Second Rebunk of STL Hal Doc

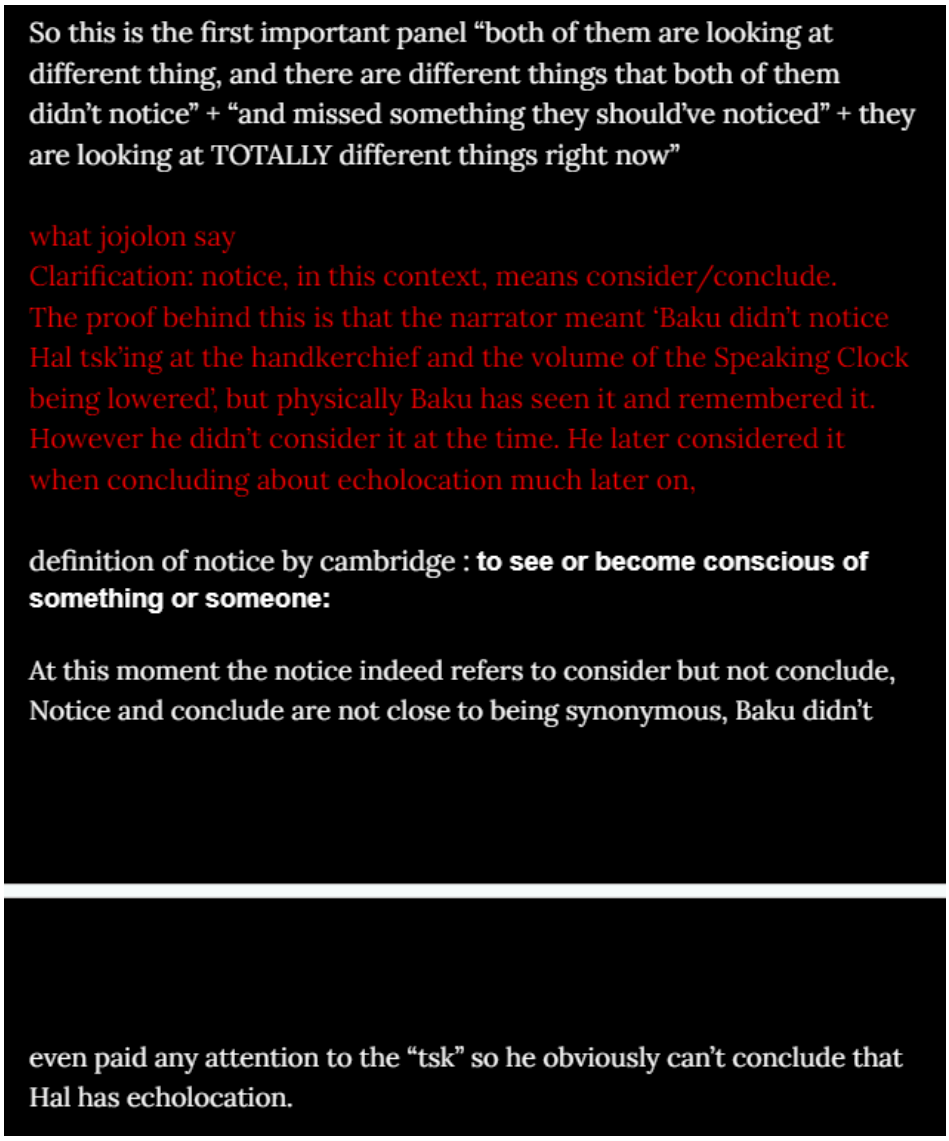


Ending this stupid debate.
[Domino's second debunk]

Debunk
Rebunk

Debunk:


AND THERE ARE DIFFE-RENT THINGS
THAT BOTH OF THEM DIDN'T NOTICE.
BOTH OF THEM ARE LOOKING AT DIFFERENT THINGS.
A PREDATOR WILL SHOW ITS FLAW WHEN IT GOES TO FINISH ITS PREY.
BOTH OF THEM HAVE IMMERSED THEMSELVES INTO THEIR STRATEGIES,
AND MISSED SOMETHING THEY SHOULD'VE NOTICED.
THEY ARE LOOKING AT TOTALLY DIFFERENT THINGS RIGHT NOW.
STRANGELY, BOTH OF THEM ARE THINKING THE SAME THING RIGHT NOW:
THERE IS ALSO SOME INFORMATION THAT CAN ONLY BE GRASPED BY THE ONES
AT THE SCENE...



Rebunk:

The fact that both of them didn't notice something refers to them not being able to see through the other one's hidden intention behind their actions.

-Baku failed to notice Hal's intention of lowering the volume of the speaking clock which was a preparation for his usage of echolocation.
-Hal failed to notice Baku's intention behind trying to delay the round even though he had ALREADY seen through Leap Second. The next part will explain this clearly.

Debunk:

(jojolon)
But what is the thing that Hal has missed here?
To explain, we first need to look back on the circumstances STL has happened. Baku and Hal were supposed to meet at 7:00 AM alongside the referee for Surpassing The Leader to be held.
However, the start of Surpassing The Leader was delayed, Yakou came only at about 7:50 AM. The speaking clock started at 8:07 AM.
It is possible both for Baku to have planned for LS happening at 8 AM or 9 AM, not being certain when exactly STL would start.
That's exactly why Hal simply concluding that Baku's aim was/is using Leap Second, after Baku's 2nd time as C, isn't enough. Hal needs to find out whether Baku's plan for using Leap Second is still active (in case it happens on 9AM) or not (in case it happens on 8AM).

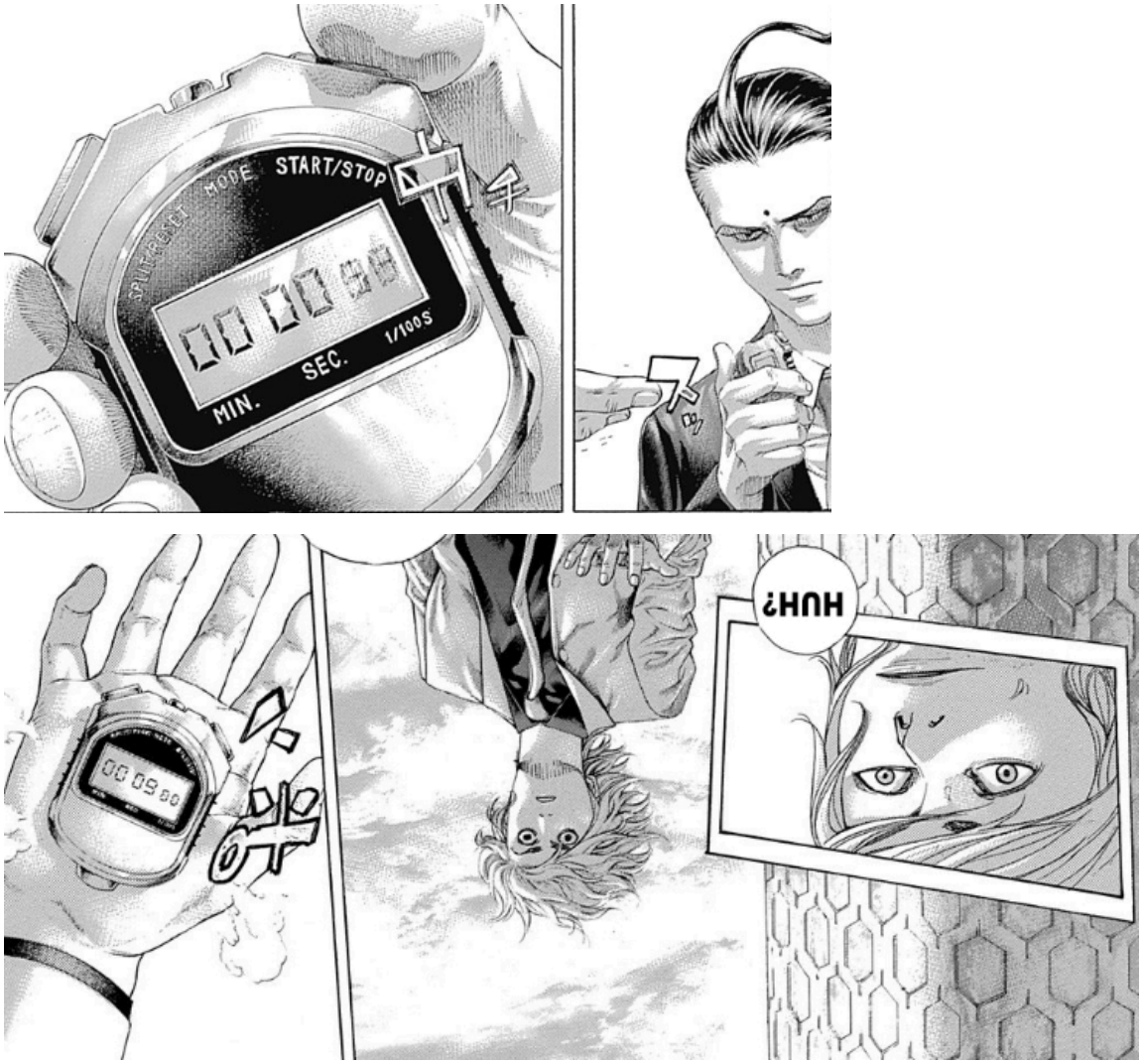
So this doesn't align with what the narrator say, because he say "something that THEY SHOULD have noticed" while in jojolon interpretation how can Hal figure it out? he can't, that's not possible and therefore it contradicts the fact that Hal SHOULD HAVE (for his degree of intelligence I guess?) "concluded" in his interpretation that Baku plans to use LS. In my interpretation what Hal didn't notice is the intention behind Baku sitting on the chair which happen the same chapter as the statement (501). Because isn't it weird that Baku does that? What's his reason? gaining time? why? oh remember Hal suspected baku plan being about time... he should have noticed that

Rebunk:

First of all I need to address the explanation I used back then.
As some of you may know, I've analyzed Surpassing the Leader for a very long time and the first rebunk was made by me 4 months ago. During that time I've managed to analyze the arc further and have been able to gauge Hal's reasoning much more accurately.
Simply put, at that time I was unaware of a certain aspect in Unauthentic Surpassing the Leader which is relevant to Hal being able to figure out Leap Second.

To give a small summary:

1. Baku and Hal agreed to have a gamble which would last 30 minutes
2. Baku gave Hal his timer and Hal noticed that Baku has been reacting weirdly to the timings 59-60 (milliseconds) and 9:00 (9 seconds)



3. After Hal showcased the fact that he saw through Baku's uneasiness regarding 9:00, as you can see, Hal specifically STOPPED the timer.

4. Baku then destroyed the watch in order to not be seen through again, as the 9:00 timing had yet to appear at the 9th minute mark and 59-60 could be correlated to the passing of a minute.

The fact I missed this part of the process behind Hal's reasoning is what caused me to refute Domino's argument using the contextual aspect of STL being delayed. The way I refuted this argument 4 months ago doesn't work, because Hal had actually seen through Baku being worried about the 9:00 timing and not 8:00, so Hal couldn't have suspected that Leap Second might have happened earlier, unless Baku's reactions to the timer were just his acting skills, which is far too unlikely.

Funnily enough, if I had noticed this reasoning 4 months ago I would've been able to realize that there is actually a much more logical and simpler explanation which correlates to the way other narrator panels are explained too.

1. **During Baku's first Near-Death, Hal SPECIFICALLY STATES that before Baku turned around, he ALREADY began to suspect if Baku's scheme is a minute which is longer than 60 seconds.**



Here we see Hal's reflection on how he figured out Leap Second: "Feels long, doesn't it? The passing of time feels different

depending on the situation. **Just now, the time before Usogui turned his head, was so long that I suspected if it really was only a minute.**"

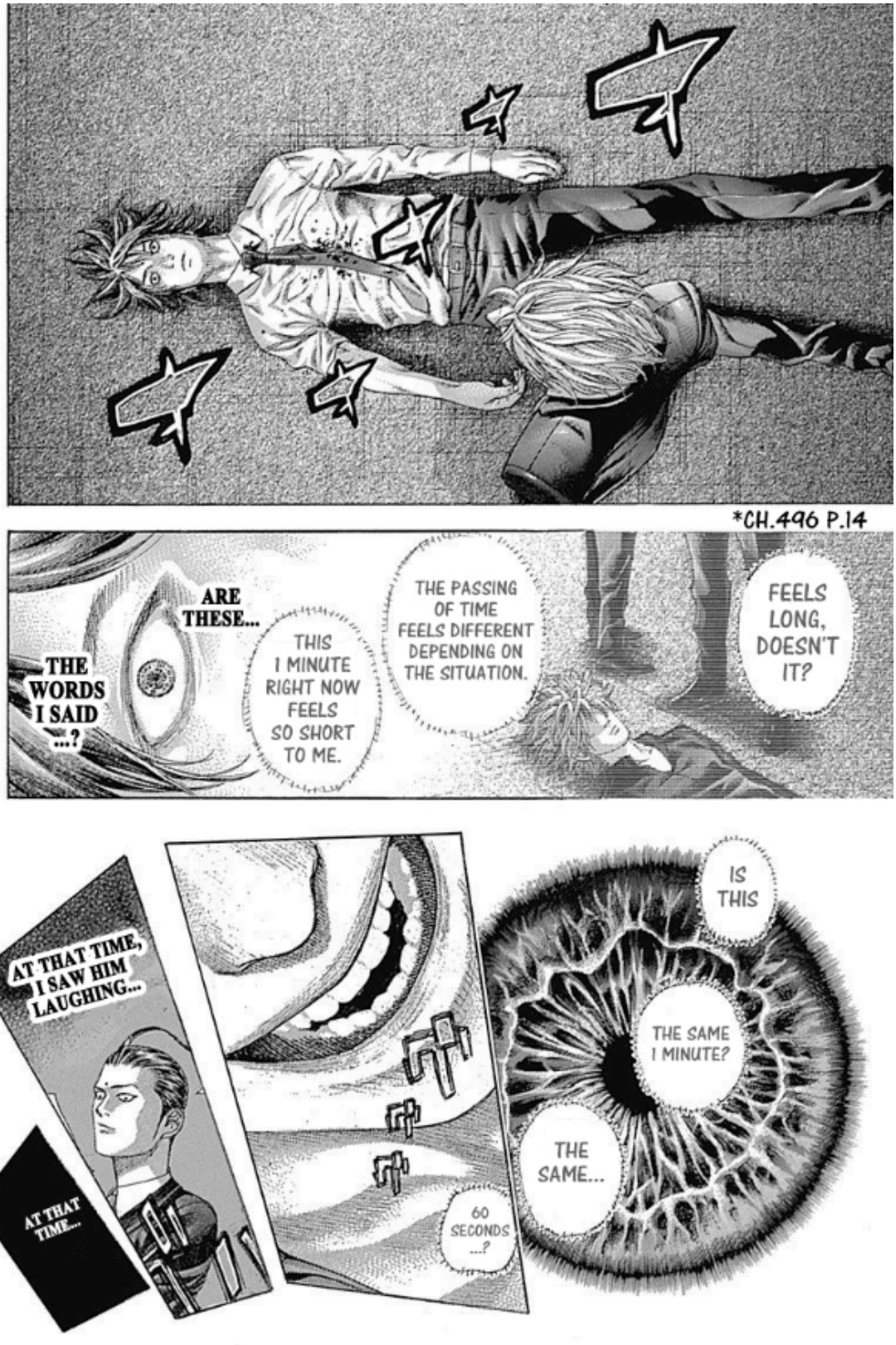
Hal directly said:

"This is tense... <u>This 1 minute right now feels so short to me.</u> Is this the same 1 minute? <u>Is this the same 60 seconds?</u>"

After this, Hal saw Baku's laugh which symbolized Baku's failed check being intentional, as he had used it as an opportunity to learn the starting deviations.

It was also an answer to Hal's suspicion, who just asked if this is the same 60 seconds after already saying the current minute feels short.

Later on, after falling for Leap Second, Hal specifically reflects back on these words:



When Hal remembered this moment, he was shocked that he

had started suspecting Leap Second so early. After this he stated that:

“At that time I saw him laughing… at that time…”

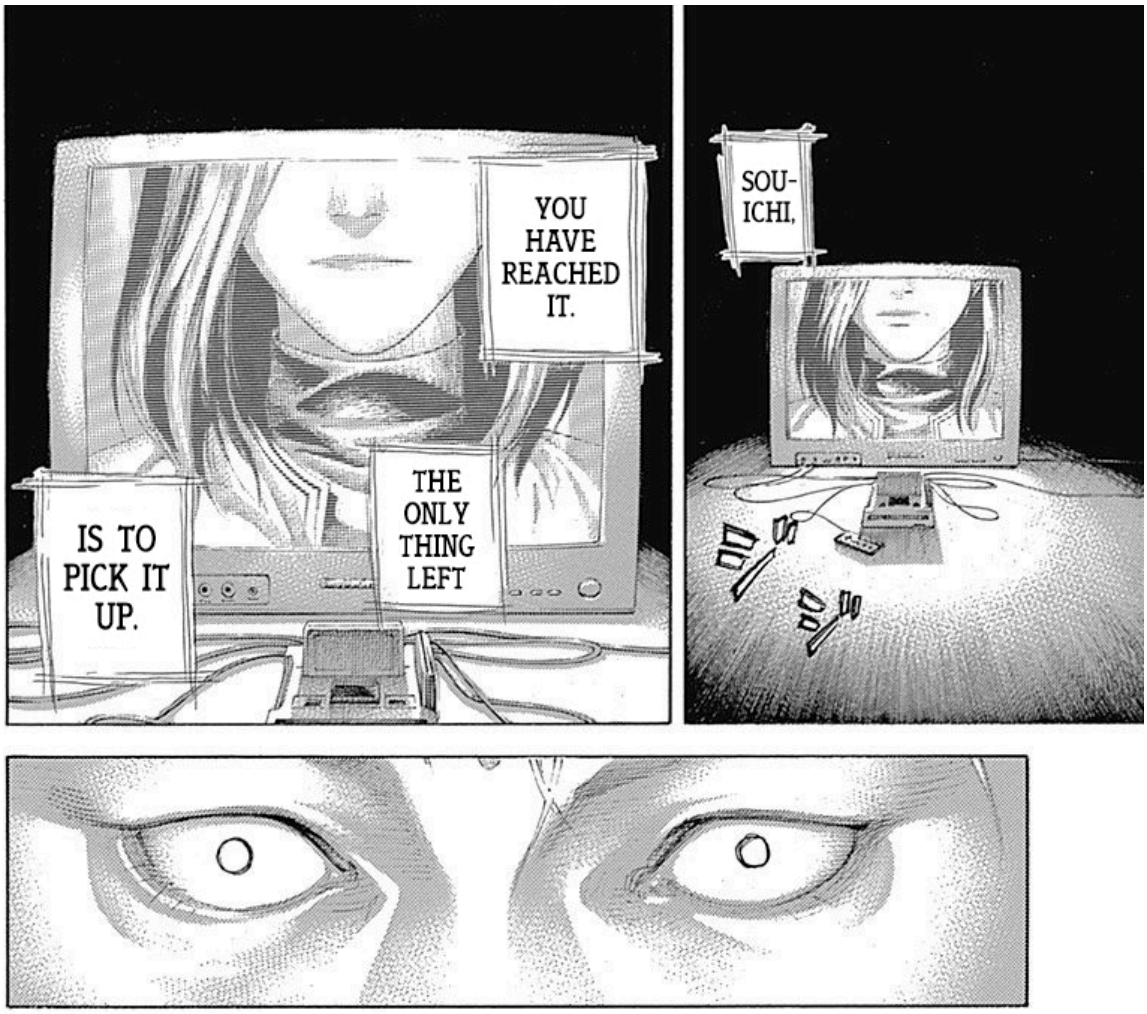
What Hal means by this is that at first he only suspected Leap Second, but after seeing through Baku’s intention of his failed check being intentional as well as him ‘reacting’ to Hal’s question Souichi had confirmed his suspicions.

By the time Baku was revived, Hal had already confirmed his suspicions regarding Leap Second.

There is ANOTHER instance of the narrative emphasizing on this moment, which was during Hal’s second Near-Death:


FEELS LONG, DOESN'T IT?
THE PASSING OF TIME FEELS DIFFERENT DEPENDING ON THE SITUATION.
JUST NOW, THE TIME BEFORE USOGUI TURNED HIS HEAD...


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These panels reflect on Hal's words from the first round and show Baku's laugh being shown on the screen where he was watching Eko's tapes. We then see Eko, ON THE SAME SCREEN THAT BAKU'S LAUGH WAS SHOWN, tell Souichi he reached the answer and he just needs to pick it up. The answer has already been there, in his mind, left for him to pick it up and the reasoning behind it was a reflection on how he figured it out in the first round.

Sako made sure to emphasize on this <u>THREE TIMES</u>.

<u>Hal figured out Leap Second in the first round</u>, when Baku was dead.

The fact people can't accept such straightforward evidence is just pathetic.

After the first round, even though Hal had already figured out Leap Second, he made sure to forget it and as we can see, it's NOT part of his reasoning in the 2nd turn of the 1st round.
Influenced by his subconscious awareness, Hal wanted to turn around and fail his check, thus opening the Leap Second Route to Baku. Hal was interrupted by Baku's unusual drop and in order to misdirect Baku, Hal went through a reasoning he would normally have gone through, as he no longer knows about Leap Second and doesn't use it as his premise.



Now, I just proved Hal figured out Leap Second in the first round, so it's time to refute misinterpretations of the narrator panels sent by Domino.

Here is the panel:



First of all, I will show why this narrator panel makes sense in my interpretation and aligns with everything we've been shown.
Second of all, I will then explain why this narrator panel contradicts Domino's interpretation.

As the omniscient narrator states:
"They are looking at totally different things right now. Both of them are looking at different things and there are different things that both of them didn't notice (...) Both of them have immersed themselves into their strategies and missed something they should've noticed."

Like I already stated:
-Baku failed to notice Hal's intention of lowering the volume of the speaking clock which was a preparation for his usage of echolocation.
-Hal failed to notice Baku's intention behind trying to delay the round even though he had ALREADY seen through Leap Second.

1. **Here is the reasoning for 'both of them looking at totally different things':**
   - As I've already stated, in the first round Hal already forgot about the Leap Second he had just figured out, that's why he CAN'T be focused on Leap Second which is the entire point of forgetting it in the first place- he aims to misdirect Baku

2. Here is the reasoning for Hal missing something he SHOULD've noticed:
   Hal already figured out Leap Second but forgot about it, making sure he doesn't figure it out again.
   After this, there is another major hint of Baku intending to use Leap Second which Hal now doesn't see through:



Baku attempts to delay the round and Hal doesn't see through his intentions. Hal had already figured out Leap Second which he forgot about, so now he can't notice Baku's intention again.

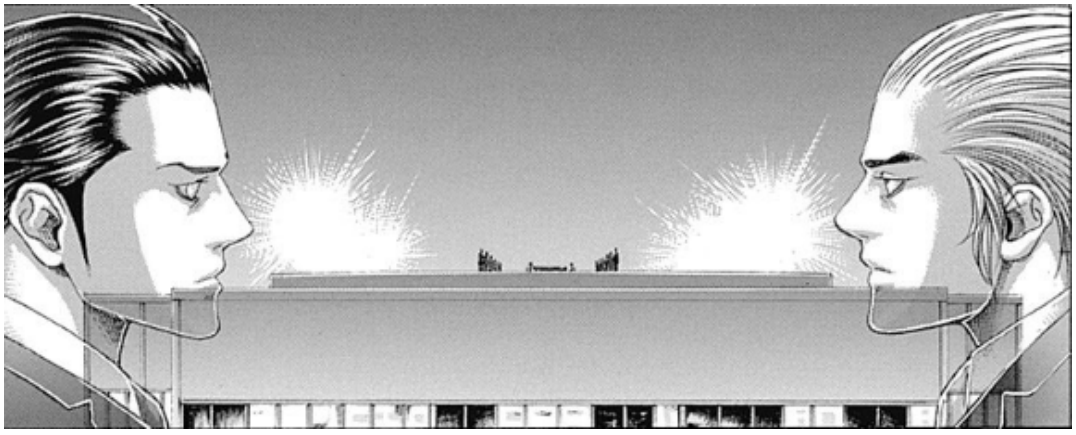
That perfectly explains why this is something Hal SHOULD've seen through, because if Hal didn't handicap himself in such a way he would've noticed Baku's intention again.



Sako even included a minor hint. In all of these panels, including the narrator panel, Hal's eyes are gray-ish (and often without pupils)



Sako commonly uses this to symbolize his memory loss.
I will just show a few examples:
1. Hal after suffering from memory loss, thus forgetting about Baku and their friendship





2. Hal after intentionally forgetting his death experiences in Air Poker



Now that I've explained why the narrator panel aligns with my analysis, it's time to point out the funniest thing here, this narrator panel contradicts Domino's interpretation 💀

It's funny how the narrator panel states that Hal missed something he SHOULD have noticed which is Baku's intention.
Why is that funny? Well, because in Domino's interpretation Hal misses something he SHOULD have noticed without any excuse whatsoever.
In Domino's interpretation only Baku should be excused here, because his mind was hazy after the Near-Death, so he missed something he normally would've noticed, which is Hal's intention of lowering the volume of the speaking clock.

Debunk:

Hal failed to notice Baku's true aim behind his risky check, which was checking the time alteration for 1M of the time of death. In other words with Baku's death he realized how time is altered based on

deaths. The only logical reason why Baku would do this is if LS still has yet to happen.
(jojolon)

no? Baku died at this moment even if Hal thought he did it on purpose, how does Hal deduce Baku wants to use leap second? it could just be a way to misdirect Hal? You're saying Hal try to understand if want to use it or not, but that can just be a way to misdirect him so Hal from this can't conclude anything deductively. Now let's be serious, so Hal, a guy with inhuman intelligence who's suspecting Baku using leap second will seriously not think that Baku needs to time it on the perfect round and therefore gain information about the time? Hal is even more intelligent than Baku as it's stated after STL so just how? In my interpretation Hal just thought Baku failed since if Baku checked 1 second after he would have succeeded and Hal was scared at that moment. So to conclude, Hal SHOULD have noticed something, which is Baku intention behind his 1st death but i've explained why he CAN NOT notice nor conclude his intention behind this death deductively which debunk JJL interpretation

Rebunk:

I've just explained what exactly happened. 4 months ago I wasn't aware of the true explanation.
Hal noticed Baku's intention in the first round and it's highlighted 3 times I've shown.
The explanation for this narrator panel is very simple and I've already described it in this Second Rebunk (the document you're reading right now, I will just call it SR).

Debunk:

Now let's continue "they are looking at TOTALLY different things right now"
In Jojolon interpretation Hal is looking at if Baku wants to use it or use it to deceive Hal into thinking he will use it even though he can't. Then why does the narrator say they are looking at TOTALLY different things if both think about the leap second use?

Totally definition according to cambridge : Completely

"they look totally different thing"

completely definition : **in every way or as much as possible:**
The two sister are completely different

Rebunk:
Already explained in this SR.

Debunk:



Rebunk:

The dumbest part of the debunk so far, but don't worry, this debunk will only get worse.

This is HAL'S Near Death. For the clock to be there, in HIS NEAR-DEATH VISION, he has to be aware of it, no matter if consciously or subconsciously.

Time to refute this retarded argument even further.

After Hal gets revived, the narrator mentions that Hal had begun to retrieve the truth of his previous failure which is the cause of him

failing his check. Not only that, but the narrator then states that this truth is something which he reached DURING HIS NEAR-DEATH.







Domino, there is no way you can refute the clock being the truth he reached as there is NOTHING else Hal experienced during his Near-Death which could be interpreted as <u>the truth which caused his failure</u>.

You're also acting as if guiding someone towards Leap Second is too abstract of a concept, which is false, because even Yakou mentioned that <u>it felt like Baku is being guided by someone</u> despite YAKOU NOT EVEN BEING AWARE THAT HAL FIGURED OUT LEAP SECOND.



Hmmm… these two panels… What could they mean?





Hal guiding Baku towards Leap Second? Nah… must've been the wind, right, Domino?
Even though Hal already figured out Leap Second in the first round? Hmm, my bad, all those narrator and Souichi panels proving you wrong (including the ones I haven't sent yet) must be just foreshadowing, right? After all, Sako is such a genius that he would have a character state that they have figured something out, but that's obviously not true, right?
When Hal states twice that he figured out Leap Second in the first round (with another instance of it being shown again), that must mean he figured it out 7 rounds later right, Domino?

I think that's an obvious sarcasm before someone misunderstands.

Domino additionally states:
"Moreover a clock looking at 9 AM is not enough to show that Hal now knows Baku will use LS since there is nothing indicated by any narrator Hal doing so"
This is just funny to say the least. I've already sent 3 instances showing that Hal concluded Leap Second in the first round and

using 2 narrator panels I've refuted the claim that "Clock pointing at 9 AM is not enough to show that Hal knows Baku will use Leap Second" as the narrator panels show otherwise.

To people wondering, this is one of those panels which proves Hal figuring out Leap Second, it does so in 2 different ways. I've already talked about the first one, the aspect of the truth which caused Hal to fail his check.
In this panel there is even a direct statement that when Baku had begun to suspect Souichi already figured out Leap Second the narrator stated that Baku stopped 'exaggerating the fear against the enemy in his mind' which correlates to being able to deeply read the enemy's mind.
Domino later tries disproving this panel and I will then show how dumb his argument is.



Domino states:

“the clock could just be a foreshadowing like Sako likes to put.”

It’s not like Sako went on to emphasize Hal figuring out Leap Second

THREE DIFFERENT TIMES with one of them being after Hal ALREADY fell for Leap Second, which didn't serve as foreshadowing of Hal catching up to Leap Second, but instead served as foreshadowing to the fact that Hal had seized 2 seconds in order to survive falling for Leap Second (with even 6th round being mentioned as part of the process).

Domino states:
"Hal already knew it could happen at 9 AM so how does he conclude Baku will use LS because of that when nothing can help in deducing or inducing that Baku will use it?"

First of all, despite my explanation from the first rebunk being outdated it would still be a logical explanation for someone who disregards the aspect of the clock in an Unauthentic STL. Back then my explanation was that Hal only suspected Leap Second might happen at 9AM but he could only confirm it after seeing Baku's astonished expression (due to Leap Second Route being available so easily), after which he went through Near-Death and arrived at the truth.
Of course such explanation (Hal suspecting if Leap Second happens at 8:00AM or 9:00AM) isn't valid due to the aspect of the premises from the timer, but I wanted to point out that despite that Domino still didn't comprehend this outdated explanation.

By the way, Domino doesn't consider the premises from the timer and assumes that Hal stopping the timer holds no relevance...

I used a different explanation which didn't consider the context of how Hal was actually shown to figure out Leap Second. In other words, this part of Domino's argument holds no validity.

Domino states:
“That's a huge assumption when they are VERY clear statements about Hal inducing in round 8 and not here.”
Huge assumption? Domino disregards the fact that I’ve already used many Souichi panels and Narrator panels to prove my point.

All the narrator panels that Domino misinterprets are easily explainable in a similar manner: ‘Hal forgot about Leap Second and can’t know about it’.
Meanwhile Domino has to go through all kinds of mental acrobatics including going against many narrator panels and Hal DIRECTLY stating a couple of times that he figured out Leap Second in the first round.
Later on Domino makes even more misconceptions which I will pinpoint further.

Debunk:

Proof for Hal finding about LS



Are you kidding me? Proof? A proof should be something which doesn't allow any other interpretation right...
When we use EXAGGERATING, it means we are making the situation looks WORSE than IT IS, so in this case Hal Knowing about LEAP SECOND and then Baku STOP EXAGGERATING which means Hal does not know about LS and this is even more obvious with panel after. The panel even says "when he stopped exaggerating the dead man started moving gradually retrieving the truth" so Baku exaggerated something in his mind that Hal (in JJL interpretation) hadn't even remembered yet and then stopped exaggerating it (Hal deducing LS) which means he didn't. The panel also say "previous failure" not anything about baku plan.

Rebunk:

So here is another instance of Domino misunderstanding the story.

Domino misinterprets a concept which is elaborated on early.


IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT ATTACKING FIRST AS "D".
THE ONE WHO TAKES INITIATIVE CAN USUALLY DOMINATE THE GAME.
IN THIS KIND OF MIND-GAME...
THE ONE WHO CAN TAKE THE REAL INITIATIVE IS...
HAS IT BEEN DROPPED? IS THE NEAR-DEATH DRUG BEING ACCUMULATED?
OR IS USOGUI'S PREDICTION CORRECT?


TAKE POKER AS AN EXAMPLE, IT'S LIKE WHEN YOUR BLUFF IS SEEN THROUGH BY YOUR OPPONENT.
OR YOU THINK THE OPPONENT WAS BLUFFING, BUT IT'S ACTUALLY A STRONG HAND.


THE ONE WHO CAN READ THE OPPONENT'S MIND MORE DEEPLY.

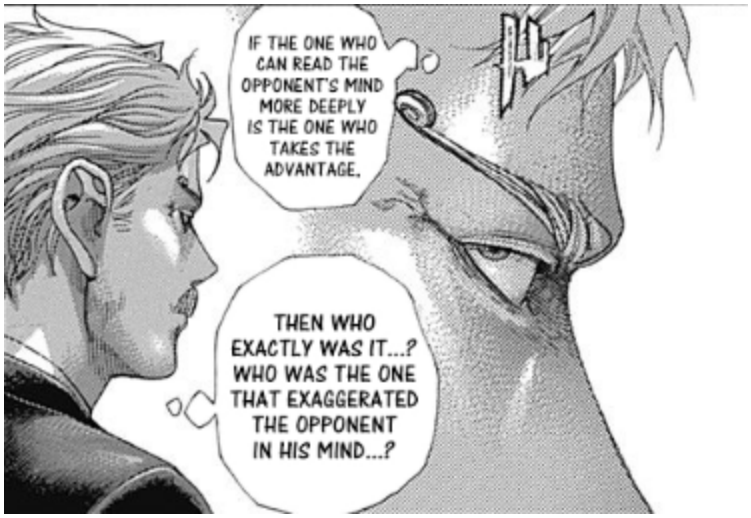


'Exaggerating the fear against the enemy in one's mind' is a concept that's elaborated on pretty early. It directly contrasts being the one to read the opponent's mind more deeply.

Exaggeration works both ways as in this aspect it's everything that causes you to exaggerate different traits of the enemy (cautiousness/carelessness).
In a 1v1 setting the one who can't read the opponent's mind more deeply (than the person they are going against) is considered to be exaggerating the enemy in their mind.
It's further elaborated on when Baku fails his check and Yakou still questions who actually exaggerated the enemy in their mind and who has been able to read the other one's mind more accurately. As it first seemed someone could go and interpret this aspect that it was Hal who

read Baku's mind more deeply and it was Baku who had exaggerated the enemy in his mind through underestimation of Hal.
The fact that Yakou considers either possibility (Hal or Baku exaggerating the enemy) further proves this concept.


1ST ROUND, 1ST HALF,
MADARAME BAKU-SAMA FAILED TO "CHECK"!!



Yakou once again says it here. In a 1v1 Gamble one of the contestants will read the other one's mind more deeply, while the other one will exaggerate the opposition.

'Exaggerating the fear against the enemy'

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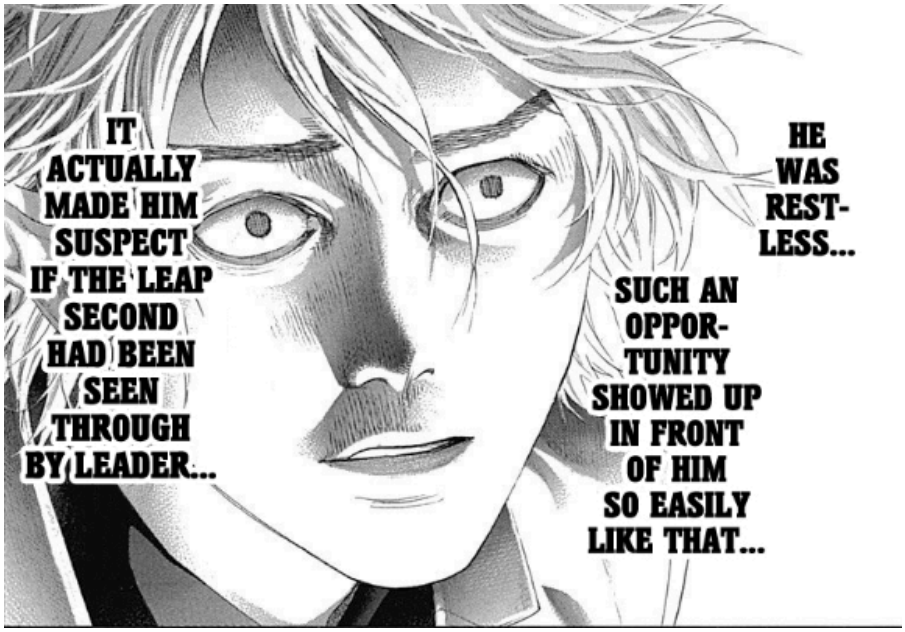
'**Reading the opponent's mind more deeply'**

are thus ANTONYMOUS concepts and one can only do either one of them at the moment. As the gamble goes on, if one stops doing the former it means that they have started doing the latter and vice-versa.

Now, let's see what the panel is saying:



As we can see, after Leap Second Route is opened Baku actually **begins** to SUSPECT that Hal already figured out Leap Second.



Now, the narrator states:
"He stopped it. When he stopped exaggerating the fear against the enemy in his mind, the dead man started moving, gradually retrieving the truth of his previous failure"

Baku began to suspect that Souichi figured out Leap Second, but as opposed to what Domino's fanfiction is saying, the narrator actually confirms that Baku STOPPED exaggerating the fear against the enemy in his mind.

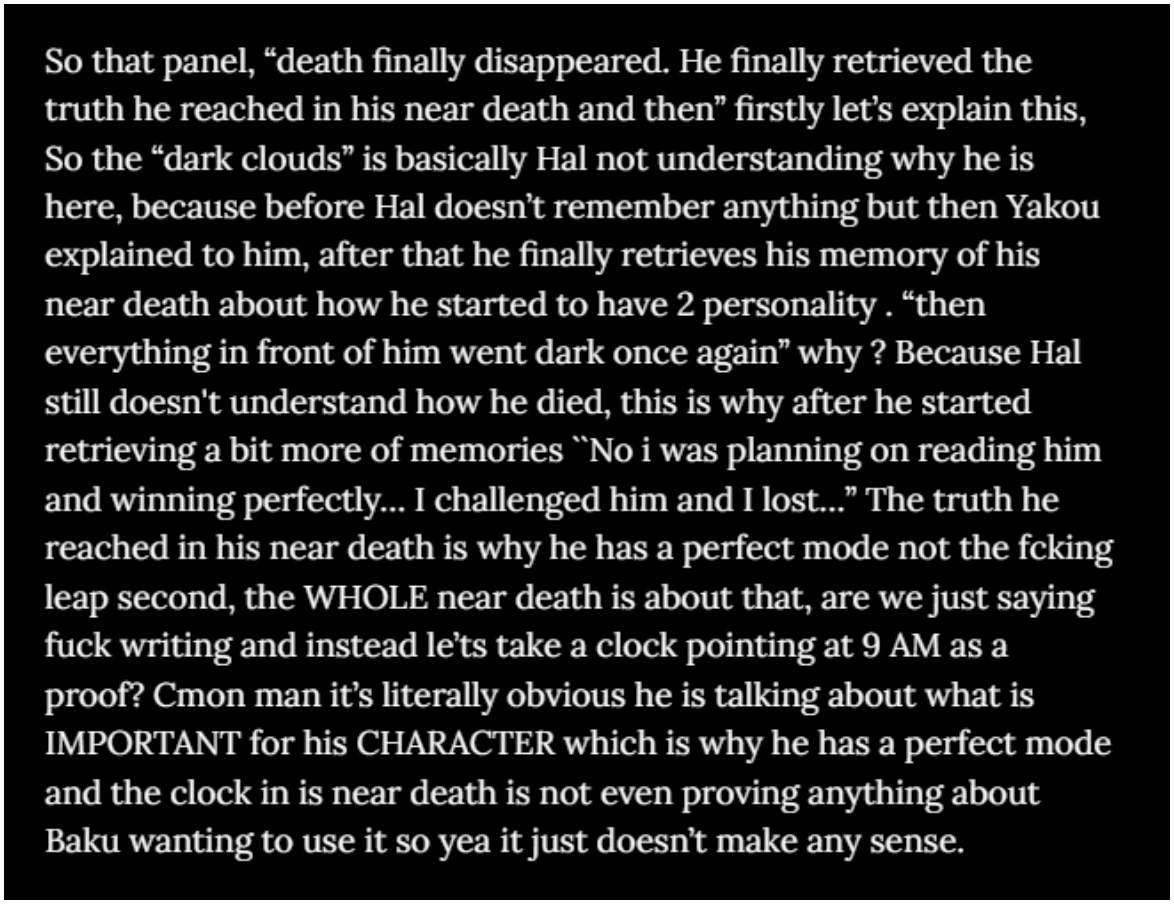
For Baku to STOP exaggerating the fear against the enemy in his mind means that he had started deeply reading Souichi's mind. The narrator stated that this is the case the moment Baku BEGAN to suspect that Hal DID figure out Leap Second.

If Baku's worries weren't reality and Hal actually didn't figure out Leap Second (like Domino believes) then the OMNISCIENT narrator WOULD HAVE STATED THE OPPOSITE, instead saying that Baku BEGAN to exaggerate the fear against the enemy in his mind.

<u>This narrator panel is easy to comprehend and there are no other interpretations like Domino asserted.</u>

Debunk:





Rebunk:

Domino included just a small portion of what the narrator said, so let me bring it up in it’s entirety:

“When the dark clouds announced by his previous Near-Death finally disappeared, he finally retrieved the truth which he reached during the Near-Death… and then everything in front of him went dark once again.”

Before I explain what it means, here is the definition of Cognitive Overload which will be important later:



The dark clouds are something which has concealed the truth. In this case, it was the side-effect of the Near-Death.
The narrator then stated that Hal retrieved the truth after the dark clouds finally disappeared, but then everything in front of him went dark again.
It can be interpreted as the dark clouds appearing once more as it aligns with everything that we've been shown so far.
The truth being mentioned here is Leap Second, which was first concealed from Hal due to the effect of the Near-Death, but then was retrieved by Hal, before the darkness appeared *once more*. After the darkness appeared, the truth was concealed from Hal again. **Due to the lack of knowledge regarding Leap Second, Hal went through**

Cognitive Overload I mentioned earlier and believed that he had simply challenged Baku and lost, which we know isn't the case.

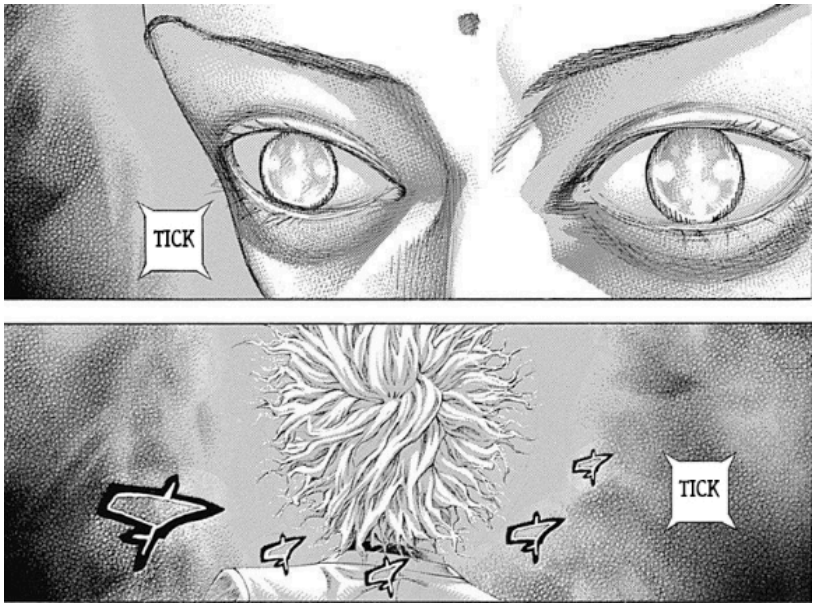
Hal had applied his knowledge regarding Cognitive Overload again, he forgot about Leap Second in order to misdirect Baku, as his consciousness which was unaware of it had to come up with a different explanation instead.

Now, let's look at the debunk:
"The truth he reached in his near death is why he has a perfect mode not the fcking leap second"
Blatantly wrong. As I've proved earlier, <u>the truth Hal reached during Near-Death is the truth which caused his failure. Perfect Mode didn't cause Hal's failure</u>, instead <u>it was his knowledge of Leap Second</u> symbolized by a clock pointing AT 9:00AM IN THE SAME NEAR-DEATH, which is the direct cause of why Hal failed his check in the first place.
Domino's interpretation doesn't even work according to the omniscient narrator.

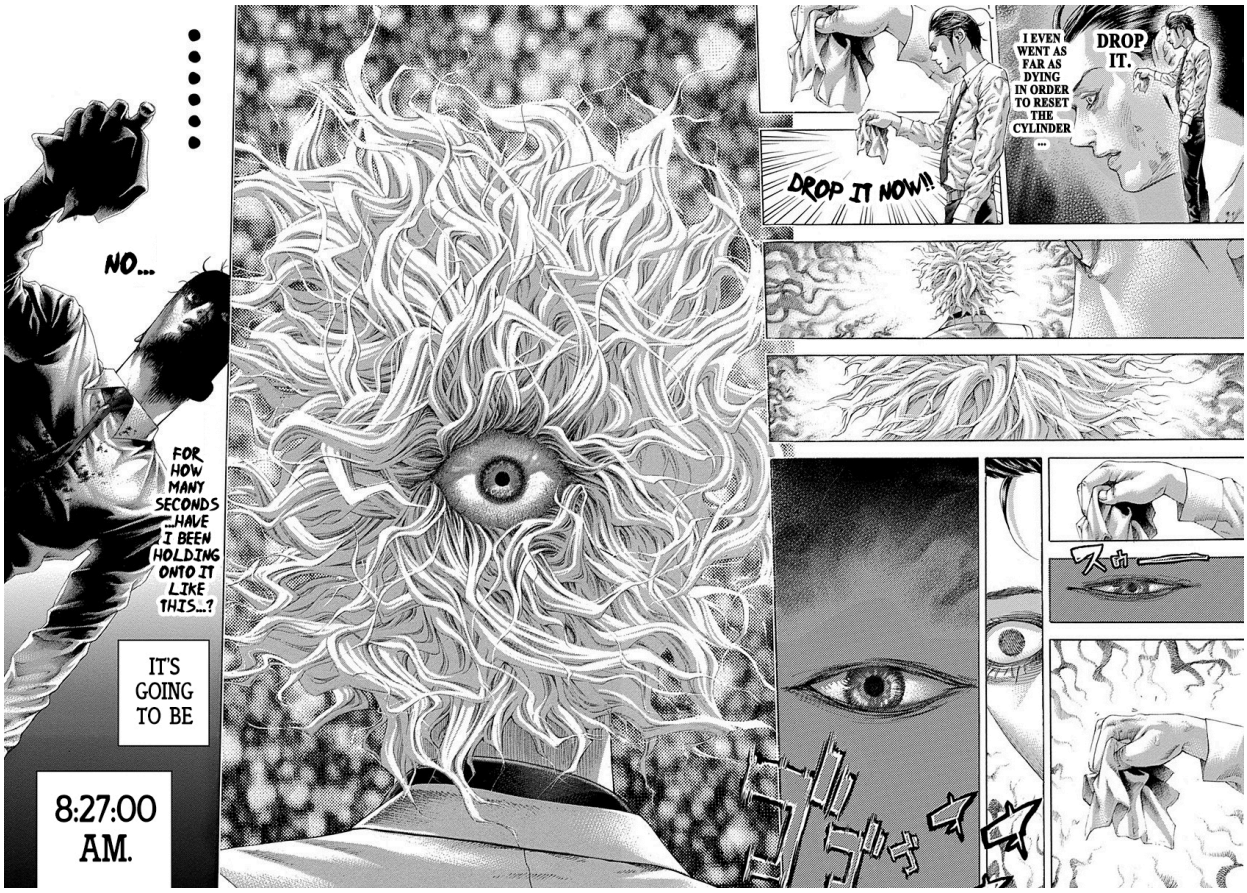
Debunk:
"the WHOLE near death is about that, are we just saying fuck writing and instead le'ts take a clock pointing at 9 AM as a proof?"
Rebunk:
Insane misinterpretation.
Domino's fanfiction is contradicted by the omniscient narrator as I've already shown that **Perfect Mode can't be the truth Hal reached.**
The Leap Second being the actual truth doesn't demerit the writing element in the slightest, as Hal's reflection on how he attained Perfect Mode, internal dilemma and his conflict with Baku are still

very much present in the story.
What's more, it's actually a genius writing for Sako to be able to include BOTH the writing aspect while also including another layer of depth in the mind game, which makes the Surpassing the Leader considerably better than it already was.

Before continuing, here's the aspect of Hal's subconsciousness directly influencing his actions




NOW.



Hal visibly wants to drop the handkerchief as this is the logical move to make in this situation, since it's theoretically more likely for Baku to use Safe Strategy, in which case Hal should aim to accumulate the Near-Death Drug as much as possible. We can also see his reflection of the previous failure.
However, Hal can't do that, since if he were to accumulate too much Near-Death Drug then Baku's Leap Second Route would collapse, as Baku's death wouldn't activate it. If Baku's death wouldn't activate it, Baku would have no reason to die for now and would instead become unpredictable to Hal.
If that were to happen, Hal 'intentionally' failing his check would go to waste.

As I said earlier, Hal had applied his knowledge regarding Cognitive

Overload, he forgot about Leap Second in order to misdirect Baku, since his consciousness which was unaware of it had to come up with a different explanation instead.

We can see another instance of it in the 7th round.



Hal consciously believes that if he were to drop the handkerchief, Baku would instantly check it. He states that the handkerchief will be found for sure and that he can't let go of it. Hal's conscious intent is apparent, but let's see what he does next...



That's right, Hal had directly gone against his conscious intent and instead of not dropping the handkerchief at all, he proceeded to drop it instantly, thus accumulating 60 seconds in Baku's cylinder.
The reason for that is Hal's subconsciousness, aware of Leap Second, knew that Baku would check at 60th second before the Leap Second happens. Hal, influenced by his subconsciousness, thus dropped the handkerchief instantly despite consciously opposing such an idea.

There is a THIRD instance of this, which is after Hal loses his Perfect Mode.



Hal's subconsciousness once again overpowers his conscious intent and causes him to do something he normally wouldn't do. Once again,

knowing that Baku will turn around at the 60th second, Hal dropped the handkerchief instantly just like in the 7th round.
Now that Hal isn't influenced by his Perfect Mode, he is able to reflect on his decision and he quickly realizes that he has a reason for doing so, even though he doesn't know what the reason is.



Hal explains his seemingly contradictory behavior by stating <u>it's almost like he had KNOWN THE REASON FOR A WHILE</u>, which is what caused him to do such a thing. It perfectly aligns with the previous cases of Hal's contradictory behavior I just listed.

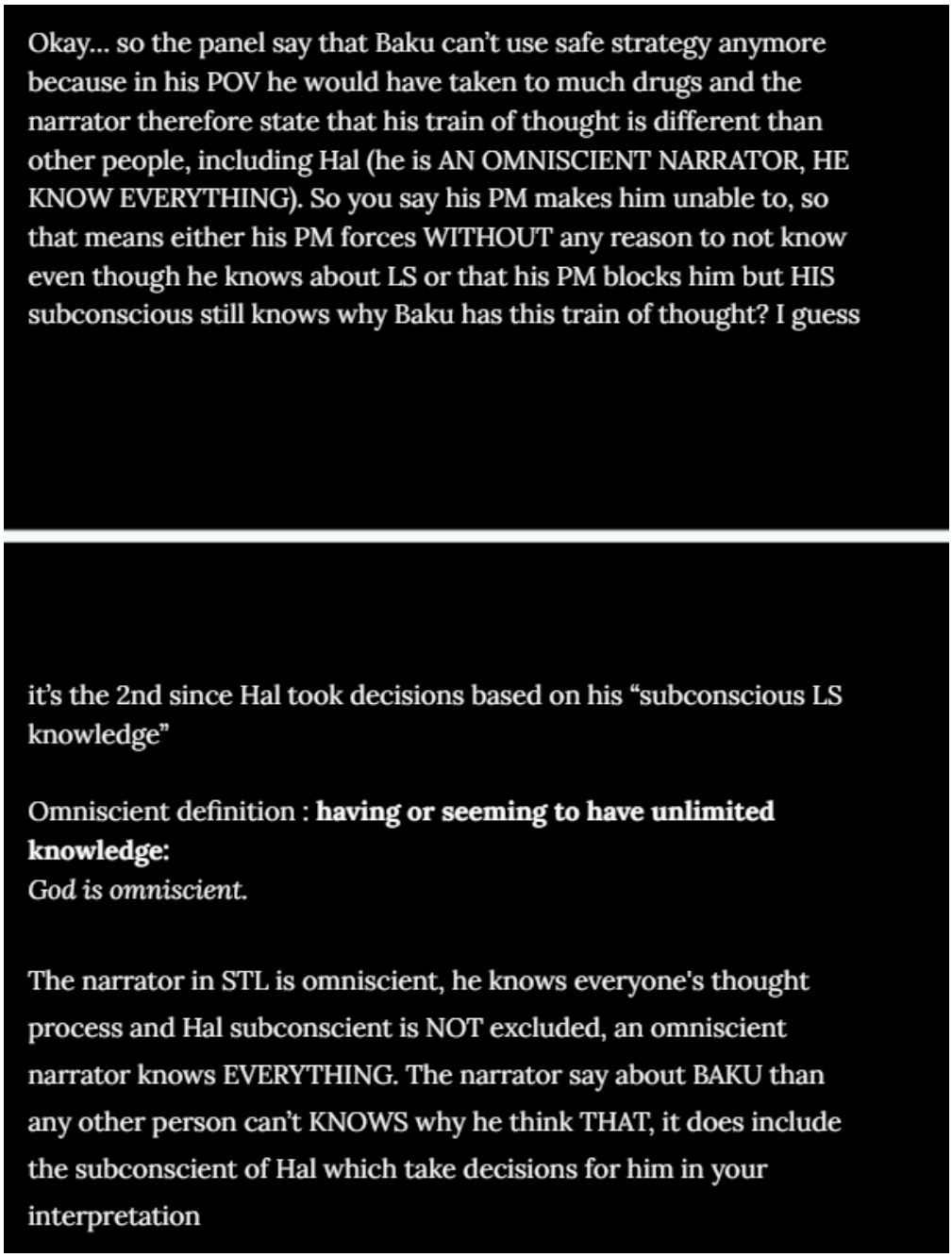
There is no way to debunk this, as Hal had himself stated that his reasoning was caused by something he knew FOR A WHILE which contradicts the belief that he had just figured out Leap Second when he was in his Second Near-Death, WHICH JUST HAPPENED!

There are more instances of this, but these are the most straight-forward ones.

Domino claiming that this analysis makes the writing worse is simply ingenuine. This analysis explains Hal's seemingly contradictory behavior, while making him apply knowledge from Eko AND adding another layer of depth to this amazing mind game, continuously being showcased through many hints, internal conflicts and direct Narrator+Hal statements.
Due to the narrator panels, my analysis is confirmed to be valid and there are STILL more panels proving it right.

Debunk:


SOME-
HOW,
THIS MAN HAD A DIFFERENT TRAIN OF THOUGHT THAN THE ONES SURROUNDING HIM.
ANY SAFE STRATEGIES ANYMORE.
I DON'T HAVE...
NONE...
THERE'S NOT REALLY A "SAFE" STRATEGY LEFT FOR HIM.
BUT THE FEELING THE REFEREE SENSED WAS CORRECT.
NO ONE CAN KNOW WHY YET...
I WILL BE WATCHING EVERYTHING UNTIL THE END...
THERE IS SOMETHING...
THERE'S DEFINITELY SOMETHING...
...
USOGUI...



Rebunk:

This Narrator panel is easily explained by the fact that Hal literally CAN'T know why Baku couldn't truly turn around, as this is the entire point of Hal's scheme and why he decided to forget Leap Second in the first place. HAL CAN'T KNOW THE REASON YET, OTHERWISE HIS ENTIRE SCHEME WOULD BE POINTLESS.

Now, let's clear the misconceptions from Domino:

"So you say his PM makes him unable to, so that means either his PM forces WITHOUT any reason to not know even though he knows about LS or that his PM blocks him but HIS subconscious still knows why Baku has this train of thought?"

Rebunk:

First of all, Domino stated that Perfect Mode forces Hal to not be able to know about Leap Second **WITHOUT ANY REASON**. Excuse me, did you even read the original doc?

Hal intentionally forgets about Leap Second in order to misdirect Baku. If Hal were to remember Leap Second now then his Acting Skills and Verbal Deception WOULDN'T BE GENUINE AND IT WOULD INSTEAD INCREASE THE CHANCE OF BAKU SEEING THROUGH HIS SCHEME.

Subconscious awareness does NOT count as legitimate knowledge. It's literally seen in the 9th round where Hal is once again influenced by his subconscious awareness and then states that he USED to know the reason, which means he DOESN'T KNOW IT ANYMORE.
Once again, the narrative favors my interpretation.

Hal retrieved his knowledge of Leap Second and then forgot about it. For his scheme to work, his knowledge on Leap Second must stay forgotten and Hal can't know about it yet in the 3rd Round.

We can see Hal's train of thought was different from Baku's, as he had reached Cognitive Overload and didn't know the true purpose behind his actions.



“it’s the 2nd since Hal took decisions based on his “subconscious LS knowledge””

Rebunk:

The fact that Hal doesn’t know about it now is not ANOTHER instance of a decision making, since Hal had decided to forget about Leap Second AGAIN THE MOMENT HE RETRIEVED THE TRUTH AFTER HIS REVIVAL.

Hal doesn’t know about Leap Second since his decision to forget it and he requires Perfect Mode for that to remain the case.

Debunk

Omniscient definition : **having or seeming to have unlimited knowledge:**
God is omniscient.

The narrator in STL is omniscient, he knows everyone's thought process and Hal subconscient is NOT excluded, an omniscient narrator knows EVERYTHING. The narrator say about BAKU than any other person can't KNOWS why he think THAT, it does include the subconscient of Hal which take decisions for him in your interpretation

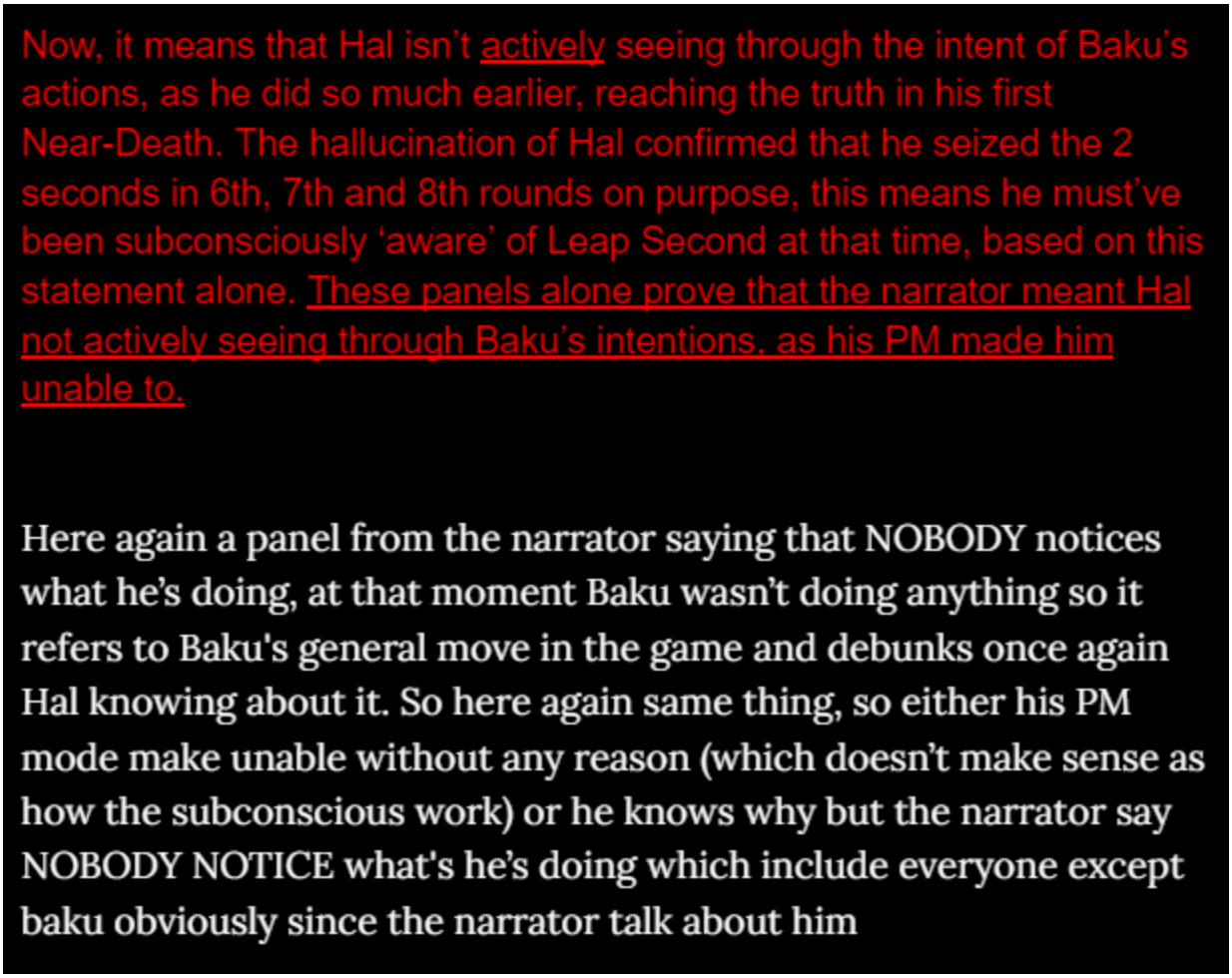
Rebunk

First of all, I'm glad Domino agrees that the Narrator is Omniscient, since the Narrator disproved the possibility of Domino's interpretation being true.

Second of all, yes, the Narrator IS omniscient and he IS aware of Hal's subconscious process. That's why the narrator specifically stated that "nobody KNOWS why yet", since as we see later, Hal himself admitted in the 9th round that he did NOT KNOW the reason WHY he dropped the handkerchief early, he just knew that he had a reason, without knowing what that reason is.
That's why my analysis is still perfectly aligned with everything we've been shown.

Debunk:


NOBODY NOTICES
!
WHAT
HE'S DOING EITHER.



Rebunk:

So here we have another misinterpreted panel.

Like I already explained in the first rebunk, **Hal wasn't seeing through Baku's intent as his Perfect Mode made him unable to.**

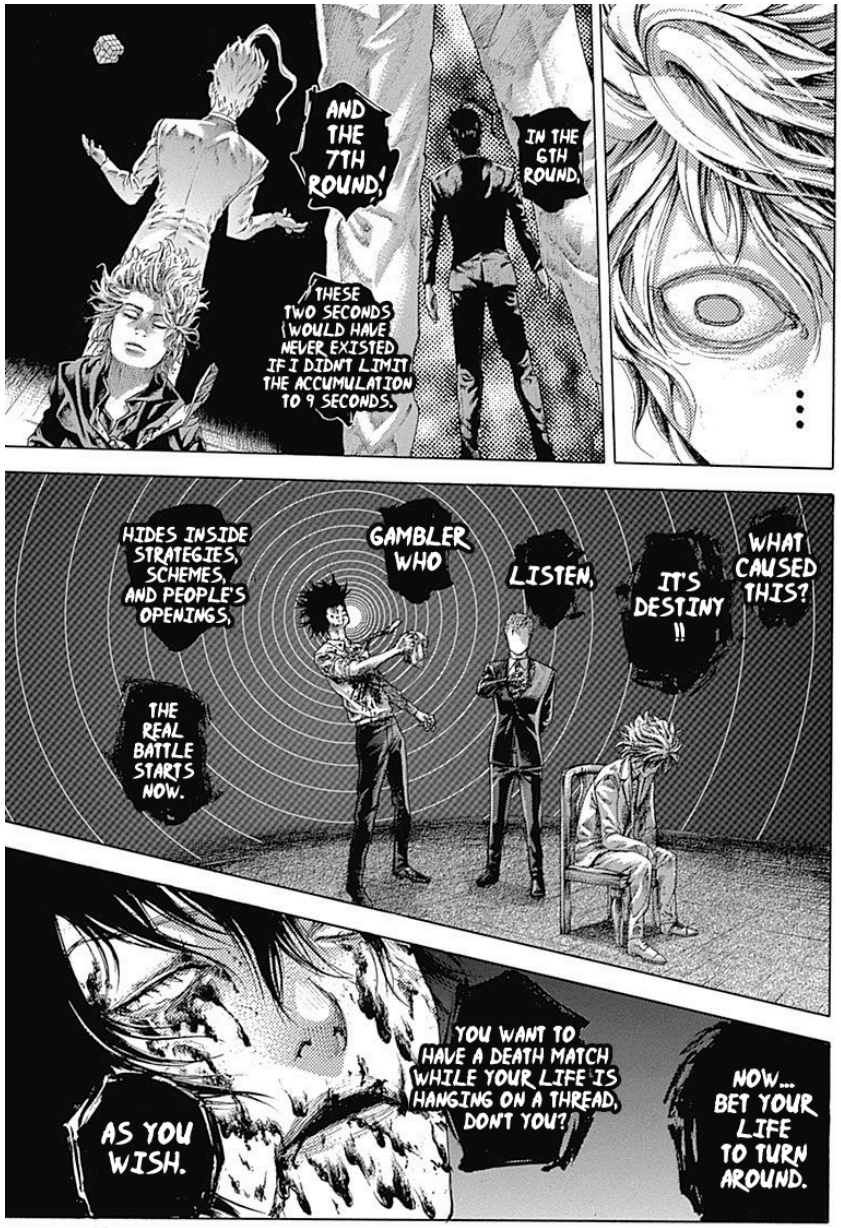
'Notices' is in present simple, meaning that Hal didn't actively see through Baku's intent.

Hal already saw through Baku's intent in the first round, why would he do so again when it LITERALLY CONTRADICTS HIS AIM?

Narrator sides with my interpretation here too. Souichi states that he seized 2 seconds to survive Leap Second, with rounds 6 AND 7 being mentioned as part of the process. The narrator later on confirmed

that this hallucination was reality for the THREE of them. The narrator panel Domino is using is from the SEVENTH round, which was PART of the PROCESS.





Domino focusing on the noun changes nothing, as the explanation is based on the VERB.

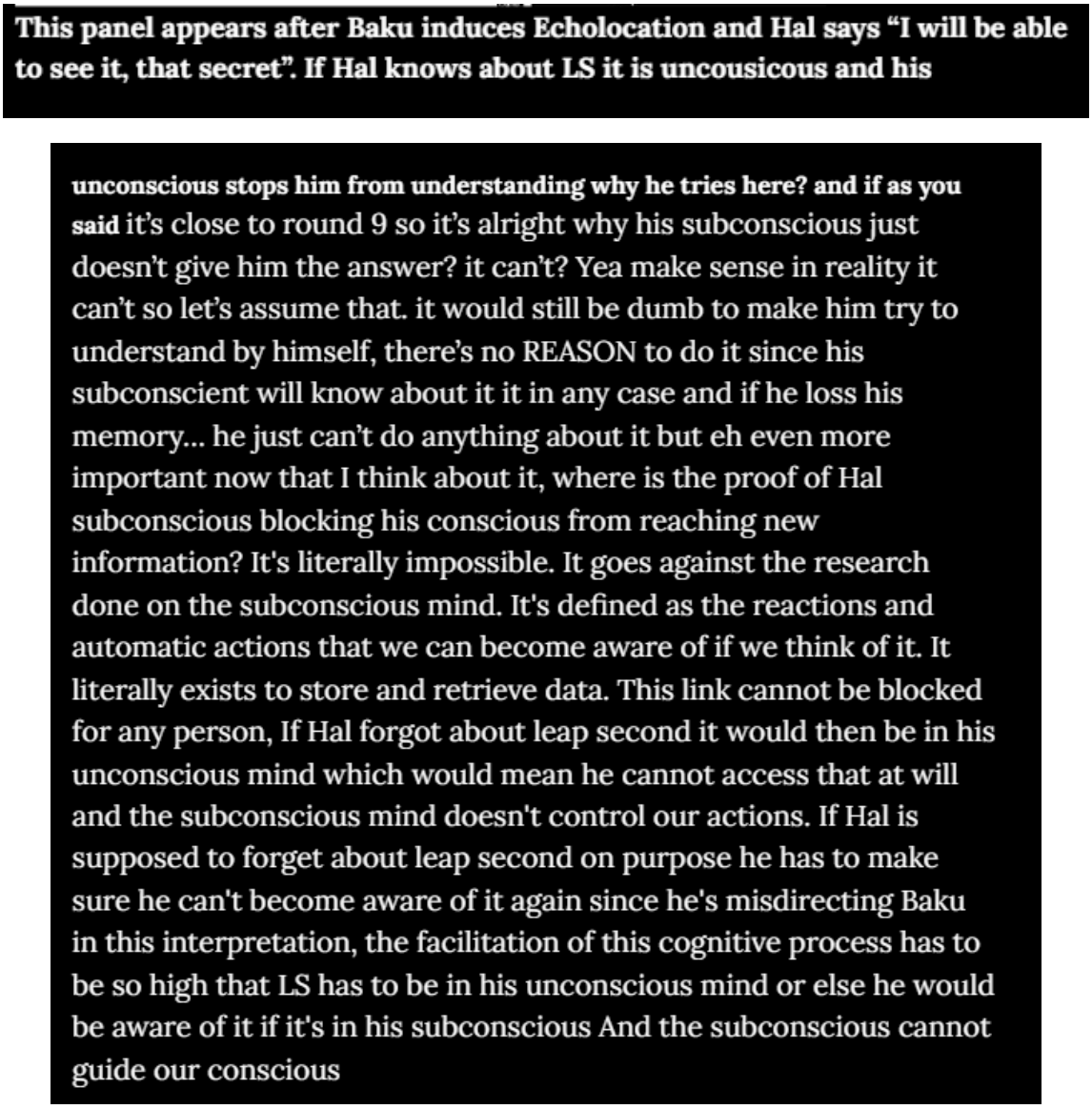
Domino said:

“So here again same thing, so either his PM mode make unable without any reason (which doesn’t make sense as how the subconscious work)”
Rebunk:
This perfectly shows how much Domino understood my analysis in the first place. I won’t be repeating myself over and over, I’ve already explained what Hal’s aim behind making himself forget Leap Second was.
Lastly, Domino claimed that Hal making himself forget Leap Second and influencing his decisions through subconscious knowledge is nonsensical based on how the subconscious works. Domino will later elaborate on this point, which I will then refute.

Okay, this marks the end of refuting the misinterpretations of the Narrator Panels sent by Domino. Now, Domino’s arguments are going to get even worse.

Debunk:


IF IT KEEPS GOING A LITTLE MORE,
I'LL BE ABLE TO SEE THAT...
I WILL BE ABLE
TO SEE IT.
THAT
SECRET.
THAT
...THAT
ANSWER.
AND
I AM CHANGING.
RIGHT NOW,
I AM TURNING INTO SOME-THING.



Rebunk:

First of all, this panel is another hint of Hal's subconscious knowledge of Leap Second. This answer is secretly depicted as Leap Second itself.



Debunk:

If Hal knows about LS it is uncousicous and his unconscious stops him from understanding why he tries here?

Rebunk:

Hmm... Hal wants to uncover crucial information in a death game? I wonder why he would want to do that... I guess Hal is stupid or something...

Domino, just because the Perfect Mode prevents Hal from consciously learning the answer, doesn't mean that he, WHO IS CONSCIOUSLY UNAWARE OF THIS SCHEME, won't try.

Side note, SUBconscious does NOT mean UNconscious!

Debunk:
and if as you said it's close to round 9 so it's alright why his subconscious just doesn't give him the answer? it can't? Yea make sense in reality it can't so let's assume that.
Rebunk:
The answer is obvious. Hal gains NOTHING by learning the answer at that time, because if he loses his memory he still won't be able to counter Leap Second, which he will only be aware of in his subconscious.
Instead, if Hal did the thing Domino is saying he should've done, he instead gives Baku an opportunity to see through him as his Acting Skills wouldn't have been so proficient anymore. If it then turned out that Hal DIDN'T lose his memory, Baku would no longer be guaranteed to drop the handkerchief at the 61st second, as he knows that Hal had already seen through it. Now if Hal didn't nerf his deception for no reason and didn't lose his memory, he would've remembered Leap Second before checking just when Baku drops it, at 61st second, thus making Hal's scheme as efficient and effective as possible.
Due to the reasons I just listed, Hal literally gains NOTHING by learning the answer at that moment, which would instead bring a mindless risk.

Jeez, Domino treats Hal like he is a kid: '*Just give him a cookie, come on, who cares that he didn't eat his breakfast yet? What? You won't give him his cookie? Ah yes, because you can't, all right, let's assume that*'... but for this analogy to work, eating a cookie before breakfast would equate to a 30% chance of the kid getting cancer.

Debunk:

memory... he just can't do anything about it but eh even more important now that I think about it, where is the proof of Hal subconscious blocking his conscious from reaching new information? It's literally impossible. It goes against the research done on the subconscious mind. It's defined as the reactions and automatic actions that we can become aware of if we think of it. It literally exists to store and retrieve data. This link cannot be blocked for any person, If Hal forgot about leap second it would then be in his unconscious mind which would mean he cannot access that at will and the subconscious mind doesn't control our actions. If Hal is supposed to forget about leap second on purpose he has to make sure he can't become aware of it again since he's misdirecting Baku in this interpretation, the facilitation of this cognitive process has to be so high that LS has to be in his unconscious mind or else he would be aware of it if it's in his subconscious And the subconscious cannot guide our conscious

If LS was in subconscious mind: Hal would be aware of it because the subconscious mind exists to store and retrieve data and that goes against Hal's motive in this interpretation which is to misdirect Baku by forgetting leap second so let's focus on the unconscious mind now
If LS was in the unconscious mind: Yeah sure the unconscious mind is all about repression. Memories can exist there to not be remembered, it can have an effect on thought process and behaviour but NOT control it consciously. Like how we see Hal dropping the handkerchief but not knowing why exactly he did that in round 9. f the unconscious or subconscious was controlling the conscious into doing such complex action it would necessitate the

conscious of being aware of LS since the cognitive process would just be too strong, you can't do such complex thought without knowing the reason consciously and the sub/unconscious can't either do that

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Rebunk:

Ladies and Gentlemen, here we have it. Officially the #2nd worst argument in this entire debunk.

This is **another** instance of Domino directly misinterpreting the story, but I've lost count.

First of all, when Hal forgot about Leap Second, he specifically made sure he didn't figure it out again prematurely. We can see that when Hal finally lost his Perfect Mode, in the 9th round, Hal had INSTANTLY realized that there is a reason behind his actions and that was already AFTER THE MEMORY LOSS.
Perfect Mode was involved in the entire process and when Hal finally lost it, he had quickly figured out the existence of such a superior reason.

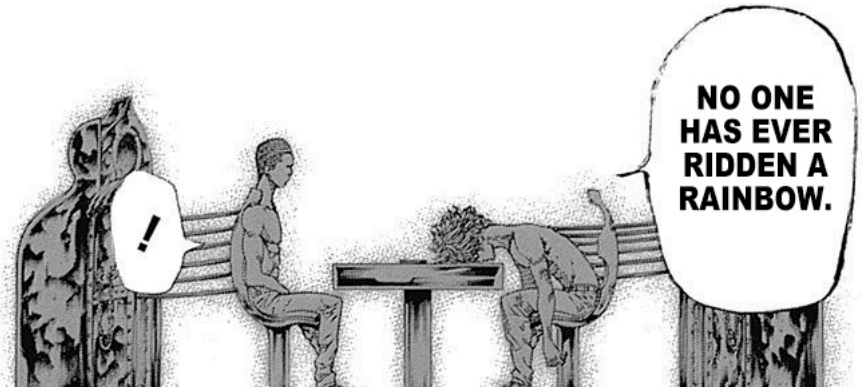
Second of all, regularly Hal does NOT have free access to his subconsciousness as it's specifically highlighted in Air Poker. As for Hal in his Perfect Mode, he is free to utilize it however he likes. A wedge, or an instinct is generally seen as a bad thing, but Souichi can either get rid of it or create it as long as it allows him to win.



Souichi's subconsciousness is able to alter his own consciousness in a complex manner. After Hal realizes that he can't only forget in order to win, he is able to gain full

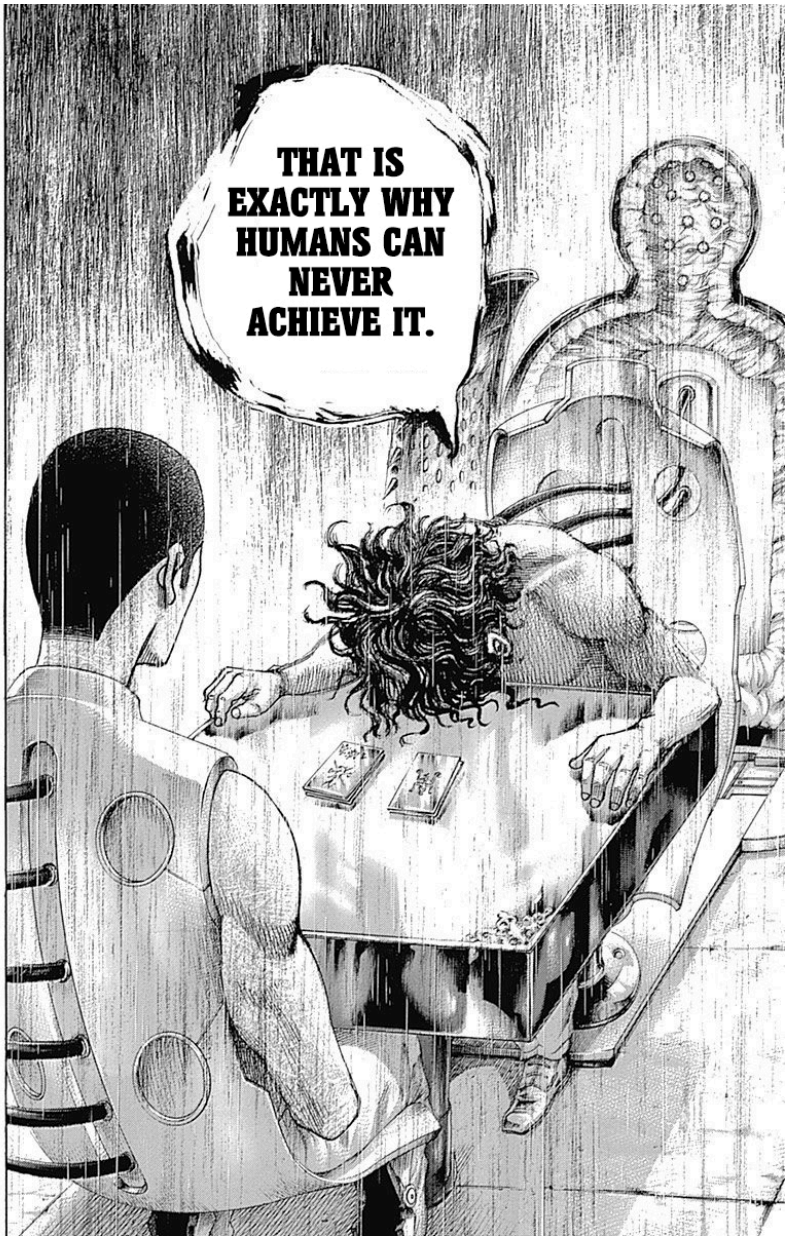
control of his mind and is able to freely control all parts of himself. He states it multiple times.
Souichi stated that humans indeed are not capable of fully controlling themselves, which for him means to be perfect.
Hal ACKNOWLEDGES the limit of their neuroplasticity. After doing so, he excludes himself from humanity, going as far to state he is an alien, who is free of these bounds.

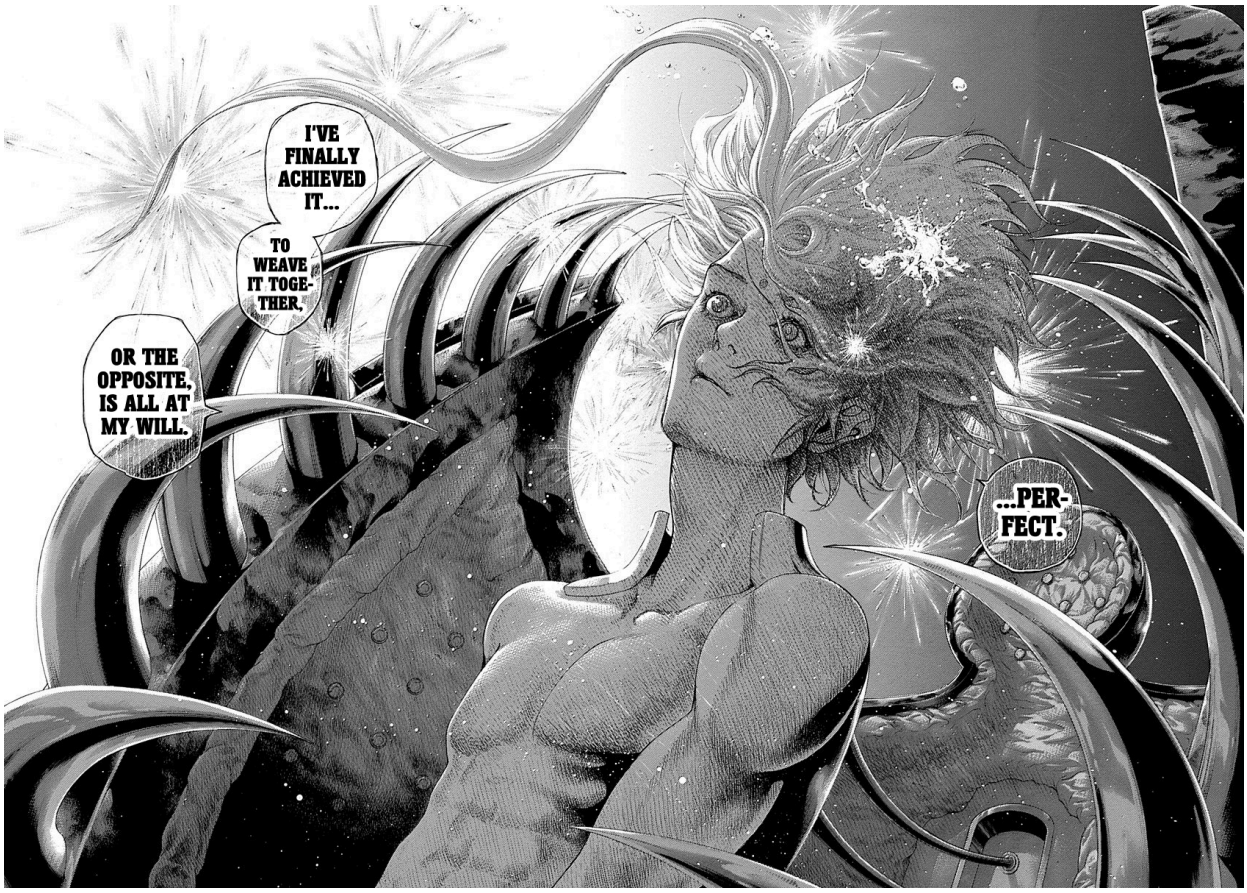

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NO ONE HAS EVER RIDDEN A RAINBOW.


LOOKING AT THOSE PEOPLE STRIVING TO BE PERFECT,
REFE-REES...
MADE ME BELIEVE THAT I TOO HAD TO BE PERFECT... TO THE POINT THAT I WAS OBSESSED.


THIS IS THE REASON WHY
EVEN PEOPLE LIKE REFEREES WILL STRIVE TO ATTAIN PERFECTION, TRYING WITH ALL THEIR MIGHT TO GET THE CLOSEST THEY CAN.
NO ONE IS PERFECT IN THIS WORLD.
HOW-EVER,
THEY GAIN A SPECIAL TYPE OF STRENGTH ESPECIALLY BECAUSE THEY AREN'T PERFECT... PERFECTION IS NOTHING MORE THAN A CASTLE IN THE AIR.
AND,
JUST AS NO ONE HAS EVER RIDDEN A RAINBOW,
NO ONE WILL BE PERFECT EITHER...
EVERYONE
TAKES THAT FACT AS GOSPEL.

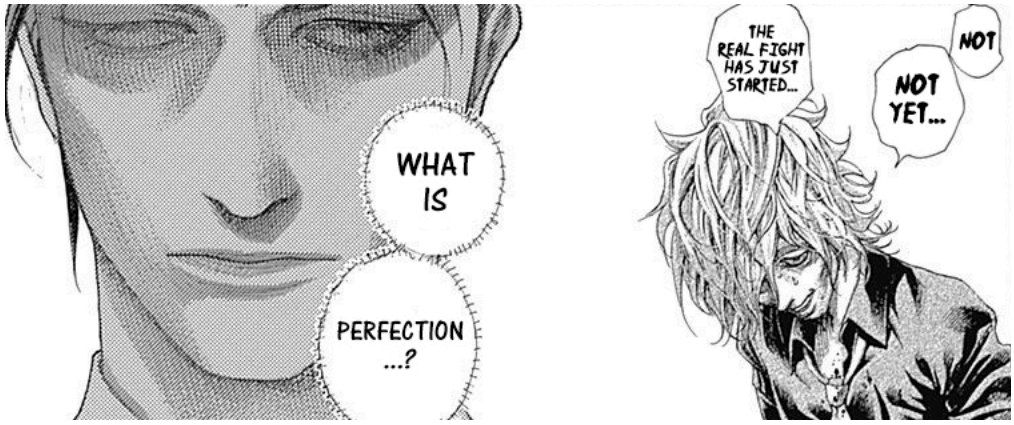

THAT IS EXACTLY WHY HUMANS CAN NEVER ACHIEVE IT.

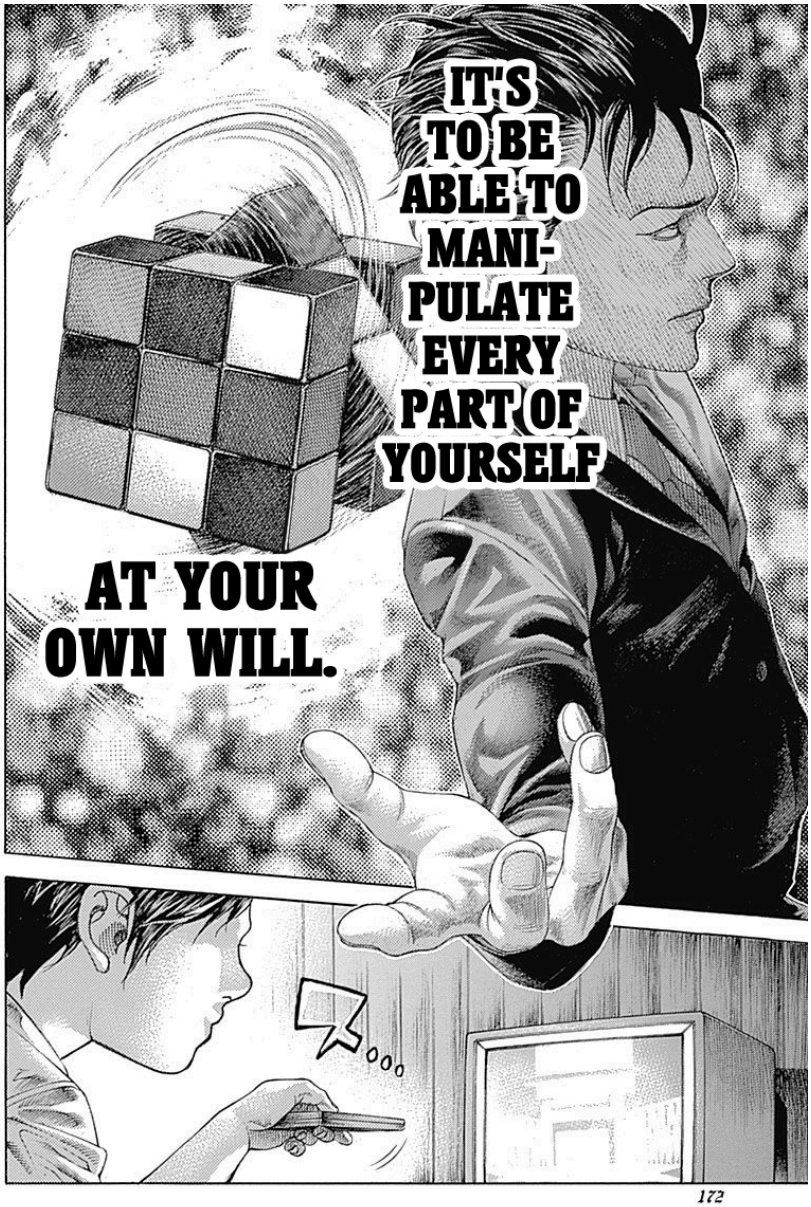


<u>And here are the instances of how Hal defines perfection:</u>


FOR ME, PERFECTION MEANS
TO BE ABLE TO MANIPU-LATE
EVERY PART OF YOURSELF
AT YOUR OWN WILL.
WITH FUKUROU.
I HAD A GAMBLE
AT THAT TIME,
THE MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF EBA IN THE ARIZUKA BUILDING 10 YEARS AGO... TO THINK THE TRUTH OF EBA'S DEATH THAT HAD REMAINED UNSOLVED UNTIL NOW WOULD BE...
WHA-WHAT!?
EBA ENDED UP LOSING HIS LIFE BY SAVING ME, WHO LOST.
WHA!?
DISMEMBER-MENT,
IMPALE-MENT,
HE'S RIDDLED WITH WOUNDS AND ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSING,
I ALWAYS KEPT ON THINKING... WHAT IS THE MEANING OF PERFECTION?
BUT,
IT'S AS IF HE HAS BEEN REBORN !!
HE'S NOW IN A SPECIAL STATE OF AWAKENING!


I ERASED THE UNNECESSARY THINGS...
IF THE "WEDGE" IS IN YOUR WAY, JUST FORGET IT.
I DON'T HAVE TO FIGHT AGAINST MY INSTINCT ANYMORE.
WHETHER TO WEAVE IT TOGETHER, OR THE OPPOSITE, IT'S ALL AT MY WILL.
I HAVE...
BECOME ...
PERFECT...


WHAT IS
PERFECTION ...?
THE REAL FIGHT HAS JUST STARTED...
NOT YET...
NOT


IT'S TO BE ABLE TO MANI-PULATE EVERY PART OF YOURSELF
AT YOUR OWN WILL.
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He is free to utilize his subconsciousness in another manner. If he needs to, he will forget something, if he needs to, he will later remember it again.
He is able to erase the wedge within himself. As he also states, he is free to do the opposite, which happened in Surpassing the Leader. Hal had created a wedge within his subconscious which had been directly affecting his decisions in Surpassing the Leader.
Sako additionally showcased Hal's incapability of figuring out Leap Second through 'blind eyes', a small portion of which I have already shown earlier.
Domino had just showcased once again he knows nothing about Hal's characterization after all. Just for his fanfiction he goes as far as to misinterpret the meaning of his entire development and tries to apply the Sagan standard by comparing reality to fiction.

Sagan standard is the adage that "extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence". In this case, the extraordinary claim here is supposed to be Hal's perfect neuroplasticity and full control over himself.
Here is the part where Domino's argument loses the entire 'logic' behind it (if it ever had any):
"Based on the Sagan standard, if someone claims that they saw a unicorn on their way to work, then they would be

expected to produce extremely strong evidence in order to verify this claim, since there's currently no substantial preexisting evidence showing that unicorns even exist. Conversely, if someone claimed that they saw a horse on the way to work, then they would usually be expected to provide less evidence in order to verify their claim, since there's substantial preexisting evidence that horses do exist."
Source:
https://effectiviology.com/sagan-standard-extraordinary-claims-require-extraordinary-evidence/

Now, everyone should be able to clearly see where this is going.
Fiction is NOT upheld to the same standards as reality.
To prove someone is superhuman in real life, numerous tests would need to be carried out. In order to prove someone is superhuman in fiction, the narrative needs to show that this is the case.
Hal is a fictional character, so if according to the consistent narrative he is able to fully control all parts of himself, through perfect neuroplasticity, to a superhuman degree, why can't that be the case? The narrative proves it.
Domino had once again proven he just loves to mischaracterize Hal and misinterpret his development, writing and the narrative behind him.

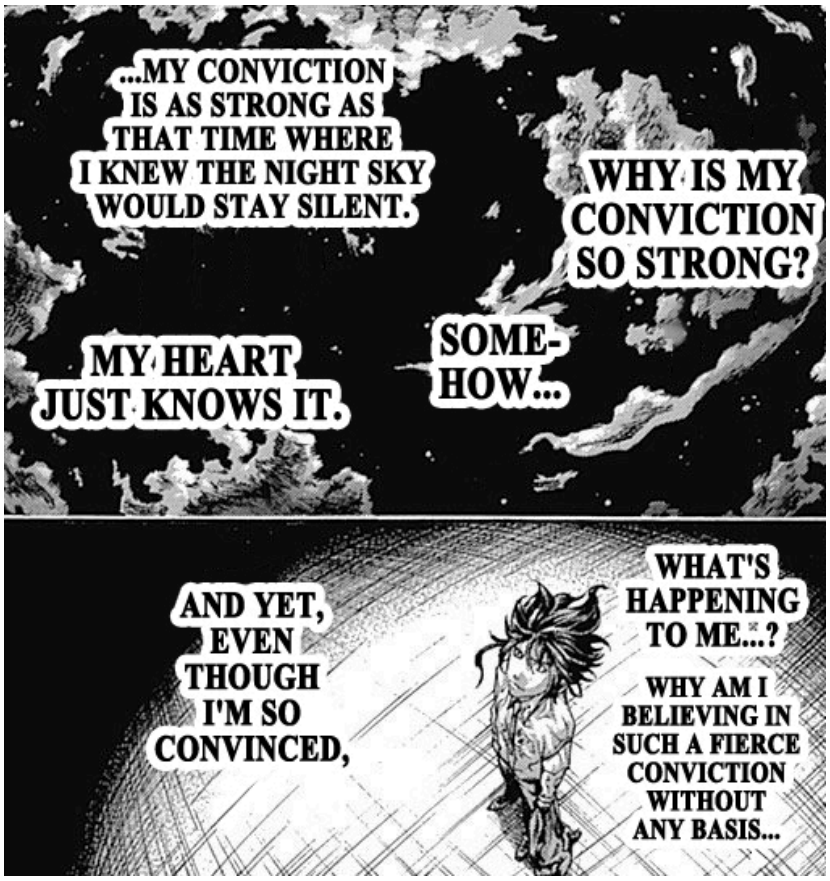
I've just highlighted the misapplication of the Sagan standard, but compared to my next argument, the one I just stated might as well not exist.

Now, here comes the **really** fun part.

Domino claims that Hal's process is impossible and he asserts that the subconscious can't control Hal's actions.
Oh wait... what is that here..?


I DROPPED IT!!
INSTEAD OF WAITING FOR HIM TO SELF DESTRUCT...
WHY DID I DO THAT...?
I KNOW...
YES...
HE WON'T TURN AROUND UNTIL 1 MINUTE...
I...
I DROPPED IT!!

Seems like a <u>DIRECT CONTRADICTION</u>, since Hal had JUST dropped the handkerchief DESPITE NOT WANTING TO, with his SUBCONSCIOUS knowledge of Leap Second DIRECTLY CAUSING THIS, which Hal had LITERALLY ADMITTED. Only after the action has ALREADY been made AGAINST <u>conscious</u> intentions, Hal had THEN realized there is a reason.



Despite Hal doing so, he also shows he DOESN'T KNOW about Leap Second, he only knows there is SOME reasoning behind his actions.

If Hal were to know there is a superior reason to his actions in the earlier rounds, then the Cognitive Overload would not have happened, the reason why he does so now is due to him no longer being in his Perfect Mode.

'in round 9. f the unconscious or subconscious was controlling the conscious into doing such complex action it would necessitate the conscious of being aware of LS'

As we can see here, Domino's argument is just FUCKING retarded 💀. The literal EXAMPLE he uses to PROVE his claim LITERALLY <u>DISPROVES</u> IT 💀.

Domino stated that subconsciousness can't control Hal's actions, as when it did then the consciousness would then be aware of the reason (in this case, the CONSCIOUSNESS would be aware of Leap Second), but this is so fucking retarded because <u>Hal IS NOT CONSCIOUSLY AWARE OF LEAP SECOND AFTER THE SUBCONSCIOUS FORCED AN ACTION BECAUSE OF IT!!!!</u>

<u>If he knew it he'd have EASILY countered it, which DOESN'T HAPPEN AS HAL FAILS HIS CHECK THE NEXT ROUND, BY CHECKING A SECOND TOO</u>

EARLY.

Or is Domino trying to imply that it wasn't Hal's subconscious awareness of Leap Second that caused him to drop the handkerchief and it was just an accident? WHICH IS LITERALLY CONTRADICTED BY HAL!? 💀



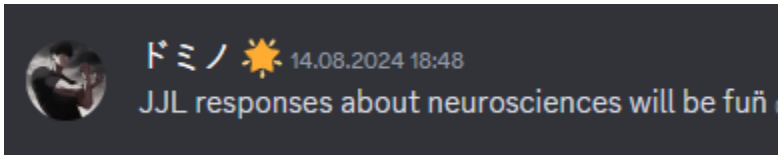
Before ANYONE states that I took Domino's argument out of context, scroll up and take a look

at the ‘context’ itself, which doesn’t change his argument IN THE SLIGHTEST.

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The way the entire debunk was made is EXTREMELY incompetent, almost as if someone didn't bother to reread Surpassing the Leader arc before making a response.
Like, seriously? I thought it was a joke at first...

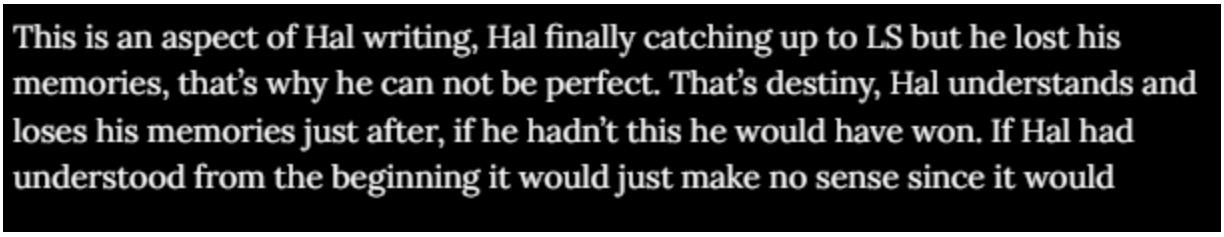


Well, Domino was right. It was fun for me.
If that was a joke then I also assume it was very funny to him as well.
Domino's argument is so fucking dumb that even if someone who NEVER read STL was shown the 9th Round they would STILL be able to EASILY refute it.
Such a BLATANTLY self-destructive argument is something I didn't expect to see.

Okay, enough jokes from **my** side.

Debunk:





Rebunk:

Domino asserted that my analysis makes no sense based on Hal's characterization.

Of course, I have already proved that my analysis is correct, while Domino's interpretation is just fanfiction, but whatever. Let's disregard this for a second.

What's funny is that my analysis actually characterizes him better. Rather than Hal barely figuring out Leap Second before losing his memory, in my analysis it shows that Hal had actually figured it out a long time ago, which highlights his main flaw, which is the memory loss, that much more. It showcased Hal's perfection even more which had directly contrasted with his main flaw, his Perfect State being only temporary.

All of Hal's actions since figuring out Leap Second have been done in order for him to be able to counter such flaw. He accepts that whether he loses memory or not is not up to him, so he instead makes sure to seize enough time to allow himself to survive, even if he loses his memory and falls for Leap Second.

My analysis explains all the surface-level contradictions of Hal's character and perfectly aligns them with all his actions, adding another depth on his character based on what Air Poker had introduced to us through his development. The contrast between Hal's Perfection and his Memory Loss is clearly visible and his statements are even more meaningful.

In Domino's fanfiction Hal is supposedly smarter than Baku, but Domino also states that Baku lost even rock paper scissors on purpose? (What the fuck?) In domino's interpretation Hal had only surpassed Baku once, I think, which would be during the 7th round when Baku's mind was already very hazy due to the Near-Deaths... even though Hal was narratively smarter...

Also Hal in my analysis doesn't contradict himself and the narrator, unlike in Domino's interpretation where that happens a lot of the time

But that's besides the point, time to disprove that debunk further, even though that's just overkill.

Domino states:
"If Hal had understood from the beginning it would just make no sense since it would ALLOW him to find a way to survive"
Rebuttal:
And Hal found the best possible way to survive. This was leading Baku towards Leap Second while minimizing his accumulation as well. If Baku had lost due to the Near Deaths, if Hal didn't lose his memory or if Yakou's CPR succeeded Hal would've won. Hal did the best thing he could've done after figuring out Leap Second in the First Round. Just because Hal lost doesn't demerit the process.

<u>There exists no strategy which could allow Hal for a higher success rate and that's clearly the best way of how Hal should go about winning Surpassing The Leader.</u> But whatever. Let's see what alternatives Domino cooked up...

Domino's 3rd worst Argument:
"like asking yakou after his death to say Leap second?"
COMMON SENSE 💀:

AW HELL NAH 💀💀💀💀💀💀💀💀💀
This argument clearly takes the number 3 spot 💀
IMPARTIAL JUDGING. DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT IS?



As Hal LITERALLY says:

"If you explain to me the rules of Surpassing the Leader and remind me of everything that has happened in this game until now, **from a referee's point of view, WOULD THAT BE AN ACTION THAT WOULD INFLUENCE THE RESULT OF THE MATCH?**"

WHETHER YAKOU REMINDS HAL OF LEAP SECOND OR NOT <u>IS</u> AN ACTION THAT WOULD DIRECTLY INFLUENCE THE RESULT OF THE GAME!!!

I already knew the debunk is going to be bad, but damn... It still seems that I overestimated it.

Domino states:
“or creating a strategy in which Baku doesn’t use LS.”
Rebuttal:
And how would that strategy look, Sherlock?

Domino states:
But no, Hal reached the truth at the end and lost his memories, he couldn't do anything and this perfectly shows why he wasn’t perfect from the beginning.
Rebuttal:
Okay, so that’s the end of Domino’s ideas on what Hal could’ve done better?
- Literally the first thing Domino proposed directly contradicts the story and what the referee’s purpose is meant to be. That’s just another example of Domino desperately misinterpreting the story in order to try to debunk this...
- The second thing Domino proposed isn’t even an alternative, since he didn’t propose any alternative. He had stated that Hal’s Insane Strategy had a better alternative where Leap Second wouldn’t go off, but he didn’t bother even explaining how such a strategy would look...

I already refuted the claim that the first time Hal realized Leap Second was in his Second Near-Death, because it was actually in the first round. That’s just ANOTHER instance of Domino misinterpreting the story, since even Hal later explains that he had seized the 2

seconds in order to survive, meaning that Hal directly contradicts the belief of "Hal reached the truth at the end and couldn't do anything".

Domino states:

So I think it kinda makes Hal's writing worse if he had understood it from the beginning, because it wouldn't be destiny that Hal lose his memory just AFTER he understands it

Rebuttal:

Destiny is something that Hal follows, IT'S A GOOD THING FOR HIM.
When Baku won Surpassing the Leader, it was Baku going AGAINST destiny.
When Hal was shown to be revived after Leap Second, he said it's THANKS to destiny.
Seems like another misinterpretation of Hal's character from Domino.

Hal losing his knowledge of Leap Second isn't about Destiny, it's about how he can't stay in his ideal form forever and every living organism will eventually cease to exist, at some point gradually becoming weaker.
It also showcases Hal's smartness much more. Since Hal can't stay in his ideal form forever, he does everything he can to make sure that when he is revived and is in his weaker form he will still be able to defeat Baku.

Domino states:

Moreover after Air poker Hal understands that in order to be perfect he needs to stop losing his memories **especially on purpose**, to be perfect he needs to remember everything and that's a reason he is so stressed when is about to lose his memories because he can't be perfect anymore. So yea, no matter what Hal would not make himself forgot anything again.

Rebuttal:

INTENTIONALLY? INTENTIONALLY!?

Another **INSANE** misinterpretation of Hal's character. **Air Poker specifically shows that if a wedge is against him, Hal WILL FORGET IT!**

HAL LITERALLY FORGOT HIS DEATH EXPERIENCES IN ORDER TO WIN!!!





A LOT of Domino's arguments are SO bad that if someone else stated them I'd literally doubt whether they even read the story, I'm not even exaggerating 💀💀💀

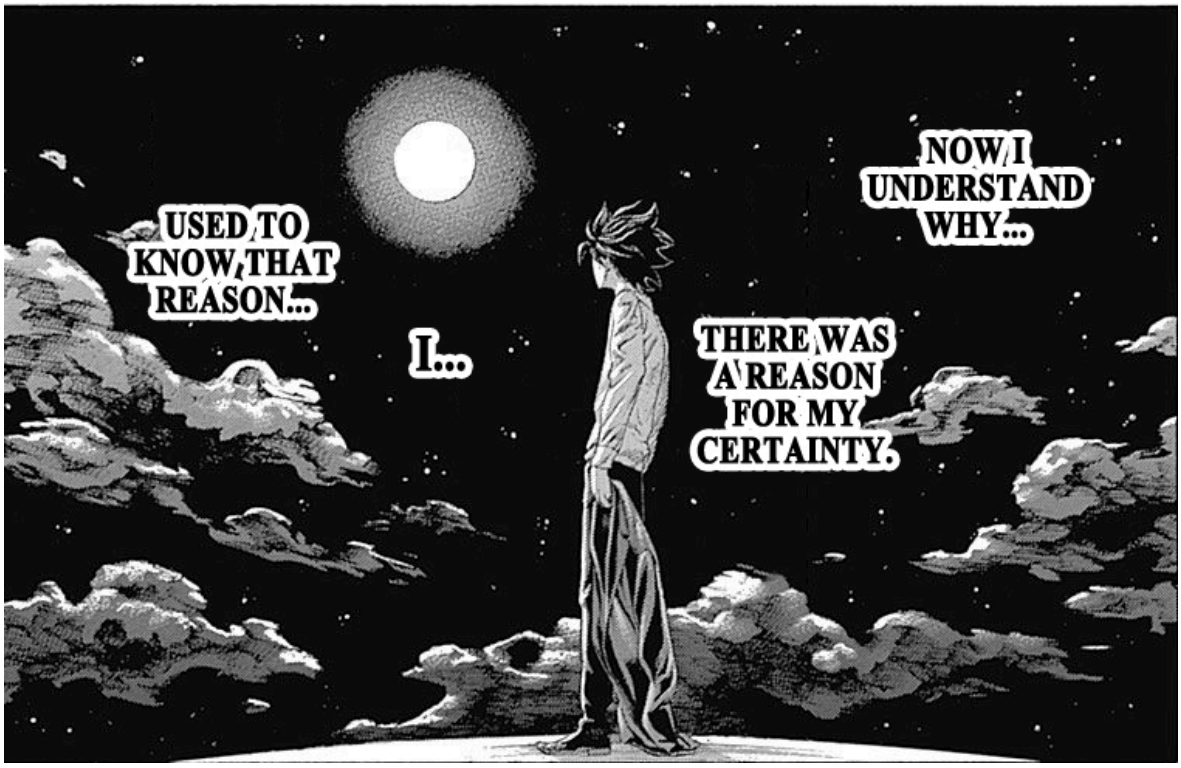


Forced Memory Loss due to sense of responsibility, WHICH GETS IN THE WAY OF WINNING, is <u>NOT</u> INTENTIONAL and is instead HARMFUL.

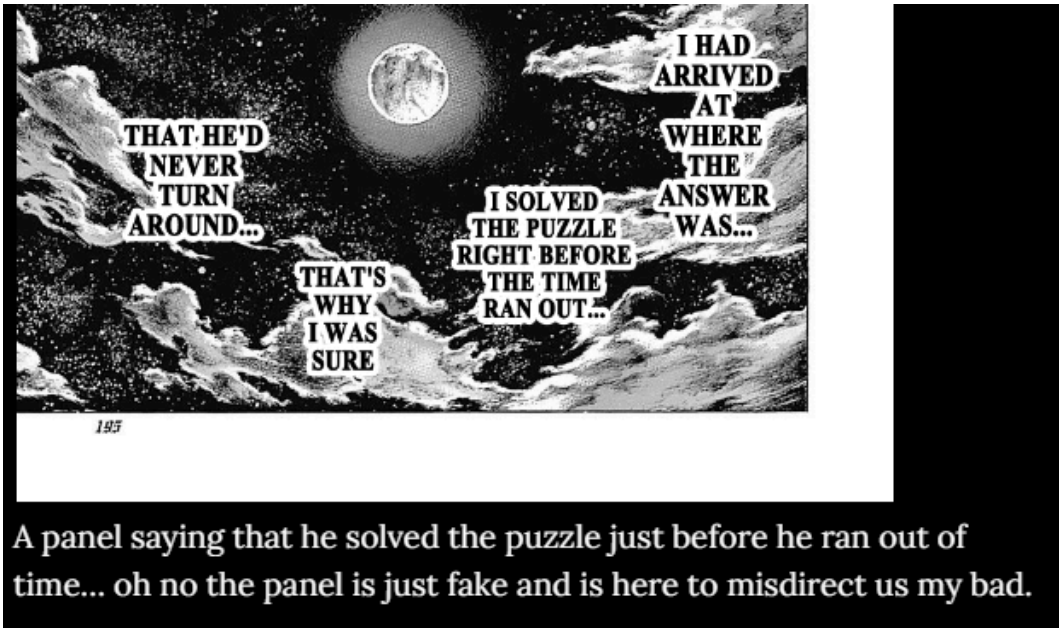
Domino getting cooked by Hal:


I'VE
KNOWN FOR A WHILE...
I KNEW IT.
SOME-HOW
IT'S ALMOST LIKE





So apparently this panel debunk anything, Hal here completely lost his memories but the LS is in unconscious which is why he dropped the handkerchief, Hal say i've known for a while since he had been suspecting something from 7 seriously and if you put in his perspective, he doesn't know why he can drop but in fact it's because he understood the LS in his near death and that happened in PM but he lost memories of this, which is why he can think he knew it for a while. He say 'I've known for a while" like he knew it at one moment and this moment he doesn't know when it is, but it's before in his near death when he was in PM



A panel saying that he solved the puzzle just before he ran out of time... oh no the panel is just fake and is here to misdirect us my bad.

Rebuttal:

In the first 2 panels we could see that Hal stated he knew the reason FOR A WHILE and USED TO know the reason. It wouldn't make sense if Hal had figured out Leap Second in his Second-Near Death, WHICH JUST HAPPENED!

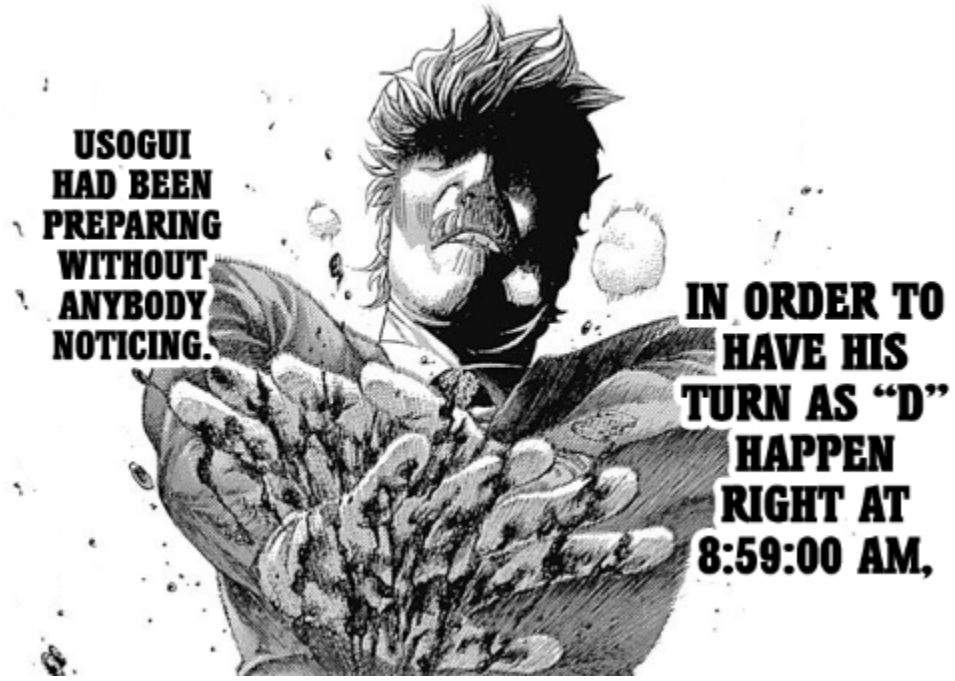
But wait, Hal states something else:

"I solved the puzzle right before <u>the time ran out</u>"

The time running out refers to Souichi's Memory Loss, which is a <u>MONTHLY</u> occurrence. <u>Since Hal figured out Leap Second in less than 48 MINUTES before this MONTHLY Memory Loss occurred, Hal had solved the puzzle RELATIVELY RIGHT BEFORE THE TIME RAN OUT. It took Hal the last 1/913 of a month to figure out Leap Second</u>, after this Memory Loss happened.

This aligns with <u>TWO different panels</u> where Hal had stated that he knew the answer <u>FOR A WHILE, with the timeframe NOT being relative to a month</u>.

Debunk:



Once again nobody saw Baku preparing, this is yakou who state it but it's still there to indicate that nobody saw it coming (...) referees are here to help us understand the game

Rebuttal:

This is <u>YAKOU</u> who was NOT aware that Souichi had figured out Leap Second and SEIZED 2 SECONDS TO SURVIVE.

I've already proved through narrator panels that Hal had figured out Leap Second in the first round.

The reason why the referees who analyze this match didn't bring up the process from Hal was

1) Because they had no way of knowing, which is literally why they didn't know about echolocation and Baku planning Memory Loss.

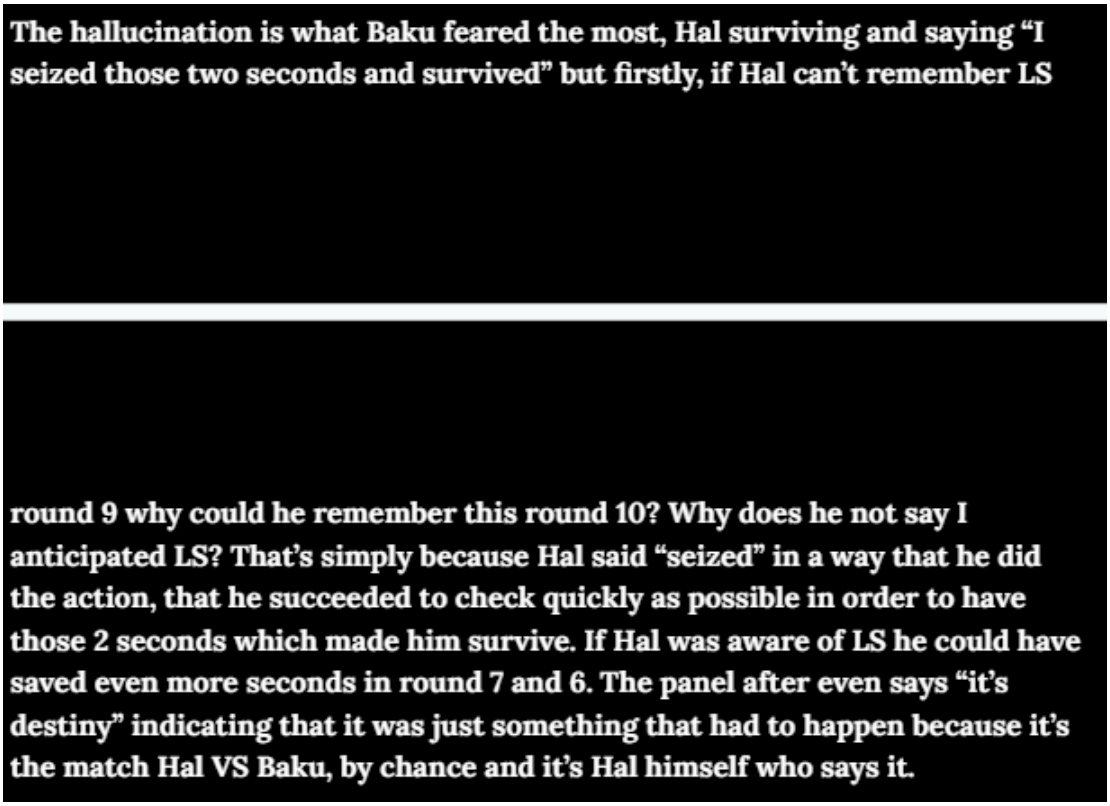
THEN HOW ARE THE REFEREES SUPPOSED TO EXPLAIN HAL'S THINKING PROCESS IF HE HASN'T REVEALED IT!?

2) **If they did it would SPOIL the FACT that Hal seized the 2 seconds and his REVIVAL, eliminating the entire shock value and fully butchering the writing!!!**

Yes, referees DO HELP explain the story, but THEY WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN THINGS THEY HAVE <u>NEVER</u> BEEN SHOWN, just like with Hal's echolocation they didn't know of, Hal seizing 2 Seconds they didn't know of OR Memory Loss being planned by Baku which has been revealed later, but they still DID. NOT. KNOW. OF. How are the referees besides Yakou supposed to explain how Hal did it? Are they supposed to pull this information out of their ass?
Even YAKOU would have a hard time explaining Hal's scheme even though Hal had explained that he seized 2 seconds through 6th and 7th round.
<u>Sako would require AT LEAST 2 whole chapters to explain Hal's scheme and WHY would he do that if he had already laid out all the necessary hints, Narrator Statements AND HAL DIRECTLY CONFIRMING THE PROCESS?</u>

Debunk:


THIS IS WHAT YOU FEARED THE MOST.
YOU FAILED TO
FILL UP MY ACCUMU-LATION ENOUGH.
TSK
TSK
TWO SECONDS OF DEVIATION.
THERE WERE
BEHIND THESE TWO SECONDS ?
WHAT'S THE REASON
I SEIZED THOSE TWO SECONDS AND SURVIVED.



Rebuttal:

I already proved that Hal figured out Leap Second in the first round both through numerous Souichi statements, many hints and most importantly Narrator panels.

Just a side note, **IF Hal were unaware** of Leap Second he wouldn't have done an Insta-Check in the 8th round, since that's a dumb waste of his cylinder.



Most importantly, Hal had mentioned 6th and 7th round, which have officially resulted in him seizing these 2 seconds. I already proved that Hal figured out Leap Second in the first round, but it still seems that Domino just believes Hal is so salty about himself losing that he will lie about seizing these 2 seconds.

The destiny Hal talks about is the way Baku tried to use all sorts of underhanded tricks, Leap Second and even Memory Loss. But despite that, Hal seized enough seconds to survive and thanks to this exact destiny, they will now have a REAL battle, where Baku can NO LONGER 'hide behind his underhanded schemes and abuse people's openings'.
It will now be a pure 1v1 battle.

As Eko states, even if something is a part of destiny, there IS a cause behind it. Those are Eko's words, which Souichi stands by.



But it seems this is just <u>ANOTHER</u> part of Hal's characterization that Domino confidently misinterprets

Domino:

If Hal was aware of LS he could have saved even more seconds in round 7 and 6.

Rebuttal:

That's wrong. First of all, in the 6th Round Baku had dropped the handkerchief instantly, Hal used echolocation and checked at 8th second, so he accumulated 8 seconds. Hal literally used the echolocation at the best time, because if Baku dropped it at 7th or 8th second, which is likely, Hal would've accumulated just a single second and he would've seized 9 seconds instead.

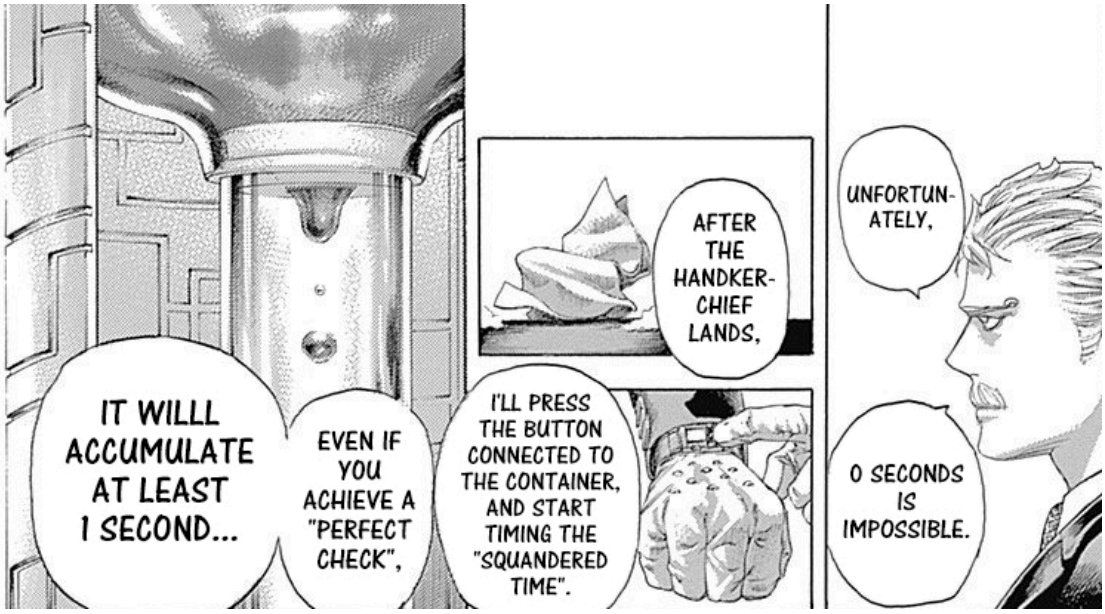
9 seconds is the theoretical MAXIMUM Hal could accumulate at that time without risking his Deviation Strategy, 8 seconds is the practical maximum accumulation Souichi went for.

If someone is dead for 5 minutes in total or more, then the chances of them being revived are extremely small.

That's why Souichi's decision to use the Echolocation before the 8th second was the best he could've done.

How was Souichi supposed to save even more seconds in the 7th round? Do you even know what happened during that round? Hal checked INSTANTLY and accumulated JUST a SINGLE SECOND.

What was Hal supposed to do? Accumulate ZERO SECONDS!?



Seems like Domino misinterpreted the story... again...

Baku is EXTREMELY smart and Domino underestimates him here, despite overestimating him in every other aspect.
Baku had ALREADY suspected Hal after the latter had simply just FAILED HIS CHECK!
<u>Even after all the misdirection Hal had made, Baku STILL saw through Souichi figuring out Leap Second.</u>

Before Hal got revived, Baku had been terrified, fearing that Hal didn't lose his memory and is still aware of Leap Second

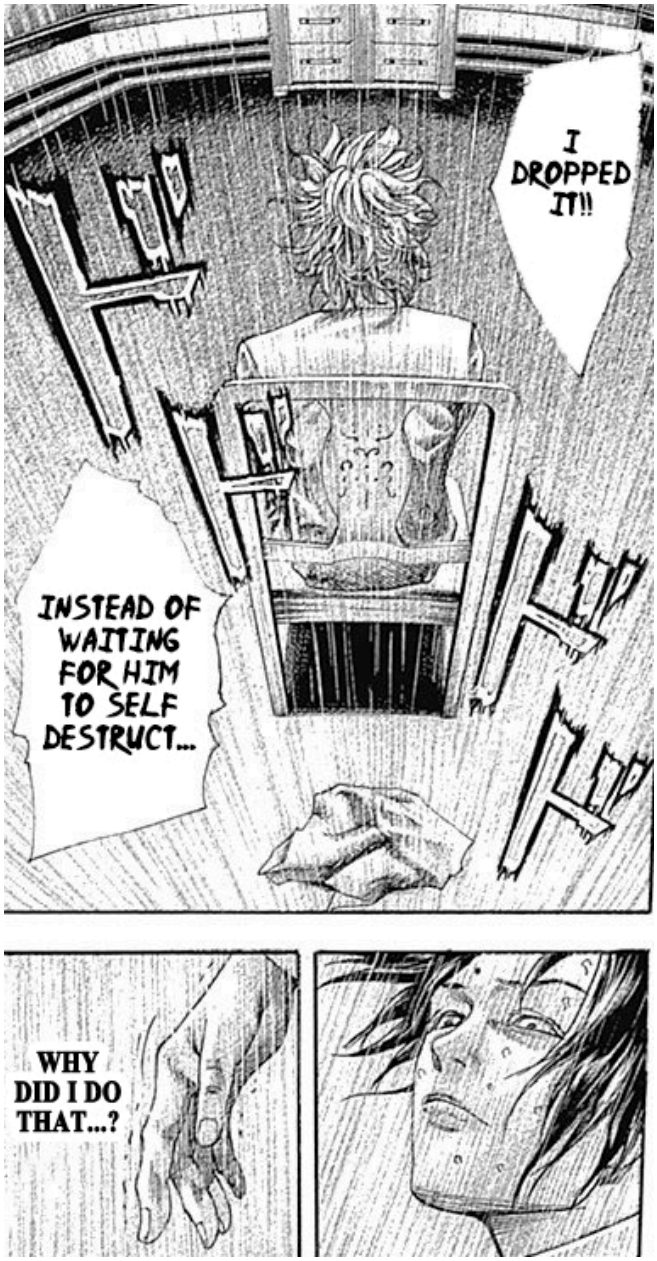

SUCCEEDED.
THE REVIVAL


THE SITU-ATION RIGHT NOW,
IS LIKE USOGUI HAS FALLEN DOWN FROM THE EDGE OF THE CLIFF.



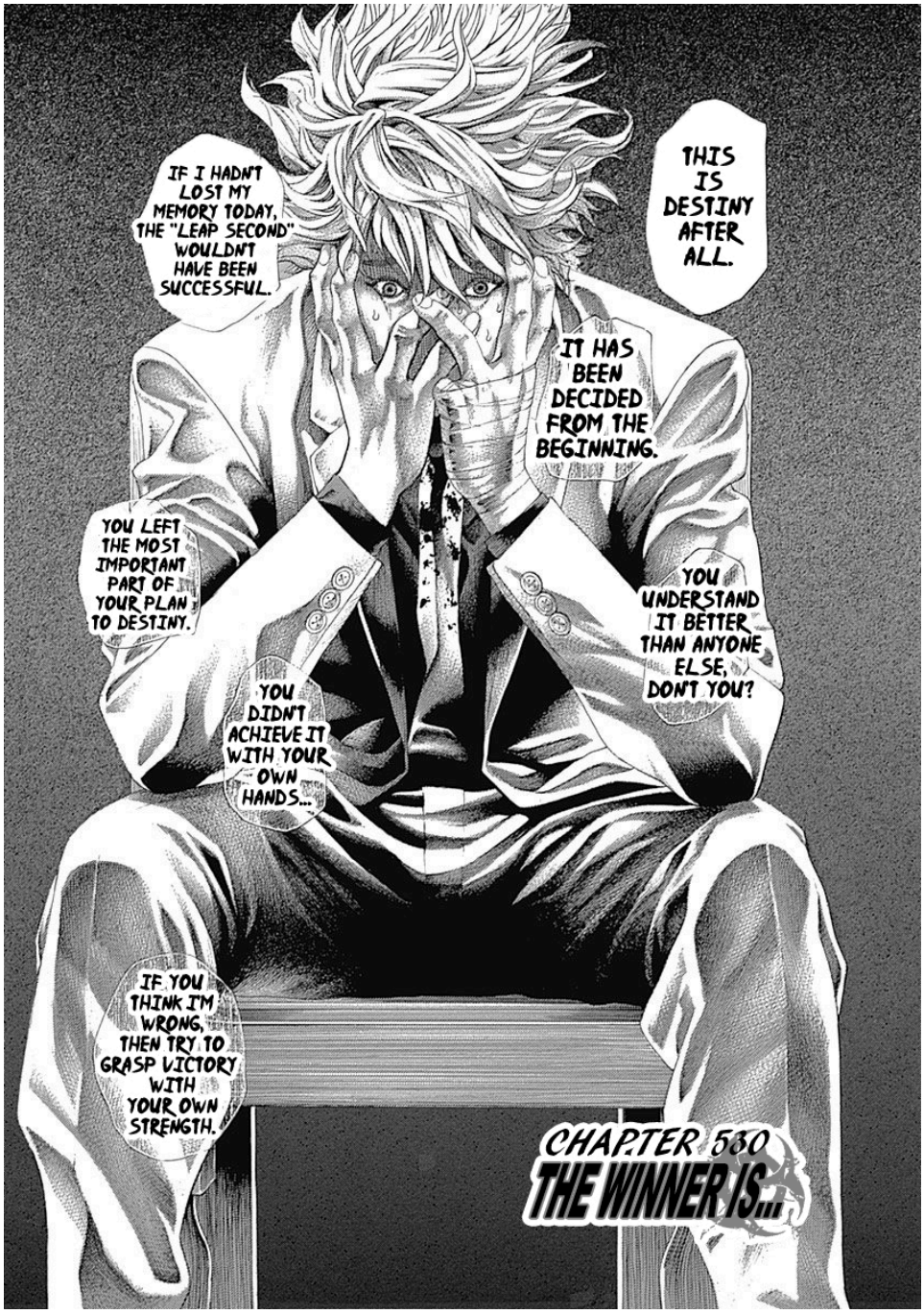
When Baku realized that Hal lost his memory, he had fully relaxed, even though Yakou had already summarized everything that had happened so far including the rules. That's because there is still something Hal doesn't know, which Yakou didn't remind him of, that being Leap Second.
Since Hal forgot about it and no longer knows it, Baku's scheme should work.

Souichi proceeds to do something he normally wouldn't do, that being dropping the handkerchief instantly.



Despite that Baku says that he had known Souichi will drop the handkerchief early (despite it being something Hal normally wouldn't do), but Baku didn't expect Hal's subconsciousness to influence him this greatly after Memory Loss.


YOU'D DROP IT "IMME-DIATELY".
I NEVER THOUGHT,
ALTHOUGH I KNEW YOU'D DROP IT EARLY ON...
I COULDN'T TURN AROUND UNTIL THE END...



Hal at the end states:

“This is destiny after all. It has been decided from the beginning. <u>If I hadn’t lost my memory today, the “Leap Second” wouldn’t have been successful. You understand it better than anyone else, don’t you?</u>

You left the most important part of your plan to destiny. You didn't achieve it with your own hands… If you think I'm wrong, then try to grasp the victory with your own strength."

That's the way Sako hints that in the end Baku saw through Hal figuring out Leap Second, DESPITE ALL THE MISDIRECTION the latter performed. If Hal were to mindlessly remember Leap Second prematurely, Baku would be very likely to see through him sooner.

Top 10 Fights Of All Time, Domino vs Souichi, Narrator and Yakou:



That's your only proof? because it says reality, but the hallucination never "really happened physically" so what is real and what is not? the thing that is real for only the three of them is not some information about the outsmarting battle in the game that people would have deduced if they were EXTREMELY smart but it's the "don't look back" after everything Baku did, he finally won, he should not look back because Hal is dead, he need to move on and focus on the future. It's for the three of them because without baku there is no us, kakerou is nothing without him, that's why it's reality and that he must not look back

Refuting Domino's NUMBER #1 WORST Argument:

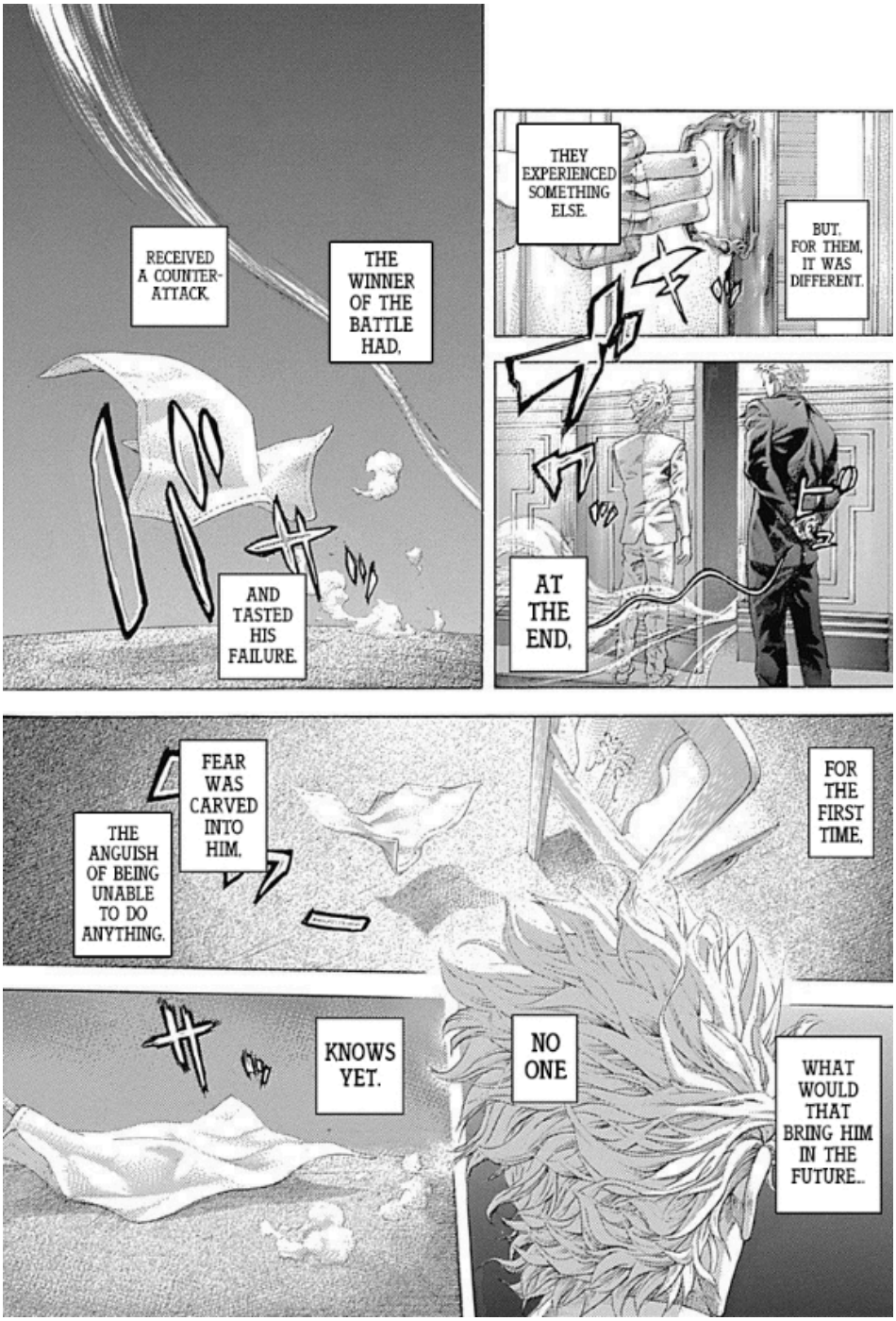
The thing that is real for them is the entire hallucination.



Yakou specifically made sure they saw the same thing and they both experienced the same game and how it escalated.


WAS THE...
FINAL "CHECK" ?
HOW WAS YOUR
HANDKERCHIEF THERE?


IT SEEMS LIKE
YOU SAW THE SAME THING AS I DID.
.....
NOD...
O O O


RECEIVED A COUNTER-ATTACK.
THE WINNER OF THE BATTLE HAD,
AND TASTED HIS FAILURE.
THEY EXPERIENCED SOMETHING ELSE.
BUT, FOR THEM, IT WAS DIFFERENT.
AT THE END,
THE ANGUISH OF BEING UNABLE TO DO ANYTHING.
FEAR WAS CARVED INTO HIM.
FOR THE FIRST TIME.
KNOWS YET.
NO ONE
WHAT WOULD THAT BRING HIM IN THE FUTURE...



How can you misinterpret something that's directly shown to you?
<u>After Hal was revived, he had a resilience battle with Baku in which he had cornered him. He carved fear inside Baku for the first time which is something Baku never experienced.</u>
<u>THERE IS NO OTHER WAY TO INTERPRET THOSE PANELS, FUCKING REREAD CHAPTER 531</u>
<u>The NARRATOR STATES THAT IT'S REALITY FOR THE THREE OF THEM</u>, Domino's 'fully believable fanfi-' oh wait, I mean 'interpretation' literally goes AGAINST the Narrator who had stated that this counterattack that Baku experienced after Hal's revival was reality.
Domino doesn't even try to hide how dumb his interpretation is and that's one of the numerous times he directly goes against the narrator through all mental acrobatics.
The Narrator went as far as to make it <u>FOOLPROOF</u> by stating it was

reality not just for the two of them, but for the THREE of them, including Baku, Yakou AND Hal, but it seems it still didn't work looking at this debunk.
Hal NEEDED to corner Baku in order for it to be considered a counterattack.
According to Domino's fanfiction this entire process, Hal literally confirming that he seized the 2 seconds, Hal confirming that he figured out Leap Second and THE ENTIRE WAY THIS MATCH PROGRESSED IS JUST FALSE DESPITE NARRATOR LITERALLY SAYING OTHERWISE, INSTEAD DOMINO CLAIMS THAT HAL ACTUALLY ONLY TRULY POPPED UP NEAR THE END OF THE HALLUCINATION FOR THE 'Don't look back' SEQUENCE, WHICH WOULDN'T MAKE SENSE, BECAUSE BAKU CHECKED 1 SECOND AFTER THE HANDKERCHIEF HAS BEEN DROPPED, WHILE BAKU GETTING CORNERED AS A FORM OF COUNTERATTACK, WHICH WAS CONFIRMED TO BE REALITY, HAPPENED BEFORE THAT!!!!!!!!

I'm sorry, but this is just too retarded.
Hal explained at the beginning that he figured out Leap Second and seized 2 seconds in order to survive, which Yakou later reflects on and CONFIRMS it's true.

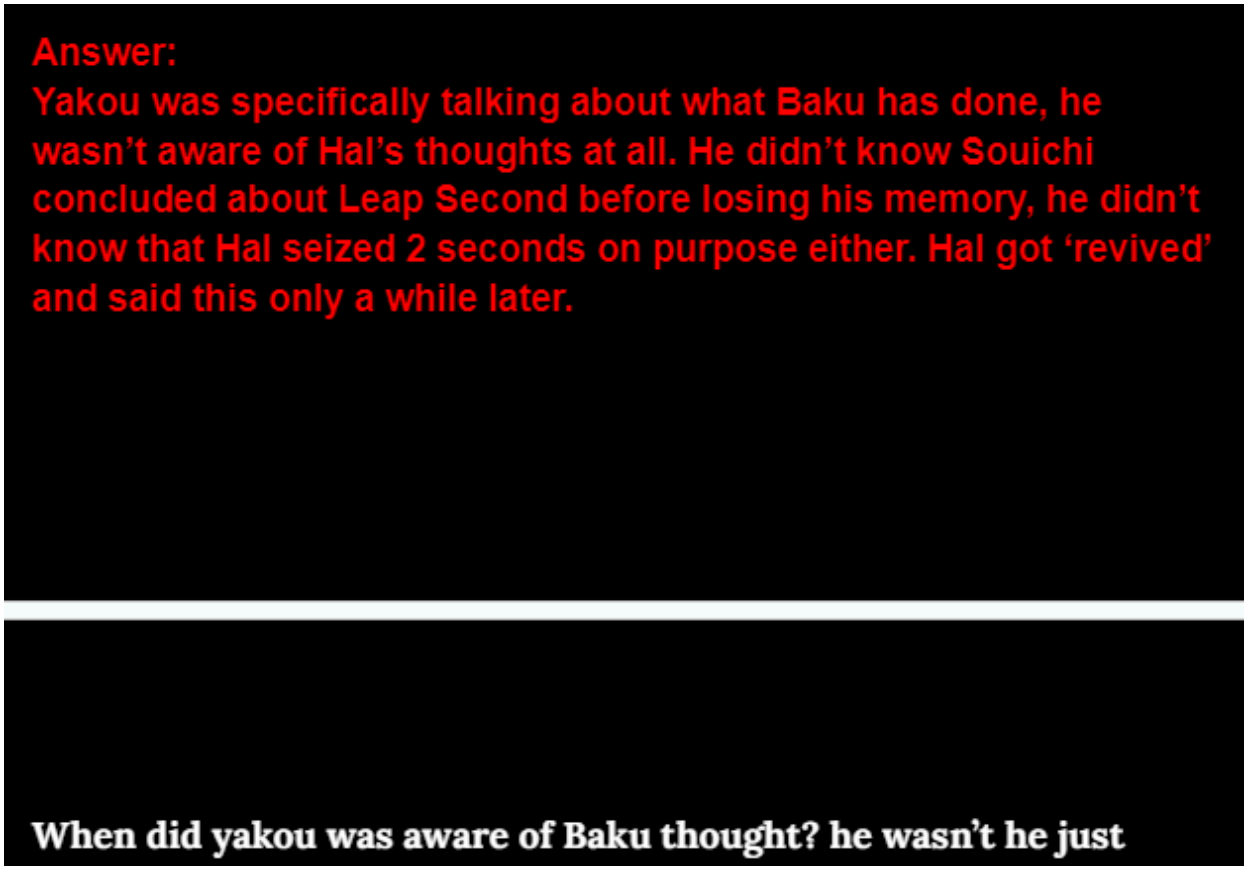

THE "DATE" USOGUI SET FOR HIS "LEAP SECOND" PLAN
HAPPENED TO OVERLAP WITH LEADER'S "MEMORY LOSS" CYCLE,
WHICH USOGUI COULD NEVER LEARN.
"LEAP SECONDS" ONLY HAPPEN IRREGULARLY.
THEREFORE, AS A RESULT OF "LOSING HIS MEMORY",
THE LEAP SECOND DISAPPEARED FROM LEADER'S HEAD TOO.
THAT IS THE REASON HE BETS.
AS IF HIS MISSTEPS WERE BEING MADE ACROSS A TIGHTROPE, HE KEEPS EVERYONE WATCHING ON THE EDGE OF THEIR SEAT.
NO MATTER THE ERA,
PEOPLE MAY JUST WANT TO SEE SOME IMPRESSIVE COMEBACKS.
3205
DEVILISH ...WELL, I CAN'T DENY IT.
INDEED, WE COULD SAY THAT ABOUT HIS LUCK.
WELL, WHEN THE COMEBACK IS TOO EXTREME, PEOPLE MAY JUST THINK OF IT AS SOMETHING DEVILISH.
HA.



YAKOU LITERALLY STATES THAT HE SAW IN 'HALLUCINATION' THAT HAL FIGURED OUT LEAP SECOND, WHICH WOULDN'T MAKE SENSE IF THAT EARLIER PART OF THE HALLUCINATION IS FAKE. What's more, <u>when Yakou talks about the 'hallucination', be SPECIFICALLY connected the words "Don't look back" with THE FIRST PANEL OF THE 10th ROUND, CONFIRMING THAT THIS ENTIRE EXPERIENCE had been reality! It's confirmed both by NARRATOR AND YAKOU!!!</u>

<u>The rest of the Rebunk will just be clearing up the leftover dumbassery of the 'debunk'.</u>

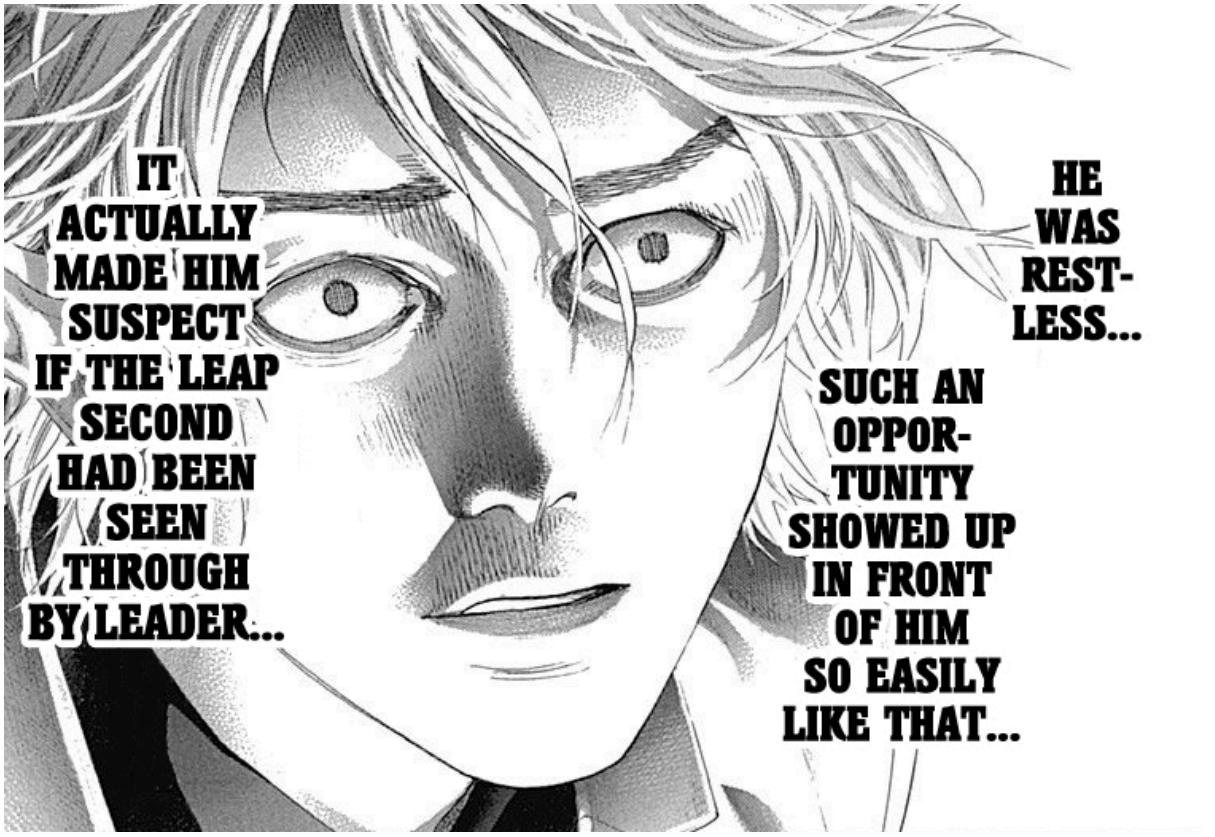
Fanfiction:



Rebuttal:

Yakou wasn't aware of all of Baku's thoughts (don't know how Domino got the impression that I said he did), but Yakou understood some of them and Baku's intentions.

Just to show a few:



Domino:

“there is no reason for sako to just lie about what Baku did when he fcking did a LEAP SECOND”

Rebuttal:

Retarded strawman. **Where did Sako lie about Baku’s intentions? The referees were unaware that Hal had echolocation or Baku**

planned Memory Loss, which was revealed later. Same with Hal seizing 2 seconds.

Once again, where did Sako contradict anything?
Omniscient Narrator and Souichi statements are on my side.
Well, Domino, where are these contradictions?

Domino:
and the conclusion of Hal perfection being that Baku outsmarted him due to his memory loss but in fact he didn't and Hal outsmarted baku the whole game and had a contingency but lost because of Yakou?
Rebuttal:
So Hal outsmarting Baku is now a contradiction? Explains how much you know about the story, when Souichi was narratively smarter in Surpassing the Leader.
Hal still lost because of Memory Loss.
And yes, Yakou's CPR was ineffective and that's literally why Marco and Kaji were able to revive Hal after arriving over 3 MINUTES LATER!

The debunk is too desperate, actually misinterpreting the story in order to find holes when there are none.

Domino:
the writing is all dead to be honest. You also fuck up the parrarel of 1st STL /2nd STL
Rebuttal:
I'm sorry Domino, but I already explained a multitude of ways the actual writing is better than your sorry ass fanfic.
Baku being cornered and the way Hal induced fear in Baku after he already laughed is also highlighted by the narrator 💀

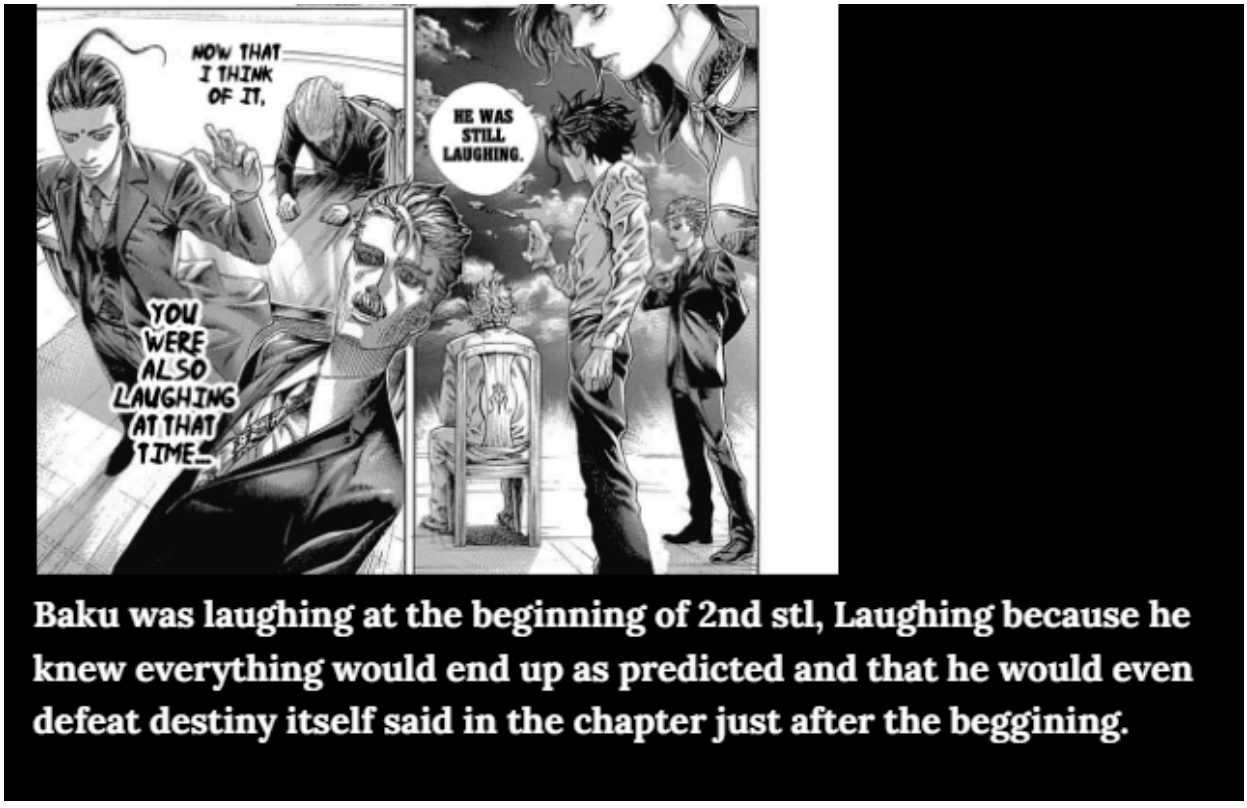
Hmm, maybe that's why there is a difference here, because it's literally supposed to be the first time Baku experienced something like this? What do you think, Domino? It's almost as if there is an entire panel dedicated to that...
Oh wait, there is 💀





I'm really sorry Domino that Canon doesn't align with your fanfiction

Domino:



Rebuttal:

I already refuted the later points, but WHAT?! As you state, Baku was laughing at 'the beginning of 2nd stl'!? YAKOU IS SPECIFICALLY TALKING ABOUT THE 9TH ROUND!

Another misinterpretation of the narrative, though it's not as bad as the other ones...

Domino:

> If i'm talking from a writing perspective that's because it's the most important by far and if i'm talking from it then i'm prioritizing the story lol, the referee serves as a tool for narration that is obvious. The memory loss is something completely secret impossible to deduce whereas the action of an fixed game are totally deductible especially after the leap second, you're just saying because they can't mind read Hal perfectly, fuck all the chapter explaining the game when you should just think that it just make sense into MY interpretation and not your.

Rebuttal:

I already responded to the earlier claims, so let's look at the part which is the worst of the worst.

"whereas the action of an fixed game are totally deductible especially after the leap second, you're just staying because they can't mind read Hal perfectly, fuck all the chapter explaining the game"

Well this is just retarded. How are the referees even supposed to know that Hal even figured out Leap Second, when Yakou decided not to tell anyone?



The only referee who could explain Hal's intentions would be Yakou, but even then that's difficult, since Hal had only revealed he must've known about Leap Second in the 6th and the 7th round. Hal's actions began in the first round, but they were so hard to see through that even Baku couldn't do so for a long time.
It's unknown if EVEN BAKU could be SURE of the process, since there are many instances of decision making only Hal is aware of, such as when in the Second Turn of the 1st Round Hal had wanted to turn around before Baku interrupted him.
How is Yakou supposed to interpret this, when he isn't as perceptive as Baku and unlike the readers he can't see all the Narrator Panels, Souichi's Statements and numerous hints proving so?

Even assuming that Yakou DID formulate an explanation, that would make all the different steps Sako took almost useless. It would kill the writing if right after the hallucination round we had another, EVEN MORE COMPLEX EXPLANATION FOR 3 CHAPTERS STRAIGHT before Baku FINALLY becomes the Leader.

Domino:

Foreshadowing and spoilers are 2 different things, foreshadowing is indirect and subtle, something you most of the time pick up on a reread. Spoiler is direct revelation of what will happen exactly, mainly an important part of the story.
You should just search up the difference between the foreshadowing and spoilers instead.
Yakou's explanation, writing-wise, couldn't explain Hal's POV as he wasn't aware of his thoughts, he only learned about Hal seizing the 2 seconds and catching up to LS in the 10th 'hallucination' round. After this Yakou didn't make any explanation, as for other referees, they weren't aware of Hal's thinking process at all.

Domino completely strawmanned my point by comparing spoilers to foreshadowing

like what did you even explain here? you didn't even took a single example lol, when I put multiples foreshadowing of Baku plan from both my research and team translation, they are multiples scan indicating that baku had a hidden plan

so you can not say "uh the clock means Hal understood LS and the other are just foreshadowing/spoiler" why it can be a foreshadowing too lol?

If Yakou didn't make any explanation it's maybe because they were in the round 10, all shocked of what happened and then say get back to reality still shocked and just leave the game since it ended and there's no reason to talk about something that didn't even physically exist.

Rebuttal:

The answer is obvious. If referees were to be omniscient and they explained Hal's entire cognitive process and actions which have NOT been revealed yet, then Hal's 3rd revival would lose entire shock

value, not even mentioning that the referees DON'T know about Leader figuring out Leap Second.
Only Yakou does and I already explained why there would be no explanation.

Domino put some strawmans in there which I had already refuted, so I won't do so again.

Conclusion.

I've proved that my analysis is the only correct one and have disproved Domino's fanfiction along the way. The latter wasn't really my aim, but oh well.
I'm glad Domino decided to make another debunk, because this Rebunk ends this entire debate unquestionably.
I've explained all the misinterpretations of the Narrator Panels sent by Domino, after which his level of arguments drastically fell. I guess he won't add any new arguments.
After analyzing Sako's mind game, I've managed to uncover another layer of depth for this mind game, genius foreshadowing and an explanation for all of Hal's seemingly contradictory actions.
I've got to see Domino attempting to 1v3 The Narrator, Souichi and Sako himself and that was fun as well I guess.

It's funny how many times Domino had blatantly misinterpreted the story and blindly assessed that his interpretation has better writing.

Well, it makes sense if he never understood my interpretation in the first place.

Will Domino make another Debunk? I doubt that.
Would I respond? I doubt that even more.
The debunk was barely readable in the first place.

If someone has genuinely read both of those docs they should be able to confidently see whose interpretation they believe in.
If anyone has any questions, dc. JoJolon

