

Guessing the Vibe
(様子や印象の予想)

Na-Adjective (Plain)
+ かもしれません

(Might be [Adjective])

Guessing the Quality or Vibe

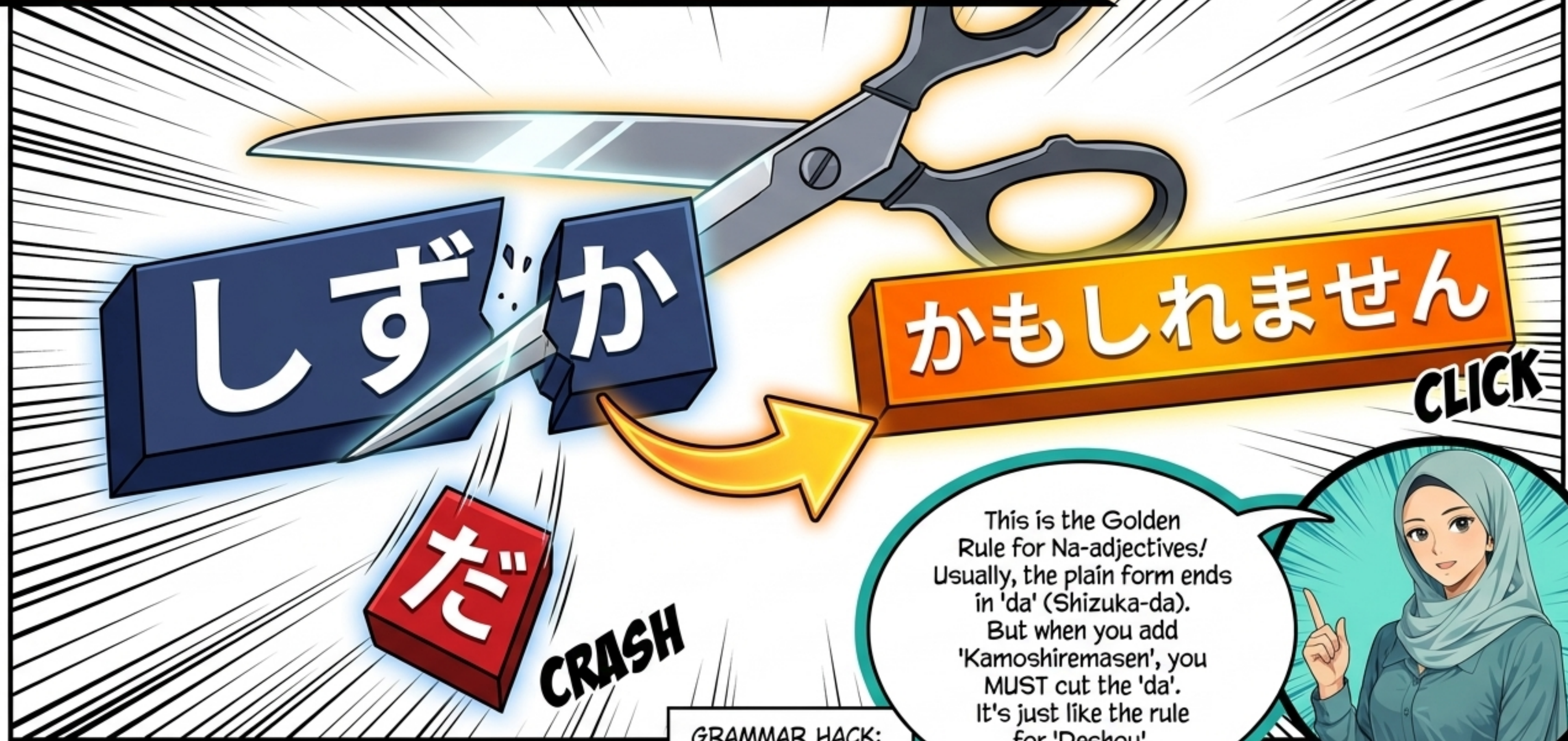
「しずかです。」
(It is quiet. - Fact)

「しずか
かもしれません
。」

(It might be quiet -
Guess)

We use this when we are making a guess about a person's personality, the atmosphere of a place, or how convenient something is. It shows we aren't 100% sure, but based on what we see, it's a possibility.

Na-Adj (No だ) + かもしれせん



This is the Golden Rule for Na-adjectives! Usually, the plain form ends in 'da' (Shizuka-da). But when you add 'Kamoshiremasen', you **MUST** cut the 'da'. It's just like the rule for 'Deshou'.

GRAMMAR HACK:
SLICE THE 'DA'!

SENTENCE ASSEMBLY: NA-ADJ + KAMOSHIREMASEN

CLICK!

ASSEMBLE!

[あのせんせいは]
(That teacher)

[しんせつ]
(Kind - Na-adj base)

[かもしれませぬ。]
(Might be)

あのせんせいはしんせつかもしれませぬ。
(That teacher might be kind.)

Raya's Hack

Time Machine

Past tense
needs "Datta"!

PAST

[Adj] + だった +
かもしれません

While the present tense drops 'da', the past tense keeps its short form!
If you want to say something MIGHT HAVE BEEN a certain way, use 'Datta'.
Hima datta kamoshiremasen (He might have been free/not busy).

Don't do this! ❌ Keeping the 'NA'

「ゆうめいな
かもしれません!」

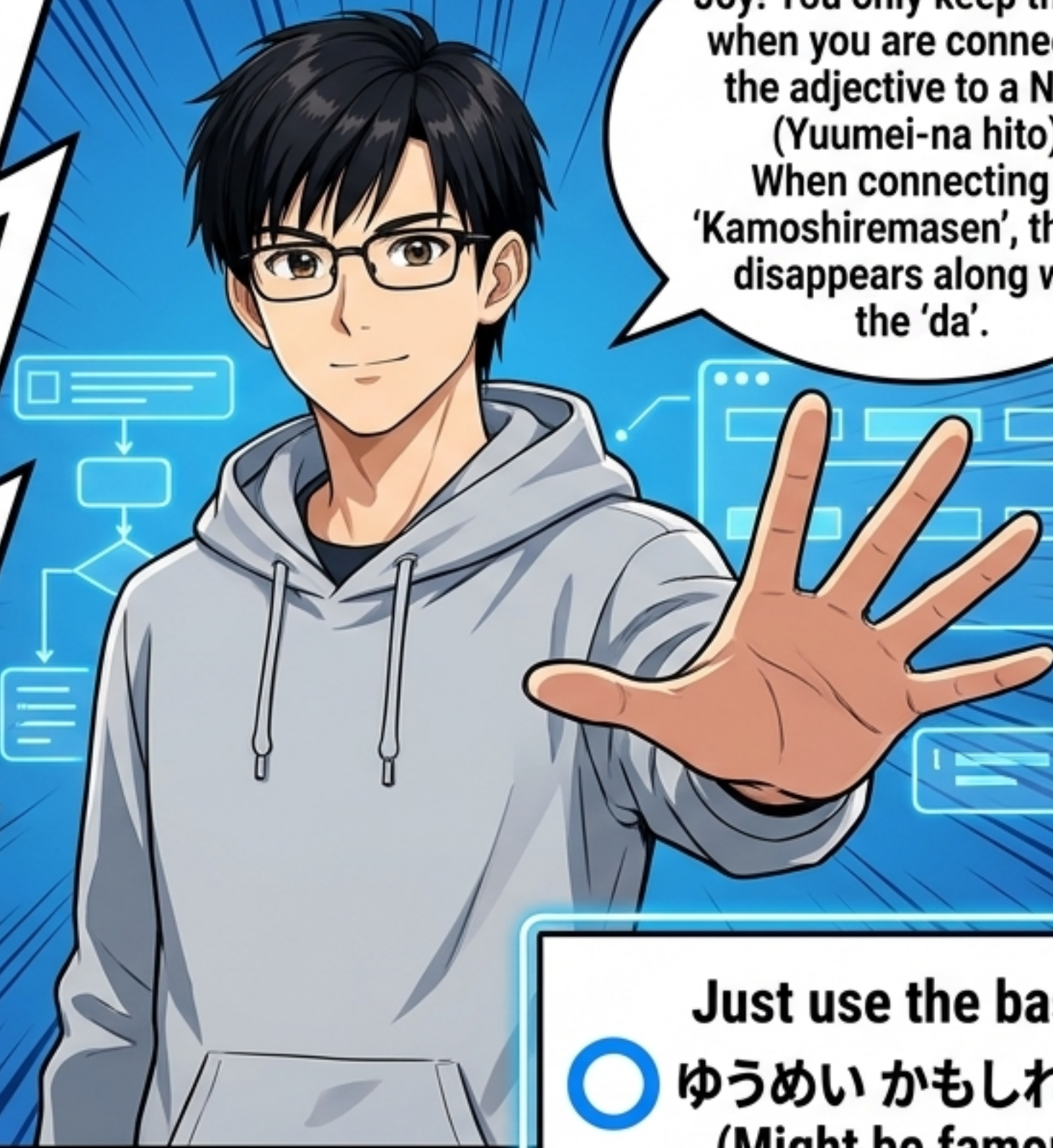
(Ano hito wa yuumei-na
kamoshiremasen.)



「ゆうめいな
かもしれません!」

(Ano hito wa yuumei-na
kamoshiremasen.)

Joy! You only keep the 'na' when you are connecting the adjective to a Noun (Yuumei-na hito). When connecting to 'Kamoshiremasen', the 'na' disappears along with the 'da'.



Just use the base:

○ ゆうめい かもしれません
(Might be famous).

Cheat Sheet: Na-Adjectives + kamoshiremasen

Present: [Na-Adj Base] + かもしれません (Might be)

Negative: [Na-Adj] + じゃない + かもしれません (Might not be)

Past: [Na-Adj] + だった + かもしれません (Might have been)

⚠ Crucial: Never use 'da' or 'na' in the present tense!