SUZUNE HORIKITA FEATS Y1



Vol 1 page 4-5:

{"Well, even though you have no right to veto such a decision, I suppose I would be exceptionally displeased."
She continued with, "And when I am displeased, then I will prove a major obstacle to your school life, Ayanokouji-kun. For example, I might set a great number of thumbtacks on your chair. Or, when you go to the toilet, I might splash water on you from above. Or stab you with the needle of my mathematical compass. Those kinds of obstacles, I suppose."
"That's nothing but harassment, or rather, bullying! And besides, that last one sounds strangely familiar, because you've already stabbed me before!"
I reluctantly sat up at my desk. A girl with beautiful, sharp eyes and long black hair that framed her face stared down at me. Her name was Horikita Suzune, a student of the Tokyo Metropolitan Advanced Nurturing High School, Class D, and my classmate.
"Don't worry. That was only a joke. I wouldn't splash water on you from above."
"What's more pressing are the thumbtacks and the compass needle! Look at this! There are still marks from when you stabbed me the last time! Will you take

responsibility if it scars me for life?" I rolled up my right sleeve and displayed my forearm to Horikita, so she could see the scars she'd left behind.
"Evidence?" she asked.
"Huh?"
"What about the evidence? Did you decide I'm the culprit without evidence?"
She was right; there was no evidence. Even though Horikita was the only one in class close enough to stab me with a needle, I'd be hard-pressed to call that definitive proof...
Well, I needed to confirm something first anyway.
"So, I'm required to help you? I've thought on it again, and, after all all I-"
"Ayanokouji-kun. Would you prefer to regret while you suffer or regret while you despair? Which would you like more? Because if you refuse me and force my hand, it will be your responsibility."}

Suzune is using a lot of Threats here showcasing her capability of doing so and going for such measures. Whilst using threats she's actually not being fully direct with it and she's careful. First of all, she's saying might, even if it's recorded she can easily say she was just bluffing or joking around especially since people know her and him as close friends of sorts. With this it's showcased that despite being proficient in threats themselves, she's careful about them. Hence she also asks for evidence there too which showcases it further.
Now for the threat method itself, she's using the information she got from understanding Ayanokoji and threatens it specifically aiming to make most impact using it.
In the end it's a very efficient way of threats with low risk high reward level pretty much.

[Threats, Risk Calculation+Assessment, Direct Control, Direct Manipulation, Fear Manipulation]

Vol 1 page 11:

{As I got off the bus, I saw a gate formed from natural rock waiting just ahead. All the young boys and girls dressed in school uniforms were passing through this gate.
The Japanese government had created the Tokyo Metropolitan Advanced Nurturing High School with the express purpose of developing future leaders. This would be my school from now on.
Okay, stop for a moment. Take a deep breath. All right, here we go!
"Wait!"
The instant I tried to take my first courageous step, someone called out to me. It was the girl who'd sat next to me on the bus.
"You were looking at me. Why?" she asked.
She narrowed her eyes while we spoke.}

Most people didn't notice this, but despite Suzune being shown to be fully focused on her book and not minding the commotion, which showcases a form of focused thinking, she actually was still so keen, perceptive and observant she saw Ayanokoji look at her even though it was but only a few moments thing in the whole long ride.

[Perception, Observation, Focused Thinking]

{"Spoken just like someone who avoids trouble. I don't think I could ever like such a person," she said.
"Jeez, I feel like you trashed my entire existence in one second," I muttered.
"I pray this will be my only upset."
"I sympathize, but, unfortunately, I don't think your prayers will be answered." I pointed to the classroom entrance. Standing there was-
"This seems like a rather well-equipped classroom. It would appear to live up to people's expectations, hmm?" Yes. The boy who'd quarreled with those women on the bus.
"I see. This certainly is bad luck," she said.}

Furthermore she saw Koenji too despite the whole time looking at the book which only supports the previous feat.

[Perception, Observation, Focused Thinking]

{Leaning down, I glanced at the title of her book: Crime and Punishment. Now that was interesting. A story that debated whether it was right to kill someone, so long as it was done for the sake of justice.}

Horikita is a person who read quite a good level literature which can be a Knowledge and VCI comprehension feat, as it's something of a pretty good level.

[Knowledge, VCI]

Vol 1 page 34:

Despite the fact that most people started getting carried away due to being given so much freedom and money, while also misdirecting them by giving them the information in controlled way to deceive them, Horikita and Ayanokoji both saved up their points seeing right through that.

[Logical Thinking, Trap Evasion]

Vol 1 page 35:

{Horikita didn't flinch at Sudou's harsh tone. Seemingly irritated, Sudou set his noodle cup on the ground and stood.
"Huh? Hey, listen to people when they're talking to you! Hey!" he said.
"What's his problem? He just suddenly got angry." Horikita said this to me, ignoring Sudou. This was apparently too much for Sudou, who started to shout.
"Hey, get over here! I'll smack that smug look off your face!" he yelled.
"Look, I'll admit that Horikita has a bad attitude, but you're taking this too far."
It was apparent that Sudou's patience had run out. "Huh? What was that? She has a bratty, obnoxious attitude. That's bad, especially for a girl!"
"For a girl? That's rather outdated thinking. Ayanokouji, I would advise you not to become his friend," Horikita said. With that, she turned her back on Sudou.
"Hey, wait! You shitty girl!"
"Calm down." I held Sudou back as he actually tried to grab Horikita. She made her way in the direction of the dorms without stopping or glancing back.}

Horikita kept absolute cool and composure with zero sings of fear or anything from the threats. She's a tough minded person who isn't easily affected by others. Despite Sudo being a pretty buff 183cm guy she absolutely doesn't get scared or lose composure.

[Composure, Emotional Management/EIM]

Vol 1 page 40:

{I took in the relaxed atmosphere, and soon it was lunchtime. Students stood up and left with their new acquaintances, disappearing from my view. I couldn't help but feel slightly envious as I watched them. Unfortunately, I still hadn't managed to befriend a single one of my new classmates.
"How pathetic."
Only one person had noticed how I felt, and she met my pain with derisive laughter.
"What? What's pathetic?" I asked.
""I want someone to invite me along. I want to eat with someone!' Your thoughts are like an open book," Horikita said.
"But you're alone, too, aren't you? Haven't you thought the same thing? Or do you intend to spend three years here without making a single friend?"
"That's right. I prefer to be alone," she replied quickly, without hesitation. It sounded like she was being honest. "Why don't you stop worrying about me and instead think about yourself?"
"Well, I..."}

Horikita rather easily saw through Ayanokoji and his thoughts. Of course Ayanokoji wasn't on guard so here he is ~Above Average at how hard it'll be to read those layers of thoughts but it's still rather good that she can see through it so accurately.

[Emotional Understanding/EIU, Emotional Perception/EIP]

Vol 1 page 45:

{"At five PM Japan Standard Time today, we will be holding a student club fair in Gymnasium No. 1. Students interested in joining a club, please gather in Gymnasium No. 1. I repeat, at-"
A girl with a sweet voice continued the announcement. Club activities, huh? Come to think of it, I'd never joined a club before.
"Hey, Horikita-"
"I'm not interested in joining a club."
"I didn't even ask you anything yet."
"Well, what is it?"
"Are you interested in joining a club?"
"Ayanokouji-kun, do you have dementia, or are you just an idiot? Didn't I just tell you that I'm not interested?"
"That doesn't mean you won't join, though," I replied.
"Now you're just splitting hairs. Don't argue for the sake of arguing."
"Okay then."}

Whilst you can say it was pretty obvious from the announcement, crucial part is, Horikita isn't a type who'd just guess unless she was fully sure or else she'd look, well, not the best. Which she doesn't want, this would show her being sure of what he'll ask and what he wants to say.

[Emotional Understanding/EIU, Social Awareness, Social Understanding, Prediction]

Vol 1 page 67:

{For some reason, Horikita was checking me out all over.
"Ayanokouji-kun, do you exercise?" she asked.
"Huh? No, not really. I'm not particularly proud of this, but in middle school I was the kid who never had any after-school plans."
"Well, you say that, but... judging from the development of your forearms and your back muscles, you seem above average."
"I guess my parents blessed me with good genes?"
"I don't think that's the only reason."
"Jeez, what's with you? Do you have a muscle fetish or something? Is that it?"
"I suppose if you deny it that much, I have to believe you..."
She appeared somewhat dissatisfied. I guessed that Horikita had a rather discerning eye and enjoyed using it.}

Horikita seems to be pretty good at anatomy and as we know she is a martial artist too, which is part of knowledge but also this is perception and observation feat as well.

[Perception, Observation, Knowledge]

Vol 1 page 70:

{Somehow, swimming had strengthened the boys' bond. The only exception was Hirata, who seemed to avoid looking at the girls. The whistle blew, and five of the girls dove into the water. Horikita was in the second lane. She took the lead at the beginning of the race and kept her distance from the others, maintaining her position at the front of the pack. She swam confidently, effortlessly covering the fifty meters.
"Wow! Awesome, Horikita!"
Her time was approximately twenty-eight seconds. She was pretty fast. Horikita slowly got out of the pool and went to the side, not even appearing out of breath. To the boys, results were of secondary importance. Their eyes were glued to the girls' jiggling butts. I stared at Horikita, too. Was it because we were getting along? Well, she was a girl. There was something there, I thought. Yeah.}

[Kinesthetic Intelligence]

Vol 1 page 84: {She gave Kushida and me an icy look. "I don't like this. What are you plotting?" She'd seen
through our plan and was trying to get me to admit it.
"N-no, it was just a coincidence," Kushida said.
Kushida shouldn't have said such a thing. Asking, "What do you mean?" and acting ignorant of Horikita's prodding would've been the better response.
"When we sat down earlier, I saw the two girls seated here were from Class D, along with the two girls seated next to us as well. Was that just a coincidence, too?"
"Oh, wow, really? I didn't notice at all," Kushida said.
"Also, we came straight here after classes ended. No matter how much those girls rushed, they could only have been here for about one to two minutes at the most. It was far too early for them to get up and leave. Am I wrong?"
Horikita was even more incredibly observant than I'd thought. Not only did she remember our classmates' faces, but she'd quickly grasped the situation.
"Um, well..." A bewildered Kushida signaled for me to save her somehow. Horikita noticed. Any further deception on our part would just make it worse.
"Sorry, Horikita. We planned this."
"I thought as much. I thought this whole thing was a little suspicious right from the start."}

Despite not caring about other's at this time of the Novel, she was still observant enough to remember the classmates she likely never ever spoke to. Moreover she

was keen enough to her surroundings to notice them leaving right off the bat and gave logical reasons as to why it's a set-up, which made any further deception futile. Moreover she saw Kushida's signal to Ayanokoji as well. What's more on top, she was suspicious from the beginning because Ayanokoji even asked her in the first place which she found weird after understanding his (current) personality to add on top.

[Inductive Reasoning, Logical Reasoning, Logical Thinking, Linear Thinking, Memory, Social Awareness, Observation, Perception, Emotional Perception/EIP, Emotional Understanding/EIU]

Vol 1 page 89:

{Based on Ike's conversation, it sounded like Hirata was dating Karuizawa. Watching Karuizawa from afar, I saw that she was gazing lovingly at him from across the room. As for my own impression of Karuizawa, well, she was certainly cute. But she had this atmosphere around her that it made difficult for uncertain people to approach her. In other words, she seemed like one of those intensely "girly"-type girls. In junior high, she'd probably pounced on pretty boys like Hirata. These were my own uncharitable assumptions, but I probably wasn't far off.
Oops. I had pretty mean-spirited opinions about her, although, not really to the extent that it would be considered defamation. I apologized to Karuizawa in my head.
"I hate that look on your face."
Horikita glared icily at me. She must have read my sleazy inner
thoughts. How fast did you need to move to become a couple right after starting school? I was agonizing over just making friends. If I'd gone up to Horikita and asked, "Would you go out with me?" she definitely would've smacked me. At any rate, if I were to get a girlfriend, I'd prefer a kinder, more ladylike girl.}

Horikita for the umpteenth time reading this version of Koji.

[Emotional Perception/EIP]

Vol 1 page 142-146:

{"Are you free for lunch? Do you want to eat together?"
During our break, Horikita came up and invited me out.
"It's unusual to get an invitation from you. I feel nervous."
"There's no reason to be. I can treat you to the vegetable meal set, if that's okay with you."
Wait, wasn't that the free meal?
"I'm joking. Seriously, whatever you want to eat is on me."
"Now I'm definitely scared. Is there some kind of catch?"

An invitation from Horikita was suspicious enough. The suddenness of the request also gave me pause.
"If people can't honestly accept kindness, then mankind will meet its end, won't it?" she asked.
"Well, I suppose so, but..."
With no other plans, I decided to follow Horikita to the cafeteria, where I chose one of the most expensive special meal sets. Together, we sat down.
"Well then, shall we eat?" she asked. Horikita started at me intently, as if she were waiting for me to begin.
"What's the matter, Ayanokouji-kun? Aren't you going to eat?"
"Oh."
There was definitely a catch, no doubt about it. Nevertheless, I couldn't just sit here and not eat. Letting the food get cold would be a waste. I hesitantly bit into my croquette.
"I know this is rather sudden, but I want to talk to you about something."
"I have a bad feeling about this..."
Just as I was preparing flee she grabbed my hand. "Ayanokouji- kun, I'll ask once again. Will you listen to me?"
"Ugh..."
"Ever since Chiyabashira-sensei's warning, fewer people have arrived late or talked in class. When I say we eliminated more than half of the reasons our class got into trouble, I'm not exaggerating."
"Yeah, that's true. It wasn't really a difficult issue to begin with, though." There was no guarantee things would continue in this vein, but at least these last few days had been considerably better than before.
"The next step is to improve our chances of scoring well on the midterm. Hirata-kun started taking action toward that end earlier."
"The study groups, huh? Well, I suppose that a study group certainly could help. Only..."
"Only what? It sounds like you're implying something. What's the problem?"
"Nothing. Don't worry about it. I have to say, it's unusual to see you so worried for others."
"I can't truly imagine failing a test. However, it's true that some students in this world can do just that."
"Sudou and the others, you mean? You're vicious as ever, I see."
"I'm just telling the truth."
Because students couldn't leave campus, contact anyone on the outside, or even attend cram schools, their only option was to help one another.
"I'm relieved that Hirata-kun set up a study group. However, Sudou- kun, Ike-kun, and Yamauchi-kun didn't join, did they? That worries me," Horikita said.
"Oh, those guys. I wouldn't say they're Hirata's enemies, but they aren't on good terms with him. They wouldn't join."

"So, in other words, there remains a high probability that those three will fail. In order to reach Class A, we need to avoid demerits and build toward a positive evaluation, correct? I think it highly likely that good test scores will help with that."
I suppose it's only natural that a student would expect their grade to reflect how much effort they put into the test.
"What if you also held a study group like Hirata's, specifically for helping Sudou and Ike?" I asked.
"Sure. I wouldn't have any objections to that. You probably find that rather surprising, though, don't you?"
"Well, everything about your behavior up until now has been surprising."
I wasn't actually surprised, though. Horikita was doing this all for her own benefit. Personally, I'd never thought that Horikita was that cold of a person.
"Well, I understand that you want to move up to Class A. However, I didn't think that you'd opt for ordinary methods like tutoring them. Typically, failing students tend not to like studying. Besides, you've kept your distance from the other students since the first day, right? I doubt someone who considers friends unnecessary would be able to bring people together easily."
"That's why I'm asking you. Fortunately, you're already friendly with these people, right?"
"Huh? Hey, wait. You couldn't mean..."
"It'll be quicker if you try to convince them. It shouldn't be a problem; they're happy to say that you're friends, right? Bring them to the library, and I'll tutor them."
"This is insane. Do you honestly think someone who does his best to lead an utterly harmless and inoffensive life would be able to do something that requires actual social skills?"
"It's not a matter of can or can't. Just do it," she said.
Was I her pet dog or something?
"You can aim for Class A, but don't involve me."
"You ate the food I treated you to, right? Lunch. The special set. A wonderful, delicious meal."
"I simply received the honest goodwill of another human being."
"Unfortunately, that wasn't out of goodwill. I had an ulterior motive."
"Sorry, I didn't hear a word you said. Here, have some points, my treat. Now we're even."
"I refuse to stoop so low as to accept handouts from others," she said.
"I think this might be the first time I'm actually angry at you..."
"So what will you do? Cooperate? Or make me your enemy?"
"It almost feels like you're holding a gun to my head."
"No, not 'almost.' I really am threatening you," replied Horikita.
The power of violence certainly was effective. Well... if all I did was gather them together, there wasn't anything particularly wrong with cooperating. After all, due to Horikita's stance against friendship, she wouldn't be effective at diplomacy.

Furthermore, it'd taken a lot of time and trouble to become friends with Sudou and Ike. I'd hate for them to have to drop out so quickly. Sensing my hesitation, Horikita pressed me.
"You don't think I've forgiven you for conspiring with Kushida-san
and inviting me out under false pretenses, do you?" she asked.
"You said you wouldn't blame me. Bringing that up is unfair."
"I said that to Kushida-san. I don't remember saying that to you, Ayanokouji-kun."
"Wow. You play dirty."
"If you want my forgiveness, cooperate with me."
It looked as though I'd never had an escape route in the first place. At this juncture, the only way to avoid a hassle would be to help her.
"I can't guarantee anything. Are you okay with that?"
"I believe you'll find a way. Oh, here's my phone number and email. If something happens, contact me."}

Now here's why this is actually a pretty underrated feat, despite a lot of people knowing it as the "time when Suzune manipulated Koji" and it becoming a meme, it's actually a well thought and made trap of sorts.
First of all, she's using persuasion to gain cooperation from Ayanokoji who at that time does not wish to cooperate. The persuasion includes the previous well made threats which would sabotage his current goal of peaceful life via him making her his enemy. At the same time he gets a benefit from this too via the class points leading to private points. Then also there's a side reason of him losing his friends. At the same time it's not that hard to do, as he said if all he did was gather them together it's nothing wrong to cooperate. That's the persuasion and negotiation.
The food is a bribery part of this.
Now the guilt tripping and playing the victim is also existing here, whilst it wouldn't really work on Ayanokoji normally here he was trying to be normal and be at peace so it was in fact troublesome. By bringing up the time where he was in fact at fault with Kushida cafe incident, she played the victim card rightfully and so did the guilt trip as well, on top of that paying for his food. More to note, she sensed his hesitation and pressed him at the right time.

[Persuasion, Negotiation, Bribery, Guilt Tripping, Playing the Victim, Social Skills, Social Understanding, Direct Control + Direct Manipulation, Emotional Manipulation, Setting Traps, Emotional Understanding/EIU, Emotional Perception/EIP]

Vol 1 page 164:

{"It doesn't really matter. My goal is for everyone to score fifty," Horikita said.
"Gah, isn't that going to be too tough?"
"Aiming to just skate by is dangerous. The fact that you can't easily reach that threshold troubles me."
In the face of Horikita's sound argument, the failures simply nodded reluctantly.

"I included most of what will be covered on this test. We only have about two weeks left, but I plan to thoroughly walk you through everything. If you don't understand something, please ask."}

Again, Suzune is playing things safe despite it not being the best for the other's psyche it's still the correct decision here. Moreover, you could argue that she was suspicious of the threshold being 32 points which is understandable since ANHS already proven to be shady by misdirecting them about the points allowance on top of 32 being a very odd number. With again, logically sound arguments she got them to do as she told.

[Logical Thinking, Risk Assessment+Calculation]

Vol 1 page 166-167:

{"I don't care if I can't solve this problem. Studying's useless. Aiming to become a pro basketball player will help me a lot more."
"Incorrect. Once you learn to solve these kinds of problems, your entire life will change. In other words, studying increases the possibility that you'll solve the problems you face. It's the same principle as basketball. I wonder if, so far, you've been playing basketball by your own set of rules. When you struggle in basketball, do you run away from it like you do from studying? I doubt you take basketball practice seriously. You're a natural troublemaker, someone who always causes a disruption. If I were your adviser, I wouldn't let you on the team."
"Tch!" Sudou got in close to Horikita and grabbed her by the collar.
"Sudou-kun!" Kushida grabbed Sudou's arm faster than I could move. Despite Sudou's intimidations, Horikita didn't flinch. She simply fixed Sudou with an icy glare.
"You don't interest me in the slightest, but I can tell what kind of person you are just by looking at you. You want to play professional basketball? Do you honestly believe you can make such a childish dream come true in this world? A simpleton like you who gives up right away could never hope to go pro. Furthermore, even if you managed to become a professional player, I doubt you'd earn an annual income sufficient to live on. You're a fool to have such unreasonable aspirations."
"You!"}

What Horikita showcased here is again a pretty great and strong spirit that she didn't have any bother by Sudo grabbing her and almost hitting her. At the same time logically disproving his ideas which are in fact wrong and talking about how he is as a person showcasing her emotional and psychological understanding of him.

[Psychological Analysis, Emotional Understanding, Emotional Perception/EIP, Composure, Emotional Management/EIM]

Vol 1 page 169:

{"Okay. I see." Kushida grabbed her bag and stood up, her expression darkening. "I'm going to do something. Well, I'll try. I definitely don't want everything to fall apart so quickly."
"Kushida-san. Do you really feel that way?"
"Is it wrong? I don't want to abandon Sudou-kun, Ike-kun, and Yamauchi-kun."
"Even if that was how you truly felt, I wouldn't particularly care. But I don't think that you actually want to save them," Horikita said.
"What? I don't understand. Why do you say things like that, Horikita- san? Why do you try to antagonize people? That's...very sad."}

Well as we later on got to know Kushida is fake, and unless you try to say it was a lucky guess, it's easy to see that she saw through the amazing facade of Kushida's rather easily and accurately.

[Emotional Understanding/EIU, Emotional Perception/EIP, Psychological Insight, Psychological Analysis, Cold Reading, Seeing through people]

Vol 1 page 177:

{"You know, Ayanokouji-kun, you're the only one that Horikita-san opens up to."
"Wait a minute. She doesn't open up to me. Absolutely not."
"Even so, she seems to trust you more than anyone else. Out of all the people I've ever met, Horikita seems the most wary of others and yet also the most self-confident. She certainly wouldn't trust anyone worthless, even if they were unbelievably kind."
"So, you think she has good instincts for people?"}

This showcases more of how careful and thorough Suzune is and how well she understands others.

[Emotional Understanding/EIU, Psychological Insight, Psychological Understanding]

Vol 1 page 186:

{He walked past me and disappeared into the night. So, that was the distinguished student council president. His presence explained some of Horikita's weird behavior.
"I'm going to drag myself up to Class A even if it kills me," she said.
With her brother gone, the night was silent once more. Horikita sat up against the wall, her head hanging low. Maybe I'd made things worse by getting involved. I was about to return to the dorms when Horikita called out to me.
"Did you hear everything? Or was it just a coincidence?"}

This right here shows her motivation and having a goal that she will fulfill no matter what.

[Emotional Engagement/EIE, Motivation]

Vol 1 page 195:

{"There's something I want to ask you though, Horikita-san. You're not doing this for your friends or to get points. It's so you can get to Class A, right?"
"Yes."
"I can't believe that, though. I mean, isn't it impossible? Oh, I'm not saying you're stupid, Horikita-san. How do I put this, though? More than half of the class has given up, you see."
"Because the gulf between us and Class A is so vast?"
"Yes. To be perfectly honest, I can't imagine how we'd catch up. I'm not sure we can even get any points next month. It's disheartening."
Horikita smacked the table. "I'm going to do it. Definitely," she said.}

This again showcases more of how far she's willing to go towards her goal. Despite such a vast difference of a whole 940 class points between Class D and Class A, coupled with Chabashira before saying they are the only class in history to go that low, she still is determined.

[Emotional Engagement/EIE, Motivation]

Vol 1 page 198-200:

{"I'm busy with basketball. The others on the team never take study breaks, not even before a big test. I can't fall behind everyone else by doing something as boring as studying."
As if she'd predicted Sudou's remarks, Horikita opened her notebook and showed it to him. On the page, there was a detailed schedule leading up to the test.
"During the last session, I noticed that style of studying didn't work for you. None of you understand the fundamental basics. For example, it would be like tossing a frog into the ocean. The frog wouldn't have any idea where to go or how to swim. Also, I understand that taking time away from your hobbies will only add to your stress. Therefore, I've come up with a plan."
"What kind of sorcery did you use to come up with that? All right, tell me the plan."
He could make time for studying and club activities. Sudou, believing such a thing to be impossible, snorted in amusement.
"The test's two weeks from today. You'll all study every day during class like your life depends on it."
I couldn't believe what Horikita had said. No one else could, either.
"You three don't usually work seriously during class, do you?" she asked.

"You can't know that about us," Ike objected.
"So, you work seriously?"
"Well... No, we don't. We just sit around 'til class is over."
"So, in other words, you waste six hours a day doing nothing. Rather than struggling to study for the one or two hours available after class, we're wasting a far larger and more precious period of time. We must use this time better."
"Well, certainly... Theoretically that would work, but...isn't that unreasonable?"
"Trying to memorize things is surprisingly difficult when you're writing down notes."
She was probably right about that. A focus on note-taking would simply waste precious time. At any rate, Horikita had laid out a plan that didn't use up any time after school.
"Just try. Give it a go before you say no."
"I don't want to. I'd rather spend my time differently than a bookworm like you. Besides, I don't even think I could learn to study with such a simple, cheap trick."
Horikita had carefully come up with a plan tailored to the three of them, and yet Sudou still wouldn't agree.
"It seems you've misunderstood. There are no shortcuts or cheap tricks when it comes to studying. You just have to spend your time carefully. That applies not only to studying, but to everything else as well. Or are you telling me there are shortcuts and cheap tricks in something like basketball?"
"Of course there aren't. You only improve by practicing, all the time." Sudou inhaled sharply, surprised by his own words.
"For people who can't focus or work seriously, it's impossible. However, you put all of your effort into basketball. I want you to apply some of that effort to studying, even if it's just a fraction of what you have. Put in the effort so that you can continue to play basketball at this school. Don't throw away your own potential."
Horikita's compromise was small, but real. Sudou hesitated. However, his pride still got in the way. He seemed incapable of agreeing to the plan.
"Yeah, I'm still not doing it. I get what you're saying, but I'm not convinced."
Sudou made to turn around and leave, and Horikita couldn't stop him. If he left now, the study group was probably dead. Normally I'd stay out of it, but this called for drastic action.}

Now what's great about this, it showcases more of her using logical means to get others to follow her lead, at the same time using different methods to compel each other and appeal. Like using analogies to prove her point to a stubborn Sudo. At the same time making both strategic and planning approach towards it.

[Foresight, Cold Reading, Analogical Thinking, Logical Thinking, Persuasion, Planning Aim, Preparation Process, Strategy Efficiency]

Vol 1 page 211:

{"That's quite an inconsistent standard of measurement. The way I see it, everyone outside of Class A is lumped together."
Yamawaki stopped laughing and now glared at Horikita.
"Wow. For a defective product that can't make a single point, you're pretty sassy, aren't you? Did you think you could say whatever you like just because you have a cute face?"
"Thank you for your wholly incoherent and irrelevant statement. I was never very concerned about my appearance until now, but after being praised by you, I must say I feel rather uncomfortable."
"Tch!" Yamawaki slammed the table and stood up.
"Hey. Relax. If we're the ones who start fighting, then word will get around and we'll be in trouble." The other Class C students tugged at Yamawaki's sleeves, holding him back.
"You do know that you'll be expelled if you fail the next test, right? I'm looking forward to seeing how many of you get kicked out."
"Unfortunately for you, no one from Class D will be expelled. Before you worry about us, though, perhaps you should worry about your own class. Pride cometh before the fall."}

Horikita here pretty masterfully and with no risk towards her played with the guy's pride, almost making him go attack her. As Class C is the closest to Class D it would be very much great for them to drop some points due to some incident like this.

[Instigation, Emotional Manipulation, Logical Manipulation]

Vol 1 page 228:

{"Wait. There's just one thing I want to confirm," Horikita said.
"Confirm?"
"If you say that you'll continue working with me for the sake of our class, then I need to be sure of something."
Horikita looked straight at Kushida, who was still wearing that dazzling smile.
"You hate me, don't you?"
"Hey, hey..." I'd wondered what she wanted to ask, but that was ridiculously unexpected.
"Why do you think that?" Kushida asked.
"You're not answering my question because it's true. Right?"
"Ha ha, you got me." She shouldered her bag and lowered her hands. Kushida faced Horikita without losing her smile. "That's right. I really hate you."
She answered clearly, making no attempt to hide it. She was direct.}

Despite how good Kushida's acting is, she noticed that she doesn't just dislikes her but even hates her, against someone on the level of Kushida this is a pretty great

level stuff considering how psychologically complex Kushida is, on top of good at acting and limited interactions.

[Emotional Understanding/EIU, Emotional Perception/EIP, Seeing through people, Cold Reading, Psychological Understanding, Psychological Insight, Psychological Analysis]

Vol 1 page 234:

{"Damn it, why did I fall asleep?" Sudou fidgeted, clearly frustrated with himself. Horikita then stepped in front of him.
"Sudou-kun."
"What is it? Are you going to lecture me again?" he grumbled.
"It was certainly your fault for not reviewing the old test's final section. However, as you said, you did everything that you could with the time that you had. You didn't cut any corners or give up. Considering how much effort you put in, I think you should hold your head high and feel proud."
"What is this? Are you trying to comfort me?"
"Comfort? I'm speaking the truth. When I look at how far you've come, I understand how hard studying is for you, Sudou."
Horikita was genuinely praising him. None of us could believe what we were seeing.
"Let's wait for the results."
"Yeah... Okay."}

This showcases her keeping his spirit up and also a good thing for her own self as she is starting to be more open towards the efforts of other's. As a whole this in the future will be even more evident as she'll become an amazing leader.

[Social Awareness, Social Responsibility, Relationship Management, Emotional Management/EIM]

Vol 1 page 240:

{"Th-that's right. If you follow what you did last time, the passing grade for the midterm should be thirty-nine points!"
In other words, Sudou's overall grade should have meant that he just barely passed.
"I see. Did you anticipate that Sudou would just barely pass, then? You only scored exceedingly low in English, after all."
"Horikita, you..."
Sudou had realized something. The other students gasped as they also realized what had happened. Horikita had gotten perfect scores in four of the five main subjects, but she'd gotten an exceedingly low score of fifty- one points in English. Her English stuck out from her other scores.
"You really-"

Sudou noticed what she'd done. In order to lower the average score for the English test, Horikita had purposefully botched her own grade as far as she could.}

Suzune anticipated Sudo's low score which wasn't hard by itself as she knew he fell asleep early. What is important here though? That the theory about her understanding how the grading works is truthful, as if the passing mark was just 32 and not half the average of the class, she'd not lower her score if she thought that's the case. Meaning she also understood that it's likely the grades are given by the class average. That's why she also went over 50 and got 51 which also shows how good she is at the academics in couple with her getting perfect scores on all other subjects. Meaning Horikita understood the grading system and via her amazing academic capabilities gave Sudo more chances to pass. Now if she has scored 100 points, the average would get up on 1-2 points more (As it would be 49 more points with 40 students making the average go to 41 or even 42) which would mean they'd have to pay 200k or even 300k to bail out Sudo which wouldn't be possible.

[Anticipation, Analysis, Abductive Reasoning, Logical Thinking, Logical Reasoning, Academics, Risk Assessment+Calculation]

Vol 1 page 248:

{Horikita sat outside the circle, quietly reading a novel. When we said her name, she bookmarked her page and looked up.}

This shows consistency in knowledge consumption and reading is a good way to increase Vocabulary of a person.

[VCI, Knowledge]

Vol 1 page 253

{Horikita seriously planned on getting into Class A. Her will was unshakeable. However, our path out of Class D would not be an easy one. Considering our current performance, it was hard to imagine us even reaching Class C. What should we do from here? I imagined that things would turn out as they should. For the time being, I'd do my best.}

Horikita's will and goal in a way motivates not just herself but others too.

[Emotional Engagement/EIE, Motivation]