

THE POLICE REPORTS

Upon arrival, Ryoma or the commissioner will ask the investigators to look at the two police reports and examine the evidence. He would like them to come back tomorrow at the latest to give their opinions, conclusions, or just a fresh perspective on what they believe is going on before he will divulge anything more. (He would like a second opinion.)

The following are avenues of research available to the investigators as they look into the murders:

If the investigators dig through the political aspect of the case:

Indications are that the deaths are politically motivated. Everything points to a serial killer amongst the ultra-nationalist movement, but constant surveillance of this high profile group indicates otherwise. A police contact, an informant, is listed in the reports: Tatsuro Kihara. If investigators dig deep enough, they will find the reason such a radical element would have affiliation with the police is because Tatsuro is the

son of Shinjuku Ward's Chief Police Inspector Keiji Kihara. A family embarrassment, Tatsuro is a marginal source of information (he respects his father's profession), but this will not get investigators very far.

Something else should catch the player characters' eye in the investigation. A strange politically motivated incident of vandalism has been reported: a 10-foot-tall bronze statue was desecrated. The location is in Tokyo's infamous Roppongi Ward, the seedy night club and dance district. This is a lead they might consider looking into during their investigations. This is a lead they might consider looking into during their investigations.

Besides being politicians, all of the victims have one other thing in common. All have a small green tattoo on their wrist: a dragon with a crown. The dragon tattoo of the victims is a major clue. All belong to a "club" of sorts, an elite Todai (Tokyo University) "circle," the Dragon Political Debate Circle (*Ryu Seiji Kurabu*). Like a fraternity, it is an esteemed group many of the highest ranking elected officials of the national and prefectural governments belong to. The keeper might choose to make a list of those members at immediate threat. One of

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Tokyo Metropolitan Police Homicide Incident Report

Reporting officer: Shinyama Kyosuke. TMP Badge# 312-78-63

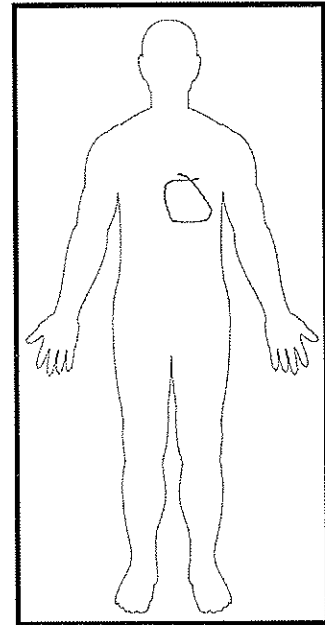
Location: Service entrance of Neon Karaoke, Shinjuku Ward. Victim lying beneath emergency fire escape.

Time and date of arrival on scene: 08/12/2004. 12:03 A.M.

Identity of victim: LDP Vice Chair. Suzuki Kengo

Estimated time of death: 08/12/2004. 10:45 P.M.

Nature of death/type of wounds: Total removal of heart from thoracic cavity through tearing and ripping of flesh. Wound indicates heart exploded with great force from inside of body--force not possible by average adult, even with weapon. No metal fragments or other hardened materials found in wound. Heart not found.



Evidence found on scene: Silk sheet, 3' x 6', placed upon corpse. Victim's blood formed perfect circle stain upon sheet.

Suspects and witnesses: Drunken businessman by name of Abe Katsunori in vicinity. Detained for questioning but no indication of guilt or knowledge of crime detected.

Comments: Recommend DNA testing of wound.