Manfred von Karma (REVISED)

“God of Prosecution”

“King of Prosecutors”



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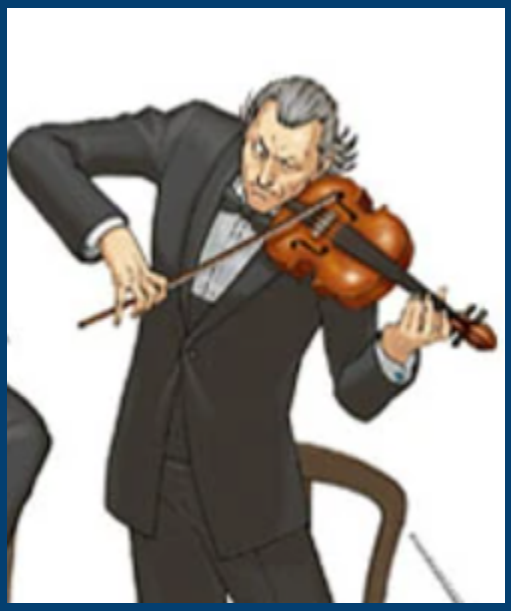
Lore:

Manfred von Karma is the main antagonist of the first Ace Attorney game. He's a vastly influential character who plays a massive role in the events of the game and even those that follow post-mortem. Karma was a skilled prosecutor who won several "King of Prosecutors" awards over his 40 year long win streak - receiving only one penalty in this time and never failing to convict a defendant - this is especially impressive as it is the longest in the series.

Manfred's skills were not left to waste, however. He mentored both Franziska von Karma and Miles Edgeworth himself, the former would become a prosecutor at the young age of 13 and alongside Edgeworth, the pair would be constantly called prodigies. Edgeworth was formerly intent on becoming a defence attorney, however, after his father's death and Manfred's influence, he would become a ruthless prosecutor.

Manfred was not above tampering with testimonies and forging evidence. He would control the courtroom himself, intimidating Judges and essentially performing their role for him.

(experience, information control, sophistry, fear inducement, concealment, fabrication, misdirection, knowledge, brainwashing, VCI, PSI, TRI, RCI, CRI, FRI, influence, aura, influence building, psychological warfare)



DL-6/Edgeworth's murder:

After receiving his first penalty (mind you, he still wins the case), Karma - the perfectionist that he was - goes into shock. At the same time, an earthquake hits the courthouse and Miles & Gregory Edgeworth, alongside Yanni Yogi, are trapped in an elevator. After being trapped and losing oxygen, Yanni becomes distressed and Miles in a panic throws a gun at him, the fire discharges and Miles passes out with the bullet flying through the elevator door and hitting Manfred's shoulder- as a result he lets out a terrifying scream.

At the same time, the power returns to the courthouse and the elevator opens. Manfred uses his spite and hatred towards

Gregory to quickly formulate a plan taking advantage of the three being unconscious (due to oxygen deprivation) to grab the gun and shoot and kill Gregory with a single shot to the heart. He deliberately leaves the gun at the crime scene and flees. Manfred would then take the first and only vacation he ever takes over his 40-year career to recover from his injury- Manfred chooses to leave the bullet in his shoulder despite the extreme discomfort as he knew if he were to have surgery the proof may eventually lead to his crime being discovered.

Due to the nature of the murder the police had only two suspects- Yogi and Miles- they opted to have a spirit channeling performed by Misty Fey, Gregory's soul pointed the finger at Yogi due to not knowing it truly was Manfred (as he was unconscious) and possibly aiming to protect his son, Yogi was arrested and placed under heavy suspicion- he would eventually be released due to Robert Hammond's case which had him plead insanity: as a result of this the spirit channeling was revealed and labelled a sham destroying Misty's reputation, Yogi's life was effectively destroyed and he lost his job with his wife commiting suicide. This would lead to him desiring revenge for the next 15 years of his life.

"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, revealing his motivation.

(emotional engagement, concealment, determination, perseverance, scapegoating, event manipulation, planning formulation, long term planning, planning coverage, fast + strategic thinking, misdirection, insanity inducement, anticipation, smearing)



Turnabout Goodbyes - Plan:

Unsatisfied with his revenge, Manfred planned to have Miles convicted of murder. He sent a letter to the disgruntled Yogi, detailing a murder plot and instructing him to burn the letter

after finishing - ***YOGI DOES NOT DO THIS: HE OPTS TO KEEP THE LETTER IN A SAFE*** The plan was as follows: Yogi was to call Robert Hammond to his home and kill the man, he would then steal the man's coat and wait for Miles to arrive (Miles was under the impression Hammond had been the one to call him out). Disguised as the now deceased Hammond, the pair would go out onto the lake in a boat and Yogi fired the gun twice, deliberately missing Miles - this creates a witness by having the first shot call attention to the lake and with the second a person could see the moment of the "murder", he then fell backwards into the lake as if he'd been shot. Yogi then returned back to shore, leaving the shocked Miles who then picked up the gun in his state, to finish his plan, placing the coat on Hammond and then throwing the corpse into the lake. Yogi then called for the police, claiming to have witnessed the murder causing Miles to be arrested.

Manfred would then assign himself to the case, aiming to prosecute Miles. Naturally due to the immense fear caused by Karma's name alone, and the fact that the case was so heavily built against Edgeworth- there was no one who wanted to take the case (this would result in an easy conviction- fulfilling his plan)- however, due to Wright's insistence Edgeworth relents and allows him to defend him, albeit warning him of Karma's skills.

It should be noted that Manfred chooses this date for his plan deliberately- the murder occurs 4 days prior to the statute of limitations for DL-6 running out: Manfred knew that by bringing Edgeworth to this trial with Hammond as the victim- and Yogi as the culprit, he'd relapse and begin to believe he'd been the one to kill his father. Not only this, but he knew that due to Edgeworth's innate sense of justice, he'd want to be punished appropriately for his "crime" and thus even if somehow (this would've been considered nigh impossible to occur, mind you) Edgeworth was able to worm his way out of the Turnabout Goodbyes case, he'd fall into the trap of DL-6, creating a brilliant double-layered plan.

Clockmann/NoScar's argument for Goodbyes being planned since DL-6

(emotional understanding + realization + facilitation + perception + awareness, event + direct manipulation, fabrication, short term planning, planning intricacies + coverage + contingencies + aim, setting traps, prediction, anticipation, scapegoating, influence, fear inducement, psychological analysis + profiling, determination + perseverance, gaslighting)



Turnabout Goodbyes - Court:

“That's right, Manfred von Karma. He's the best prosecutor there is. He hasn't lost a case in his 40-year career. He is a god of prosecution, Wright! A god!” - Edgeworth, about Karma.

As per usual, the trial begins and the Judge calls on Karma to provide his opening statement. Karma retorts by announcing he’d never be standing there if he wasn’t fully prepared. Soon into the first testimony of Detective Dick Gumshoe, the Judge attempts to regain control of the courtroom (as Karma had been directing the proceedings).

>“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!”

The Judge quickly backs off and allows Karma to continue. Wright begins to cross-examine Gumshoe who it's clear has been fed lines by Karma- deliberately vague and once pressed eventually lead to Karma producing the gun used by the murderer- which has Edgeworth's fingerprints.

"**>Karma: Well, Judge?**
>Judge: I'd say it's almost decisive, yes. Honestly, I could declare a verdict at this point. However...
>Karma: You wish to hear the witness speak, no doubt. Very well. I am somewhat fatigued, and so I will take a brief break. I will call my witness after the recess. Which will last ten minutes. Judge!
>Judge: Y-yes?
>Karma: What are you doing? A ten minute recess! Now!
>Judge: B-but, wait, I...
>Karma: Just bang your flimsy gavel and get on with it, man!
>Judge: Y-yes! Ahem. This court will take a ten minute recess."

After the recess, court resumes and Karma calls Lotta Hart - his "decisive witness" to the stand. She gives her testimony and the Judge is completely ready to hand down the verdict- Wright attempts to call for his cross-examination and Karma allows him to on account of one thing:

“>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!”

After completely pressing through her testimony Wright can find no contradictions and thanks to Karma’s intervening- is unable to press too deeply, effectively shutting Wright down. The Judge is about to hand down his verdict now when Maya Fey interjects, calling out Hart’s testimony for being too vague and trying to push for a more accurate testimony- this outburst slightly changes Hart’s testimony - now claiming to have clearly seen Edgeworth - granting Wright the right to cross-examine her again (Karma attempts to have the defence removed due to their outburst, but Fey takes the blame solely and is removed on her own).

Wright eventually presses through (incredibly desperately mind you) as Karma continues to shut him down at every turn and after multiple more altered testimonies has Lotta slip up and reveal she had an enlargement of the photo (that Karma had deliberately hidden from the court). Using the enlargement having finally obtained it, Wright is able to prove that the

picture contradicts the evidence - the gun is held in the left hand whereas the prints found were of Edgeworth's *right* hand.

Court is adjourned and Wright goes on to investigate further (checking out the Caretaker - Yanni Yogi - at his boathouse and discovering the link with DL-6 thanks to Polly the Parrot).

After the investigation, court resumes and Manfred calls his decisive witness to the stand - The "Caretaker". The Caretaker feigns amnesia and senility, constantly falling asleep during questioning and being unable to recall his name.

Wright begins to cross-examine him and walks headlong into a perfect testimony (prepped by Karma), this leads to the Caretaker claiming he had directly seen and heard Edgeworth after the murder- saying "I can't believe he's dead". The Judge, completely convinced and Wright unable to think of any contradictions or ways to prolong the trial, allows the Caretaker to leave the stand and hands down the Guilty verdict... Manfred has won.



Larry Butz (who had been watching in the stand) interjected, claiming to have remembered hearing a gunshot. Karma swiftly tries to shut down the trial - the Judge has already handed down his verdict! Wright manages to convince the Judge that it's their duty to cross-examine the witness, withdrawing his verdict. Karma, having been unaware of Larry's presence and only being given a five minute recess is unable to prep his testimony in time- giving Wright an actual opportunity to make progress. Manfred attempts to maneuver through Wright's cross-examination, trying to shut down any extra information he can pry from Butz.

Butz claims to have heard a third gun shot - earlier that night - which eventually led to Wright indicting the caretaker of the murder of Robert Hammond, claiming that he had killed Hammond and then set up the staged murder on the boat to frame Edgeworth. The caretaker at this point has fled the

courthouse and thus the Judge is forced to adjourn while he is recaptured so he may be brought to testify once more.

During the investigation the following day, Wright and Maya are eventually led to the records room where they meet Manfred von Karma, upon talking to the man he reveals that Miles is going to bury himself tomorrow in court by admitting to murdering his father Gregory Edgeworth during the DL-6 incident. Wright then goes on to reveal the letter found in Yogi's safe to which Manfred thanks the attorney- and then proceeds to pull out a stun gun, he electrocutes Wright and Maya, stealing back the DL-6 evidence and the letter (losing a singular bullet that Maya managed to grab before passing out).

Back in court the next day with the caretaker having been recaptured and brought to testify, the trial resumes. Wright attempts to press forth through his testimony with Karma jumping in constantly to ensure Wright doesn't ask too much- it should be noted that according to Wright, both Karma and the caretaker (Yanni Yogi) are incredibly relaxed. Wright attempts to call for the court to have the Caretaker's fingerprints lifted since if he is Yanni Yogi, the court would have those records from when he worked as a bailiff. Manfred objects, revealing that the caretaker no longer has fingerprints due to burning them off while working at a chemical plant.

Wright calls on Polly the Parrot to testify and attempts to ask "Have we forgotten something?" which was the trigger for her to respond by saying "Never forget DL-6" - however, Polly says nothing, Wright realises that Manfred had gone so far as to retrain the parrot. Unfortunately for Karma, the name of the parrot and the safe numbers were not retrained in time and Wright insists that the two reflecting the name of Yanni Yogi's late wife and the numbers reflecting the date of DL-6 being no coincidence.

The caretaker is called to testify to his name once more - Karma objects again, stating that the man has forgotten his name due to amnesia, but here the caretaker gives up and reveals that he is indeed Yanni Yogi and he'd done what he sought out to do by enacting his revenge on Hammond and Miles Edgeworth. (ASIDE: HAD YOGI SIMPLY CONTINUED HIS SENILE ACT; THE COURT WOULD HAVE HAD NO MEANS TO PROVE ANYTHING AND THUS, MANFRED WOULD'VE BEEN ABLE TO HAVE MILES CONVICTED AND YOGI COULD'VE GONE FREE- IN OTHER WORDS, IT WAS YOGI WHO, YET AGAIN, BUTCHERED KARMA'S PLAN)

Yogi is arrested and the Judge prepares to hand down the not guilty verdict to Edgeworth. As Karma expected, Miles objects and confesses his guilt in his father's murder. Wright

cross-examines Miles and finds a contradiction in his testimony- the weapon fired twice, yet Miles only recalled one shot.

Manfred jumps in and objects, swiftly shutting him down saying that according to the case file itself, there were no other clues found at the scene- how does a second bullet just disappear? It doesn't, it simply didn't exist. Wright tries to insist that there was a second bullet- and it was taken by the murderer who had been hit.

Karma objects, reminding the court that no-one else had been injured in the elevator or during the time of the incident. Wright and Maya suddenly have an epiphany- what if Karma took a vacation because he'd been injured and was thus recovering (making him the murderer).

Karma objects again - if this was the case, where is his doctor? Where are the records for the surgery? Just as there appears to be no hope, Wright comes to the realization at the probability of Karma simply never going under surgery- he kept the bullet in his shoulder to ensure there was no evidence. Karma initially refuses to allow Wright to use the metal detector on him, but relents as he knows his refusal is practically an admittal of guilt.

He admits to having a bullet in his shoulder- but insists he had been shot before the DL-6 incident: Wright would have to prove that the bullet really was connected, Wright presents the bullet Maya had snatched from Karma while he was escaping and announces that if the ballistic markings match, then Karma really was the man who killed Gregory- Manfred, having been completely and utterly caught, breaks down.

(indirect manipulation, direct manipulation, misdirection, information control, concealment, strategic deception, extortion, threats, scapegoating, sophistry, inductive + deductive reasoning, fast + critical thinking, setting traps, anticipation + prediction, fear inducement, emotional management + perception + facilitation, aura, cunning, leadership, influence + influence building, mental fortitude + composure, psychological warfare, short-term strategy + orchestration + logistics + fortitude + execution + control + shielding + foresight, tactics)



“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.

Manfred von Karma’s category feats explained:

Key: FSIQ, FSEQ, FSSQ, FSAQ, Psychology, Manip/Decep, Thinking/Reasoning, Strat/Planning, Misc.

1- Sophistry, strategic deception, indirect manipulation, direct manipulation, fear inducement, threats, misdirection, information control, short-term strategy + orchestration + logistics + fortitude + execution + control + shielding + foresight, tactics, counter difficulty, inductive + abductive + divergent reasoning, fast + critical thinking (Karma’s clear arguments in court, control over Judges, and his rigged

testimonies throughout Turnabout Goodbyes and his deliberate hold over the information the defence can acquire lead to him completely manipulating the court for a vast majority of the trial, to ensure the defence doesn't go too far in this matter, he frequently jumps in and prevents Wright asking directionless questions by threatening to have him held in contempt of court)
2- psychological warfare + analysis + profiling, emotional understanding + realization + facilitation + perception + awareness, event + emotional manipulation, anticipation, brainwashing (this, alongside his manipulation of Yanni Yogi and weaponising DL-6 to fully enact his revenge, brainwashing: Miles initially wanted to be a defence attorney and protect those who had no-one on their side, thanks to Manfred's influence and DL-6 however, Miles changes to become a ruthless prosecutor)
3- short term planning, planning intricacies + coverage + contingencies + aim, setting traps (Karma's Hammond murder plan/double layer convict Edgeworth plot)
4- VCI, PSI, TRI, RCI, CRI, FRI, experience (40 year long prosecuting career, won several "King of Prosecutors" trophies)
5- emotional engagement, concealment, scapegoating, planning formulation, long term planning, planning coverage, fast + strategic thinking, insanity inducement, smearing (Weaponises his spite towards Gregory to come up with his plan, conceals the bullet in his shoulder and doesn't undergo

surgery to ensure there'd be no way to trace the murder back to him, destroys Yogi's reputation and life with his actions)
6- determination + perseverance + mental fortitude + composure (Karma's constant recoveries in trial even when Wright starts to push through his carefully planted defences, Karma's sheer desire to have Edgeworth convicted even though this would place him - at a minimal risk, but risk nonetheless)
7- Influence + influence building + social engineering + resource management + leadership (mentoring Miles/Franziska, commanding/leading investigations- vast influence both in court and within the police)
8- prediction (retraining the parrot to ensure it doesn't say anything about DL-6 is an insane prediction feat)

"Not so fast, Judge! I was taking a meaningful pause before speaking!"



“Defense team...? Ahem. I beg your pardon, you see, I rarely remember defense attorneys. They are like bugs to me. Needless things, to be crushed.”



Made by TheNoo (u/Due_Ad8334) Credit to the Ace Attorney wiki for transcripts, quotes, images and help summarising.

If you're interested, here's a link to a fanmade theme for the God of Prosecution I found incredibly fitting, all credit to the creator "Tenetox": "Perfection Incarnate".

Turnabout Goodbyes - Plan:

Why not anticipating Yogi keeping the letter is *not* an antifeat- or at the very least, not a severe one:

- MVK deliberately does not use his name or Yogi's in the letter, this acts as a contingency - there is no way to prove who wrote it.
- If, in the case of a hypothetical hand-writing analysis (e.g. Grossberg recognising it as MVK's), Karma has the capabilities and the option to lean into the letter being a forgery - this is very much possible as in this very Ace Attorney game, Wright encounters illegal evidence and forging (MVK himself, Damon Gant, and in later games, Kristoph Gavin).
- From a meta point of view- there is no logical reason for Yogi to keep the letter. The sole reason I can come up with is due to it being necessary for Wright to acquire so he can progress and eventually take down Yogi/MVK. The only reason I've seen mentioned is "for blackmail", however this makes no sense, as Yogi is unaware of who sent it, and has no way of finding out- furthermore, simply keeping the letter is detrimental as it's one of the only things implicating him in the crime.

Did MVK know Lotta was present:

- No. It's not possible. The evidence for this is non-existent. MVK planned his crime around the statute of limitations for DL-6. We are never informed when the letter is sent, but we can assume it's not in response to the sightings of Nessie.
- Hart is only present at the lake due to said sightings, this is why she's set up with a camera and all. Had Nessie never appeared, Lotta wouldn't be at the lake- in which case, the assumption becomes that MVK formulated his plan in response to the Nessie sightings, and not to the statute of limitations, directly contradicting canon.

So, what did "create a witness" mean?

- To put simply, this is partly up to interpretation. The crime is set on Christmas Eve at midnight in a park, the typical people who might be present are lovers, joggers, etc. A person with a professional camera perfectly set up is highly unlikely. Thus, the most likely case scenario is the plan was to shoot once- have people look to the lake, shoot again and fall, with a few people present witnessing the "murder".
- Okay, but then what if *no-one* was there? Funnily enough, this would be the optimal outcome for the plan. If *no-one* is there, then the plan can work flawlessly, as in the original, Yogi returns to shore and calls the police. This time

however, he's the only "witness" and can testify to seeing Miles kill "Hammond". We know for a fact that within the Ace Attorney verse, you don't require many witnesses- one will do.

- So in that case, why did he have to use Lotta? Frankly, this is simple. Lotta was immediately enamored with the idea of testifying in court and had photos that could severely damage the case- had MVK simply ignored her, she may have sided with Phoenix, preventing MVK from keeping a firm hold on the detrimental evidence she had.

Why missing Larry is not an anti-feat:

- This is blatantly unfair on MVK. Butz is blatantly not present when Edgeworth is arrested, he has no means to find out whether or not this witness even existed- so how can he be expected to find someone who both doesn't come forward, and is as far as he knows, non-existent.

Goodbyes is an incredibly strong plan, with little to no flaws, and required a hell of a lot of luck for Wright to dismantle.

<u>Notes on DL-6:</u>

Manfred attempts to steal all evidence regarding this- had he managed, it would've been impossible to connect MVK to the crime, however, Maya is able to steal the bullet found in Gregory's heart from him, which ultimately makes it impossible for his usual sophistry and control to work.

At its core, DL-6 however, is an inherently weak plan. Although he utilises sophistry as best as possible, and generally tries to point the finger at Miles, this is no longer going to work since he lost the bullet which connects him.

I will still give props to his fast formulation of his sophistry and reasoning in court. Since DL-6 is mainly used for Karma's formulation, I will relent that his formulation is not incredible, but this does not affect his scaling all that massively since Goodbyes is a far stronger plan.

<u>In defence of DL-6:</u>

I'm going to briefly explain why DL-6 is not that large of an antifeat, and why it doesn't reflect Manfred's true planning skills (which are much more accurately displayed in the Turnabout Goodbyes main plan). Regardless, it is still a weak contingency however.

Opportunism - DL-6 is a completely unpremeditated murder done in a fit of rage and shock. Manfred having just lost his perfect record (not winstreak) to Gregory Edgeworth is already in complete shock, however, at this point nothing suggests he's on a murderous rampage.

It is only after Karma is shot by Miles Edgeworth (accidentally), where Karma sees the perfect opportunity (whilst in great agony from being shot in the shoulder and the mental strain having lost his 25 year long perfect record) that he fires the gun killing Gregory.

Thus due to the extraneous factors, it is limited in its reflection of Karma's shortcomings (again, besides him using this as a contingency in the overall Goodbyes' plan).

Props to Clockmann/NoScar for this. It argues that the events of Goodbyes were planned from the very moment of DL-6. This buffs Manfred's EI, Emotional/Event/Social/Logical Manipulation, Insanity Inducement, Brainwashing, Psychological Insight + Warfare, Long-Term Planning, Intricacies + Process + Preparation Process + Formulation, Prediction/Anticipation, Traps and Holistic Thinking.

@Clockmann/u/NoScar2207's argument for Goodbyes being planned from DL-6 (taken from discord):

"Why did Manfred von Karma truly premeditate the plan for Robert Hammond's murder 15 years ago?

The central premise is that Manfred von Karma did not improvise the plan to frame Miles Edgeworth at the end of the case's statute of limitations; rather, he monitored the life of the bailiff Yanni Yogi since the close of the DL-6 case in 2001. It is simpler to accept that von Karma never lost sight of Yogi than to assume he located him out of nowhere 15 years later. For this latter assumption to be true, we would first have to accept three improbable suppositions:

1- That von Karma remembered a legal "ghost" just in time to use him in his plan.

2- That he managed to locate him when not even the judicial system or the police could during the course of the case, as Yogi had no fingerprints or any legal traits to identify him.
3- That his influences to locate Yogi were superior to the State's tracking capacity over a citizen who “no longer existed”.

From a logistical standpoint, it is infinitely easier to follow someone from “point zero”—the discharge from the psychiatric hospital where he was interned—than to attempt to reconstruct 15 years of a wandering life once the trail has gone completely cold. If Manfred had not followed him from the start of the journey, he would have hit a wall when Yanni lost his identity and no other method to locate him existed.

Furthermore, we know that von Karma anticipated the outcome of the original trial (Hammond having Yogi plead insanity). He knew that Robert Hammond would use the “mental incapacity” defense to secure an innocent verdict for Yogi (likely due to Manfred knowing of the oxygen poisoning in the elevator, and how Hammond wouldn’t believe in Yogi's true innocence), thus condemning him to a civil death—being a sane man forced to act like a madman—all because of an incredulous lawyer who did not care to know the truth about his client, but was only interested in winning the case.

Von Karma did not just wait; he cultivated that resentment. He knew that Yogi's hatred toward Hammond (for ruining his life) and toward Edgeworth (for being the one he believed responsible) would grow over time until it became the perfect weapon, which he would use as a piece on a chessboard to execute Hammond's homicide 15 years later.

There is also another key point: In his letter, Manfred instructs Yanni assuming that he is a fully functional and conscious man, even blaming Robert as “the man who ruined your life.” This would only be true if Yanni were not insane, proving that Manfred was aware of this long before. Additionally, if von Karma had found Yogi without knowing from the start that he was perfectly sane, and after 15 years of the man continuing to act like a lunatic in public, he would not have had the certainty that Yogi was truly in his right mind and fit to execute his plan; therefore, this machination would have been impossible from the beginning. The only way von Karma could be sure that Yogi was only “acting” and retained his judgment is if he had known it even before the case verdict was delivered and then observed him throughout the entire process, understanding that his madness was a mask imposed by Hammond's verdict.

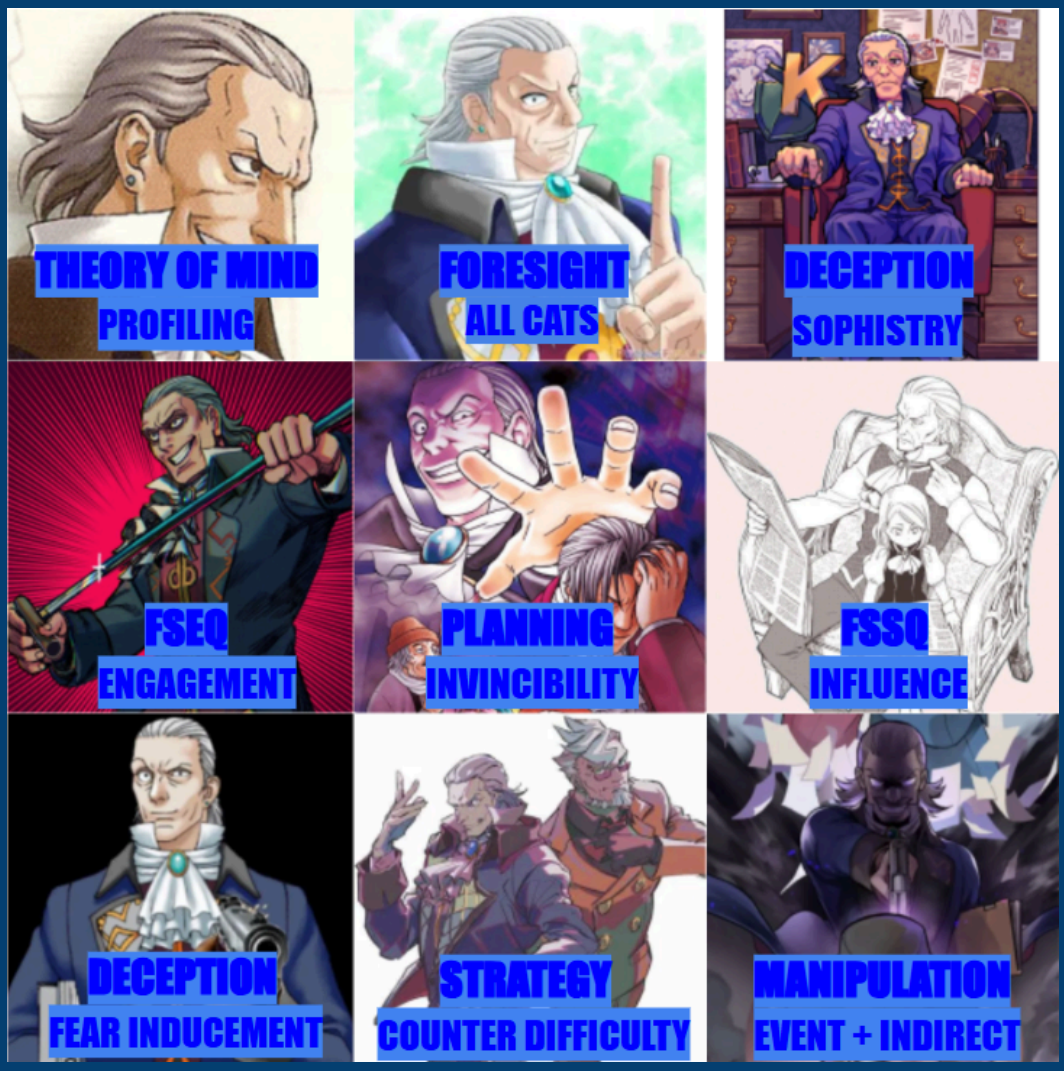
As seen multiple times during Turnabout Goodbyes, Yanni Yogi is not exactly a brilliant man, as he made basic mistakes like

not burning the letter or confessing his identity. This allowed von Karma to watch him for a decade and a half without the former bailiff realizing he was a piece on the “God of Prosecutors” board. Beyond that, there is one more argument that refines this and proves without a doubt that this is true: Manfred von Karma had every reason to despise Miles Edgeworth, as he was the son of the man who tarnished his perfect record (Gregory) and was directly responsible for his only physical and emotional wound—the gunshot to the shoulder. Literally at the end of Turnabout Goodbyes, he screams in desperation that he has always hated him as much as his father, and that “he will bury him with his own hands”.

Emotionally, there is no incentive for such a spiteful and egocentric man to adopt his rival's son, unless that adoption was a means to an end. The answer is that Manfred obviously did not adopt Miles out of pity, but to guide him into becoming a prosecutor exactly like himself. This way, he could later take advantage of young Edgeworth's strong sense of justice as prosecutor (always imprison the guilty) and, if necessary, lead him to incriminate himself for his own father's murder in DL-6. This would destroy the Edgeworth's legacy and ensure that Miles ended up in prison, one way or another, when he carried out his alternate plan to frame him for the homicide of defense attorney Robert Hammond.

The upbringing of Miles Edgeworth and the anticipation of Yanni Yogi's life are two parallel tracks of the same master plan initiated in 2001. Therefore, Manfred von Karma unequivocally devised all of this from the moment he shot Gregory Edgeworth in the heart inside that elevator, or, at the latest, when he took his vacation to heal from the bullet wound he suffered in his shoulder."





Manfred's 3x3 I made, felt it should be included in the doc so I've added it.