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A COMMISSIONER HEIGO KOBAYASHI CASE

DETECTIVE!
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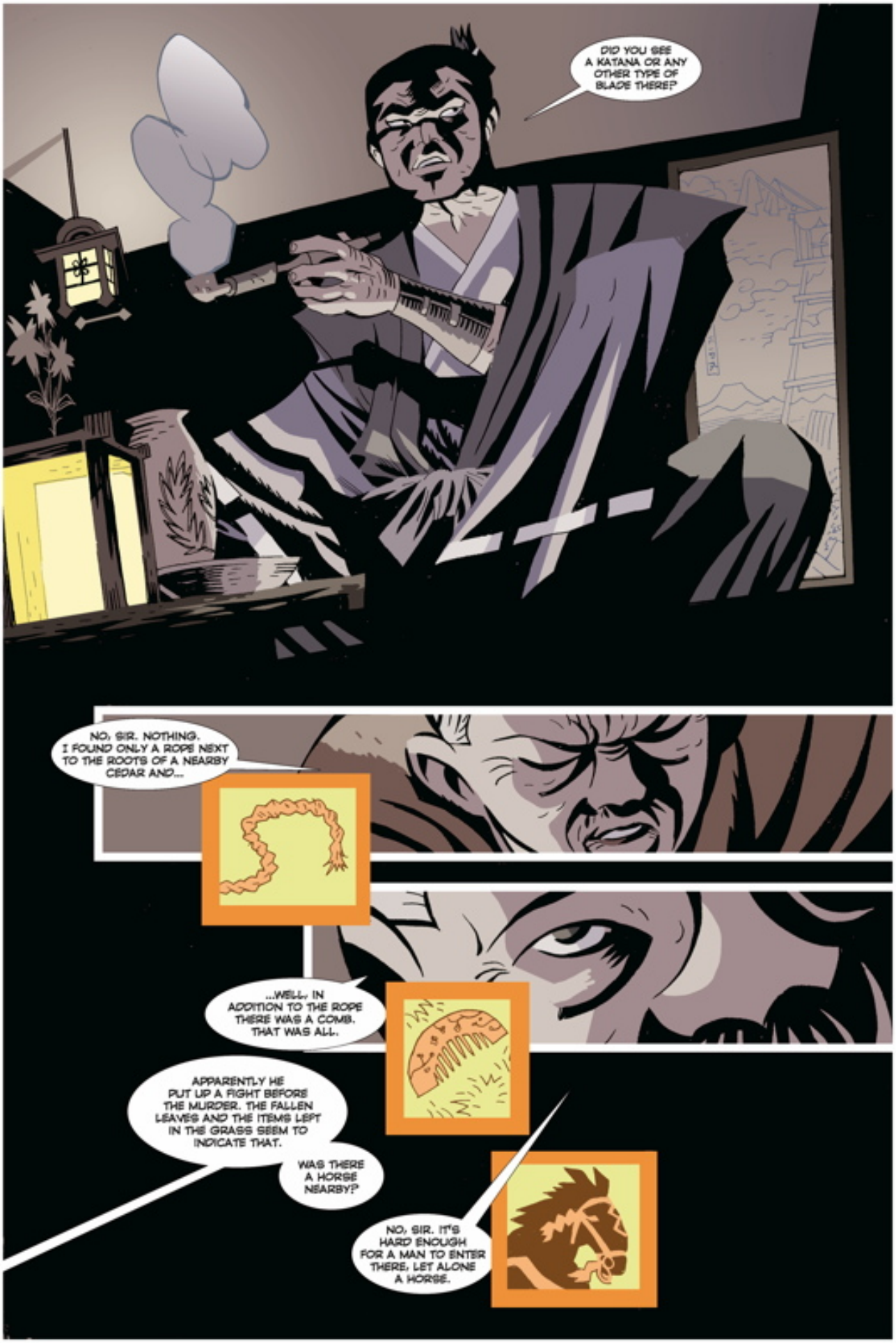
WHO FOUND THE BODY, INSPECTOR?
AN OLD MAN FROM THE VILLAGE. SIR. A WOOD CUTTER.
CALL HIM. WE MUST START WITH THE INTERROGATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
YES, SIR.
BY THE WAY, I'M AN OFFICIAL WITH THE YAMASHINA POLICE. MY NAME'S...
LET'S GO.

YES, SIR. THAT'S RIGHT. I FOUND THE BODY.
THIS MORNING, AS USUAL, I WENT TO THE WOODS TO CUT MY DAILY QUOTA OF CEDAR, WHEN I FOUND THE BODY IN A GROVE, SURROUNDED BY BAMBOO.
WHERE EXACTLY?
ABOUT 150 METERS FROM THE ROAD TO YAMASHINA.
"A SINGLE BLOW TORE HIS CHEST APART. AND THERE WERE BAMBOO LEAVES STAINED WITH BLOOD EVERYWHERE."


DID YOU SEE A KATANA OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF BLADE THERE?
NO, SIR. NOTHING. I FOUND ONLY A ROPE NEXT TO THE ROOTS OF A NEARBY CEDAR AND...
...WELL, IN ADDITION TO THE ROPE THERE WAS A COMB. THAT WAS ALL.
APPARENTLY HE PUT UP A FIGHT BEFORE THE MURDER. THE FALLEN LEAVES AND THE ITEMS LEFT IN THE GRASS SEEM TO INDICATE THAT.
WAS THERE A HORSE NEARBY?
NO, SIR. IT'S HARD ENOUGH FOR A MAN TO ENTER THERE, LET ALONE A HORSE.

WHAT TIME?
YESTERDAY MORNING. IT WAS EARLY.
"THE UNFORTUNATE MAN WAS ON THE ROAD BETWEEN SEKIYAMA AND YAMASHINA.
"HE WAS WALKING TOWARD SEKIYAMA WITH A WOMAN ON HORSEBACK THAT I DEDUCED WAS HIS WIFE.