RIKU UTOMIYA

The Virtuous Soldier

A showcase of all of his feats, statements and abilities.

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Red - Strategy, Planning, Tactics
Blue - Detective Skills (Observation, Perception, Cold Reading, information gathering)
Orange - Social Abilities (SQ + EQ)
Green - Manipulation + Deception
Pink - Logical Reasoning + Overall Thinking + Anticipation
Cyan - Overall Intelligence + FSIQ
Purple - Notes
Underline - Scans

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Feats/Statements

(Y2V1) - Riku used the situation with Class 2-A and Class 2-C as a way to further persuade Koji to be more lenient of him pairing with Tsubaki without suspicion due to the two classes being involved with private points which they prefer not to get involved with.

And Class 2-B as a whole are filled with academically gifted students, so it would be unlikely for Tsubaki's low academic rating to stand a chance of finding a pair. Which made it the logical choice to pair up with Koji. In a way it's also a decent FRI feat.

(Y2V2) - Despite his seemingly "awkward" personality, he became Class C's surface leader due to lack of volunteers and quickly became a proper surface leader as his Social Contribution went from D to B in a single month. This shows decently high signs of FRI considering he started around the time his classmate Hatano was expelled which not only caused a heavy blow on Class C students as they lost 100 Class Points, but Riku in particular held a lot of guilt from that incident, so it shows signs of strong EM as well.
(Fluid Reasoning Index, Emotional Management, Leadership)

(Y2V2) - During the first year meeting, Riku had shown to have a firm grasp of his former classmate Hatano's character and thought process and deduced he was too kindhearted to ever break the rules of the school system easily.
By taking this into account, Riku had seen through Hatano by looking at the state of his face during his announced expulsion.

By this, Riku was able to abduct Hatano's expulsion was planned and was deceived maliciously. Although the target Riku suspected was wrong, it's still a decent show of reasoning and EQ.
(Emotional Perception + Understanding, Abductive Reasoning)

(Y2V2) - Deducted Koji teamed up with Hosen on page 282

(Y2V2) - Due to his resentment and belief of Hosen expelling Hatano, Riku tries to persuade Koji to join forces to expel Hosen in the Island Exam as a chance to attack him exposed as he lacks private points to make up for expulsion. He directly asks Koji due to him being in a relationship with Class 1-D so he could attack on the inside.

Koji asks why Riku would be so unguarded against a potential ally of Hosen in which Riku stared at Tsubaki and lets her bring up the fact Hosen stabbed Koji.

Riku brings up the fact he's given up on expelling Koji in order to prevent becoming an enemy of his class since he's offering help from him.
(Abductive Reasoning, Persuasion, Planning)

(Y2V4) - Noticed Takuya's GPS signal had disappeared when Tsubaki didn't despite her intelligence; this could mean Riku is more observant especially considering he monitors 37 students every day. He didn't get further into the details due to Tsubaki defusing the argument.

He was also the only student along with Tsubaki who was actually suspicious of Takuya in the entire series. (Observation, Intuition)

(Y2V4) - Remembered Kito's full name and class name when observing his GPS signal on the tablet 30 minutes later displaying decent WMI.

Not only that, Riku also has a very nice VSI feat of him finding Kito 400 metres across the Island while travelling very slowly. Keep in mind Riku only had a walkie-talkie with him the whole time, so he only relied on the map in his head. What makes this more

impressive is that Kito was mobile the entire time as well while Riku memorised his positioning on the tablet.
(Visual Spatial Index, Working Memory Index)

(Y2V4) - Riku has a subtle VCI comprehension where he's able to deduce quickly Takuya was implying the failure of Tsubaki's plan in spite of his meek language and him using words such as "gift" and "things not always going as planned".
(Comprehension, Fast Thinking)

(Y2V4) - Riku Utomiya throughout the island exam has shown high levels of decision-making all for the goal of preventing Tsubaki from being expelled due to the guilt and fear of losing another classmate.

Despite the fact Takuya equally took advantage of Riku's current state, he decided to cooperate with Takuya because and let Tsubaki be branded as the mastermind BECAUSE doing so would completely destroy her self-esteem while making the second year look down on her, in term rendering in a depressed state where she begins to regret sharing her own strategy to the other first years since it was neutralized.

Because of this, the second years wouldn't see her as a major threat, but instead someone who got outsmarted by them even when having an equal amount of resources making expelling her seem utterly pointless. Both Takuya and Riku saw through that outcome which is why Riku not only joined up with Takuya but was the only person to help execute it perfectly, since Tsubaki considers him to be "the only one I can put my trust in", Riku took advantage of that to manipulate Tsubaki emotionally to sever her psyche along with Takuya and the second years.

All for the sole purpose of saving her from expulsion.

Riku has shown signs of this before even executing the strategy of Takuya as emotionally dismisses Tsubaki's attempt to pry into his background in which Riku counters this + trying to see through if Riku was hiding anything from her which even someone who's shown notable EQP like herself failed to see through Riku's intentions.

(Anticipation, Overall EQ, Indirect + Emotional Manipulation, Decision-Making)

(Y2V4) - Riku deceived Tsubaki in helping her in Y2V4 and initiated her failure. Evidence for this is that he disobeyed her orders and approached Kitō in which exposed the fact that Tsubaki was the “mastermind” in predicting Koji. Riku also dialled an unknown number behind Tsubaki’s back and that student was confirmed to be Takuya who anticipated her failure ahead of time.

This is very impressive Imo but Tsubaki even admitted Riku is the only person she truly trusts implying Riku must have done a lot for a personality like Tsubaki to trust him while he’s indirectly deceiving her.

Despite the fact he got Positively Manipulated by Takuya to leak Arisu’s existence.

“You seem pretty strong; where’d you learn to fight? You’re not a delinquent, are you?”

“It’s not really all that worth getting into. I think we can both agree there’s no need to pry too deeply into each other’s affairs.”

“Fair enough. But let me ask you this, just to be sure… you’re not hiding something important from me, right?”

“Hiding something? No. The upcoming fight has been the only thing on my mind.”

“Alright then.”

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(Emotional Management, Dismissal, Acting Skills, Catfishing, Logical Reasoning, Fabrication, Information Control)

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Conclusion:

Riku as a character is completely overshadowed due to him having the least amount of screen time out of the main six 1st years.

Despite his lack of appearances, he has a lot of abstract feats which can place him above characters like Kushida and Matsushita to be honest.

If not Y2V10/V11/V11.5 we'll definitely see more of him in Year 3 and we might actually see some concrete strategy feats from Riku and who knows, possibly a fight.

In the end, Riku isn't just Tsubaki's muscle man.