MANFRED VON KARMA

“King of Prosecutors”

“God of Prosecution”



“Wrong. There is only one thing **you** need to do here. You will slam down your gavel and say the word "guilty". That is your role!”

Lore:

Manfred von Karma is the overarching antagonist of the first Ace Attorney game, he's the "King of Prosecutors" having a 40 year streak of never failing to get a guilty verdict on all he prosecuted. Furthermore he's the mentor of Miles Edgeworth and his own daughter Franziska von Karma (began prosecuting aged 13).

Was able to keep an almost spotless win streak for 40 years of his prosecuting career having only received a single courtroom penalty in this time and successfully convicting all other defendants he prosecuted.
(influence, experience, ss)

Manfred's "perfect crime":

As a result of receiving said penalty, Karma - a perfectionist - went into shock, and an earthquake hit the courthouse causing an outage. Karma was shot in the shoulder in the darkness and then the power was turned back on, in front of him the elevator door opened and revealed the bodies of a younger Miles Edgeworth, Gregory Edgeworth (the cause for Karma's penalty) and Yanni Yogi a court bailiff. The three had passed out from oxygen deprivation in the elevator during the Earthquake and

the gun that had gone off hitting Karma had been in the elevator as well. Karma seized the opportunity for revenge and killed Gregory Edgeworth using the gun from the elevator. This case would become known as “DL-6”.



(Manfred following being shot by Edgeworth’s misfire)

DL-6 Incident (Necessary Context):

Karma fled the courthouse, leaving the gun and took a “vacation” (this was done to heal from the gun wound). As a result of the situation of the case it was impossible to prove who had killed Gregory and the only suspects were Yanni and Miles, following a spirit channeling done by the famed Misty Fey, Yanni was accused by the spirit of the late Gregory. Yogi was defended by Robert Hammond who acquired a “not guilty” verdict by convincing Yogi to feign brain damage.

“They put me on the witness stand 15 years ago... Robert Hammond... he said I was mentally unsound. He told me it would make me innocent. Get me off the hook. So... I pretended to have brain damage... I was innocent, really! But he didn't believe me! We won the trial... But I lost everything.” - Yanni Yogi, Yogi reveals his motivation.

(misdirection, insanity inducement - Yogi loses everything and becomes hellbent on revenge, scapegoating)



To Destroy Edgeworth (plan):

Still not satisfied with his revenge against the Edgeworths, Karma sought to have Miles convicted for the murder of his own father. Concocting a plot that would have Miles in court with the

opportunity to blame DL-6 on him. Voluntarily coming to prosecute a new case himself, Manfred sent a letter to Yogi with a detailed plan to murder Hammond (whom Yogi blamed for ruining his life by making him feign temporary insanity) and frame Miles. He instructed Yogi to burn the letter after reading it - *"it should be noted that provided Yogi had in fact burned the letter as Manfred had said to do the trial may have gone rather differently since Wright wouldn't have had such a clear understanding of his plan and might've been unable to prove that Yanni Yogi was in fact who he believed him to be, furthermore it is thanks to the letter that Edgeworth opens up to Wright and explains the DL-6 incident in far more detail so it'd be fair to assume that Yogi's blunder here may have unfortunately cost Karma the trial, further on Karma steals back the note so it's never used in court against him making it difficult to know whether it would've had a bigger impact"* - but Yogi chose to lock it in his safe. Manfred had chosen this time to frame Miles because it would be his last chance to get Miles convicted of the DL-6 murder before the statute of limitations expired on the case. The night of "revenge" was Christmas Eve, four days before the expiry date. On schedule, Yogi called Hammond and Miles to Gourd Lake. Hammond arrived first, and Yogi proceeded to kill him. He then put on Hammond's coat and waited for Miles. Once the prosecutor arrived, the two went out on a boat, where Yogi fired a pistol twice with his left hand, both

bullets intentionally missing Miles, and then fell backwards into the lake, as if he had been shot. He then put the coat back on Hammond and threw the body into the lake. Meanwhile, back on the boat, Miles picked up the pistol in his right hand, in shock at what had happened. On the shore, Yogi called the police, claiming to have witnessed the murder, and Miles was arrested.

[Planning, deception, manipulation, anticipation, information control]

To Destroy Edgeworth (trial):

"Very well. If you have to, you may cross-examine the witness. You will only flounder and ask meaningless questions! You will fail to find anything! And then, I will have you held in contempt of court!" - Manfred von Karma exuding his influence over the courtroom.

Manfred consistently shuts down Phoenix completely, having him penalized for any errors or for doing anything that doesn't have a clear sight to the case at hand. Further showing his impressive pressure, he controls the Judge himself throughout the majority of the earlier aspects of the case, only losing his

grip on matters once Phoenix Wright begins to crack at his masterplan. In an attempt to cover his tracks, Karma retrains Yogi's pet parrot and steals all DL-6 related evidence. Unfortunately for Karma, even with all his efforts, he's later revealed to be Gregory's killer thanks to the old bullet in his shoulder he never had removed thanks to not wanting a doctor's record of it.

(Influence, strategy, concealment, counter difficulty, anticipation, information control)



(Manfred entering the elevator to kill Gregory Edgeworth in the DL-6 incident)

Karma's strongest categories:

Key: FSIQ, FSEQ, FSSQ, RSG/THK, Manip/Decep, G Factor, Strat/Planning, Misc.

1- SS (Well respected, renowned prosecutor, mentored Franziska and Edgeworth - two prodigies in prosecuting)

2- CRI (As a veteran prosecutor who's never failed a trial, he's bound to be skilled at logical thinking and problem solving.)

3- FRI (As a veteran prosecutor who's never failed a trial, he's bound to be skilled at logical thinking and problem solving with solid adaptability, as seen by his powerful counters to Phoenix Wright's approaches to the trial.)

4- Logical Reasoning/manipulation (Again, as a skilled prosecutor he's shown countless times as shutting down arguments with sound logic)

5- Illogical Reasoning (Thought as far ahead as to retrain a parrot so it couldn't spill any evidence about DL-6, furthermore opted to not have surgery done to remove the bullet in his shoulder to avoid medical records)

6- Negotiation/Gaslighting (convinced Yogi to aid him, even though Karma's actions were the true root cause of his problems, had Miles convinced that he was responsible for his father's death)

7- Scapegoating (Yogi was blamed for Gregory's death, nearly had Miles blamed as well)

8- Misdirection (no-one suspected him of Gregory's murder, frequently pushes Phoenix Wright away from the correct path

to the truth throughout the trail)
9- Fabrication (Forging evidence for use in trials)
10- Concealment (Hid that he'd been shot for many, many years, lived with the bullet lodged in his shoulder)
11- Strategy (his entire "perfect murder" plot is incredibly intricate and detailed, showing his skill in this department)
12- Counter Difficulty (shuts down Wright throughout most of the trial, quite literally stopping him from progressing)
13- Influence/information control (controls the courtroom and the Judge himself, had controls over the police)
14- Experience (has the longest win streak in the series, has been prosecuting for 40 years)
15- EQM (manages to change the flow of the trial in response to Wright's pursuit, repeatedly regaining control of the situation and countering massively, reacts to his own emotions/and others in real time to create counters or to press on with his case, albeit once Wright has proven his guilt he breaks down)
16- Extortion (forces Phoenix to hand over decisive evidence)
17- Threats/shunning/coercion (threatens to hold Wright in contempt of court, instantly downplays and mocks him for being a rookie attorney, forces the Judge to do as he wishes for much of the trial, assaults Phoenix Wright to steal decisive evidence)
18- Brainwashing (Miles Edgeworth looked up greatly to his father and initially wanted to be an incredible defence attorney,

Karma adopted him, instilled in his mind that it was Hammond's "evildoing" that got Yogi off punishment and trained him to be a legendary prosecutor)

19- EQF/EQU (had control of Yogi's behaviour for a long duration of the trial, also was able to ensure Miles kept a burning hatred for defence attorneys throughout his childhood - prepping him to become a prosecutor)

20- VCI/VSI/PSI/WMI/FRI/PRI/TRI (40 years of prosecuting undoubtedly shows his incredible comprehension skills, throughout the trial he's constantly shown to be capable of coming up with ideas to the ever-evolving trial, shown to be skilled at explaining his points clearly and efficiently)

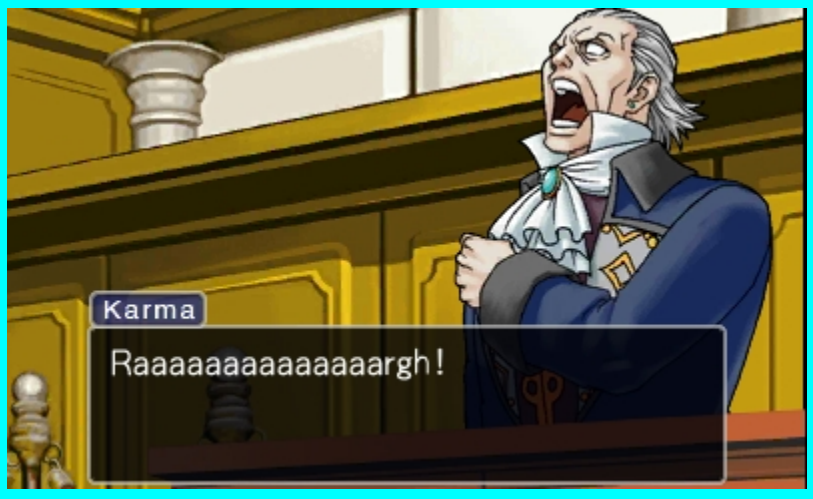
"You and your father are my curse! Your father shamed me with a penalty on my record! And you... you left a scar on my shoulder that would never fade! I... I'll bury you! I'll bury you with my bare hands! Death! Death!" - Manfred von Karma, breaking down upon having his nefarious plot revealed.



“I set my ATM card's number to "0001" because I'm number one!” - Manfred von Karma, Manfred’s extreme arrogance shines brightly.

“I've heard of desperate men grasping at straws, but this is the first time I've heard of men grasping at macaws! Hah!” - Manfred von Karma, Manfred mocks Phoenix’s attempts at cross-examining a parrot (unironically a misdirection attempt since Manfred had taken the time to retrain the Parrot).

“So what? My granddaughter has a dog she calls Phoenix! Well, Mr Phoenix Wright? Does that make you my grand-daughter's fiancée?! She's only seven years old!” - Manfred von Karma, Manfred alludes to the existence of his niece, thus his children, thus Franziska von Karma his prodigy daughter.



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