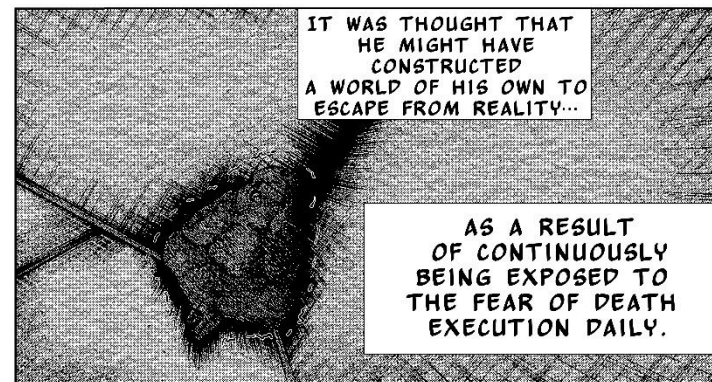
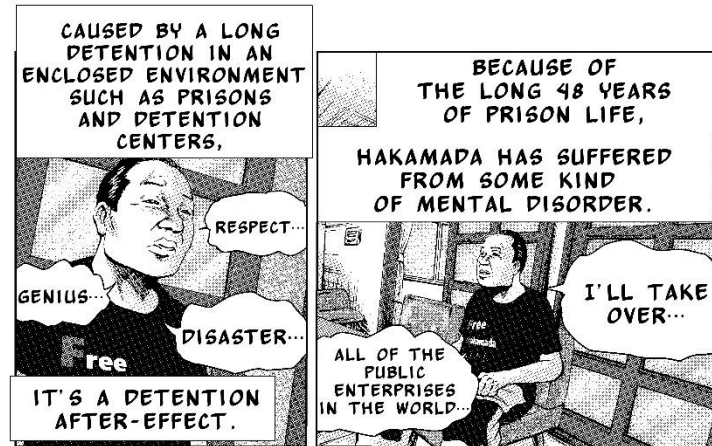


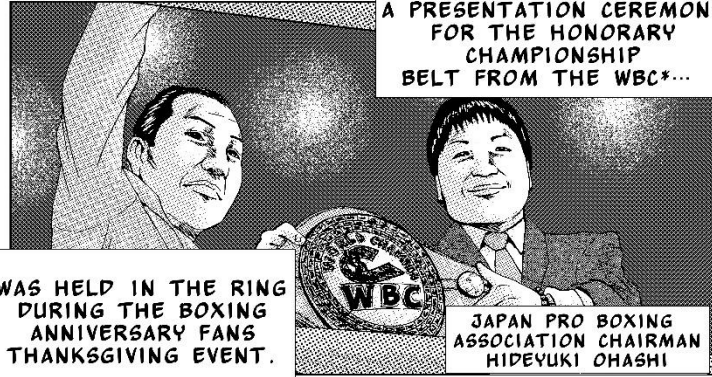
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*WORLD BOXING COUNCIL
ONE OF THE ORGANIZATIONS
THAT SANCTIONS BOXING WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIPS.

MAY 19, 2014.

A PRESENTATION CEREMONY
FOR THE HONORARY
CHAMPIONSHIP
BELT FROM THE WBC*...



WAS HELD IN THE RING
DURING THE BOXING
ANNIVERSARY FANS
THANKSGIVING EVENT.

JAPAN PRO BOXING
ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN
HIDEYUKI OHASHI



ON THE "HAKAMADA
SEAT" THE JAPAN PRO
BOXING ASSOCIATION
HAD PREPARED.

ON MARCH
15, 2015,



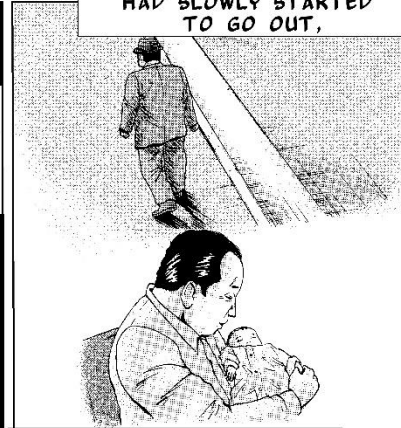
HAKAMADA ALSO
WATCHED
A BOXING MATCH...



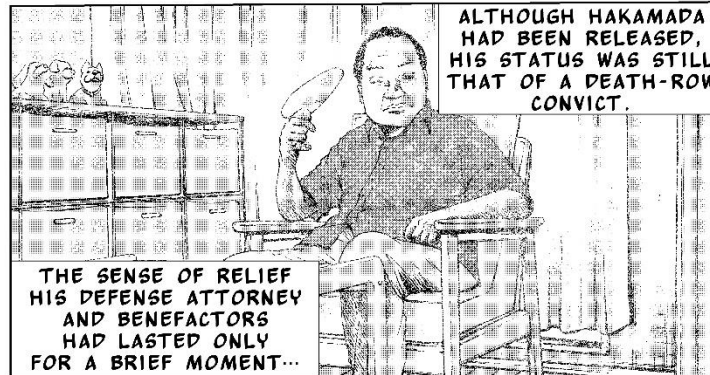
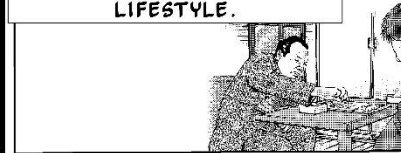
ON THE OTHER HAND,
THE TRIAL WASN'T
OVER YET.

IT'S BECAUSE
THE PROSECUTION
MADE AN IMMEDIATE
APPEAL TO THE TOKYO
HIGH COURT AGAINST
THE DECISION
MADE BY THE SHIZUOKA
DISTRICT COURT.

HAKAMADA, WHO WAS PRONE
TO SHUTTING HIMSELF IN HIS
HOME IN THE BEGINNING,
HAD SLOWLY STARTED
TO GO OUT,



AND, ALTHOUGH BIT
BY BIT, HE COULD BE SEEN
TO HAVE GOTTEN USED
TO HIS EVERYDAY
LIFESTYLE.



ALTHOUGH HAKAMADA
HAD BEEN RELEASED,
HIS STATUS WAS STILL
THAT OF A DEATH-ROW
CONVICT.

THE SENSE OF RELIEF
HIS DEFENSE ATTORNEY
AND BENEFACTORS
HAD LASTED ONLY
FOR A BRIEF MOMENT...

JUNE 11, 2018.

THE TOKYO HIGH COURT
OVERTURNED THE DECISION
MADE BY THE SHIZUOKA
DISTRICT COURT...

AND RULED THAT
A RETRIAL
WOULD NOT BE APPROVED.

不当決定

IT DENIED FLATLY THE EXAMINATION
RESULT OF PROFESSOR KATSUYA HONDA
FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TSUKUBA THAT
HAD STATED THE DNA OF THE BLOODSTAIN
ON THE RIGHT SHOULDER
OF THE WHITE SHORT-SLEEVED SHIRT...

TO AVOID FALSE
DETECTION OF THE DNA
OF OTHER PEOPLE'S
SWEAT, SALIVA, OR
SOME SUCH...

AND TO PRIORITIZE THE DNA
EXTRACTION OF THE BLOOD
CELLS, HONDA USED AN
ORIGINAL TECHNIQUE HE CAME
UP WITH FOR THE EXAMINATION.

DIDN'T MATCH HAKAMADA'S
DNA, AS OPPOSED TO
SHIZUOKA DISTRICT COURT
THAT HAD ACKNOWLEDGED IT.

THE DECISION MADE BY
THE HIGH COURT
WAS HEAVILY INFLUENCED
BY THE CREDIBILITY JUDGMENT
OF THE DNA EXAMINATION,

不当決定

BUT THE DEFENSE
ATTORNEY IS ASSERTING
THE OTHER
CONTRADICTIONS
AS WELL.

HOWEVER, THE MEDICAL
EXAMINERS WHO COOPERATED
WITH THE PROSECUTION DISPLAYED
DOUBTS ABOUT THE CREDIBILITY
OF THIS TECHNIQUE.

IN THE END, THE HIGH COURT
SWALLOWED THE PROSECUTION'S
ASSERTION AND CUT OFF THE DNA
EXAMINATION, ONE OF THE REASONS
FOR A RETRIAL, AS "UNRELIABLE".

