

In this document I will analyze one of the most genius plans & strategies of Patrick Jane's in 1x6. Hope you enjoy it!

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The analysis:

Patrick Jane knows that Daniel is the killer and that the victim had a $100,000 poker chip for luck and that Dan took it. He asks Daniel to gather him with other skilled & rich players like Cal Trask. Why with rich players? So Patrick can win enough money to catch Dan. Dan says he heard that Patrick won $250,000 in the casino where he works and tells this to Patrick. Patrick says yes, that he feels lucky. Dan agrees.

Then, after the cut, he enters the room where people are already ready to play Poker, and the game takes place. Three people

remain, Patrick, Dan, and Cal. Dan wins a bunch of money from Cal and Cal leaves. And here comes one of Patrick's most brilliant plans and strategies. Patrick stands up from the table saying he took most of the winnings and that Dan's play wasn't too bad. Dan falls for it and tells him to play with him, Patrick says that he has enough money, Dan asks him if he's scared, and Patrick asks Nancy to open up a fresh pack of cards. The scene cuts, and we see that Patrick has won almost everything Dan had, and they play the final round. Why? So when his part of the plan I'll talk about later will come in hand, Dan would have almost nothing to bet but he would have by his opinion the hand with which he couldn't lose so he would bet $100,000 chip too.

Patrick leaves the table for a second under the excuse of pouring himself some tea, and while Dan and the dealer aren't looking, he discreetly pours a little tea into another cup, takes a single ice cube from it, and places the corner of the cup on the ice cube so that when the ice melts, the cup will fall off the table and break. He sits back at the table, the dealer gives him cards for checking or shuffling as is usually done in games, and the cup falls and breaks. Both the dealer and Dan are distracted, and Patrick discreetly takes half the deck and replaces it with his own, placing it so that half of his deck is on the dealer's left and half of the original deck on the right. The dealer saw him taking his right arm off the cards in the last second but didn't see the other part of the deck in his hand.

Why does Patrick do this? So, we know that the dealer gave the deck to Patrick as it is usually done so he could shuffle it. She saw him taking his right arm back so she thought he's done, since the deck is cut in half - she thinks he just wants to split it and change the top and bottom.

Why does she think her taking the left part of the deck and putting it on the right is gonna swap the top and bottom? So Patrick took his right hand off the cards and she thinks he put the top of the deck on his left because it is easier to move the arm inside the body, you can try it yourself to make sure. So she thinks the bottom part is on her left and since the top of the card should be the one on Patrick's right - she takes the part of the deck on Patrick's right (or her left) and puts it on Patrick's left (or her right), meaning she thinks she'd swapped the bottom and the top.

Nancy deals the first card to Dan, then to Patrick, then to Dan... until they both have 5 cards. How did he predict it? The most common way of giving cards is this way and also he predicted that she'll give Dan the first card. Then we see that Patrick has three sevens (hearts, spades, clubs), 8 of hearts, and 9 of hearts. Dan has three kings and two irrelevant cards. Patrick bets $2,000. Jane reaches for a napkin and deliberately shows Dan his three sevens, while keeping the other two hidden.

Dan changes one card, and here two interpretations come into play, both of which work, but I personally choose the first one because when Dan saw the cards, he seemed a little nervous. It seemed like he thought Patrick considered him a poker amateur, as the victim called him. Why be nervous? So, there are 2 interpretations:

1. Since Dan knows that Patrick is a very good player considering what he heard about him, he thinks that Jane showed the cards deliberately and that Jane thought that he would be like "Oh, he has triple 7s and I have triple kings. My triple kings beat him!" So Dan thinks that Patrick actually has four 7s if he is showing triple sevens on purpose so he changes the one card to possibly get another king.

2. Dan thought Patrick had a Full House (three cards of one rank and two of another), so he changed one non-king card to possibly get four kings (which beats any triples).

I will use the first interpretation, but everything works the same with the second. So, Dan gives one card and gets another king in return, which gives him 4 kings (4 cards of the same rank). Patrick gives two cards after Dan, and I won't say what he gets because I want you to think a bit. Tbh it's kinda easy to figure out if you'd read carefully and know how to play poker. Don't cheat, try to guess first.

Dan looks at his cards, moves the king on the right to the far left so that the kings are in sequence and smiles, looking like he's saying "Oh yeah, he's fried." Patrick looks at him and says, "That good, huh?" Dan turns to him, and Patrick says, "Oh, wow. That good." Dan says, "That good. I can't lose." Patrick says, "Well, that's a

shame you got diddly-squat to bet with." Dan takes the $100,000 chip and bets $105,000 with this chip. Patrick bets the same amount. Dan reveals his hand and says, "I told you I couldn't lose. Four kings. Booyah!" Patrick responds, "That's pretty... Not as pretty as this," reveals his cards, and, drumroll... a straight flush! 7, 8, 9, 10, Jack, all hearts! Which means he gave 2 of his 7s (spades & clubs) and got 10 of hearts and Jack of hearts and since he already had 8 of hearts & 9 of hearts, his hand is now a straight flush. And that's how Patrick catches Dan because he had the victim's $100,000 chip.

Some of you might not understand how hard it is to make this plan & how complex the plan itself is, so I'll explain.

First, Patrick made the plan even before entering the room to play poker because he had the part of his own deck to replace the top of the deck they were playing with Dan. Which means he did this plan even before the start of the game, but the distraction wasn't necessarily planned, it is still a great tactic and he made it on spot.

Second, he had to make it so that Cal would leave after Dan won and since we know he's a dilettante, he wouldn't be able to win on his own so Patrick must've helped him. Yes, the feat was off screen, but it is still fairly assumable considering what he did in this episode (PF, BlackJack, this whole plan, etc.)

Third, he has to predict the way of her giving the cards and her giving the deck to Dan first, then to Patrick, then giving the first card to Dan, when it would be easier to give to Patrick.

Fourth, Patrick made this very complex deception with "swapping the top and the bottom" for the dealer when in fact he just indirectly made her put the left part of the deck to the right part (from her POV).

Fifth, to align all these to make the strategy with his part of the deck, where he needed to predict 3rd and 4th and make it so Dan would believe he's winning with 4 kings.