Akiyama’s psychoanalysis of the Harimoto Faction



Harimoto’s crew dynamics

Akiyama’s psychoanalysis of this group had started out all the way from Musical chairs where he was able to observe and ascertain multiple details regarding the Harimto faction.

>They are actually a cult where Harimoto is the centre of the group and their religious leader who is adored by all his followers (who obey his commands completely)

>The harimoto in general is quite greedy based on his methods in the liar game and the fact that his alliances with Yokoya fell through

>Harimoto's crew is a capable contender for the liar game given the strategies it was able to deploy in MC and the fact that Harimoto is a silver tongued liar which is expected from him being a cult leader + him having allies who completely trust him.

>Akiyama also noted another peculiar observation in Musical chairs that being, Kimura kei follows Harimoto around a lot and that whenever a major tactical move has been made by them kimura kei is next to Harimoto conversely whenever Harimoto makes a basic, not so game altering move Kimura isn't by his side.

This leads Akiyama to suspect that the Harimoto crew's intellectual capabilities are divided between 2 individuals
Kimura kei possesses the sharp ,tactical and logical mind that creates their winning strategies.
Harimoto is the unifying force of the cult and the silver tongued liar who can capture ppls hearts

With this Hypothesis in Mind Akiyama runs a test in Bid Poker where he weaponizes Harimoto's spirit to force him into the corner of the building to not interfere with the bidding period with this Akiyama is able to observe that the rest of the harimoto faction are able to still operate pretty smoothly this validates his hypothesis of Kimura being the true mastermind.

Akiyama was also able to further infer that Kimura kei due to her talents had almost completely manipulated Harimoto and was the one making major decisions for the cult (while attempting to conceal her control as much as possible to not incur hate from the rest of the followers.
This is evidenced by Akiyama asking Kimura Kei and not Harimoto why they decided to participate in the liar game.
This directly shows how well Akiyama understood the inner workings of the Religion as a whole.



Individual members

Harimoto

Akiyama was already able to ascertain the dynamic between Kimura and Harimoto and the level of Control He was in However his main EU of Harimoto comes from him perfectly predicting his actions during the card trade pact.
Given the perilous situation of Muscles and Baldy due to their lack of cards Akiyama is able to Nudge Nao towards making a bold statement claiming she truly wants to save everybody in the game including Baldy and Muscles and then asks Akiyama and Harimoto to discard 5 of their cards so that muscles and Baldy can get cards and form a valid hand.

Akiyama knows that Harimoto doesn't want to give up his cards but is also able to understand that given the fact that his entire following is based on religion and given how Nao presented the argument with the will to save everyone, harimoto outright rejecting this option will cast a bad reflection of him towards his followers especially Abe san who is the weakest link of the Harimoto crew and has been charmed by Nao during Musical chairs, so he will be forced to comply in order to mantain persona.

From this point Akiyama is able to predict that Harimoto would attempt to claim that they don't trust the others who may steal the deck which Akiyama is easily able to debunk by telling everyone Baldy and muscles to bid 231 coins for both hands which would allow them to outbid all the players and then proceeds to lock himself himself in the billiards room after changing

tablets with Nao.
Harimoto will choose to discard his hand first as a way to look for an out to escape this pact hoping that Akiyama betrays the pact in some way so that he can make use of it to cut all ties with the remaining players, labeling him and Nao as evil to Abe in order to restore her belief in the cult.

With this in Mind Akiyama sets a trap by informing Baldy(whom he predicted would go for Harimoto's lot to bid 233 coins instead of 231 with this Akiyama is able predict that Harimoto would frame this as Baldy mistrusting Harimoto's allies due to which he decides to bid 301 coins (Outbidding muscles who bid 300 according to Akiyama's advice) on Akiyama's lot and proceeds to cut of ties with the rest of the players claiming that he will not trust them or attempt ally with them again.

With this Akiyama is able to force Harimoto to pay a massive amount of 301 coins to seize Akiyama's lot which Akiyama can use to enact his own strategy

Kimura Kei

After reasoning out that Kimura kei is the mastermind of the cult and the true strategst Akiyama is able to create the basic prediction that their strategy would be to make Harimoto the winner of the game while having the remaining members get other valid hands while attempting to boost their winnings through pigs.
The reasn being despite Kimura kei being the hidden mastermind, Harimoto is still the religious head while Kimura has to hide her true position and act as the 2nd in command.
if Harimoto takes one card from mikamoto he can easily form a straight flush giving him first place over Akiyama however Akiyama can simply outbid them for that hand to maintain first however to prevent that, however even in that Scenario Harimoto would be able to form a straight flush by making appropriate card switches with other teammates.
So from Kimura's pov Akiyama has 2 options

1. In order to save muscles and the remaining players it is clear that Akiyama will have to get first place while making money through pigs so Akiyama shud do whatever it takes to maintain first place even if it means bidding 533 coins but this move is almost futile since Harimoto has another way to get a straight flush.
2. Do nothing and let Harimoto take first place basically guaranteeing the cult's victory and use this to cut ties with muscles without harming Nao's position and give up on saving the remaining players while being able to stay afloat due to his coins and cards.

Kimura believes that Akiyama will opt for the latter and stick to preserving second place and betray Muscles and only serve himself believing that that's how selfish humans are in the end of the day.
She is immediately validated regarding her inference of Akiyama's actions (That was naturally an act set up by Akiyama in advance to validate said beliefs of Kimura in order to conceal his true strategy), with this Akiyama was able to control Kimura's modelling of him
After this Akiyama uses muscles act of defecting to get him to strike a deal with Kimura kei where he will provide her with information regarding what other players will be trading and how

much they intend to pay for said cards so that Kimura can safely outbid them in order to guarantee their position as pigs in order to further increase her winnings.



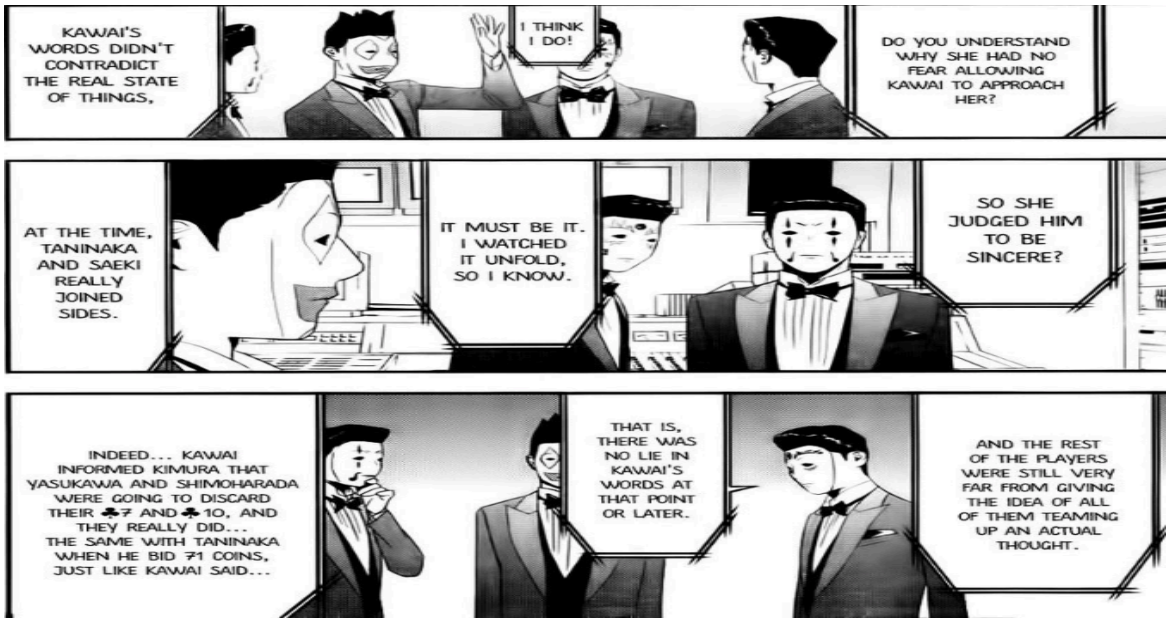



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AKIYAMA!!! THIS'S NOT WHAT WE'VE TALKED ABOUT, AIN'T IT?!!
I THOUGHT IT WAS FISHY THAT WHEN I ASKED YOU HOW YOU'RE GONNA HELP ME, YOU JUST DODGED THE QUESTION SAYING IT'D BE BAD IF SOMEONE WERE TO EAVES-DROP ON US AND FIND OUT YOUR PLAN!!!
YOU PROMISED TO SAVE ME!!! BUT IN THE END YOU JUST LEFT EVERYTHING AS IT IS, YOU BASTARD!!!
KAWAI-SAN!
I'M FED UP WITH THIS! I'M THROUGH WITH YOU TWO GITS!!!
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IN THE END, YOU GOT NO DAMN PLAN!!! YOU JUST DUPED ME!!!


GETTING RID OF KAWAI IS ACTUALLY THE BEST SOLUTION FOR HIM... HOWEVER, IF HE HAD OPENLY STATED HIS REFUSAL TO HELP KAWAI, IT WOULD'VE RESULTED IN A HUGE DENT IN KANZAKI'S CREDIBILITY, SINCE SHE WAS THE ONE WHO PROMISED TO SAVE KAWAI NO MATTER WHAT.
THE BEGINNING OF THE DOWNFALL?!
HE CHOSE TO PLAY THE BAD GUY ROLE IN ORDER TO PROTECT KANZAKI.
SO HE MADE IT SO THAT IT WAS KAWAI WHO SEVERED THEIR COOPERATION FIRST.

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Akiyama predicts that Kimura kei will accept this despite her not not trusting muscles to because she would realize that going along with muscles proposition would do her no harm but could give her rewards so she would go along with it so far as she can gain credible information from him and will betray him in the end





With muscles as in tow muscles in tow after Kimura kei is able to disrupt their first attempts at trading cards the formation of an alliance would get more and more difficult because of lesser cards where one would be forced to drop out making it difficult to make deals and with Muscles constantly feeding her details regarding the the troubles of the remaining players in order to control her own modelling of the players

“if even 2 players can’t work together then there’s no way all the players can form a group”.

This part is honestly pretty sophisticated if u think abt it Akiyama is basically using Kimura’s own trap towards her forcing disarray among the remaining people’s co-operation to effectively condition her into not considering the possibility of a team formed by the remaining players, thereby preventing her from attempting to boost Harimoto’s deck which would shut down Akiyama’s victory.


TO TRICK KIMURA.
AND THAT'S HOW HE MANAGED
ACTED AS HER SPY, NEVER EVEN TRYING TO LIE TO HER, AND ALL THE INFORMATION HE PROVIDED WAS CORRECT...
WHAT RISK?
HE PLANTED THE FIRM BELIEF THAT COOPERATION BETWEEN THOSE FOUR WAS UTTERLY IMPOSSIBLE DEEP INTO KIMURA'S PSYCHE.
BY DESCRIBING IN MINUTE DETAILS HOW ALLIANCES BETWEEN ANY TWO OF THE FOUR PLAYERS HE SPIED ON FAILED,
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AND, OBEDIENTLY, SHE THOUGHT, "IF EVEN TWO OF THEM CAN'T WORK OUT THEIR DIFFERENCES AND COOPERATE, THERE IS NO WAY THEY CAN EVER JOIN FORCES AND FORM A LARGE GROUP".