BILLY CRAIG FEATS DOC

The Black-Eared Caracal

(Chapter 73)

After being asked to undergo a body check to see if he is concealing anything, Billy insists that he should have to do the same to his inspectors in case they are also concealing any weapons (the purpose of this is definitely completely innocent and done purely out of caution). This also serves to lure his inspectors close enough to where he can take them out in one shot. Billy also calls two of the Kakerou ministers 'monkeys' which is an incredible application of charisma and an integral part of shaping the iconic character we all know and love today (I swear there will be some feats eventually).

[Misdirection, trap setting, social skills, charisma, racism]

(Chapter 76-79)

Billy deflects a strike from Yuuko's wire chain without looking, reversing the situation by grabbing and tightening the wire and catching it around her leg to throw her off balance and draw Yuuko towards him to knee her in the stomach. Once again, without even looking, Billy predicts that Nowa's men had snuck up behind him and were concealing projectiles to hit him with, and proceeds to easily catch the projectiles (yet again without looking) after feigning defencelessness. After getting kicked by Yuuko's apparently bound left leg, he quickly concludes that the wire wasn't connected between her arm and leg in the first place before enduring being stabbed by her shoe blade.

[Observation, prediction, trap evasion, intuition, acting skills, situational awareness, deductive reasoning, PSI, pain tolerance]

It is revealed that Billy had actually positioned two of his men outside to bait Kakerou surveillance into focusing on them, misdirecting them from the fact that he had already planned a raid to knock out their communications systems and incapacitate 1/3 of the guards stationed there. To Ideal, this encounter was merely a test of Kakerou's power and responsiveness, suggesting that Billy has anticipated Kakerou refusing a deal and fighting back before even meeting. This also sets up Billy's initial meeting with Sweeper Jouichi Yakou, who he purposefully provokes into pursuing him during their confrontation. This will be important later on.

Furthermore, Billy also predicted that the Police would breach the Pier entry restriction, being aware of the hostile relationship between the Metropolitan Police after Leader's creation of Acia. By making a scene with Kakerou, Billy indirectly strains this relationship further, while simultaneously allowing Billy to escape under Police protection during the fight. Billy concludes that trying to overtake Kakerou with force will be unsuccessful, and since it would be too difficult to challenge Surpassing The Leader directly, it would be best to stay in the shadows and use the Kakerou memberships that Lalo had already prepared in advance to infiltrate Kakerou.

[All Planning, misdirection, bluffing, concealment, indirect manipulation, mass manipulation, trap setting, anticipation, prediction, trap evasion, strategy efficiency, info gathering, info control, perception, analysis]

(Chapter 107

Billy observes Karl peeking out from around a corner out of an entire street as he passes by in his car.

[Observation]

During a flashback to when Billy attended dinner with Aniki, we are told that he invented a spork (had to include this btw), a composite tool yielding the functions of both a spoon and a fork. After injuring Aniki's hand, Billy finally meets with Amako to discuss the L-File. It is revealed that Billy had stolen it from Amako, hacking into his computer terminal using the latter's secret code, displaying a high degree of prowess in multiple fields.

This meeting was all part of Billy's plan; he was waiting for Baku to challenge Amako to a Kakerou gamble, anticipating that by giving over the L-File willingly to Amako, he would indirectly manipulate Amako to use it as a wager during the ensuing gamble, which Baku would certainly come out victorious in, therefore allowing him to take hold of the L-File as predicted. In a later chapter, Billy is shown to be aware of Baku's strong sense of justice, and therefore believes that he will threaten to expose the criminals mentioned in the L-File to rob their money off them, after which Billy plans to seize control of his winnings and give to Lalo to allow him to pursue a ban match for challenging Surpassing The Leader.

[Planning Aim, planning intricacy, planning coverage, strategy efficiency, strategy complexity, info gathering, intuition, negotiation, indirect manipulation, anticipation, prediction, lateral thinking, EU, abductive reasoning]

(Chapter 109)

Billy successfully perceives that Kyara was the one behind the motorcycle attack on his car, during which Billy had quickly reacted by using his passenger as a 'shock absorber' to avoid harm.

[EP, perception, PSI]

(Chapter 113/114)

Understanding his pride and sense of duty as a sweeper, Billy predicts that Jouichi will come alone to eliminate both Kyara and himself. He also perceives the incredible burden Kyara's own strength places on his body, seeing through his confident exterior. Billy had previously planned for members of Ideal to pose as the PFD and fake his own death to stop Sweeper Yakou from following him. Billy also took this opportunity to hint at the existence of the L-File to Baku via Kyara/Kaji while addressing the Fake Private Funeral Division, further ensuring that his grand plan to have Baku secure the Karamete and 50bn yen for him will succeed. This entire plan is explained in more detail under his Kakerou Pursuer Scheme.

[EU, EP, psychology, perception, planning contingencies, planning invincibility, strategy effectiveness, strategy shielding, acting skills, concealment, pain tolerance, stress tolerance, situational awareness, trap evasion, tactics, prediction, indirect manipulation, fabrication]

(Chapter 176/177)

After obtaining Baku's number through an unknown process, Billy tracks him down and arrives at the Abandoned Building. He senses the bloodshed and death that the building was host to, perceiving the battles that had occurred within it previously. After noticing the arrangement of the keys on the first and second floor, Billy concludes that Baku is trying to play a game of altered 'Nim' with him as a test of wits. He surmises that Baku and himself will alternate between turning the keys on one of three floors at a time, in a variation of Nim called Miyama Kuzushi ('Destroy Three Mountains').

Billy remarks that games such as this typically involve a special calculation, and so the winner of the game (assuming both play perfectly) can be calculated from the start. He goes on to reason that the number of keys on each floor can be converted to binary, and using the numerical sum of the binary values, he can determine whether the game is able to be won or not (all even numbers in sum on Billy's turn means impossible to win if Baku plays perfectly). Taking all of this into account, Billy deduces that if he is to be able to still win this game conventionally, the third floor must not have 3 keys. This is because if the arrangement was 3/5/3, since all 3 on the first floor and 2 on the second floor have been turned, 3 are left on the second and third floors respectively. 3 in binary is 11, 11+11=22, and as both digits are even on Billy's turn, it is theoretically impossible for him to win.

However, Billy improvises, using his world-renowned spork to link all three unturned keys on the second floor. As such, when he turns 2 keys on the top floor, Baku logically turns 2 on the second floor, but actually turns all 3 in the process, leaving the last key to Billy. Despite this, Billy actually already knew that the keys weren't linked to Baku's room, and that he would let him in anyways once Billy proved his intelligence. All of this effort was so that Billy could tell Baku that he already knew his plan to use the L-File to seize the 50 Billion Yen required for Surpassing The Leader, declare that Ideal will steal it from him, and then leave. Pure aura 🥹.

[Info gathering, EP, pattern recognition, analysis, deductive reasoning, inductive reasoning, abductive reasoning, convergent thinking, linear thinking, lateral thinking, critical thinking, applicative thinking, logical manipulation, FRI, PSI, strategy effectiveness, strategy efficiency, strategic adaptation, intuition, social skills, prediction]

(Chapter 228)

Billy is also involved in the creation of the fake gamble between Suteguma and Fukurou, concealing Suteguma's true identity as a member of Ideal. This serves to waste Baku's time by making him identify a fake habit in Suteguma, but also has a further purpose guiding Kuramagumi towards challenging Surpassing The Leader with Suteguma as their candidate (given that Suteguma gets free Kakerou membership from the staged match), using them as a cover to deceive Kakerou. Essentially, Suteguma was Ideal's primary candidate for STL,

guiding Baku towards stealing the 50 Billion Yen using the L-File, only for Ideal to already be prepared at the Radio Tower to ensure both Suteguma's victory and the elimination of Kuramagumi simultaneously.

[Concealment, misdirection, fabrication, bluffing, strategy shielding, strategy efficiency, strategy complexity, planning aim, planning coverage, planning intricacies, indirect manipulation, mass manipulation, trap setting, info gathering, info control, persuasion, negotiation, social engineering, leadership, situational awareness, prediction, anticipation]

(Chapter 238/239)

Billy makes use of the tower's resources to prepare exploding bottles of ethanol in close proximity to a live wire, setting a trap for Kuramagumi on the top floor. Furthermore, he set up the sprinkler to go off, creating an electrical barrier using the exposed wire to separate Leo and Hyougo from Ranko. Billy purposefully soaks his shoes with water from the sprinkler to create footsteps leading towards an open door to tje men's bathroom. This was to make Hyougo conclude that the enemy is likely waiting in the women's bathroom opposite to ambush him, leading him to instead go there first.

In there, Billy had set up a second ethanol flame trap, which was concealed by the smell of ethanol that initially doused Hyougo, a double-layered trap. However, Billy had actually set a third trap: he had hid in the women's bathroom in advance, such that the flames would conceal him once the trap was triggered. Furthermore, he had stolen Hyougo's recorder to find out the rules of the gamble, and also record Ranko's voice in advance, which Billy uses to distract Hyougo after he evades the flame trap. Just like that, Billy had completely isolated Hyougo from Leo and Ranko, setting up a multilayered trap to catch him off guard and go in for a killing blow.

Unfortunately, Billy was unsuccessful in taking him out in one shot, leading to him engaging in a fight between himself, Leo and a wounded Hyougo.

[Trap setting, applicative thinking, holistic thinking, indirect manipulation, logical manipulation, strategy alignment, strategy resilience, planning contingencies, planning versatility, planning intricacies, tactics, anticipation, prediction, situational awareness, strategic adaptation, misdirection, concealment, info gathering]

(Chapter 240)

While trapped in a narrow corridor between the two, Billy is approached by Hyougo, who goes to stab at him with a knife. However, midway through the attack, he notices that Billy hardly seems defensive, suggesting he is wearing a stab vest, leading Hyougo to redirect the attack upwards towards the neck. Billy's confidence was merely a bluff though, and he had already predicted Hyougo's line of thinking, instead punching straight down towards the knife, which grazed past his hand, resulting in Billy shattering Hyougo's hand and disarming him.

Leo goes to stab at Billy from behind, but is caught off guard when the latter deflects the blow with only his arm. Billy reveals a knife hidden in his sleeve, tensing his muscles to force

the knife's blade out through the sleeve covering his elbow, allowing him to fend off Leo without even turning around before kicking him backwards into the ongoing fire. During the commotion, the sprinkler systems had set off the breaker in the building, plunging the area into darkness. This allowed Billy to sneak away, and while Leo and Hyougo were still being drenched by the sprinkler systems, Billy used the voltage from an AED to electrocute both of them.

[All deception, prediction, trap setting, trap evasion, tactics, applicative thinking, indirect manipulation, planning intricacy, observation]

(Chapter 244)

It is revealed that Billy had also prepared Flechette bullets (bullets coated with a special anaesthetic) in advance in case Rodem was to emerge, giving them to Martin.

[Anticipation, planning contingencies]

(Chapter 246-255)

After being shot with the Flechette bullets by Ranko, Billy transforms into his 'Sleeping Caracal' state, casually taking a knife to the head from Hyougo. After a long and intense battle with Rodem, Caracal falls 300 metres off the tower, survives (because of course he does), only to get killed by Martin shortly after, who exposes his true identity as Nicolas.

[Pain tolerance, stress tolerance, perseverance, composure]

And thus Billy lives on as beautiful diamonds under the possession of Lalo, immortalising him forever. 💎 Long Live Ideal

Top 3 Categories:

1) Planning: Billy is arguably equal to Lalo in terms of overall planning. He singled-handedly guided Baku down the route of using the L-File to steal the 50 billion yen required for STL, manipulated Amako to accept the Labyrinth gamble, used the fake gamble between Sutegama and Fukurou to simultaneously trap Baku and manipulate Kuramagumi into pushing Suteguma towards challenging STL, and had planned to take down Kuramagumi during TOK during Suteguma's betrayal. Billy was the one making some of the biggest moves during the first half of Usogui, second only to Baku.

2) Foresight: Billy is a beast in trap setting as seen from the triple layered ethanol trap during TOK, AED trap etc. Arguably, pretty much the entirety of Labyrinth—TOK is a trap set up by Billy to seize the 50 Billion Yen needed for STL from Baku. Naturally, this is puts his prediction and anticipation at high levels, since he predicted Baku's main plan for the first half of Usogui, anticipated Kuramagumi's plan to make Suteguma challenge STL, and also anticipated Kakerou's conflict with the Metropolitan Police due to the creation of Acia from as early as chapter 73.

3) Insight/Sensory: The game of Nim between Baku and Billy scales him high in pattern recognition and analysis, understanding the nature of the game, as well as the binary conversion to predict the outcome of the match from only seeing two floors of keys. His intuition also scales high due to this, along with his conclusion of how Baku would use the L-File with only a brief cold read of him from the Hangman match with Sadukini. Likewise, his observation and perception are boosted by his incredible senses as seen from his encounter with Jouichi and Kyara, understanding the conditions of both fighters and perceiving their respective bloodlust, as well as his own, which had initially led to his discovery and subsequent attack by Kyara.

Honourable Mentions: Field Skills, deception (especially misdirection), manipulation (especially indirect), adaptability (especially strategic adaptation and trap evasion), AC (absurd pain tolerance), strategy (very strong efficiency and alignment).

Explanation of Billy's Manipulation of Sweeper Yakou and Fake Death Plan:

The initial aim of the strategy begins during Billy's first confrontation with Kakerou to test their strength, encountering Mizue Yuuko (Kakerou's Minister of Foreign Affairs) and battling her until Sweeper Yakou (Jouichi) emerged. Billy did not have to risk himself by fighting Yakou, since he had already prepared an insurance of the Police breaching the intervention ban issued by Kakerou and allowing him to escape, but he chose to anyway.

By creating a scene with Kakerou, Billy strains Police relations with Kakerou even more, aiding in his later plans during Tower of Karma. The fight with Yakou served two purposes: to once again test the brute power of the upper echelons of Kakerou forces, but more importantly, to create a situation where the Sweeper would try to pursue him.

Billy was already aware that Kakerou knew Ideal was trying to challenge Surpassing The Leader, which directly relates him to Usogui, especially considering Ideal's involvement with the missiles during the Terrorist Mine gamble. Using this, he plans to use Sweeper Yakou to indirectly gather information about what Baku is doing, which ties into his strategy to make him use the L-File and seize the 50 Billion Yen and Karamete on his behalf.

Fast forwarding to when Amako confronts Baku after the Paper Labyrinth gamble, Billy had stolen and returned the L-File to Amako in order to create a feud with him, making him more inclined to use it as a wager during the Minotaur Labyrinth gamble, and also alerting the Private Funeral Division to its potential exposure, which aligns with Billy's scheme to force Baku into a Kakerou match with Suteguma at the Empire Tower (since the PFD would be quickly prepared to take down the broadcast otherwise), which in itself is another one of Billy's schemes.

After this, Amako instructs the Public Funeral Division (essentially a fake Private Funeral Division used for smaller tasks like arresting those who have had their alibis taken) to watch over Billy and Martin. While Amako waits for Kaji's arrest, Billy is being driven around by the Public FD nearby, and spots Karl around a corner. This is where Billy orchestrates his fake death plan, escaping from the Public FD to chase after Karl.

Billy was aware that Karl was staying with his bodyguard from the Abandoned Mine, Kyara, who he also knew was a former Kakerou referee. Using these premises, Billy could conclude that Kakerou, and hence Sweeper Yakou would be hunting Kyara down, therefore it is highly likely that Yakou would intercept him during the fight. Since Billy has already engineered a situation involving the L-File with Amako, all he needs to do now is alert Baku to its existence.

We can infer that after Kyara's bike attack on the car that Billy told Martin to call for men from Ideal and have them pose as members of the Private Funeral Division, and this allows him to fake his own death when Yakou inevitably gets involved, meaning that Kakerou will stop pursuing Billy thereafter.

Before he fakes his death though, he needs to engage in a fight with Kyara; since both himself and Kyara are high-value Kakerou targets, he predicts the Sweeper's arrival, and as

expected, he reveals Baku's current predicament at the Police Department, as well as Kyara's involvement with Baku, allowing Billy to proceed to the next stage of his scheme.

Knowing that Kyara, Kaji and Karl were now working under Usogui, he only had to wait until Ideal's men arrived to fabricate a situation where he could indirectly hint at the existence of L-File to Baku through his three allies, claiming that the Private Funeral Division must suspect him of copying the L-File to hide the fact that revealing its existence was his intention.

The fake PFD then shoots Billy with special sedative/tranquillizing bullets to fake his death, leading to Billy lying motionless until Kyara and Yakou escape. It is possible that Martin credits Amako for this ploy because he is trying to hide the fact that he knows his true identity as Nicolas and his sleep condition.

The most likely sequence of events is that Martin was the one who prepared the sedative bullets since he knows about Billy's condition, and that he would quickly recover since he can't sleep, but of course Martin wants to conceal this until he gets the chance to kill Nicolas, so fabricates a story in which Amako prepared the bullets instead.