What is VK Theory?

- VK Theory is a hypothesis analyzed and proposed by two individuals: Veris and Kiệt (Vietnamese). This theory revolves around L Lawliet's actions during his final moments, from the end of Chapter 45 until his death.
- The analysis presents our perspectives on L's capabilities while he suspected that Light Yagami was Kira. Using a series of evidence found in the story, we hope this hypothesis can help people better understand L and his strategic moves, even after his death.
- If you disagree, you can choose to disregard this hypothesis, which is perfectly fine. We simply ask that you avoid toxic behavior.
- This is an analysis of L's plan, psychology, and strategies from the events of Chapter 45 onwards.

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The Final Strategy

Objective:

- Place Light (the primary suspect as Kira) into a position where the true successors can identify and approach him.
- Transfer resources to the successor, enabling them to defeat Kira.
- Entrust the task of defeating and eliminating Kira to the successor.

Chapter 45

Plan: Lighting the Torch in the Dark Forest

Objective: *Identify an individual as Kira with the highest likelihood of being the true Kira, the original Kira, in case L dies before uncovering everything, thereby helping the next generation to find the true Kira.*

L Lawliet in this chapter stated, "This way, even if I die, Light can inherit the name 'L.'" L posed a question—or rather an invitation—for Light to accept this name because, in L's view, if Light had been pretending and acting, he would certainly accept this title.

At this time, Light seemed to have lost his memories of being Kira, and Kira's power had transferred to another individual (from L's perspective). L suspected whether Light was faking it, so he made this invitation to draw Light into his trap.

The name "L," if Kira were to obtain it, would grant access to intelligence and law enforcement on a global scale to some extent, thanks to the credibility Lawliet had established. Therefore, it was a tempting prize that Kira would undoubtedly desire—being both Kira, the executor of criminals, and L, the manipulator of the justice system. At that point, Light would be the most powerful.

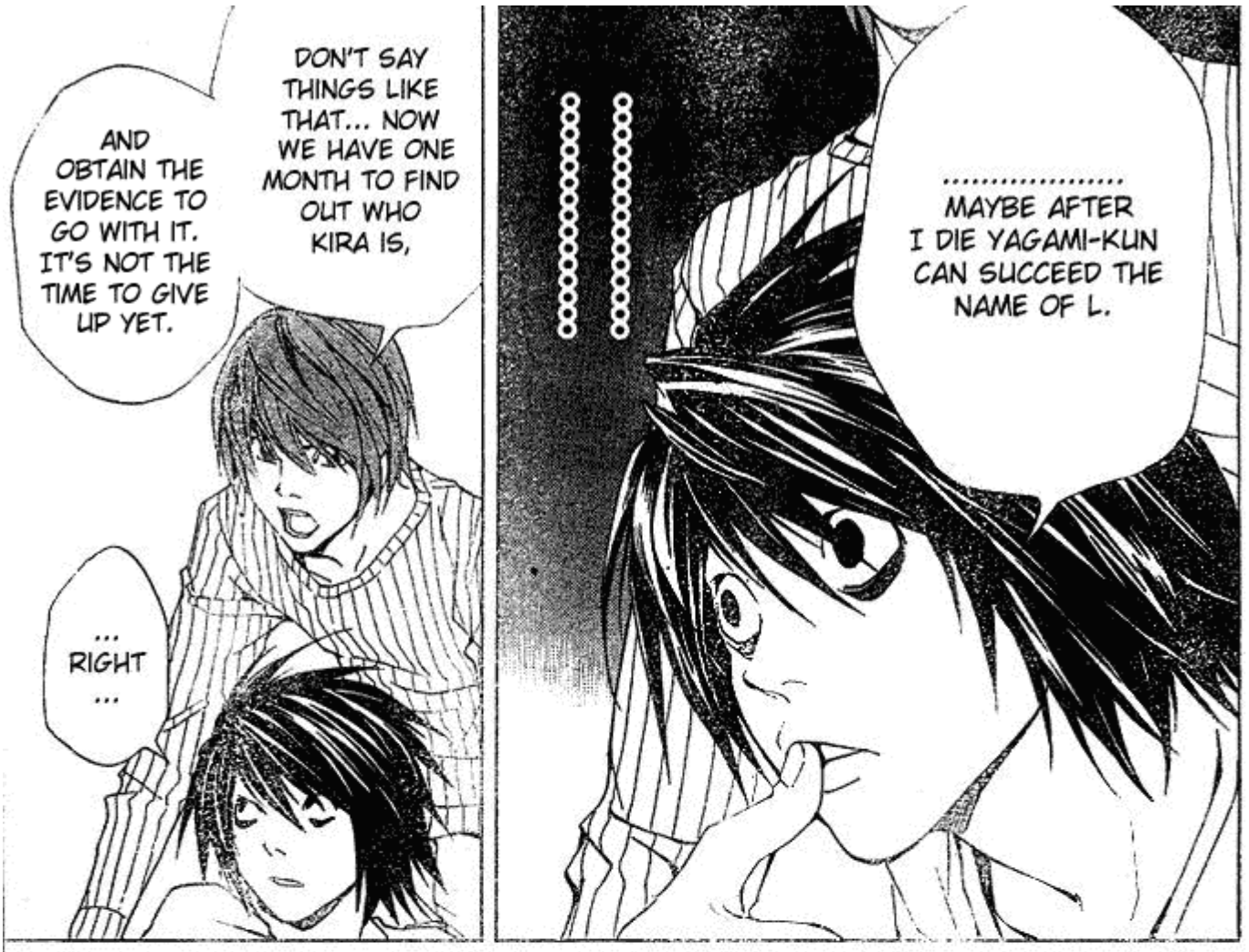
This interpretation was explicitly laid out by Light at the time. If Light wasn't acting, it seemed as though everything was being set up so that, at some point, the power would return to him after clearing all suspicions from others. This was precisely what L thought and anticipated.

Furthermore, according to Light's interpretation and L's reasoning, if L were to die and Kira reappeared, it would only require Watari or a third party to accuse Light, who at that time was still amnesiac. This is what we can gather.

It can be understood that L had deduced Light's entire plan and was merely preparing a new strategy to counter Light's scheme.

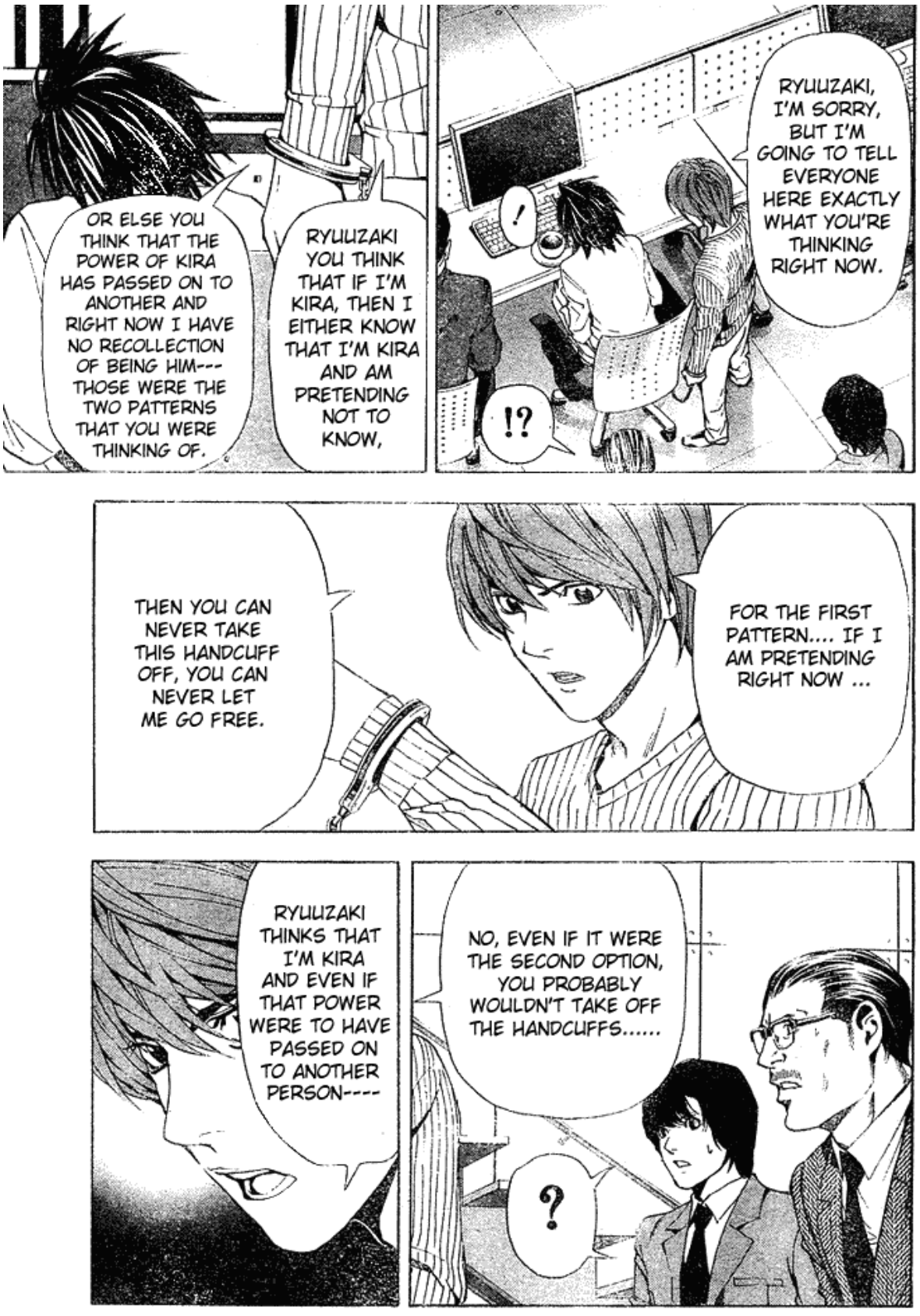
- **L was correct in believing that Kira's power could transfer back and forth between individuals, and it seemed that those who no longer possessed this power would lose their memories and have no recollection of their actions while being Kira.**
- Light was the prime suspect. Based on everything that had happened, L drew the conclusion mentioned above. L always doubted whether Light was pretending or not, so he tested him with this tempting invitation. The result was that Light genuinely had lost his memories.
- L believed this was not a coincidence but all part of Light's plan. Light had transferred the power to someone else, causing himself to lose his memories. He had likely prearranged everything so that the power could return to him once suspicions about Light within the team were erased.
- At that point, Light might try to kill L and possibly take the name "L" for himself, becoming the most powerful—like a tiger growing wings.

Evidence to support the hypothesis:


DON'T SAY THINGS LIKE THAT... NOW WE HAVE ONE MONTH TO FIND OUT WHO KIRA IS,
AND OBTAIN THE EVIDENCE TO GO WITH IT. IT'S NOT THE TIME TO GIVE UP YET.
... RIGHT ...
.....
MAYBE AFTER I DIE YAGAMI-KUN CAN SUCCEED THE NAME OF L.

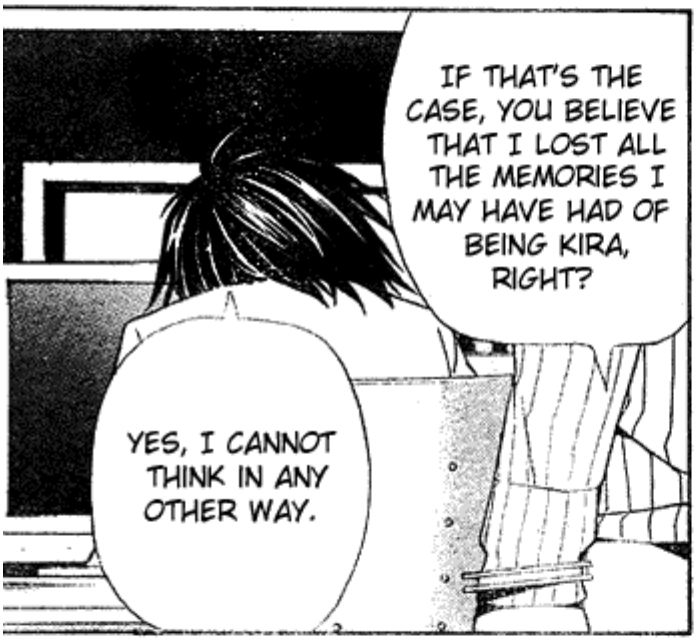

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HOWEVER, THE FIRST TO SUSPECT YOTSUBA WAS YAGAMI-KUN.... PERHAPS WE CAN SAY THAT YOU ARE MORE CAPABLE THAN I AM...
★ヨツバキラ確保まで
期限は1か月…大増23P!!
DEATH NOTE
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漫画 小畑健
page.45 Absurdity

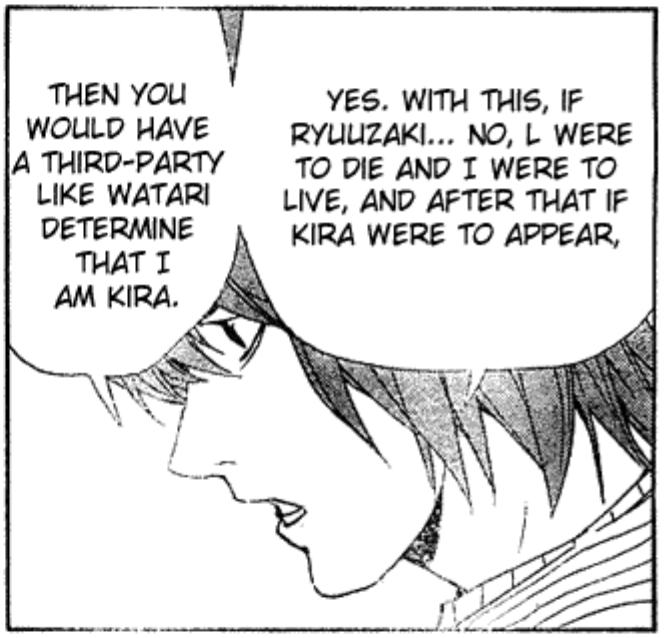

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BUT ...
NO... THAT'S NOT WHAT I WAS THINKING ABOUT JUST NOW ...
..... YOU MEAN SUCCEED THE NAME OF L?
..... BUT THEN, I SUPPOSE IF IT'S YAGAMI-KUN, YOU CAN DO IT...
IF HE WERE KIRA AND PRETENDING, THEN HE WOULD DEFINITLY SAY "YES."
!
IF I WERE TO DIE, WOULD YOU TAKE THE POSITION?
.....
I SEE...
.....
!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, RYUUZAKI, AS LONG AS WE'RE WEARING THIS, WON'T WE DIE TOGETHER?
.....
CLINK


RYUUZAKI YOU THINK THAT IF I'M KIRA, THEN I EITHER KNOW THAT I'M KIRA AND AM PRETENDING NOT TO KNOW,
OR ELSE YOU THINK THAT THE POWER OF KIRA HAS PASSED ON TO ANOTHER AND RIGHT NOW I HAVE NO RECOLLECTION OF BEING HIM--- THOSE WERE THE TWO PATTERNS THAT YOU WERE THINKING OF.
!
!?
RYUUZAKI, I'M SORRY, BUT I'M GOING TO TELL EVERYONE HERE EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE THINKING RIGHT NOW.
FOR THE FIRST PATTERN.... IF I AM PRETENDING RIGHT NOW ...
THEN YOU CAN NEVER TAKE THIS HANDCUFF OFF, YOU CAN NEVER LET ME GO FREE.
RYUUZAKI THINKS THAT I'M KIRA AND EVEN IF THAT POWER WERE TO HAVE PASSED ON TO ANOTHER PERSON----
NO, EVEN IF IT WERE THE SECOND OPTION, YOU PROBABLY WOULDN'T TAKE OFF THE HANDCUFFS.....
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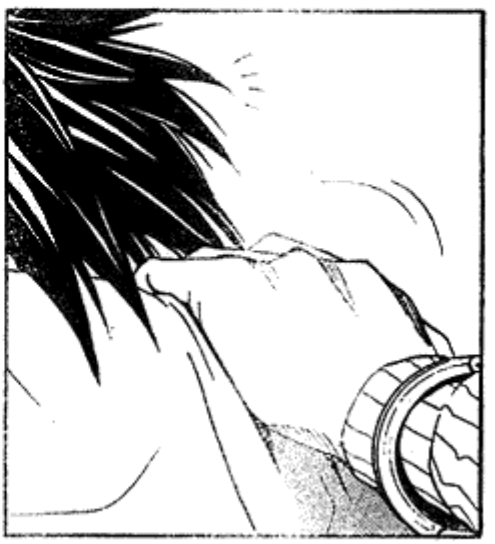

INCREDIBLE. TO ACCURATELY PINPOINT WHAT I WAS THINKING TO THIS EXTENT...
TO PUT IT SIMPLY, I'M NOT BEING MANIPULATED. RATHER, I GAVE THE POWER AWAY AND, WHEN EVERYONE IS CONVINCED OF MY INNOCENCE, I PLAN ON REGAINING MY POWER.
IF I WERE KIRA, THERE WOULD BE A WAY FOR THAT POWER TO RETURN TO ME ONCE AGAIN. IN OTHER WORDS,
.....
THAT IS CORRECT.
THAT IS WHAT RYUUZAKI THOUGHT.
"YAGAMI LIGHT WILL BECOME KIRA UPON TAKING UP THE POSITION OF L,"
AND IF IT WERE ME, I COULD DO IT... NO, I WOULD DO IT IS WHAT YOU SAID.
....YES.
IT WOULD BE INVINCIBLITY, INDEED....
ON ONE HAND, TO REACH THE SAME LEVEL AS L AND BE IN A POSITION WHERE YOU CAN EVEN MANIPULATE THE POLICE.
AND ON THE OTHER, TO BE KIRA.


YOU MEAN.... IF YOU WERE PRETENDING IN ORDER TO TAKE THE POSITION OF L, THERE WOULD BE NO WAY THAT YOU WOULD REVEAL THAT PLAN TO EVERYONE, RIGHT?
BUT HOW ABOUT IT? WITH THIS, YOU AT LEAST KNOW THAT I'M NOT PRETENDING, RIGHT?


IF THAT'S THE CASE, YOU BELIEVE THAT I LOST ALL THE MEMORIES I MAY HAVE HAD OF BEING KIRA, RIGHT?
YES, I CANNOT THINK IN ANY OTHER WAY.


THEN YOU WOULD HAVE A THIRD-PARTY LIKE WATARI DETERMINE THAT I AM KIRA.
YES. WITH THIS, IF RYUUZAKI... NO, L WERE TO DIE AND I WERE TO LIVE, AND AFTER THAT IF KIRA WERE TO APPEAR,


?
RYUU-ZAKI...



Off-topic Analysis:

L knew, and it was clear that he knew, about Wammy's House having a talent development program where selected individuals were specifically trained to become L's successors. This was briefly mentioned in the LABB novel and throughout the later N&M arc. So why did he give Light—or rather propose to Light—the title of L? Why did he do that when he knew he had legitimate successors waiting in the wings?

You might argue that L saw Light as truly exceptional, far superior to the generations of successors from Wammy's House. But keep in mind, at that time, Light was the highest suspect as Kira, and it would seem quite absurd to propose him as L's successor. However, this was precisely L's plan.

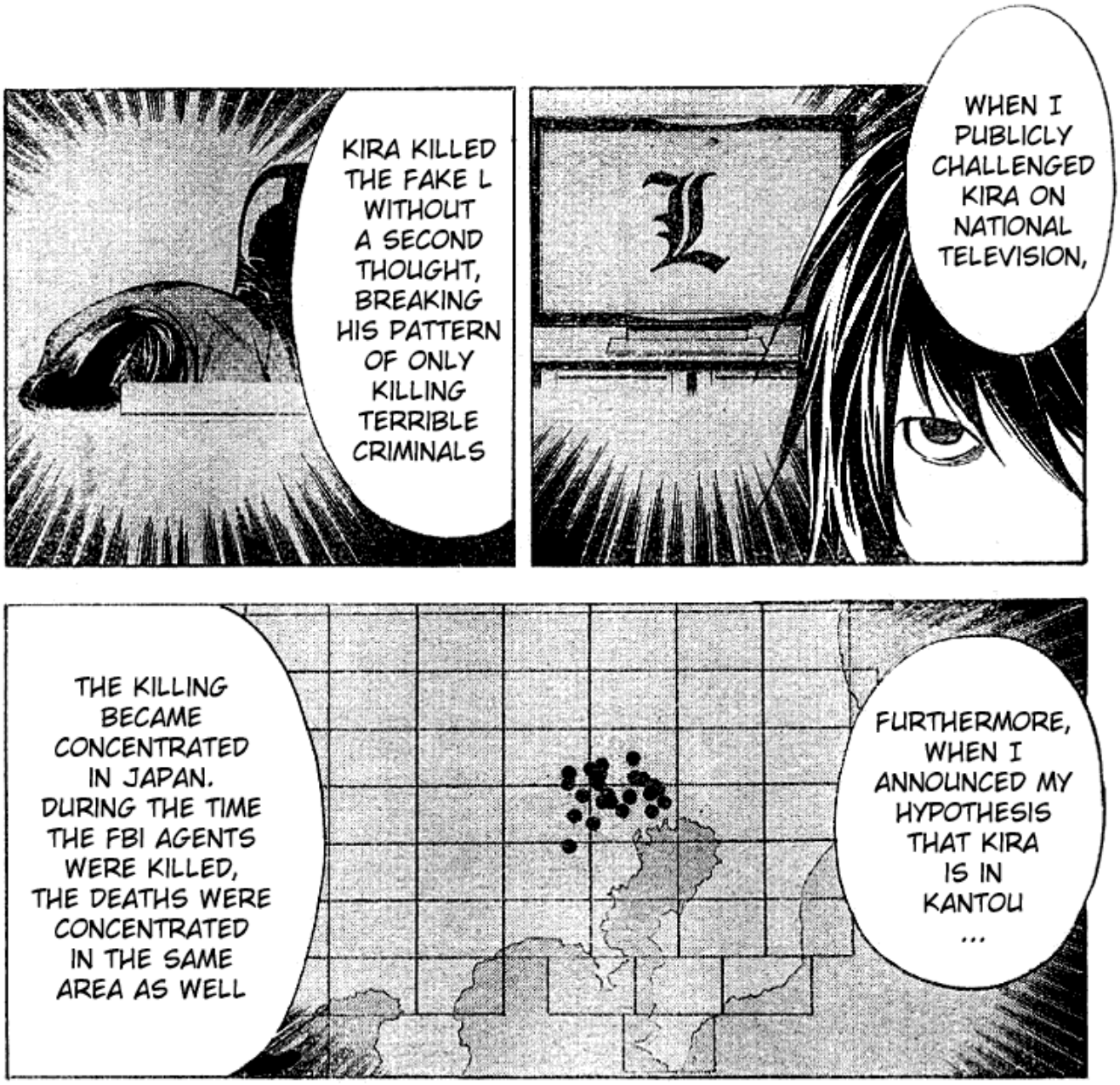
As analyzed above, L had seen through everything about Light, and his current mission was to figure out how to counter Light's plan when he regains his memories and Kira's power.

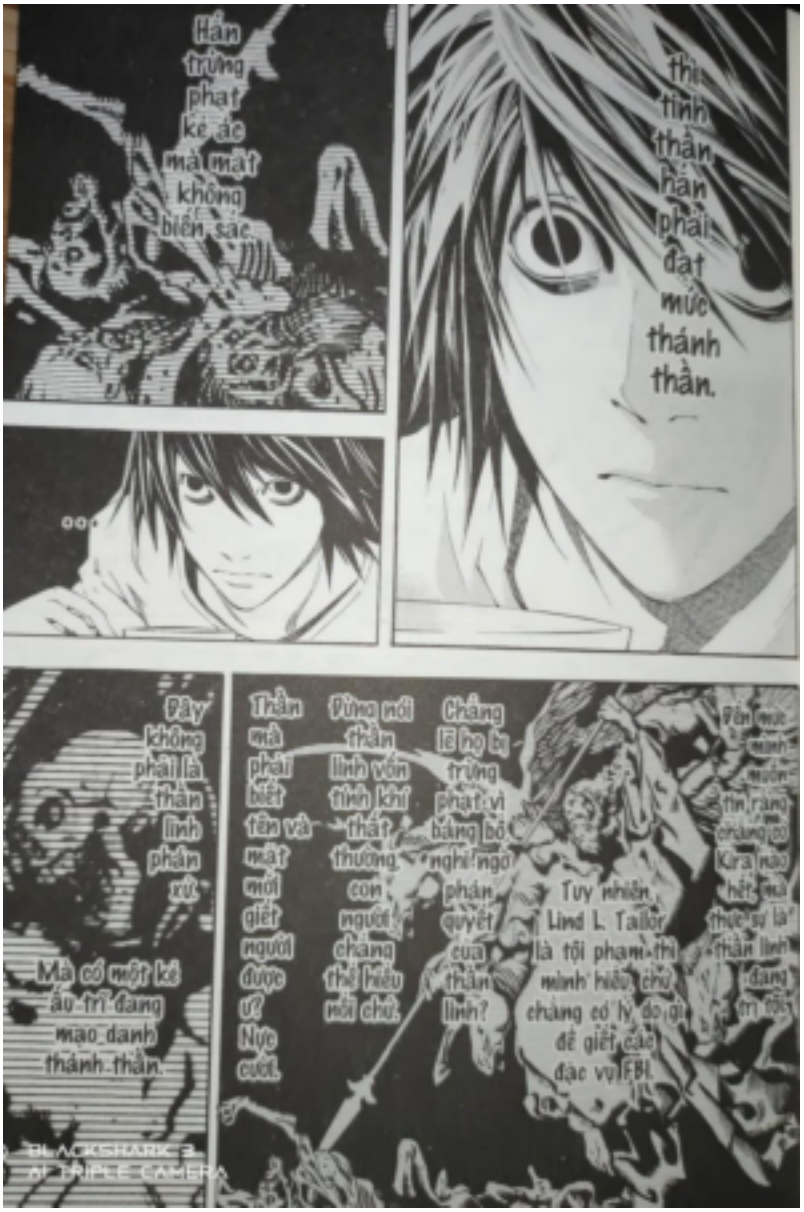
L's task now is to conceal the existence of the successors, at least at this moment, to prevent Kira from finding out.
After all, not all members of Wammy's House are aware of the program—only a select few individuals know about it. Light also has no knowledge of L's origins in England, which further strengthens the surprise element and feasibility of the plan.

Going back to the early chapters, L stated that Kira was immature and arrogant, based on Kira's immediate and reckless counterattacks against him. Comparing this to the present, Light is Kira, but his power is currently in someone else's hands, and he has lost his memories.

Light has prearranged for the power to return to him at the right time and under the right circumstances. At that moment, the current Light will revert to being the true Kira, with his arrogant and power-hungry nature (an immature person masquerading as a god).


I JUST HAD AN IDEA. IF KIRA NEEDS THE NAMES AND FACES OF HIS VICTIM TO BE ABLE TO KILL THEM, ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS STOP ALL THE NEWS CHANNELS FROM BROADCASTING INFORMATION ABOUT CRIMINALS
.....
IF YOU DO THAT, KIRA WILL KILL INNOCENT PEOPLE INSTEAD
INNOCENT PEOPLE ?
WHY WOULD HE DO THAT ?
BECAUSE KIRA IS AN IMMATURE SORE LOSER
SLP
YES... SINCE I AM ALSO AN IMMATURE SORE LOSER ...
I KNOW EXACTLY HOW HE THINKS ...
?
L, I MEAN, RYUUZAKI, WHAT DO YOU MEAN?


KIRA KILLED THE FAKE L WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT, BREAKING HIS PATTERN OF ONLY KILLING TERRIBLE CRIMINALS
L
WHEN I PUBLICLY CHALLENGED KIRA ON NATIONAL TELEVISION,
THE KILLING BECAME CONCENTRATED IN JAPAN. DURING THE TIME THE FBI AGENTS WERE KILLED, THE DEATHS WERE CONCENTRATED IN THE SAME AREA AS WELL
FURTHERMORE, WHEN I ANNOUNCED MY HYPOTHESIS THAT KIRA IS IN KANTOU ...
WHAT DO YOU THINK HE'D DO IF YOU STOPPED ALL BROADCASTING OF CRIMINAL INFORMATION ?
HE IS VERY STUBBORN ABOUT NOT LOSING ...
NOT ONLY IS KIRA NOT AFRAID OF OUR ATTEMPTS, HE COUNTERATTACKS ACCORDINGLY



This is the basis for me to assert that relying on prior psychological analyses serves as a premise to affirm how L perceives the personality of "Kira."

When Light, the prime suspect, stood before such a tempting invitation—one that, if accepted, would elevate him to the pinnacle of power, possessing both Kira's and L's capabilities—it was clear that global manipulation would become inevitable. He could easily deceive the investigation team and maintain his innocence as a righteous "L." The presence of this "L-Kira" would continue even if L were to die, as the case would persist, and "L-Kira" would take over. This was the perfect bait, a bright torch in the dark forest, and precisely what L intended—to expose Kira and enable the successors to identify the impostor, laying the groundwork for Kira's eventual destruction.

L seemed to sense his own death, yet from Light's and the investigation team's perspective, his words appeared to be idle musings. However, L was never one to joke around. Everything he said was part of the premise for what was to come.

The first step of the plan to illuminate Kira was incomplete at the time but would take shape in the future.

=> Perception, Emotional Understading, See Through People (Able to observe Light's actions.), Prediction (Predict Light's plan and pin it down from that point onward), Anticipation (Know that when Light returns as Kira, he will undoubtedly accept the name L because there is no reason to refuse), Intuition, Set Trap (Set a trap using his own name), Planning, Strategy Bulding, Deception (Deceive Light into thinking he could take the name L while completely concealing the existence of the successors at Wammy's House).

Chapter 53 đến Chapter 59

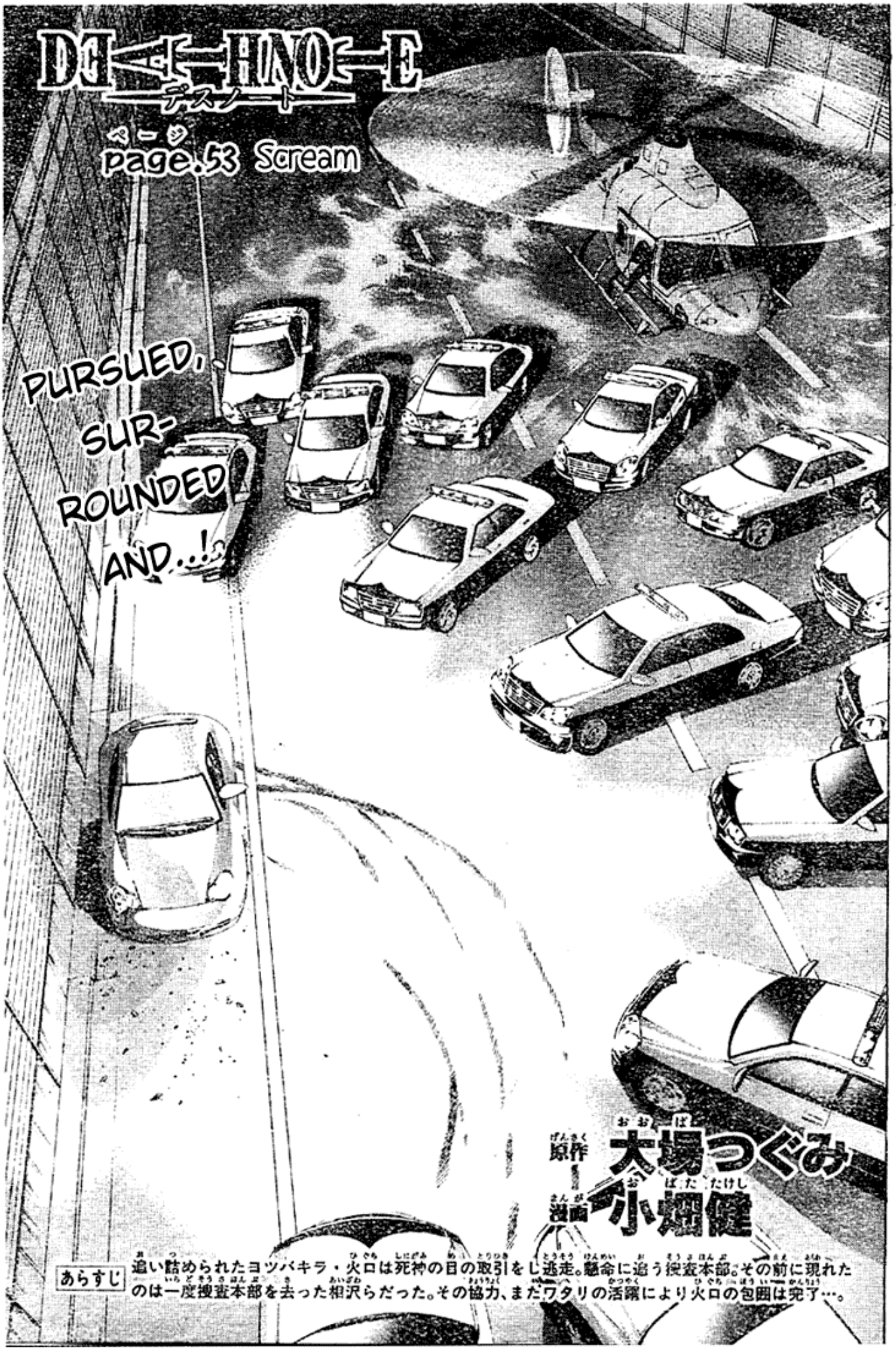
The Final Plan

Now that Higuchi has been captured, L has the notebook and will extract whatever information he wants from it. However, at this point, Light has also returned to being Kira (this might be something L doesn't know, but he had anticipated it might happen, though he wasn't sure when).

Now let us analyze the timeline as follows:

- **The time when Higuchi was captured and died, the notebook was brought to the investigation team. This happened at night, which we will count as day one.**
- **The next day, which is day two, Misa was released, and Light was also freed from the handcuffs.**
- **On the day after that, which is day three and the second day after Misa's release, the punishment of criminals resumed. L also negotiated to conduct experiments with the notebook. During this time, L died.**

=> In total, three days.


DEATH NOTE
デスノート
page.53 Scream
PURSUED, SUR-ROUNDED AND..!
原作 大場つぐみ
漫画 小畑健
あらすじ 追い詰められたヨツバキラ・火口は死神の目の取引をし逃走。懸命に追う捜査本部。その前に現れたのは一度捜査本部を去った相沢らだった。その協力、またワタリの活躍により火口の包囲は完了…。


NO, IT'S POSSIBLE TO THINK THAT HIGUCHI COMMITTED SUICIDE.... HE HAD THE POWER TO KILL OTHER PEOPLE. IT WOULDN'T BE STRANGE IF HE COULD KILL HIMSELF.
HIGUCHI IS DEAD!! THE ONLY THINGS THAT REMAIN ARE!?
BUT YOU KILL BY WRITING NAMES IN THE NOTEBOOK SO, IN ORDER TO KILL YOURSELF, YOU'D HAVE TO WRITE YOUR OWN NAME IN THE NOTEBOOK, RIGHT?
DEATH NOTE
デスノート
page.55 Speculation
YES... YES...
原作 大場つぐみ
漫画 小畑健


HÔM SAU
RAI-TO...
ÔI... THẾ LÀ PHẢI CHIA TAY MISA MISA RỒI...
CÒN ĐƯỢC NGẮM TRÊN TI VI MÀ. CÔ ẤY VẪN GIỮ LIÊN HỆ VỚI RAITO NỮA, ĐỪNG SẦU THẢM THẾ MATSUDA.
NÀY MATSUDA, ĐỂ HỌ RIÊNG TƯ ĐI...
ANH NHỚ ĐẾN GẶP EM ĐẤY NHÉ.
RAITO!

Day 2



Day 3, The Final Day.



The countdown is now 20 days. Even children would know that, based on the information above, 23 (the notebook rule) minus 3 days leaves 20 days, as was established.

Analysis

L had obtained the notebook, and he had discovered many things about it, including the rule that the maximum time for death is 23 days. I have a theory that L would use a death row inmate to experiment with the 13-day rule, testing whether a torn page from the notebook could kill someone and also testing the 23-day maximum death rule. This could lead to different scenarios, but I will choose one similar to the one in *Movie Death Note 2: The Last Name*, where L writes his own name in the notebook to prevent himself from being killed by it. When the death row inmate uses the notebook and tests it, after 13 days and successful experiments, L still has 10 days left. During those 10 days, with the evidence gathered, and IF he had written his own name in the notebook earlier, L could devise a plan similar to the one in *Death Note: The Last Name*. With irrefutable evidence, L could use that to accuse Light. However, this scenario would only occur if there was an unexpected event, such as Light's memory loss. But in reality, everything happened exactly as Light thought, with no variables

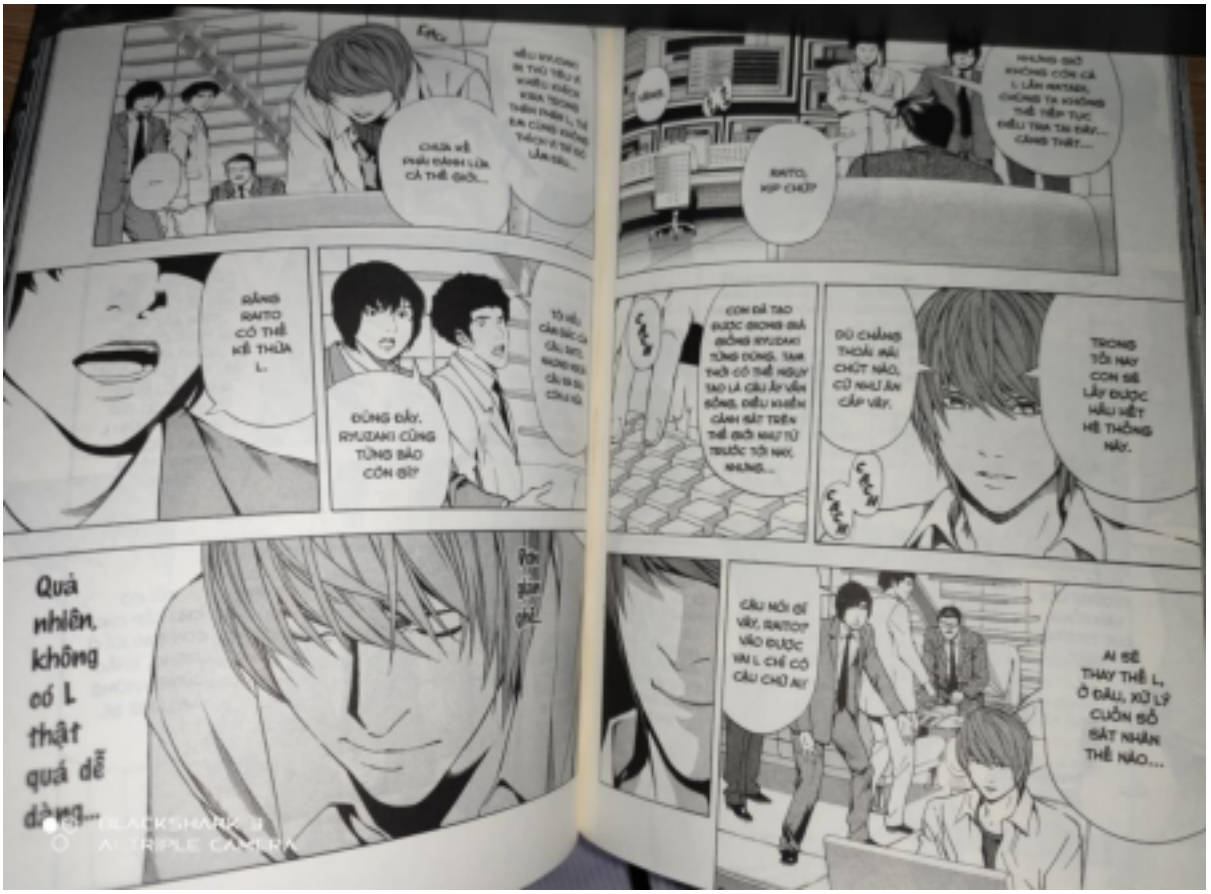
interfering. And as predicted, L dies. Before his death, L might have known he was right about Light being Kira. Moving to chapter 59, we see that L's computer shows the time remaining as 20 days.

=> L set the time to 23 days after learning about the notebook and its rules. He did this to ensure that if he were to die, he would leave something behind. L knew he needed to act quickly because if he died before sending a message to Wammy House, the true successors would never be able to find the fake L-Kira. Chapter 59 also shows that Light officially took the name "L." After 23 days, the message "L is dead" was sent back to Wammy House. All subsequent developments are the domain of Near and Mello.

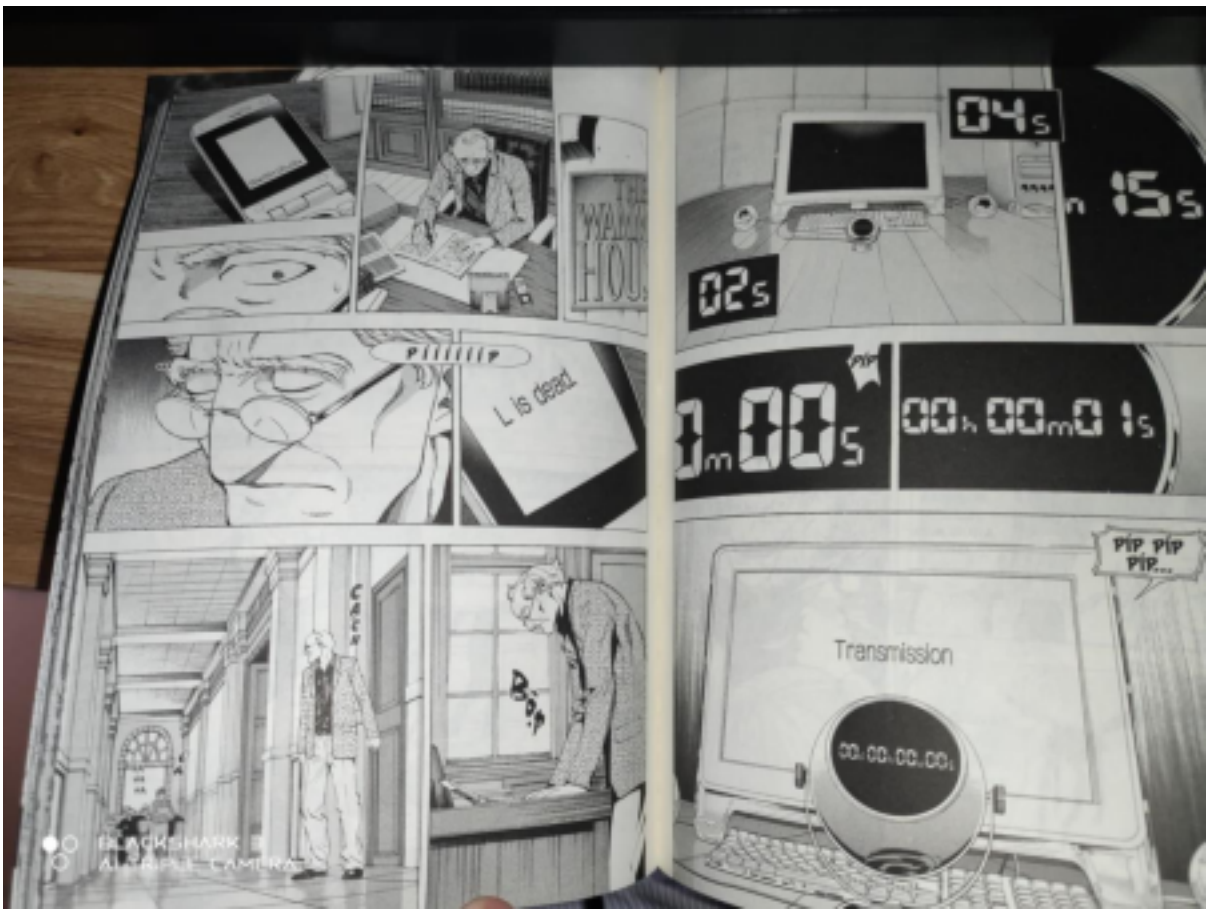
So, what did L leave for the true successor? The most obvious thing was his enormous fortune for the successor, along with the title of "New L" or "True Successor." The information was securely protected, and only the United States and key figures at Wammy House knew that L had truly died. At this point, with a new identity, the successor could mobilize U.S. resources and invest in investigative equipment to assist with the investigation.

Additionally, there was the information from Japan, detailing L's investigation process, the developments, and how the fake L was set up. From this, the successor would know how to narrow down the suspects. Light took the name "L" without hesitation, inadvertently putting both Light and the Japanese task force under suspicion from Near and Mello. This is how the two of them could identify which individual was the true Kira.

L's plan to light the torch was completely successful, and the final plan was carried out. Everything after that will be up to Near and Mello. The only failure would occur if both of them failed, but in the end, before his death, L had done everything he could.



Light took on the name L, inadvertently completing L's plan to light the torch. This paved the way for the successors to learn about the existence of the fake L.



The time setup had reached its final seconds, the sound filling the empty room, and the message was sent to Wammy House. This officially marked the end of L's final strategy and his own plan.

=> Perception, Intuition, Planning, Strategy, Deception, Indirect Manipulation, Logical Manipulation, Cunning, Anticipation, Set Trap.

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