Love letter Analysis

Before the "love letter" incident, Ayanokouji psychoanalyzed Takuya's actions. Takuya had:

- Engaged in elaborate schemes, only to stop short of truly harming Ayanokouji. Takuya, despite his dubious claims otherwise, didn't gain anything of value from UIE, Didn't even try to help Kushida in Y2V5, etc.
- Has gone out of his way to demonstrate his genius to Ayanokouji twice, yet still hides from him.

Takuya's seemingly contradictory actions stem from his complex emotions toward Ayanokouji/WR.

- Conscious Feelings:
  - He motivated himself to survive and excel in WR by hating Ayanokouji. This hatred is so profound that Takuya wants to physically kill Ayanokouji.
  - He is desperate for the WR's recognition that can only be achieved by surpassing Ayanokouji; only then would the instructors recognize his genius. It's essential to affirming the self-worth and ego he had built on his superiority as a WR student.

- Subconscious feelings:
  - Takuya was subconsciously terrified of Ayanokouji and knew he would be crushed in a direct confrontation.
  - This clashed so strongly with his self worth and ego so it was buried deep in his heart. Takuya wasn't aware this is why he was doing things this way, and thus he coped in Y2V4.5

Finally, Takuya wasn't truly mentally stable due to his WR background. We saw him snap in Y2V4.5 for example.

This constant push and pull is why Takuya created large schemes that only poked at Ayanokouji; he couldn't commit to a fight. This is stated by Amasawa in Y2V8 as her reasoning for his roundabout plans. And Ayanokouji affirmed that her reasoning is most likely correct in his monologue.

And thus, the "love letter" strategy works because Ayanokouji understood these complex emotions. It heightened Takuya's hatred and anticipation of a battle stemming from his conscious emotions. Only to then deny him the battle outright indirectly showing he isn't worth fighting. Which forced Takuya's intense terror of Ayanokouji into his conscious mind for the first time (thus the shaking), a fear he couldn't normally acknowledge because it clashed so strongly with his ego. Add Takuya's mental instability and even worse, the sense of his self worth that the WR cultivated and which Takuya built his ego around: "becoming someone who can surpass

Ayanokouji.” Was being attacked. Nagumo and the rest were there to stir the pot and shut any escape.

thus he was pushed to a breakdown, sending him on a rampage that would seal his fate.

It honestly makes sense that Takuya would break. Rather, that is what is to be expected. This isn’t an EM anti feat at all, it wasn’t Ryuuen and Naguno cheap provocation that broke through Takuya. It was the tsunami of emotions underneath.

And this is why Suzune being there to witness it is completely and utterly irrelevant. Nagumo, Ryuuen and the teachers would have been able to prevent Takuya from making sense of the flood of complex emotions he’s experiencing.

This was a sophisticated trap built solely on emotional understanding (EU) and tactics. It is much deeper than deducing that Kushida has a hidden side after her scheming or having a hunch that she knew Horikita. The strategy was a complete victory of tactics and psychological insight, accomplished primarily through indirect EU. He was psychologically incapable of accepting Ayanokouji superiority. And love letter ruthlessly attacked his contradictions and fears.

TLDR: Takuya conscious emotions were heightened, then made to clash with new intense and opposing unconscious emotions surfacing into the surface for the first time. Then others steered the pot even further. Finally, his very sense of self worth that the WR instilled in him, was ruthlessly denied.