR TALE IS, WE CAN NO LONGER CONFIRM WHETHER THEY WERE BORN OF HUMAN THOUGHT OR NOT.

KAMAITACHI DID EXIST.

ACTUALLY SAKI-SAN

AFTER THEY WERE GIVEN A NAME, THEY WERE ALSO STRENGTHENED OR HURT BY THE BELIEF OF HUMANS

ALTHOUGH THEIR EXISTENCE MIGHT NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH HUMAN BELIEF,
According to physics, such a feat is now being criticized as 'fake science.'

That explanation about vacuums cutting people is false.

But by the Showa period, it had been debunked by other scientists.

It was a popular theory, and became widespread from the Meiji period onwards.

Whatever was wounding those people is still a complete mystery.

Vacuums cannot be easily created in nature.

Even if they were created, they wouldn't have the force to cut apart human skin.
But I remember reading it in a book somewhere.

That is a fabrication that replaced the truth.

But yeah, that explanation is scientifically impossible.

Even without real proof, everyone accepted it and made that the popular theory.

Because it was easier to comprehend than the existence of yokai.
After a lie has become the truth, does upsetting that 'truth' with another lie make the 'truth' revert to a lie?

...then, does that mean that by believing in that lie, I've also been participating in exterminating those monsters without even realizing it?

Although the explanation itself was a lie, it became the superior story.
Since indeed, even today there are people who discover their skin cracking open painlessly when exposed to the cold.

Incidentally, the kamaitachi phenomenon now has a new explanation as being the result of skin losing its natural elasticity under conditions of extremely low moisture and temperature.

This is a theory that fits well with the empirical evidence.

But I've never heard of that theory. Quite a common-place explanation, no?

So it's not actually cut open?

Such a boring reason has no appeal, does it not? Especially when the events themselves were so mystified at the time.

Thus, it was never publicized.
KAMAITACHI Cuts that arise from vacuum blades seems to be a much ‘cooler’ story, wouldn’t you agree?

Is it any fun to say it’s just because your skin will crack open in the cold?

If you look at it from a different perspective, it’s actually quite interesting.

Let us return to the topic of Koujin Nanase.

Now.

Be that as it may, it is not a topic that would excite the common man’s imagination.

Even this latest explanation, plausible as it seems, may be just another lie.

And because the yokai known as Kamaitachi have certainly existed,
THAT IS A BEINGS PRODUCED BY THE DESIRES AND DELUSIONS OF MAN, A MONSTER OF THOUGHT.
Indeed, it can be supposed that her believers find her tale so interesting because it is unreal. Such desires for the supernatural cannot be overlooked.

There are no such things as ghosts in this world, and thus Koujin Nanase does not exist. Such a truth is unappealing. I despise for the supernatural. I cannot be looked at pathetically. The individuals that wish for her to appear may well increase. Koujin Nanase exists, but she is a [monster of thought] that will disappear without belief...

Any and all interest works in her favor. Rather, the individuals that wish for her to appear may well increase.

If, however, just as the vacuum blades theory that gained popular recognition, a new theory that excites the masses were introduced, even if it were a lie, people would gravitate towards that new explanation. Presenting such a truth would have little effect.
WHILE THIS VECTORS OF THOUGHT SEEMS CONTRADICTORY, IT SURELY PERSISTS, AND IS QUITE EASILY REVERSED.

FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU, WHO IS PART OF THE SUPER-NATURAL, TO CLAIM NANASE KOUJIN ISN'T A GHOST, ISN'T THIS A SCAM?

I'LL ACCEPT YOUR LOGIC FOR NOW... BUT...
Yes, this is an atrocious scam.

It remains true that there are no other methods of taking her down.

Of my own creation, however,

we will require two items.

If we wish to convince the visitors of the website,

Koljin Nanase is not a ghost.
FIPST, we SHALL NEED A 'CULPRIT' FOR THE ATTACKS THAT HAVE BEEN PERPETRATED IN THIS CITY.

This 'culprit' requires a logical 'motive' for their actions.

With these two points,

we CAN thus create a plausible and appealing false explanation, in other words,
WE CAN USE A REASONABLE FABRICATION TO DEFEAT KOUJIN NANASE!
THEN IT WILL LOSE ALL POWER TO CONVINCE AND PERSUADE THE POPULACE.

IF WHATEVER FABRICATION WE PROPOSE IS DISPROVED ON THE BASIS OF OFFICIAL EVIDENCE,

FOR THIS PURPOSE, I REQUIRE ACCURATE INFORMATION.

TO AVOID SUCH A SCENARIO, I WISH TO OBTAIN THE POLICE REPORTS.

CONCERNING THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING NANASE KARIN'S DEATH.

I CAN'T POSSIBLY DO SUCH A--

YOU'RE TELLING A POLICE OFFICER TO RELEASE PRIVATE INFORMATION?
But isn't this Nanase Karin's information right here?

And here I thought it would be difficult to access the records since your division is different.

Kuroi-kun!

What is this brat thinking?!
TO WASH YOUR HANDS OF THE KOJIN NANASE CASE.

YESTERDAY, I BELIEVE I SHOULD HAVE ALREADY WARNED YOU.

!? WE'RE CAUSING YOU A LOT OF TROUBLE...

I'M REALLY SORRY.

YET, THE PRESENCE OF THESE DOCUMENTS CAN ATTEST TO THE FACT.

A CO-WORKER OF MINE IS INVESTIGATING KOJIN NANASE.

HE HAS NO IDEA THAT SHE ISN'T HUMAN IF HE CONTINUES LOOKING FOR HER WITHOUT KNOWING ANYTHING-

IF SO.

THEN OUR OBJECTIVES ARE SURELY THE SAME.

THAT YOU CANNOT SIMPLY LET THE MATTER GO, CAN YOU?
IN ORDER TO DEFEAT KOUJIN NANASE

THIS INFORMATION IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

IN ORDER TO CLAIM THAT KOUJIN NANASE ISN'T A GHOST,

WE NEED A CONVINCING STORY THAT CAN BE SUPPORTED BY THE AVAILABLE EVIDENCE.

IT'S TRUE THAT EYE-WITNESS REPORTS ARE FLYING ACROSS THE INTERNET.
I know already!

Why bring it up now?

Kuroh-Senpai is my boyfriend!

And also!

This girl really knows how to bring trouble.

ASKING FOR POLICE DOCUMENTS JUST TO MAKE UP THAT SORT OF LIE...

Can I expect your cooperation on this matter?

NEXT ISSUE COMES OUT APRIL 20TH.

Next two issues will have color spreads.
KUROU-SENPAI,

Spite having your current girlfriend in front of you, why are you gazing so ardently at your former girlfriend's back?
AH, SHE'S LOST WEIGHT
HAS SHE BEEN EATING PROPERLY?

NO, I CAN SEE IT QUITE CLEARLY.
YOU'RE IMAGINING THINGS

BUT, THE LINES OF HER WAIST ARE SO BEAUTIFUL—
IT'S ALL MY FAULT SHE'S GROWN SO THIN,

YOU'RE QUITE PERCEPTIVE. I WAS THINKING SO.
SAKI-SAN IS BEAUTIFUL

YOU APPEAR TO BE THINKING SUCH THOUGHTS.
AND FURTHERMORE TO IGNORE YOUR LOVER FOR AN ENTIRE WEEK, WHAT EXACTLY WERE YOU THINKING?

DON'T ADMIT IT!!

COULDN'T YOU REPLY TO A SINGLE MESSAGE?

OVER 100 EVERY DAY...

AH, THAT WAS YOUR I THOUGHT IT WAS JUNK MAIL.

WHERE ARE YOU?

YOU SEEING THIS?

REPLY

INBOX

IMMEDIATELY

WHEN I'M HERE!

WELL, AREN'T YOU TWO CLOSE.

LOOK AT ME

AT THAT VERY LEAST
but I would prefer our relationship be a bit sweeter.

yes, we are indeed close.

are you still unable to eat beef or fish?

saki-san

...i'm sorry.

i've been eating recently.

i just lost weight from the stress of work.