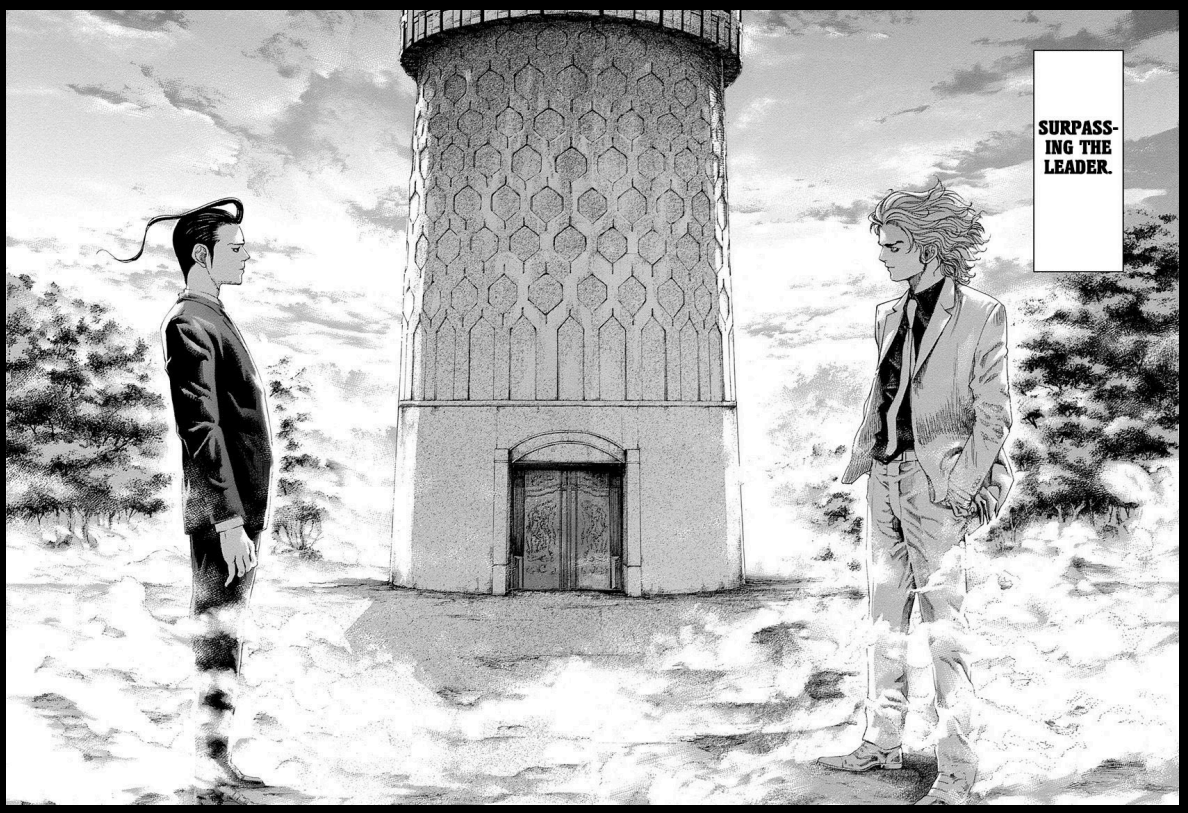
Surpassing the leader
Baku Madarame and souichi feats

this doc will explain everything that was done by both baku and Souichi in the last arc of Usogui Surpassing the leader

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Note : something in the doc needs to be corrected, but nothing major, if you have already read STL, you SHOULD directly go to the planning part

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STL rules

the surpassing the Leader arc begins in chapter 490 of Usogui.

- Let's start by explaining what Surpassing the Leader (STL) is. STL is basically a match involving the leader of Kakerou and the challenger who is going to face the leader. In this match they absolutely have to put everything they have, if they lose they lose everything, if Baku wins he becomes leader, otherwise he dies and Hal remains the leader, Yakou would be the referee for this match.

- when they entered the tower for the match, they found Oofuna and Kaji, who had to leave for the match to take place. The tower was inspected a few days ago by Protoporos developers to prevent cheating.

- Now what game will they play? Before revealing the game, it’s shown that baku and Hal can't see their shadows in the room. To read the intention of the player who is behind you, they'll have to read their brains.

- moving on to the game, they will play a game called "drop the handkerchief", what is it? Basically, one player is on a chair and another behind him, the player behind has to drop the handkerchief on the floor within 1 minute and the player on the chair has to "check" within 1 minute. If the player checks but the handkerchief isn’t dropped he loses the round, if he checks after 1 minute he loses the game directly and if the other player doesn't drop the handkerchief within 1 minute he loses the game directly too.

- two players, two positions "D" for "drop" and "C" for "check". Each half of round the players exchange roles

- after these brief explanations, a man arrives to give some material and then leaves. Yakou continues his explanations by talking about the "Malus" of course.

- Let's take an example: if Baku drops the handkerchief at 20 seconds and Hal turns around at 40 seconds, then Hal will have 20 seconds of "Near drug death" stored in his container.

- Now let's say that the next round, when Hal is back in position "C", he turns at 5 seconds, but Baku hasn't dropped the handkerchief, Hal will take 1 minute of near drug death + the one he had stored, 1 mins + 20 seconds = 1.20
A human body can only take a maximum of 5 minutes of the drug. To explain its effects, basically when you take it, it kills you, in the example 1 minute 20 seconds, but we can resuscitate you if it's no more than 5 minutes. If your drug storage exceeds or equals 5 minutes, we'll inject it and you'll die.

- small detail : players take 1 minute of drugs and have them injected directly, but if they fail the check, if the player checks 5 seconds after the handkerchief has been dropped, this will just increase his drug storage by 5 seconds, but if he fails the check at any point, he'll get the 1 minutes + his storage.

- after the time spent as half-dead, Yakou will start reanimating the player in about 10 seconds. The game will resume as soon as possible after that

- a perfect check (0 seconds accumulated) is impossible.

- rule not to be broken, act of violence, can't check or drop during the 1 minute, action that blocks the game and can't listen to the referee, if you break this you lose directly.

- The player who survives wins.

As mentioned before, a perfect check with 0 accumulation of drugs is impossible, we know this because it was Hal who asked if it was possible. Just after getting his answer, he looks at baku and goes straight to what he wanted. Basically, he wanted to have the answer to the question without asking it, why? Well, basically, if Baku wanted to create a strategy with this information, he could do so without hal thinking about it, because Hal asked Yakou the question. Magicians often do this, so as not to be suspected, you have to let someone else ask the question and manipulate this moment so that it becomes the scenario you want, magicians use this to make people believe they're making the choice.

- Now Yakou will fetch the clock that's usually in the tower, he'll put it in front of the two players, they need a clock to always have time, Yakou won't be able to manage this plus the time for the drug. But then Yakou actually put the clock away, he'd just thought of something, at first when he entered the tower there was Kaji and Oofuna, they'd come in separately and slept but they weren't always

together, what conclusion does that draw for us? Yakou actually thought that Baku was planning something and wanted to use this clock to beat Hal in the match by using it in some way, as Yakou says "if the clock loses its battery or malfunctions, the game won't be able to continue", which means he thinks Baku wanted to do something with it.

- This prompts Yakou to use the communication system to talk to Fukurou, asking him to connect the speakers to a telephone in the tower.

- Baku will show that dropping the handkerchief makes absolutely no noise, so the game will focus on the mind game, you'd have to read each other's brains, you can't use mechanical Perception.

- He goes on to say that there should only be the sound of the talking clock, and he also wants there to be no hindrance during the game, no other sound coming from the clock except that of the "counter". Yakou agrees and asks Fukurou to look for it (he's not there, but they can watch the game and sort out technical stuff).

- We later learn from kaiji's thoughts that baku wanted kaji to be present in the tower.



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- So who will have which roles? Both of them will ask to have the "D" role at the same time, as it's the role that allows you to attack, so it's the most advantageous one to start with, as it puts you directly in first position, and the "D" role is a safe one as you can't take any drugs or died (except if you doesn't drop it but it will be very dumb of course). Baku will propose a scissor-leaf stone to decide between them, and Yakou will say that if Hal accepts, he has no objection. They'll play and Hal will win, so Hal will be in "D" position and Baku in "C" position"

- The game is about to start, at 8:12:00 am SURPASSING THE LEADER BEGINS

- Baku is now in a new stage of concentration, he's never been focused like this in his life, he has to try and read even the smallest movements of the man behind him

- We go over to Hal's side who is in "D" position, he thinks that Baku thinks that Hal thinks that he's going to try and accumulate the drugs, so logically Hal should drop it at the start but as i said we are on HAL POV so he wouldn't do it because he just thought that Baku think He will drop it to accumulate his drugs and take advantage in the game at the start of it. It's really impressive that Hal can know what Baku is thinking about Hal's goal directly in the first seconds of the game, it means he already understood what "D" or "C" will logically think and try at the first round of the game. Baku is extremely concentrated, which means that he'd like to try and check as soon as he drops it, so Hal isn't going to drop it but rather wait for Baku to turn around and fail his check. The more concentrated baku becomes, the more he loses patience, as it's irritating to concentrate for so long. He also wants to see if Baku will self-destruct or try the "safe strategy". The safe strategy is basically waiting 1 minute, Hal wants to take advantage against Baku in this first round so if Baku doesn't turn at 30 seconds he will drop the handkerchief because after 30 seconds there is a high chance that Baku wants to try the safe strategy.

- Now we go on Baku side, he thinks that Hal wants to make Baku's check fail in order to inject him with 1 minute's worth of drugs so that he can gain an advantage right from the start, which means that Baku has understood Hal's thought process just before, so it's like this "Baku think that Hal think that Baku think that Hal think that he's going to try to accumulate drugs", so basically it means that Baku know that Hal think that Baku think that Hal wanted to

accumulate his drugs while in fact he didn't wanted but he wanted to see what Baku will do but Baku understood this. Therefore Baku think that he's not going to let go of the handkerchief now, Hal wants Baku to fail the check in order to inject him with 1 minute's worth of drugs and gain a huge advantage, whereas he's not going to let go of the handkerchief until the end, as explained before in Hal's thought process. So it means as of now Baku can try the safe strategy

- Baku is going to talk about the "safe strategy", if you check at 1 minute the handkerchief will necessarily be on the ground so that means you have no chance of taking 1 minute of drugs but on the other hand you can store a certain rate of drugs which goes from 59 to 1 seconds. Hal thinks about this strategy but also thinks that Baku won't choose it because Baku is a gambler, for him being a gambler means taking risks, so Baku should try to do a perfect check.

- But Baku understands that Hal thinks that Baku is a gambler and that he will try to take a risk, he wanted him to think that. Baku, being a gambler, will probably try to do a perfect check, so with that in Hal's head Baku will be able to use the safe strategy because obviously Hal won't drop it to make Baku fail his check. So Hal thinks that Baku will want to do a perfect check, the safe strategy still exists and that's why Hal will drop the handkerchief after 30 seconds, because if Baku doesn't turn after 30 seconds then he can do the safe strategy so Hal has to drop it to at least accumulate a pretty good amount of drugs.

- Baku will pass the 30-second mark convinced that Hal won't drop it since Hal's goal is to make Baku fail so that he gets 1 minute of drugs. It's obvious that he won't let him go. After some seconds Baku turns his head and fails the check. Baku did what Souchi expected, he tried to make an almost perfect check and almost succeeded because Hal was about to let go of the handkerchief because after 30 seconds he thought baku might use the safe strategy but Baku knew Hal will think that it shows how insane Baku's perception is. So to explain why Baku turned, at first he thought that Hal goal was to make him fail his check which was true, Baku being a gambler will probably try to do a perfect check so that Hal can accumulate any drugs, Hal thinking that will keep the handkerchief in his hand until 30 seconds, why ? Because he still had in mind the scenario in which Baku understood his thought process and tried to gain advantage of it (it help Baku to use the safe strategy). But Baku understood this, he understood that Hal thought of this scenario in which him (Baku) will try to take advantage of the fact that Hal think he will do a perfect check and this is why he turned, Because he

understood that Hal will drop it at around 30 seconds to be sure to accumulate a good amount of drugs.

- Baku even noticed that Hal was going to drop him, when he knew to turn he saw his expression and was about to drop the handkerchief, because of the reason i explained earlier.

- Now baku is going to be injected with 1 minute of near drug death but Souichi, before Baku "dies", is going to speak, he's going to say that for baku a weak man this near death strategy was the best, so Hal had predicted that Baku was going to turn his head in the middle of the round, he understood that Baku wanted hal to not drop and even understood that Baku wanted to make Hal think he want to perfect check but moreover he knew that Baku would want to test how it felt to die, gain information about the death, make Yakou weaker because as Baku is weak he will not be able to be reanimated many time so he can try to make Yakou weaker so that he fail his reanimation on Hal But in fact all this was Hal bluffing because when Baku turned his head at the middle he was extremely surprised (Baku almost did a perfect check). Immediately afterwards, he'll tell Baku that a dead person can't be revived, what does that mean? It's designed to make Baku think he's definitely going to die, to stress him out and cause him mental damage. Hal pretended to have switched the drugs before the game so he could kill Baku right from the start, that's why he said he predicted the round 1, it was made to make Baku think he really did that and to make Baku really he will die now.

- Baku is reanimated and realizes that what Hal said was a bluff to put him into mental shock. Yakou points out that after being reanimated you get headaches and dizziness, the 2nd round of the 1st round will start at 8:17:00, baku started to be reanimated at 8:14:30 after 10 seconds he was alive, so he has 2:30 minutes to recover.

- Second half of the first round, Baku in position "D" and Hal in position "C". From the start Baku will stand in front of Hal, not behind the chair but in front of him with the handkerchief in his hand. Hal starts to think, rethinking about the fact that baku left his jacket on the floor when he had to take the drugs, so his jacket is now behind Souichi, then he immediately realizes that baku isn't holding the handkerchief in his hand but his tie. Now Hal still can't turn around because he still can't be sure that Baku dropped the handkerchief. Baku wants Hal to understand that he didn't have the handkerchief in his hand but a tie which

would make him think that he's already dropped the handkerchief to make Hal fail his check except that's exactly what Baku wanted Hal to think, but Hal understands that Baku wanted him to think that, which even Hal concludes that Baku didn't drop it but somewhere on top of him and that Baku either wants to bring him here or make Hal fail his check which rebalances the situation. End of chap 497

- Here we see how smart is Baku, even before the 2nd round he had thought of the strategy he was going to use in the next round, before he took the drug he had thought of a strategy that would put Hal in a situation where he couldn't choose what to do all by using his jacket and a tie. Baku dropped his jacket some seconds after he failed his check, what make it so impressive is how Baku in some seconds could predict what Hal will think of Baku action, he will firstly be surprised, then will start re-thinking about the fact that he hasn't his jacket, after this he will notice that him (Baku) doesn't have the handkerchief in his hand but his tie which would make Hal think he dropped it to make but it was to make Hal fail his check but in fact it wasnt' really as Baku predicted that will understood that it was to put him in a situation in which he couldn't know if yes or no he dropped it.
- At the start of chap 498 we learn that Baku has been dropping the handkerchief since the 2nd second, in fact all the information Baku gave Hal was intended to make him think for as long as possible and put him in a situation where he couldn't be sure that the handkerchief was dropped. We can see as well that Baku understood that Hal understood that it was a tie and the whole process of Hal's thinking just before, baku is trying to give him as much information as possible to keep him thinking and wasting time, moreover Baku always manages to know what Hal is going to think with what he gives him, Baku planned his round by playing with Hal, he knows exactly what he's going to think after having given him what information.

- Hal will state that Baku basically has god-like senses / Perception

As I said before, Baku's aim was to put Hal in doubt, and Hal himself says that after 20 seconds he's in doubt. Hal will say that if he had turned his head and there was no handkerchief he would have lost, which means that baku saved him by passing in front of him, by putting him in this state, Baku who has "god-like sense" sensed that Hal will turn at this moment and that's why he did that, it was to stop Hal, which means that the handkerchief must have been dropped, because baku passed in front of hal, he makes him doubt while if Hal turned he

will win, this is the whole process of thought of Souichi and what make him thought the handkerchief has been dropped.

- Hal didn't turn his head, Baku has god-like senses meaning he knew what Hal think and wanted to do, that's why he stopped Hal as explained before meaning baku is trying to make him lose time, the handkerchief was dropped from the start and his only purpose was to buy time but as soon as Hal finally understands this Baku will instantly understand that Hal has understood this, here there isn't much explanation how baku understood it's just like Baku had a mind reading powers. Hal understands this because we can see that Baku is trying to give Hal as much information as possible, even if the plan also includes the possibility that Hal fails his check, he wouldn't have needed to go so far to achieve a strategy in which he wanted hal to fail his check, his strategy could also fail. Hal will then wait for Baku's next move, saying to himself "every time you've shown me a new move to waste your time, so at the next move I'll turn around and say I've understood your strategy", except that Baku understands that Hal has just thought that and decides to do nothing. At this point, it's quite logical for Baku to think that Hal wants to confirm Baku's whole plan by seeing his next move, but if Baku doesn't do anything, he's not going to turn his head and wasting time

- Hal finally turns around and understands that Baku understood that Hal was waiting for his next move, so he confirms a check and accumulates only 24 seconds.

- round 2 will start at 8:19:00, Baku in position "C" and Hal in position "D".

- reminder Baku's already weak body has taken 1 minute of drugs making him even weaker physically and mentally

- spectators think that Baku is trying to contain the drugs in his body like a container, so that he'll have 10 minutes of drugs instead of 5 (he'll inject himself with about 4+ minutes so that he can fill up to 5 minutes, he just doesn't have to fail a check). While they think Hal is looking for a perfect win, without dying once, which baku has already figured out, that's quite logical considering it's Hal against him, Hal wants to be perfect so it's clearly logical for him to not wanting to die this game, it could also allow him to deceive baku in the future. Hal, who has 24 seconds in his container, is now at a disadvantage because he's closer than Baku to having 5 minutes of drugs accumulated at once, but this strategy only works if Hal respects the fact that he wants to win without dying once. Baku

uses Hal's personality perfectly to create a strategy that could force him to die at once and gain the advantage over him even if he decides to die. Hal is obsessed with being perfect, so if he doesn't want to die, it's easier for Baku to accumulate the drugs while he can do what he wants, as long as Hal doesn't die.

- Hal will speak to Baku before the start of round 2, but so quietly that it will force the spectators to stop making noise. It's really good indirect manipulation, Baku can't figure out that Because Hal speaks quietly that will make the spectator stop making noise, why would he even do that? (indirect manipulation).

Round 2 begins there are almost no details of the round, but Baku uses a safe strategy so he turns at 1 minute and he takes 25 seconds of drugs in his container, Baku now used the safe strategy knowing that he knew Hal would think Baku wasn't going to use it so early, he was thinking more of a perfect check which made hal wait 30 seconds to confirm what baku was going to do, Baku takes advantage so that the accumulated drug time isn't much, it went perfectly as he wanted. Remember it's the start of STL, they don't know which strategy they will use in the long term, so if they drop at the beginning they take the risk that their opponent can do a perfect check but if they drop at 35 seconds they confirm he will use the safe strategy and accumulate at least some drug.

- Hal probably thought that Baku would try to do a perfect check, given that he's a gambler and how he talked earlier about baku's god-like senses, but baku understands that hal is thinking about this and prefers to opt for a safe strategy which, as the name suggests, is safe. By doing this, he only takes about 30 seconds (the 25 seconds) and this means that he doesn't have to do a perfect check, plus it allows him to increase the time in his tank, which is what baku wants in order to die one time and a second time by doing this he makes Yakou weaker, his container is empty and has clearly more possibilities than Hal, at the same time he will increase Hal container in the next round and try to kill him at once, it's the start of the long term strategy of Baku, the near three death strategy

- Baku will also make this move to let Hal think that baku will try to make himself die 2 more times before his drug storage exceeds 4 minutes to have several opportunities, because he knows that Yakou will have trouble doing much

reanimation so he must take advantage of it. But there's another reason, Baku wants to increase his tank to die 2 times, obviously in HAL POV to play logically, he doesn't want Hal to know about it. He did a safe strategy because he already died one time and this will be the safest strategy knowing Hal will not drop the handkerchief before 30 seconds because he needs to confirm what Baku will do, Baku knows that Hal will understand this just after so it make Hal think “Okay baku just used me, he understood that i wanted to confirm what he wanted to do, perfect check or using the safe strategy, considering Baku god like senses and his personality he will probably choose the perfect check but that’s why he used the safe strategy, Hal thought Baku understood while he really did and it was to misdirect Hal to do not think about the near three death strategy, if Baku wanted to use as a long term strategy he should want to take drugs

- it's about to be 8:20:20, Hal asks Baku to move from the chair as he's still sitting on it but Baku acts as if he doesn't hear anything, so Yakou asks him to move as the round starts at 8:21:00.

- we go back to chapter 502 and we learn that Hal failed his check in the second half of the second round, so he took 1 minute and 24 seconds of drugs, but we know that Hal has memory loss knowing that he couldn't remember the round he lost very well, so it's possible that Hal lost deliberately.

- The reason is that just before Baku started a strategy which consists of dying a certain number of times at the beginning so that he has as many opportunities as possible and his drug tank is at 0, plus he knew that Yakou wouldn't be able to reanimate them 10 times because it hurts him so the more he dies ,the less he could potentially reanimate Hal. Hal understands this strategy and wants to counter it by using the same strategy as Baku, which would allow him to counter Baku's strategy and reset his tank, but Baku wants to use a three near death strategy, to increase his tank to 4+ minutes and then die so that his tank is empty while he increases Hal's, but if Hal dies, obviously this won't work. It will explain why Hal checked at 5 seconds, because he wanted to die, he just waited 5 seconds to see what Baku would do. But in fact this theory is contradicted by Hal himself some chapters after but then the only left theory is that Because Hal understood Baku strategy, he knew he was going to drop the handkerchief to accumulate drugs so he turned, he turned at 5 seconds to make Baku think he didn’t knows about it, if he knew he will have turned at 0 seconds. Baku not dropping the handkerchief isn’t suspicious at all because firstly just before he

tried to hide his strategy from Hal. So Hal thought he was going to drop it at 0 seconds while Baku maybe wanted to increase the probability of Hal failing to deduce his strategy. If he doesn't drop at 0 seconds, then does Baku really want to accumulate drugs? Also dropping at 0 seconds is risky, it can fail while confirming which strategy Hal will use this round is more safe + it can help Baku to understand how Hal will try to play in the next round.

- round 3 begins, with Baku in position "C" and Hal in position "D" before it starts, Kaiji will be thinking about when to die. Given that Baku already has 25 seconds in his tank, he'll need to store 2 minutes and about 30 seconds more to reach 2.55 minutes, after which he'll die with 1 minute more, making 4.55 in all. Baku knows this, he also knows that he can only use the safe strategy 2 times because he wants to aim for 2.30-35, then after his tank is empty he can use it again about 5 or 4 times.

- before the round starts, Yakou says that Baku had an extremely surprised look on his face when Hal turned around in the round just before.

- The round begins, Baku says he might can't use his safe strategy anymore and immediately afterward he makes an extremely stressed face again, saying in his head "don't tell me he's already guessed..."

- Baku in this round will use the safe strategy, which confirms for Souichi that Baku wants to use this strategy again, probably another time to arrive at around 2 minutes and 35 seconds of storage, so that he can die and use the near three death strategy. In this round Hal understood Baku was in fact not defending but attacking with the safe strategy, Baku goal is to accumulate drugs in his container so if he doesn't drop it then Baku strategy is countered. Hal waited 56 seconds before dropping. Hal finally dropped him at 56 seconds and Baku made a last-second check, he used the safe strategy but didn't add much drugs to his tank he's nowhere near the 2 minutes and 35 seconds. Hal wanted Baku to turn around and destroy himself, which is why he didn't let go. This reason is in truth not the real one, the real one is that Hal wants to counter Baku strategy but he tries to make Baku think he wanted to see if he will self-destruct. Moreover, he wanted to confirm what Baku was going to do at 100% while Baku, as Hal thought he tried to accumulate drugs in his container but failed, he still tried to create an aura of determination to make Hal think he wanted to do a perfect check and not accumulate drugs. This round confirms to Hal that Baku wants to increase his tank and not make perfect checks, his aura is just a disguise to make

Hal think he is defending while he is attacking and he intends to use the "three near death strategy" that I've explained before.
Let me just explain more the aura of Baku, one reason of why Hal didn't let go of the handkerchief was in fact because of Baku's aura, it was so strong in determination that even Yakou felt it, he had the impression that if Hal let go of the handkerchief he would instantly turn around. Baku in his thoughts is going to say that he's not going to use a safe strategy contrary to what all the referees are thinking aside, nobody really knows why but there's no safe strategy for him, this feeling was provoked by that face he made when he saw Hal why would he make that face? Why would he?

- At the end of the round Hal recovers his memory of the last round, saying that he didn't wanted to die... no he intended to read Baku and win perfectly without dying once - but he lost to Baku, which belies my earlier analysis that Souichi might have had the idea of using Baku's strategy against him in order to regain control of the situation.

- Now in the 2nd half of the 3rd round, Baku in position D and Souichi in position C, just before the round begins we learn that Hal has lost to Baku because of the "Killing drop".Basically it's when the opponent wants to make the other fail his check.
- The referee says that Baku originally wanted to use the 30-second drop strategy so that if Hal used the safe strategy he'd get 30 seconds of drugs in his tank, so let me explain How I think Hal lost to Baku before

So in this round Hal knew about Baku wanting to increase his container, that's why he turned at 5 seconds. Baku should have dropped the handkerchief at the beginning, remember just before he used the aura as a disguise to make Hal think he didn't had any safe strategy while in fact it was to misdirect Hal into thinking he will not use the near three death strategy, Hal deduces this but in this round he didn't dropped to see what Hal will use, deceive him with the disguise explained before and probably to see if Hal deduced his three near death strategy, what i mean by this is if Hal turn at the first seconds it will mean he deduced the strategy of Baku, because baku goal is just to increase his drugs but he turned at 5 seconds so that baku didn't think he deduced it, also Hal didn't turn at the 0 second because he didn't want baku to know he uses echolocation and also to make him thinking it's just a perfect check, but it failed because baku didn't dropped the handkerchief, it's a logical play from baku because Hal can't think that baku has a another strategy other than the three near death just

because he didn't' dropped it at 5 seconds. Baku could just try to see if Hal will use the safe strategy. That's why he waited. If Hal took it then he would have waited until 30 seconds and then dropped it. in this round Souichi was deceived by baku, he thought he was going to make increase his drugs but he didn't

Now 2nd half of round 3

- In this round Baku dropped the handkerchief at 24 seconds, saying that the same simple strategy wouldn't work twice, basically the round before Hal thought Baku would drop at the beginning but he didn't, Hal died. Now obviously he will not be baited by this so Baku will opt for the low risk drop strategy thinking Hal will not turn at the beggining, which is obvious because Hal just loses because of that. Hal will use the safe strategy and so his tank will increase by 36 seconds. Baku has done this, it's the most logical play at If we put ourselves in Hal's head, he thinks that Baku thinks that Hal thinks that Baku doesn't know that he knows that Baku wants to die three times. So basically Hal thinks that Baku think that HE doesn't know about HIS (Baku) strategy, so by doing this he's playing logically by dropping the handkerchief at 24 seconds to confirm that Hal would use the safe strategy, obviously Baku's aim here is to get Hal's drugs up but Hal knew that Baku wanted to do this, he understood that Baku wanted to use the safe strategy and he did this, he probably has an idea in mind which will be explained soon. So to sum up, by playing like this he's making Baku think he's got the advantage over him when Hal knows exactly what Baku's thinking and he's already fallen into a trap. The trap will be explained later but basically Hal is going to use the same strategy as Baku

- Round 4, Hal drops it at 7 seconds and Baku checks at 10 seconds. Hal at first wanted to make Baku think that he didn't know about Baku's "three-near-death strategy" which is why he kept it in his hands for 7 seconds then dropped it, Souichi wanted Baku to think that Hal was checking if Baku wanted to self-destruct, then he dropped it to counter Baku's strategy. By doing this he logically plays in Baku's vision and makes him accumulate few drugs by keeping the handkerchief a few seconds at the beginning of the round + by countering Baku's real strategy but without revealing that he knows it. If you're asking why Baku doesn't use the safe strategy, it's because if he did, he'd probably reveal his plan to Hal, who'd be able to figure it out. Baku has the senses of a god, but this play makes him accumulate 55 seconds of drugs... Also in a logical global vision of the game, it allows him to keep them for later, so if he has the opportunity to check, he'll do it so he can always use it 2 times in the future if necessary and even if he fails his check, then he'll lose all the drugs in the tank and will be able

to use the strategy 4-5 times, so he'll be safe. Everyone would think that baku should use the safe strategy as it would be the most logical choice but Souichi didn't want to make the same mistake as in round 3 (which was to not drop the handkerchief) so he decided to drop him at the beginning but Baku understood that and turned his head (there are other more hidden reasons that I've explained before).

- Hal is going to start talking to the referee which is going to make them close their mouths to hear what he's saying, we're now going to see the best feats in EP and EU from Souichi.

He'll start by telling Gakuto that he's still himself, referring to the fact that he has several personalities, then he'll tell Nowa, Kadokura and Makami that in a life-threatening situation they're always judging the situation by the risks, and he'll ask them what they've seen through Usogui since the beginning. Then he goes on to talk to Midara, saying that theoretically speaking his instant drop in the round just before was a mistake "theoretically" because Baku was able to check straight away. He'll go on to tell Douji that his current thoughts are extremely easy to read, then he'll tell Fukurou that he's charmed by gambling, can he call himself a winner? If you could go back in time to the first time you lost would you? Souichi is actually able to read the brains of all the referees at once.

- explanations, so why does he tell Gakuto that "he's still himself"? Basically Gatuko is one of the few people to know about Hal losing his memory, so Gatuko knowing that he knows the cycles of Hal's memory loss + that he's dead said that Hal had lost his memory but Hal telling him comforts him, by saying that he's himself he's also not giving any information, it's almost impossible to deduce that he's losing his memory.

- 2nd explanation, after seeing this round if the referees are going to start thinking about the rest of the match, in round 2 and 3 Baku used the safe strategy, he's only accumulated 28 seconds which means he can still use it twice then reset, he doesn't want to die first, he can still use the safe

3rd explanation following the 2nd, so theoretically Hal should have dropped from the start to counter this but Baku knew this and was therefore able to turn his head except that this is what Midaraa thinks in truth Hal, as explained above, is

perfectly in control of the situation, he knows very well what Baku wants to do with the three near death strategy.

- 4th explanation: I think Hal said that about Fukurou because he wanted to play Surpassing the Leader. Fukurou had been charmed by the bets and had almost never lost but he had already lost, he couldn't say that he was a winner, all he wanted was to go back in time to win.

- Baku's heart is beating extremely fast and Hal notices this, he says in his head that Baku had seen everything from the beginning but he can't control his heart, Hal thinks that Baku is stressed because he doesn't have to fail his safe strategy, he also says that Baku wants his heart to calm down, that's why he says to baku “you too are thinking the same thing” after saying "quiet" to the referee.

- Hal visualizes a rubik's cube and solves it in a few seconds. High level of block design and visual puzzle, it’s insane because Hal solves them in a few seconds and he has to visualize every move that he does, every single movement of the cube and he does 2 cubes. He solves it in the most stressful moment of his life in a few seconds during STL, which shows that in his current vision, he thinks he's the winner.

the 2nd round of the 4th round will start at 8:32:00
- Baku will drop the handkerchief at 0 seconds and Hal will turn at 34 seconds, Hal wants to take drugs to be able to use Baku's strategy before him, that’s why in the second half of round 3 Hal used the safe strategy, he wanted to take drugs to then be able to use the same strategy as baku. Hal also wants to make Baku believe that he still doesn't know about the strategy of Baku, he knew baku will drop at the beginning because Baku wants to increase Hal drugs but he didn’t turn to make baku think he doesn’t know, if he knew he would have turned at 1 seconds. Baku doesn't think Hal will want to use the same strategy as him, it will imply that he needs to kill himself which contradicts Hal ideology. Baku thinks he has the advantage but he doesn't, by doing this he's done exactly what Hal wanted, drop the handkerchief has 0 seconds to make him accumulate drugs, at the same time by turning at this moment Baku can't deduce that Hal is using echolocation because otherwise he would have turned instead. Hal has to make baku believe that he doesn't know that he wants to do the three near death strategy so by playing it safe he doesn't reveal that he knew that Baku had been dropping drugs all along but Hal will take advantage of this to use baku's strategy against him without him knowing.

- to explain why neither of them wants to die first it's simple, basically if you die first with a certain amount of drugs (below 4 minutes for baku and below 3 minutes and 30 seconds for Hal) They should always do a perfect check or use the safe strategy. If they use their last death before the opponent they won't be able to die anymore, if they fail they'll die and so this situation totally blocks you. so they have to increase their drugs but die second to get the advantage or do the near three death strategy, but that's why both of them try to make the opponent drugs increase and kill him first

- Round 5 begins, Hal drops at 0 seconds and Baku turns at 1 second. Hal counters Baku's instant check, in fact Baku wanted to die in this round to get to 2 deaths. He didn't want to increase his tank to 4+ minutes but to die now and then die again a few rounds later, the three near death strategy. This allows him to have more opportunities than Hal and to make Yakou weaker, and he can't end up blocked after dying because he can re-fail a check, but Hal had discovered this a long time ago, as we saw with the fact that Baku's heart beats was extremely fast, and all of Baku's moves led to this strategy, so he dropped the handkerchief directly to be able to counter Baku's plan. In the 3rd and 4th round, the 1 minute build-up meant goodbye to his strategy of dying 3 times, because if he didn't, it would have exceeded the 5 minute time limit, which is why he couldn't use the safe strategy anymore. Furthermore, this round was the best time to die the first time, because if he took too many drugs at one point, his strategy wouldn't work anymore. But Hal had understood all this perfectly well and had long since countered Baku's strategy, paving the way for what was to come.

- Yakou is so weak that now whoever dies first will have the advantage, which also means you can reset your tank and then die a 3rd time before your opponent to get the full advantage, whereas just before it was the other way round. Hal says that he is going to try to die Three time

- Round 2 of the 5th round, to counter Hal's strategy which is the same as Baku one,Baku does exactly the same move as Hal, dropping the handkerchief at the start of the round, but Hal doesn't turn, Baku has been tricked by Hal's bluff. Hal finally turns around at 15 seconds, he uses echolocation to confirm that the handkerchief was dropped to make Baku think he had deceived him and not to make Baku think he was using echolocation. In fact Hal never intended to die, which is why Baku was fooled, it was a pretty gove move because with this set of

even he was sure Baku dropped the handkerchief but still used echolocation to make sure baku didn't did something like "i will make Hal think i will use a strategy so that he block my strategy, then Hal will probably make me think he will use my strategy and at this moment i will trick him by not dropping the handkerchief.

the first half of the 6th round will start at 8:38:00
- In the 6th round Baku will turn around instantly and die, he thought Hal was going to drop the handkerchief to counter Baku's three near death strategy so he would turn around to avoid accumulating drug time but he will fail his check in the end, in fact Hal never intended to die as explained before, he wants a perfect win and Baku was fooled into thinking Hal wanted to die, Hal deceived Baku into thinking he will drop the handkerchief at the beginning because if he doesn't baku will be able to do his strategy, but Baku doesn't know that Hal has echolocation. Hal did this knowing that Baku was going to have a chance of dying because Yakou is already extremely weak, plus Hal's echolocation technique is so powerful that he can perfectly check so there's no risk, now the gap in drugs between them is huge. Yakou broke Baku rips btw

This round will start at 8:43:00
- in the 2nd round of round 6, Baku drops him straight away and Hal checks at 8 seconds using echolocation, Baku is now aiming for increasing hal drugs. As Hal doesn't want to die it means Baku can increase it, this is the most logical play because trying to make Hal die is useless in Baku position, it will even give Hal an advantage his tank will be empty, Yakou weaker... and the gaps of drugs between them is so huge now that Baku most logical move is to make Hal drugs increase so that he can kill him when he has more than 2 minutes and 30 seconds in his container + the 1 minutes of the failed check. Hal used echolocation which allowed him to check but not instantly so that Baku didn't know he was using it. Also after All the checks Hal made and that he deceived Baku, he was like "what should i do now?" Baku thought he could try to use the safe strategy to think about what he was going to do after but Hal saw through that

- Round 7, Baku's aura of determination is present, the aim is to make Hal not let him go because he knows that if he does, Baku will instantly check. But Hal will still drop him at 0 seconds, Souichi has the advantage over Baku, he has echolocation which makes him invincible in the game, so it's the best play to

accumulate drugs and then make him fail and die directly, moreover baku will think that because of his aura he will not drop. Baku's aura was designed to keep Hal in place so that he could use the safe strategy, but Hal understands this, Baku already did that one time but this time Souichi will not be fooled and with the advantages he has, he can easily afford to make this move. It's even advantageous for him and it goes against Baku's plan. Baku took 60 seconds of drugs, Hal saw through Baku

- Round 7 Round 2, Souichi now solves 2 rubik cubes at the same time, which shows him that he's winning. High VSI too because Hal needs to visualize every move the cube does. We have the revelation that Souichi uses echolocation and Baku finally understands.

- Baku reveals Souichi's indirect manipulation, about the fact that he deliberately kept his voice down so that the referees could hear him, but Hal wanted to take even more advantage of echolocation by making them keep their voices down.

- in the 2nd round of the 7th round baku touches his tie to make it look like the handkerchief but the handkerchief is already on the ground and this is the only way to counter souichi's echolocation. Before the round, Baku puts the handkerchief on the ground but Souichi goes straight into this play, he already knew that Baku wanted to accumulate Hal's drugs to kill him with 1 death and the only way to counter his echolocation is this play. Baku wanted to remove his tie to make Souichi think he'd dropped the handkerchief when in fact it was his tie but in truth the handkerchief was already on the ground, which could have put Hal in a tricky position as he couldn't be sure if the handkerchief was on the ground as Baku knew about Hal's technique but he took the risk of checking by discovering Baku's thoughts that he wanted to accumulate his time to kill him in one move, touching his tie was intended to put Hal in a situation where he had to think about not failing his check, he wanted to make it look like he'd dropped the tie and not the handkerchief, but Hal understood as i said earlier the gap in drugs between them is too huge, if Baku kill Hal now Yakou will be weaker, Hal container empty, the gap will still be huge and if Hal die one more time and survive it will over for Baku, the gap will just be too big, also this strategy is quite similar as the strategy baku used in second half of round 1.

- Round 8, Hal drops the handkerchief at the start and Baku turns at 1 minute, Baku is now not allowed to fail a check or he will die as he will take more than 5 minutes of drugs. Hal has done this because he needs to increase Baku's time

and then kill him by making him fail a check, also with dropping the handkerchief at 5 seconds he confirms what baku will do and block a failed check on purpose to reset his container. Baku mustn't die because there's a chance that Yakou won't be able to revive him as Yakou said himself

- In round 8, round 2, Hal fails his check, knowing that if he dies after Baku, there's a very good chance he'll die for good. He also knows that Baku goal is to accumulate Hal drugs to 2 mins and 34 seconds but if he died then he has 5 safe strategy left while Baku can't fail a check anymore or accumulate as much as Hal if he died, Yakou may still be able to resuscitate once, but Hal has deliberately failed his check to put absolutely every chance on his side because he knows that if he doesn't, he'll lose. By doing this, Yakou has almost no chance of being able to resuscitate another time, as the gap in drugs in the tank is enormous, and he dies before Baku, as explained above, which is the most advantageous situation. Baku thought he didn't wanted to die due to his ideology, just before Hal literally made Baku think he will die but he didn't because of HIS ideology (in fact he had echolocation too) and this could have been planned by Hal, making Baku think he will never want to die so that he can die at the best moment, Baku will not be able to counter it. This bet is risky as Yakou is very weak but if Hal survives then Baku will be in a really really difficult situation, because Hal now just needs to make him fail one check, Baku can only use the safe strategy two times while Hal 5 or 4 times.
- Hal before dying asks Yakou that if he loses his memory he wants him to re-explain the situation to him, he anticipates that he may lose his memory due to the levels of drugs taken into his body and death.
- Round 9, Hal drops the handkerchief instantly, he doesn't know why but he knows that baku isn't going to turn his head for 60 seconds, it's as if he senses something inexplicable and that's effectively what baku is going to do, he's going to accumulate 60 seconds worth of drugs. While baku chose the safe strategy because he can't fail a check anymore, but he still predicted that Souichi would have dropped it early because he knows Hal objective is to accumulate Baku drugs because, he knows Baku will not try to take the risk to check, There is a world in which Hal doesn't drop it and Baku died... (chapter 523 for the statement/feat)

- Round 9 Round 2, Baku can't drop the handkerchief because the gap between him and Hal is too big. Hal knows this so he won't turn his head. Hal will turn 60 seconds because if he fails his check then he is very very very closed to the death but BAKU HAS NOT DROPPED THE HANDKERCHIEF, a second sound

appears even louder this is the sound that says the round is over baku drops the handkerchief just before and hal fails his check, how is this possible? Today is New Year's Eve and there's a leap second, every 4 years there's a 1 second adjustment because of the earth's rotation around the sun. When necessary the whole world corrects the second at the same time, after 8:59:59 normally it's 9:00:00 but because of the leap second it was 8:59:60 which made Hal's check fail. To date, the time between 8:59:00 and 9:00:00 was not 60 seconds but 61 seconds.

- also the reason hal knew baku wasn't going to turn was because he'd deduced the leap second when he died but forgot about it

STL Planning

- 25 days before Protoporos baku and lalo had to choose a map randomly to decide the moment of the match or number of allies, Baku fell on time and he planned the ban against Lalo to then be able to play STL on the day of the new year to match the second leap, he chose the leap second knowing Hal has memory loss on this day, so if Hal lose his memory he has chance to forgot about it, the leap second is correlated with time same as Hal memory loss, Baku timed Hal memory Loss with the leap second + surpassing the leader, he also made sure that Hal will be on the island because, he took him in his team for air poker so that he can't prepare in advance something + it's hypothetical but he might wanted to confirm if the pain is a memory loss trigger, also if Souichi think about the leap second before STL (really low probabilities) he might forgot it in the ban match, if he doesn't he will in any case forgot about in STL due to the drugs + his memory loss. Baku made sure STL will be just after the ban match so that the match will happen on the day of the leap second and Hal memory loss. How did Baku know about Hal memory loss? In the chapter 534 baku as a kid enter the abandoned building and on the computer he check a file about Souichi, this file tell every information about Hal memory, Now in chapter 270-272 after TOK every referee were extremely surprised and worried that they have to get the leader back, Baku induced that Souichi lost his memory this day and that's how he knew the next day Hal would lose his memory. Now let's take two scenarios, the first one Hal loses his memory before STL, in this one there are two scenarios, Hal will not play STL = Baku win because STL was planned for this day and not another one, 2nd scenario he play it but he will have a disadvantage because he lost his memory + it doesn't mean in this scenario he will figure out the leap second + he still can lose his memory again in STL due to the huge amount of pain who will make him think he made a mistake, it had a very high

chance to be in the game, the probability of something that will hurt them in the game is very high, considering that drop the handkerchief is related with time it's not crazy to assume he will try add "drugs" which can be related to time. THIS IS STILL A POSSIBILITY, so take it in count or not when scaling but this isn't CRAZY to think Baku could predict that. Also if Hal thought of the leap second before, he would have forgotten about it, this is baku contingency plan but it doesn't stop there. The 2nd scenario is Hal losing his memory in STL which is what happened, also the only hint Hal had was Baku wanting to confirm if he had a watch so he can lose his memory at any moment in the game, he will never be able after to even think about the fact that Baku may have a hidden schemes correlated with time. Baku planned the leap second, at first he saw the leap second as a way to win STL but some people think after Air poker he changed his mind and wanted to save Hal with it. It will explain some things that he did in STL, but why did he change his mind? So I will explain why some people think so and explain after why it's wrong. Baku first ideology is that he is a gambler who constantly bet his life, he's the one who is always winning his in all gambles but one of the message that Usogui say all over the manga is that "Life is like a gamble, it's impossible for someone to always keep winning". The people around Baku, Kaiji,Marco, Yakou, Kyara understood that it's impossible to always win but Baku in fact is fighting himself, he fully knows he will lose one day but he still lives and thrives on pushing his luck and life to the test. But over time, Baku learns the flaws of his ideology, being constantly lonely by himself, so through experiences with allies and exposing the flaws of others he starts to create in him an new ideology which is based on exposing other flaws, "Eating lies that is my justice". Baku changed his first ideology to this because for example in Protoporos / Air poker, where Kaiji's shot arm and kyara's death become gambled once more on the table, even Yakou hand is destroyed or Hal death to Fukurou. Baku's charming personality of constant gambling ends up risking or hurting his allies, Baku personality creates a loneliness where baku attempts to create friendships to fill his loneliness. That's why you can believe that Baku wanted to save Hal in STL, because Hal was a friend for Baku, as said in STL Kakerou is nothing without Hal or Baku and due to his change of Ideology it matches perfectly the scenario in which Baku wanted to save Hal. this analysis of Baku development is not by me and you can find it here : Baku's Character Development : r/Usogui

- Now let me explain why I disagree. Firstly, STL is something special, it's the most important game in their life. IT'S SURPASSING THE LEADER, BAKU MADARAME VS KIRUMA SOUICHI, both of them were willing to bet their life, in STL you bet everything you have. Before I said Baku wanted to save because he

was an Ally, but now Hal is Baku's opponent, he isn't an ally anymore. Secondly Sako after the leap second and even in the game tried to explain a bit what Baku and Souichi were doing, at a moment after the leap second a referee explain that Baku was lucky that Hal killed himself in the second Half of the 8th round but a another referee will explain to him that it wasn't luck but baku manipulated Hal to do so. What i'm trying to explain is that when the referee talk after the leap second they understood what both of them were trying to do in the game and a referee after the leap second will say Baku wanted to accumulate Hal drugs the round 7th (when he discovered Hal echolocation) But Hal saw through it, if Baku really wanted to save Hal he will never do that because it will Kill Hal. That's why I think Baku didn't want to save Souichi, but both of them wanted to bet everything they had, the chapter 529 shows this extremely well "HAHA i WON! I WON! A true battle is life against life! Only a fight to the death, betting our everything can determine who's the strong!! Destiny!? Wrong!! It was I who created the path! It was I who won! I defeated all of them!! Hal, Destiny and gambling Itself!! THIS IS A BATTLE I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SEEKING! A BATTLE OF LIFE AND DEATH BETWEEN HIM AND I HANGING ON A THREAD!"

in Baku hallucination, baku is talking to himself and he literally says “this is what you feared the most, you failed to fill up my accumulation”. He also say “don’t look back” meaning he didn’t want to saw Hal dead but he knew it and at the same time he understood what wanted Hal, Hal didn’t baku wanted to look back at him because this will mean Baku admits his defeat (Hal doesn’t want because he admit that without Baku there is nothing, baku made everyone stronger) if he lock back that means he wants to confirm if Hal is really died + check if the handkerchief is dropped, if baku check it change nothing as he is dead but in Baku + Yakou hallucination the “real Souichi'' try to make Baku check (this Souichi is the leader of Kakerou who want to win) when the “Abstract Souichi” (Hal, Baku friends) ask him to not lock back” and this could explain why baku said “i’m totally lost” and it explain why Hal say to baku to not look back, because baku won and he is grateful of what baku did for everyone. Also Baku said “you liar” because when he finally turned (beginning chapter 531), Hal was dead and Baku thought in his hallucination that Hal said it to him to not look back because if Souichi said that to baku it means he really doesn’t want him to look back to increase his drugs so that baku died but it implied Hal is alive but in fact he isn't so that’s why he a liar and also we could say that baku look at Souichi ``imperfection” as he lost that’s why Hal said “don’t ever look back” but the most important reason is that Hal is grateful, Baku won STL, he must not look back HE WON, he is the one who made everyone stronger, without him there is no Kakerou.

- on the island of Protoporos baku had to find a telephone line to be able to use it in STL so that hal could not avoid the trap, on the one that Baku used it makes "beep" "beep" "dong" "dong" and in the normal phone line it make “beep” “beep” “beep” "dong". If Baku used the normal phone line, Hal could have avoided the trap because it the “beep” happen at 8:59:60 but it doesn’t make sense, at the end of the round it shouldn't be “beep” but “dong” so it means the round isn’t finished but the protoporos fine line is “beep" "beep" "dong" "dong” the 2nd beep happen at 8:59:59, the first dong at 8:59:60 which means the round is finished but no… because there was a 2nd dong, it means the round wasn’t finished due to the extra second. Baku had planned that by finding the telephone line of Protoporos, Baku is really careful and covered every details

- Now baku needed to make Yakou choose “drop the handkerchief, that’s why he dropped a handkerchief behind him to make him think about this game as the best mindgame possible as you need to read your opponent's thoughts. All the referees also played a game in which they had to steal the handkerchief of

another referee to be referee of STL, it might convince him even more for STL. Bakuknew Yakou will add something like drugs to make it a real “MindGame” Baku predicted this and bet on this to make Hal lose his memory in STL, the game involve no luck and also to use the handkerchief as a trump card during the referee battle, baku indirectly manipulated Yakou here. Baku did that in chapter 487, when he dropped the handkerchief they were talking about the game they will play in surpassing the leader, Kaiji asked Yakou. He also knew that Yakou would win the referee match so it would prepare him mentally to be the most suitable, Baku knowing this indirectly manipulated Yakou. So now Baku predicted the usage of something that will hurt them in the game, how? Firstly this is pretty common in Usogui games, secondly to make Drop the handkerchief a real mind game Yakou had to add something, thirdly this is STL “THIS IS A BATTLE I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SEEKING! A BATTLE OF LIFE AND DEATH BETWEEN HIM AND I HANGING ON A THREAD!” a bet where you put everything in it including your life, so why not add something that will make this bet a bet in which you will need to bet your life to gain STL? This is stated multiple times, STL is a bet in which you need to die to win, a bet in which you need to die to win, isn’t that beautiful? Also, Drop the handkerchief is a game related to time, what do you think Yakou could add in a island with limited resources that will hurt them and is related to time? Obviously drugs, now in round 2 when Hal died, he forgot about the round before Baku could confirm that the drugs will make him lose his memory (the pain in fact makes him think he made a mistake and because he wants to be perfect he tries to forget about it, that’s why he has memory loss). Even Hal asked Yakou to explain to him the rules if he lost his memory. Death isn’t something normal, obviously Hal will lose his memory with this amount of drugs, the amount of pain probably plays a role more Hal suffers and more he thinks he made a mistake.

- Baku and Hal meet at the obelisk knowing the referee is 30 minutes, Baku used this moment to confirm if yes or no Souichi had a watch, he asked Souchi to play with him the game he had played their first time in STL, he asked Souichi if he had a watch to measure time, this game obviously didn't even have anything as there is no referee, this game which is therefore futile because if hal or baku win they can’t prove it to the referee, it will make Baku break his watch because hal showed why the game is useless, so baku will become angry in front of this truth. It will make Hal think that there is something to do with time because baku with this confirmed that Souichi didn’t have any watch, if Hal had a watch on him then he will be able to use it for STL and Make baku plan fail, in fact even in Hal had a watch he wouldn’t be able to use it but Baku still had to do this in case he

could. Hal wanted to return to the origin of Kakerou, a match involving only him, baku and a referee to be the MATCH OF HIS LIFE

- Now I said Baku wanted Kaiji to be in the tower? It was to make Yakou believe that he was planning something, that something being the clock in the tower which meant that Yakou wouldn't use that clock but would connect the tower's speakers to a telephone which was therefore the Protoporos communication line. He also gets Yakou to confirm that the loudest sound is indeed the dong, also something people didn't notice is why Oofuna was here too? it was Hal who said to Oofuna to come in the tower saying "we weren't always together" referring to him and kaji, it was to make Yakou suspect that there was a hidden trick but Baku foresaw that Hal will do something like that and he purposely tell to kaji to do NOTHING, just to come in the tower. Baku thought process was "I will tell to Kaji to come in the tower so that Yakou suspect a hidden trick, if Hal send Oofuna he will tell him to say "we weren't always together" so that Yakou suspect a hidden trick, that's why i will say to Kaji to do nothing so that when Yakou take the clock he think about that and change his decision to use the Protoporos line. Result = Yakou suspects the clock in the tower = He uses the protoporos phone line.

before i explain the whole hidden plot of STL here a sum up

LEAP SECOND TIME FRAME / ROUTE

Start of STL 8:12:00 ➜ 8:17:00 2nd half of 1st round, Baku died before to know the time between the round with one death (around 5 minutes, could be more it depends on Yakou and the time of the death) ➜ 8:19:00 baku now will need to make Hal fail his check ➜ 8:21:00 Hal fail it ➜ 8:26:00 entered the "leap second route ➜ 8:28:00 ➜ 8:30:00 ➜ 8:32:00 all this round was Baku trying to misdirect Hal into making think HIS main strategy was Near three death strategy, he succeeded in this misdirection and it helped him to clock the leap second and to conceal the leap second strategy ➜ 8:34:00 Baku try to use the near three death strategy but Hal counter it ➜ 8:36:00 same but this time it's Hal who try to use it ➜ 8:38:00 Hal deceived Baku and BK died, In fact he didn't deceived him but we will see this after, now Baku entered the leap second route and he can play the safe strategy until the leap second ➜ 8:43:00 ➜ Baku tried to increase Hal drugs

so that he died when he do the leap second ➜ 8:45:00 ➜ Hal increase Baku drugs but Baku doesn't care, he will use a safe strategy until the round 9 as explained before ➜ 8:47:00 Baku try to increase Hal drugs but Hal saw through Baku deception very fast ➜ 8:49:00, Hal drop at the beginning to increase Baku drugs and Baku use the safe strategy because of the reason i explained before, he can't fail a check anymore if he fail he will died ➜ 8:51:00, Baku manipulate Hal to fail his check, which put Baku in the leap second route and increase Hal drugs so that he will died in the round 9 ➜ 8:57:00 Baku use the safe strategy, if he Fail his check he is dead, so he will use the safe strategy he doesn't to check and the next round his going to end this game ➜ 8:59:00 the leap second ➜ Baku win ➜ other scenario, if Hal survived (the probability of this scenario is EXTREMELY low) then Hal would have more chance to win but Baku could still win, he would have to perfect check and increase Hal drugs / make him fail a check

hidden plot of STL

(not sure about that actually)

The scissor leaf stone at the beginning even before the game, Baku lost it on purpose so he could die first to know how long a 1 minute death would take by dying right at the start against Hal, even if he didn't lose it on purpose it doesn't change the outcome as baku will just died in the second half of 1st round. But what's important here is that baku as Hal wanted to be "D" at first, because this is the best role to start as we can't take any drugs, you can see what the opponent will do, which strategy he will use, Basically you are the attacker and in most of game the first to attack gain the advantage. So because Baku said he wanted to be "D" he put in Hal head that he wanted to be "D" and it means he indirectly said he didn't wanted to die in the first half of round 1 and that he want to take the advantage in STL at the beginning, which is the most logical thought. If he wanted to die in the first half of round 1 he would have said "C" but he said "D" to deceive Hal while in fact he really wanted to die in the first half of round one. Baku already tried to misdirect Hal even before the game start

Half 1 of round 1, start at 8:12:00

We go over to Hal's side, so he thinks that baku thinks that he (hal) thinks that he's going to try and accumulate the drugs, so logically Baku conclude that Hal should drop it at the start but as i said Hal already understood Baku thought process so he wouldn't do it because baku expect that. Baku is extremely

concentrated, which means that he'd like to try and check as soon as he drops him, so Hal isn't going to let drop it yet , but rather wait for Baku to turn around and fail his check. The more concentrated baku becomes, the more he loses patience, as it's irritating to concentrate for so long. He also wants to see if Baku will self-destruct or try the “safe strategy”. But this is exactly what baku want Hal to do and think, because in fact Baku want to die in the round while making Hal think that he doesn't want to die

- Baku thinks that Hal wants to make Baku's check fail in order to inject him with 1 minute's worth of drugs so that he can gain an advantage right from the start, which means that Baku has understood Hal's thought process just before, so it’s like this “Baku think that Hal understood that Baku think that Hal think that he’s going to try to accumulate drugs”, so basically it means that Baku know that Hal think that Baku think that Hal wanted to accumulate his drugs while in fact he didn’t want but he wanted to see what baku will do but baku understood this. Therefore, Baku thinks that he's not going to let go of the handkerchief now and it confirms for Baku that Hal will do what he wants.

- Baku is going to talk about a "safe strategy", if you check at 1 minute the handkerchief will necessarily be on the ground so that means you have no chance of taking 1 minute of drugs but on the other hand you can store a certain rate of drugs which goes from 59 to 1 seconds. Hal thinks about this strategy but also thinks that Baku won't choose it because Baku is a gambler, for him being a gambler means taking risks, so Baku should try to do a perfect check, this is exactly what Baku want Hal to think because it means Hal doesn’t think Baku want to died or do a safe strategy but be what he is “a gambler take risk”, therefore he will try a perfect check and that’s what baku will do to misdirect Hal into thinking he wanted to perfect check

- But Baku understands that Hal thinks that Baku is a gambler and that he will try to take a risk, he wanted him to think that. Baku, being a gambler, will probably try to do a perfect check. So Hal thinks that Baku will want to do a perfect check, the safe strategy still exists and that’s why Hal will drop the handkerchief after 30 seconds, because if Baku doesn’t turn after 30 seconds then he can do the safe strategy so Hal has to drop it. This is exactly what baku wants Hal to think and do because Baku will check just before this, just before Hal drops so that Hal thinks Baku really wanted to perfect check.

- Baku will pass the 30-second mark convinced that Hal won't drop it since Hal's goal is to make Baku fail so that he gets 1 minute of drugs. It's obvious that he won't let him go. After some seconds, Baku turns his head and fails the check. Baku did what Souchi expected, he tried to make an almost perfect check and almost succeeded because Hal was about to let go of the handkerchief because after 30 seconds he thought baku might use the safe strategy but Baku knew Hal will think that it shows how insane Baku's perception is. So in fact, at this moment it wasn't Baku perception at all but Baku misdirected Hal to think that Baku has "god like sense" while in fact as explained before Baku did everything so that Hal drop it at this moment, Baku check just before and fail while making Hal think he wanted to perfect check and that he has "god like sense"
Baku wanted to die in this round to know how many times it takes ONE DEATH of 1 minute so that he can clock the leap second in the game. He was injected the drugs at 8:13:20 Yakou needed 20 seconds to inject the drugs, his heart stopped at 8:13:30, after the one minute Yakou started the CPR at 8:14:30, after 10 seconds he was revived and the 2nd half of round one will start at 8:17:00, so the interval after reviving is 2 to 3 minutes. One minutes of Near death consume around 5 minutes

Now baku is going to be injected with 1 minute of near drug death but Souichi, before Baku "dies", is going to speak, he's going to say that for baku a weak man this near death strategy was the best, because this will make Yakou weaker, his container will be empty which is perfect for Baku who is weak. If baku accumulate too much he could just die, so Hal had predicted that Baku was going to turn his head in the middle of the round, he understood that Baku wanted hal to not drop and even understood that Baku wanted to make Hal think he wants to perfect check but moreover he knew that Baku would want to test how it felt to die, gain information about the death, to make Yakou weaker but in fact all this was Hal bluffing because when Baku turned his head at the middle he was extremely surprised (Baku almost did a perfect check), so you will say okay but let's take the scenario in which Baku just failed his check without intention behind it, everything Hal said is false. Yes it is, but Hal doesn't care his goal here is to make Baku think he will die, so if Baku never wanted to die he will still be scared because of Hal bluff and if he wanted to die, it's even better because everything Hal said would have been true which would make Baku think he really switched the drugs. Immediately afterwards he'll tell Baku that is he wrong, a dead person can't be revived, what does that mean? It's designed to make Baku think he's definitely going to die, to stress him out and cause him mental damage. Hal pretended to have switched the drugs before the game so he could

kill Baku right from the start, that's why he said he predicted the round 1, it was made to make Baku think he really did while in fact he didn't.
Second half of the first round, it will start at 8:17:00. Baku in position "D" and Hal in position "C". From the start Baku is going to stand in front of Hal, not behind the chair but in front of him with the handkerchief in his hand.

- Hal will start to think, he will think again about the fact that baku left his jacket on the floor when he had to take the drugs, so now his jacket is behind Souichi then he will immediately realize that baku is not holding the handkerchief in his hand but his tie now Hal still can't turn around because he still can't be sure that Baku dropped the handkerchief.

- Baku wants Hal to understand that he didn't have the handkerchief in his hand but a tie which would make him think that he's already dropped the handkerchief to make Hal fail his check except that's what Baku wanted Hal to think but Hal understands that Baku wanted him to think that, then Hal comes to the conclusion that Baku hasn't dropped it but is somewhere on top of him and that Baku either wants to bring him here or wants Hal to fail his check which rebalances the situation. Hal says that he think baku know what he is thinking because Baku is good at "speculating" as shown in the round before when he nearly checked perfectly, in fact Baku misdirected Hal to think so and he put in Hal mind that he has god like sense but Baku really know what Hal is thinking. Baku knew Hal wanted to turn his head at the beginning, he wanted to make a bet that baku will try to accumulate the drugs because Hal just made baku die so he will try to increase his drugs as it's the safest move at this time but because baku stepped in front of him so he didn't. In Hal's perspective, baku saved him if the handkerchief is not on the ground but there is also baku perspective which is "i want to make you waste time and hesitate". Hal understands that and he also thinks that because Baku has "god-like sense" that's why he did this action, basically he sensed that Hal will turn which is why he stopped him but this thought was in fact planned by Baku, remember the first round ? Baku almost did a perfect check, in fact as I explained he predicted when Hal would drop it and checked just before to make Hal think he had "god like senses". Baku did that to justify his "risky move" which was to stop Hal (as i already explained Baku had a logical reasoning behind this move it's not luck)
and it was also to give more information to Hal, to make him waste even more time. Just after Hal thinks about Baku god-like senses, Baku understands that Hal understood that Baku used his "god-like senses to know that he will turn. Now Hal said "show me your next move and then I will turn my head" but Baku

understands that and says “ I will do nothing” to make Hal not turn his head. It shows insane mind reading and perception, Baku can follow the speed of Souichi's thoughts and reason exactly like him. Baku here wanted to accumulate the drugs of Hal, it's as simple as that. Baku make hal think that he will use his body as a container, so that he will be able to die like 2 or 3 times, after this death his tank will be empty while Hal who want a perfect victory without dying could die directly if baku accumulate enough drugs and make him fail his check, so now with this we could say that hal has a disadvantage because he has 24 seconds of drugs in his container. This round ended at 8:17:26, keep in mind Baku is trying to enter in the leap second route (being “D” at 8:59:00)

The 1st half of round 2, 8:19:00

Souichi spoke to baku very low so that the referees would turn down the sound so that he could use his echolocation effectively. In this round Baku used the safe strategy knowing that Hal would try to see what he wants to do, even if still think due to Baku's god-like senses and personality that he will try a perfect check. It forced Hal to wait 30 seconds to confirm what Baku was going to do, Baku took advantage of this so that the accumulation drug time wasn't much, in this case 25 seconds knowing that he used the safe strategy. He also used this moment to check if we could save time by staying in his seat to see if that would change the round interval time. It's not over yet, Baku also did this to let Hal think that he's going to try to die several more times to have more opportunities, to make Yakou weaker. Here Baku wants to make Hal think that he wants to accumulate drugs even if he used a disguise which was to make Hal think he understood his thought process, if Baku used the safe strategy it means he knew that Hal didn’t dropped it at the beginning. Baku has god-like senses, so he makes Hal think that he just adapted to the situation while in fact it was for the three near death strategy. Obviously Baku knew that Hal will understand what strategy Baku wants to use which is to accumulate drugs, then he will die to reset his container, make Yakou weaker and have more opportunities, Baku don’t kill himself because it’s just extremely dumb if he does that he will now have 2 minutes of drugs, meaning he can fail at most 2 check and Hal can make his drugs accumulate and killing him soon will be easier, that’s why baku try to accumulate low amount of drugs such as 25 seconds. This is proved later because Souichi will try to counter this strategy by dying at the round saying it was the most efficient death, to also make Yakou weaker and reset his tank. So now Baku want to do this while Hal want a perfect win, also Baku want to

accumulate hal drugs to 4 minutes knowing Hal doesn't want to die to kill him directly with a failed check, 4+1 minutes = 5 minutes = death
this round finished at 8:20:20

- before the 2nd half of the 2nd round start, it's said that both Baku and Hal didn't noticed something, referring to the leap second and Hal using echolocation. The round start at 8:21:00

- Hal dies and Baku looks extremely surprised, why? In fact he thought that Hal had understood for the leap second as he played perfectly in baku's game, so baku thought that he discovered his strategy, also it put Baku in the leap second route that's why he was so surprised, Hal played perfectly in Baku games. Hal failed his check at 5 seconds, meaning he didn't want to use the safe strategy. It could imply that Hal wanted to use the same strategy as Baku but it's revealed after that he didn't want to, so what's the conclusion ? Hal wanted to do a perfect check to counter baku strategy but failed, Hal knows that Baku wanted to accumulate his drugs so tried a perfect check but it failed, on the other hand baku as i said before make hal thought that he will accumulate his drugs when in FACT he want Hal to fail his check to enter the leap second route. Baku here deceived Souichi into making him thinking that he wanted to accumulate his drugs. Also not dropping the handkerchief for Baku isn't suspicious at all because firstly just before he tried to hide his strategy from Hal. So Hal thought he was going to drop it at 0 seconds while Baku maybe wanted to increase the probability of Hal failing to deduce his strategy. If he doesn't drop at 0 seconds then does Baku really want to accumulate drugs? Also Dropping at 0 seconds is risky, it can fail while confirming which strategy Baku will use this round, it's more safe to not drop + it can help Baku to understand how Hal will try to play in the next round. This round ended at 8:26:00, Baku now just needed to consume another 5 minutes to enter the leap second route.

The fact that Baku thinks that Hal may have discovered the leap second will make his heart go a little crazy, which Hal will notice with the echolocation and translate into "Baku is afraid that he'll fail his three near death strategy. Because yes Souichi deduced it, he understood that Baku wanted to accumulate his drugs by using Souichi ideology (being perfect, don't die) while Baku wanted to accumulate a low amount of drugs each round to come close to 2 or 3 minutes and then died. After this he will die another time, Yakou will be very weak, Baku container will be empty and he will have more opportunities than Hal who will be close to 4 minutes of drugs in his container meaning that if baku makes hal

fail a check he will die. You will say, okay but Souichi can make Baku fail a check, in fact at this moment of the game Baku will just use a safe strategy. He will have 4 rounds to make Souichi fail or accumulate 1 minute of drugs will be very easy and he will win. All that is what Baku wants Hal to think because as you know in fact Baku wants to save and use the leap second but for it to work Hal had to deduce everything here.
- Now lemme copy paste the explanation of the round so that you guys are not lost because this round isn't even shown but i'm gonna explain more. The referee says that Baku originally wanted to use the instant drop strategy so that he increase Hal drugs but he will change the strategy in the round

- in this round baku wanted to enter the leap second route by making Hal fail. Baku in the game is going to change his strategy for the "low risk drop" because Baku as i said want to make Hal fail while making him thinking he wants to increase his container, so in the first 5 second they thought baku will drop the handkerchief at 0 seconds but because he didn't, it means he changed it for the low risk drop. Hal failed his check because he thought baku wanted to increase his container, baku perfectly indirectly manipulated Hal with the three near death strategy, Hal already knew that Baku wanted to use this strategy. In hal POV baku not dropping at 0 seconds is also not weird. Baku could just try to see if Hal knows about his strategy and what he will do, Baku could also just try to see if Hal will use the safe strategy. That's why he waited. If Hal took it then he would have waited until 30 seconds and then dropped it.

the first half of round 3 start at 8:26:00
- in the 3rd round Souichi who was in D was trying to remember why he died, at the same time he was witnessing Baku inhuman aura making him think that Baku would perfect check if he drop it, this is why he was confused and ended interpreting that baku isn't able to use the safe strategy anymore which would make him fail the near three death strategy if he did (too much drugs). if Baku really wanted to use the three near death strategy, he would counter it at the same time (drop at the end while baku wanted to accumulate drugs). Because of the hypothesis of before Baku will create an aura of determination to make Hal firstly think that Baku can't use the safe strategy anymore as explained before, but he will understand that it's just a disguise to make him (hal) think he wants to use the near three death strategy. It will make Hal hesitate on the fact that he must drop or not the handkerchief, it will make him believe that he cannot use the safe strategy anymore as explained before because Baku must therefore perfect check because otherwise he could not use the three near death strategy

because he would have taken too many drugs, because Baku want to use it in the round 5. The real reason is that if Hal drops the handkerchief, Baku would fail the leap second route because if he accumulates 1 minute of drugs now he will fail the leap second route, the interval would exceed 5 minutes and reach 6 minutes. That is why he said “my 1 minute strategy is not safe anymore?”. Because at this moment he needed to be closer to the leap second he couldn’t take 1 minute of drugs AT this moment, also Baku at this moment deceived Hal into thinking he had to perfect check because if he doesn’t then his near three death strategy will fail, because he will have taken too many drugs, Baku deceive Hal again. So Baku knowing Hal already suspected the near three death strategy, created an aura to firstly make Hal think he can’t use the safe strategy anymore, therefore Hal wouldn’t drop the handkerchief = no accumulation, then Hal understand that it was just a disguise which was used to hide the fact he want to use the near three death strategy, if he want to make the near three death strategy efficient he needs to die in the round 5 so he shouldn’t accumulate too much now, at this point Baku has completely manipulated Hal into thinking that he's using the three near death strategy when he's actually aiming for the leap second

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the round end at 8:27:00

The second half of round 3 will start at 8:28:00

Baku dropped at 24 seconds, saying that the same simple strategy wouldn't work twice, referring to the round before where Hal died. Basically the round before Hal thought Baku would drop at the beginning but he didn’t, Hal died. Now obviously he will not be baited by this so Baku will opt for the low risk drop strategy thinking Hal will not turn at the beggining, which is obvious because Hal just loses because of that. Hal will use the safe strategy and so his tank will increase by 36 seconds. So considering the leap second baku here want to increase Hal container and make him think he will use the three near death strategy while Hal in fact want to increase his container as well, by not checking firstly Baku can’t deduce Hal use echolocation, secondly it’s logical as Hal already die one time so he can use a safe strategy. In truth baku knew All that because he make Hal think that HE want to use the three near death strategy so it’s like put ourselves in Baku head, he thinks that Hal thinks that Baku thinks that Hal doesn’t know that Baku wants to use the safe strategy three times, so by doing this he's playing logically by dropping the handkerchief at 24 seconds to confirm that Hal would use the safe strategy and so that he can increase his container, because if he drops at the beginning Hal might check and his container will not increase but if Baku confirm Hal will use the safe strategy then he will take

around 30 seconds of drugs. So if Hal don't turn around 30 seconds then he wants to use the safe strategy, Baku knows this because he knows that Hal want to use the same strategy as him, while Hal think it's logical because he doesn't want baku to know that he know for him deducing baku three near death strategy, that he use echolocation and Hal just died because he tried to perfect check, he thought Baku will drop the handkerchief at the beginning so now using the safe strategy is quite logical, considering Baku still want to use the near three death strategy and Hal know this. Hal knows when baku drops it so he can use the safe strategy without much problem he could know how many times he will take. So obviously Baku's aim here is to get Hal's drugs up, making him thinking that he will use the near three death strategy while Hal thought he had the advantage he will use this situation to increase his container (he literally does what baku want), he starts to counter baku strategy while also hiding the fact that he use echolocation etc...

Half of round 4, start at 8:30:00
Hal drops the handkerchief at 7 seconds and Baku checks at 10 seconds. Hal at first wanted to make Baku think that he didn't know about Baku's "three-near-death strategy" which is why he kept it in his hands for 7 seconds then dropped it, Souichi wanted Baku to think that Hal was checking if Baku wanted to self-destruct, then he dropped it to counter Baku's strategy. By doing this he logically plays in Baku's perspective and makes him accumulate a few drugs by keeping the handkerchief a few seconds at the beginning of the round + by countering Baku's real strategy but without revealing that he knows it. So now that's good but in fact everything went according as baku strategy, as we know baku knows about Hal knowing about baku wanting to use the near three death strategy. Baku knows Hal will try to make him think he doesn't know about baku using the three near death strategy that's why he kept the handkerchief in his hand for 7 seconds and then he will drop it, why did it go according to what baku wanted? Firstly, Baku is still in leap second route, he doesn't accumulate much drugs so that he will be able to accumulate it later (for the round 5), Hal already deduced that Baku wanted to die in the round 5 and that's why he wanted to increase a huge time of drugs so that Baku plan fail but it was literally Baku planning, he made Hal drop at the beginning thinking he will counter his strategy but Baku saw through this. By doing this he also does exactly what Hal wants baku to do which convinces him even more, if you don't understand, Hal think Baku will use the near three death strategy and try to die at round 5, if he takes one minutes of drugs now his strategy will fail, Hal saw through that in fact. Baku indirectly manipulated Hal again into making him think it was his real

strategy. If you're asking why Baku doesn't use the safe strategy, it's because if he did, he'd probably reveal his plan to Hal, who'd be able to figure it out. Baku has the senses of a god, but this makes him accumulate 55 seconds of drugs... Also in a logical global vision of the game, it allows him to keep them for later, so if he has the opportunity to check, he'll do it so he can always use it 2 times in the future if necessary and even if he fails his check, then he'll lose all the drugs in the tank and will be able to use the strategy 4-5 times, so he'll be safe. Everyone would think that baku should use the safe strategy as it would be the most logical choice but Souichi didn't want to make the same mistake as in round 3, which was that he dropped at the end, “Baku want to avoid dying first, he can still use the safe strategy twice, considering the risk, there’s no reason for Usogui to not use the safe strategy, anybody would think so” except Leader who decided to drop him at the beginning but Baku saw through that and turned his head, this is surface level of thinking but you have to take all that in count
Now it’s the EQ and VSI feats of Hal, not gonna copy paste it’s useless
the 2nd round of the 4th round will start at 8:32:00
- Baku will drop at 0 seconds and Hal will turn at 34 seconds, Hal wants to take drugs to be able to use Baku's strategy before him. Hal also wants to make Baku believe that he still doesn't know about the strategy of Baku, he knew baku will drop at the beginning because Baku wants to increase Hal drugs but he didn’t turn to make baku think he doesn’t know. Baku thinks he has the advantage but he doesn't, by doing this he's done exactly what Hal wanted, drop the handkerchief has 0 seconds to make him accumulate drugs, at the same time by turning at this moment Baku can't deduce that Hal is using echolocation because otherwise he would have turned instead. Hal has to make baku believe that he doesn't know that he wants to do the three near death strategy so by playing it safe he doesn't reveal that he knew that Baku had been dropping drugs all along but Hal will take advantage of this to use baku's strategy against him without him knowing. So i said Hal had the advantage but this isn’t true in fact Baku aim is the leap second and that’s why he has to make Hal think he wants to use the near three death strategy (drop at the beginning) and make hal think he has the advantage, Hal is like “ i will turn at 34 seconds so i will increase my container (baku want that but Hal doesn't know). Because of that Baku will be able to do the leap second, because with this set of event it will force hal to block baku strategy (round after) but baku want exactly this
the round ended at 8:33:00

- to explain why neither of them wants to die first it's simple, basically if you die first with enough drugs you should always perfect check or use the safe strategy,

if you fail you'll die and so this situation totally blocks you. so you have to increase your drugs to 4+ minutes but die second to get the advantage.

the round 5 start at 8:34:00
Round 5 begins, Hal drops at 0 seconds and Baku turns at 1 second. Hal counters Baku's instant check, in fact Baku wanted to die in this round to get to 2 deaths. He didn't want to increase his tank to 4+ minutes but to die now and then die again a few rounds later, the three near death strategy. This allows him to have more opportunities than Hal and to make Yakou weaker, and he can't end up blocked after dying because he can re-fail a check. The hidden reason is that he wants Hal to counter it to clock the leap second and make Hal think the near three death strategy was the STRATEGY of Baku, this counter was planned.
Hal had discovered the strategy a long time ago, as we saw with the fact that Baku's heart beats extremely fast, and all of Baku's moves led to this strategy, so he dropped the handkerchief directly to be able to counter Baku's plan. In the 3rd and 4th round, the 1 minute build-up meant goodbye to his strategy of dying 3 times, because if he didn't, it would have exceeded the 5 minute time limit, which is why he couldn't use the safe strategy anymore. Furthermore, this round was the best time to die the first time, because if he took too many drugs at one point, his strategy wouldn't work anymore. But Hal had understood all this perfectly well and had long since countered Baku's strategy, paving the way for what was to come. As i said Hal did what baku wanted because now Baku in Hal perspective he will be forced to drop at 0 seconds the next round to stop Hal, Hal will then not turn but deceive Baku (in fact Baku deceived Hal while making think he was deceived), Baku thought Hal will turn to use the near three death strategy but he didn't, which mean he manipulated Baku making him thinking he will use it while in fact he do not wants to died, Hal will also be able to check just after so that his squandered time isn't too much but in fact all this was planned by Baku, Baku knew Hal will counter his strategy in the round 5th, the next move of Hal will be trying to make Baku think he will try to use Baku strategy before him and get the advantage so that in fact he can deceive him as explained before, but Baku saw through that and even foresaw that in the round after this. Hal will not drop the handkerchief, why ? So firstly after being deceived by your opponent what will be the move to put your opponent in an even worse situation? Deceive him again, in this case making Baku think he will drop at the beginning, but this isn't all Baku had. He also knew due to his ideology, Hal will try to bluff about the fact that he wants to die so that he can deceive him but as Baku knows this, why will Hal try to stop Baku after he deceived him? if he deceives him again Baku will not be able to fail ANYMORE and it means that Hal

just needs now to make Baku fail a check, just this. Baku can use 5 times the safe strategy, but Hal can too he just need to die some round after
The first half of round 5 ended at 8:35:00

The half 2 of the 5th round start at 8:36:00
To counter Hal's strategy of dying, Baku does exactly the same move as Hal, dropping the handkerchief at the start of the round, but Hal doesn't turn, Baku has been tricked by Hal's bluff. Hal finally turns around at 15 seconds, he used echolocation to confirm that the handkerchief was dropped to make Baku think he had deceived him and not to make Baku think he was using echolocation. In fact Hal never intended to die, which is why Baku was fooled. But as i already explained above it's planned by baku and Baku wasn't fooled by Hal, also why Hal took 15 seconds while he knew Baku dropped? It was to increase his container so that he could die at the moment Baku will not be able to die anymore (around round 8), therefore the Gap between them will be insane and Hal will just have to make Baku fail a check to win while he can use 5 the safe strategy, so he is safe and if Baku use the safe strategy, in any case he will die before him as he will have drugs in his container at the moment Hal will died. Hal also clearly stated that he won't die anymore so that Baku can't counter his death, it's his ideology. Also for the short-term, it was to make Baku think he just increased his container a bit to die the round just after, so if Hal wants to do that he will probably stop Baku instant check while in fact he doesn't want to.

This round will start at 8:38:00
- In the 6th round Baku will turn around instantly and die, he thought Hal was going to drop the handkerchief to counter Baku's three near death strategy so he would turn around to avoid accumulating drug time but he will fail his check in the end, in fact Hal never intended to die as explained before, he wants a perfect win and Baku was fooled into thinking Hal wanted to die and thinking he wanted to counter Baku strategy, keep in mind he also has echolocation even if Baku doesn't know at this moment, also Yakou was very weak.Hal did this knowing that Baku was going to have a very high chance of dying because Yakou is already extremely weak, plus Hal's echolocation technique is so powerful that he can perfectly check so there's no risk. Baku just entered the Leap second route and due to this reset he will be able to play the next 3 round of checking As i already explained Baku planned this, he timed the leap second and died, he reset his container, make Yakou weaker and HAL IS NOT DIED, which will force him to die in the 8th round i will explain later a bit more why but i already explained that Baku saw through the move of Hal with the "15 seconds of drugs"

which was at first made to make Baku think he will drop the handkerchief this round and try to died after, but as Baku knows he doesn't want to die and the most logical Play considering his ideology will be to kill Baku now so that he can't fail a check anymore, this 15 seconds of drugs will in fact be used for the long term, for Hal future death. Also baku wanted to die now because he couldn't die before because he was too far from the leap second but at round 6 he found the moment he could time it, it makes Souichi think he has the upper hand while he doesn't.

This round will start at 8:43:00
- in the 2nd round of round 6, Baku drops him straight away and Hal checks at 8 seconds using echolocation, Baku is now aiming for increasing hal drugs. As Hal doesn't want to die it means Baku can increase it, this is the most logical play because trying to make Hal die is useless in Baku position, it will even give Hal an advantage his tank will be empty, Yakou weaker... Hal used echolocation which allowed him to check but not instantly so that Baku didn't know he was using it. Baku here is playing in a logical way for Hal but he just wants to increase Hal's container. It's the best play in Hal 's perspective because he wants to make him die all at once. Also after All the checks Hal made and that he deceived Baku, he was like "what should i do now?" Baku thought he could try to use the safe strategy to think about what he was going to do after but Hal saw through.. This is the first round Hal had the advantage because he saw through Baku deception and checked at the beginning while Baku wanted to accumulate drugs

this round start at 8:45:00
Round 7, Baku's aura of determination is still present, the aim is to make Hal not let him go because he knows that if he does, Baku will do an instant check. But Hal will still drop him at 0 seconds, Souichi has the advantage over Baku, he has echolocation which makes him invincible in the game, so it's the best play to accumulate drugs and then make him fail and die directly, moreover baku will think that because of his aura he will not drop. Baku's aura was designed to keep Hal in place so that he could use the safe strategy, but Hal understands this and with the advantages he has, he can easily afford to make this move. It's even advantageous for him and it goes against Baku's plan. However Baku doesn't care at all, baku want to clock the leap second and he died to be able to have at least 4 safe strategy, so Hal can either drop or not he doesn't matter for Baku, the aura was here to make Hal think that he doesn't want him to drop the handkerchief while in fact he doesn't care but if Hal discovered this then he could have

discovered the leap second, it's a safe move because in the HAL pov as i explained baku put the aura to make hal think he will perfect check but he doesn't want in fact he doesn't care

Half 2 of Round 7. Souichi now solves 2 rubik cubes at the same time, which shows him that he's winning. High VSI too, we have the revelation that Souichi uses echolocation, and Baku finally understands.

- Baku reveals Souichi's indirect manipulation, about the fact that he deliberately kept his voice down so that the referees could hear him, but Hal wanted to take even more advantage of echolocation by making them keep their voices down, it's also said that nobody his noticing what Baku is doing, which refer to the Manipulation on Hal and the leap second.

After reading the prince bee book, he went to the building Eba instructed Souichi to go to, after he lost his memories. Then as Baku was wandering off in the building, he came across the video tape Souichi's mother left in the building. Talking about echolocation He knew it from that moment forward. That's how Baku connected the dots.
Baku reasoning (helped By Derkuter a Usogui scaler)

- there are people controlling the clock outside, Oofuna came before Baku and Hal. Oofuna coming before them would mean that he might have tampered with the clock. If he tampered with the clock it would be unfair. Referees strive for fairness and would go to the digital clock which is run by the people outside, they would go to the digital clock The clock had a very specific sound, the sound changed by a bit.Hal spoke to me weakest a bit before the sound of the clock changed, Hal keeps saying tsk too much for a normal person.Hal started saying tsk a bit after the sound of the clock changed. A bit after the sound of the clock changed Hal started guessing precisely when I'll drop the handkerchief.If Hal were to speak with a very low voice they wouldn't hear him because of the clock, they didn't hear him because of the clock, they can control the sound of the clock.if they were to control the sound of the clock they would lower its voice to hear him. S a turn of events which also coincidentally happened right before Hal started winning is impossible. Hal did it intentionally, if he did it intentionally he must have a reason that will help him to do it. It must have helped him, if he were to know my handkerchief through a different sound it would mean he could see through the sound. He can see through the sound. He has echolocation, if he has echolocation then he must have used some sound to

detect my handkerchief, the only sound which could help him is the tsk. He used echolocation with his tsk, basically everything that he did was a strategy to use his echolocation

This round is going to start at 8:47:00
- in the 2nd round of the 7th round baku touches his tie to make it look like the handkerchief but the handkerchief is already on the ground and this is the only way to counter souichi's echolocation. Before the round, Baku puts the handkerchief on the ground but Souichi goes straight into this play, he already knew that Baku wanted to accumulate Hal's drugs to kill him in 1 shot and the only way to counter his echolocation is this play. Baku wanted to remove his tie to make Souichi think he'd dropped the handkerchief when in fact it was his tie but in truth the handkerchief was already on the ground, which could have put Hal in a tricky position as he couldn't be sure if the handkerchief was on the ground as Baku knew about Hal's technique but he took the risk of checking by discovering Baku's thoughts that he wanted to accumulate his time to kill him in one move and also the fact that the gap between them was high so now it's the best strategy touching his tie was intended to put Hal in a situation where he had to think about not failing his check, he wanted to make it look like he'd dropped the tie and not the handkerchief. So baku played this because it was the only way to play logically in Hal POV, what i mean by this is that baku just discovered that Hal uses echolocation so if he didn't played this move Hal will just do a perfect check. So keep in mind Hal thinks he is winning and that Baku now is just trying to accumulate his drugs to kill him at once, Hal has the advantage but Baku knows that and that's why he played the most logical move. This is the second round Hal had the advantage because he saw through Baku deception and checked at the beginning while Baku wanted to accumulate drugs

This round started at 8:49:00
- Round 8, Hal drops the handkerchief at the start and Baku turns at 55 seconds, Baku is now not allowed to fail a check or he will die as he will take more than 5 minutes of drugs. Hal has done this because he needs to increase Baku's time and then kill him by making him fail a check, while Baku mustn't die because there's a chance that Yakou won't be able to revive him and Baku accumulate a lot of drugs so that the gap between his tank and Souichi's will be huge, so that Hal think he should kill himself, He would just need then to kill baku one time or make his container exceed. So in fact Baku wanted to make Hal fail his check on purpose the next round, because if Hal die, in HIS POV then his container will be empty, before Baku just needed to accumulate 2 mins and 34 seconds of drugs

but now it will be 5 mins , Yakou won't be able to revive anymore and he will just need to make baku fail a check to win while he will have 5 safe strategy, keep in mind he has echolocation, also Baku probably figured out why Hal took 15 seconds of drugs half 2 of round 5, it was to increase his container so that he could die at the best moment, which will be as late as possible and when baku will not be able to die anymore, therefore the Gap between them will be insane, He also clearly stated that he won't die anymore so that Baku can't counter his death but Baku saw through all of this, he saw through why he took 15 seconds in both short and long term (the short term was to make Baku think he took 15 seconds to increase a bit his container, which would mean he want to die = he need to stop Baku near death). Baku wanted Hal to die, so that when he do the leap second hal will have 4 minutes and 58 seconds, Hal will have very low chance to survive but it exists and the chance that he can play after his death are even lower, that's why baku need hal to died this round, clocking the leap second and make him died, Baku is planning everything will playing logically on Hal POV and manipulating him. Also if Baku failed his check the Leap second would have failed

This round will start at 8:51:00
In round 8, round 2, As planned Hal fails his check, knowing that if he dies after Baku, there's a very good chance he'll die for good, He also knows that Baku goal is to accumulate Hal drugs to 2 mins and 34 seconds but if he died then he has 5 safe strategy left while Baku can't fail a check anymore or accumulate as much as Hal if he died Yakou may still be able to resuscitate once, but Hal has deliberately failed his check to put absolutely every chance on his side because he knows that if he doesn't, he'll lose. By doing this, Yakou has almost no chance of being able to resuscitate another time, as the gap in drugs in the tank is enormous, and he dies before Baku, as explained above, which is the most advantageous situation. Hal thought Baku thought he didn't want to die because of his ideology so he couldn't counter that, and this bet is risky as Yakou is very weak but if Hal survives then baku will be in a really really difficult situation, but as explained above everything is planned by baku and was understood by him. Also as the referee say if Baku wanted to accumulate drugs he would have dropped it at the beginning, so Baku indeed planned and cornered Hal to the death.

- Hal before dying asks Yakou that if he loses his memory he wants him to re-explain the situation to him, he anticipates that he may lose his memory due to the levels of drugs taken into his body and death.

- So in his second near death, Hal induced the leap second, how ? In his near death he was reading the prince bee and he remembered that Eba told him that he put a message which included the times and the location of the meeting into the book. If Hal ever felt that he lost his memory, he would have to come to this place without letting anyone notice. Then in his Near death he come to the place, there is Baku with a scary smile saying that the time feel different, depending on the situation it refers to the chapter 496 in which while Baku is dead Hal also said this and he saw him with the exact same scary smile, this is only the beginning but Hal started to understand why Baku smiled when he said this. He then progress in the building and come across the video of his Mother saying “Souichi you have reached it, the only thing is left is to pick it up” In this scene of course Souichi is talking to himself but it means that at this moment he understood that Baku had see the video of his mother, why ? Because when Baku was in the Arizuka building, there is a video of Souichi mother talking about echolocation and there is also the information about memory loss, Eba killed a rat and Baku had his blood on his pants. We can see in Hal first near death, chap 502 that he noticed the blood when baku come back from the Arizuka building, we also saw it in chapter 535,321 and 520, but it’s in the 2nd near death that he will come to the conclusion of the leap second, remember he also forgot his first near death. When Baku went to the hotel he didn’t wiped out the blood and Hal saw it, if Hal saw it what does it mean? Basically he then induced that Baku was in the Arizuka building before because of the blood, then it means he knew about echolocation with the video and it should have helped him to deduce that I (Hal) used echolocation, but moreover he saw the information about my memory loss, So if he knows i have memory loss he then probably understood at TOK why the referee were so excited and wanted to find me, that would mean he knows when i lose my memory and it’s today, Baku planned STL match on this day, IT CAN’T BE A COINCIDENCE! Baku wanted to confirm if I had a watch and he made Kaji come to the tower… Yes i understand now, he makes Yakou think he planned a trick with kaji so that we don’t use the normal clock of the towers but the line of protoporos, he made sure i didn’t had a watch it’s about time, time… A LEAP SECOND. So this is probably Hal's thought process, If you check the chapter 525 (after leap second) and 520 (Hal near death) you will see in chapter 525 that Hal said in a panel “A LEAP SECOND” why is it important? It’s because in this panel if you look at Hal he doesn’t have the normal design he has in STL but he has the design he has in the near death, he is all white and so is the picture so i think that the Panel of the chapter 525 in fact appeared in the chapter 521 but it wasn’t showed of course, it refer to the fact that Hal understood the leap second in his near death. We could also add that he then guessed the next move of Baku which

was to use the safe strategy and that's what baku will do, he should also have understood why Baku is dead in round 1 it was to know about the interval of round with death and to misdirect him using his "god sense", why he is dead in round 6 it was to be able to use the safe strategy until round 6 and enter the leap second route, he also probably understood that Baku had a surprised face in round 2 because By dying Hal made Baku enter the leap second route and he should also have understood Baku disguise with the aura which was in fact to disguise the fact that if he failed he will fail the leap second route, all of this are just layers of shielding and misdirection than Hal bypassed to reach the conclusion. Also in the 2nd near death of Hal, in which he deduced all of this Baku while wiping the blood stain call Souichi a Liar which refer to the fact that he noticed the blood on Baku pants and that he know that Baku saw the video + information about his memory loss, Baku also said that Hal was perfect but that he can't keep his ideal forms forever, referring to the fact that Hal will lose his perfect mode. Some other proof that Hal deduced it, chapter 517 Page 14 the hand are pointing at 9 O'clock, chapter 502 (Hal first near death) the clock is on 9:00:00, chapter 521 in Hal near death we saw a watch broken with 0:00:00 referring to the fact that he forget the leap second, he lost the memory about time

this round start at 8:57:00
- Round 9, Hal drops the handkerchief instantly, he doesn't know why but he knows that baku isn't going to turn his head for 60 seconds, it's as if he senses something inexplicable and that's effectively what baku is going to do, he's going to accumulate 60 seconds worth of drugs. Baku chose the safe strategy because he can't fail a check anymore. So the hidden plot here is that Hal deduced the leap second but forgot about it that's why he knew baku won't turn, because Baku is timing the leap second, he has to turn at 60 seconds and had the same time he is 100% safe to not died

- Round 2 of round 9, this is the end of STL baku, do the leap second and make Hal survive but he still can't be able to play anymore. Also if you ask why baku was screaming is because If Hal survived then yea Hal would have more chance to win than Baku

Baku strategy

He had to die in the first round to figure out how long is a near death, while deceiving Hal by making him think that he wanted to do a perfect check in order to misdirect him into thinking "Baku didn't want to die + make him think that he has god senses" . A normal player wouldn't think about that possibility, but since it's Hal... if he started to be close to deduce the leap second he might think "but Baku wanted to perfect check therefore he does not want to use the leap second". In the 2nd half of round 1, Baku here wanted to accumulate the drugs of Hal, it's as simple as that. Baku make hal think that he will use his body as a container, so that he will be able to die like 2 or 3 times, after this death his tank will be empty while Hal who want a perfect victory without dying could die directly if baku accumulate enough drugs and make him fail his check, so now with this we could say that hal has a disadvantage because he has 24 seconds of drugs in his container, this is the start of Baku fake strategy. Baku at this moment created the near three death strategy, a strategy in which the character tries to die 3 times while accumulating the container of his opponent in order to kill him directly while he will be able to use the safe strategy. That would be the best strategy considering Baku already died one time. In the 2nd round, Baku used the safe strategy (so he checked at 1 minute) knowing that Hal would try to see what he wanted to do, Souichi thought that due to Baku's god-like senses and personality that he would try a perfect check. It forced Hal to wait 30 seconds to confirm what Baku was going to do, Baku took advantage of this so that the accumulation drug time wasn't much, in this case 25 seconds knowing that he used the safe strategy. It's not over yet, Baku also did this to let Hal think that he's going to try to die several more times to have more opportunities, to make Yakou weaker. Baku wants to make Hal think that he wants to accumulate drugs in his container to died in the future even if he used a disguise which was the fact that because he already died one time and it's the beginning, he must not fail his check again and therefore should use this strategy, but he also used the fact that Hal thought that he had god like sense, to make him think "he might still try a perfect check so i should not drop in case and just look at what he is going to do'' this is why Baku knew that Hal won't drop. Obviously Baku knows that Hal will understand what strategy Baku wants to use which is to accumulate drugs, then he will die to reset his container, make Yakou weaker and have more opportunities. He also used this moment to check if we could save time by staying in his seat to see if that would change the round interval time. Baku created the near three death strategy knowing that Hal would deduce it. In the next round, so round 2 half 2 Hal died by failing his check at the beginning and this was within Baku strategy again. Hal died because he understood Baku's strategy, he knew he was going to drop the handkerchief to accumulate drugs so

he turned, he turned at 5 seconds to make Baku think he didn't know about it, if he knew he would have turned at 0 seconds. Baku not dropping the handkerchief isn't suspicious at all because firstly just before he tried to hide his strategy from Hal. So Hal thought he was going to drop it at 0 seconds while Baku maybe wanted to increase the probability of Hal failing to deduce his strategy. If he doesn't drop at 0 seconds, then does Baku really want to accumulate drugs? Also dropping at 0 seconds is risky, it can fail while confirming which strategy Baku will use this round, it's more safe to not drop + it can help Baku to understand how Hal will try to play in the next round. So Baku play logically by not dropping directly, while making Hal fail his check and at the same time he enter the leap second route In round 3 Baku created an aura of motivation to make Hal doubt if he should check, if he fail his check or accumulate too much drugs then he fail the leap second route, but Hal interpreted it in a other way, Baku create his aura to make Hal hesitate on the fact to drop or not = baku don't want Hal to drop or he would need to perfect check because he would have taken too much drugs for his strategy. This was what Baku wanted, he used this aura to conceal his real intention and misdirect Souichi into the near three death strategy which fit the leap second timing. At this moment Hal was completely misdirecting Baku strategy to be the near three death strategy. Half 2 of round 3 Let's put ourselves in Baku head, he thinks that Hal thinks that he thinks that Hal doesn't know that he wants to use the near three death strategy , so by doing this he's playing logically by dropping the handkerchief at 24 seconds to confirm that Hal would use the safe strategy and so that he can increase his container, because if he drops at the beginning Hal might check and his container will not increase but if Baku confirm Hal will use the safe strategy then he will take around 30 seconds of drugs. So if Hal don't turn around 30 seconds then he wants to use the safe strategy, Baku knows this because he knows that Hal want to use the same strategy as him, while Hal think it's logical because he doesn't want baku to know that he know for him deducing baku three near death strategy. Baku again, due to the near three death strategy can completely indirectly manipulate Souichi into doing exactly what he wants. Round 4 Hal drops the handkerchief at 7 seconds and Baku checks at 10 seconds. Everything went according as baku strategy, as we know baku knows about Hal knowing about baku wanting to use the near three death strategy. Baku knows Hal will try to make him think he doesn't know about baku using the three near death strategy that's why he kept the handkerchief in his hand for 7 seconds and then he will drop it, why did it go according to what baku wanted? Firstly, Baku is still in leap second route, he doesn't accumulate much drugs so that he will be able to accumulate it later (for the round 5), Hal already deduced that Baku wanted to die in the round 5 and

that’s why he wanted to increase a huge time of drugs so that Baku plan fail but it was literally Baku planning, he made Hal drop at the beginning thinking he will counter his strategy but Baku saw through this. By doing this he also does exactly what Hal wants baku to do which convinces him even more, if you don’t understand, Hal think Baku will use the near three death strategy and try to die at round 5, if he takes one minutes of drugs now his strategy will fail, Hal saw through that in fact. Baku indirectly manipulated Hal again into making him think it was his real strategy. Note : Why can't Baku use the safe strategy ? Well it's because if he did, he'd probably reveal his plan to Hal, who'd be able to figure it out. Baku has the senses of a god, but this makes him accumulate 55 seconds of drugs... Also in a logical global vision of the game, it allows him to keep them for later, so if he has the opportunity to check, he'll do it so he can always use it 2 times in the future if necessary and even if he fails his check, then he'll lose all the drugs in the tank and will be able to use the strategy 4-5 times, so he'll be safe. Everyone would think that baku should use the safe strategy as it would be the most logical choice but Souichi didn't want to make the same mistake as in round 3, which was that he dropped at the end, “Baku want to avoid dying first, he can still use the safe strategy twice, considering the risk, there’s no reason for Usogui to not use the safe strategy, anybody would think so” except Leader who decided to drop him at the beginning but Baku saw through that and turned his head, this is surface level of thinking but you have to take all that in count. Round 4 half 2 Baku will drop at 0 seconds and Hal will turn at 34 seconds, Hal wants to take drugs to be able to use the same type of strategy as Baku but at the very last moment so that Yakou can't revive anyone anymore. Hal also wants to make Baku believe that he still doesn't know about the strategy of Baku, he knew baku will drop at the beginning because Baku wants to increase Hal drugs but he didn’t turn to make baku think he doesn’t know. Baku thinks he has the advantage but he doesn't, by doing this he's done exactly what Hal wanted, drop the handkerchief has 0 seconds to make him accumulate drugs, at the same time by turning at this moment Baku can't deduce that Hal is using echolocation because otherwise he would have turned instead. Hal has to make baku believe that he doesn't know that he wants to do the three near death strategy so by playing it safe he doesn't reveal that he knew that Baku had been dropping all along but Hal will take advantage of this to use baku's strategy against him without him knowing. So i said Hal had the advantage but this isn’t true in fact Baku aim is the leap second and that’s why he has to make Hal think he wants to use the near three death strategy (drop at the beginning) and make hal think he has the advantage, Hal is like “ i will turn at 34 seconds so i will increase my container (baku want that but Hal doesn't know). Because of that Baku will be

able to do the leap second, because with this set of events it will force Hal to block baku's strategy (round after) but Baku wants exactly this and Hal is completely misdirected by the near death strategy. Round 5 Baku had already foresaw that Hal will understand that the best round to die is the 5, Hal will counter his strategy round 5. Baku must not die now since he needs to enter the leap second route by dying in round 6 this is why he let Souichi counter his strategy. But that's not finished, in the round just after Hal will check at 15 seconds while Baku dropped at 0 seconds, why? Well, Souichi said that he would use the same strategy as Baku and this is why Baku dropped at 0 seconds, thinking Hal would use it but Hal's objective was to make Baku drop the handkerchief while he will accumulate a bit of drugs to die in the future with a good amount. Though, that was within Baku foresight, Baku knew that Hal wanted a victory with the less death possible, considering Baku will died in the next round and that he died already one time, Baku is close to death while Hal can just accumulate a lot of drugs, died and reset his container after Baku, at this moment he would be able to use the safe strategy while one failed check for Baku would kill him or he would have less safe strategy, this is exactly what happened, that's why Baku knew that he would not turn but he still dropped to make Hal think that he had the upper hand. Round 6, Baku turned at 1 seconds but failed his check, Hal deceived a 3rd time. As I explained this was foresaw by Baku, he wanted to die because now he can use the safe strategy until the leap second and he knew Hal will not drop the handkerchief to counter his strategy, because why not deceive him 3 times? + he is close to the state of not being able to fail a check anymore, in any case Hal will reset his container and play with Baku the endurance game that he will win, it would have worked if the leap second didn't exist. Then in the next round, Baku tried to increase Hal container in round 7 & Round 8, he obviously tried to hide his intention but Souichi clearly saw through them and interpreted it again as Baku near three death strategy, but this was for the leap second. In round 8, Hal is cornered by Baku. He cornered him enough to make him Think that he should kill himself, if he do that his container is reset and Baku would have low chance of winning, he would need to perfect check every time (this is why Hal took the drugs in round 6 btw, it was his plan), if Hal died he can use the safe strategy more time than Baku can, he just need to make Baku container run out of space. Hal decided to die and as i said in round 5... Baku wanted Hal to not die at this moment for the future Round 9, this is the leap second. Baku used Hal memory loss as a shield, in case Hal deduces it in his death (as he did) he would forget about it since the death experience would trigger his memory loss which is this day, obviously this scenario has not a high chance of happening but it can. The 2nd shielding part

was planned as well, Baku had to find the protoporos line so that Hal could not avoid the trap, on the one that Baku used it makes "beep" "beep" "dong" "dong" and in the normal phone line it make “beep” “beep” “beep” "dong". If Baku used the normal phone line, Hal could have avoided the trap because it the “beep” happen at 8:59:60 but it doesn’t make sense, at the end of the round it shouldn't be “beep” but “dong” so it means the round isn’t finished but the protoporos fine line is “beep" "beep" "dong" "dong” the 2nd beep happen at 8:59:59, the first dong at 8:59:60 which means the round is finished but no... because there was a 2nd dong, it means the round wasn’t finished due to the extra second. The only scenario in which Baku ``lose" is Hal deducing leap second way before, but even in that scenario if Hal counter it, then Baku just need to make Hal fail his check one more time, so Baku would be in a situation 60-40 for Hal which isn’t bad for BK, if one fail he died.
If Hal deduces it really way way before and tries to play differently, then it will still probably be a really close battle due to the nature of the game, but we can't really say who would win.

SOME IMPORTANT CHAPTERS

- chapter that confirms all this “assumption”. Chapter 525 to 531, Yakou already explains many things of this analysis and i think many people forgot what it is said in those chapters. 527 implied baku had to do “so many things” to come to this result, he had to predict and play with the near death, “ leader was devoured, mistaking Usogui plan to be dying three times, in the end his accumulation was at 4 seconds only. Usogui saw through leader...Saw through me. He even managed to dominate the leap second that nobody noticed!! Chapter 529 “you bet your life and calculated everything”. Chapter 515 “nobody notices what he’s doing either” refers to the all the hidden thing Baku was trying to do. Chapter 501 “Both of them are looking at different things. are different thing that both of them didn’t notice, referring to baku leap second and all the move he is trying to do and Hal echolocation
- chapter 534-535 Baku learn about Hal memory loss, plan the leap second with Hal memory loss because he knew he will lose his memory this day because after TOK, chap 270 hal lose his memory on the first december and Baku was here

foreshadowing

Sako let many clue for us so that we could deduce Baku plan, let’s see some





This chapter is chapter 491 and as we can see baku read in the papers the game drops the handkerchief. In the next panel we saw Baku dropping the handkerchief on the ground saying “will this game bring me victory” he doesn’t say this in the chapter 491 but many chapter before this, Basically the chapter he left the handkerchief to manipulate Yakou to chose this game which mean if baku said that while dropping the handkerchief he already think Yakou will be manipulated and it is confirmed by the chapter 528 in which Yakou say :

chapter 528, Yakou say “you didn't do anything, you were just fully confident that everything would end up as predicted, whether it was the speaking clock or the “drop the handkerchief game, I was the one who decided all of it... That’s how you have always been...”



when Yakou say Baku was fully confident it's not luck but it's logical, baku dropped the handkerchief behind Yakou and made sure Hal doesn't had Watch + used the kaji trick with the protoporos lines





So here are two panels, left one from chapter 493 and right one from chapter 526. In the right one we can see Kaji saying “that’s all Baku-san?” Kaji then continues saying he will enter the tower first which means Baku already asked kaji to enter in the tower before he comes to the tower for STL , so that he can manipulate Yakou into thinking Baku planned something. Kaji asks Baku if he can do anything, any preparation he can do before he comes, he will do it but Baku tells 99% that he just needs to be in the tower before STL starts. So let’s now focus on “if there’s any preparation i can do before you come, i will do it” just after we saw Yakou hand and he is doing to take the clock, this panel is clearly here to show us that Baku really planned something because just after Kaji ask if he can do anything we saw Baku and Yakou taking the clock, also why Sako will show us this if there wasn’t anything hidden in it? Keep in mind It was chapter 493

- Now in the panel on the right, we can see Baku eating a candy which refers to a hidden trick, something planned. When Baku eat his candies it often means every goes as predicted / planned by him, This panel is from Chapter 526 but it was when Yakou was explaining how Baku planned the usage of the protoporos line but Baku really ate his candy at that time and we can see it in the chapter 493

chapter 501, The narrator states "Both of them are looking at different things. are different things that both of them didn't notice." referring to baku leap second and all the moves he is trying to do and Hal echolocation. the narrator also say this in chapter 515, here the two panels





chapter 501

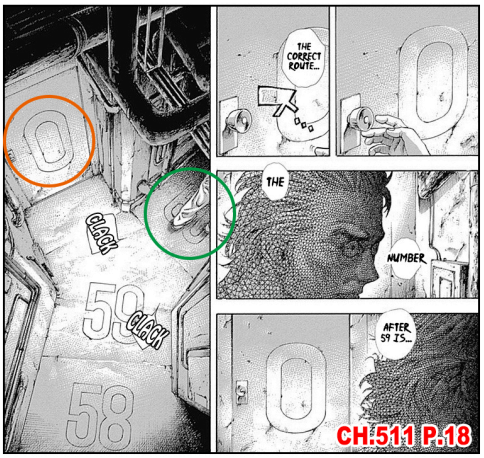
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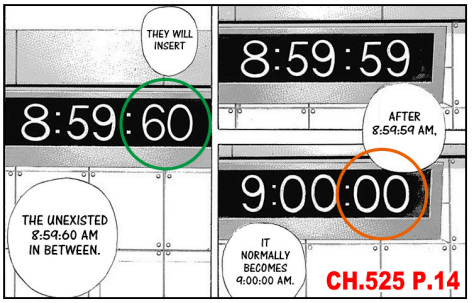
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"nobody notices what he's doing either"
both of this statement refer to Hal echolocation and Baku leap second

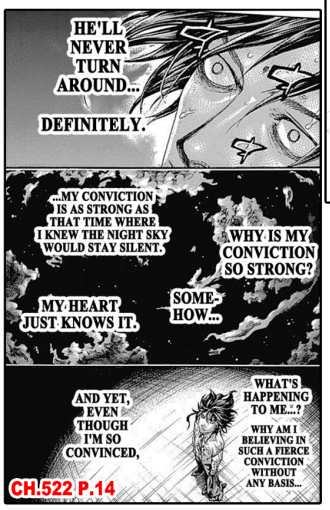
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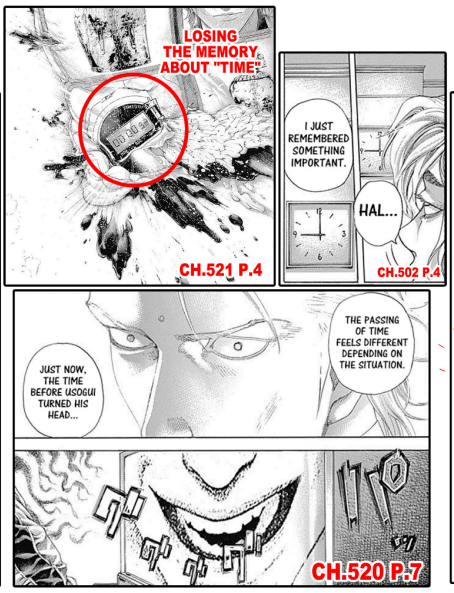
THE FORSHADOWINGS IN BAKU'S NEAR-DEATH DREAM





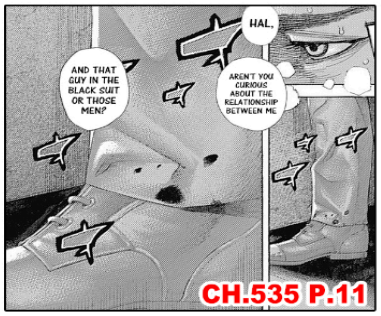
SOME OTHER FORESHADOWINGS OF SOUICHI CATCHING THE LEAP SECOND BUT FORGETTING IT AFTER HIS 2ND NEAR-DEATH.



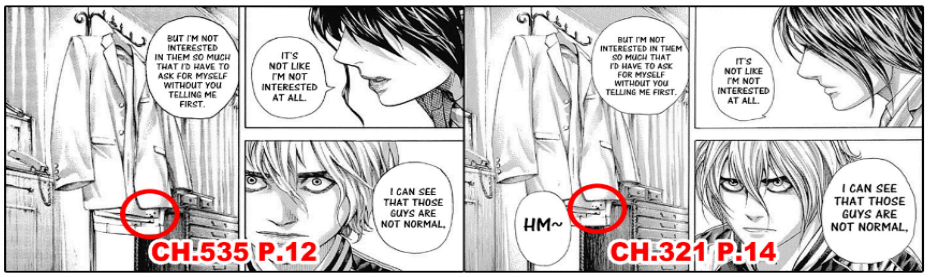




THE FORESHADOWINGS WHICH ARE REVEALED IN THIS CHAPTER: THE BLOOD STAIN



BAKU'S PANTS WERE STAINED BY THE RAT'S BLOOD WHEN EBA KILLED THE RAT. AND HE WENT BACK TO THE HOTEL WITHOUT CLEANING IT. (THE BLOOD STAIN WAS FIRST SHOWN IN CH.321 P.14)



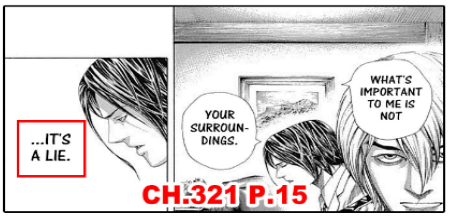
THE BLOOD STAIN IN SOUICHI'S DREAMS

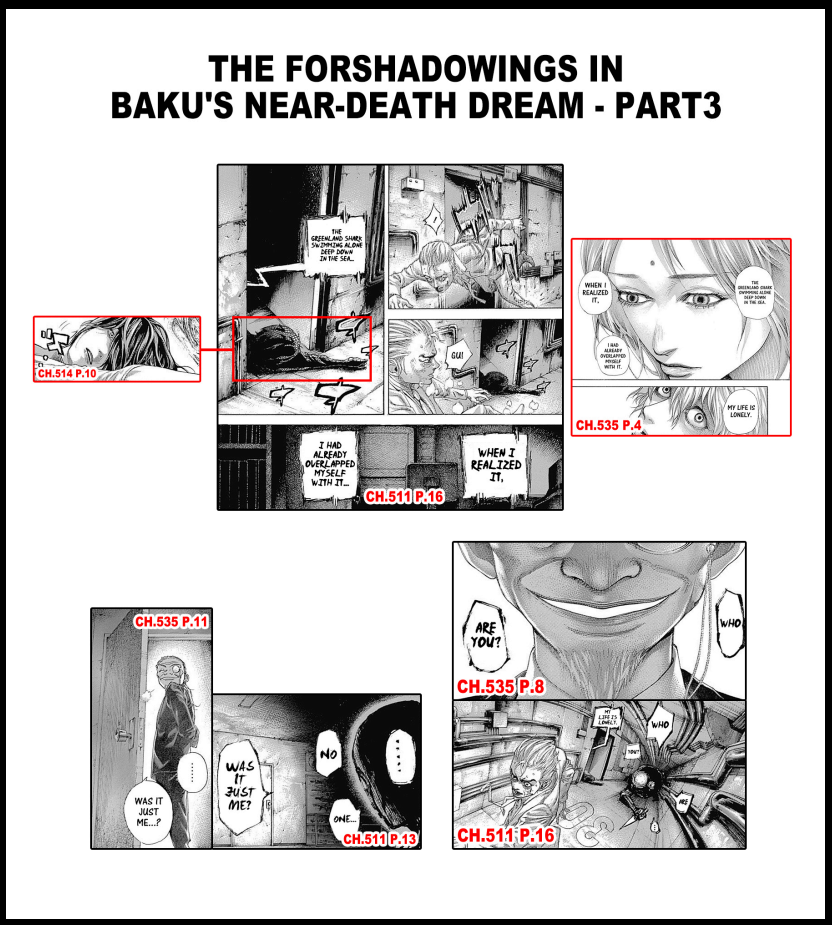


APPARENTLY, THIS BLEEDING SCENE IN SOUICHI'S FIRST NEAR-DEATH DREAM IS JUST SOUICHI NOTICING YAKOU'S CONDITION. (PRESSING THE BUTTONS REFERS TO HIM DOING CPR, AND THE OPENING OF THE FINGER AND THE BLEEDING REFERS TO YAKOU'S WOUNDED HAND.) BUT THE BLOOD SQUIRTING ONTO THE PANTS ALSO SHOWS THAT SOUICHI ACTUALLY NOTICED THE BLOOD STAIN WHEN BAKU CAME BACK FROM THE ARIZUKA BUILDING 10 YEARS AGO.

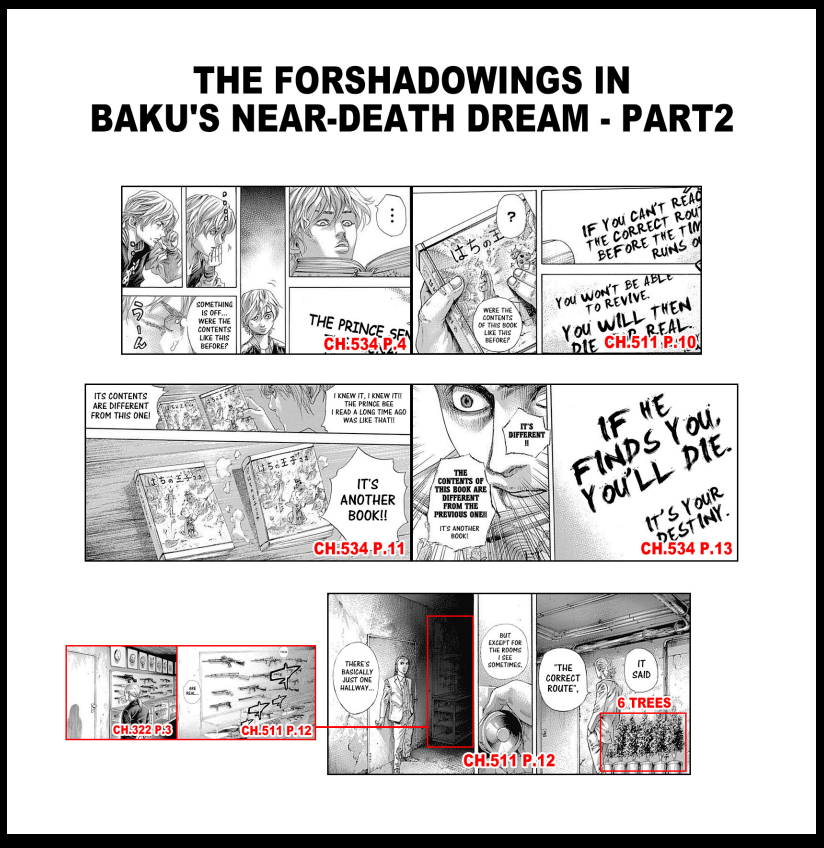


AND THE SCENE WHERE BAKU CALLS SOUICHI A LIAR WHILE WIPING THE BLOOD STAIN SHOWS THAT SOUICHI REALIZED THAT BAKU PROBABLY GOT THE STAIN IN THE ARIZUKA BUILDING, WHICH ALSO MEANS THAT BAKU MIGHT HAVE SEEN EKO'S VHS AND LEARNT WHAT ECHOLOCATION IS. THAT'S WHY BAKU WAS ABLE TO FIGURE OUT SOUICHI'S ECHOLOCATION TRICK SO FAST AND SOUICHI COULD AS WELL SUSPECTED THAT BAKU MIGHT HAVE FIGURED IT OUT.



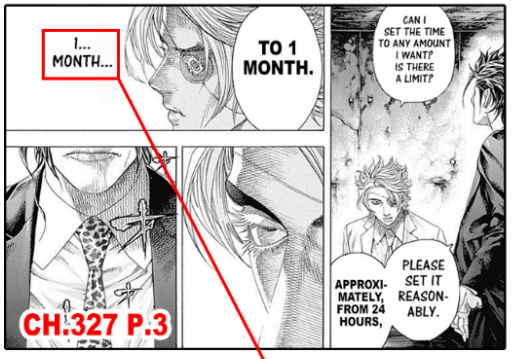


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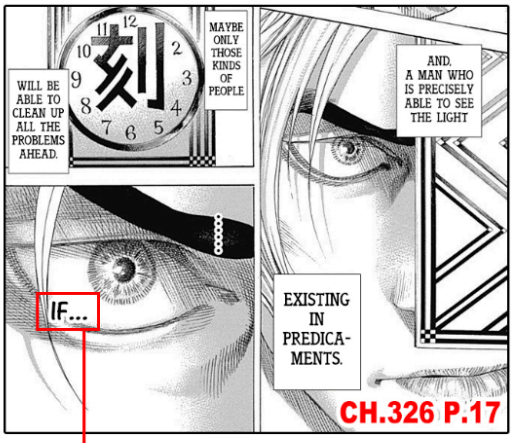


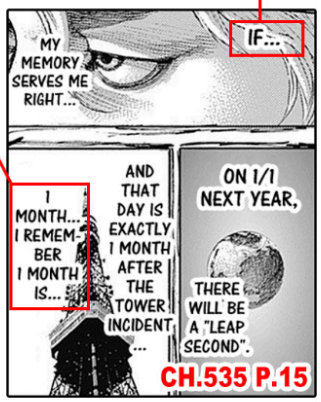
THE FORESHADOWINGS WHICH ARE REVEALED IN THIS CHAPTER- BAKU'S STRATEGY

SOUICHI'S ONCE-PER-MONTH MEMORY LOSS



THE LEAP SECOND





BRINGING SOUICHI ONTO THE ISLAND BY MAKING HIM HIS ALLY AND MAKING SURE THAT SURPASSING THE LEADER WILL BE HELD RIGHT AFTER THE BAN MATCH SO THAT THE LEAP SECOND STRATEGY WILL BE SUCCESSFUL.





Xeris analysis debunk

- So before I start to debunk his analysis I just want to say that it is not because I debunk it that it's true, I'm not a god. STL is the most complex mind game i ever read personally so please be respectful about Xeris analysis, the arc is so complex and he did a good job, there is many thing in his analysis who are true in my opinion and of course many thing are wrong IMO

- So at the beginning he says that Baku associated the game drop handkerchief with time which is true and that Hal wanted a match with only Baku + a referee, Hal wanted to go back at the origin of surpassing the leader, 2 player and 1 referee

- Then Baku encountered Hal at the obelisk, he used this moment to confirm Hal didn't had a watch. That's true but Xeris also said it was to give hints to Hal so that he can deduce leap second. I already explained in the planning part why Baku didn't wanted to save Hal. If Baku didn't wanted he would try to not give any clues to Hal that's pretty obvious. Also why Baku will need Hal to know about "time" that his plan is correlated with time to save him?? Hal deduced the leap second in his 2nd near death Half 2 of round 8 and then he knew Baku will not turn in the half 1 of round 9 and that's why he dropped the handkerchief, in any case Baku would have never tried to turn, Baku didn't needed Hal to know about leap second.

- Baku knowing about Hal using echolocation at the obelisk because Hal understood that Baku was stressed is false because in both chapter 501 and 515 the narrator states that nobody is noticing what they are doing, referring to echolocation and the leap second. the part about the clock planning is true in my opinion

- i agree with almost everything that Xeris said about the whole round 1 except that Baku knew about echolocation of course he didn't as i already explained many time before and also Baku didn't let Souichi think "Baku who is a gambler will probably try to die at the beginning because this will be only one minutes of drugs and therefore the most safe death" firstly it doesn't make sense, why will Baku make Hal think he want to die at the round 1 ? because this is safer near death ? why it is? There isn't any "safe" near death, Baku taking 1 minutes at the beginning is a bad move if he didn't had any intention behind it, Baku only make Yakou weaker and he make sure his container is empty, this is the only thing he win but he also took 1 minutes of drugs, also no Baku did not used this round to

make Hal think he will use his body as a container, if he wanted to he will have tried to accumulate drugs but not died in the FIRST round, because if you want to use your body as a container you will probably try to accumulate around 1 minutes of drugs and died at the round 5, obviously this is a perfect scenario, in a realistic it can't really happen so you will die round 3 or 4 but at this moment your container will be empty, you will be able to die again 2 round after and then use 5 time the safe strategy, you can reach the round 10 easily. so the whole thought process i explained before will be Souichi thought after the round 1 and not within it, it will be when Hal try to make think he switched the drugs and he will die but the thought process of Souichi in the game is like this "Baku who is a gambler will probably try to do a perfect check, but if he pass the 3O seconds-mark then i will drop it because it probably means he will try the safe strategy" With this type of thinking, Baku can disguise his death in a failed perfect check.

- I agree with what he said about round 2 except that Hal didn't wanted to die to counter Baku's near three death strategy. Hal said it himself 2 chapters after he died that he didn't wanted to die to counter baku strategy but he just had been tricked by Baku. I agree with what he said in round 3 except that Baku knew about echolocation and that's why he knew how Hal will play, because Baku didn't knew, also he obviously didn't used his heartbeat on purpose to manipulate Hal. At least he didn't try to make himself think that Hal discovered the leap second so that he could increase his heartbeat and manipulate Hal who used echolocation (by manipulating i mean misdirecting Hal into thinking Baku strategy is the near three death strategy and he was scared to fail it in HAL pov and that's why his heartbeat was so high in reality it was because he thought Hal discovered the leap second). We know that Gonen has Baku heart and he can control it, it could mean Baku maybe can do that too but there wasn't any implication, Baku didn't try to make HIMSELF think Hal discovered the leap second, Baku really thought he deduced it and even round 4 he was still thinking about it. Also Baku didn't knew about echolocation, In the round where Hal was in "D" Baku using 1 minutes or 5 seconds of the round doesn't change anything, the next round will be 1 minutes after the end of this round if Baku checked at 1 minutes but if he checked at 5 seconds then it will start in 1 minute and 55 seconds. The aura was only here to make Hal not drop the handkerchief and misdirect him into thinking he doesn't have any safe strategy = near three death strategy, as i explained if Baku die in the round 3 or 4 it will be impossible for him to use the near three death strategy but in fact it was for the leap second.

- Half 2 of round 5, Xeris said Hal waited 15 seconds to make think he will try the near death after, which is true it was a short term trick. Hal made Baku think he increased his container a bit so that he can died after with a good amount of drugs, if Hal want to use the near death strategy then he should stop Baku near death, obviously Hal never wanted to die at this moment but this was the tactics of Hal to make him think he will drop the handkerchief. i also explained that Hal tried to increase his container for the round 8, he planned to die as late as possible and at the moment Baku will not be able to die anymore and therefore he will have a massive advantage + Baku won't be able to counter it as he clearly said that he will die anymore, it's his ideology. What's funny is that Baku literally saw through all of this.

- Half 2 of round 6, as i already explained what the referee says in the game especially after leap second is true. Xeris explain that Baku who know about echolocation dropped at 8 seconds making Hal think that because Hal just made 3 successful check he will probably take a breather (safe strategy) but it will be logical if Baku doesn't know about echolocation but he do, so he make Hal think that he thought that Hal will take a breather which is why he dropped the handkerchief but he knew Hal will saw through that and turn, he only accumulate 8 seconds. So this is wrong firstly because Baku didn"t knew about echolocation at that time, because Baku didn't wanted to save Hal so he didn't wanted him to turn and this is confirmed by one of the referee that will explain after the leap second that Baku wanted to accumulate Souichi drugs at this moment.

- in the 7th round, Xeris explains that Hal doesn't know about Baku knowing about echolocation, so this is false because Baku clearly explained to everyone how Hal was using echolocation, After his explanation Yakou even said "echolocation?". A referee after the leap second that Baku wanted to accumulate Hal drugs here and it's logical because he doesn't want to have him, Baku flattened the Handkerchief and played with his necktie to put Hal in a tricky situation in which he can't know if yes or no Baku dropped it, but Hal saw through the trick.

- I agree that Baku manipulated Hal to kill himself in the 8th round but i obviously disagree that he also manipulated Hal to do that so that he can deduce the leap second in his Near death, i disagree and i already explained why many times Baku didn't need Hal to know about it. He explain that Baku needed Hal to know about the leap second to save him but that's not true, as i proved in my

analysis Baku manipulated Hal to die and in Hal POV it was clearly the best move, Baku didn't needed to give all this hint to then manipulate Hal to die so that he can discover the leap second, no Baku had many thing in the game itself to manipulate Hal to die, it literally never had been implying that Hal did that to discover about the leap second

- In the end i disagree, i already explained why Baku didn't wanted to save Hal and the referee confirm it, Baku wanted to accumulate Hal drugs but failed. Baku also never planned to make Hal feel what is a true gamble, there isn't any proof to think so, Baku literally wanted to kill Hal so...

CONCLUSION

Firstly thanks if you read everything, if you have any question, if you think i should add this details, if you disagree with something please dms on discord, here my name : dominoo___ This arc was very hard to understand and that's why people have different opinions about it, but please if you disagree be respectful. For example, I debunked some elements in Xeris analysis but it's still a very good analysis. I didn't wanted to write a 2K word paragraph
on each point I disagree with because I will repeat what I already said. Anyway i can't wait to see what will be the future of the debate Baku Vs Souichi

