this is what i'm rebunking:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1erAFya_jh0V0p_a_Sw98MRawbgStwHzYvUUBIL-wL-s/edit?tab=t.0

when i write "**page 1, 2, 3, etc**" i'm referring to the pages in the debunk doc above. if something is --- *italic* --- then i'm quoting the debunker/OP

page 1-3:

OP starts off doing a victory lap over nothing. the only thing i "admitted" to was that, while hona profiled ichika and made a decision based on said profile, there was still a risk of failure in this profile and by extension, the choice of admitting to the sex allegation
however, i certainly made a mistake, in that your big line of proof against my interpretation is actually completely meaningless

> Keeping up a smile until the very end and being kind was easy, but even if the true intention of the claim wasn't clear, she decided it was better to face it head-on without running away.

given the context, this can simply be an objective statement. it can mean that ichika's intentions were unconfirmed; not established, or proven true. i mean, ichika didn't give any real reason for why she asked that question, so it doesn't even establish any legitimate lack of confidence per se. this makes more sense, since as the narrator said, honami could have easily denied ichika's allegations if she actually was as confused as OP makes it out to be

page 4:

this is one hell of a cope. for starter, the idea that hona's poker face managed to hide her shock and that was why ichika thought she anticipated has literally no backing in the story whatsoever. in fact, it got major counterevidence: when honami was actually said to be confused by ichika's comments a little earlier in the same scene, ichika noticed the changes of microexpressions

> Ichinose widened her eyes at the unexpected confession from her kouhai.
>
> "Oh, I mean I like him as a senpai, not that there are any romantic feelings~"
>
> "I see."
>
> However, Ichinose continued to face Amasawa with a smile, without changing her expression.
>
> *But why did Amasawa suddenly bring up Ayanokouji's name and make such suggestive remarks?*
>
> This was a topic that rarely came up in their relationship up until that point, so Ichinose was puzzled.
>
> Amasawa sharpened her gaze in response to the slight change in emotion Ichinose showed.

honami's poker face magically improving to the point of bypassing ichika's observations just in time for the "carried away" remark in a ~min doesn't have any support, it's obviously not credible

page 5:

At no point was it claimed that both lines occurred in the same paragraph; it was explicitly specified “moments earlier”.
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this is what OP said:

It is not the narrator who claims that Ichinose predicted the change of mask; it is Amasawa’s subjective, internal analysis speculating about her senpai’s calm. Using a character’s mistaken assumption as objective proof from the narrator invalidates that whole argument of Xorpaw’s. ***In fact, moments earlier, when Ichika brings up Ayanokouji, the narrator makes clear that Ichinose was puzzled (“Ichinose was puzzled”)****, and only when Ichika insists on romantic topics does she notice that she is probing the situation (“she was clearly feeling around the circumstances and probing into them”).*
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bringing up the “puzzled” line was definitely an attempt at discrediting honami’s anticipation of the “carried away” line, when it’s in response to a different and much earlier line. It’s completely pointless to deny it
regardless, i’ll repeat what i said in previous rebunk: “there's absolutely no reason for the author to write a line about honami anticipating ichika's remark if it's not true, especially in a scene meant to highlight her current level of ability giving her a W and praises, and nothing remotely suggests ichika was wrong in thinking hona anticipated her remark” because it still applies
but i’ll add even more to all this. OP likes to downplay this feat for honami by yapping about how ichika underestimated honami until the white room line. seems contradictory when you’re going to argue that she jumped to a conclusion that vastly overestimate honami’s skills early on
at this point, it’s just overkill and it demonstrates how important it is that honami anticipated the “carried away” line, that OP is this desperate to debunk it when it’s so rock-solid

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Let’s pause here for a moment. The original argument was that Ichinose had anticipated what Amasawa was going to say from the very beginning—leading to the conclusion that she was controlling the conversation, even to the point of gathering information about Kiyotaka, or that she was doing more than just reacting to Amasawa’s attempts to provoke her.

However, it becomes clear here that Ichinose only grasps Amasawa’s intentions once the latter persists with the subject, not from the start.
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no, that’s not what the original argument was. the analysis was written in a way to avoid any sort of specific timing as to when she devised her trap and began anticipating. i can infer it was after the “puzzled” line but before the anticipation of the “carried away” line, but no more than that

page 7:

h-h-how did you take this:

“By admitting that Ichinose would never have pronounced “White Room” had she associated it with the death threats from Shiba and Tsukishiro”

...away from me writing that honami wouldn’t say white room if she associated ichika with shiba & tokinari in the sense of her working with them!?
that’s completely different! separating ichika with shiba & tokinari in a team sense is completely different from separating their death threats to the white room!

everything else this page is just more of the same kind of misrepresentation of everything

page 8:

Arguing that Ichinose didn’t sacrifice her reputation because in later volumes (Y3V2–Y3V5) there were no consequences confuses ex-ante risk with ex-post outcome. We are talking about the present moment. At the time of the chat, Ichinose had no guarantee whatsoever that Ichika wasn’t recording, or that she wouldn’t spread the word that the class leader had had sexual relations with Kiyotaka (violating school rules). Sure, you can say this is an interpretation, that there was no real risk because of Amasawa’s “ego,” but the main point I want to reach is that if she took on no real risk or sacrifice, then Xorpaw’s own central thesis collapses—that it was a calculated sacrifice, which in earlier docs he defended as a way to gain credibility.
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for starter, honami never directly admits throughout the scene that she slept with kiyo - there’s a similar precedent with kakeru in y1v5 when suzune recorded him. more importantly, honami saw through ichika’s personality at that time with relative confidence, and it means hona knew ichika liked knowing more than others, and looking down on them. it makes no sense for someone like that to spread kiyo’s secret life. not to mention ichika was a first year with no stake in the second year’s class affairs. this is why in the document i highlighted this feat as a demonstration of “risk competence” rather than “risk assessment”; two completely different subcats. also a completely different concept to sacrifice - risks are about potential losses for potential gains, sacrifice are by definition certain loss for potential gains. this was a risk, not a sacrifice

page 9:

bulletpoint #1 - deciding that “maneuver without hurting her” has to refer to the, and solely, gym invitation is something OP decided to do on their own; it doesn’t have to be that, or solely that
bulletpoint #2 - again, doesn’t have to be a decision made or justification thought of after; the line doesn’t force that view at all.

page 10:

I don't think I need to say that contrasting a kind/evasive stance with the explicit decision to abandon that easy path in order to confront the accusation head-on is the literal definition of a change of stance. This complements what was previously stated regarding the fact that Ichinose only grasps Amasawa's intentions when the latter insists on the matter.
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no, the contrasting here simply establish that hona's decision took one direction over another, seemingly safer and obvious, direction. that's it

page 11:

In the very sentence in which she decides not to deny having slept with Kiyotaka, the narrator clarifies that Ichika's true intention was still not clear to her ("even if the true intention of the claim wasn't clear"), and it is not until pages later—upon hearing her boast of knowing Kiyotaka better than anyone—that Ichinose deduces a possible connection to the White Room.
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already addressed the first part of this quote at the start of this debunk. as for the 2nd part, it's the OP yet again adding meaning that doesn't exist in the line from the original text. it's never established when specifically honami deduced the connection with any direct statements

"ichika's attitude suggesting" carries a completely different meaning to "ichika's words [...]" or something more specific. so yes OP twisting words for the hundredth time

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"from Amasawa's attitude suggesting that she knew something about Ayanokouji that others didn't"
When did this happen? When Amasawa talked about knowing Koji better? When nothing was clear to Ichinose yet??
The novel itself stresses that from that point on. For the first time, Ichinose gets worried, scanning her surroundings.

OP's own screenshots betrayed them again. the line right before ichika saying she knew kiyo better from his screenshot, honami said "you seemed to know a lot about Ayanokoji-kun" which proves honami figured this "attitude" before ichika directly talked about knowing kiyo better (no, she doesn't need to use the word "secret" or "more than i do" that'd be too on the nose)

this is all so ridiculous, please stop this nonsensical debunk-rebunk back and forth already

page 12-14:

i don't care what you can or cannot accept. fact is, other than 1 and 2, none of the other "steps" are examples of ichika controlling the conversation. ichika reacted to hona's "of course, i would not lie" comment trying to capitalize on it (securing "such a" statement doesn't exactly scream ichika intended for honami to respond in that specific way, it appears more opportunist). pointing out the "contradiction" is a result of honami not denying the sex allegation, which was something ichika didn't expect, unless you want to argue the "Huh...? [...]" line was an act, which would be an arduous task since nothing evinces such a possibility

scan: https://imgur.com/a/ll3itOS

page 15-16:

ichika didn't burst out laughing when she listened to the cake analogy. this was her reaction:

> Nothing had changed. She still had on the same gentle smile directed towards her kouhai.
>
> But beneath that smile, Amasawa felt she'd caught a glimpse of Ichinose's true nature.

she did say a few words criticizing the cake method, but it's not really in the way you implied. plus, her words in response doesn't matter as much as the narration of her actual thoughts plus, nothing suggests honami cared about ichika's thoughts in case she really didn't know of the WR. this is what the narrator actually said:

> However, from Amasawa's attitude suggesting that she knew something about Ayanokouji that others didn't, she deduced that there was a possible connection to the White Room. If Amasawa was unrelated to the term White Room, then that in itself was an advantage for Ichinose, proving she knew Ayanokouji better; thus, the truth didn't matter either way.

the most you can take from this is honami wanted to know kiyo more than ichika if she couldn't extract information about kiyo out of her

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Maintaining that telling Kei—right after a "flicker of malice" was born in Ichinose upon noticing Kei's relief, after cruelly questioning her breakup, confessing to her that she likes Kiyotaka, denying her help and pointing out that Kiyotaka is waiting for Ichinose on the bench: "Even if there were some important events or some deep connection between me and Ayanokouji-kun, something that we can't tell others, by that day, by that time, it was already after he had said goodbye to you, Karuizawa-san" was a gesture to "reassure Kei" defies all logic.

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are you trying to be obtuse? i never said honami wanted to "reassure kei" of an half-truth of all things out of the goodness of a heart, i said honami wanted to make sure kei wouldn't try to sully her school idol reputation by "reassuring" kei of a framing that makes her look better than reality

Page 17:

the point isn't the similarity in the respective feats between Y2V12 and what's being suggested, it's to highlight her observation skills being extremely abnormal compared to other people in a way that goes well beyond simply social skills (yosuke) or connections (kohei). basically, it's a matter of in-verse narrative correlation

complaining about equating honami to tsubasa and other agents is funny because of what the readers learned in the past volume. we learned that despite being a school idol, she's capable of sneaking around and observing kiyo from viewing distance without him detecting honami (the scene she did that was the last one of y2v4, but we learned kiyo didn't sense her when she did that in early y2v5)

the simple explanation is that hona's built different, because that warrants a training justification than what i'm suggesting which is basically the other way around. but really, if she of all people can avoid kiyo's detection which almost no one else in the verse can, than expecting her to have a fraction of the inverse sensing skills, which makes much more sense for her character to have and actually has many prior statements supporting it, is perfectly fine

page 18

the argument about having no need to look around was already answered in prior rebunk, i'm not going repeat that she wanted to communicate to ichika she understood the severity of what she was about to drop

what ichika could've been convinced to is someone else other than her, kiyo or takuya having spoken to honami about it or stumbled on that information. i never said ichika had to believe it came from kiyotaka's mouth. if anything, that fact only made the bluff more difficult to execute

page 19

it doesn't prove that the term isn't a trigger for other people, but honami had no way to know that or that it was the second time it happened

page 20-21

bulletpoint #1: for the billionth time in this debunk exchange, OP transform the (translated) source text into something it's not.
this is how OP presents the lines: https://imgur.com/a/UvWMhR3
this is what he's taking out (specifically the highlighted lines): https://imgur.com/a/kB1eASg
it's pretty clear what happened - ichika's initial reaction was at least nervous, then she had to calm down to assess the situation to moderate exaggerations caused by said nerves
bulletpoint #2: more specifically countered, but whatever
bulletpoint #3: "humurously" is something you added yourself, a direct reading points towards her pumping the brake on what honami was doing to kiyotaka

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Surprising an opponent who started the chat solely to troll out of boredom *("She didn't care about the truth of this question. She just wanted to see Ichinose's agitation"*), With her guard down and cataloguing you as a mere ordinary "busty senpai," by means of a secret keyword obtained by pure chance in Y2V4, is not on par with facing Ichika when she is on active guard. Literally, at the end of the scene, Ichinose leaves, while Ichika perfectly recalibrates Ichinose's level, abandons her underestimation and comes out more focused and motivated than at the start.
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like i said in previous rebunks, starting the scene with one idea in mind doesn't really matter in this case, especially since ichika had opportunities to reassess (noticing honami anticipated the carried away line, surprised at her admission and sensing a peak of her true nature with the whole cake analogy) before the white room bluff came out. your argument falls completely flat as a result of this amongst the other things

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To conclude, I would like to address those who have used this feat as an excuse or an argument to claim that Ichinose > Amasawa, or as a "win condition" for her. Xorpaw himself states: *"she simply gathered information about Kiyotaka out of her."* Therefore, I hope this is not used in discussions that do not specifically concern the gathering of information.

...gathered information kiyo didn't want honami to have, which ichika would probably consider a screw up if she understood that, but who cares... at this juncture?

won't waste my time replying to the conclusion since i refuted all the arguments meant to lead to said conclusion