

Otto Apocalypse

The Apostle of Revelation
The Fool Who Challenged Fate

and won

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The man standing before you is but a creature of sins and desires.

He knows what is right, but he spits on it.

He craves wisdom, but only to fulfill his personal wishes.

He appreciates beauty, but only to deny anything foul.

He believes the world is full of unworthy people who are insults to the value of life.

Only when his life is put to an end can Otto Apocalypse finally look up to the clear sky and enjoy the divine moment.



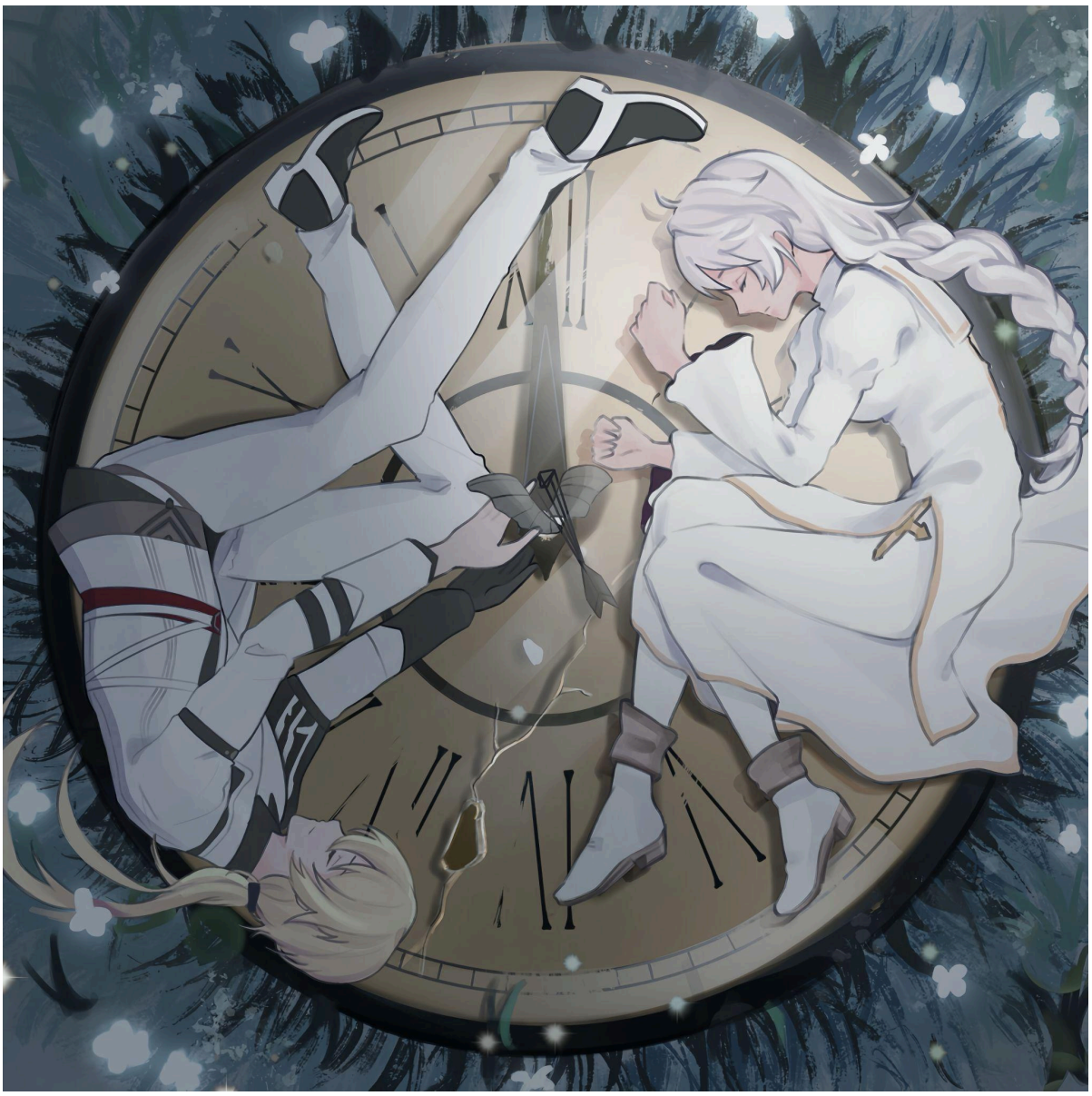
When you truly want to change the world, you will discover how pitiable your own strength is.

The Holy Maid gave her all to the people, and was repaid with merciless shackles and nooses.

The world is at chaos. It is neither fair, nor sensible. It wrongs heroes and breeds scum. It is rife with ugliness... without a trace of beauty.

The malice of the world shall be sundered...

...by the villain.



I have fooled my friends.

I have fooled my loved ones.

And have fooled the world and the rules that govern it...

Just to give to you your true self.

A second life.

i'm rereading this shit and it's so ahh 😭

Introduction

Otto Apocalypse is the main antagonist of Honkai Impact 3rd, HI3 for short, a popular gacha game by HoYoverse.

He is the 227th Overseer of Schicksal, which represents the church in HI3, and using his position and intellect, Otto manipulates everyone and plans almost everything that happens in the entire story of HI3 as a mastermind from the shadows.

He was born as the youngest son of the House of Apocalypse in the 15th century. However, he was nothing but a sickly, useless, boy with no hope of inheriting the seat of the overseer. Though fate did not spare this sickly boy as he was eventually forced into the role of a villian.

Although everyone over the 500 years of his life perceives him as a selfish person everything he does serves only one purpose: the revival of his love Kallen Kaslana who was his only light in the dark and cruel world; she was akin to a god in his eyes.

“No one shall get in the way of my obsession.”



Terminology

Honkai: Higher dimensional energy that creates natural disasters, monsters and plagues that try to eliminate humanity. Honkai also has a strong corrupting effect that can break almost any mind.

Herrscher: Humans who are chosen by the honkai to be their apostles. They are granted power to bend physical laws and affect higher dimensions. Most of the time

these humans lose control over themselves because of the Honkai's corrupting effect.

Herrscher Core: An imaginary singularity in the form that is similar to a gem, through which the Herrschers draw their powers. These cores form when a massive amount of Honkai Energy is condensed.

Schicksal: The organization that rose after the fall of the Roman Empire and fights against the Honkai. It is the counterpart of the real life church in HI3.

House of Kaslana: A linage from Kevin Kaslana, who was the strongest warrior in the previous era, and his descendants that mimic him joining the fight against the Honkai throughout the current era. They are the part of the Schicksal's three houses that holds power over the biggest military force and their role is that of the "knight".

House of Schariac: The second of the three houses and it has the theological power of Schicksal. They too have a military force but it consists of women who are able to hold the holy blood. Their role is that of the "divine".

House of Apocalypse: The last of the three houses. They lead Schicksal and take the role of the "overseer/bishop" but they don't have their own military force.

Valkyries Order: A Schicksal fighting force consisting of women who are able to wield Honkai Energy as their weapon.

Anti-Entropy: A former branch of Schicksal that broke away from it and became an independent organization.

Previous Era: A highly technological advanced human civilization 50,000 years ago that lost and were obliterated by the Honkai.

Current Era: The era after the Previous Era.

World Serpent: on the first glance World Serpent is an underground sect that holds secrets of the honkai and collects and develops honkai artifacts but in reality it is an organization established by Mobius from the Previous Era and is now led by Kevin Kaslana with the goal of reaching project STIGMA.

Divine Keys: Weapons developed by the Previous Era that draws power from Herrscher Cores.

Sea of Quanta: A metaphorical sea that holds infinities bubble universes/worlds

Imaginary Tree: The origin of all that is and holds infinite leaf universes/worlds and timelines

Imaginary Space: The “space” outside of the Imaginary Tree

Side Note - The terms “universe” and “world(s)” are used interchangeably in HI3. The bubble and leaf worlds are all separated space-time continuums so they have the same attributes as universes.

Manga

Elan Palatinus

1475

The first manga panel opens up with Otto Apocalypse running onto a battlefield as he concludes that the Honkai, a mysterious force that strives to destroy everything, isn’t humanity's greatest enemy, but that accolade goes to humanity itself. He further narrates how Schicksal rose after the fall of the Roman Empire and took over Europe and how corrupted it had become due to the greed and ambitions of human nature. **(VCI)**

Back to the current situation, the Schicksal army tried, and failed, to conquer China due to the Guardian Deity, Fu Hua, who defeated the strongest valkyrie of the Schicksal Army and the love of Otto, Kallen Kalsana. Otto runs to protect Kallen and retreats with her.

One Year Timeskip

Otto and Kallen are walking through the streets when a boy accidentally walks into Kallen, resulting in him running away in fear after noticing that Kallen is a Valkyrie, even though she tried to help him.

Kallen asks why the people hate/fear Schicksal, and Otto answers that the reason for it is that Schicksal increased taxes and demanded the people pay for “indulgences”. Kallen thought about it and wanted to know Otto’s opinion and if he thought it was unjust. Otto, who didn't want to reveal his opinion to Kallen, swiftly changed the topic to food because he knew from a single look on her face that she was hungry, even before she knew it, and that bringing up that topic would cause her to stop discussing these serious questions since she loves food.
Otto brings Kallen to a cake shop to eat, and while they are eating, they witness corruption from Schicksal’s people; a Schicksal bishop tries to take a woman’s daughter because that woman couldn't pay the taxes.

Kallen tries to intervene because of her strong sense of justice, which is her strongest trait, and quotes a text passage from the bible that justifies the intervention, but Otto stops her from exacting her justice by immediately countering the verse of the bible that she used with another verse, which destroys her justification and calms her down. This implies that he knows the Bible by heart, which is almost 800,000 words, roughly 3,000,000 letters. This is supported by the narrative that Otto is the heir of his family that leads Schicksal, which is the church of the HI3 World.
(WMI, Memorization, Knowledge, VCI, Influence)

Flashback, 10 years earlier; 1465

This flashback shows Otto at age 13 and shows him with a model of an Ornithopter, first accomplished in 1870 in our world after many years of research, and Otto built and constructed one in only one night. It’s also stated that Otto has built other similar complex inventions.
(Knowledge, Knowledge Application, VSI, FRI, Logical Reasoning)

The Ornithopter lands on top of a wall and he tries to get it back, but his body is too weak. That's when his brother enters the scene and mocks and insults him for his weakness.

At this very moment, when even his own family doesn’t care about him, Kallen leaps across the wall with the Ornithopter in her hands and gives it to Otto. This was the first time someone had ever complimented him and made him feel wanted. They befriend each other, and this is where Otto’s infatuation with Kallen begins.

Back to the present; 1476

Kallen still wants to become a rogue extraordinaire who steals from the rich and gives to the poor, and she asks Otto for help because she needs an outfit and gadgets.

It’s revealed that Otto already anticipated beforehand and had made multiple outfits for her, all of which fit perfectly for her, although he never took her measurements, which means he could take them accurately with only his eyes.
(Observation, Perception)

In addition, he developed a chain pistol in the form of a bracelet with latching claws and smoke bombs for her.

Otto persuades Kallen to send a warning message to the rich they want to rob, as all rogue extraordinaires do. Unbeknownst to her, he hides a secret message in the text to warn the bishop that Kallen wants to rob, to let her steal the gold and only seal the secret in the basement. The reason Otto does this is because he doesn't want Kallen to know that the bishop and him are experimenting on people down there.
(Concealment, VCI)

When night comes, Kallen and Otto finish preparations to rob the bishop. Otto cross-dresses to distract the guards, they should be more cautious than normal people via training and still get fooled by Otto’s acting skills.
(Disguise Mastery, Acting Skills)

After Otto attracts the attention of the guards Kallen goes into the mansion and steals the gold and shares it among the poor.

Flashback; 1470

The Black Death was spreading all across Europe and Schicksal’s smartest surgeons, physicians, and clerics couldn’t find a cure for it. Otto then took it upon himself to search for a cure because he believed finding it would impress Kallen and if he couldn’t, she would leave him, and so he immediately found it after some minor failures.
(FRI, Emotional Engagement, Knowledge Application, Logical Reasoning, Abstract Reasoning)

After being saved by Otto, Eleanor Schariac would become infatuated with Otto, and would grow up to be a future Valkyrie.
(Charisma)

After this, Otto begins work on an improved version of the cure. Kallen sees this and this motivates her to do more good.

Back to Present Day; 1476

Kallen and Eleanor are tasked with investigating the thief, a disguised Kallen, who broke into the mansion of the bishop. Eleanor deduces that the vigilante was Kallen, but doesn't say anything because she is completely loyal to Otto and she doesn't want to hurt Otto by exposing Kallen.

Otto, the bishop, and Nikolas Apocalypse, Otto's father and the current overseer of Schicksal, stand in the throne room. The bishop angrily shouts that he knows who the thief, Kallen, is and Otto immediately cuts him off by talking down the value of the case and denoting it as trivial nonsense that shouldn’t be brought up before the overseer himself, who agrees and changes the topic. Otto understands that his father only cares about the most important things and knows that he doesn’t care about the robbery, and they go back to talking about the experiments being executed in the basement.

Later that night, Kallen finishes stealing things from the mansion when she sees a girl getting kidnapped by Schicksal and follows them to the mansion of the bishop to the basement, where sees the human experiments taking place.

After she breaks into the basement, she gets attacked by Eleanor and other Valkyries. Otto tries to stop them but gets hit rendering him unconscious.

While he is unconscious, Void Archives tries to corrupt/break him once again by showing him memories of the death of Kallen's father, commenting that Kallen would end up like her father because of the Kalsana bloodline and legacy. Unless Otto surrenders to Void Archives, Kallen's fate can't be changed, and Otto refuses to believe him and resists, waking up moments later.
(Emotional Management, Manipulation Resistance, Mental Fortitude, Stress Tolerance, Composure)

Later that day, Otto’s father demands that Otto get Kallen to submit because House Apocalypse needs the support of the other houses of Schicksal. Following this demand, Otto visits Kallen in her cell and they have a dispute because Kallen doesn't value her own life and wants to protect everyone at the cost of her life resulting in Kallen slapping Otto which is an action that Otto already knew she would take beforehand since he is able to anticipate her every word.

Unlocking of Void Archives; 1466

Otto unlocks the Void Archives (VA), a Divine Key that has its own consciousness that is so cunning that the Previous era, a highly technologically advanced civilization, was forced to seal him. VA is also stated to have infinite knowledge, stated to only be accessed by the wisest beings, which means Kid Otto was already one of the wisest humans in existence.
(KNOWLEDGE)

Side Note - The Void Archives holds the authority to create anything as long as its wielder can visualize its entire structure and fully comprehend its function.

Kid Otto is already able to use VA to recreate other Divine Keys, which is an impressive feat when considering that to reconstruct something with the Authority of Reason, one must have complete understanding of its exact atomic structure and mechanics and be able to visualize it.
(Knowledge Application, FRI, VSI, Logical Reasoning, Overall Thinking)

On top of all that, Divine Keys were the pinnacle of the technology of the Previous Era, which took years of research from hundreds of scientists to complete. However, Otto manages to recreate the 6th Divine Key, Abyss Flower, by himself in a matter of hours. With this Divine Key, he tries to revive Kallen's father with it, but Kallen stops him to honor the sacrifice of her father.

Back to Present Day; 1476

Otto uses his influence to get Kallen discharged out of prison, and after Kallen visits her father's grave and gains motivation through an oath she swore to him. Kallen confronts the overseer, Nikolas Apocalypse, resulting in a fight between Kallen and Eleanor. Eleanor becomes corrupted by the black box, the incomplete 12th Divine Key from the Herrscher of Corruption. Otto intervenes by reconstructing the 7th Divine Key, Judgment of Shamash, on the spot, a very impressive feat.
(CPI, FRI, Logical Reasoning, Knowledge Application, Overall Thinking)

With Eleanor dead, the black box tries to search for a new host but it avoids Otto and tries to corrupt Kallen. Kallen overcomes the black box and decides to go to Asia and seal it there.

After the fight had ended, Otto dives into the realm of Void Archives, immersing himself in a boundless ocean of knowledge that stretches infinitely before him as a never-ending library.

(CPI, VSI)

Off-Screen Aftermath

After Kallen flees to Asia she arrives at a village, where she decides to settle down and seal the black box there. During this time she meets Yae Sakura, and who later gets corrupted by the black box later, which forces Kallen to contact Otto for help again since her strength alone cannot seal the Herrscher from the black box.

Following her letter to Otto, he immediately sends the Oath of Judah, one of the Divine Keys that Schicksal has; also called the **Key of Binding**, to her, and with it's help, Kallen is able to seal the Herrscher. However, as a result, she is grievously wounded, and captured by Schicksal's forces who sentence her to death by hanging for refusing to sacrifice for family feuds and stealing the black box.

Kallen dies while protecting the people who want her dead, when Honkai Beasts appeared at her execution ground.

"When Otto was twenty years old, he left his home and so too did his love from this accursed world, and so went on his journey to revive her anew."

Seven Swords Visual Novel

Otto travels with Kallen's coffin to China due to hearing myths and reports about am omnipotent celestial and he hopes that she might be able to revive Kallen. During his travels, he encounters a bandit leader named Eagle who tries to rob him but is intimidated by Otto's facial expression, even though Eagle is feared by countries, and he instantly changes his behavior and kindly invites Otto to their base as a guest.

Since Otto doesn't know much about the area, he goes with Eagle. At the base, he meets Li Sushang, who was captured by the bandits.

Otto just sits there for two days, and after two days, Li Sushang breaks out and confronts Eagle, which ends with a fight against him.

Li Sushang loses and shortly before Eagle kills her, Otto intervenes and kills Eagle. Afterward, Otto analyzed and diagnosed her injuries and used VA to recreate the 6th Divine Key, Abyss Flower, which enabled him to heal her injuries; internal bleeding, organ damage, multiple broken bones, and cuts, under the condition that he could calculate all the needed processes for healing on a cellular level.
(FRI, Knowledge, Knowledge Application, Logical Reasoning)

After he healed her, they traveled together and Li Sushang, a native Mandarin speaker, noticed how Otto used extremely complex sentences and complicated words with perfect pronunciation that even she couldn't completely understand, even though he couldn't even speak Mandarin two days ago. This means Otto learned to speak Mandarin fluently without dialect, to an extent that he was better than a native speaker, in a mere 48 hours just by hearing his jailors communicate with one another. This is not only impressive because of the short amount of time, but also because Mandarin is deemed as the one of hardest, if not the hardest, languages in the world. Mandarin has over 54,000 individual characters, 370,000 unique Chinese words, and very difficult pronunciations.
(Observation, Perception, FRI, VCI, Analysis, Logical Reasoning, Learning Ability)

In their conversation, Otto asks if Sushang would teach him the complex Chinese Honkai Manipulation Techniques, stating that he could easily learn them, although it takes martial artists multiple decades to learn them, and would like to try to combine them with the Western techniques.
(Learning Ability)

Sadly though, Sushang isn't allowed to teach these techniques.
Afterward, Otto immerses himself in his mind visualizes the infinite knowledge as an endless sea to search for certain information.
(CPI, VSI)

While they travel around, they encounter Ma Yanqing, a disciple of Fu Hua, the celestial, and he attacks Sushang. All the while Otto reads his movements, which is extremely difficult due to Yanqing’s profound control over his body, moving without being perceived as moving. Meanwhile, Yanqing, who should be able to easily read the movements of others as one of the best martial artists, can't read anything on Otto's body. Otto fights him and defeats him easily showing his martial prowess.
(Perception, Predictions, Unpredictability)

they never bothered continuing the rest of the VN LMAO

Off-Screen…

Otto predicts things 500 years ahead of his time.
He predicts that

- Schicksal will maintain friendly relations with China for the next 500 years, Otto wasn't the overseer back then, his nephew was.

- Modern China in 500 years will heavily rely on high-tech advancements and mainly use robots and mechs to fight against Honkai. Back then, the idea of robots and robots themself didn't even exist, remember that was in the Middle Ages.

- Remnants of the Six Great Sects of China will still exist 500 years in the future, even giving an example saying that the Taixuan Sect will survive and continue to fight the Honkai for 500 years.

- Multiple forgotten martial arts techniques from the Celestial will be documented by one disciple of the Celestial, namely Ma Feima, and will continue to exist in the next 500 years. He even predicts that these techniques will become the main techniques of the Taixuan Sect, to be named “Taixuan Arts” and be acknowledged as the true successor of the martial arts of the Celestial.

Second Eruption

Year 2000

Day 1

At the beginning of the manga, we are introduced to the Tower of Babylon, a research facility from Schicksal in Siberia. Here, they test and develop Stigmata, technology that strengthens the body and increases Honkai resistance. It’s shown that a “ghost” exists there, and it has already killed multiple staff members, which is why Otto sends Theresa, his artificially created granddaughter, to investigate.
(Knowledge Application, FRI, Logical Reasoning, Overall Thinking)

At the tower, Theresa is joined by Patricia, another Valkyrie, and they analyze all the footage from the cameras and go down to the Honkai reactor because of abnormal readings. They search around and find kids in cells, who were experimented upon by

Schicksal/Otto, which explains the remote location in a tundra in Siberia, and they intentionally used orphans because their disappearances are easy to cover up since no one will notice them gone. Patricia notices something suspicious about one of the orphans Sirin and finds out that she is the “ghost” of the tower after this Patricia's status changes to MIA.

Day 2

Otto is not surprised by this development and sends in Siegfried Kalsana and other Valkyries as reinforcements, and later, Anti Entropy (AE), a former branch of Schicksal that opposes Schicksal, forces them to fight Honkai Beasts that Sirin summoned at the tower.

Otto, who is in the Schicksal HQ, visualizes one of his memories of Kallen 500 years ago when they were still kids down to the tiniest details. This includes things like minimal movements from blades of grass in the wind.
(CPI, VSI)

He gets interrupted by Amber, his secretary, who tells him about the alliance of Schicksal and AE at the tower of Babylon and the appearance of Welt, who led AE against Otto in 1955.

Otto noticed that Welt looked different and concluded that he was a different person and instantly reduced his reasons as to why to three possibilities.
(Inductive Reasoning, Abductive Reasoning, Observation, Perception)

He wants Siegfried to keep Welt close for more information and prepares a solium clone for himself to join later.

Theresa, Welt, and Siegfried fight against Sirin.

Otto observes them from afar and says that it’s time to “**review the results of this little experiment**”, implying that he planned Sirin’s awakening and has everything under his control.
(Planning Coverage)

After a hard fight, Welt defeats Sirin and tries to kill her with his black hole but is interrupted by Otto in a clown disguise and donning a different persona. At the last moment, Otto slams Welt into the ground and lets Bella, a friend of Sirin, take Sirin away. Otto tries to deliver the coup de grace to Welt but Siegfried intervenes and attacks Otto due to not recognizing him at all, despite Siegfried working for Otto for years.

(Non-Verbal Deception, Acting Skills, Disguise Mastery)

Otto considers killing Siegfried but concludes that he still needs Siegfried alive for his plans, and retreats without leaving any traces behind, letting Welt live.

After this encounter, Siegfried tries to find information about the clown and finds nothing.

Otto’s Siegfried Return Strategy; 1991

When Siegfried was 15, he ran away from his family because he didn't want to be isolated from the world. Following this, Otto decides on a plan to force Siegfried back to Schicksal and punish him for running away.

Firstly, Otto waits four years so Siegfried can get used to his freedom. The next step of Otto's strategy is to take away the joy of this freedom, so Siegfried comes back to Schicksal to be punished. He does this by overriding this joy of freedom with a greater joy, **love**. Otto understands that love is one of the greatest joys a human can feel, so Otto makes a plan for Siegfried to fall in love with someone.

Otto finds a person from Schicksal that Siegfried would fall for and vice versa because of their matching personalities. For this, he chooses Cecilia Schariac. This means he would have to understand both of their personalities to an extent.

Otto then sets up a situation where Siegfried would be forced to engage with Cecilia and fall in love with her.

He arranges this by predicting the city and exact location where Siegfried was, and after his stay around the world for four years, Otto anticipates the exact date, time and location that Siegfried would take a walk in the forest next to the city he stayed in.

He leaks information about a supposed “secret weapon” of Schicksal, which is a bluff, that will be transported at the same date and location, to AE and Welt.

After that, he sends Cecilia to escort the truck with the “weapon” to its destination and plans the route, so she will be at the location at the same time as Siegfried.

As Otto planned, Welt attacks the truck because of the “weapon” bait and fights Cecilia, blowing her away with one of his attacks, leading to her getting grievously injured and flying far away, landing directly in Siegfried's arms.

Otto planned this knowing that Siegfried's personality won't allow him to abandon a person in need, effectively forcing Siegfried to take her with him to help her heal.

After this Cecilia and Siegfried grow closer and fall in love with each other accomplishing the override of the former joy of freedom.

The next step of Otto's plan consists of him taking Cecilia back to Schicksal, away from Siegfried, taking away Siegfried's happiness, and knowing that now he's had a feeling of love, the joy of freedom isn't as strong. He doesn't see the joy in freedom anymore.

After letting Siegfried live in a joyless world for 2 years, as punishment for running away 4 years ago, Otto gives Siegfried the hope of seeing Cecilia again under the condition that he must grow stronger and rejoin Schicksal, which Siegfried immediately agrees to because he can't live without Cecilia.

This effectively punishes Siegfried and gets him to voluntarily go back to Schicksal. In addition, the relationship between Cecilia and Siegfried serves as an experiment to see how strong a child from both of the warrior houses of Schicksal, Kaslana, and Schariac, would be.
(Emotional Understanding, Psychoanalysis, Preparation Process, Short Term Planning, Planning Coverage, Strategy Success Rate, Strategy Effectiveness, Strategy Alignment, Strategy Execution, Strategy Foresight, Tactics, Indirect Manipulation, Emotional Manipulation, Psychological Manipulation, Bluffing, Info Control)

Otto also mentions that he isn't distracted by notions of hatred and mercy and denotes emotions as nothing but foolish notions.

Year 1959 - Year 1969

Otto covers up the truth about the moon, the far side of the moon is completely covered in Honkai energy after some lunar projects landed on the moon.
(Concealment)

Following that, he suspended every space program and staged the scene of the first moon landing of Apollo 11 and the words of Neil Armstrong that were shown to the public.
(Influence, Fabrication)

Back to the present…

Bella transports Sirin to the far side of the moon, where ruins of the previous era stand, in which Dr. Mei, a scientist of the previous era, managed to entrap part of **GOD**. Sirin meets **GOD** in the ruins and **GOD** gives her the powers of four additional Herrschers. Afterward, Sirin bombards Earth with meteors and gives humanity an ultimatum, to bring Welt to her, because she wants to kill him, or she will destroy the Earth.

February 9

Otto calls a strategy meeting with AE. The first thing Otto does in the meeting is to provoke and analyze Welt to verify him as the 1st Herrscher, Welt is the 2nd person to hold the Welt title. The original Welt died in the war against Schicksal, which Otto didn't know. After verifying it, Otto agrees to give him the support of Schicksal.

After the meeting, Welt and Siegfried get ready to launch to the moon to confront Sirin and gather data from Previous Era ruins. Welt explains to Siegfried that his first plan will consist of him provoking Sirin and baiting her into leaving the base, enabling Siegfried to sneak in and gather data and help him with confronting Sirin afterward. He continues to tell Siegfried about his Plan B, if Sirin is too strong and they can't fight her.

On the moon, Welt manages to lure Sirin away and he fights her using his black hole. He fights her for one minute before losing, buying enough time for Siegfried, to conclude to choose Plan B to fly away from the moon.

Side Note: Through the use of time dilation via Welt's black hole, he messed with the perception of time. So while one minute passed for Welt & Sirin, an hour passed in the real world for Siegfried.

Welt, after being defeated, tries to blow up both Sirin and himself by overloading their cores knowing it would kill her, or at least grievously injure her, but Sirin manages to stop him in the last moment and kills him after that Welt body disintegrates and Sirin consumes his core to gain his abilities.

February 12

Sirin, using Welt's Core of Reason, creates Pseudo Herrschers that attack the Earth, with one of them being the Pseudo Herrscher of Death, which is why Otto didn't do anything to stop Sirin. Siegfried gains access to powers in the Kalsana genome

through the data he collected and AE builds the selene a weapon from the previous era.

February 15

Otto holds a captivating speech, and all who listen to it are swayed by his charisma, increasing their motivation and spirit. The Valkyries are ready to give up their lives for the sake of Schicksal/Otto.
(Charisma, Emotional Facilitation)

Following his speech Otto retreats to his quarters and gets a letter from Einstein, a leading officer and scientist of AE, about the data from the samples of the ruins. Otto reasons that Welt was killed or grievously injured on the moon by Sirin because Einstein does not mention Welt in the letter and AE's inaction against the Pseudo Herrschers.
(Perception, Abductive Reasoning)

February 16

The Valkyries kill three of the four Pseudo Herrschers while Otto approaches the Pseudo Herrscher of Death. He calms her down by talking with her, he uses the VA to recreate the 8th Divine Key, Fenghuang, and uses it to scan her memories and thoughts, noticing that she is just a pale imitation of the real Herrscher of Death, he then discards and kills her.
(Emotional Facilitation, Communication Skills, Knowledge Application, Logical Reasoning, FRI, Analysis)

VA mentions that Otto often used the 8th Divine Key to invade the dreams of other people to fish out their secrets by perfectly disguising himself as their parent and enticing them to reveal everything to him.
(Disguise Mastery, Acting Skills)

A couple of hours later, Otto holds a mission briefing explaining his battle strategy. It consists of bombing the plains of Siberia, to minimize the damage that Honkai Beasts could do, and positioning the troops in a way that they can search Siberia as fast as possible to locate Sirin, whose position is unknown, but what the troops don't know is that Otto already pinpointed Sirin's location and goes to confront her with Fu Hua.
(Leadership, Info Gathering)

When encountering Sirin, Fu Hua uses the real 8th Divine Key and takes them all into an illusion/dream world and Otto immediately notices that Fu Hua took them all

into an illusion that is stated to be as real as reality itself.
(Observation, Perception)

Fu Hua defeats Sirin in the dream world, weakening her mental barrier, which Otto uses to layer another illusion with the imitation of the 8th Divine Key on Sirin. He reconstructs Bella's, Sirin's friend, persona and flawlessly impersonates her without even meeting or seeing her once, with the only information he has being that Bella is a servant of Sirin.
(Emotional Understanding, Acting Skills, Verbal Deception, Abductive Reasoning)

Otto places a scene of Sirin's mother on her deathbed in Sirin's head to place the idea of reviving people in her mind through a nightmare where her mother begs Sirin to help her. This is to see the powers that the Herrscher of Death used to see if it could revive Kallen. Otto, in disguise as Bella, brings her the clothes of her dead mother, further cementing the idea of reviving her.
(Direct Manipulation, Emotional Manipulation)

After manipulating Sirin into trying to revive her mother, she fails and can only create a soulless corpse. Sirin says that perhaps **GOD** can help them in reviving her mother. Otto thinks about getting in contact with **GOD** through Sirin, which would result in Sirin freeing herself from the illusion. Otto quickly weighs the risks and decides to contact **GOD**.

Otto's meeting with GOD

From what Otto directly asserts, **GOD** is a being in the world of Honkai who is beyond the scope of humanity's knowledge, and according to Sirin, they are **TRUTH** itself. Upon meeting this entity, it bestows upon Otto truth that surpasses human comprehension and intelligence involving its knowledge. Knowledge that not even the brains of all wise men from every time period combined would be able to withstand.

Now two facts need to be discussed.
In the verse, Void Archives, the first Divine Key, is stated to have infinite knowledge within it. Yet **GOD** in HI3 in verbatim is stated to hold knowledge that makes any of humanity's seem like a speck of dust. Void Archives, despite it's massive amount of knowledge, is a manmade creation, so this statement would also apply to it. The second fact is that this would also include the Seventh Flamechaser, Su, a person able to analyze an ineffably ineffable number, a number larger than a large cardinal, of universes. A large cardinal is a number so big, that it cannot be proven to even exist.. A large cardinal is much, much larger than infinity, and Su is able to analyze

more than a large cardinal of universes, with Otto scaling above this because…

All these brains brought together would not be resilient enough to handle or comprehend the truth **GOD** was putting in Otto's mind, but it was not enough to break Otto's will as he was able to resist it, an impossible task, even if it only happened were to happen for the shortest amount of time possible. This means, at the very least, Otto was able to process more than an infinite amount of infinite knowledge & truth in that instant.
(CPI, VCI, KNOWLEDGE, Emotional Management, Emotional Engagement, Mental Fortitude, Manipulation Resistance, Stress Tolerance)

Side Note; It counts for VCI as well because Otto was able to comprehend a truth that every wise man in existence combined couldn't have. HI3 is fictional, but does have characters who are based on real life geniuses. With this, Otto would scale above every philosopher who has ever existed in history in VCI; Comprehension, all combined into one.

In the end, to try and see Otto's desire, **GOD** takes a sword and stabs itself, ending the conversation and kicking Otto out of the dream world into reality, leaving the scene for Otto to interpret. This also results in Sirin waking up from the illusion with Fu Hua fighting against the awakened Sirin and cutting her contention with **GOD**. Subsequently, Welt appears again to catch the exhausted Fu Hua, revealing that he was alive the whole time and hid his consciousness inside the Herrscher Core of Reason, knowing that Sirin wouldn't be able to detect him in the core, predicting that Sirin would stop him from blowing up and would absorb the core. He continues to hide in Sirin, waiting to strike again.

Siegfried and Cecilia get trapped inside an illusion that Sirin created after she created a copy of the 8th Divine Key with the Authority of Reason.

Inside the illusion, Welt hints that it is an illusion for Siegfried and pushes the reality onto him. Welt helps Siegfried and Cecilia out of the illusion and fights Sirin in her mind again. Welt uses this fight to occupy Sirin inside the dream world to distract her from Einstein, who he ordered to rip the Herrscher cores out of Sirin in the real world, weakening her.

Present Time

Siegfried and Cecilia get trapped inside an infinite corridor linked to a complex Riemannian Manifold. Kevin contacts Siegfried via quantum entanglement and solves the infinite corridor, finding a way out.

Siegfried defeats Sirin and she falls into the Honkai cascade.

Otto observes this from afar and concludes that the power surge from Siegfried will be a problem for him. He decides to cut off all communication links and seal all information coming from Siberia.
(Concealement, Info Control)

In the end, he bombs Siberia with Honkai fission bombs, stopping the Honkai cascade and killing Cecilia, with Siegfried barely surviving.

The End of the War

Otto fabricates a fake story about the course of the war, in which Schicksal fought alone without the help of AE. He does this to rewrite history in favor of Schicksal and the public celebrates Schicksal as heroes. He also alters the memories of those involved with Fenghuang down.
(Fabrication, Concealment)

Epilogue

Otto uses Kiana's and Sirin's genes to create a clone of Kiana and inserts a Herrscher core in her. Knowing that her will to live is strong enough to even overcome death and revive her.
(FRI, Logical Reasoning, Overall Thinking)

Moon Shadow

Otto manipulates the granddaughter of the lead scientist, Dr. Magi, of Schicksal to voluntarily participate in the scientist's experiment with the Herrscher of Death’s core. Despite having an extremely low survival rate, Otto convinces her by appealing to her faith and determination to help humanity.
(Communication Skills, Emotional Understanding, Direct Manipulation, Emotional Manipulation)

Otto intends to guilt-trip Dr Magi, through the death of his granddaughter as a result of the experiment, by setting him up in the same situation that all other subject’s families felt. Otto had observed how the subjects’ families reacted after finding out the subject died in this experiment, and how Dr Magi only coldly observed the test subjects. After this, Otto leaves, not concerned with the death of Magi’s

granddaughter, even implying that it was a waste of time.
(Emotional Understanding, Observation, Direct Manipulation, Emotional Manipulation)

This finally breaks Dr. Magi and leads him to steal the Core to try to stop the experiment, betray Schicksal, and join Anti-Entropy to try and make up for all the horrible experiments he did at Schicksal.
(Indirect Manipulation)

Dr Magi, under the protection of AE, travels to a neutral region, Singapore, where both AE and Schicksal weren't allowed to deploy their forces via a treaty. Otto knew that Anti-Entropy wouldn't protect Dr Magi and wouldn't stop the experiments. Rather, they only wanted the Herrscher Core, and he predicted them using the Herrscher Core to fabricate an artificial Honkai Eruption to trigger the birth of the Herrscher of Death, and he plans to take the Herrscher of Death, for the revival of Kallen, and blame AE.
(Emotional Understanding, Predictions)

Otto sends Kiana to see the result of the Sirin project in a fight, and Fu Hua to observe Kiana and be there to potentially take the Herrscher of Death if AE's plan works.

Kiana and Fu Hua infiltrate the AE Building and fight the AE troops stationed there. Then the AE troops blow up the core creating a Honkai Eruption, Otto knows that if Kiana doesn't absorb the core, this would lead to her other persona, Sirin, taking over.

Otto had stationed his forces and anticipated the exact location of the AE troops and intercepted them before they arrived in Singapore to buy more time for Fu Hua to retrieve the core.
(Anticipation)

Otto gathers test data from the awakening of Sirin's persona in Kiana and he orders Fu Hua to take Sirin down and bring Kiana and the core back. In the end, the experiment was a success as Otto planned. As for the reason why Fu Hua, previously the mighty celestial of China, is obedient to Otto. Otto exploited her weakness and inability to protect China after she received fatal injuries from the betrayal of her disciples. Her powers weakened 500 years ago when Otto was in China. He used this opportunity to make a pact with her, guaranteeing her loyalty in exchange for Schicksal protecting China in her stead.
(Emotional Understanding, Direct Manipulation, Emotional Manipulation)

London Holiday

It starts with Otto giving Rita a mission to investigate a clue about the 2nd Divine Key. Durandal, having a connection to the Arthurian legend and having gotten a holiday as a reward for her hard work, decides to take her holiday in England because she worries about Rita doing the mission on her own.

They go around sightseeing for a couple of hours until they part ways, since Rita still has to investigate the clue and searches for information about the Arthurian legend in the British museum, where she is received by its director Catherine who helps her dig into the legend.

During this, they are attacked by a Honkai Beast, later revealed to be sent by the World Serpent, who shatters one of the monuments revealing solium traces. Rita notices this and sends the data to Otto, who immediately notices the process that led to the discovery of data was too suspicious and concludes that is a trap; he even reasons the perpetrator to be World Serpent, which is correct, and Catherine to be a spy from World Serpent.
(Observation, Perception, Abductive Reasoning, Predictions)

After noticing this trap, denoting it as *too obvious*, he comes up with a plan to turn the trap set for him into a trap for World Serpent, to lure them out and gain the 2nd Divine Key in the process. For this, he calls Susannah, a Valkyrie who has the perfect profile for something like this, low intelligence and naive, and commands her to clean a room while he observes her.

From this observation alone, he can reconstruct her personality, even reading her preferences, idols, hobbies, fighting style, and the profession of her family from this, and can impersonate her perfectly.
(Observation, Perception, Emotional Understanding, Emotional Perception, Cold Reading, Analysis, Psychoanalysis)

He tells Rita and Durandal that he will send them support and goes as Susannah to support them.

As Otto predicted, Catherine lures them into a trap at the supposed grave of King Arthur. In the dungeon of the grave, Catherine takes the bait and chooses “Susannah”, as the first victim because of her nativity and weakness, and isolates her from Rita, who is confronted by a Honkai Beast but is saved by Durandal, whom Otto commanded to follow them in secret. Catherine then tries to kill “Susannah” but Otto apprehends her and impersonates Catherine flawlessly, although they only met recently, he does this intending to try to extract information from Catherine's boss, Jackal.

(Anticipation, Cold Reading, Emotional Understanding, Disguise Mastery, Acting Skills)

“Catherine” meets with Jackal, confirming the “success” of the trap, and successfully gains information about the location of the 2nd Divine Key out of Jackal, leading Jackal to reveal that it is beyond Schicksal’s reach, and has been hidden in plain sight for eons.
(Info Gathering, Disguise Mastery, Acting Skills)

From this, Otto surmises that the 2nd Divine Key is to be at the River Thames in a space-time pocket all the time.
(Inductive Reasoning)

Following the conversation, Jackal shoots “Catherine” to discard her pawn but is surprised when Catherine changes into Otto and orders Raven, another World Serpent officer to use the 3rd Divine Key to kill Otto, but Otto manages to upload his consciousness before he is killed.

After Otto revives himself into a clone body, he meets up with Durandal and Rita and tells them the information he learned. Otto then comes up with a method to locate the space-time pocket that is stated to be isolated against most detection methods. In the end, he locates it and takes it away from World Serpent.

Second Key

While Otto uses the 2nd Divine Key, which he gained from the London Holiday Arc, to open a pathway to the Imaginary Tree, Durandal is sucked into a bubble universe created by Su and goes through a test created by Su. After successfully clearing the test, Su gives Durandal a leaf where the data of an important parallel universe is being stored, with the stored data being infinite since Su has analyzed a large cardinal number of parallel universes, and you will find that a large cardinal of universes that have roughly have the same meaning as infinite universes. Supporting this claim is the official recap video from the official HI3 channel which stated the data to be as numerous as grains of sand in the Ganga, which is an expression used for uncountable numbers in Buddhism.

Otto analyzed this infinite data in an instant, and Otto also states that he could build something akin to the 2nd Divine Key in only 60 minutes, while hundreds of scientists, in the more technologically advanced Previous Era, needed years of research to build the 2nd Divine Key.
(CPI, FRI, Knowledge Application, Logical Reasoning, Overall Thinking)

Anti-Entropy

Year 1952

The first Honkai Eruption of the current era occurred in Berlin, and Welt Joyce was born as the first Herrscher. Witnessing the sight of death and destruction triggers Welt Joyce to find a way to save them and he assimilates all 300,000 people who died in the eruption. He engraves their minds into his Herrscher Core, and as a result, the link between Will of Honkai is severed and he becomes a Herrscher independent of its influence. Schicksal forces later discover him and perform experiments on him for years.

During this time, his only friend was a pen pal who always wrote to him regularly. In the letters, his pen-pal tells him that he’s just a normal Schicksal employee, in reality, it's Otto Apocalypse, and talks about all kinds of things.

After several letters, Welt slowly begins to trust him and looks forward to the letters, always replying, and Otto uses this to keep track of Welt and let Welt surveil himself and report to him.

Sometime Later…

Otto relocates Welt to Lab 42 in London, which is under Tesla and Einstein's command. There, Welt becomes their lab assistant instead of a lab subject. Over the next few days, they grow closer until they receive a letter from Schrödinger, because the NA branch of Schicksal, which Schrödinger is a part of, found ruins of the previous era.

In America

They land at the US airport and are greeted by two subordinates of Otto, who give them the “Dead Sea Scrolls”. Welt and Co think Otto gives them support because he doesn't want the NA branch to monopolize information, the real reason will be revealed later.

They investigate the ruins and find solium clues with a message from a person called H.A., and she gives them clues to other solium samples containing sensitive information about Schicksal. In the end, they decide to split up

Welt, Einstein, and Tesla go back to the UK to follow the clues of H.A., while Planck, Schrödinger, Edison, and Finn continue to excavate the ruins.

Back in London Welt and his team meet Reanna, a Valkyrie from HQ, who was coincidentally there and befriends them.

They decide to take a break and Welt meets Otto at the beach, where he intentionally leaves a bad impression on Welt to awaken distrust for Schicksal.

Welt also meets Fu Hua there and she gives him pepper spray.

Welt's team finds more clues about H.A., who is revealed to be a Schicksal deserter, and she shows them recordings of the Previous Era, about the destruction of said era. She adds that several hundred years ago, she and another researcher found that Otto didn't want the knowledge of it to be around, so he framed them for crimes and executed them. However, H.A. managed to escape and Otto silenced everyone who knew about the recordings.
(Concealment, Fabrication)

Furthermore, Otto brainwashed everybody in Schicksal to be “cold-hearted Adults” and took the “cells that control imagination” from them.
(Mass Manipulation)

Flashback

The NA branch was built because Edison offered to fund all of its operations, and since Schicksal didn't find many of the previous era’s traces in NA, they didn't think that the NA branch could be a threat to the. So, they approved, but later the NA branch found a previous era ruin, and so a rift began to form between Edison who leads the NA branch, and the Schicksal Council of Schicksal.

Back to the present…

The clues of H.A. lead Welt's team back to America, where they find the 9th Divine Key, Star of Eden (SoE), and are joined by Reanna, a Valkyrie from HQ who was there for holiday.

While they search they are knocked out by an earthquake, and after they wake up, they search for the cause of the earthquake. During the search, Welt is confronted with Schrödinger who had gotten corrupted and had an emotional struggle because all his friends’ lives were in danger and he couldn't do anything about it. The resolutions of this struggle led to him awakening his powers as a Herrscher.

As for why the earthquake happened, it is later revealed to be a result of a failed experiment that Edison, Schrödinger, and Finn initiated. Before the experiment Planck, who was to most experienced scientist of them, was intentionally called to HQ by Otto/the council. The experiment was based on the knowledge that their team gained from the “Dead Sea Scrolls” from Otto.

As for why the experiment failed, Otto kidnapped the son of Finn and blackmailed him into altering the calculations of Edison, which was only possible because Planck was called away. Finn, under the pretense that he just wanted to stop their technological advancements and the alterations, wouldn't be dangerous, which made Finn more willing to give in to the request, since it doesn't do any harm, but in reality, the altering leads to the experiment reactor to going up. Edison dies from the experiment and Finn confesses what he did to Welt and the team, and that he was threatened by Otto.
(Emotional Understanding, Direct Manipulation, Emotional Manipulation, Planning Coverage)

Before Finn can say anything more, Otto takes over Reanna's body and kills him. He reveals that over the last 100 years, he gave Reanna solium implants under the pretense of making her stronger, which is why she agreed, and after 100 years, her whole body was replaced by solium, like the paradox of Theseus.

Otto fights against the others, in Reanna’s body, and is trapped by Welt in a black hole. According to the narration, all finite processes inside this black hole turn into infinite ones, which would include thought processes as they are finite. This would render anyone unable to think as long as they don't have infinite PSI because if they don’t, they won't be able to grasp the infinite process of thought.

This leads us to the current situation, where Otto is inside the black hole and his body is slowly disintegrating while he adapts to the switch from the finitude of normal thought processes to the infinity of thought processes inside the event horizon of a black hole to process a signal coming from the outside, granting him infinite PSI & adaptability.
(CPI, Adaptability)

After Otto is defeated, with the help of the pepper spray Fu Hua gives Welt at the beach back in the UK, which is revealed to be an anti-solium spray, Otto tries to nuke the city which results in Welt sacrificing himself to save it.

In the end, Otto successfully weakened the NA branch and stopped their technological breakthrough.

He also mentions that everything is going according to his plan, which means he planned everything that happened. This includes; Welt’s transfer to Lab 42, Welt's

relationships, the discovery of data in the PE ruins, the failed experiment, Welt's emotional struggle and awakening, Fu Hua giving Welt the anti-solium spray, Otto's defeat, nuking NY to further weaken the NA branch, declaration of independence and founding of Anti Entropy through the remains of the NA branch.
(Planning Aim, Planning Coverage, Planning Intricacies, Risk Calculation, Strategy Complexity, Strategy Success Rate, Strategy Shielding, Strategy Foresight, Strategy Effectiveness, Strategy Execution, Strategy Alignment, Overall Deception)

Durandal

Schicksal/Otto orders an expedition to the Sea of Quanta to gain the sword Durandal, a weapon from the Previous Era that is comparable to Divine Keys. Furthermore, Otto plans this expedition to shape Durandal's Bianka Ataegina persona and plans a crucial point in her growth, as she is naive, hotheaded and reckless, before the expedition, and mature and responsible after it, as the fate of an entire universe lies in her hands. Durandal is the original Kiana, but she loses her memories in an “accident”, Otto exploits that and bombs her so she decides to stay at Schicksal and become a Valkyrie.
(Direct Manipulation, Emotional Manipulation, Emotional Facilitation)

First, to find access to the SoQ without any Divine Keys, they need to find a random spatial fluctuation that will open a space-time hole to the SoQ but the problem is that it can appear anywhere at any time.

However, this wasn't a problem because Otto is able to predict the exact location and timeframe of when the hole would appear. He goes even further than this by predicting the exact time that the next hole will appear, in a hundred years.
(Predictions, Intuition)

In any case, Durandal and Rita; who was ordered by Otto to stay at Durandal’s side since Durandal awakened from her accident, enter the SoQ and find the bubble universe with the blade. Durandal, during their search, comes across many people and makes friends with them, which leads to her trying to save the bubble universe after taking the blade, which destabilizes the bubble universe.

In the end, they found only one method, namely to use Durandal, the person, as the core and place the bubble universe inside her.

As mentioned above, since this expedition was crucial to Durandal's growth, it was planned by Otto, as it was later stated that all the growth and emotional struggles of

all the characters in-game were a part of Otto's plan.
(Short Term Planning, Predictions, Emotional Understanding)

The intention behind this was to strengthen Durandal further, binding her to Schicksal as it is the only organization that can maintain the bubble universe and promote her independent thinking so she will later question his action and go against him in his finale.

The only other mentionable thing is that Otto says that he remembers every single detail about every A-Rank Valkyrie from Schicksal.

In-Game Story

Chronicles/Side stories

Theresa

1972

To create a private fighting force for the House Apocalypse, and to research human souls, Otto creates clones with the genes of Kallen Kaslana and Honkai Beasts, basically like MANTIS (Massively Augmented Neo-Tech Integrated Soldiers) from the previous era except the technology is discovered and developed from Otto as it was previously lost after the fall of the previous era.w
(Logical Reasoning, FRI, Overall Thinking, Knowledge Application)

To prepare these clones, Otto lets them fight against Honkai Beasts and each other, so only one of them survives.

One of the clones who has a close resemblance to Kallen, in terms of personality and character traits, wins but spares the other clone, further reminding him of Kallen. He even theorized that the cloning could’ve resulted in a reincarnation of Kallen.

In any case, Otto adopts the clone and names her Theresa Apocalypse, and plans to have her succeed him as overseer after his grand finale.

After the 2nd Eruption; ~2009

Theresa and Siegfried plan to leave Schicksal and escape with Kiana and her clone, K-423.

They plan to have Theresa cause chaos in Schicksal so that Siegfried can sneak away with Kiana and secretly meet with AE, who promised to help them.

As they begin their plan, they realize that Otto has already seen through them and Otto already predicted the route Siegfried would take to escape and intercepted him.
(See Through People, Hot Reading, Predictions)

Although Siegfried manages to escape with the K-423, Schicksal catches the real Kiana. As Otto thinks about why Siegfried would try to escape with Kiana and her clone, he deduces that AE is likely involved and helped Siegfried behind the scenes.
(Overall Thinking, Deductive Reasoning)

While this happens, Theresa causes chaos at the HQ and Otto threatens her with the death of Kiana if she doesn't give up on this foolish plan. As a result, Theresa is forced to stay at Schicksal.

Kallen Fantasy VII

Otto programs a game with Kallen as the protagonist, the game name is a reference to Final Fantasy VII.
(Knowledge Application, FRI, Overall Thinking, Logical Reasoning)

Fu Hua

Otto initiates a secret project to search for solium quantum computer spheres from the previous era, that contains vast knowledge. Among them was the book of Fuxi.

Fu Hua is the core of this project due to being a previous era survivor but unfortunately, she intentionally forgets some memories to facilitate her brain as she has 50,000 years worth of memories. However, Otto already has a solution for this; he built a memory device to help her dive into the deepest recesses of her mind and remember forgotten memories.
(FRI, Logical Reasoning, Overall Thinking, Knowledge Application)

While Fu Hua dives into her mind, Otto observes her and guides her in her mind as there is a risk of being trapped in one's own mind.

The oldest cortical memory that can be accessed is 500 years ago, so they have to try to find things that trigger forgotten memories and enter her deep memory.

Otto guides her around and they find a Taoist temple.

Otto points out a clay statue and Fu Hua realizes that it is connected to her older memories and enters the deeper part of her mind.

Otto asks questions to try to trigger her memories.
He first asks who made the statue and Fu Hu remembers it to be someone called Nuwa.

Otto surmises that Nuwa is also a previous era survivor and was directly connected to the book of Fuxi, this triggers Fu Hua's forgotten memories and she confirms his conclusions.

As they go deeper into her mind, they arrive at a memory that is so old that it is outside of recorded history.
Since the trigger for this memory was the clay figurine Otto concludes that the memory is connected with the maker Nuwa but this memory section didn't give any clues so they jump to the next one.

In the next one, they find a script with the locations of all the spheres and Otto scans it and analyzes the data.

He then guides Fu Hua out of her mind and back to reality and Fu Hua loses all the memories about what happened in her mind.

Main Story

Chapter 1

This chapter introduces us to the main cast consisting of Kiana Kaslana, Raiden Mei, Bronya Zaychik, Himeko, and Theresa. They are valkyries of Schicksal and are on a mission to retrieve a battleship named Selene that appeared out of nowhere. On the ship, they discover there is nobody on board and it’s operating autonomously. They also notice many AE symbols and tech on the ship and at the Master Control, they get a message that Kiana shall ascend her throne using the four Herrscher Cores of Sirin. Bronya gets hacked because of a bio-chip in her brain and fights the others.

Chapter 2

The main cast is shown to live inside a high school called St. Freya High, where Valkyries are trained, the main cast was transported there years ago by Otto to nurture the relationship between to main cast.

Kiana gets tormented by Sirin, the 2nd Herrscher, in her dreams and learns some bits of her past from Sirin. Sirin tries to guilt-trip Kiana with the death of both her parents and tells her that she's just a ticking time bomb that will eventually kill everyone she loves to try to corrupt Kiana and take control.

The next day, Rita is sent from Schicksal HQ by Otto to help to host an exam. During the exam, she manipulates the simulation device and Kiana is forced to fight an extremely strong monster. As a result, Kiana defeats the monster, but her exhaustion weakens her mental barrier and Sirin awakes again trying to break Kiana, but Kiana still doesn't give in and wakes up again.

Rita observes Kiana falling unconscious and comes to the conclusion that Otto's plan can now move on to the next phase, now Kiana's mental state is unstable. She also mentions that everything is under Otto's control, indicating that Otto orchestrated the crumbling of Kiana's mind. In addition, she says that Kiana's nightmares are caused by the contact with the battleship Selene from Chapter 1 implying that Otto also planned that.
(Planning Coverage, Planning Intricacies)

Chapter 3

The main cast is ordered to retrieve the Gem of Desire, one of the Herrscher Cores from Sirin, from the Oceania branch of Schicksal that got overwhelmed by Honkai Beasts. They locate the gem inside Wendy, a Valkyrie who got tested on with the gem. Wendy soon gets corrupted by the gem and becomes the 4th Herrscher and fights against the main cast. Cocolia, an AE officer, used the bio-chip inside Bronya to control her and apprehended Kiana, Mei, and Wendy. Afterward, she takes Mei and Wendy away because she wants to experiment on Herrschers.

Chapter 4

Kiana, Theresa, and Himeko go to rescue Mei and Wendy, however, Wendy ends up dead. Bronya gets her brain fried because she refused Cocolia's command and Mei

gets rescued safely. Following this, Theresa goes into the basement of St. Freya High, which contains lots of knowledge, to search for a way to heal Bronya.

Chapters 5 & 6

Kiana follows Theresa into the basement and enters a virtual data space where she sees data of the 2nd Eruption and meets her parents. Throughout the entire chapter, she slowly loses touch with reality and immerses herself in the fake reality that is revealed to be just an illusion from Sirin to break her. Subsequently, Kiana breaks down when it is revealed to be nothing but a delusion and Sirin takes control. Otto, who nurtured the crumbling of Kiana's mind, predicted her mental breakdown and when exactly it would happen.
(Predictions, Indirect Manipulation, Emotional Manipulation)

After predicting this, he sends Fu Hua to catch Sirin and bring her to Schicksal while she is still weak. He uses the capture of Kiana/Sirin to provoke Theresa into rebelling against Schicksal with the far east branch of Schicksal, that Theresa leads, and attacking them to get Kiana back.
(Indirect Manipulation, Mass Manipulation, Tactics)

Side note; because Otto predicted Kiana's breakdown, he would've been aware of all events that would lead up to it beforehand; Kiana's breakdown was only possible due to her following Theresa into the archive to help find a cure for Bronya, who was severely injured, and therefore predicted everything that happened with Cocolia and the main cast.

The only reason why the main cast was pressured into fighting Wendy was because he sent Durandal to kill Wendy, and he understood that the morals of the main cast won't allow them to let an innocent person die, so he predicted that they would try to get Wendy in custody before Durandal arrives. This means he was aware of the biochip inside of Bronya and predicted that Cocolia would appear there and take control over her to take away Wendy and Mei.

It automatically follows that he predicted that Kiana and the others would go to rescue them. In the end, Bronya's emotional bonds, that were nurtured by Otto in St Freya High, were strong enough to make her burn her own brain to save the others. Subsequently because of these very emotional ties Theresa would unlock the archive under St Freya High and Kiana would follow her down there directly walking into Sirin's trap.
(Overall Foresight, Indirect Manipulation, Emotional Understanding, Emotional Facilitation, Planning Coverage, Planning Intricacies, Planning Accuracy, Risk Calculation)

Chapter 7

Otto takes Kiana/Sirin to the Schicksal HQ and strengthens her with Honkai Energy to guarantee the stable awakening of the Herrscher of the Void. As Otto planned, Theresa declared independence from Schicksal's main branch and rebels, with the far east branch of Schicksal allying with AE. Otto prepares a hole in the defense of the HQ knowing that Einstein, an AE officer, would find it and use it to attack Schicksal HQ.

Chapter 8

While the others fight, Otto places research records of an Anti-Honkai Serum in the lab, which will come up later in chapter 9. Otto then orders Rita to join Fu Hua in the defense of the HQ. Rita and Fu Hua confront Himeko and Tesla defeats them and takes them away to a prison cell in the vicinity of the lab, on Otto's command. Afterwards, Otto awakens Sirin and she fights with the main cast.

Chapter 9

Fu Hua betrays Schicksal and wants to join the main cast but Otto already anticipated that she would and Rita reveals that she was ordered to take her down if she wants to interfere.
(Anticipation)

Fu Hua gets out and fights against Sirin and loses, but Otto already predicted that this would happen and appears before Sirin. He negotiates Fu Hua's life with Sirin, using Cecilia's blood as a weapon to pressure Sirin into retreating. He does this through

1. The Honkai neutralizing effect of the blood

2. The emotional bond that Sirin developed with Cecilia in the 2nd Eruption in the manga.

After Sirin retreats, Otto reveals his plan to Fu Hua; he had let Sirin take over Kiana's body to awaken her Herrscher powers and then plans to awaken Kiana to let her take back control, resulting in a human with Herrscher powers through the emotional bonds he nurtured between to main cast and Kiana in St. Freya High.
(Logical Reasoning, Overall Thinking, FRI)

He had calculated that the emotional impact of one of the main cast sacrificing themselves to save Kiana would be enough to let Kiana take back control of her body.
(Predictions, Emotional Understanding)

Fu Hua rejects cooperation with Otto and Otto shoots her, leading to her death and transferring her soul into the 8th Divine Key, Fenghuang down, effectively binding her to the main cast who she gave a part of Fenghuang down.

The story indicates that Otto did this intending to force her to help the main cast and not do anything else by cutting off all other ways she could interfere because as Otto says "*Her actions are outside his control"*. This is likely exaggerated and means "hard to control" as Otto was in control of everything she did the last 500 years which directly disporves the literal interpretation of the statement.

Fu Hua, with limited ways to interfere, is forced to use the Divine Key to appear before Himeko and Tesla, freeing them from the prison cell and leading them to the research data about the Anti-Honkai serum that Otto placed in Chapter 8. He knew that Tesla, as a good scientist, would be able to create the serum with the data. The shooting of Fu Hua will also play an important role in growth of the other individuals from the main cast which is a part of Otto's plan.
(Planning Coverage)

Otto also placed a Godsbane suit there, a battle suit based on previous era technology that Otto reverse-engineered, and using this suit, Himeko fights against Sirin and sacrifices her life to inject the serum into Sirin.
(Planning Coverage, Logical Reasoning, FRI, Knowledge Application)

As Otto planned, the emotional impact + the serum were enough to awaken Kiana to create a human with Herrscher powers making his experiment a success.

Chapter 9EX

The awakening of Sirin caused a global catastrophic Honkai Eruption that lasted for four months and destroyed the majority of the planet's surface, but Schicksal/Otto still managed to cover up the existence of Honkai from the public.
(Concealment)

The survivors fled to whatever sanctuaries that remained, Kiana hid in one of these last refuges, Arc City (a metropolis in China) after she took back control of her body.

Otto used the surveillance network of Schicksal that spans across the world to find Kiana's location in 2 weeks roughly.
(Observation)

To narrow her present location down, he uses the information that the intel dealer, Gray Serpent, uploaded. It shows a picture of Kiana from a surveillance camera, telling potential buyers that he knows the location of Kiana, and the observation he made after an investigation shows that Gray Serpent monitors all data in Arc City. From this Otto reasons that Kiana is in Arc City since Gray Serpent knows the location and he sends Rita to extract information from Gray Serpent.
(Deductive Reasoning, Info Gathering)

Rita finds Gray Serpent, but he refuses to give intel and Rita kills him.
Hours later, the main cast arrives at Arc City, wanting to make a deal with Gray Serpent for intel, but finds him dead and searches for his backup databank, which is revealed to be a cyborg with a quantum computer inside its head, but Rita had stolen the data and deleted everything from the cyborg's files, leaving the main cast without any clues.

Chapter 9EX2

The main cast takes the cyborg with them and tries to recreate the deleted data. However, they fail and get hacked by Gray Serpent, who uses the cyborg to access the data bank of the Hyperion, the battleship of the main cast. While this goes on Gray Serpent is almost able to manipule and mind break Bronya but Fu Hua appears yet again to help her piece her mind together which was only possible because Otto shot her in chapter 9. In the end, Gray Serpent retreated because he got the data he wanted from them. The main cast went to The Deep, a Previous Era ruin that is now managed by AE, to retrieve the Gem of Desire, a Herrscher Core.

Chapters 10 & 11

The main cast arrive at The Deep and Cocolia reveals that she ***accidentally*** dropped the core into the Sea of Quanta due to the pressure of Schicksal hunting her and she uses it as a pretense for the main cast to help her against Schicksal. Bronya goes in and finds herself in a maze made by Welt to prevent Kevin, hero of the Previous Era, from exiting the SoQ and entering the real world. Bronya passes the trials while finding her lost friend Seele, who disappeared years ago, in an experiment and becomes the new Herrscher of Reason.

Chapter 11EX

Just Kiana getting depression and suicidal thoughts but Fu Hua helps her overcome it and suppress Sirin's persona which was only possible because Otto shot her back then in chapter 9 and Kiana's development from denial to acceptence was part of Otto's plan since he planned all the from the main cast growth and emotions.

Chapter 12

Seele and Bronya meet Kevin and see parts of his memories that leaked into the SoQ. They fight him and are easily defeated which results in Kevin entering the real world once again.

It's heavily implied that Otto pressured Cocolia, in Chapter 10, through the Schicksal forces hunting her, knowing that she would be forced to throw the gem inside SoQ to force the main cast to stay and help against Schicksal resulting in Bronya entering the SoQ and accidentally freeing Kevin. Otto does this because he needs Kevin to fully unlock the 2nd Divine Key that Otto needs for his plans.
(Emotional Understanding, Indirect Manipulation, Prediction)

Chapters 13 & 14

Rita goes to Arc City to once again search for Kiana and during her search, she finds herself amidst the plans of the World Serpent. Rita teams up with Kiana, and later the main cast, to foil these plans. The plan consisted of a lighter version of Project STIGMA, World Serpent. Which basically means they try to detonate a Honkai Nuke inside the city, which would forcefully awaken a small percentage of humans to STIGMA and the others would die. This World Serpent infiltrated the city long ago with the help of one of their cover up companies, which in this case, is a gigantic pharmaceutical corporation. They used the company to give out free medical treatment and medicine to people but they used the data of these people to run some simulations and test on some of them so they have the highest chance of completing their small and mild version of Project STIGMA.

With no clues or any hints Otto saw through their plan or he already predicted the plan. In any case he knew of it and decided that it would be a good chance to advance Kiana's growth further which will eventually result in the growth of all of the main cast.

In the end to foil the plan of World Serpent Kiana tapped into the Authority of Void again that she sealed with the help of Fu Hua back in chapter 9EX to force the herrscher personality into a slumber. Kiana uses her powers to absorb the honkai energy released by the honkai nuke which severely impacts her health.

Side note; this event forces Mei to later accept World Serpent's offer in Chapter 17 when Kiana was on her deathbed because without this event, Kiana wouldn't be dying. Otto planning this is evident because he plans all their growth. In Chapter 17 when Mei becomes the Herrscher of Thunder again and this is a MASSIVE milestone in her development, and Otto only deciding to capture Kiana after she absorbs the Honkai Energy although he could've done it before and deal with World Serpent's plan himself.

Chapter 15

Otto uses the 2nd Divine Key, that he got in the manga, to breach the barrier of the Sea of Quanta (SoQ) and Imaginary Tree so he can observe parallel universes. He had less than **one minute** for the tunnel to stay open and he analyzed 186,940,000 parallel universes, each of the universes being infinite, and evaluated the data. After reviewing the data he concludes that the data isn't enough and they need the Herrscher of the Void; Sirin; Kiana, to open a bigger tunnel for more data.
(CPI, Analysis, Observation, Perception)

Otto orders Durandal to retrieve Kiana to help open the tunnel and bait the World Serpent to come because he needs the “beacon” that is in Kevin's possession.

After retrieving her and knowing that she won't cooperate, he orders Durandal to take her to the testing ground of the 2nd Divine Key. Otto activates the 2nd Divine Key and forces Kiana to fight the monsters coming out of the tunnel. After a while, Kiana concludes that she can shoot the tunnel to prevent the monsters from spawning. As Otto planned she shoots at the tunnel and breaks the membrane of the Imaginary Tree giving Otto access to more data.

Following this, the World Serpent attacks the base and Kiana runs away in all the chaos. Otto evaluates the situation and concludes that it would be easier to deal with the Serpent when Kiana is away and lets her run away. Though of course, he doesn't let her run without a plan to catch her again, as he said he already has a backup plan in place to locate and get her back if needed.

Kevin and Durandal fight against each other, but in the middle of their fight, Otto interrupts and de-escalates the intense situation.

Chapter 16

Mei and Tesla find traces of Kiana in Nagazora, a Japanese city and the city where Mei and Kiana met for the first time. Mei meets Sora (SORA???!? SCD VICTIMIZER>????!!!!?!??!), an orphan, in the city and helps her in various ways. She later meets the one who raised and protected Sora and the other orphans and reveals herself as World Serpent Officer Raven, Natasha Cioara.

Chapter 17

Otto and Kevin negotiate, and Otto makes a quick assessment and profile of Kevin and his goals. He uses this to convince Kevin that destroying Schicksal would be disadvantageous for his goals.
(Charisma, Psychoanalysis, Emotional Understanding)

Although Kevin is known to be incredibly stubborn and would destroy anything in his way, Otto's negotiation works and he gains an alliance between the World Serpent and Schicksal so that the World Serpent won't get in the way of his plans and he trades VA for the "beacon" of the 2nd Divine Key. However, as usual, Otto plans for everything, and he already had a plan in place to get VA back so he wouldn't have any disadvantages.
(Influence Building, Predictions)

Back in Nagazora, Mei meets Kiana again but notices that Kiana has strong Honkai corruption and AE has no way to cure it, so Mei is forced to join World Serpent to save Kiana.

Otto relocated the 2nd Divine Key to Nagazora beforehand, to support World Serpents' plan to recruit Mei. Using the Divine Key, they make Mei the Herrscher of Thunder again, which results in the Honkai corruption in Kiana weakening due to the disappearance of one of the Herrscher Cores in her.

Later on, Otto gives some explanation regarding the cosmological structures. Thereby he mentions that he has, without VA, more knowledge than every other human and his understanding and knowledge are stated to be on the very edge of science itself.

Otto searched for answers about the Honkai and the cosmological structures of HI3, and he formulated and rejected an uncountable number of hypotheses in the past 500 years, always repeating the cycle of transposing, adjusting, combing, and taking

apart answers.

After all the uncountable failures, all the obstacles, all the difficulties, and impossibilities, he finally managed to formulate a suitable theory and visualize the higher-dimensional cosmological structures inside his head.
(FRI, VSI, Analysis, Logical Reasoning, Overall Thinking, Knowledge Application, Perception)

Chapters 18 & 19

This chapter shows the awakening of the 5th & 9th Herrschers, with the World Serpent teaming up with Schicksal to eliminate them. Mei gets some flashbacks to Kiana and her situation which is similar to the position the 5th & 9th Herrschers are in.

Chapters 20 & 21

Remember when Otto shot Fu Hua in Chapter 9? After that, he took her body and healed it and by this action, he also created a perfect vessel for Honkai to infect a body with high Honkai resistance and without a soul, since Fu Hua's soul is in Fenghuang down.

Using this body as bait, the Honkai eventually came and made it to the 8th Herrscher, the Herrscher of Sentience, which we'll call Senti, but that's where the trap revealed itself. The newborn Herrscher didn't even have enough time to form its persona before it was overwhelmed by the 50,000 years of memory from Fu Hua.

As a result, the Herrscher thought itself to be Fu Hua and became a "human" with Herrscher powers. This was the result of Otto's plan to strengthen the main cast, and as Senti, the 8th Herrscher, awakes, she gets angry at Otto for killing "her" back in Chapter 9 and kills him. However, this was only possible because Otto let himself be "killed" so he could calm her down and use this to disappear from the radar to prepare for his grand finale.

Using the death of one of his bodies, he argues with Senti that they are square since both killed the other person once and he further convinces her to just give up on revenge on him by appealing to her feelings and goals.
(Emotional Understanding, Logical Manipulation)

Otto even shifts the blame to her, making her feel guilty for creating a lot of collateral damage and creating unnecessary pain for the valkyries while killing the fake body of

Otto.
(Direct Manipulation, Emotional Manipulation, Logical Manipulation)

Not wanting to admit that she did something bad, Senti quickly gives up on revenge and turns around to leave, but before she leaves, Otto tells her that Kevin has a big part of the Fenghuang down and might want to assimilate them to gain all her parts back. He does this because he sees that Senti has a destructive trait and he wants her to weaken World Serpent by sending her there. Although he knew that she knew what his intentions were, he knew that her destructive nature would still cause damage to World Serpent.
(Emotional Understanding)

Sending her to gather parts of the Fenghuang down also lays the groundwork for the real Fu Hua to take the body back.

At World Serpent, Senti wreaks havoc and meets Kevin who gives her the Fenghuang Down back.

Flashback; 15th Century

Otto's father, Nicolas Apocalypse, wants Otto to marry Kallen, to use her as a hostage to control the Kaslana house, and he also promises to name Otto as heir to the Overseer position because of his intelligence and astuteness.

Otto goes and tells Kallen, who is imprisoned as a death row inmate, that there is a chance to save her from her execution, but going into the conversation he already knew her answer and even predicted every single word she would say, so he already knew that she will reject the offer and choose death instead of betraying her ideals and principles.
(Prediction, Emotional Understanding)

Back to the present…

After obtaining the Fenghuang Down from Kevin, Senti is confronted with the real Fu Hua, whose soul is in the Divine Key. Through this, they get into a conflict of determining who is the real one. Coincidentally they notice the main cast being in the vicinity so they decide to let them choose.

Chapter 22

Kiana and Bronya notice that Senti is a Herrscher and team up with the real Fu Hua to weaken Senti and defeat her. This outcome was a part of Otto's plan since he planned their growth and emotions.

Chapter 23

The 10th Herrscher, the Herrscher of Dominance/Legion Herrscher; and hive mind consisting of 1000 puppets/humans, appears.

Unbeknownst to them, Otto is amidst their ranks to strengthen the main cast, by indirectly manipulating the Herrscher, by confronting them with obstacles and preparing them to gather the Herrscher Cores of the Herrscher of Dominance for his finale. Even though they are a hive mind, Otto manages to join them without them noticing his ill intentions and him still keeping his thoughts.
(Acting Skills, Emotional Management)

Since Otto is a part of them and is the “golden string” wrapped around the core of the Herrscher, like a puppeteer holding his puppet on a string, the puppets' actions can be considered as Otto’s.

Using the Herrscher, Otto instigates all sorts of problems; murder, accidents, kidnapping, financial crisis, etc, and leaves clues at each crime scene so Schicksal, under Durandal; because Otto has been MIA since Senti “killed” him, AE and the main cast can connect the clues and come to the conclusion that the 10th Herrscher appeared, and fight against it.

One of the clues that Seele finds includes a ticket that announces a bizarre story: "Silly Jack loves his pumpkin. He hugs his precious pumpkin and it bites off his head.”

While Seele and Veliona, a persona coming from Seele's stigma; they share Seele's body, investigate, a puppet, Otto, begins to speak to Veliona, who at that point of the story felt no longer needed by Seele because she was initially the protector of Seele because of Seele's weakness but now she sees how Seele makes new friends and gets stronger. The puppet exploits this feeling and tries to convince Veliona to join the puppets, planting the seed of doubt inside her because they are the same; they are all people who saw the worst part of humanity and were cast aside by others like toys.
(Direct Manipulation, Emotional Manipulation, Emotional Understanding)

This shows that the puppets can read a person's doubts and desires.
(Cold Reading, See Through People, Emotional Understanding, Emotional

Perception)

Later on, we see Bronya training her Herrscher of Reason power under Welt. After the training, they go to an observation deck that features a statue exhibition of Honkai Beasts and notice the statues are real. The statues reveal themself as monsters controlled by the Herrscher of Dominance and Bronya & Welt fight them off. Afterward, they head out to investigate the one who commissioned the exhibition.

Turns out, a senator of Congress was one of the people dealing with the statues and even had his own collection, when the main cast found him the statues came to life and almost bit his head off.

When the main cast saw this, they were reminded of the message on the ticket: "Silly Jack; the senator, loves his pumpkin; obsession for the statues. He hugs his precious pumpkin and it bites off his head; statue coming to life and biting his head off." that predicted this outcome.
(Short Term Planning, Emotional Understanding)

After further investigation, they found soil traces on the ticket that weren't from the area. It was from the area where the predicted crime took place.

A while later they find the workshop where the statues came from and suspect it is a trap, but have no other choice than to go there.

At the workshop, Seele is transported to the Theater of Dominance, the domain of the Herrscher of Domination; the puppets split Seele and Veliona apart and mock, and increase, Veliona's fear of not being needed anymore but Veliona manages to get them out.
(Direct Manipulation, Emotional Manipulation)

Outside, they find a new puppet with a ticket that has another message.

Using that message, they prevent the next crime and find another ticket at the crime scene that says: "The rusted tin glows. The children shout. The audience laughs. And lo! The odd eye pops out!".

At night Seele talks with Veliona and they talk a lot about her new friends, but during her conversation, Veliona almost breaks and succumbs to her feelings thinking about the words of the puppets. Seele and her get along again after a long speech from Seele about their relationship, likely also part of Otto's doing because he is behind the puppets provoking and mocking and does it so Veliona almost breaks and makes up again, strengthening the bond between Seele and Veliona since he needs their powers later.

The Next Day

After analyzing the ticket, they discover that their base is the next target and get attacked.

Bronya and Seele are teleported to the Theater of Domination again, and the puppets provoke Bronya into attacking them with her full authority, leading to them using their powers to steal Bronya's authority, likely to strengthen her by making her use her authority more independently.

Seele is forced to switch control with Veliona to escape with Bronya, leading to a part of her potential powers actualizing, further strengthening the main cast, and in the end, they escape the theater.

Chapter 24

World Serpent POV

World Serpent also investigates the puppets, Mei and Raven discover that the puppets take over people and manipulate their friends and family members into doing crimes or preparing crimes for them.

Mei is teleported into the Theater of Domination where the puppets try to convince Mei to give them her Herrscher powers in exchange for them taking away the powers of Kiana because the puppets know that Mei desires to live a normal life with Kiana away from Honkai.

The puppets fail to convince Mei and she kills them, breaking the link to the theater and getting back to the real world.

Main Cast and AE POV

They discover that the Herrscher of Dominance exploits the negative feelings of people to recruit them. For example, a scientific researcher whose research is rejected, a painter whose paintings are only criticized, a child who is neglected by his parents because of a better sibling, etc.

Using their negative feelings, they convince them to give up on humanity, only seeing its dark side, and give them a purpose, to destroy humanity, letting them feel needed.
(Emotional Understanding, Direct Manipulation, Emotional Manipulation, Psychological Manipulation, Emotional Facilitation)

By using the Theater of Domination, the Herrscher further brainwashes its puppets by driving them mad.

The main cast comes up with a plan to bait the Herrscher of Dominance by using Kiana and her Herrscher Authority as bait.

They will leak information about her being transported to a safe house in the Arctic, this will lead to two situations. In the first situation; Kiana gets safely transported to the Arctic, and the Herrscher of Dominance won't be able to reach her there. The second situation; the Herrscher of Dominance attacks the transport ship to capture Kiana which is a deliberately shown weakness.

Knowing that the Herrscher of Dominance will be forced to attack them due to them wanting to gather Herrscher Authorities, they predict that the Herrscher will anticipate this being a trap and circumvent it, but still find a way to kidnap Kiana and they included this scenario in their plan.

In this scenario, Kiana will use her Herrscher powers to open a portal inside the theater for the Hyperion, they also knew from previous observations that this won't put her powers in danger because the authority needs to be directed at the puppets for them to steal, and kill all the gathered puppets.

At the Theater

The Herrscher has some concerns regarding the transportation saying that is an obvious trap but it gets convinced by one of the puppets.

Main Cast POV

Everything goes according to their plan and they kill the Herrscher of Dominance, resulting in them relaxing and celebrating, but the puppets predicted this outcome and let the main cast believe that they had killed every puppet.
(Predictions, Concealment)

After letting their guard down, the puppets take Kiana to the theater once again, planning to wake Sirin up and convincing her to join the Herrscher of Dominance, which would also result in the trust of the people in AE sinking because they always insisted that Kiana could control her powers.

They take Kiana on a trial where they mock Kiana for not even having a real name and for being not human, only a clone with a core, and enumerate all the negative consequences Kiana triggered: her father Siegfried lost everything because of her, her friend were hired because of her, etc, but they also assure that they are the same, people who lost everything and saw the pain and ugliness of the world, trying to convince Kiana to join them.
(Direct Manipulation, Emotional Manipulation, Psychological Manipulation)

The puppets know her greatest regret and weakness, something that she doesn't want to accept even though she knows it's the truth; the death of Himeko.
They present the gem of haste to Kiana, which was the core of Himeko's suit, proving her death, and they try to use it to break Kiana. They see her heart and soul cry out at the sight of it.
(Direct Manipulation, Emotional Manipulation, Emotional Understanding)

This is also the situation that was predicted in the ticket back then "The rusted tin glows, gem of haste. The children, puppets, shout. The audience, the Herrscher as a whole, laughs. And lo! The odd eye, Sirin, pops out!”

Chapter 25

The main cast notices Kiana's disappearance and tries to locate her. After a while, they conclude that the Herrscher is still alive and finds a weak spot in space, leading to the theater. However, the puppets predicted this, and when the main cast opened the space it revealed itself as a trap, with Bronya and Fu Hua being sucked in.
(Anticipation, Setting Traps)

This is because the Herrscher wants more Herrscher abilities and the opening was closed by the Herrscher.

While this is happening, the Herrscher of Dominance creates riots around the globe, forcing the rest of the main cast to concentrate their focus on the real world and not interfere with the theater.

Kiana’s POV

The puppets continue to taunt Kiana with Himeko's death and the Gem of Haste, provoking her into attacking them.
(Direct Manipulation, Emotional Manipulation)

This results in Kiana snatching the Gem of Haste from them, but this was also a part of the puppets' plan. Because Kiana rejected the offer to join them and snatched the Gem of Haste, Kiana overloaded herself with Honkai Energy, from the moment she touched the Gem of Haste, and her emotions got out of control due to the implication of the gem being here, resulting in Sirin taking over.

As a result, Kiana and Sirin have an inner battle, which Kiana wins after a lot of struggle and confronting herself and her memories. Due to Kiana winning, Sirin disappears from her head and Kiana has full control of the Herrscher of the Void's power. This emotional struggle and Kiana's win are also planned by Otto to strengthen her.

After defeating Sirin, Kiana meets a shadow of Himeko inside the Gem of Haste and Himeko and her have an emotional talk. In the end, Kiana is forced to go because she still has to confront the Herrscher of Dominance.

Bronya and Fu Hua's POV

The Herrscher of Dominance trapped them inside an infinite staircase and they tried to break out.

Bronya finds a weak point in space and they break out, but on their way out, their way is blocked by the puppets, who use their hosts as hostages, knowing that Bronya and Fu Hua would be hesitant to take an innocent life.

Using this method the puppets force Fu Hua to use her herrscher powers to cut the connection between their hosts and them. As a result, Fu Hua's Herrscher powers are taken away.

Mei's POV

Mei enters the theater using puppet cores and confronts the Herrscher of Dominance, who tries to steal her Herrscher powers but fails and is injured as a result.

The puppets impersonate Kiana to try to shake Mei emotionally but fail because Mei detached herself from her past.

The puppets sacrifice some of themself to cut her off and kick her out of the theater.

Bronya, Fu Hua, and Kiana's POV

Bronya and Fu Hua meet up with Kiana and they go to fight the Herrscher in its true form. However, during the fight, the Herrscher manages to defeat and capture Bronya & Fu Hua and absorbs Kiana's Herrscher Authority.

While the fight goes on the Herrscher confronts Kiana with the truth and ugliness of the world and the Herrscher "kills" Fu Hua and Bronya in front of her and almost manages to corrupt and break Kiana, but in the last moment, she remembers the conviction and determination of the people who helped her and uses this feeling to strengthen her resolve enough to break through the power blockade of the Herrscher of Dominance. She assimilates the Herrscher Cores of Bronya and Fu Hua, who survived and fuses their authorities into one.

Before the last puppet dies it exclaims that the "golden" string is coming.

Chapter 25EX

Otto comes back to Schicksal and assumes the commanding position again and initiates an experiment.

Otto deduces that the "Honkai Persona" intervened through a link from the Imaginary Tree to the real world.
(Deductive Reasoning)

Using this discovery, he found a way to potentially free the world from Honkai; by cutting off the old link and building their own independent link to the tree.
(Logical Reasoning, Overall Thinking, FRI)

As of now, this procedure is regarded as impossible, but now they have a test subject from which they can extract data; the test subject that Otto prepared was the Theater of Domination and the Herrscher Core of Dominance, which Otto seized control of after the Herrscher died.

Many Days Before…

Otto steals the core of the Herrscher of Dominance and examines its spatial properties when he is suddenly dragged into a white void by the core, meeting the “Honkai Persona” yet again.

Otto is implied to be able to adapt to a thinking pattern that's beyond human comprehension.
(Adaptability, Observation, Perception)

Otto deduces that the “Honkai Persona” cannot directly intervene and that it’s just a narrow strait in an ocean. He even abduces the real name/identity of the “Honkai Persona”.
(Deductive Reasoning, Abductive Reasoning, Overall Thinking, FRI)

Following this, he talks with the “Honkai Persona” and secures the abstention in his plan from the “Honkai Persona”.

Present Day

Using the link from the theater, Durandal directly travels to the Imaginary Tree and links her bubble universe, which she gained from the Durandal VN, to the tree.

While this process was executed the 2nd Divine Key measured the data from it. The raw data came out as 1 billion gigabytes and Otto analyzed this data quickly as it is needed for his finale later.
(CPI, Analysis)

Side Note - It’s never specified how long it took him, but due to his infinite CPI, it should be in an instant.

Chapter 26

Sometime in the Past; ~Seven Swords VN

Otto recruites Li Sushang, in the Seven Swords VN, to join him on his quest to revive Kallen through saving her life and indebting her to him. Something happened that made her want to take revenge against him. Idk what, as the Seven Swords VN was never finished.

To preserve her life till his plan can be executed, he built a cryosleep facility for her, remember this was in the Middle Ages.
(FRI, Logical Reasoning, Overall Thinking)

Sometime in the 15th century

Otto's nephew, Marseille, is crowned as Overseer instead of Otto. Although the latter held the position as heir, which leads to Otto having the entirety of Schicksal as his enemy. He started with nothing back then and he managed to overthrow the old Schicksal, an organization that had complete control over Europe.

Otto mass manipulated the people to follow him into the battle by fabricating and amplifying the bad image and reputation of old Schicksal to create more discontent and hate against the old regime. This hate was already slumbering inside the people since the corruption of Schicksal became more apparent in the last few years, indulgences and a lot of wars over profit, and he used this chance to turn Kallen from a hated traitor into a Saint, loved by the people, and used her as the ideal of the resistance movement. He took it even a step further as he made her the Jesus of HI3 and the people believed that her death atoned for all the sins of living beings; they revered anyone and anything related to Kallen.
(Direct Manipulation, Mass Manipulation, Emotional Manipulation, Psychological Manipulation, Emotional Understanding, Emotional Facilitation, Tactics, Fabrication, Info Control)

Before the rebellion, he spent time building and taking care of an orphanage, teaching nuns in Venice, etc. He does this to build a stark contrast between his "selfless" persona of helping the weak and poor and the "selfish" and corrupt reputation of Schicksal.
(Psychological Manipulation, Tactics, Acting Skills)

In the end, Otto was crowned as the Overseer with the full consent of the people. They sang him their praises because of his resourcefulness and saw him as the strong savior who would bring salvation and virtue to them.
(Mass Manipulation, Emotional Facilitation)

Otto foresaw the outcome of the Schicksal civil war and he managed to conceal how dangerous the rebellion so well that Schicksal completely ignored them and made fun of him and his rebellion, even refusing to see him as a human rather, they mock him as something inferior than humans.
(Concealment, Predictions)

Back to the Present

Otto awakens Li Sushang from her sleep and tells her that everything he planned for the last 500 years will be soon over.

As such he presents her with the opportunity to resolve her debt and take revenge against him afterwards.

Some Days Later

The main cast notices a weird pause of Honkai incidents worldwide and they theorize that it could be the same quiet phase that happened in the Previous Era before the 11th Herrscher appeared. This is later revealed to be Otto's doing because he doesn't want interference from the Honkai in his plan, this will be expanded later.

As the main cast discusses where the Herrscher Cores of Dominance were, they disappeared after the defeat of the Herrscher, they are interrupted by a worldwide Schicksal broadcast where Otto plans preparations after he is gone. In the broadcast, Otto announces the existence of Honkai to the public and establishes a good reputation for the main cast/AE and Far east branch of Schicksal by crediting them for the defeat of many Honkai disasters.
(Emotional Facilitation, Planning Preparations)

Moreover, he proclaims his resignation as Schicksal overseer and Theresa as his heir and invites her to her coronation in Kolosten the old Schicksal HQ.

Now this proclamation sets up and causes multiple things:

1. Theresa is forced to accept the position as heir because Otto proclaimed it to the public and portrayed her as a hero, a shield for humanity, placing the weight of the expectations of the entirety of the world on her.

2. This sets up the basis for the complete unification of the entirety of humanity's power because Theresa and AE are allied and their unification will be necessary to win the war against the Honkai and fight against World Serpent to prevent project stigma in the future. Otto raised Theresa to be a capable leader and he knows she will be able to lead humanity into a bright future.

3. Theresa and the main cast will be forced to go to Kolosten as per his invitation since they can't let the chance to seize control over Schicksal slip away. Otto also uses the Herrscher Cores of Dominance as bait, telling them they can

come to retrieve them while they are at the coronation although he knows that they know that it is most likely bait they still have no other choice than take it because they can't overlook the Herrscher Core.

4. This proclamation will give Otto VA back because

    a) Kevin accepted VA back in Chapter 17 in their negotiations because VA would enable him to control Schicksal after Otto's death since VA can mimic Otto but now Theresa, having the throne of Schicksal, renders this option useless.

    b) Otto knows that Kevin will see through his plan and his envy for Otto will force him to give VA back to support him in his endeavor which also guarantees that World Serpent won't interfere with Otto's plan.

(Tactics, Methods, Strategy Effectiveness, Strategy Shielding, Long Term Planning, Planning Preparations, Planning Coverage, Emotional Understanding, Predictions)

In Kolosten

The main cast meets Durandal, who Otto sent to greet them. She explains that Otto told her to show them the investigation areas of the Herrscher Core and that the core creates space-time anomalies through which the past is projected into Kolosten. In reality, these anomalies were produced by Otto to create imaginary dimensional bleeding, which would later lead to the formation of the 11th Herrscher Authority, and in addition, the information from the past will be shown to Durandal, which slowly built up to her betrayal.

Tesla, Durandal, and Theresa search the areas of the anomalies and try to locate the source of them.

Through the anomalies, Durandal learns more about the injustices Otto did which slowly imprints in her mind.

After they searched for a while their search leads them to an “Otto(?)” from the 15th century.

They talk with him and examine him and find puppet strings from the Herrscher of Dominance on him. To further examine this they go back to the Hyperion.

At the Hyperion

They are contacted by Nagamitsu, a scientist from Schicksal directly under Otto's command. She tells more about the anomalies and mentions that she thinks that Otto found a way to travel to the past which makes the AE scientist skeptical as physics doesn't allow this to happen. Still, Nagamitsu explains that although inside the real world, it is impossible to turn back time it won't be impossible from the perspective of Imaginary Tree. Unbeknownst by them, Nagamitsu says all this to plant the idea that Otto will sacrifice the entire world to turn back time on Otto's command.
(FRI, Logical Reasoning, Overall Thinking)

Later

Amber, Otto's secretary, contacts the main cast to tell them that Otto and Rita found the Herrscher Core at the church and will give it to them without *any* conditions.

At the church

Otto orders Rita to kill “Otto(?)” from 500 years ago who Otto reveals to be a clone of his younger self from the time of the Schicksal civil war, when he was filled with a lot of negative emotions, to lure the core of the 10th Herrscher because he knows that it searches for a suitable host and that his younger self was a perfect bait for it.

Otto uses this method because he already discovered the location of the other 999 Cores of the 10th Herrscher, which is practically impossible. After all, the cores were in an “abyss between dimensions”/outside space, while the last core wasn't locatable.
(Info Gathering, FRI, Logical Reasoning, Overall Thinking)

This ruthless action against “Otto(?)” angers Durandal and Otto further provokes her by listing other iniquities he did. To prevent a fight Otto eventually changes the topic and gives Theresa the Herrscher Core but Theresa is still skeptical about his actions and Otto reassures her that she will soon take over the stage while his journey will end. With these last words, he leaves.

Outside

Rita and Durandal accompany the main cast back to the Hyperion and on the way, she tells them when Otto ordered her back to HQ. He told that after extensive

research with the 2nd Divine Key, he found the only way to travel back in time and Rita theorized that it would require a great cost to do.
(FRI, Logical Reasoning, Overall Thinking, Info Gathering)

Additionally, what makes Otto's actions more suspicious is how he handles the current situation. The dramatic resignation, selecting the old Schicksal HQ to retrieve the Herrscher Core, ordering Rita to assassinate his clone; because it doesn't it’s not like his normal behavior. Further fuelling their suspicion, Otto told Rita that she can share the information mentioned above with the main cast.

As a result, the main cast, Rita, and Durandal share intel, discussing and theorizing about Otto's plan.

While Durandal and Rita spend more time with the main cast, they slowly get closer and empathize with each other.

Later

They begin an experiment with the Herrscher Otto gave them and during the experiment, Otto interrupts them with a call where he orders Rita and Durandal back, since he finished his preparation and will be leaving soon, so he needs their assistance for the last step tomorrow.

In this call he kinda made fun of the petty behavior the main cast holds against him and his provocation angers Durandal which leads to her cutting him off showing the first signs of her loyalty crumbling.

After the call the main cast thinks about why he provoked them and Durandal becomes more suspicious of him and her loyalty gradually sinks.

Next day

Durandal, Rita, and Li Sushang arrive early at the meeting point.

Durandal and Rita ask Li Sushang about Otto's plan because out of them, she is the closest to Otto.

She tells them that his plan will leave a big mess behind and revive Kallen or at least, that’s her interpretation of Otto's explanation that he gave her when he woke her up.

Durandal also assures Li Sushang's abstention if she chooses to go against Otto in their conversation.

Later

The meeting begins with Otto explaining his “plan” to them; he starts by showing off his deep understanding of abstract concepts and its mechanics such as the Imaginary Tree, time, and perception of time and their relationship with each other.
(Abstract Reasoning, Overall Thinking, Knowledge, Emotional Understanding)

He explains how he will turn back time to the growth point of the branch, the real world is on the Imaginary Tree 500 years ago so it will evolve in its own time.

A question comes up about what would happen in the present time if Otto does this, and Otto tells them that the answer to the question is “nothing” which confuses Durandal but Otto refuses to elaborate. Turning back time, which is widely regarded as impossible, by saying “nothing”, causes Durandal to question Otto's plan and she begins to think that the present will be the cost, which will cement the lingering idea of betraying him.

Otto gives them orders to guard certain areas and assigns Rita & Li Sushang to guard duty, while Durandal stays at the center as mobile reinforcement which also enables her to later betray Otto and attack him.
(Planning Coverage)

Epilogue

The result of the analysis of the test data from the Herrscher Core comes out, and it reveals that Otto tempered with the core and stole the Herrscher Authority from the core.
(FRI, Logical Reasoning, Overall Thinking)

Chapters 27

Prologue

The sensors of the Hyperion detect over 100 individuals, the exact number isn't stated but it should be 1000 since there are 1000 puppets of Herrscher of Dominance and Otto is said to control all of them. Their infrared readings are all

consistent with Otto Apocalypse and deeper analysis reveals that Otto found a method to steal and use the stolen authority of the Herrscher of Dominance to turn some of his solium clones into living puppets. This is rather impressive considering Herrscher Cores and their respective authorities aren't bound by the laws of physics and have a reality distortion field around them, which can mutate the laws of physics around it in unexpected ways which makes it almost impossible to tamper with them.
(FRI, Overall Reasoning, Overall Thinking)

The main cast receives an incoming call from the puppets, who tell them to stand by at the Hyperion and not to interfere with Otto's plan.

By doing this, Otto understands that they know him well enough to figure out that he wants to delay them until it's too late, which will lead them to conclude that they need to go out and stop him.
(Emotional Understanding, Predictions)

After they conclude this, Otto switches the transmission to himself by taking over the puppet and he tells them about “his plan”, sacrificing himself and the present to cut off the branch/timeline on the imaginary tree 500 years ago, and how beneficial it would be for humanity to have an extra 500 years.

Furthermore, the whole main cast will survive because Otto developed a method to shield all of the city of Kolosten from the time currents.
(FRI, Logical Reasoning, Overall Thinking)

On top of that, Otto gives them an ultimatum of 12 hours to come and stop him if they disagree with his plan and he gives them a hint that he deployed his subordinates in town if they come.

Although the idea of time reversal is absurd and regarded as impossible in the Honkai verse, the main cast is inclined to believe it because of Nagamitsu's explanation in chapter 26 and other subtle hints Otto placed.
(Planning Coverage)

Otto further cements the notion of possible time reversal by telling them he struck a deal with WoH/God, an unknown variable that humans don't have any information on, except that it is an omnipotent being, so the scientists on the side of the main cast are forced to believe the idea of the possibility of his plan working.
(Info Control)

After that, Otto cuts off the connection and the main cast discusses their next move. Just as Otto planned, they believe in his plan and think of a battle strategy against him but their strategy is already set in stone, as Otto set up a situation where they

only have one feasible option; splitting their troops and approaching the church that Otto is in, from multiple directions because

1. not splitting their forces will render them immobile and slow. So they will arrive too late.

2. using their battleship Hyperion to bomb their way to the church and attack him is not possible because there are innocent Schicksal staff in Kolosten and Otto knows the main cast will try to avoid collateral victims as their morals won't allow it.

3. If they don't move at all Otto will automatically win because no one is stopping him

4. They have to split their forces because they need to be cautious and assess the situation first since they don't know what Otto has up his sleeves.

(Planning Coverage, Predictions, Tactics)

So in the end they come up with a two-phase plan to approach Otto. In the first phase, they will spread their forces and meet up in front of the church to defeat Otto.

They divide their forces into 3 teams.

Team 1, consisting of Seele, Bronya, Rozaliya, and Liliya, will use a jamming device to weaken the Herrscher Authority of Dominance and use that to attract the enemies attention.
Team 2, consisting of Kiana, and Fu Hua, will try to arrive at the church as soon as possible and sneak past the distracted opponents from the opposite direction of Team 1 to assess the situation at the core of Otto's operation.

The third team, consisting of the rest of the main cast and the Hyperion crew will act as a supporting base.

Otto uses the attack of the main cast to test their strength and try to boost it if needed.

Team 1 POV

Team 1 approaches Otto from the City Hall Square and searches for a place to set up the jamming device and finds the perfect spot, which is revealed to be a trap that imprisoned them into a slow shrinking barrier array with a portal in the middle. As a result, Team 1 is forced to flee into the portal which traps them in the theater of

domination that Otto seizes control of with authority.
(Anticipation, Setting Traps)

In the theater, Bronya is separated from Seele and the others and is alone with Rita, who gains control of the theater from Otto.

They fight and Bronya strengthens her resolve and awakens a greater part of the Authority of Reason resulting in Rita's defeat.

After the fight, Rita reveals that in reality, she didn't want to stop her but only test if she was strong enough to fight Otto and mature her growth. This would strengthen her, but Otto already saw through Rita and knew her intentions to backstab him. This is why he deliberately placed her where he anticipated Team 1 would be in Chapter 26 because he wants the main cast to become stronger and he knows that Rita will be perfect to awaken more of Bronya's powers since they have a lot in common.
(Anticipation, Hot Reading, STP)

Team 2 POV

Kiana and Fu Hua use a device to find the shortest path from the Hyperion to the church without any enemies but at the last moment, they change the route because it seems too suspicious as an obvious trap. However, Otto anticipated their route change jammed their search device, and placed enemies on the way.
(Anticipation, STP, Emotional Understanding)

Consequently, Fu Hua and Kiana fight these enemies and amidst their fight, they get separated. After Fu Hua searches she finds Kiana fighting against Li Sushang.

Otto stationed Li Sushang there knowing that she would let Kiana go on to the church and fight against Fu Hua because he predicted that she would only fight for him once, and this one fight would be against Fu Hua since they have a grudge from Seven Swords VN. Fu Hua is the master of Li Sushang's mother and Fu Hua's students, including Li Sushang's mother, decided to stab Fu Hua in the back and kill her although Fu Hua adopted them when they were little kids.
(Planning Coverage, Anticipation)

Otto wants them to resolve their grudge so it won't be problematic in the future when they go against World Serpent together and it will help Fu Hua to let go of the past which will be an important factor in her growth.

The fight goes as he expected: their grudge is resolved.

One Hour Before; Durandal POV

Durandal goes to speak with Rita and Nagamitsu to ask Nagamitsu about the possibility of Otto's time reversal, but they discover that she has disappeared. Durandal immediately finds it suspicious how close Otto is to his plan and the only person, other than him, who knows the key tech needed for it, disappears.

They end up asking Amber what happened to Nagamitsu and she tells them that Nagamitsu left a special key of the genius system behind, along with a message, one hour ago, telling them to read it if she were to disappear during the execution of Otto's plan.

Durandal and Rita take the key and search for the message in which Nagamitsu tells them that Otto "fired" her and confirms that Otto's "plan" is to turn back time to give humanity another 500 years and revive Kallen Kalsana.

Moreover, she tells them that all people from the present, except Kolosten, will die as a result and she assures them that Otto has no problem with sacrificing the whole world.

Nagamitsu encourages Durandal to stand up and fight against Otto. This, along with all the accumulated discontent with Otto's past actions and constant provocations, leads to her breaking her loyalty to Otto once and for all.

Durandal will confront him.
Side Note: Otto is aware of what was happening with Durandal, as he was the one who ordered Nagamitsu to do and say the things she did.
(Indirect Manipulation)

Otto POV

Otto sits & waits in the church for Durandal to come to confront him, and reminisces about his past with VA while waiting. He tells VA that there's still time until they arrive and invites him on a trip down his 500 years of life.

Otto's memories

The first memory is about his first meeting with Kallen. Also back then he as a child was able to see through the harsh isolating and mocking treatment his family gave

him and knew that they were only doing this to because they worried for his physical health but they weren't considerate about his feelings.

The second is of his first time on the battlefield with Kallen.

The third is the same situation as above.

The fourth shows Otto developing another cure for the Black Death that can heal people, even if the Black Death mutates, and him covering all of Kallen's vigilante actions up from the higher-ups.
(FRI, Logical Reasoning, Overall Thinking, Concealment)

The fifth is about him meeting with his sister Risa to convince her to help him rescue Kallen after she was sentenced to death. After seeing his sister, he immediately deduced that she poisoned their father intending to replace him with her son, Marseille, as heir.
(Observation, Perception, Deductive Reasoning)

The sixth memory shows him in front of Kallen's grave and he starts monologuing, where he demonstrates a deep understanding of different perspectives and views people have on death and how these thoughts instill fear of death. How this would influence people into doing negative things such as murder, abuse, and discrimination, and he continues to elaborate on how raw human emotions throw people down an abyss.
(Abstract Reasoning, VCI, Emotional Understanding)

Side Note: he remembers all his memories perfectly and has unlimited access to them. He also shows an incredible amount of self-awareness and self-reflection by being able to perfectly understand his thought trains and their triggers even those from 500 years ago. Furthermore, he can look at himself objectively from the 3rd perspective and evaluate and criticize his actions and himself while considering the consequences of his actions. Because of this he constantly mocks himself and harbors a deep hatred of himself. Meanwhile, VA constantly tries to provoke Otto. VA also states that Otto never fell for all the elaborate traps he set up for him over the last 500 years.
(Self Awareness, Emotional Management, Trap Evasion)

Durandal POV

Durandal arrives at the church and interrogates Otto.

Otto explains the inner workings of the Imaginary Tree and time, showcasing a profound understanding of these concepts, and this time, he explains his “plan” of turning back time without withholding information.
(Abstract Reasoning, Overall Thinking)

He tells her that he struck a deal with WoH/God by using the knowledge of WoH/**God** not wanting Project STIGMA of World Serpent to succeed. He convinced **GOD** to give him access to the power of the Imaginary Tree itself so he could turn back time and reset both Project STIGMA and the progression of the Honkai in the world. In the end, the deal would be beneficial for both humanity and the Honkai, so WoH/**God** agreed.

Adding on, he says that the reset will erase all of the present humanity, cleansing them from the sin of killing Kallen Kaslana.
Following that, he provokes Durandal to kill him for all his sinful actions, to stop his plan and that he is aware that everything he does is morally wrong and he is nothing but a hypocrite.

After the fight

Durandal defeats Otto after a fierce fight and Otto reveals that his speech before the fight and the fight itself was but a distraction to finish his transcendence. Hence, she is too weak to stop him now, and before she can react, he uses the genius system she has on her to exile her to the Imaginary Space.
(Misdirection, Verbal Deception, Concealment)

Back to the present; Kiana POV

Kiana arrives before the church at the predicted time, and Otto places the Abyss Flower, a divine key that controls life and death, from Durandal on the ground. Since Otto perfectly predicted when Kiana would arrive, he would’ve had to predict the three teams tactics, as well as account for the exact time it would take for the encounter between Kiana + Fu Hua and Li Sushang would take.
(Prediction, Risk Calculation)

Otto tells her to stop struggling and just wait till he turns back time. With these words, he turns and goes back into the church. While he goes in, the whole church is enveloped in a white light that stops Kiana from advancing further by neutralizing all energy in the area; Honkai, bioelectrical, etc.

This light is later revealed to be the Authority of Binding that Otto negotiated as an extra in his conversation with WoH/**God.** It's impressive that he can effortlessly use authority without succumbing to its corrupting effect, which is very strong considering that most Herrschers succumbed to its effects.

Side Quests

Spartacus

Although the townspeople were evacuated the day before, Otto brought them back to use them as hostages, rendering the Hyperion useless in battle. The townspeople were all willing to go back because they didn't know about all the commotion in the city and they were willing to obey Otto blindly.
(Mass Manipulation)

Theresa tries to convince the people to leave Kolosten by telling them that Otto is doing dangerous experiments, but they can't believe their overseer, Otto, would do something dangerous and can't even imagine that he would hurt them. This shows Otto's high proficiency in concealing all his actions to such a degree that his organization doesn't even know about it even though he uses Schicksal's resources and his control over all his people who are trapped by his overwhelming charisma and his fabricated public image.
(Concealment, Charisma, Fabrication)

Furthermore, he is popular among his employees because he pays them well and this entails all sorts of benefits and assistance for them and their families. He even gives them gifts personally for every major holiday. Indicating that Otto knows every single person who works for Schicksal and their preferences.
(Cold Reading, Memorization, Charisma)

The people idolize and love Otto because of the image they have of him as a perfect and virtuous overseer.
(Fabrication)

He even cares for weak, old, people, as he carries an old weak man on his back through the city because the old man can't walk by himself.

Suggestions

Nagamitsu goes to the Hyperion and main cast after she is “fired” by Otto, but in reality, she is there under Otto's orders and is there to advise Theresa and the main cast on how to win the people over and fight Otto.
(Planning Coverage)

Amber

Otto fires Amber, predicting that she will go to the main cast to search for a purpose, since she doesn't have her job anymore. As a result, she tells the main cast more about Otto's plans and tells them in advance to prepare for the Herrscher of Binding, and helps them find a method of breaking through it.
(Prediction, Hot Reading, Planning Coverage)

Chapter 28

Kiana POV

After Otto vanishes inside the light curtain of the church, Team 1 arrives at the church and meets up with Kiana.

Since they cannot break through the light curtain they report back to the Hyperion.

At the Hyperion

The AE scientists conclude that they should use Selene, a cannon that can convert Honkai Energy into regular energy, to break the light curtain.
Their trial failed because, although they managed to create a hole in the curtain, Otto found a way to make the curtain repair constantly repair itself, making it impossible to break through, even with the entire energy reserves of the Hyperion.
(Anticipation, FRI, Overall Thinking, Logical Reasoning)

The only method that was left was for Bronya to try to harness the intellect of 300k minds.

Back at the Church

Bronya remarks that she needs more energy to break the light, so Kiana and the rest of Team 1; Seele, Liliya, and Razaliya, give her the remaining energy they have left.

Bronya absorbs the energy and goes into her mind where the 300k people in her Herrscher Core question her. This is to see if she is worthy of holding the full might of it. In their exchange, Bronya convinces all 300k minds to accept her and harnesses their thoughts to break the curtain.

With the bundled energy of Team 1, Kiana, and Bronya, they're just barely able to break the curtain. Bronya exhausts all her energy and collapses close to death as a result, but Otto had already predicted and planned for this beforehand. Remember when Otto placed the Abyss Flower at the venue in front of the church after his fight with Durandal? "Coincidentally" Seele was placed in Team 1, so she was present and she has the Stigmata of Death. This enables her to use the Abyss Flower to rescue Bronya from the Grasp of Death.

However, Seele being barely able to heal Bronya is only possible due to the growth that was strengthened in previous chapters, which was a part of Otto's doing.

The fact that Otto placed the Abyss Flower there means that not only did he know that Seele would be able to heal Bronya, but it also means he knew that the Hyperion wouldn't have enough energy to break the curtain, forcing them to rely on Bronya, which means that he would know how strong Bronya would've had to been to break the curtain. By extension, it also means that he knew that the Minds of the Core would acknowledge her, which would entail knowing her thoughts and emotional condition that convince the 300k minds and how all of the 300k people in the core think. Knowing that Bronya could break it would also mean that he knew who would be there at the venue at that time and how much energy they had left in them.
(Planning Coverage, Planning Intricacies, S/L-T Planning, Overall Foresight, Emotional Understanding)

The main cast rejoices at the destruction of the curtain, but their joy is cut short as another defense mechanism, called Elysion Pedion, appears. This time, the power of the mechanism is equal to the Divine Key of Binding. Divine Keys took years of research to create, in a Previous Era where technology was much more advanced than it was in the current era and Divine keys require a herrscher core. Despite this, Otto managed to artificial and equally reproduce its power in just a few days. The mechanism is a field that halts all energy in it, and is practically the light curtain but stronger.
(FRI, Logical Reasoning, Overall Thinking)

To counteract it, the AE scientist and Theresa consult each other and remember the warning Amber gave them and the experiment they did with her and Nagamitsu's help back in the side quests of Chapter 27.

With the help of the results of the experiment, they conclude that Theresa has to use the zeroth power of the Divine Key of Binding to neutralize the defense mechanism. To do this, they need to put the Divine Key against it, which would result in a clash of both energy-neutralizing fields that cancel each other out. However, doing that would risk Theresa's life because she will have to enter the energy-neutralizing field, which includes the bioelectrical energy in her body and the Elysion Pedion is up in the sky, which would lead to her falling from a high position unable to move because of the field.

Side note: Theresa is only able to use the zeroth power of the Oath of Judah because Otto taught her how to use it back in the second eruption manga.
(Planning Coverage)

Theresa was successful and destroyed the Elysion Pedion in the sky. While she falls to her death from the sky, she gets saved by a blinding light coming from above, which is later revealed to be Durandal who came back from the Imaginary Space.

Flashback; After the fight between Otto and Durandal

Durandal pov

Durandal gets sent to the Imaginary Space; later shown to be the Kaslana Stigma Space by Otto.

In the Imaginary Space, she finds herself in a vast space that stretches endlessly in all directions. After a while, Durandal notices that the Genius Device she has on her points in the direction of hints of the true purpose of the space.
Side note: The Genius Device was given to her by Otto.

She finds these clues that are left behind by an anonymous person, who is later revealed to be Siegfried Kaslana, and through the hints, she finds a space with Siegfried in it. The problem is that Siegfried lost his memories.

With his help, Durandal continues to explore the space and finds herself in different memory spaces. While she goes through them, the Will of the Stigma; a copy of Kevin Kaslana, observes her.

In these memories, she sees memories from people in the House of Kaslana, and through these memories, she finds new realizations by reliving her own memories and the memories of the others.

Through the memories, we learn that Otto planned her entire life from her birth to the present.

When Otto found her, after she fell several thousand meters from an airplane and her head getting hit by debris, he developed a medical treatment to keep her alive. From that moment on everyone she met, her friends, her mentor, and everything she did till now was carefully set up by Otto.
(Planning Coverage, Planning Intricacies, Overall Deception)

Side note: Otto was the one who shot down the airplane she was in because, as later mentioned, she is the real Kiana Kaslana and was shot down because Siegfried tried to run with her in the Theresa Chronicles. After taking Durandal in, Otto erased her memories and made her his puppet.

The Will of Stigma reveals to her that she is the real Kiana and has to inherit the Kaslana Stigma. If not, she will die in this space.

She shoulders the weight of the legacy of the stigma, gaining control over it. Normally, this would have severe side effects, but because Otto revived the Schariac bloodline in her, she can use it without any limitations.

After strengthening her resolve and gaining more power, she finds the exit of the stigma space and returns to the real world. Where she is just in time to catch Theresa who falls half dead from the sky.

Otto knew that Durandal would be able to pass the stigma space and gain new powers, which would include him knowing that Siegfried was thrown inside the space after the World Serpent kidnapped him. Siegfried's help was crucial for Durandal to pass the trial and to ensure that Durandal was physically & mentally strong enough to pass it. Moreover, he predicted and aligned how long it would take Durandal to pass the trial and how long everything the main cast did after Durandal was exiled to the stigma space. Durandal returned at the exact time Theresa finished destroying the Elysion Pedion and was able to save her from death.
(Planning Coverage, Planning Intricacies, Overall Foresight)

Main Cast POV

Durandal joins up with the main cast because now, Otto is their common enemy. So, she trusts them and invites Kiana to go to the final clash with Otto while the others, who are too exhausted, should retreat to the Hyperion.

Durandal and Kiana consult each other about where Otto could be, as he isn't in the church. Durandal remembers all the hints placed by Otto in his explanations and actions. From this, she reasons that Otto has a special connection to the Imaginary Tree and that he has to be outside of it to reform it. As such, he needs the 2nd Divine Key for dimensional travel and the 2nd Divine Key will leave traces in space so Kiana can retrace them to Otto's position in the Imaginary Space.

They report back to Hyperion before they go in, and then Nagamitsu tells them about a phenomenon that she observed in Chapter 25 EX when Otto did his experiments. Namely, Imaginary Renormalization, which is a special spatial exchange that switches infinite and finite properties. Nagamitsu tells Kiana that she should use it if she finds Otto, who entered the Domain of Infinity through the Imaginary Tree, to force him back into the finite realm. This would result in him losing his nigh omnipotent power for instance which would enable them to defeat Otto.

Side note: Otto was the one who observed and formulated the concept of Imaginary Renormalization and told Nagamitsu to tell the main cast about it, knowing that Kiana, with the Authority of Void, would be able to replicate it.
(FRI, Logical Reasoning, Overall Thinking, Planning Coverage)

With the help of the traces Otto left behind, Kiana locates him and she tries to charge her energy, but the damage the Authority of Binding left behind on her hinders her from using her full power. In these dire moments, she gets help from Mei.

Mei POV

Mei learns about Otto's doings and confronts Kevin on why he doesn't do anything, but Kevin just says that it won't be disadvantageous in any way. Not wanting to take his word for it, Mei still wants to help her friends and Kevin eventually agrees to let her help them; he even opens up a tunnel in the Sea of Quanta so she can reach Kiana faster.

By using a connection between the Herrscher Cores, which was built by the Will of Honkai, Mei accidentally finds out about the connection between their Herrsher Cores, so she contacts Kiana and shares her strength with Kiana.

Side note: Since, without Mei's strength, Kiana wouldn't be able to reach Otto, it means that Otto understood that Mei wanted to help the main cast and that she would ask Kevin to help her. Furthermore, he knew that Kevin would support her because his envy of Otto would force him to help him achieve his plan and knowing that Mei would help Kiana would entail him being more knowledgeable about the

connection between the Herrscher Cores than actual Herrschers.
(Predictions, Emotional Understanding, Knowledge)

Kiana POV

With the addition of Mei's strength, Kiana recovers from the Authority of Binding and breaches the space where Otto is.

In the space, Otto welcomes them and tells them that now, he's has finished his complete ascension to a god while they were distracted by the Power of Domination and Binding.

In their fight, Otto uses his powers to collapse space in a form that is not comprehensible to human minds. While they fight Otto talks about his mighty False God power and puts emphasis on how his power is infinite, which reminds Kiana of the Imaginary Renormalization that Nagamitsu told them about.

Using the Imaginary Renormalization Kiana kills Otto.

However, Otto isn't really dead yet instead, he's in a state of absolute freedom. He congratulates them on defeating him and reveals to them that this was his plan and that everything in the last 500 years was leading up to this point.

He wanted them to kill him because even though he had absolute power before, he was still a Slave of the Imaginary Tree. However now, with the help of Imaginary Renormalization from the Authority of Void, he achieved total freedom. He placed the bet at the very beginning believing that human minds can disturb the absolute laws of the Imaginary Tree for a brief second. In the end, he won his bet and showed that hate and love both can create miracles that can oppose the laws of reality.
Although Otto didn't care about the real world, he didn't want to destroy the world Kallen loved. So, with the help of his state of freedom, he creates a new branch & timelines at the Tree, that are separated from base reality. After telling them this he vanishes.

Otto POV

Otto's consciousness drifts slowly toward the essence of the Imaginary Tree. As he journeys, he reflects on humanity's tendency to deceive itself, clinging to the comforting belief in an afterlife. Even when faced with the death of loved ones, people act as though death does not exist, convincing themselves that love can somehow transcend the physical. While he agrees to some extent, acknowledging

that love and the full range of emotions can indeed inspire miracles, he believes that only the living are capable of creating them.

Back then, 500 years ago, Otto believed the lies of the existing afterlife, but when he was confronted with death, he didn't try to deceive himself further like all the others. Instead, he saw how the real world is, namely that death is nothing but the end of everything.

After getting confronted with it he concludes that only time reversal can revive the dead, at the cost of one life and the Honkai that was meant to kill humanity. He chose himself as the one life to atone for his sins and let them be buried in the sands of time. Otto says that now Theresa will lead humanity in a bright future with all the people that have rallied around her because of Otto and how they will support her.

Otto finally reaches the Imaginary Tree that unfolds itself before him, while he visualizes the entirety of the higher dimensional cosmological structure.

In front of it, the Imaginary Tree tries to stop him by throwing clones of him against him, but he defeats all the thousands of clones while his entire body is pierced through by them and he is assimilated and corrupted by the imaginary tree itself slowly losing control over his own existence.

At his final moments, he reaches the core essence and creates infinite possibilities for Kallen. By doing so he has to manipulate all the variables in these infinite timelines so Kallen is guaranteed to survive in every one of them. Then his consciousness disappears into the still time-space.
For example, in one of them, it is shown how he falls as a meteor at Kallen's execution, preventing the Honkai monster that was there from killing Kallen. By doing this the people would interpret Kallen as a saint because even though she was at her own execution, she tried to protect the very people who wanted her dead from the Honkai monsters who appeared at the execution and as such they will see the meteor as a sign of God. Thus Kallen in this timeline would be seen as a saint by the common people and would be saved from the corrupt Schicksal regime.

Side note: Even if the main cast hadn't have been strong enough, Otto would still have had a way to revive Kallen because the fake “plan” that he told the main cast over the last chapters would have still worked perfectly. The only difference to the main plan is that the present time would be destroyed and that Otto would still be a slave of the Imaginary Tree, but it wouldn't change the fact that time would be reversed and Kallen would be alive and humanity would have another 500 years to prepare for the final Herrscher who ended the previous era.

The entire plan spanned over 500 years and during that time he planned the path of almost every character in HI3. Everything that happened over the years were just

sub-plans of his ultimate plan. All the characters' growth, resolve, and joy were all planned by Otto. What makes it even more impressive is the fact that he managed to deceive GOD into believing in his fake plan.
(EM, EE, EF, VCI, VSI, Observation, Perception, Cognitive Discipline, Mental Fortitude, Stress Tolerance, Perseverance, Impulse Control, Planning Coverage, Planning Intricacies, Planning Contingency, Planning Invincibility, Risk Assessment, Risk Calculation, Strategy Building, Strategy Length, Strategy Complexity, Strategy Shielding, Strategy Foresight, Strategy Effectiveness, Strategy Execution, Strategy Alignment, Tactical Complexity, Every Deception Category, Every Manipulation Category)

"Thus spoke Apocalypse and left the mortal realm, calm and content, like an evening sunset out of the deep abyss of the Imaginary Space."

Epilogue

With the help of all the preparations that Otto left behind, Theresa was able to inherit the seat of the Overseer and be acknowledged by everyone in Schicksal without any problems.

Moreover, because of Otto, all the physical & mental problems of the main cast were removed except Project STIGMA, but everything Otto did was also a preparation for them to stop Project STIGMA.

At the end, Nagamitsu revealed to the main cast what Otto's plan was and that she was working for him all this time. Everything she did from reminding the main cast of the possibility of resurrection, helping the fake Otto in Chapter 26 gain the trust of the main cast, telling them that Otto planned to destroy the world, helping them find a way to counter the authority of binding and to telling them about Imaginary Renormalization, was under Otto's command.

Event Feats

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Otto can work 108 hours without a single shut-eye while doing 56 tasks simultaneously without a single mistake.

Additional Info

Divine Keys

Otto, with the use of Void Archives, is able to mimic Divine Keys, the following are the only ones relevant in SCD.

1. The 2nd Divine Key, Cosmic Juggernaut, is stated to be able to identify infinite possibilities, and it's implied that Otto can perceive and process all of them.

2. The 8th Divine Key, Fenghuang Down, allows Otto to freely manipulate the human mind and senses. That means he can read, erase, add and change emotions, thoughts and memories and is able to create illusions that cover all Five Human Senses.

Otto should have PMH as he is able to process his entire life in an instant and he's consistently shown to remember everything in his 500 years down, to even the most minimal details, and this is also supported by the fact that his body is made of Solium, a metal made of nanobots, which gives his brain same properties as a quantum computer, which means he should have an eidetic and photographic memory.
(CPI, VSI, Observation, Perception)

As a result of this, every body part consisting of nanobots, in his body & brain, should be under his control, and also be able to be reprogrammed, which would include the emotional center of his brain. Using this he should be able to alter and control his emotions as he wishes, perfectly managing his emotions and being able to adapt to anything.
(Emotional Management, Composure, Stress Tolerance, Mental Fortitude, Manipulation Resistance, Cognitive Adaptability)

Otto's final form, The False God, exists beyond the concept of linear time. Now, this is important, because this means that Otto can process and remember beyond linear time. Vastly boosting any category that requires time, at least in this form.

Otto constantly defies all moralities and limitations for Kallen, he refuses to listen to anyone and only does what he believes is right. Everything he has comes from his

motivation to save Kallen. He never sticks to good or evil, he does whatever betters his plan, whether it be helping the main cast grow, or committing mass genocide. He can be helpful one day, or completely slaughtering a country the next if he believes it'll benefit him.

As stated in this video Honkai Chronicles - Otto Apocalypse - Honkai Impact 3rd (around 13:27), it's stated that everything; their growth, resolve, and joy were all planned by Otto. Everything that happened to them in the in-game story & manga were all planned by Otto.

Scans

Here is a small collection of some scans (it does not cover all feats because most of them need a lot more context than just a few scans)

scans for the fool ←— scans

I hope you had fun reading the doc. I would appreciate it if you could give some feedback since this is the first doc I worked on.

My dc tag is "aufseher_von_schicksal" i love you aufseher (its zef) 🤓
I do too ❤️:D 💘

In case , you have problem understanding any feat or context , feel free to dm aufseher^

Aufseher please add a very cool ending part here