BAKU AIR POKER DOCUMENT

Baku's impressive performance in air poker:

Before the game began, and before the room was completely filled with water, Lalo took this oppurtunity to leave his chair and breathe in the space without water for 9 seconds. However Baku had an idea, a cunning trick which baku thought could be used in the future (landmine). This landmine also had 3 contigencies Incase Lalo doubted it which makes it very hard to see through, and he likely created it to anticipate and prepare for a certain scenario in the future. Baku broke the pressure gauge in the Air-Bios and set the needle to zero.



This demonstrates Baku's

quick thinking, creativity, cunningness, and able to find an oppurtunity

(Creativity, quick thinking, cunning, emotional management, anticipation)

Impressive induction of the Air Poker Law

In round 2 Kaji gave baku a hint to the law.





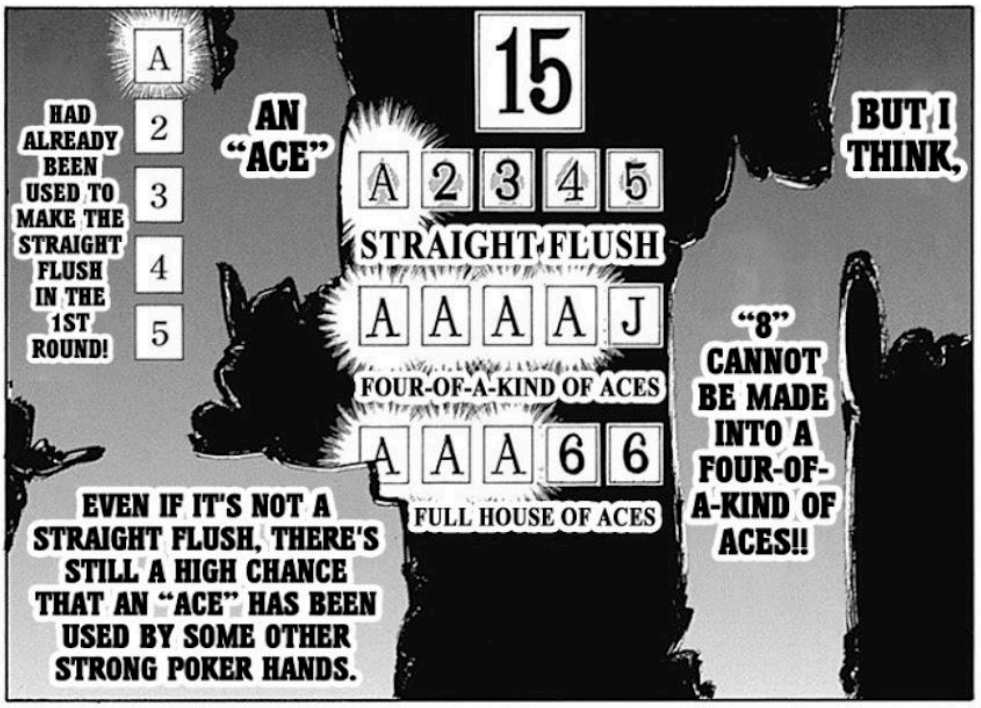
After discovering this, Baku instantly abduced what Kaji meant and calculates and abducts the poker hand that could be made for his number and Lalo's number in this round. This shows Baku can quickly

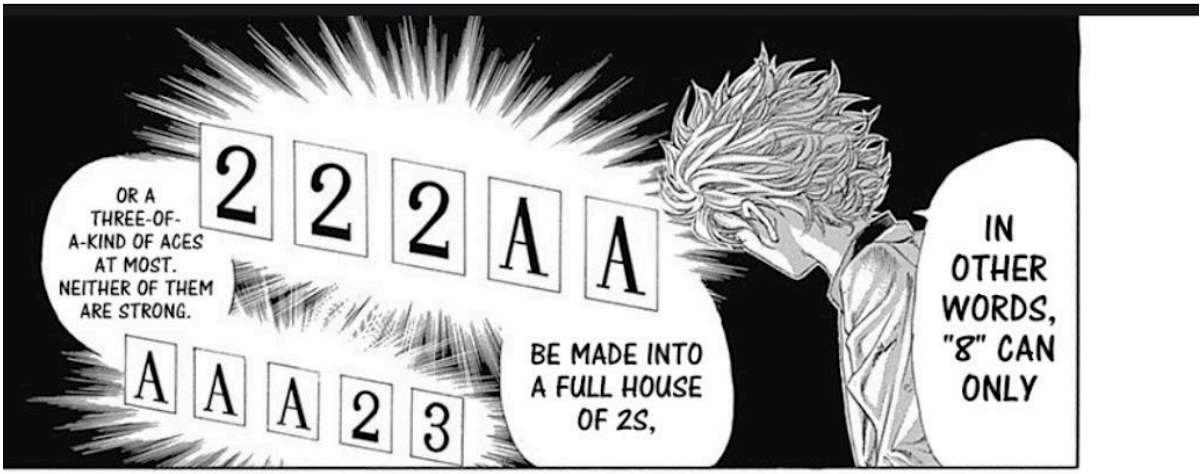
form a conclusion that best explains an information. He didnt need complete information to arrived at the best conclusion. This shows impressive creativity and ability to connect the dots. Kaji holding up 5 fingers doesn't explicitly refer to poker hands. However, baku was able to connect it with poker hands. This shows that Baku is like a detective who is quick to see connection between 2 different things, showing strong reasoning and creativity.

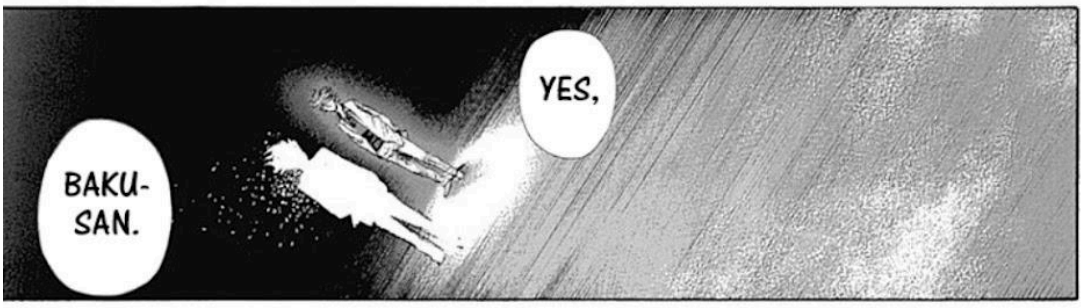
(Creativity, Abductive reasoning, associative thinking, pattern recognition, quick thinking, PSI)

After this, Baku imagined himself and Kaji in a conversation justifying this reasoning.


HE STILL WENT FOR THE BET, AS I THOUGHT.
HOW-EVER,
AFTER ALL, THE TABLES WILL BE COMPLETELY TURNED IF HE LOSES THIS ROUND.
I KNOW LALO IS BEING VERY CAREFUL NOW.
I THINK BAKU-SAN'S NUMBER
39
8
WILL WIN.


15
A 2 3 4 5
STRAIGHT FLUSH
A A A A J
FOUR-OF-A-KIND OF ACES
A A A 6 6
FULL HOUSE OF ACES
A
2
3
4
5
HAD ALREADY BEEN USED TO MAKE THE STRAIGHT FLUSH IN THE 1ST ROUND!
AN "ACE"
BUT I THINK,
"8" CANNOT BE MADE INTO A FOUR-OF-A-KIND OF ACES!!
EVEN IF IT'S NOT A STRAIGHT FLUSH, THERE'S STILL A HIGH CHANCE THAT AN "ACE" HAS BEEN USED BY SOME OTHER STRONG POKER HANDS.


2 2 2 A A
A A A 2 3
OR A THREE-OF-A-KIND OF ACES AT MOST. NEITHER OF THEM ARE STRONG.
BE MADE INTO A FULL HOUSE OF 2S,
IN OTHER WORDS, "8" CAN ONLY


YES,
BAKU-SAN.


J J J 3 3
9 9 9 6 6
7 7 7 9 9
OR A LOT OF OTHER POKER HANDS STRONGER THAN HIS "8".
9 9 9 9 3
7 7 7 7 J
8 8 8 8 7
MADE INTO A FOUR-OF-A-KIND OF 9S,
ON THE OTHER HAND, "39" CAN BE



(Some panels)

Below are baku's thought processes in his imagination:

"There are 10 cards in total. The known facts are that the smallest number is "8", the biggest number is "45", If i add up all the cards in my hands (25, 45, 26, 36, 39) it is equal to 171, which is almost the sum of half a deck (182). Why are there 5 rounds? Why will it stop at 5 round? Maybe it'll be invalid if it goes more than 5 rounds. The sum of 5 cards, The range of all the numbers we've learned, the reason for the game ending in 5 rounds. There is an "idea" that matches perfectly to all the fact we know right now.
These numbers are the sum of 5 numbers in a poker hand from one deck. The facts we know right now are: the sum of both sides card, and the range of all cards. Neither of which can deny this assumption.

If we add up all the numbers we've learned among the 10 cards (25 + 45 + 26 + 36 + 39 + 15 + 8) = 194. It's still within the sum of a standard deck which has 52 cards (364). Also the range of the numbers is from "8" to "45". If there's a card that's smaller than 6 or bigger than 64 then this assumption is wrong.

The poker hand that has the smallest sum 6, is made of four of a kind aces and a 2.

The biggest (64) is made of four of a kind queens and one king.

And this assumption perfectly answers the question why there are 5 rounds. Each card alone uses up 5 cards from the deck. A round consumes 10 cards from the deck. 5 rounds will use 50 cards. There won't be enough cards for a 6th round. This game is "poker" for sure! There's no information that can deny this assumption. That's why i must bet on it!.

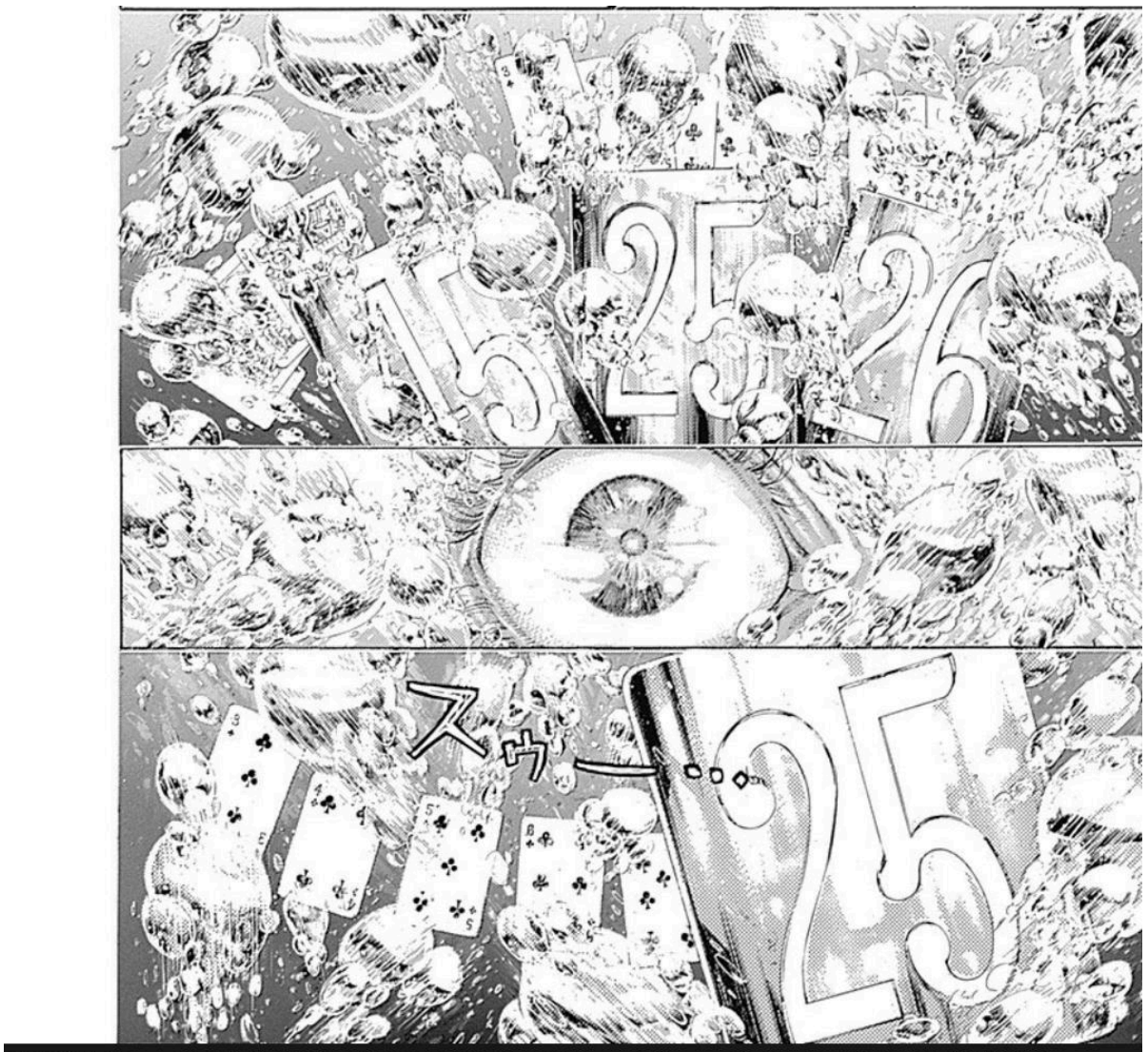
In round 1, 15 Lalo's strongest poker hand is a Straight Flush (A2345) and mine is 36 which can be made as four-of-a kind (8884)

In this round, What about 39 vs 8 this time? His strongest poker hand for 8 is a Four-Of-A-Kind Aces, and mine for 39 is (Four-Of-A-Kind of 9s)
He will lose.

The strongest hand for "8" is A four-of-a-kind of Aces and for "39" it's four-of-a-kind of 9s "8" cannot be made into a four-of-a kind Aces. An Ace had already been used to make "Straight Flush" for 15 in the first round. Even if it's not that, there's a chance an Ace has been used to create some other strong Poker hands. (AAAAJ) Or (AAA66). In other words 8 can only be made into a full house of 2s (222AA) Or a three of a kind Aces (AAA23). Neither of which are strong. On the other hand, 39 can be made into a Four-Of-A Kind 9s or alot of poker hands stronger than his "8"

(Logical reasoning, creativity, cognitive flexibility, PSI, FRI, connecting the dots, analytical thinking, critical thinking)

Formulating a psychological trap against lalo in the 3rd round:


15
25
26
スゥー
25


STRAIGHT
FLUSH

Right after nearly dying due to drowning, Baku calculated and abduct the poker hands that could be made for each of his remaining 3 metal cards (25,45,26) , and also quickly formulated his “Ace Card” (25 = 34567) out of his remaining 3 cards in just seconds, while also accounting for variables in the game, and the previous 20 cards used to create poker hands for the 4 cards in previous rounds. And at the same time, having to formulate a strategy against his opponent. He also had to be very careful not to miscalculate anything! He also could only speculate the suits used for these hands. After some seconds, baku decided to use 45 and also carved the law on the table using his “45” card and now lalo knows the law. This psychological trap was created to make lalo place his strongest card on the table and also waste lalo’s oxygen, and to save his “Ace Card”. It is impressive in just tens of seconds, baku managed to think very far ahead.



Lalo is cornered. He must win all 3 rounds. It is also extremely unwise to fold in this round to save his Ace Card. And accounting for the fact Baku might have an Ace card he could use in the 4th round, Lalo

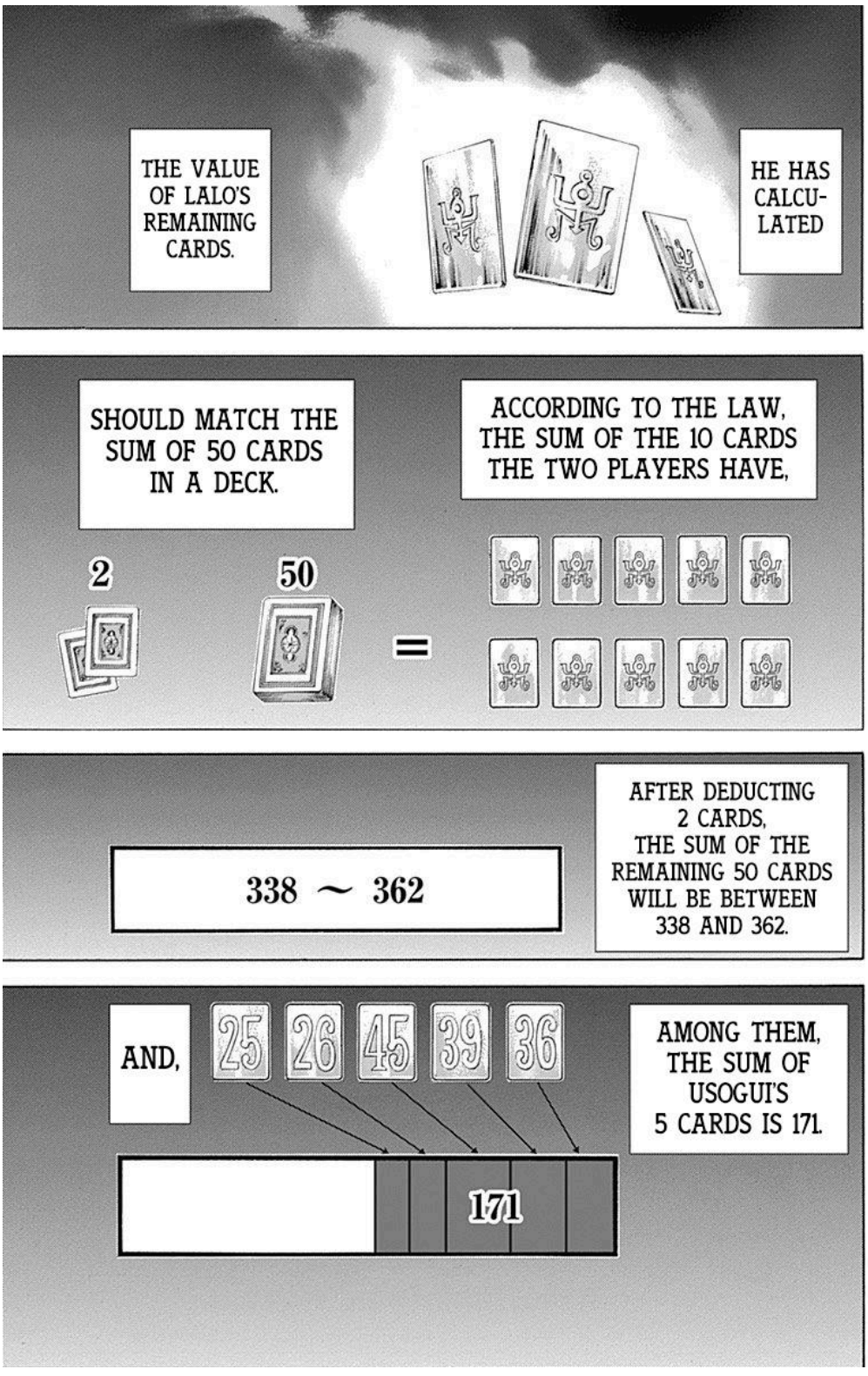
must bet. If baku also wins in this round, he enters the safe zone. Lalo had no choice but to place his most strongest card “47” (Royal Flush) in order to destroy the Ace card baku might have used.

Lalo was in a dillema due to Baku’s psychological trap. He thought the bets wont be as big as they have been until now, so Baku would use his Ace Card to ensure he wins one of the remaining 3 rounds. However what would happen if his Ace card is stronger than Baku’s? Baku wanted to avoid such development. He was confused whether baku used his “Ace card” or a weaker card as a bait. Lalo not playing his “47” could weaken it’s potency in future rounds. Thus lalo had no choice but to expend his most potent card, against baku’s bait card.

Baku’s goal here was to save his Ace card For advantage in the endgame.

Here is why baku created this strategy:

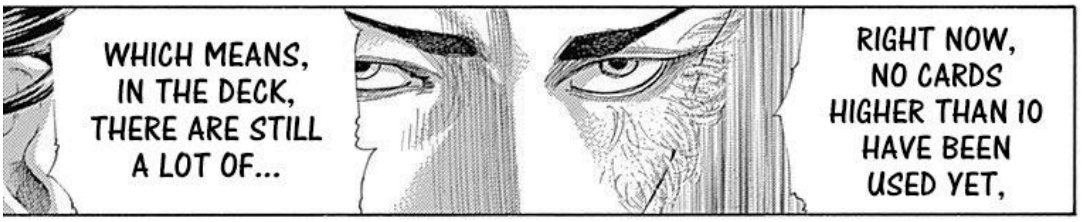
1. Baku deduced that he would be at a disadvantage in the end game due to the difference in the sum of all his cards and Lalo's. He wanted to save his “Ace Card” so he could gain an advantage over Lalo.

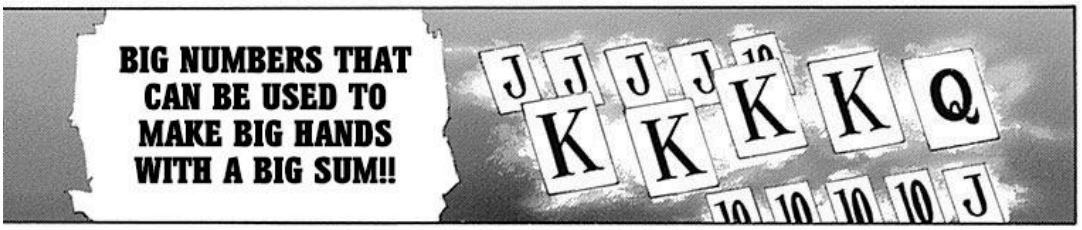

THE VALUE OF LALO'S REMAINING CARDS.
HE HAS CALCU-LATED
SHOULD MATCH THE SUM OF 50 CARDS IN A DECK.
ACCORDING TO THE LAW, THE SUM OF THE 10 CARDS THE TWO PLAYERS HAVE,
2
50
=
338 ~ 362
AFTER DEDUCTING 2 CARDS, THE SUM OF THE REMAINING 50 CARDS WILL BE BETWEEN 338 AND 362.
AND,
25
26
45
39
36
171
AMONG THEM, THE SUM OF USOGUI'S 5 CARDS IS 171.



2. Baku analyzed that as the game progresses, it would be very difficult to create a rare hand like a straight flush. Cards with large number grow more powerful as many cards like a straight flush have already been played.

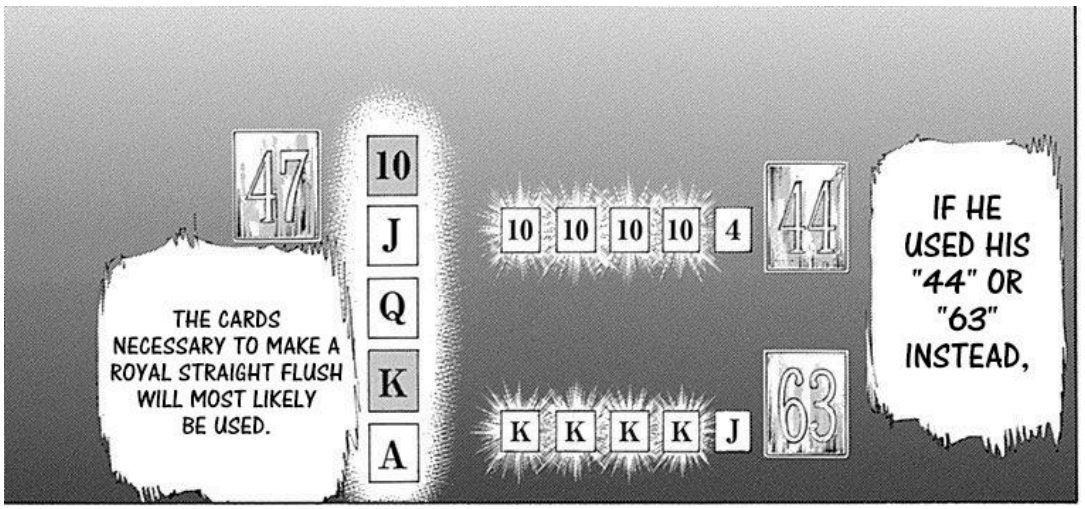

FOR ALL THE HANDS BELOW THEM,
EXCLUDING "STRAIGHT FLUSHES" AND HANDS WITH "ACES",
FROM NOW ON, IN THIS GAME,
THE BIG NUMBERS WILL GRADUALLY BECOME STRONGER.
THE BIGGER THE SUM, THE HIGHER THE CHANCE IT'LL BE A STRONG HAND.
K K K K Q
2 2 2 2 3

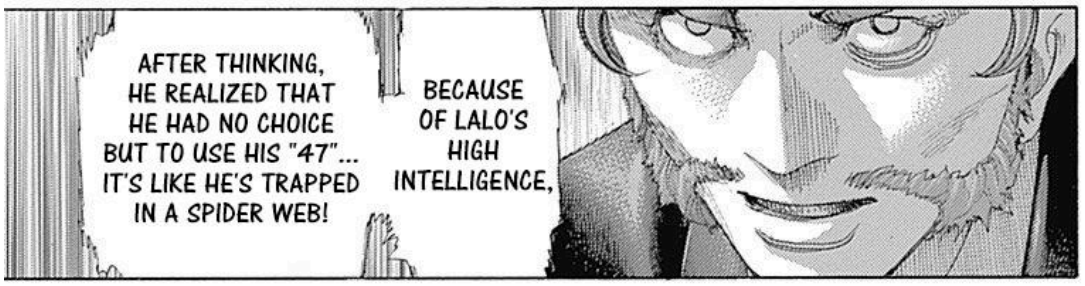

WHICH MEANS, IN THE DECK, THERE ARE STILL A LOT OF...
RIGHT NOW, NO CARDS HIGHER THAN 10 HAVE BEEN USED YET,


BIG NUMBERS THAT CAN BE USED TO MAKE BIG HANDS WITH A BIG SUM!!
J J J J
K K K K Q
10 10 10 10 J

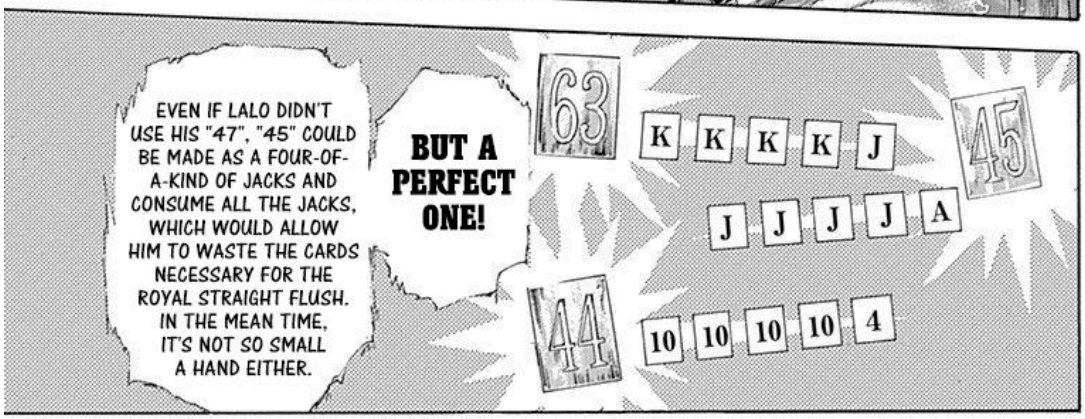

MY CARDS ARE MORE DISADVAN-TAGEOUS...
AS THE GAME GOES ON,
THERE'S A HIGH CHANCE THAT LALO HAS A STRONGER HAND THAN MY STRAIGHT FLUSH.
IT'LL BE MORE AND MORE DIFFICULT TO MAKE A RARE HAND LIKE A STRAIGHT FLUSH. HOW BIG THE NUMBER OF THE METAL CARD IS WILL BE MORE AND MORE IMPORTANT.

3. Baku knew that lalo would think this far ahead, he knew that lalo would think he must use his Ace card now or else it would be weakened in future rounds. 45 played by Baku is also a potent card that would consume all the Jacks required for a royal flush. 45 is quite strong and there's a chance it could grant baku victory in this round if Lalo didn't use his Ace Card


47
10
J
Q
K
A
THE CARDS NECESSARY TO MAKE A ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSH WILL MOST LIKELY BE USED.
10 10 10 10 4
44
K K K K J
63
IF HE USED HIS "44" OR "63" INSTEAD,


AFTER THINKING, HE REALIZED THAT HE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO USE HIS "47"... IT'S LIKE HE'S TRAPPED IN A SPIDER WEB!
BECAUSE OF LALO'S HIGH INTELLIGENCE,


IT'S NOT AN ORDINARY BAIT,
THAT "45" IS NOT JUST FOR DODGING LALO'S "ACE CARD"...
THAT USOGUI SET FOR LALO'S ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSH!!
...
AND IT'S BECAUSE OF THE BAIT...


EVEN IF LALO DIDN'T USE HIS "47", "45" COULD BE MADE AS A FOUR-OF-A-KIND OF JACKS AND CONSUME ALL THE JACKS, WHICH WOULD ALLOW HIM TO WASTE THE CARDS NECESSARY FOR THE ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSH. IN THE MEAN TIME, IT'S NOT SO SMALL A HAND EITHER.
BUT A PERFECT ONE!
63
K K K K J
45
J J J J A
44
10 10 10 10 4

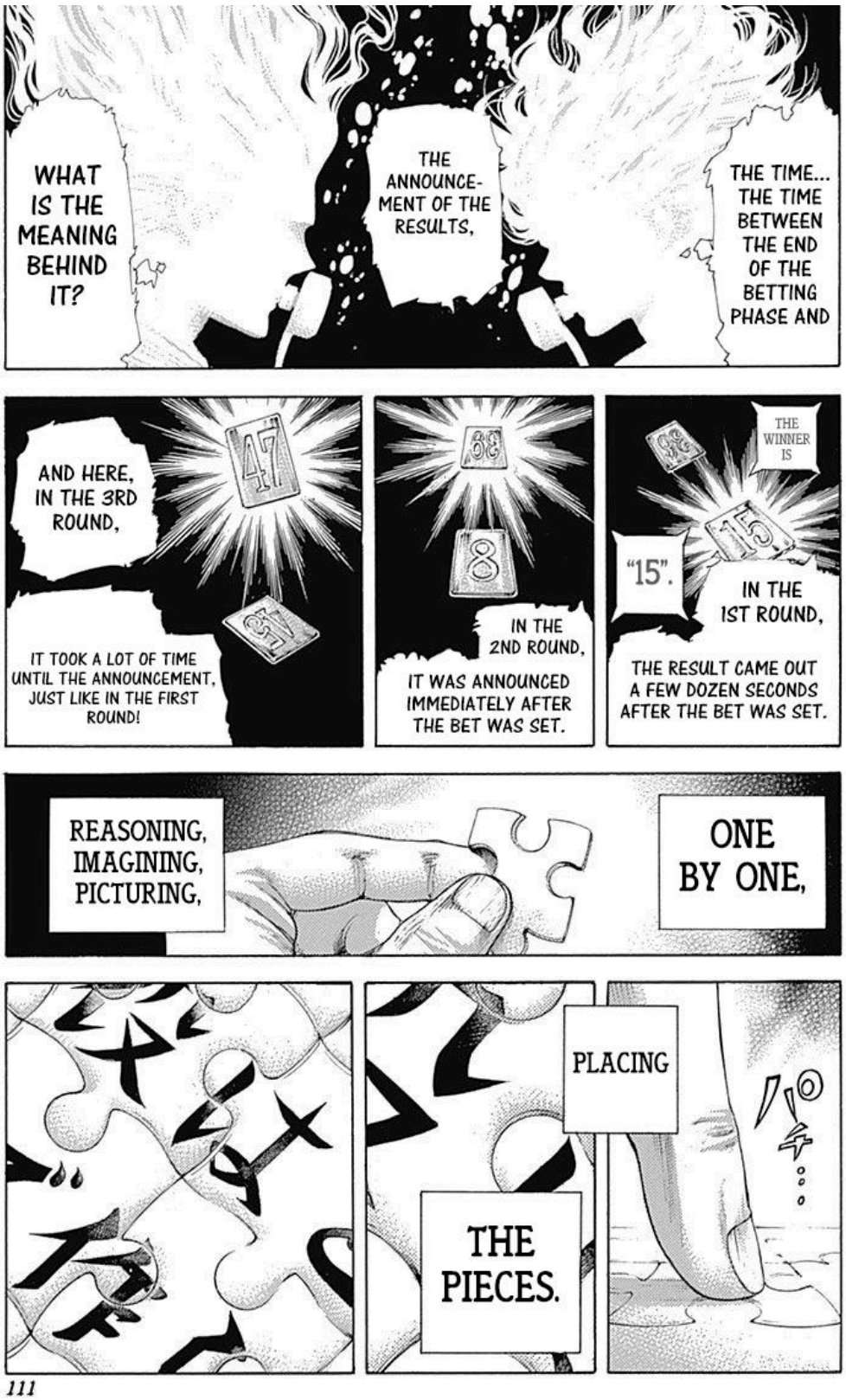
Baku's bet in saving his Ace card "25" (34567) a straight flush, succedeed. All baku needed to do after is win in the 4th round.

(CPI, VSI, Adaptability, Emotional Management, FRI, logical reasoning, logical manipulation, decision making, strategy, anticipation, creativity, analytical thinking, divergent thinking, quick thinking, formulation speed)

Baku abducting Hal and Fukurou being on top

After lalo had deduced and seen through baku's plan of folding in the 5th round after betting 5 air bios, baku was put in such a disadvantegous position due to the calamity. His certain victory with one more win plan was ruined by Lalo. Baku adapted instantly and came up with another plan after thinking of the hint his near-death dream gave in chapter 438, (No yakou didnt give him the hint, it was Baku's dream) realizing that Hal wasn't there to observe the match, baku considered the possibility of Hal being on top and pretended to bang his fists on the table out of anger, in reality he was giving morse code to his Ally (HAL36DA)

After this, baku abducted Hal And Fukurou being on top using these reasoning below this (yes these are lalo's reasoning, however, this panel indicates that Baku most likely had the same reasoning)



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Baku started asking himself “How are the cards made”. Baku arrived at the conclusion that Hal And Fukurou were on top making the cards. Baku came to the conclusion after he looked back and analyzed

known facts in this game. Baku noticed inrregularities regarding the time interval after the bets were set, and until the results were announced. The time in these 3 rounds are all different. Baku came up with the possibility that the process of judging the winning cards didnt start after the bet was set, but after the cards were shown. Then he observed the ladder to the upper floor, and the referees who are private ref of Fukurou and hal, baku quickly abducted that fuku and Hal were responsible for formulating the hands.

(Abductive reasoning, connecting the dots, , creativity, observation, lateral thinking, long-term memory, VCI)

Baku's unbeatable Landmine:

Baku used his "26" in the 4th round and bet on Hal preserving his "Ace Card", then folded. And the 5th round began
with Baku having 12 Air Bios and Lalo with 22 Air Bios. Lalo was extremely suspicious of Baku's action of folding in the 4th round and decided to scan the situation by betting 1 Air-Bios to find out if Baku was planning something. Baku immediately knew Lalo was testing him and did a max-raise to make Lalo think he was trying to make him fold for some unknown reason.

Lalo folding would make both of their Air Bios equal and this is disadvantegous for Baku as he never reserved any oxygen + due to his weak heart he consumes oxygen faster + The possibility of lalo reserving oxygen. Even if Baku actually called and won due to luck, he would have a gap of 2 Air-Bios over Lalo, which Baku thought wasn't enough to guarantee a survival in a battle of resilience due to aforementioned reasons

Anyways, Baku seized this oppurtunity to reveal his trap to Lalo in order to trick Lalo into not folding. As planned Lalo discovered Baku's landmine. He quickly deduced that Baku reserved oxygen starting from the 1st round unlike him, thus if he folded the who would die first would be him.
However, this is exactly what Baku wanted as he never reserved any oxygen.

Baku's meticulous nature, his landmine had 3 contigencies in them just incase Lalo doubted his landmine and thought Baku was deceiving him. 3 contigencies and 2 each in round 1 and 2 and the third one is showing his cut finger.

Here are his contigencies:

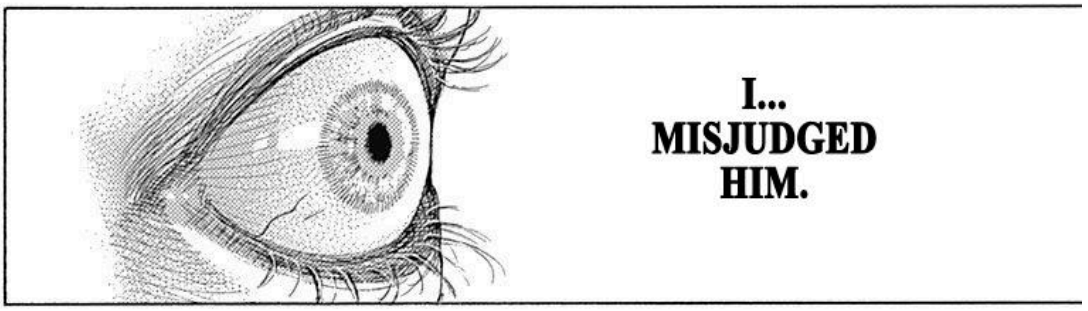
Done in round 1


YOU SHOWED ME THE REGULATOR...
TO LET ME CONFIRM YOU REALLY HAD NO MORE OXYGEN IN IT.
WITHIN THE WATER, AT SUCH A DISTANCE, I COULDN'T CONFIRM WHETHER THE GLASS WAS THERE OR NOT.
THEN, PRETENDING THAT YOU JUST RAN OUT OF ALL YOUR OXYGEN,
YOU PUT ON QUITE THE INNOCENT ACT,
DELUDING MY EYES,
I NEVER SAW IT...
HOWEVER, I STILL HAVE DETAILS TO CONFIRM.
WHEN DID YOU BREAK IT!?
I... DIDN'T SEE IT...
IT WAS NOT SEEN BY LALO...
YOUR SECRET TRICK...
TO KEEP IT HIDDEN...


CRACK
AT THAT TIME... I WASN'T LOOKING AT HIM...
ｱﾗﾗ…
BEFORE THE WATER WAS FULLY POURED...
BUT THAT WAS BEFORE THE GAME EVEN BEGAN...
CAMOU-FLAGING HIS AIR-BIOS AT SUCH AN EARLY PHASE!?
THAT GUY HAD ALREADY BEEN THINKING ABOUT
THAT'S IT.
IT WAS AT THAT TIME.

Done in round 2 (we know Baku intentionally betting all his Bios was because he wanted to gain more air bios and he is insane lol. Baku however also took this as an oppurtunity to make it one of his llandmine contigencies by not looking at the used Air Bios. Though he didn't actually plan to die drowning and it wasn't necessary, it strengthen his landmine deception)

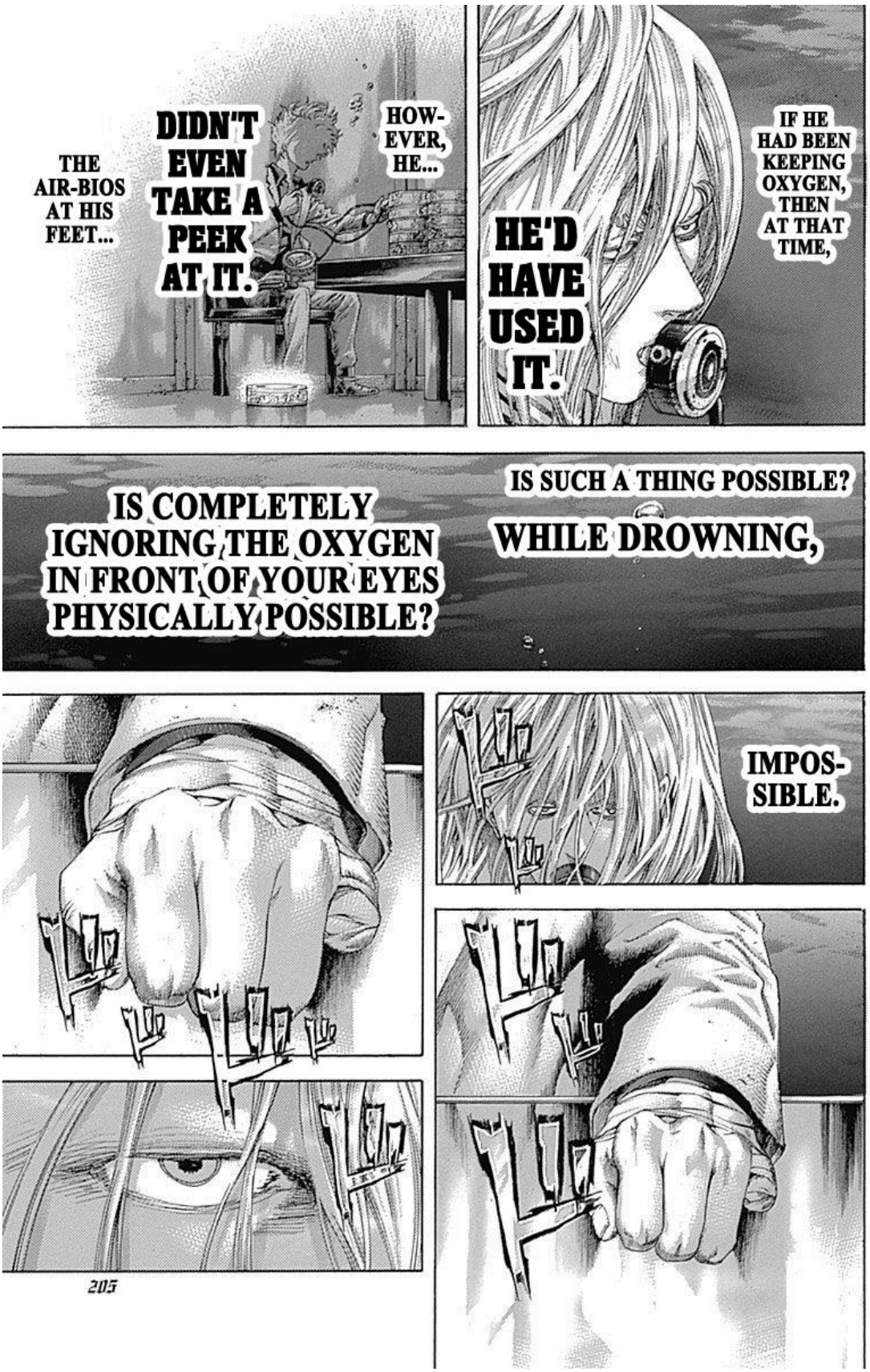








NO... I'M OVERTHINKING THIS.



Final contigency:

(Lalo's thought after looking at Baku's cut finger)



from Lalo's perspective it was very logical for him not to fold. Baku's trap was so layered that Lalo had no reasons to doubt Baku's landmine. Itd be stupid for Lalo to fold.

Lalo lost and created a gap of 14 air bios between him and Baku (10 vs 24).

During the battle of resilience, Baku pushed his used air bios to in a place reachable by Lalo. Lalo took baku's used air bios and was very shocked as he realized Baku never reserved any oxygen.



CHAPTER 468

USOGUI



(FRI, Creativity, Anticipation, Planning, Strategy, Psychological warfare)

This arc is mid-high diff for Baku.

Landmine > calamity in strategy and anticipation low difficulty

Baku > Lalo in FRI Mid diff