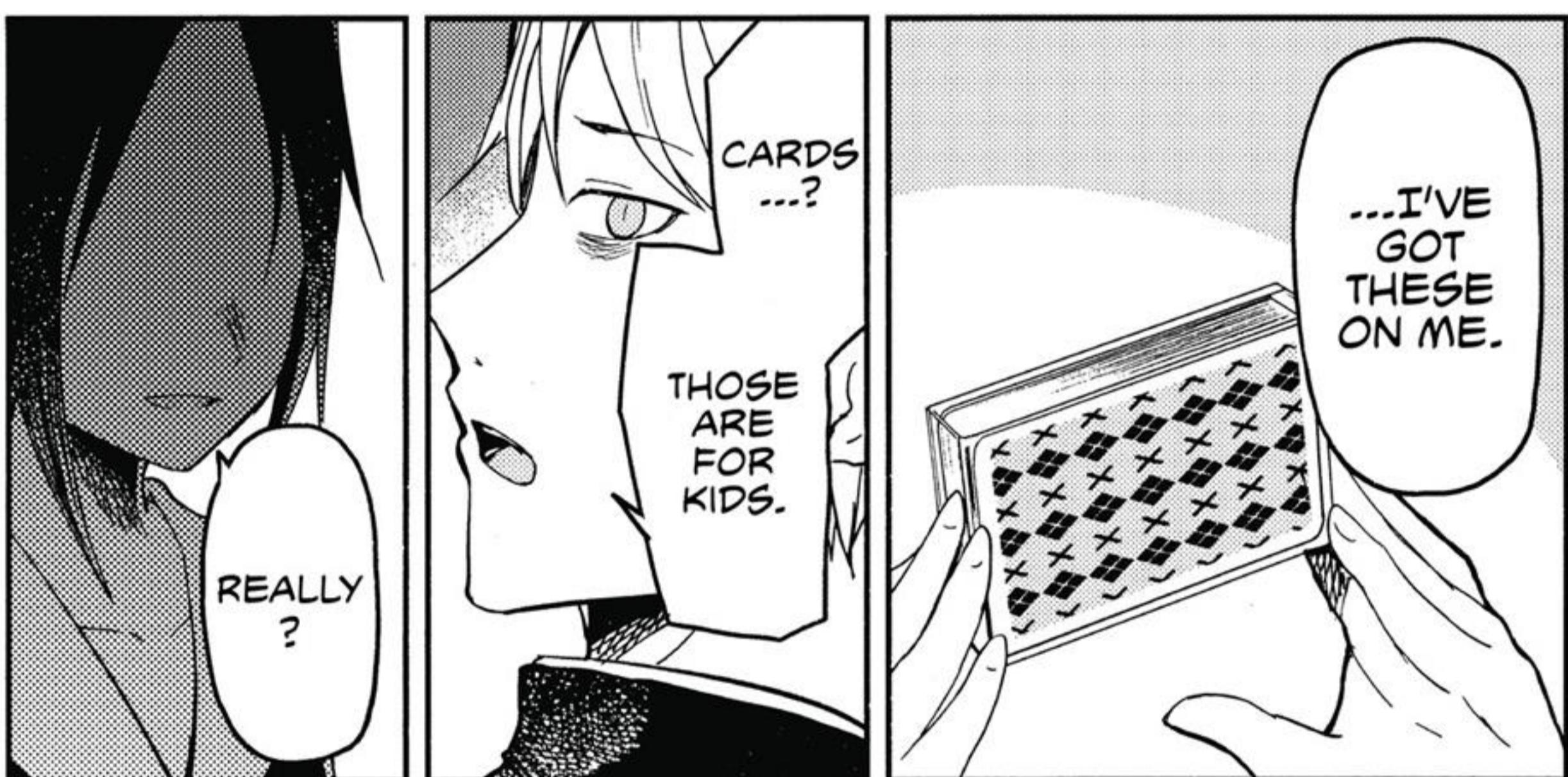


# Chapter 2

## I Will Make You Play Old Maid







# OLD MAID SUDDEN DEATH!

TAKING TURNS, PULL ONE CARD FROM THE OPPONENT'S HAND AND DISCARD ANY PAIRS YOU COMPLETE.

OLD  
MAID  
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THE FIRST ONE TO DISCARD ALL THEIR CARDS IS THE WINNER. IT'S A SIMPLE GAME.



I HAVE TO ASK...  
ARE THESE LEGIT CARDS?

THIS IS A PERFECTLY NORMAL DECK OF CARDS I BOUGHT AT A STORE.

CHEATING IN GAMES IS DEPLORABLE!

YES! ON MY HONOR!

SHFFL

BUT SHINOMIYA SAID SHE WOULDN'T CHEAT.

IT'S EVEN POSSIBLE THAT THE DESIGN ON THE BACKS OF THE CARDS IS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT.

SCRATCHES

SCENTS

STAINS

HENCE...

...YOU HAVE TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR HIDDEN MARKINGS.

THAT'S  
JUST HOW  
KAGUYA  
SHINOMIYA  
IS, RIGHT?

SHE  
PROMISED.  
SO THERE'S  
NO WAY  
SHE  
WOULD.

FWIP

FWIP

IT  
MUST BE  
GOOD IF  
YOU THINK  
YOU CAN  
BEAT ME!

LET'S  
SEE  
WHAT  
YOU'VE  
GOT IN  
YOUR  
HAND.

BUT SHE  
INITIATED  
THIS  
GAME...

FWAP

...SO SHE  
MUST  
HAVE A  
PLAN TO  
WIN.

FWIP

SHIRO-  
GANE  
HAS  
EIGHT.

KAGUYA  
HAS  
NINE  
LEFT.

EACH  
PLAYER  
BEGINS  
BY DIS-  
CARDING  
ANY PAIRS  
ALREADY  
IN THEIR  
HAND.

IDEALLY  
---

...OLD  
MAID IS  
PLAYED  
WITH THREE  
OR MORE  
PEOPLE.

SWFF

I'LL  
DRAW  
FIRST,  
SINCE I  
HAVE THE  
JOKER  
AND ONE  
EXTRA  
CARD.

Kaguya:  
8 cards left

SINCE  
KAGUYA  
HAS THE  
JOKER,  
SHE  
HAS TO  
GET  
A PAIR.

SHIRO-  
GANE  
DRAWS  
NEXT.

Shirogane:  
7 cards left

EVERY DRAW  
RESULTS IN  
EITHER A  
PAIR OR THE  
JOKER.

THERE  
ARE  
ONLY  
TWO  
POSSI-  
BILITIES.



YANK



JOKER

HE GETS  
THE  
JOKER!

I THOUGHT SHE'D PLACE THE JOKER WHERE MY DOMINANT HAND WAS LIKELY TO REACH...

THE LIKELIHOOD OF CHOOSING THE JOKER EARLY ON IS LOW, SO IT'S EASY TO LET DOWN YOUR GUARD.

BUT I WAS WRONG!

AN UNLUCKY DRAW!

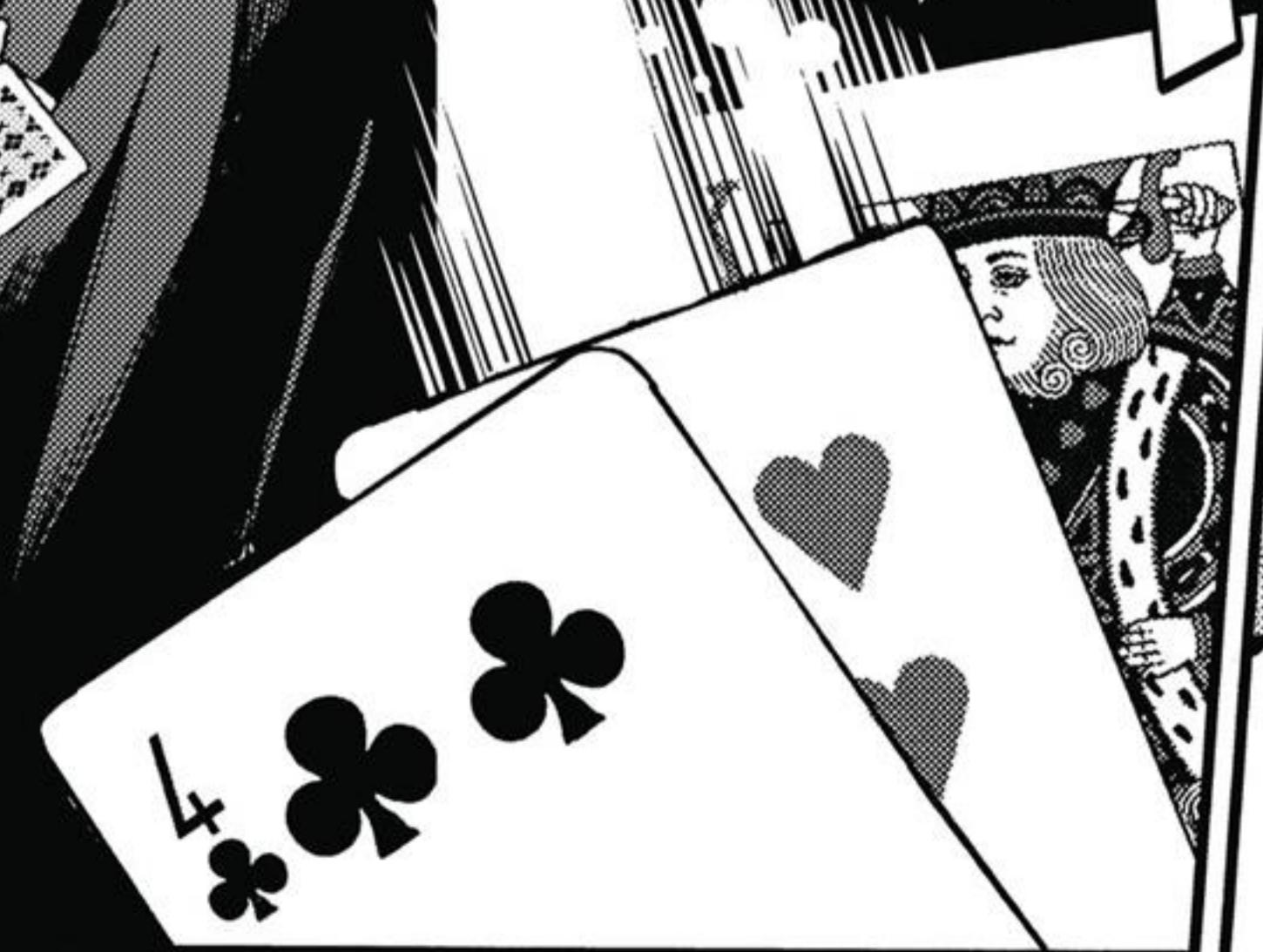
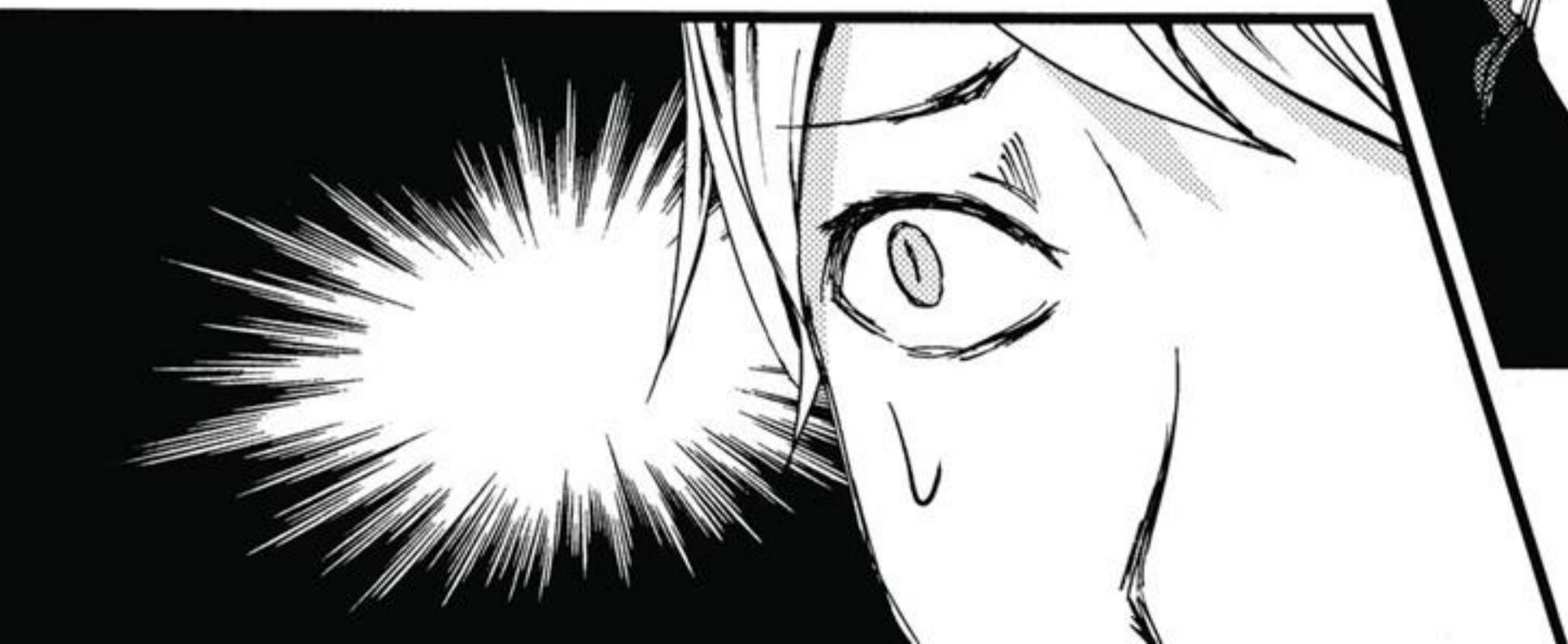
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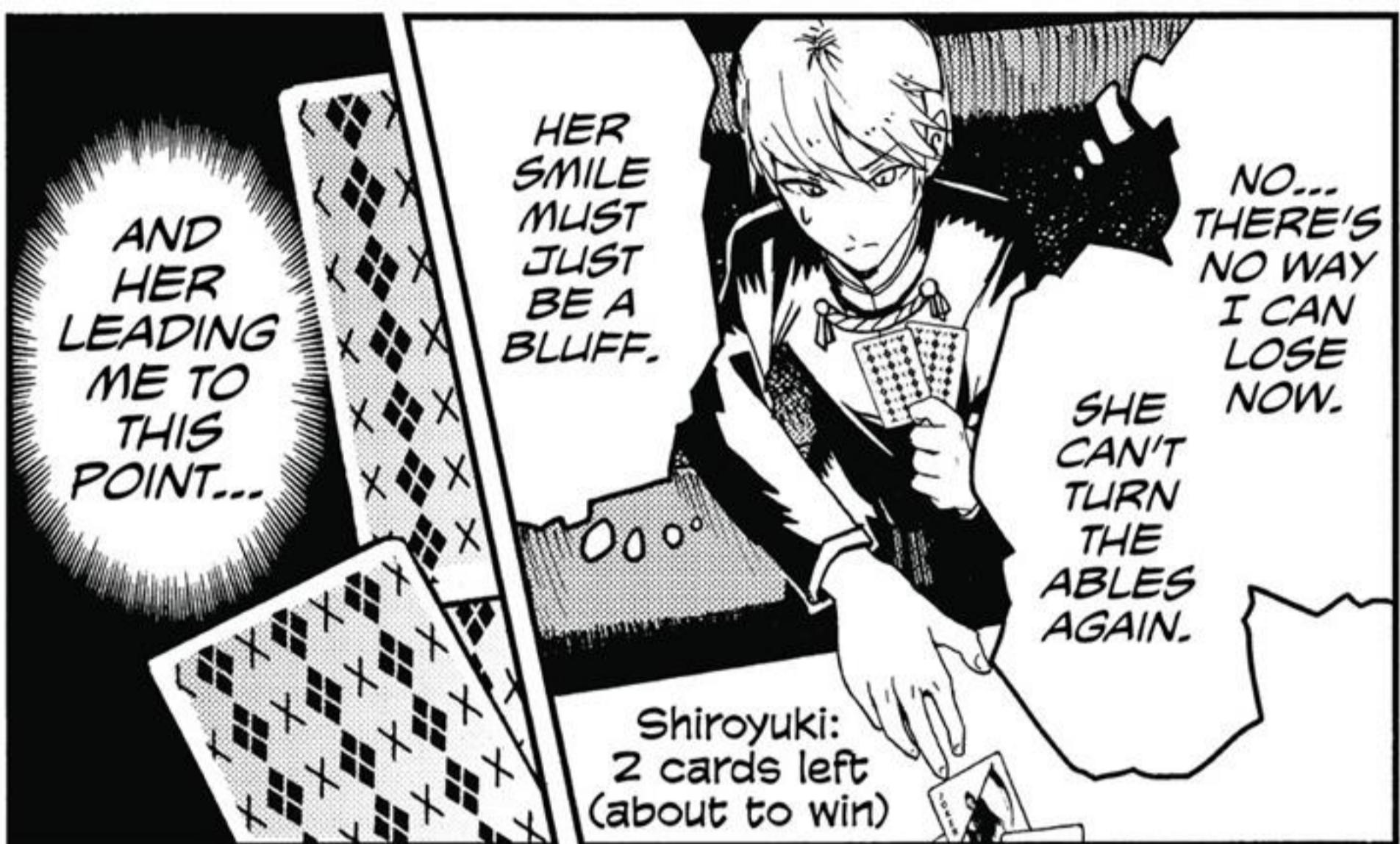
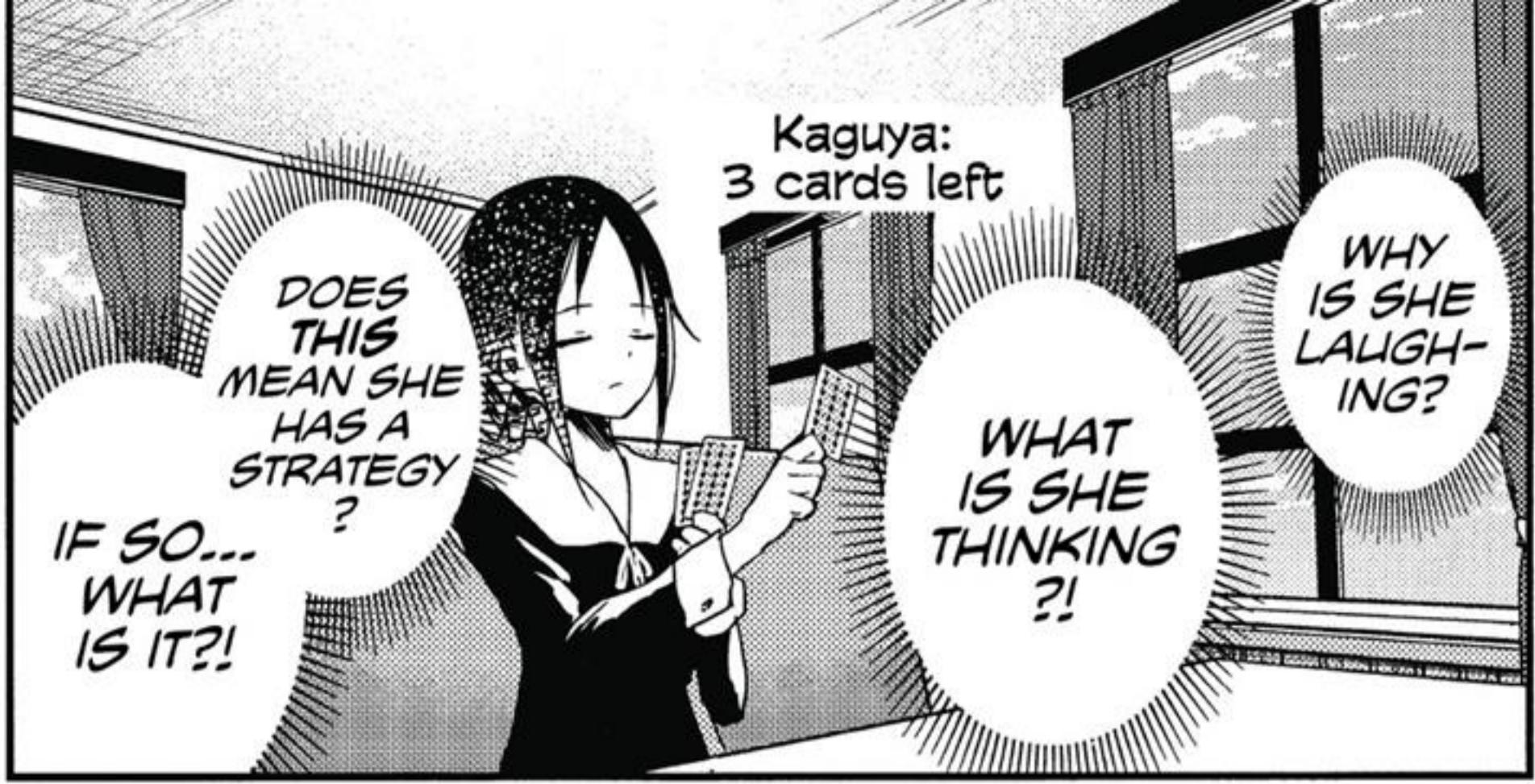


IT'S A SOPHISTI-CATED MIND GAME...

OLD MAID ISN'T REALLY A GAME OF LUCK.







...A  
"GENTLE-  
MANLY  
REQUEST"  
ANYWAY?



WHAT IS...

THAT GIVES  
ME A LOT OF  
LEEWAY...BUT  
THAT'S WHY  
IT'LL BE HARD  
TO CHOOSE...  
BECAUSE  
THERE WILL  
BE NO  
PARAMETERS!



...I'LL BE  
FORCED TO  
MAKE MY  
REQUEST  
BASED ON THE  
VIBE IN THE  
ROOM AT THE  
MOMENT.

IF I  
CAN'T  
FIGURE  
THAT  
OUT...

...I HAVE  
NO DOUBT  
SHE'LL PUSH  
ME IN THAT  
DIRECTION!

IF  
SHINOMIYA  
ALREADY  
HAS A  
REQUEST IN  
MIND...

SHIROGANE  
IS ACTING  
WEIRD...

...ACCIDENTALLY  
DROPS  
THE MOVIE  
TICKETS...

WHAT  
ARE  
YOU  
---

WHAT  
IF, AFTER  
THE  
GAME,  
SHE...

SOB

I'LL GO  
EVEN IF  
I HAVE  
TO GO  
ALONE...

IF SHE  
BEGS  
ME...

IT  
WAS SO  
NICE OF  
FUJIWARA-  
SAN TO  
GIVE US  
THESE  
TICKETS.

SOB

...I WON'T  
HAVE A  
CHOICE!

YOU'RE  
GOING TO  
REQUEST  
THAT I GO  
TO THE  
MOVIE  
WITH YOU,  
IS THAT  
IT?

OKAY,  
OKAY!!

...SHIRO-GANE HAS FIGURED IT OUT.

FOR THE MOST PART...

COULD HE HAVE FIGURED OUT MY PLAN?!

**SHINOMIYA PLANS TO PURPOSEFULLY LOSE THE GAME SO SHE CAN STEER THE DIRECTION OF HIS REQUEST.**

ONLY SHINOMIYA, WITH HER SKILL AT CONTROLLING PEOPLE'S MINDS, BODIES AND THOUGHTS, WOULD DEVISE SUCH A PLAN.

SO HE TRULY DESERVES THE TITLE OF PRESIDENT...

...THEN...

...THEN...

IF HE REALIZES THIS WAS ALL A SETUP TO MAKE HIM INVITE ME TO THE MOVIE...

THIS ISN'T GOING WELL...

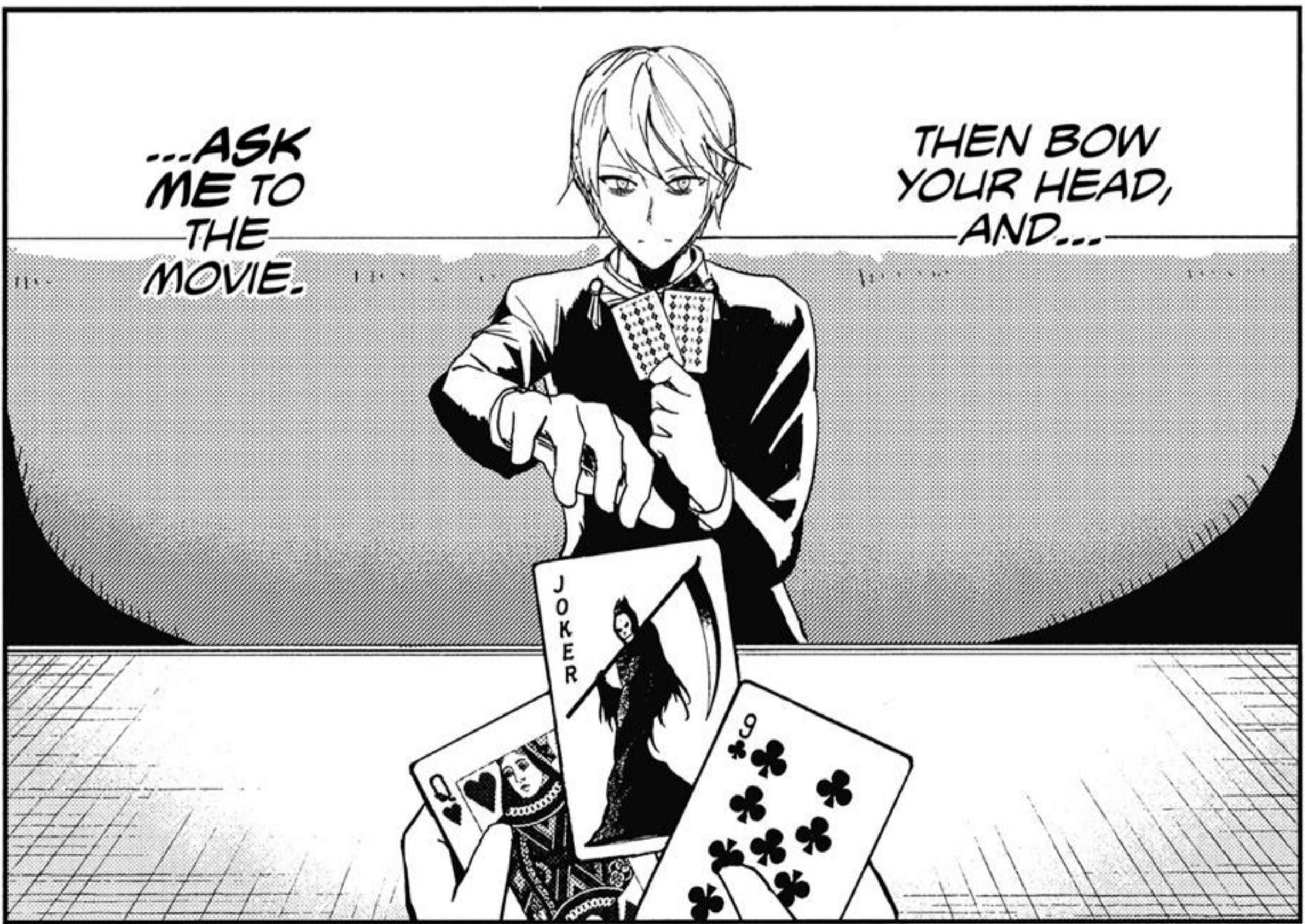
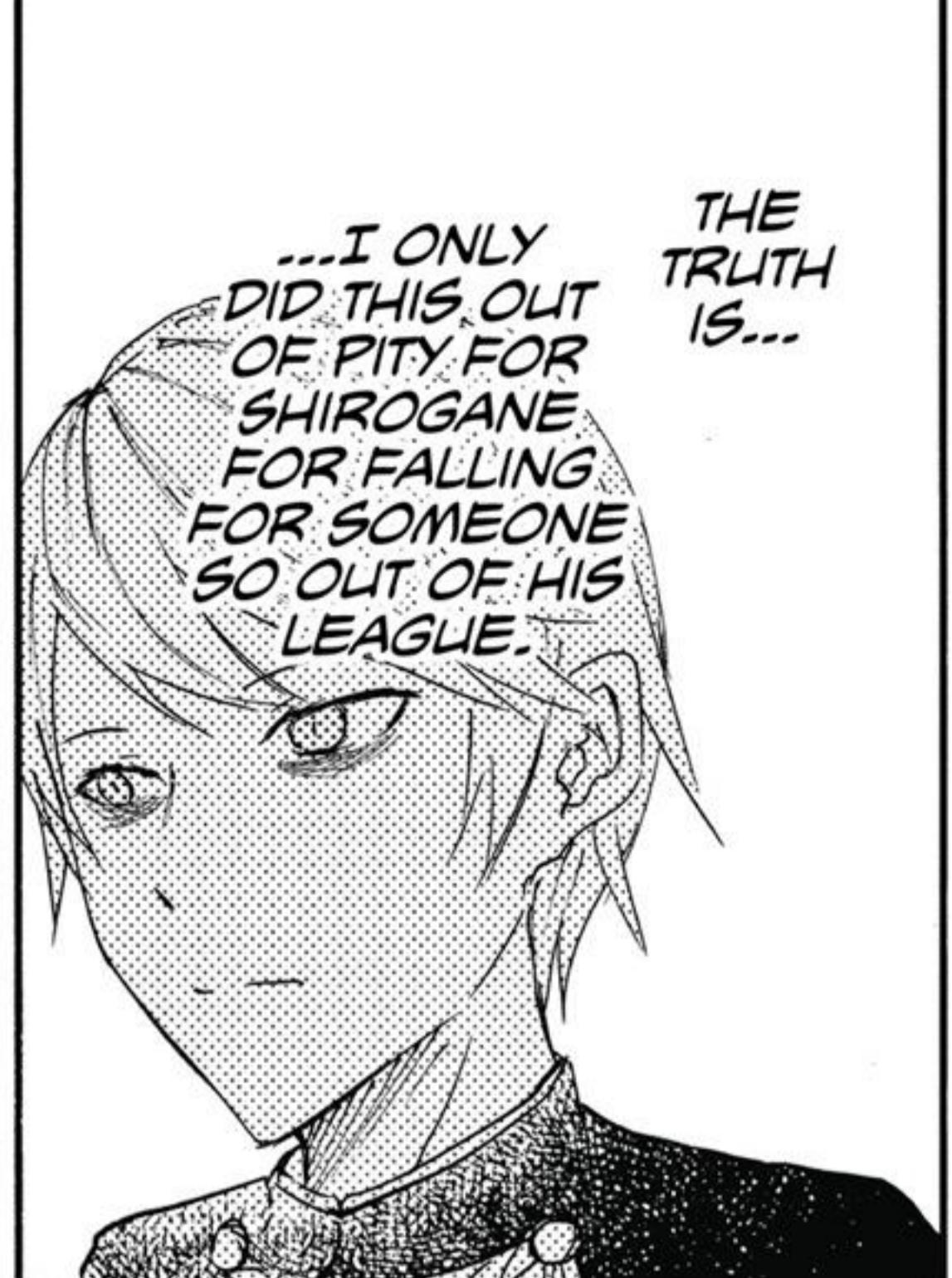
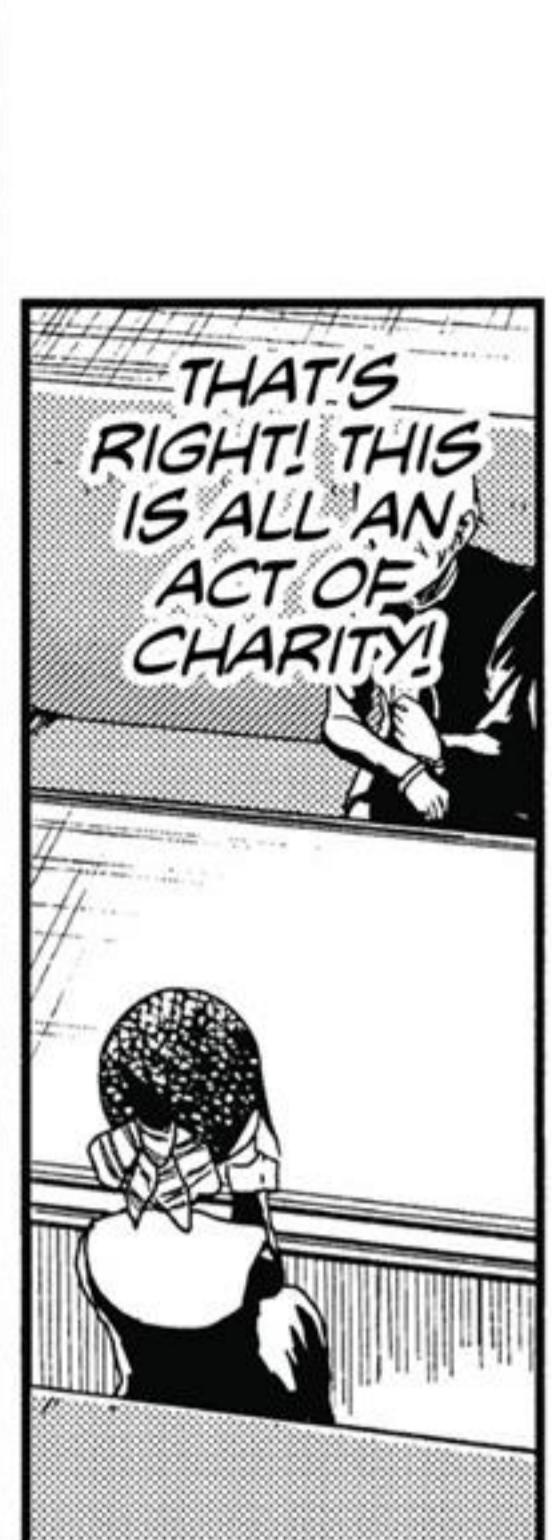
I CAN'T  
LET THAT  
HAPPEN!

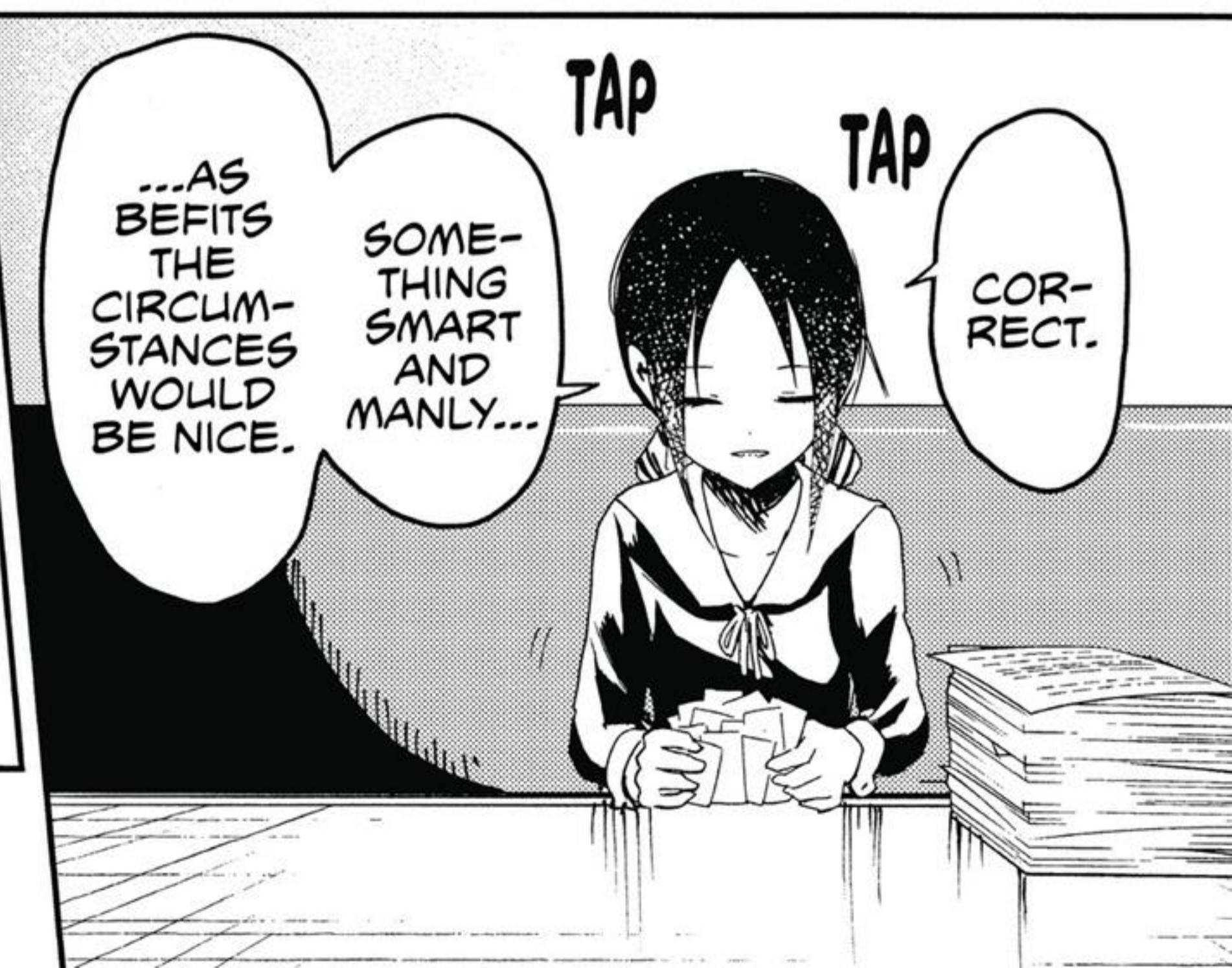
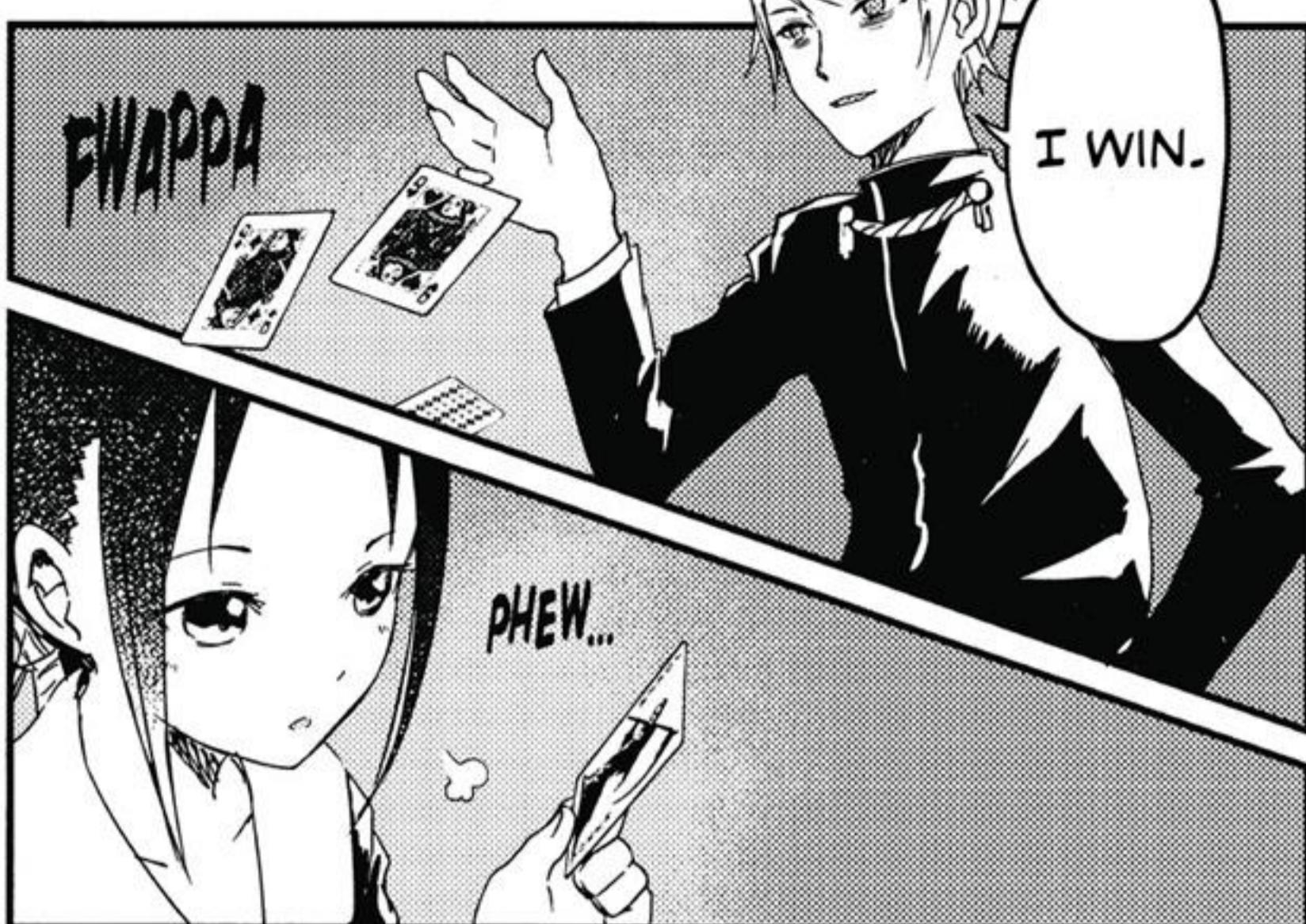
...THEN ...  
SHIROGANE  
WILL THINK ...  
...I WAS  
DESPERATE  
TO GO TO  
THE MOVIE  
WITH HIM.

IT'S NOT  
LIKE I LIKE  
SHIROGANE  
OR  
ANYTHING!

BUT HE  
WOULDN'T  
BECAUSE  
HIS PRIDE  
GOT IN THE  
WAY. I  
SET ALL  
THIS UP  
AS A  
FAVOR  
TO HIM!  
HE'S THE  
ONE WHO  
WANTED  
TO INVITE  
ME.

NO!

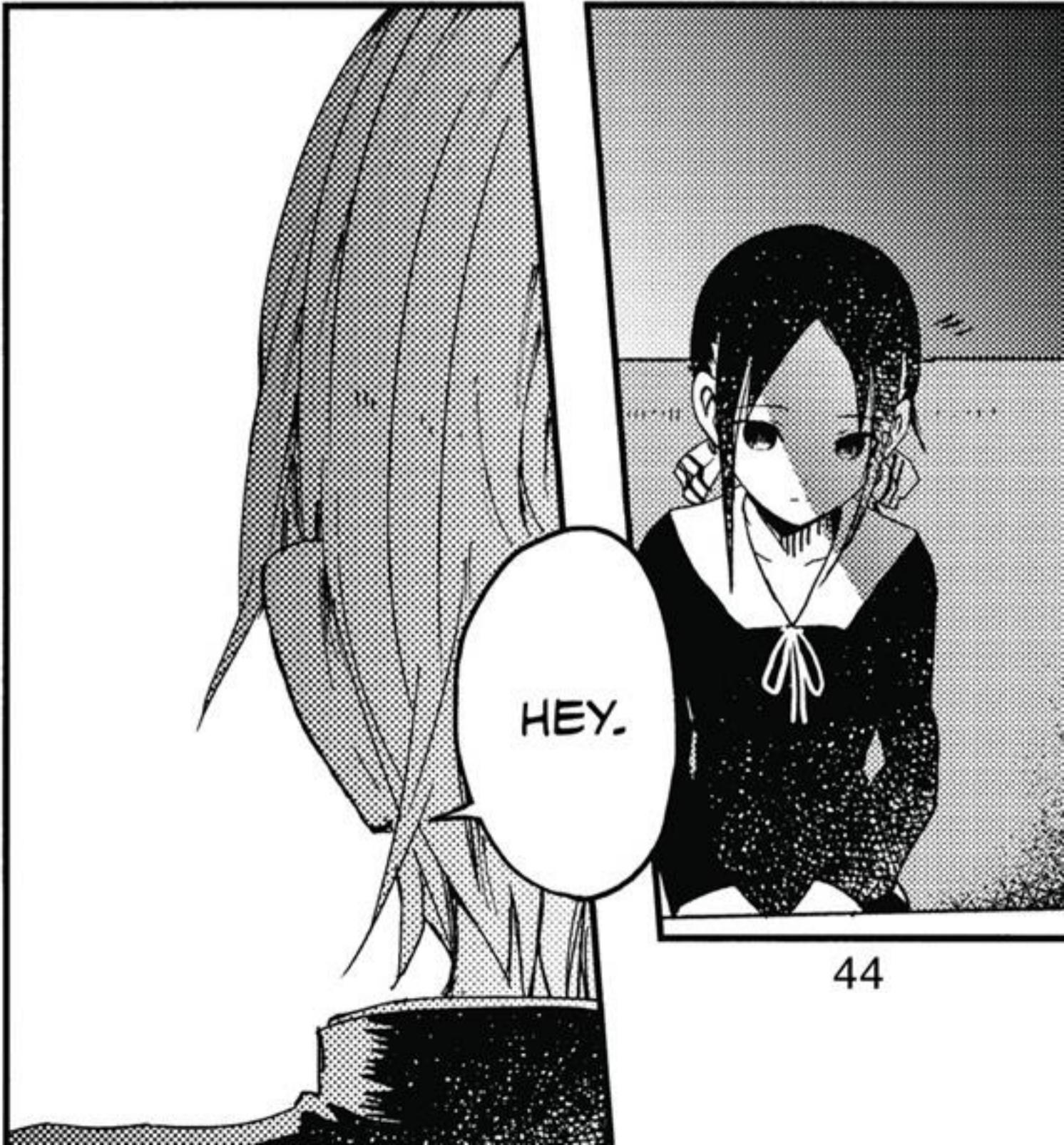


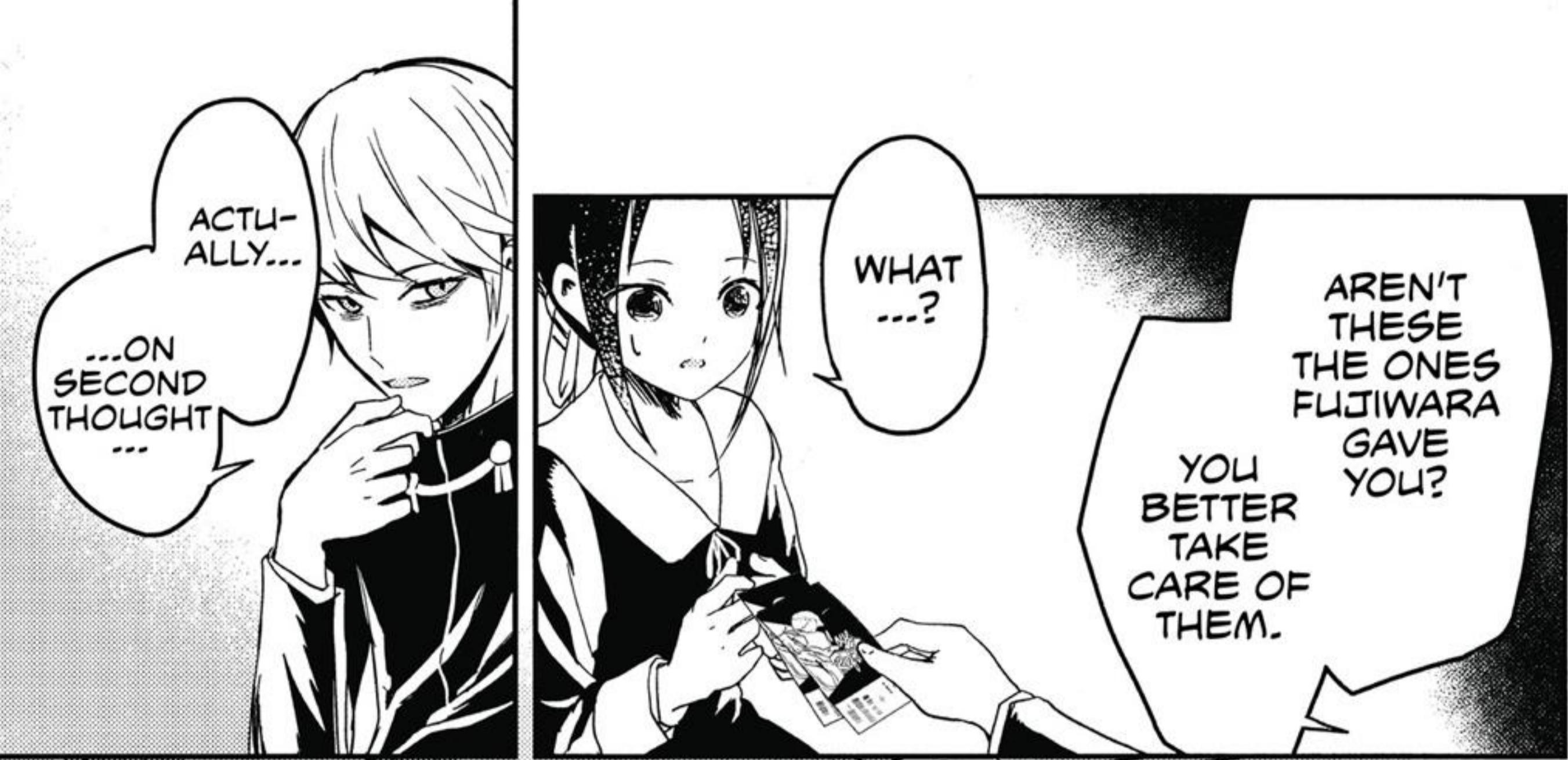






...WITH...





...MAYBE  
I'LL GO  
TOO.

IN THAT  
CASE...



...WE  
HAPPEN  
TO RUN  
INTO EACH  
OTHER?

WHAT  
IF ON  
THE DAY  
OF THE  
MOVIE...

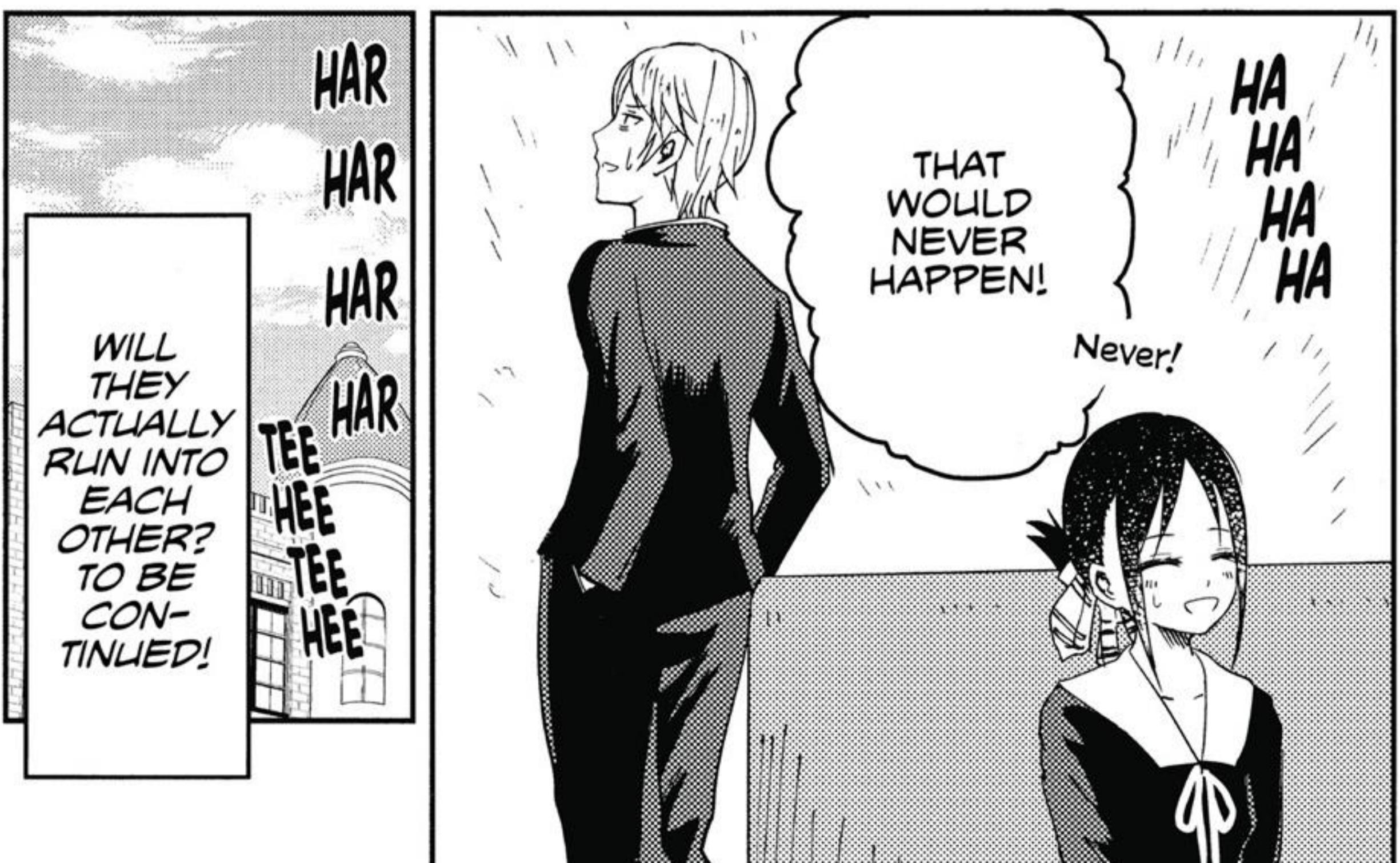


THAT  
WOULD  
NEVER  
HAPPEN!

Never!

WILL  
THEY  
ACTUALLY  
RUN INTO  
EACH  
OTHER?  
TO BE  
CONTINUED!

HAR  
HAR  
HAR  
HAR  
TEE  
HEE  
TEE  
HEE



# MIYUKI SHIROGANE

## Miyuki Shirogane

- ◆ Shuchiin Academy High School Second-Year
- ◆ Student Council President
- ◆ Notable characteristics: penetrating eyes
- ◆ Main character in this story

A monster who ranks at the top of his class in national practice exams and is recognized as a genius for his exceptional schoolwork. He has strong administrative skills. However, it would be incorrect to classify these traits as innate. He is merely addicted to hard work.

It seems that his public image of accomplishments and brilliance is critical to his mental stability. His longing for approval is actually rather pathological. Consequently, it is taboo to utter the word "stupid" around him. At worst, unable to maintain his fragile ego, he might die an agonizing death.

Aside from his psychological issues, he is a good person.

He never turns down requests for a favor or advice, has the best of intentions, is unable to ignore those in need and naturally gravitates toward those in need of help. He spends ten hours a day studying and still manages to give his all to his part-time job. When he sleeps is unknown. His penetrating gaze might be a combination of lack of sleep and nearsightedness. He is also a serious caffeine addict and needs a dose every three hours or his battery goes dead and he abruptly falls asleep.

His hair color is just for manga illustrative purposes.  
He is 100 percent ethnically Japanese.



KAGUYA-SAMA  
**LOVE IS WAR**

