RESPONSE TO HUNTSMAN'S REBUNK ATTEMPT

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In Huntsman's Rebunk doc he didn't addressed most of my points at all. His response was simply based on contradictions ,ignorance and cherry picking. I'll also go line by line from his Rebunk doc and explain why he failed to refute even one of my points

1. In V0, which is a narration from his memory, he recalls a conversation about whether he likes the taste of carrots while talking with Yuki.

My main argument was that Koji doesn't remember every single detail from each of his senses. Which is completely true and it was just an assumption on Huntsman's part.

"Do you like it, Kiyotaka?"
She asked me if I liked or disliked the carrots in front of me.
To answer or not to answer.
But to begin with, I've never thought of the concept of liking or disliking carrots.
I only considered them as one of the nutrients that we should consume.
The main nutrient in carrots is Beta-carotene.
It has the ability to change into vitamin A when taken into the body.
It's effective in preventing cellular aging and maintaining healthy skin and mucous membranes. It's also very important for immunity against viruses."

In v0, Koji didn't recall anything about taste at all. This entire argument brought up by huntsman is straight up wrong and shows his improper knowledge of the In. If anyone wants to verify this I have added the scan of the entire conversation at the end of this doc.

Not only that he didn't prove why my claim is wrong but he elaborated by adding another fallacy.

2.Your claim that because such a feat can be performed without a perfect memory proves that Koji doesn't have a perfect memory is wrong. That isn't a logically sound argument, and furthermore disproved via the other instances in V0 where his memory is described as "perfect".

Not "such a feat" but a way superior feat than what Koji did can be performed without perfect memory and it doesn't prove why his memory is perfect either. Furthermore, memorising 5 shapes doesn't make someone's memory perfect. This is a completely logical argument, and there are only 3 instances where his memory is described as perfect by the WR instructors.
(i) Card feat- I've already explained why it doesn't prove that his memory is perfect.
(ii) Koji recalling gummy bear conversation- This was again a hyperbole by the instructors. We already know that koji have an impressive memory so recalling conversations that took place in the past doesn't prove that his memory is 'perfect', especially when we saw koji deliberately putting the conversation in his memory.

"...It's perfect."
For him, he was just looking back at his memories and putting them into words.
But that's something no ordinary human being could ever do.
An experiment with gummy bears at the age of two and the curriculum that

followed.
Kiyotaka was **selecting** and storing the **necessary** memories.

This is also another instance in the novel where it is directly stated that koji doesn't remember everything and he has a preference for memorising stuff(proving that koji doesn't have a perfect memory).

(iii) Koji being immune to infantile amnesia- This is the specific statement that directly disproves the claim of koji having a perfect memory. but, more on that later.

Second, consider the instructors' positions as researchers who study Ayanokouji daily. Given the otherwise exact information they are recording, claiming that all of them are just being hyperbolic when describing his memory would not only be out of character but a massive assumption without basis.

They didn't know much about Koji's memory. They were surprised to see Ayanokouji memorising 50 cards, which proves that they didn't know anything about Koji's memory, not even the fact that his memory is impressive let alone his memory being perfect.

"And on top of that, a perfect memory. It's hard to believe..."

All of them weren't being hyperbolic, only 1 of the instructors said that koji's memory is perfect. The wording of also implies that he isn't sure about it.
It isn't out of character for them (just 1 or him) to say something hyperbolic because they were just having a casual conversation and yeah, his wording makes it clear that it was an assumption though I don't know why you said "massive assumption without basis" because koji memorising 50 cards was the basis of this assumption and you're just supporting me by saying that.

"And on top of that, a perfect memory. It's hard to believe..."
"I wonder if you've also had them memorised, all lined up the same way they were the first time."
"...No way. I only remembered the five symbols based on the small scratches on the cards that I couldn't see, and the only reason I was able to line them up the same way as the first time was that I received instructions from the intercom in my ear."
"So that's why the cameras were installed in the ceiling."
"...You were aware of that as well."
"I knew it was strange because it was like that guy was talking to me."

Third, his memory capabilities were described as things otherwise thought of as impossible before they had the chance to study Ayanokouji. I will elaborate on this more in a later point.

yeah koji's memory is indeed impressive but how does it prove anything.
I think you're referring to the womb statement but I will also elaborate on this later.

3. First, claiming that people would all focus on a nametag first is just a blanket assumption.

First of all I never claimed that people would focus on name tags first, I said that people look at nametags after looking at their faces and it is the second thing people focus on.
Also that it is not an assumption it is common sense. If you still don't believe in it, here's an article supporting my claim.

"People are curious creatures, so their first inclination is to look at the name tags to see who is attending."

Link-
https://www.forbes.com/sites/andrewrigie/2018/02/15/hi-my-name-is-why-name-tags-and-other-little-details-at-events-matter/?sh=1351900234d9

Second, for subliminal perception, processing information from your peripheral vision or otherwise outside your focus is evidence of this and the nametag feat is just one example.

Well it isn't an example of peripheral vision. People focus on different things when they are walking to satisfy their curiosity (unless they are thinking something).

During combat training in the WR, while fighting an instructor and being slammed to the ground, he was still able to take in information about what the other students were doing and commented on the exact circumstances of another WR student Mikuru.

I was slammed to the floor again, and I tried desperately to catch myself, but
I couldn't absorb the damage.
While I was being knocked down to the ground, similar occurrences were
happening all over the place.
All the kids were crying and sobbing while being thrashed around.
"I can't... I can't stand up...!"
As if begging for forgiveness, Mikuru clung weakly to the instructor's leg.

This is again not subliminal perception. Koji was just hearing the screams of different WR students and when he noticed Mikuru in harsh conditions he simply focused on her.

Our memory is enhanced when we encounter something weird (isolation effect) and we are also able to memorise emotional moments more easily (emotional resonance).
Isolation effect- https://web.colby.edu/cogblog/2017/04/20/45ds678giqrwfdg/
Memory enhance due to emotional resonance-
https://www.mindletic.com/emotional-resonance-the-science-behind-memorable-events
Even without these effects Ayanokouji remembering the reaction of other students and Mikuru has nothing to do with peripheral vision or subliminal perception.

You point out how people can suppress memories associated with negative emotions or experiences such as PTSD. This is completely different to what Koji was doing with Tsukishiro. Here Koji was reorganizing his conscious and subconscious so that Tsukishiro cold reading him would only reveal what Koji wants him to know, while keeping what he called "the 1% of his true thoughts" hidden. This is completely

impossible for normal people and since your arguments don't disprove that this argument is dismissed.

My main argument was that "how is it related to perfect memory.?" which is completely ignored so I don't need to elaborate further with it. But still the article was about the application of people deliberately being able to control their memories. My argument was that "scientific research has shown that it is possible to deliberately block memories from their consciousness" which was also mentioned in that article.

> While more research is still necessary, scientists have started understanding how this may work. Neuroimaging studies have demonstrated which brain systems play a part in deliberate forgetting, and studies have shown that it is possible for people to deliberately block memories from their consciousness.

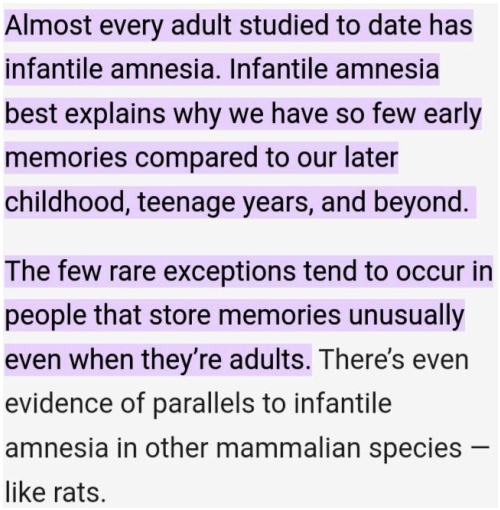
Here's a research on people consciously being able to control their memory-

> awareness. Past studies revealed that such suppression attempts can reduce subsequent recollection of unwanted memories. The current study examined whether the inhibitory effects extend even to associated behavioral responses. Participants learned cue-target pairs for emotional and non-emotional targets, and were additionally trained in behavioral responses for each cue. Afterwards, they were shown the cues and instructed either to think or to avoid thinking about the targets without performing any behaviors. In a final test phase, behavioral performance was tested for all cues. When targets were neutral, participants' attempts to avoid retrieval reduced accuracy and increased reaction times in generating behavioral responses associated with cues. By contrast, behavioral performance was not affected by suppression attempts when targets were emotional. These results indicate that controlling unwanted recollection is powerful enough to inhibit associated behavioral responses – but only for non-emotional memories.

Link- https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3880404/
It proves that even average people can suppress their memories if they are instructed/want to do that. What Koji did was certainly more impressive but it is straight up wrong to think that it is impossible.

Your scan doesn’t show that HSAM causes people to remember their period of infantile amnesia, and you didn’t even link where that image came from so I can’t attest it’s validity or relevance.

My argument wasn't that Koji had HSAM, but my argument is that Koji not suffering from infantile amnesia doesn't Prove that he has a perfect memory.

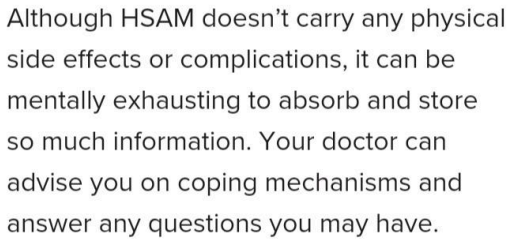

Almost every adult studied to date has infantile amnesia. Infantile amnesia best explains why we have so few early memories compared to our later childhood, teenage years, and beyond.

The few rare exceptions tend to occur in people that store memories unusually even when they're adults. There's even evidence of parallels to infantile amnesia in other mammalian species — like rats.

Here's the link- https://www.webmd.com/children/what-is-infantile-amnesia

you would need overwhelming evidence to disprove direct statements. So even if as a hypothetical, HSAM did allow you to recall your period of infantile amnesia in all cases, you would still need to prove why it also accounts for all the other aspects of Koji’s perfect memory (it doesn’t) and why it do so much better and accurately than the given answer in verse.Also note that HSAM is a genetic “defect” which causes its effects and Ayanokouji was stated in V0 to suffer no such defects, again disproving the idea that his Perfect Memory is the result of HSAM.

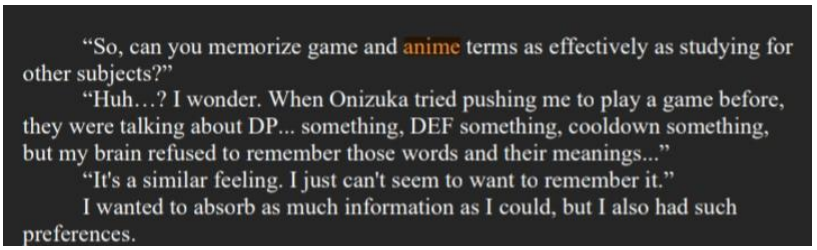
The direct statements themselve prove that Koji doesn't have a perfect memory. What are the other aspects of Koji's perfect memory? Every memory feat shown by koji can be explained by HSAM (though I don't believe that koji had HSAM). There isn't any given answer in the verse regarding koji's memory.
“Koji not having a genetic defect proves that he doesn't have HSAM” I don't remember such a statement. Please provide the scan of it in your Rebunk. Besides,I can't find anything about effects of HSAM


Although HSAM doesn’t carry any physical side effects or complications, it can be mentally exhausting to absorb and store so much information. Your doctor can advise you on coping mechanisms and answer any questions you may have.

Link-https://www.healthline.com/health/hyperthymesia
Also HSAM isn't a ‘genetic defect’.Not only that HSAM isn't a defect but also that there's no prove of HSAM being a genetic condition either.

Some research suggests that the cause of hyperthymesia may be biological, genetic, or psychological. However, more studies are necessary to gain a better understanding of what causes hyperthymesia.

Koji not being able to memorise gaming terms- This was directly covered in the PMH doc, where it was explained that Ayanokouji's ability to recall information stored in his memory is dependent on his desire to do so. Without that desire he won't recall the information, and since he can't "delete" information we know that the anime/gaming terms are stored in his memory, but he has no interest in recalling them. His exact words were "I Just can't seem to want to remember it" Further emphasizing this point.


"So, can you memorize game and anime terms as effectively as studying for other subjects?"
"Huh…? I wonder. When Onizuka tried pushing me to play a game before, they were talking about DP... something, DEF something, cooldown something, but my brain refused to remember those words and their meanings..."
"It's a similar feeling. I just can't seem to want to remember it."
I wanted to absorb as much information as I could, but I also had such preferences.

Well the question itself was regarding **memorizing** game and anime terms(not about recalling them).
Koji also said that "My brain **refused** to **remember** those words and their meanings."
Here koji using "refused" proves that he was talking about the time when they were playing the game.
"I just can't seem to want to **remember** it."
In both instances koji meant "memorise" by remember not "recall".
It is directly stated in the next line that he is unable to memorise information not unable to recall them.
"I **wanted** to **absorb** as much information as I could,but I also **had** such preferences."
By these words specially by "absorb" it's clear that Ayanokouji is unable to memorise some information instead of being unable to recall it.

And the claim that Koji is unable to delete his memories is also just an assumption. I doubt that Ayanokouji would be able to forget Yuki, even if he was suffering from Amnesia.
Not only that this claim is debunked in this 'anime statement' but it is also disproved in volume 0.

As for your proof that V0 debunks the idea of his perfect memory is laughable, as the very scan you provided as evidence disproves your whole claim. If you read to the end of your scan, you see that they believed that babies are incapable of learning and remembering things from infancy, and the ONLY evidence they now have to the contrary is Ayanokouji. So, the claim that babies can remember things and as such his memory isn't perfect is just an invalid claim based on improper knowledge of the LN.

Claiming that my argument is laughable is indeed funny. Because the specific scan and the specific line that you're talking about not only debunks Ayanokouji's perfect memory but it also debunks your upcoming argument of his perfect memory starting after 14 days.

"Yes, sir. It has been proven that babies are capable of learning and remembering while they are still in their mother's womb. However, it was commonly believed that the ability to learn during infancy is very unripe and unstable and that memories cannot be fixed. Or, memories are stored, but as they develop, they are buried in the depths and cannot be retrieved. It was thought to be one or the other. However, your son... No, Kiyotaka can retrieve them without difficulty."

Huntsman is completely wrong on this. "They believe that babies are incapable of learning and remembering things from infancy,and the only evidence they now have to the contrary is Ayanokouji." But it is clearly implied in the scan that it was already well known that kids can learn things in the womb.they only talked about Kiyotaka's ability to retrieve those memories.
There are hundreds of studies proving the fact that babies can hear and learn in the womb.

> From the moment of birth, an infant begins rapidly absorbing information, piecing together the framework of his or her future self. But what happens during all that time the bun's still in the oven? Does learning begin in utero?
>
> Absolutely, says **Rick Gilmore**.
> "There's ample evidence that fetuses are picking up information from the outside world. They're especially receptive to sounds from the mother's body and the external environment."

A new study shows that unborn babies are listening to their mothers talk during the last 10 weeks of pregnancy and at birth can demonstrate what they've heard. *Pacific Lutheran University*

Babies only hours old are able to differentiate between sounds from their native language and a foreign language, scientists have discovered. The study indicates that babies begin absorbing language while still in the womb, earlier than previously thought.

Sensory and brain mechanisms for hearing are developed at 30 weeks of gestational age, and the new study shows that unborn babies are listening to their mothers talk during the last 10 weeks of pregnancy and at birth can demonstrate what they've heard.

Link-https://www.psu.edu/news/research/story/probing-question-can-babies-learn-utero

https://www.washington.edu/news/2013/01/02/while-in-womb-babies-begin-learning-language-from-their-mothers/

Whether his memories start in the womb or in infancy is an irrelevant detail since again, their only proof that such a thing is possible is Ayanokouji's memory. Whether his Perfect Memory began on day 1 or day 14 of his life again is completely beside the point

Also the last line "Kiyotaka can retrieve memories of the womb without any difficulty" debunks his argument of koji's "perfect" memory starting after the 14th day.
As it is clear from this scan that Koji did initially have memories of the womb and of the starting days but at the time of narrating v0 he forgot those memories.It also debunks his claim that koji can't delete his memories.

"The first thing I remember was equally as white.As the name White Room implies, this facility is based on the color white.
The ceiling is no exception.
I was staring at that white ceiling in my first memory."

Now it is obvious that Koji doesn't have a perfect memory from these 2 scans.Though it is already mentioned in the ln that he doesn't have perfect memory at least thrice.(gummy bear instructor, y2v11 and this womb statement)

Up until this point every point brought by huntsman is wrong on so many levels.

Claiming Koji “only thinks whether they have met” means he only searched from 8 years and 243 days ago until now is a baseless claim since Koji has no way to verify what she said was the truth without searching his entire memory to confirm whether they had met elsewhere, and he has no reason to trust her and take her at her word.

Koji only searched/thought whether they have met means he only searched the memories of the day mentioned by Arisu(8 yr 243 days ago)!? I never mentioned something like that.
Only searching for their meeting and searching for the memories of the day mentioned by Arisu were two different scenarios brought by me.They aren't related to each other.
Huntsman did not only misunderstand the In but he misunderstood my arguments too.

Koji had no reason to trust her that's why he had to search for the memories of the day mentioned by Arisu.It also shows your improper knowledge about the sequence of events in In. Arisu didn't mention much about the reunion and the Whiteroom yet and that conversation took place after this. I'll again add the scans of their entire conversation at the end of this doc. You again misunderstood my point and didn't refute my actual argument.

comparing Ayanokouji searching the repository of his perfect memory to ordinary memory recall is a false equivalence as his memory functions more as a storage of information he can search for whatever he wants. This is different from normal memory where this process would be subconscious and not CPI. Ayanokouji managing this process consciously makes it vastly different, and this process was explained along with the concept of LTWMI in the PMH doc, which proved why the feat is CPI

First, just because Ayanokouji’s memory works as a storage he can search for, doesn't means that he can't do what people with Normal memory can do. He should be able to do everything normal people can do too.
Second, Your argument of this feat being a CPI feat because Ayanokouji is consciously searching for his memories is also wrong.
There are people who can consciously search for specific memories precisely.
Here is a video of people performing similar feats-
https://youtu.be/hpTCZ-hO6iI?si=uWtR0PQUaBVtreZR

the idea that Ayanokouji only searched a single day of memory makes 0 sense as an argument. As already mentioned, he had no way to confirm whether Arisu was correct about when they last met without searching the entirety of his memory, and he has no reason to take her at her word and only search the one day. Furthermore, doing that would be extremely out of character for Ayanokouji as his cautious nature would contradict such an idea.

Searching the memories of the day mentioned by Arisu would confirm whether she's wrong or not, so there was certainly a way,and searching that one day would prove whether Arisu is correct or not.
About that out of character thing, searching for the memories of that specific day to verify the truth would've been completely within the character of Ayanokouji and why wasn't koji able to search through the memories of that specific day within a minute.He was confused when Arisu mentioned that and responded with “you're joking,right?” Even people in real life can do that but Koji was unable to do that. Also my second interpretation of Koji's searching for their union is almost entirely ignored in this rebunk.

Third, is the fact that the LN itself directly gives us the timeframe of memories he searches, and the date Arisu gave was irrelevant to this. “I had never seen her before. I didn’t remember this girl, and I wasn’t missing ANY memories of my past.” The use of the word “any” necessitates that this statement refers to every one of his memories, and here he points out that he isn’t missing any memories of his “past” not that he has no memory of her from that day. This difference shows us that throughout his entire past, he has no memory of Arisu and he confirmed as such by confirming that he isn’t missing any of his memories meaning he has no gaps in what he can remember during that time.

My second interpretation is completely ignored again. But not missing any memories from the past can be also explained as Ayanakouji stating that he isn't missing any memories of that day.(and that day is his past).Even though my other interpretation is more valid in this context. It can be explained with this one too.

So, in conclusion you ignored half of my points, misunderstood some of my points,Your interpretations contradicts volume0, Y1V5 and Y2V11,you even contradicted yourself a few times and your rebunk didn't refute even one of my arguments.

So, it is proven in the In itself that Ayanokouji doesn't have a perfect memory.All of my points remain unchallenged and unrefuted and I claim that PMH feat is debunked.

Carrots scan-
I thought she would stop talking because no one responded, but Yuki didn’t.
“Do you like it, Kiyotaka?”
She asked me if I liked or disliked the carrots in front of me.
To answer or not to answer.
But to begin with, I’ve never thought of the concept of liking or disliking carrots.
I only considered them as one of the nutrients that we should consume.
The main nutrient in carrots is Beta-carotene.
It has the ability to change into vitamin A when taken into the body.
It’s effective in preventing cellular aging and maintaining healthy skin and

mucous membranes. It’s also very important for immunity against viruses.
“Do you like carrots?”
“I don't like them either.”
The answer wasn’t from me, but from Shiro, who was sitting on my left.
Yuki looked at him in surprise.
While I was distracted by the dialogue between the two, I checked the surveillance camera.
Of course, the instructors were watching our meals on a daily basis. There was no way they couldn’t have picked up on the sound. Since there was no response from the instructors, and they didn’t criticize us or anything, this kind of conversation must be allowed.
However, we’ve never been asked to engage in dialogue with each other.
As long as there was no merit in bothering to engage in dialogue, there was no need to follow the two and respond.
Still… I thought about it for a moment.
You either like carrots or you don't.
…The answer was: I don't hate them.
After the meal, I’ve always had a little trouble. I never learned how to kill time.
Just sitting and waiting was the easiest and only option I had.

Y1V5 conversation-
"After seeing you run, I remembered something. I called you here so I can share with you the shock I felt at that moment. It's almost like this is the lead up to a confession, don't you think so?".
"I have no idea what you're talking about……".
Clonk. Clonk. Propping herself up with a cane, Sakayanagi stood right next to me.
"It's been a long time, Ayanokouji-kun. Approximately 8 years and 243 days".
"You're kidding, right? I don't know you".
"Fufu. I suppose so. After all, our acquaintance isn't a mutual one".
Clonk.
Clonk.
The tapping receded bit by bit.
What exactly is this about?. I decided to wrap things up and started to walk in the opposite direction.
"White Room".
When those words pierced through my ears and reached my brain I unconsciously stopped walking. It chipped away at my rationality and I started questioning 'why' and 'how'.
"It's unpleasant, isn't it? To be swept about by information that only the enemy possesses".
"…you…".
"This is a nostalgic reunion and so I thought I just had to greet you".

Reunion?
I looked back at Sakayanagi while still keeping my back turned on her. I definitely haven't seen her before, she truly is a girl who doesn't have a place in my memories. I haven't lost any memories in the past either. I met this girl, Sakayanagi, at this school. There's no mistaking that fact

If someone thinks that any point of this doc is wrong make sure to debate @nagitudo about that. He is the best debater in scd and his takes are always objective 😊

Another proof of why Pmh is invalid is that the ultimate cote saviour @nagitudo thinks that PMH is invalid.

While the main proof of why Pmh is invalid is that Stormzfather thinks "PMH **is** valid"
And since his takes are never correct it completely refutes PMH.

If someone wasn't able to understand this doc, Here's a video explaining this debunk which would be easier to understand-
https://youtu.be/xvFZjo5PgG0?si=hfl7THLR0fDleAiY