



Chapter 4

Miyuki Wants to Figure Out the Answer

WHAT'S
THE
MISSING
KANJI
IN THE
□
?

Student
Council

PUZZLE
1.

AI
□
OKA
KIKU.

THE
ANSWER
IS LIE.

DING
DING
DING!
♪

H
M
P
H

OR IS
IT TOO
HARD...?

IT'S A
BRAIN-
TEASER!

WHAT'S
THIS
ABOUT
...?

THIS
SHOULD
BE EASY
FOR YOU.

S
I
G
H

WOULDN'T
YOU
AGREE,
SHIRO-
GANE...?



SOLVING
THAT
PUZZLE
IS
CHILD'S
PLAY.

DON'T
SOUND
SO
SUR-
PRISED.



...YOU GET
AI, UE,
OKA, KIKU.

IF
YOU TAKE
THE FIRST
LETTERS
OF THE
JAPANESE
ALPHABET—
A, I, U, E, O,
KA, KI, KU,
KE, KO—and
CHANGE
THEM INTO
KANJI...

HER
ANSWER
IS COR-
RECT.

THERE'S NO
CORRELATION
BETWEEN AI,
UE, OKA OR
KIKU!

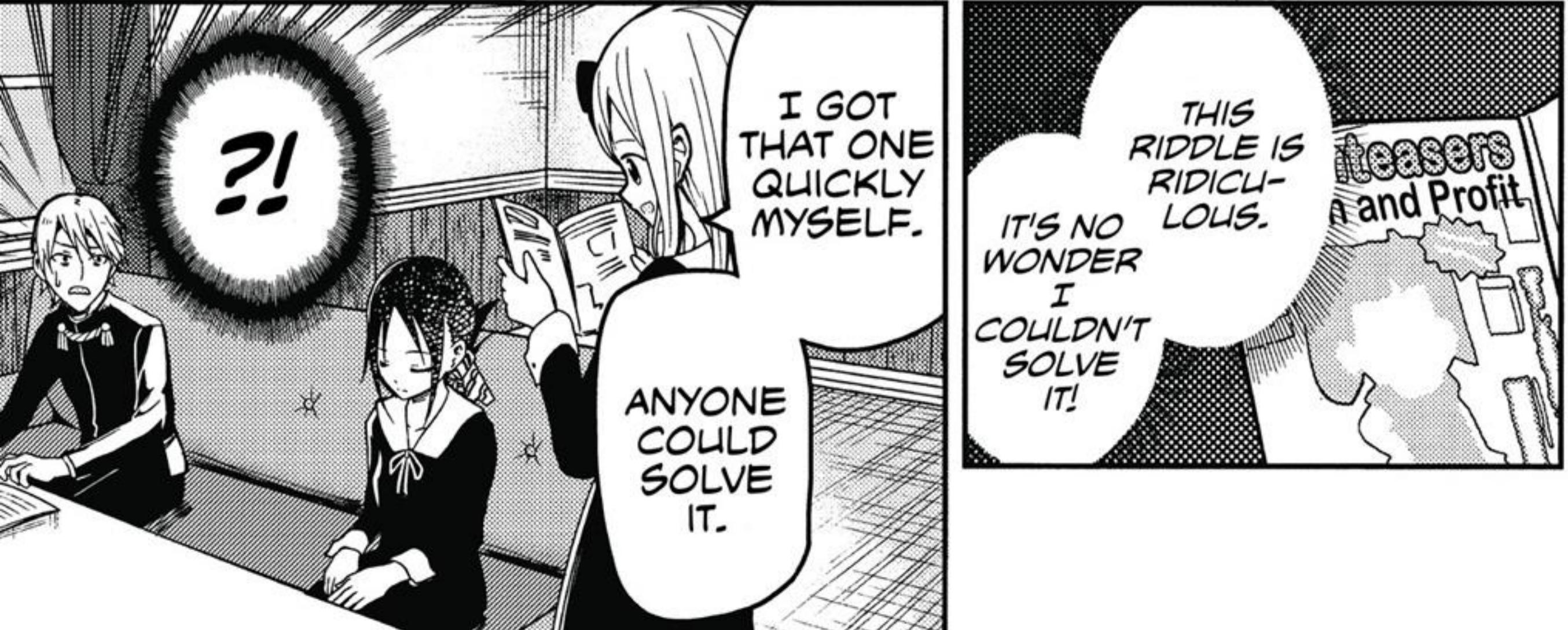


THE
QUESTION
ITSELF IS
QUESTION-
ABLE!

PATHETIC



WHAT?



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WHAT'S
THE
MISSING
NUMBER?

PUZZLE
2!

□ ← N
3 9 6 ← E
W S

ON TO
THE NEXT
PUZZLE!

WE'RE
DOING
MORE
OF
THEM
...?

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GO
AHEAD.

WANT
ME TO
SOLVE
IT?

EXCEL-
LENT!

KLAP
KLAP

...N
(NORTH)
IS 12!

...E (EAST)
IS 3.
W (WEST)
IS 9.
S (SOUTH)
IS 6.
THUS
...



"NEWS" COR-
RESPONDS TO
NORTH, EAST,
WEST, SOUTH.
IF PLACED ON
THE FACE OF
A CLOCK...

AT THE
MOMENT,
I'M
FOCUSSED
ON
STUDY-
ING...

NO
FAIR...

...WHILE
OVER-
HEARING
THEIR
CONVERSA-
TION...



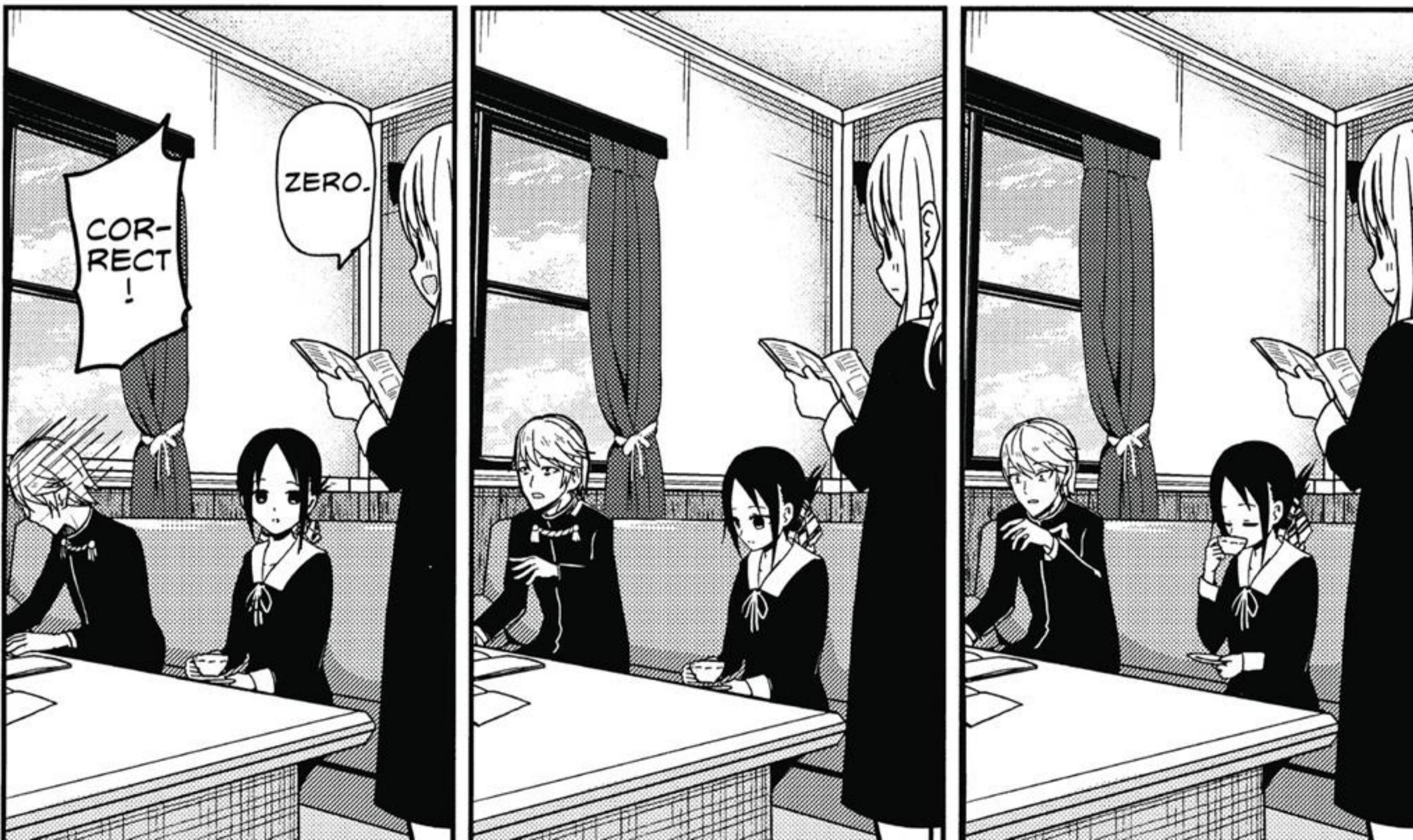
BECAUSE IF
SHINOMIYA
CAN SOLVE
THEM,
NATURALLY
I COULD
TOO!

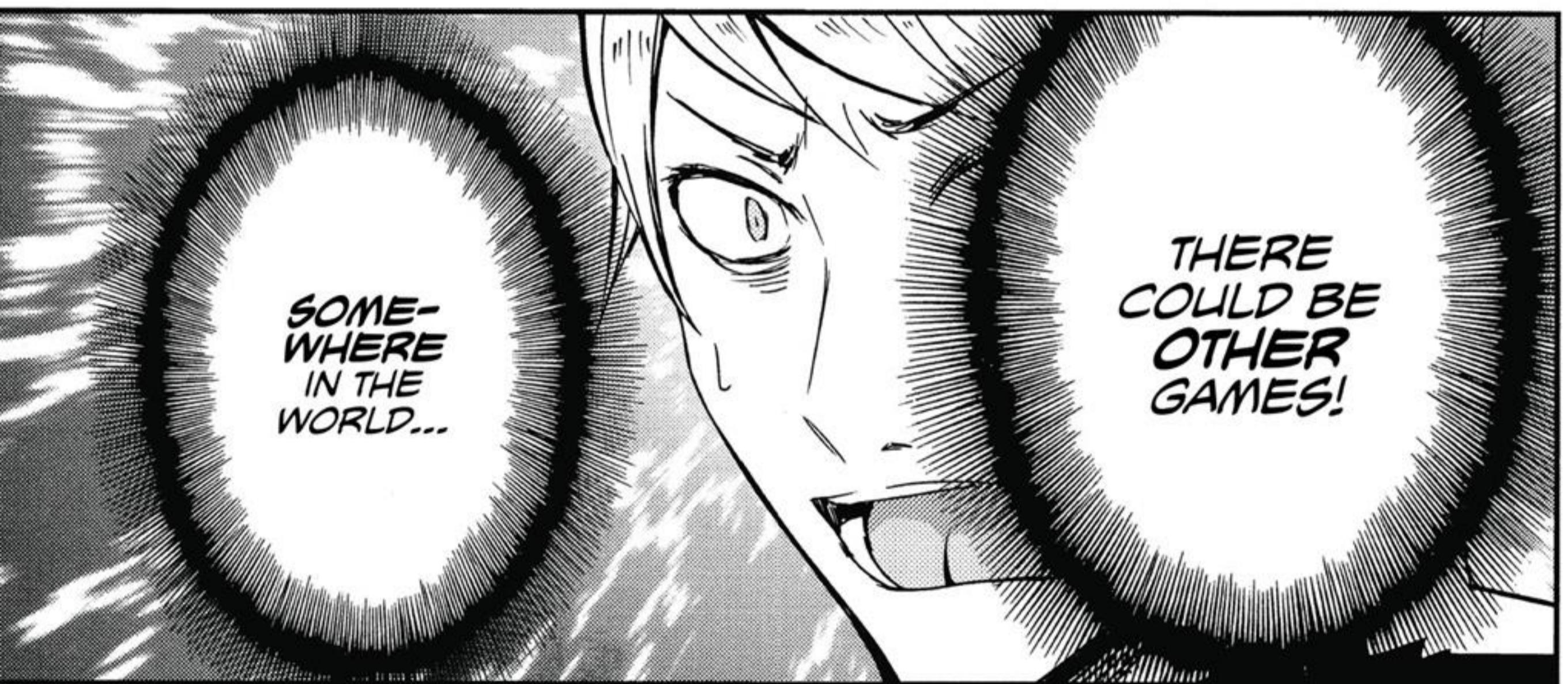
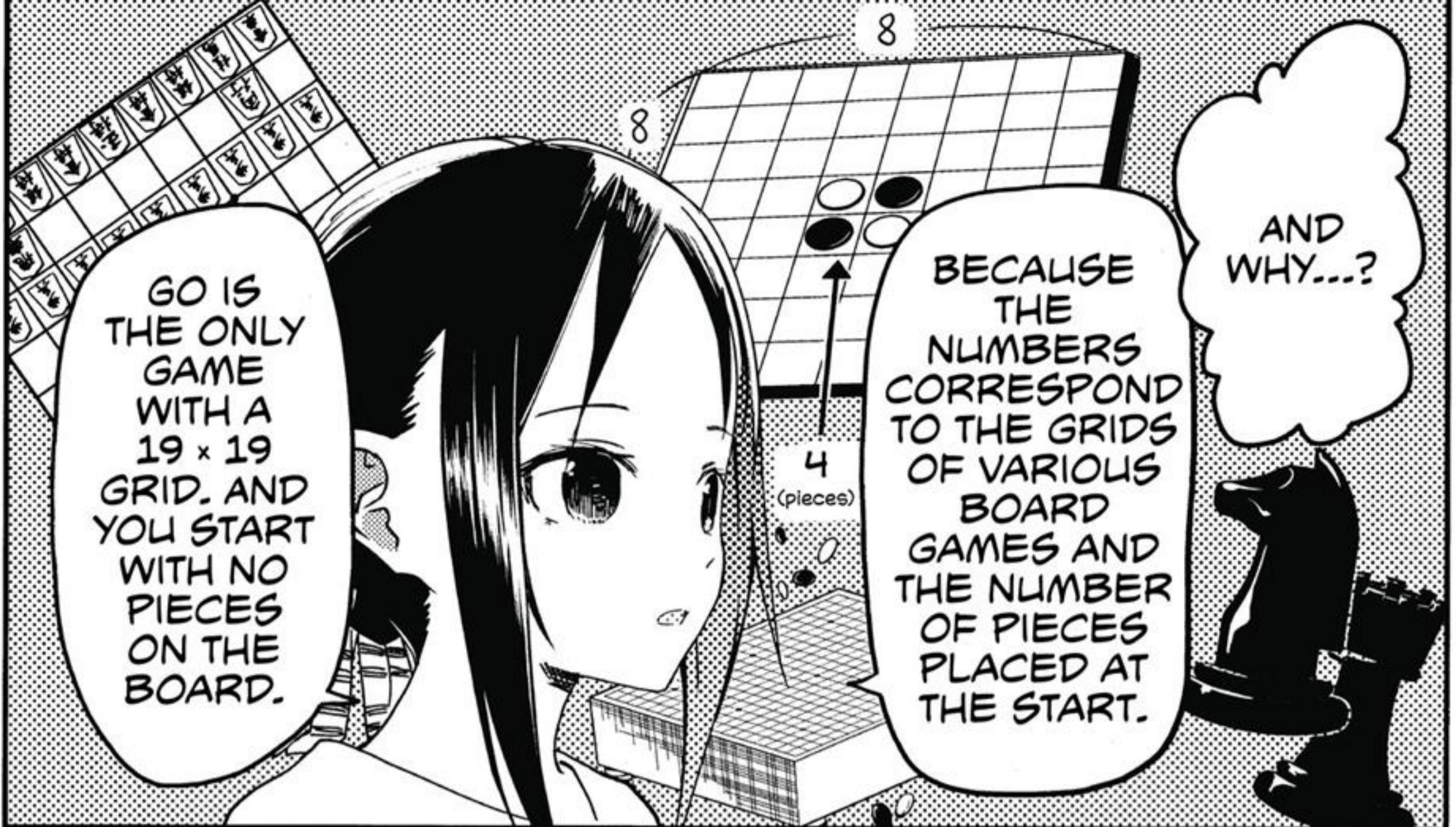
...AND
LESS THAN
20 PERCENT
TO THOSE
PUZZLES!

...SO
80 PERCENT
OF MY BRAIN-
POWER IS
GOING TO MY
STUDIES...



NO DOUBT I
COULD SOLVE
THEM IF I
REALLY TRIED.







YOU'RE HAVING TROUBLE WITH SUCH A SIMPLE PROBLEM?

OH MY.

NNGH...

...I CAN'T FIND MY GROOVE. THEN IT'LL GO LIKE THIS...

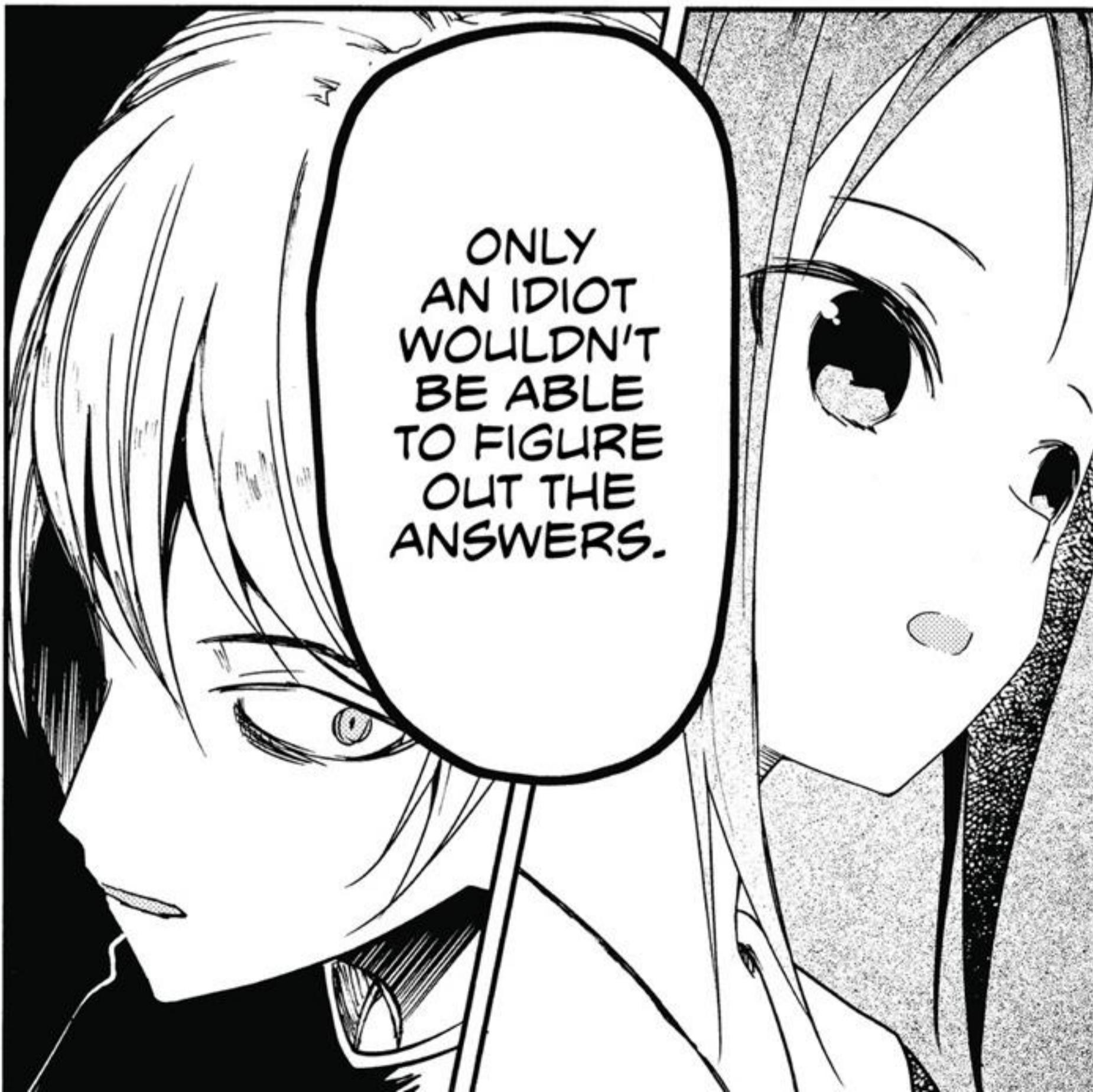
PRACTICALLY A TALKING CHIMPANZEE...

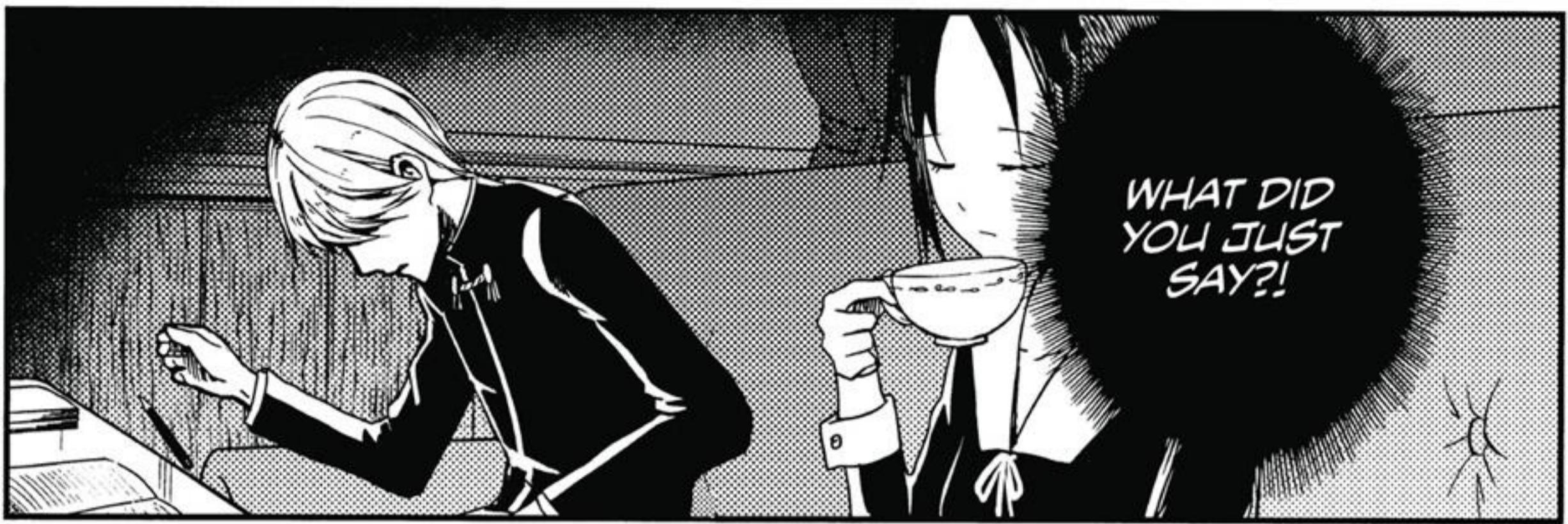
IN FACT, YOU'RE MENTALLY INFERIOR TO THE COMMON MAN.

YOUR TEST SCORES ARE HIGH, BUT I GUESS YOU'RE ONLY GOOD AT CRAMMING.

...CUTE.

HOW...





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Pre-1
Cer
EIKEN Grade P
that is "cru, we
has successfully permi
Re 1 second on
th GLC to make
Certificate
ous Materials Engineer License
Shirogane

I'VE PASSED
KANJI LEVEL 2,
ENGLISH LEVEL 1
AND HAZARDOUS
MATERIALS
ENGINEER LEVEL
4. I'M EVEN
A CERTIFIED
PROFESSIONAL
CHICK SEXER!

Certification
Level II
Miyuki
Shirogan

National Science Practice Exam

Rank	Score	Name	Current / Graduated
1	793	Mikado Shiota	Tokyo
2	773	Miyuki Shirogane	Tokyo
3	693	Kengo Hasegawa	Kyoto
4	686	Wakana Tamura	Kyoto
"	686	Ryota Tsujii	Hyogo
6	679	Junko Soneda	Kanagawa
7	669	Ai Ageo	Hyogo
8	664	Daisuke Kaino	Tokyo
9	662		





* HIDE THE LEFT SIDE OF THIS PAGE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BRAINTEASER. PROCEED WITH CAUTION, AS THE QUALITY OF THESE PUZZLES IS NOT VERY HIGH.



← Explanations on page 87



I'M
LESS
THAN A
CHIMPAN-
ZEE.

STGGR

I'M
JUST A
THICK-
HEADED
IDIOT
WHO'S
ONLY
GOOD AT
MEMO-
RIZING
INFORMA-
TION.

A
PRIMATE
WITH
LOW-
LEVEL
SPECS.

KR
EEK

HEH
HEH
HEH...

HEH

CHAK

LA LA

LA!

ONE
WEEK
LATER

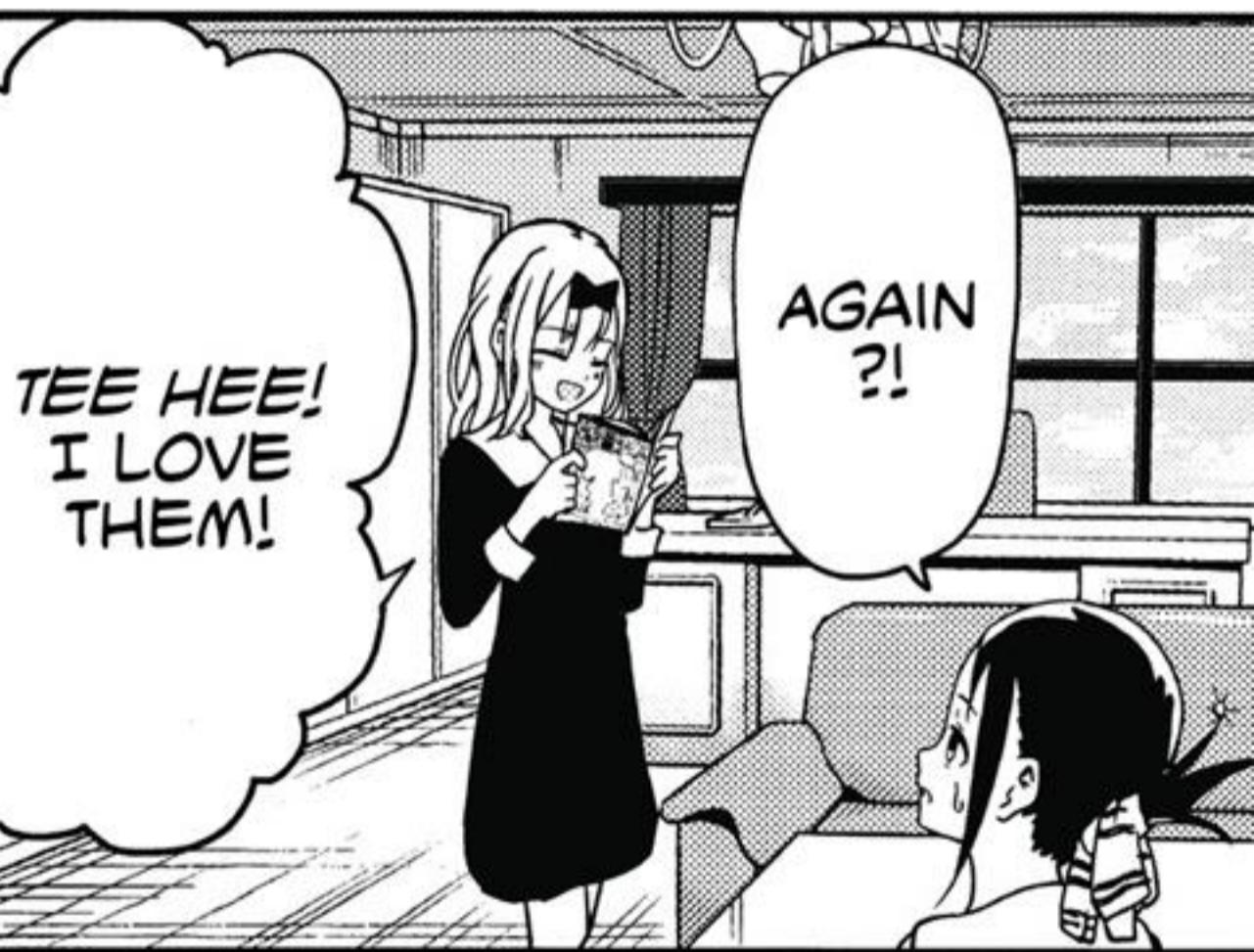
WANNA
DO SOME
BRAIN-
TEASERS
AGAIN?

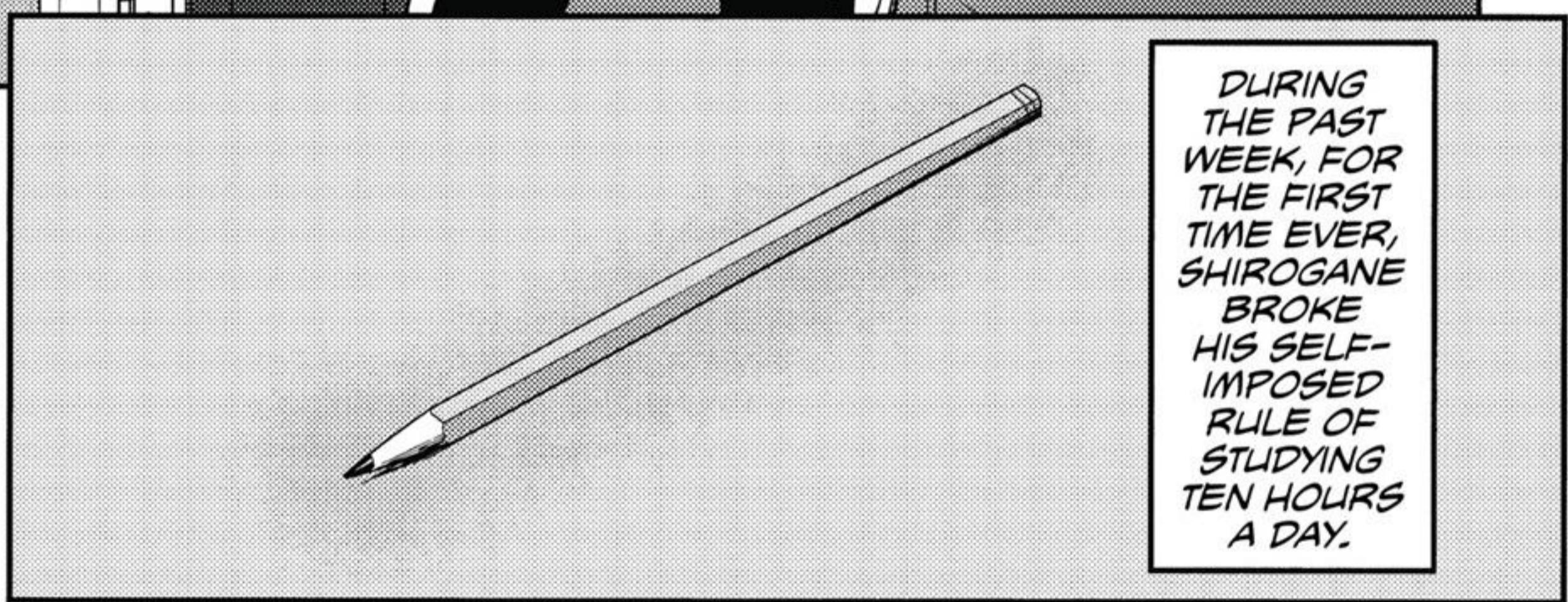
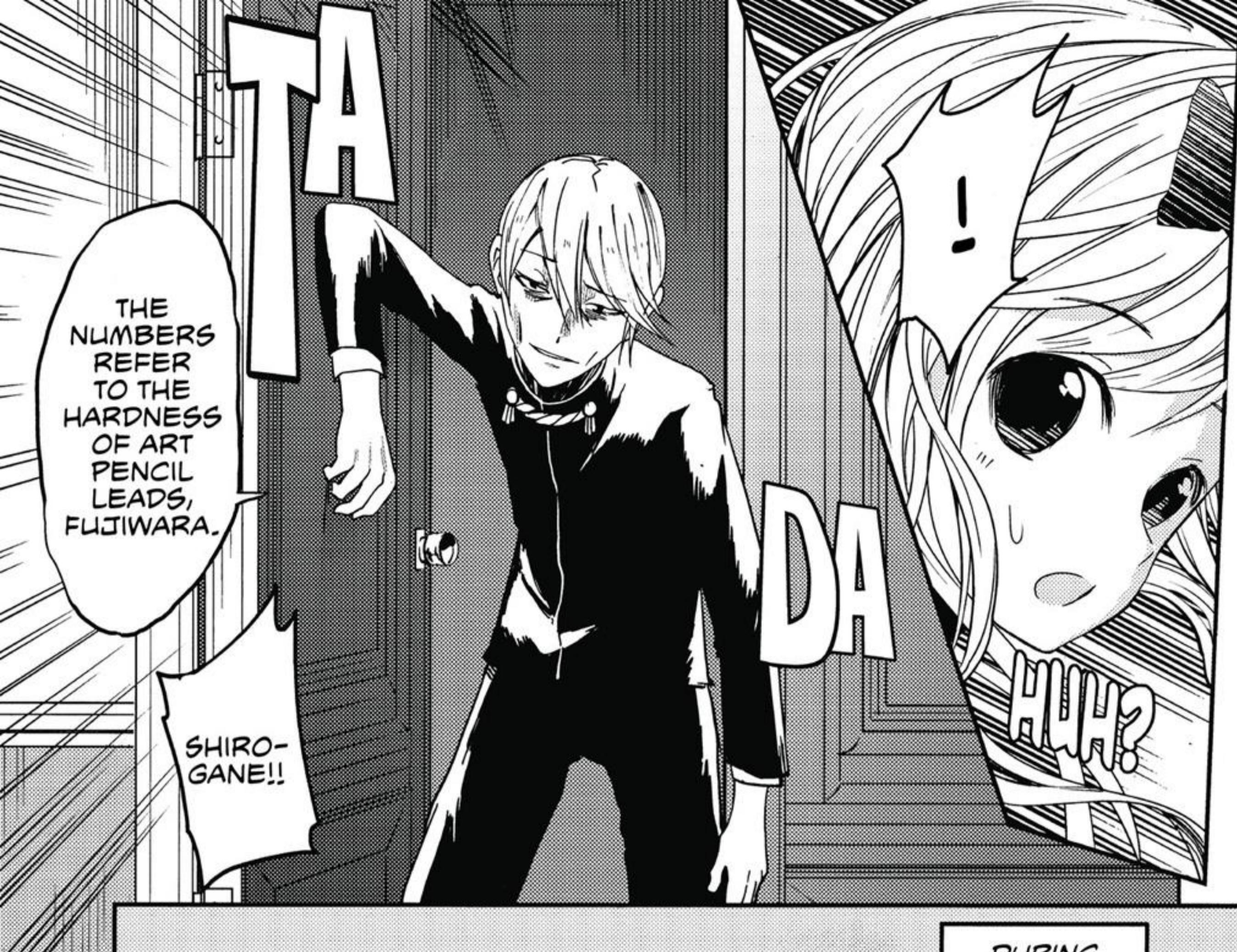
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KAGUYA! I
BROUGHT
THE NEW
ISSUE!

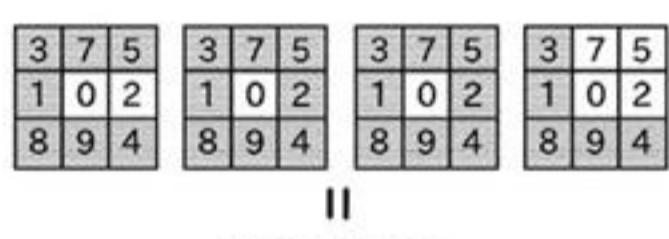


PUZZLE 1!
 $B = 10$
 $\square = 1$
 $F = 1$
 $H = 10$
FILL IN THE
BLANK....









A COOL

Passage of time

Summer → Fall

Today → Tomorrow

Morning → Afternoon

Natsu (means “summer”) →
Hakuaki (means “Cretaceous Period”;
Aki means “fall”)

Kyofu (means “fear”;
Kyo means “today”) →
Asu (means “tomorrow”)

[blank box: (answer is “morning”)] →
Ahiru (means “duck”;
Hiru means “afternoon”)

Do ry o ku (means “effort”)
Yu u j o u (means “friendship”)
Sh o u r i (means “victory”)
 Answer: (2) *ki*

Puzzle 4

The numbers at the top represent the time stamp for the email from the future. This time stamp is split up into four sections: the year, the hour, the minutes and the date, respectively. If you create four copies of the grid (one for each section of the time stamp) and black out all of the numbers that *don't* appear in each given section, the shapes of the remaining boxes spell out an English word.

2020 makes “C,” 00 makes “O,” 00 makes “O,” and, finally, 0725 makes “L.” Put them together and they spell out the word “COOL.”

Puzzle 5

Understanding and solving this puzzle requires a knowledge of the phonetic reading of kanji. The phonetic reading of the Japanese word on one side of the arrow (on the right, left and then the right again) includes a word that when paired with the word on the other side reflects the passage of time. For example, the word “Fall” on the right is part of the full Japanese word on that line. Fall matches with “Summer” on the left, because fall comes after summer. Following this pattern, Kaguya deduces that since the word “Afternoon” is embedded in the word on the right in the last line, the word on the left should be the word “Morning.”

Puzzle 6:

In this puzzle, if you take the last hiragana letter of each of the words mentioned (*doryoku*, *yuujou* and *shouri*), you get *kuuri*. Adding *ki* to this makes *kuuriki*, which means “aerodynamics”—which is related to “flying.”

KAGUYA-SAMA
LOVE IS WAR

