

Chap 11: 3.3 -

- During the conversation, she was able to seduce Sudo and mesmerize him despite it being their first interaction between the 2 (**Seduction and charm**)

Saying that, Amasawa reached out to caress Sudō's cheek.

"W-well, you'd be better off if I had an A in Academic Ability and all though...
Would you really be okay with me?"

"If you're really as strong as you say."

With that, she traced her slender finger across Sudō's chest, mesmerizing him with her bewitching appearance.

"I-I'm strong."

"You're a confident guy, huh? I don't hate that."

- In her negotiation, she was able to make her actions unpredictable to Koji to some extent and convinced him that her pending offer was better than the previous three first years. (**Unpredictability**)

At this point, I thought Amasawa would bring up the topic of private points, but that didn't happen.

"Welp, since you're asking, I guess I wouldn't mind helping out."

Compared to the three guys from earlier, this was an undoubtedly better response.

- During the negotiation, she was able to persuade Horikita into shortening the amount of time Koji has to prepare for making Ichika a home cooked meal and indirectly coerced them into not stretching out the deal any further. (**Persuasion, Indirect Manipulation, and Coercion**)

"I see~ But waiting until the weekend is kinda iffy, ya know? I'd lose out on my chance to partner up with another senpai... Right?"

As expected, Horikita's suggestion to wait until the weekend didn't make it very far.

This time, Amasawa rigidly presented us with her terms.

"But since this has been a fated encounter, I'll give you guys just one day. If you can't serve me a home-cooked meal after school tomorrow, then let's just pretend this conversation never happened. That sound good?"

This was probably the very last compromise Amasawa was willing to make.

I got the impression that, if we were any greedier, Amasawa would back out immediately.

If Horikita were to misread her and attempt to haggle any further...

"Okay. There's certainly no denying that this will place quite a burden on you. Plus, you don't want to give us the opportunity to practice, isn't that right?"

Chap 16: 4.4 -

- During Ayanokoji and Ichika meeting up to try and complete their deal, Ichika commented on how he waited at the meeting place before the girl showed up without doing anything else which made Ayanokoji realize that she surprisingly showed decent perception and had a good understanding of how he acts despite these not being smaller details to catch. **(Perception, Social Awareness, and Interpersonal Intelligence)**

"Perfectly done~ Ayanokōji-senpai~"

As soon as we met up, she smiled broadly and nodded her head several times, as if she was satisfied with something.

"What are you talking about?"

"You waited at the meeting place before the girl showed up. Without doing anything like, excessive either~"

She was surprisingly perceptive. Or, perhaps I should say that she had a solid understanding of my actions, no matter how trivial they might have seemed.

- As they go shopping, Ichika places the petty knife that would later be important for a feat later in the doc while misleading the true intention of why Ichika wanted him to buy the knife. **(Misdirection, Strategic Deception, Lying Skills, and LTP)**

She spoke in a casual, relaxed tone as she tossed the knife into her basket. For a stupid amateur like me who didn't even know that fruit knives were also known as Petty knives, that knife was very expensive, priced at nearly 3000 points. Even though there were numerous cheaper options on display next to the knife she had chosen, she didn't even feign an attempt at acting like she was interested in them. As far as I could tell, the difference in price ultimately boiled down to whether or not it was being sold with a sheath and whether or not it had been manufactured within Japan. But even then, the knife she had chosen was still an excessively luxurious one.

Apparently, a skilled chef was expected to have mastered the use of this kind of tiny cooking knife.

"This is just a question, but the one who's paying..."

"Well, that would be you of course, right Ayanokōji-senpai?"

(The Screenshot below is on 17: 4.5)

"Amasawa. There's no need to use a whisk or a Petty knife to make tom yum goong. If there's something else you want me to make for you afterward, just go ahead and tell me now."

It'd be troublesome if she wanted me to cook something else for her later, so I asked for her to bring it up ahead of time as Horikita instructed.

"I was gonna ask for it later, but I was thinking of having you peel me an apple."

- During shopping for the kitchen supplies, she was able to persuade him to spend his own private points for the supplies despite him not gaining anything out of it as Ichika doesn't carry any risks if Koji decides to drop this deal between them. **(Persuasion and Convincing)**

I already knew I was supposed to be paying here, but the total was easily over 15,000 points by now. Since it has come to this, I might as well throw away the cheap one I had been using up until now. If I thought of the food I'd make for myself using these high-class tools when I cook on my own in the future, then maybe I could come to terms with the purchases somehow...? 🤔

"Ah, like I mentioned earlier, you're buying these to cook for me exclusively, so don't go wearing them out with everyday use, got it?"

"Are you some sort of demon?"

I got ahead of myself and vocalized my stingy thoughts, but Amasawa had unnervingly anticipated that.

"You can call it quits now if you want to, you know-?"

She spoke provocatively, her hands still clutching onto the handle of the blue shopping basket.

She had grabbed onto my weakness, fully aware that there was no way I could refuse, dancing in the palm of her hand.

15,000 points was an unbelievably cheap price to pay for getting Sudo partnered up with an A-rated student. I had no choice but to cut my losses and make a decision.

"No, I understand. I'll accept all of your conditions, so feel free to buy whatever you want."

"Do you think I'm a bad girl?"

"I wouldn't say that."

Chap 17: 4.5 -

- Throughout the preparation of Ayanokoji attempting to cook a meal for her, he realized that he didn't have much of a choice but to follow Ichika's requests for him. **(Coercion)**
- And during this, Ayanokoji even came up with a conclusion that Ichika seemed someone that would be hard for him to deceive.

If she never had any intention of letting me pass this little test of hers from the very beginning, then all of this had been nothing more than a futile waste of points and time. But for now, it didn't seem like I had any other choice but to come to terms with whatever development took place. ①

But even so, Amasawa probably wasn't someone I'd be able to deceive very easily.

Chapter 33: 6.2 -

- In this chapter, it was revealed that the entire cooking test Ichika put Koji in to partner up with Sudo was to misdirect the real purpose of putting Koji through the deal of cooking for her. And as it was all a plan for her and Hosen to frame Koji for assault on another student.
 - Details/Context explained:
 - Ichika understood that they were desperate in getting Sudo a partner for the special exams when she deduced that they were trying to prevent him from expulsion which made her know that it was easier to persuade them that way.
 - After “changing her mind” about the deal of a physical fight to decide her partner, she proposed a safer and less riskier option of having them make a home cooked meal for her.
 - During the day Koji is supposed to prepare, she indirectly manipulates and convinces Hosen to go on with his strategy to expel Ayanokoji after noticing Hosen trying to buy the petty knife through his own account as she stops him from making that mistake.
 - After getting Koji to be the one to make her the meal, she uses this as a way to get him to buy the petty knife since she deduced that it was the only one bundled together with a sheath. Hiding the real reason by explaining that it was supposedly part of the kitchen supplies needed for him to make the meal, successfully getting Koji to purchase the petty knife himself without getting any fingerprints on Hosen.
 - After Koji completes her task/deal, Ichika makes an excuse to go back to Koji's room where he and Kei were staying during another day as a way to recover the knife back.

- During all this, she knew that she had no risks if Horikita or Koji dropped the deal between her as she wouldn't have much problems finding another partner.

- **(Strategy Complexity, Indirect Manipulation, Deception, Misdirection, Planning, Deduction, Risk calculation, and Creativity)**

"You're the one who came up with this ridiculous strategy, but Amasawa is the one who helped refine it to perfection. After all, if you stabbed yourself with your own knife, it would naturally lead to problems once the school investigated what happened. However, if you could somehow get me to buy the knife instead, then that would have the potential to change everything."

The reason why Amasawa and Hōsen had chosen to use this expensive Petty knife because it was the only one that came bundled together with a sheath, making it the most convenient option available.

Of course, while there were a variety of other ways to conceal a naked blade, it would've been faster and easier to just buy one with a sheath given the added portability.

Back when I went shopping with Amasawa, she had managed to locate and pick out this exact knife without searching for it at all, even though that should've been the first time she had been in that store. And this was only the first thing that stuck with me. On Friday, she had shown up at my room saying that she had lost her hair tie, but that had been nothing more than an excuse to recover the knife. It's natural to assume that she had planted it there beforehand or simply lied about leaving it there at all. Furthermore, since there was a possibility that I might notice that it was missing if she recovered it too soon, she waited, delaying her move until the last possible moment. After that, she just needed to get the knife out of my room without getting any fingerprints on it and hand it over to Hōsen.

- During her plan, Ichika managed to locate the exact petty knife needed for her plan with Hosen without having to take time to try and find it during her supply shopping with Koji despite it being her first time in the store. **(VSI and Observation)**

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If she hadn't been able to retrieve the knife, then they probably would've chosen to postpone the plan.

"Tch, I never shouldda trusted that random chick in the first place."

"No, it was thanks to Amasawa that this plan took shape at all. Without her help, everything would've fallen apart."

- It was stated that despite Ayanokoji picking up and adapting against their plan, it was Ichika that helped it become a functional plan at all.
- During this, it was proven that Ichika was able to deceive Horikita when she was surprised to hear that she could be related to the plan. **(Deception)**

"I first felt like something was out of place back when Amasawa and I went shopping at the Keyaki Mall together."

Surprised to hear me drop Amasawa's name, Horikita spoke up herself.

"Amasawa-san? Are you saying that she's mixed up in all this...?"

"Yeah. According to the store clerk, just as Hōsen was about to finish paying for the knife, she reached out and stopped him from going through with the purchase."

- Koji also stated that it was Ichika who perfected this plan for her and Hosen. Indicating that without her the plan would have had an even higher chance of failing,

After responding to Horikita, I turned back to Hōsen.

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- Ichika was aware that Ayanokoji and Hosen were colluding, she knew that she had to temporarily keep a distance. **(Awareness)**
- Despite planning to help on expelling Koji, she kept a composure while ringing his room to come and talk to him. **(Composure)**

In order to assist Housen, she took the same knife from my room, and through that, since she knew that I knew that she was in cahoots with Housen, she would keep a certain distance.

However, Awasawa who appeared right in front of my eyes again, didn't seem like she had done anything bad.

- She also used another student's phone in order for her identity to be revealed to Ayanokoji. **(Creativity and Problem Solving)**

If she used the phone in the lobby, no matter what, her identity would be revealed to me.

So she used another student in order to avoid that situation.

- Shortly after, Ichika used one of her hands to lift a plastic bag on the hallway to help Koji see her through the door gap as it turns out that she was prepared with a bag of ingredients, while seeing through Ayanokoji's escape route. **(STP, Seeing through people, Cold reading, Creativity, and Abstract Thinking)**
 - Ayanokoji even acknowledged that Ichika's mind was far more impressive compared to what he initially thought.

(The scan for this is in the image below)

After saying that, Amasawa disappeared from my vision for a split second.

After that — — she used her left hand to lift the plastic bag she placed on the hallway floor, so I could see what she was holding through the gap of the door. I confirmed that she wasn't holding anything with her using the peephole before, but it would be difficult to see anything that had been placed at her feet from the beginning.

It seems like she had prepared a plastic bag full of ingredients out of my sight.

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She saw right through my escape route. ①

My reason for denying her entry because the lack of ingredients had been shut down.

I knew that Amasawa had a sharp mind, but this was far more than what I had imagined.

After this, should I admit that I was lying, and then look for another way out?

Saying that I was in a bad mood today, and that I lied because I wanted to reject her should be fine.

- Ichika managed to observe Kei without her noticing as she also was cunning enough to take on the risk against the automatic lock to go on with her strategy.. **(VSI, Observation, Cunning, and STS)**

"Because~ I saw it. I've been watching Karuizawa-senpai all the time since she came back to the dormitories~"

As if proving this point, Amasawa spoke the truth. After secretly confirming that Kei went into my room, she bought the ingredients. Braving the risk of the lobby's automatic lock locking her out twice, she made such a strategy.

- After telling the truth about helping on refining Hosen's plan, she purposely started the conversation to gain more information about the relationship between Kei and Ayanokoji. **(Creativity)**

"Ayanokouji-senpai, haven't you told your girlfriend about that? Then what about the 20 million point bounty?"

"W-what!? You said 20 million?"

Amasawa intentionally started the conversation, no doubt using it as an opportunity to explore my relationship with Kei.

- Later in the conversation, it was revealed that the reason why Koji was able to adapt to Hosen's plan was that Ichika purposely left a trace which led to him checking with the store clerk about the information about the petty knife, covering the real reason behind helping Hosen with his plan was to prevent Koji from being expelled. **(Strategy Complexity, Creativity, and Abstract Thinking)**
 - It was also stated that if she hadn't had acted perfectly, the outcome would have been different.
 - This also means that she had deceived Hosen and Nanase about her real goal behind helping them. **(Deception)**

"Housen-kun and I wanted to use that knife to get senpai expelled— —And the reason why senpai noticed this was because you went shopping with me, right?"

Listening to Amasawa up to now, I started to change my thoughts.

"It was the first time I saw the kitchen tools at school, but there wasn't a bit of hesitation when I chose the knife. Later, you checked with the clerk and learned that someone wanted to buy the same knife. That's why you immediately judged that you could defend against Housen-kun's self-destructive actions... right?"

The reason I could have known that answer was because Amasawa left a trace.

But it was a trace that hadn't been deliberately erased.

I understood what the right answer was, so I could defend against Housen's plan in advance.

It's true that if Amasawa had acted perfectly, the situation might change.

"How considerate of you."

"Because senpai suddenly had a bounty for his head, and I thought that it was a pity that you would be expelled without even knowing the situation."

Could an average first year high school student have such a brain circuit? I had my doubts.

Amasawa Ichika.

- While in the dorm room, Ichika was able to correctly answer on what was the convention adopted at the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in 1972. **(Knowledge and VCI)**

"Let's see, hmmm? What was the convention adopted at the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in 1972?"

After reading the question, Amasawa, holding a mechanical pencil in her left hand, wrote the words "World Heritage Convention" in a blank notebook with pretty handwriting.

"Correct, correct ~ "

Amasawa applauded herself for the answer she wrote.