The Mastermind of AAI2-Outdated, in need of revamping.



“The Animal Tamer”

“The Man Who Masterminds The Game”

Simeon Saint or Simon Keyes

“I’m an animal tamer, and guess who’s the wildest animal? That’s right humans.”

Colors For Categories

Teal for FSIQ and General Intelligence

Pink for EQ and Psychology

Green for SQ and AC

Purple for Manipulation and Deception

Blue for Scheming

Yellow for Field Skills and Foresight

Orange for Thinking and Reasoning

I've never really seen the value in the colors since most feats, even those colored fit multiple categories. But, I decided to use it anyway since maybe people will prefer it that way.

Background

Simeon Saint(which i will be addressing him as onward as its his real name), is the main antagonist on Ace Attorney Investigations 2. He serves the role of a mastermind, controlling everything from the background and planning every case with the exception of 2-3. To understand the character and his feats, we must first know his goal. Simeon's motive is revenge. He wants to get revenge on the president's body double, his father, Excelsius, his "best friend" Bronco Knight, and Nina Leguarde.

Childhood

Now, usually I would start with his first scheme or the first episode but Simeon's childhood is needed to understand his scheme's. It will also provide context for people who haven't played the game(what the hell are you doing, get out of this doc and play it), and those you might've not played in a while. His childhood also offers his best EE feat, and some of his best AC and EM feats.

Simeon Saint and Bronco Knight are the sons of Artie Frost and Simeon's father. Both of the fathers were competing in a confectionist competition and were working with one another until Artie Frost would later betray Simeon's father. Artie Frost would tell his son Bronco to hold Simeon captive because Simeon's father was suffering from a condition that would cause the loss of taste and he was using Simeon to taste test it. However, when Bronco had tied Simeon's hands inside of a car, the doors were frozen shut, leaving them both stuck inside. While both were stuck inside, Simeon's father would murder Artie Frost. Bodharmma Karnus a blind assassin who used a dog, had passed by the car Simeon and Bronco were stuck in; his dog would notice the children and attract Kanus's attention. Kanus broke open the door saving the two boys' lives which both would remember for the rest of their lives. Bronco and Simeon were sent to an orphanage after Artie had been killed and Simeon's father would abandon his child. However, when the two boys were stuck in that car both of their memories had jumbled around. Simeon believed his father with Artie and that Simeon's father had killed him. It's never stated whether Bronco had the same thing happen to him, but he never held any sort of grudge against Simeon.

This onward, is when Simeon starts to offer feats of his. Simeon would witness an event at the orphanage that would change his life. The president was going to the orphanage to give a child he had no idea existed a present, likely more but it doesn't really matter and it's not stated. Kanus confronts him and kills him. Leguarde, the body double, and Excelsius planned this assassination together, hiring Kanus to kill the president so that the body double can take his place. After the assassination Simeon who is hiding overhears the 3 planning to kill Karnus to

cover up the crime completely. He warns Kanus and helps lead him away, he lights a fire in front of the orphanage to distract them, saving the life of the man who has saved his own.

After this Simeon spends the rest of his years at the orphanage being interrogated for what he did and saw which Simeon had never admitted too. Excelsius had his men stalk and interrogate him as he grew up, threatening his life. This constant badgering and threatening fills Simeon with even more hatred than he had before, and as he grows up he begins to plan his revenge against everyone involved in his childhood. being motivated by Kanus bcuz he was the one who had saved him, he had no qualms taking their or others' lives for that revenge.
(EM, EE, Composure, Perseverance, Mental Fortitude)



The “Fake” Assasination Plot



This is the first of his schemes and takes place at the beginning of the game. The “president” arrives in Japan to give a peace speech. Suddenly a shot is fired and sends everyone into a panic, the bodyguards leading the body double into the plane.

One of the president’s bodyguards is Bronco Knight, Simeon’s childhood friend and who he manipulates into helping him orchestrate this plan. Bronco offers the president a plan for getting his approval ratings up. After the assasination of the real president and the body double taking his place, the president’s competence took a fall making him well liked by his own people. Simeon profiles the body double bcuz of this and makes up a fake assasination plot, and gives Bronco the idea and tells him to pitch it to the president which Simeon knows he’ll accept. (EU, Psychology Profiling, Psychological Insight, Strategy Building, Planning Building)

The plan Simeon comes up with is this. The president gives a speech in Japan and flies to a designated spot. Simeon would need to visualize this spot and what happens here in order to know its the best place for the plot. As the speech is underway, Bronco will hire someone to shoot at a balloon on the stage. After the shot rings out the president will run into the plane with a vest already hit by a bullet to make the plot more convincing. Simple plan, nothing complicated.

What Bronco doesn’t know however is that Simeon’s real plan is to hire a hitman who we learn is our beloved Shelly De’killer to kill the president and give him the fake assasination plan. Prior to the events in the first ep, we know Shelly attacked before meaning Simeon likely gave him

the plans to kill him before or at any time possible before the actual fake assassination plot is over. Shelly however messes up in this.
(indirect manipulation, emotional understanding, psychological insight, profiling, social engineering, social awareness, creative thinking, convergent thinking)

This plan fails pretty badly and it isn't on Simeon at all. Bronco decides to commit a really stupid murder bcuz he's jealous that some guy is a higher rank body guard than he is. He kills the other bodyguard inside of the plane which has NO ONE but the president and he access too. After this, Shelly decides to stop the assassination because he figures out the president is a fake, likely bcuz of how much of a scared pussy he was. This would never have happened if Bronco didn't kill someone.



This plan isn't really that impressive, a low tier plan honestly. However, the indirect manipulation, emotional understanding, psychological insight, and profiling is very impressive.

Beginning of Edgeworth Involvement Strategy



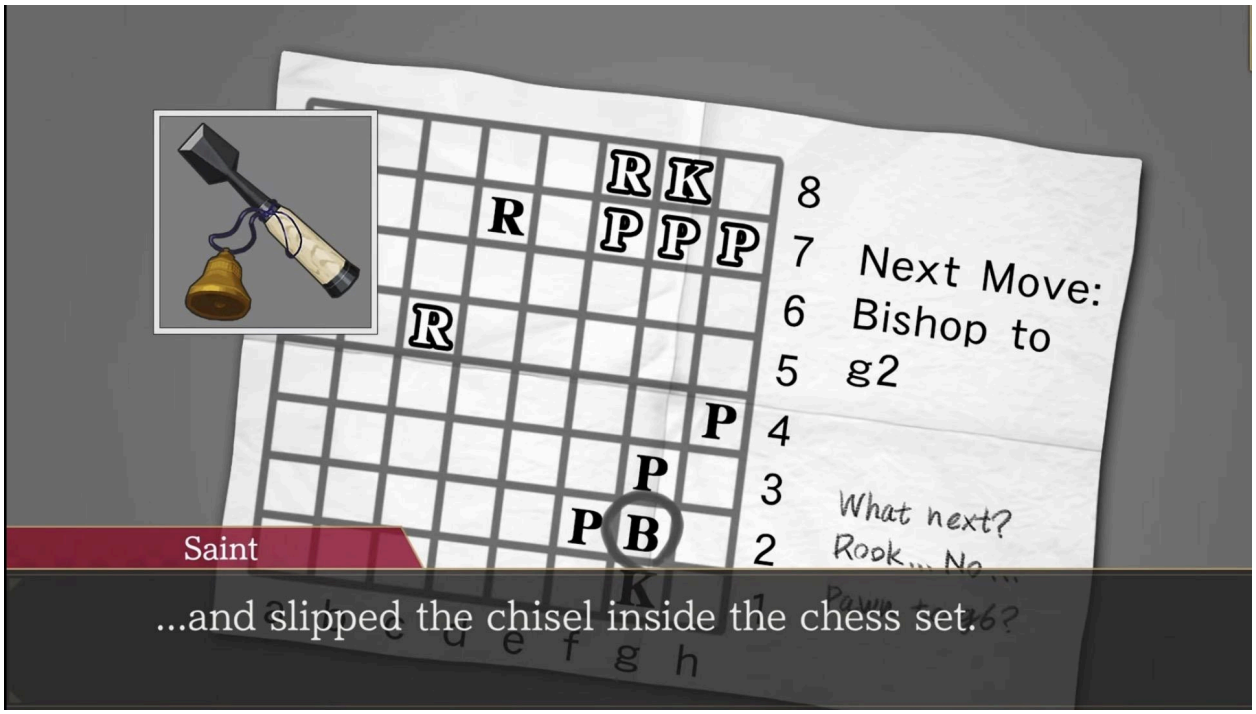
The Edgeworth Involvement Strategy is Simeon's primary strategy in his long term plan “Legal Loophole”. The goal of this strategy is to have Edgeworth be involved by Simeon indirectly manipulating him and events to solve the murders he orchestrates.

Simeon predicts Edgeworth will be sent to the assasination attempt due to its very high stakes. He knows how good he is at solving crimes and knows that he can solve the fake assasination. Simeon specifically hires Shelly De’Killer to get more of his attention and to further manipulate Shelly into helping Edgeworth due to his respect towards him.
(Indirect Manipulation, EU, Info Control, Prediction, Abduction, Convergent Thinking, Psychological Insight)

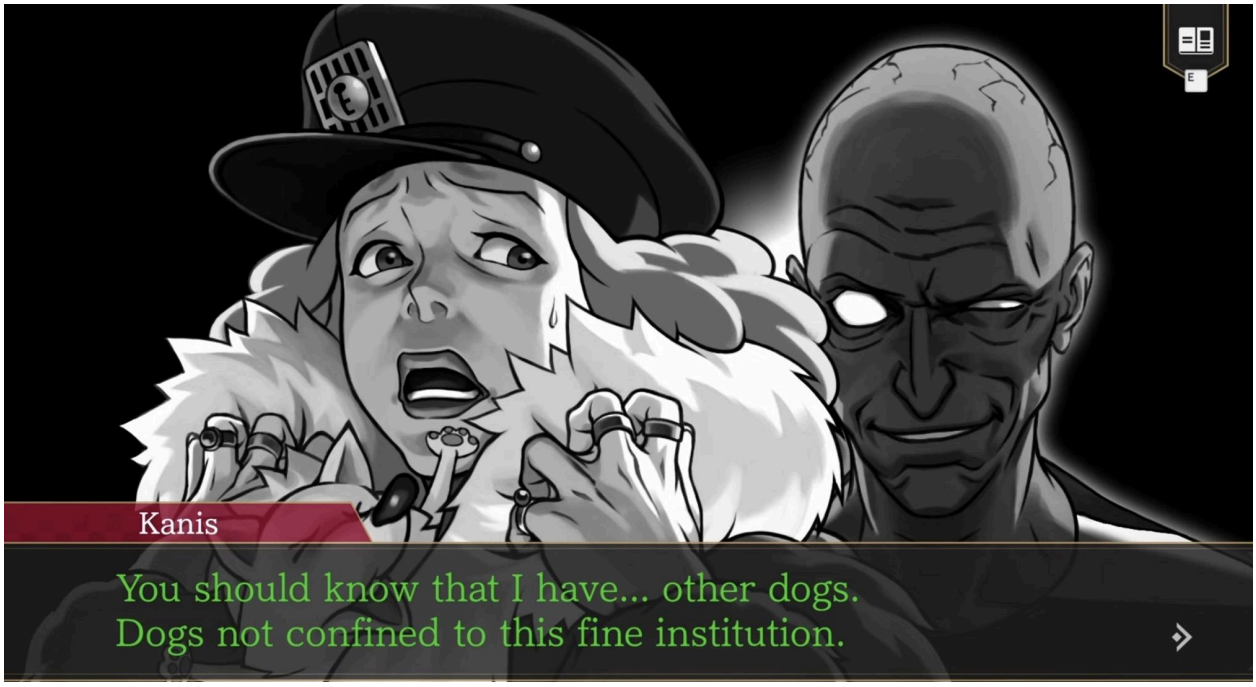
Simeon initially plans for the assasination to be carried out and Edgeworth suspects Bronco for the crime or the assasination to fail and Bronco be imprisoned for the fake assasination attempt. Then Edgeworth gets more invested into the case, serves as the prosecutor for his case but before he can Bronco gets killed in prison further manipulating Edgeworth to involve himself even more into the case in order to catch Leguarde.
(Planning Intricacies, Planning Building, Indirect Manipulation, Strategy Logistics, Strategy Shielding, EU, Psychological Insight, Psychological Knowledge, Trap Setting, Prediction)

Laguarde Murder Goading Strategy

After Bronco Knight's arrest gets his revenge on Bronco for what happened when they were kids. Simeon visits him while he is in his holding cell and gives him a handheld chess board with a chisel inside. The chisel is important here.



Before Bronco was even arrested, Simeon had been manipulating Lagarde who had become a prison warden, gradually to make her susceptible to committing murder. He did this by contacting Kanus via the correspondence chess game. Simeon induced that Kanus would use this to get revenge against Laguarde for trying to kill him. Kanus would be known as “the fixer” since Kanus would induce fear into Laguarde just as Simeon planned, someone who had ruined Legarde’s “paradise” and could give any prisoners and him including what they wanted. (Planning Building, Strategy Logistics, Trap Setting, Indirect Manipulation, EU, Emotional Manipulation, Misdirection, Logical Manipulation, Influence Building, Fabrication, Induction, Convergent Thinking, Critical Thinking)



After Bronco had been arrested, this was finally the time to use Lagarde the way he had been goading her for. When Bronco was arrested, he would play chess with Simeon through the mail to contact one another; he had also been doing the same with Kanus. Intercepting both ppl's mail than, pretending it was the other two sending mail to one another, Simeon knew Lagarde would be watching the mail and would suspect Bronco of being one of Kanus's "young pups" the chisel in the chess board would be the object to push Lagarde into murdering Bronco. The mail itself being untraceable to Simeon(until for some odd reason Bronco's last letter would be delayed to the day of the body double murder.)
(Emotional Manipulation, EU, Strategy Execution, Planning Intricacies, Planning Building, Indirect Manipulation, Gaslighting, Misdirection, Strategy Shielding, Concealment, Fabrication, Convergent Thinking,



Simeon intended for Laguarde to attempt at framing Kanus as he would end up being the most likely suspect. That's because the chisel would be the perfect murder weapon to frame Kanus with, Kanus had a hobby of sculpting and had many chisels in his cell. This is exactly as Laguarde intends to do, she tries steering the investigation's direction towards Kanus. However, due to Dewinner Simeon gets detained instead which Laguarde doesn't plan for nor does she really even want.
(Anticipation, Prediction, EU, Psychological Insight, Induction, Convergent Thinking, Social Awareness, Social Engineering, Social Management, Indirect Manipulation, Planning Building, Planning Coverage, Strategy Shielding, Strategy Logistics, Misdirection)


Saint
Yes it was! I thought that might point everybody nicely in Kanis's direction.

Simeon’s Arrest, The 2nd Instance of Edgeworth Involvement.



Simeon gets unlawfully arrested by Dewinner for no proof at all except for him giving Bronco the chess board. After Edgeworth is taken off the case, in order to learn more on the case he decides to meet with the defendant.

Simeon starts acting scared and hopeless. Simeon pretends to be scared of Edgeworth to make Edgeworth view him as more innocent. Simeon knows Edgeworth would be coming, and that the easiest way out of this predicament would be getting Edgeworth to solve the real murder. Simeon’s act immediately works and gets the sympathy of Key Faraday, his partner at the time and Edgeworth himself who doesn’t suspect a thing. Simeon uses Edgeworth’s desire to help others and makes himself look weak to manipulate him to help Simeon. Edgeworth btw is VERY good at reading people as we learn from the investigation game and mind chess, the minigame. (Direct Manipulation, EP, EU, Psychological Profiling, Acting Skills, Psychological Insight, Strategy Shielding, Improvisation, Quick Thinking, Trap Setting, Adaptability)



Simeon is also capable of lying about his job at the circus by saying he was a simple “pencil pusher”. Simeon’s purpose of this is to hope Edgeworth isn't capable of tracking him down in case he further investigates Simeon’s crimes. He later gets caught because his co-worker and Laguarde testify to him working at the circus. However after this, he makes an actual good excuse. If he had admitted to working at the circus, it would make him look even more suspicious. This is how a lot of innocent people actually think. Edgeworth knows this, and so does Simeon.
(Misdirection, Fabrication, Concealment, Acting Skills, Strategy Shielding, Divergent Thinking, Critical Thinking, Creative Thinking, Quick Thinking)

After this, he doesn’t really have any feats aside from a complex contraption he made for a trick. The contraption was made to launch himself away from the stage to pretend to get hit by an elephant. He set off a rope around his body that would trigger a sort of trip wire, dropping bricks, launching and bringing him down a well. He also may or may not have anticipated Laguarde using this in her murder. He has better foresight feats anyway so scaling this doesn’t matter.
(VSI, FRI, Creative Thinking, Lateral Thinking, Crystallized Intelligence)

The arrest itself had no way of ending up in Simeon getting charged, so him getting arrested isn't an anti-feat. Laguarde had no intentions of framing Simeon and even asked Edgeworth to find a way to prove he never did it. The crime itself was impossible for him so Simeon could easily testify in court. Lastly, he was detained bcuz of a guess from an idiot who’s only proof was giving him the chess board with a potential murder weapon that didn't have his finger prints and no way of getting a weapon in or out aside from the chisel. This was at most a minor inconvenience and a genius improvisation as it allowed Simeon to begin his manipulation of Edgeworth to solve all of his crimes for the purpose of his revenge.

(Strategy Shielding, Planning Invincibility, Planning Intricacies, Improvisation, Trap Evasion, Composure, Creative Thinking, Divergent Thinking)



2nd Step of Edgeworth Involvement, Kay Faraday Framing Strategy

This strategy was used to indirectly manipulate Edgeworth into solving Rosie Ringer's murder and catching Exelcius in order to save Kay.

Kay was called to Gourd Lake by an unknown assailant. The unknown man was of course Simeon wearing a red raincoat. Simeon would drug her, making her go unconscious and would abduct her using a hot air balloon. Simeon brings Kay on top of the Bigg Building, this is of course after he murders the body double however, i wont be discussing that here as it isn't important for this section considering it was the 2-5 murder. Simeon waits for her to wake up and collapses on the ground putting her into shock then Kay backs up into a hatch knocking her unconscious. He dresses Rosie Ringer into a red raincoat to give her the allusion that it was her who collapsed. Simeon then places a letter on Rosie Ringer's coat pocket saying something along the lines of "we will get our revenge for 12 years ago Kay Faraday" then leaves.
(Strategy Shielding, Strategy Shielding, Strategy Effectiveness, Strategy Logistics, Indirect Manipulation, Creative Thinking, Convergent Thinking, Misdirection, Fabrication, Trap Setting)

Excelsis Murder Goading Strategy

Simeon's plan here was to do something similar as he did with Lagarde. Simeon gave a letter to Rosie Ringer telling her about Excelsius and hints to his involvement in the murder of her boyfriend Alf Aldown and of a smuggling operation Excelsius was involved in. Simeon then gave Excelsius a letter about Rosie finding out. This would leave Excelsius little option in ways to silence her leading him to murdering Rosie. Excelsius finds out about Kay, then uses her to be framed after finding the note meant to associate her to the crime that Simeon wrote just as Simeon planned. The letters sent would be incapable of being traced back to Simeon, and the only clue of there being a mastermind involved is the red raincoat.
(EU, Psychological Profiling, Indirect Manipulation, Emotional Manipulation, Trap Setting, Strategy Effectiveness, Planning Intricacies, Planning Invincibility, Strategy Shielding, Strategy Logistics, Social Engineering, Social Awareness)



This would force Edgeworth's involvement into the case while goading Exelcius into killing someone.
(Strategy Effectiveness, Indirect Manipulation, Trap Setting, Convergent Thinking, Strategy Logistics)

Legal Loophole Plan

This is Simeon's primary long term plan. All of his other strategies and the Edgeworth Involvement Strategy are all tied into this plan. Simeon manipulates all of the killers into committing their crimes through means of not explicitly mentioning incitement.
(Planning Intricacies, Planning Building, Planning Coverage)



Simeon refrains from mentioning anything remotely close to committing crimes in the various letters he sends. The only way they even prove he's involved excluding his legal loophole is bcuz the letter he said days prior gets sent the exact day of his body double murder. This means he can not be tied to any of the crimes. He anticipates every possibility that Edgeworth might figure out to catch him and effectively plugs that hole. This completely works, the only way Edgeworth catches Simeon is bcuz of the body double's murder.
(Risk Calculation, Anticipation, Planning Invincibility, Strategy Effectiveness, Concealment)

He also makes his two kidnappings a part of his plans almost unsolvable as at most the evidence Edgeworth can use is circumstantial and wouldn't stand in court. The two circumstantial evidence being the drug used in kidnapping them both, lack of proof that Simeon carried Kay to the Bigg Building.(now this becomes an issue 😭).

3rd Instance of Edgeworth Involvement, Excelsius Verdict Counter Strategy

Simeon predicts and induces Excelsius's plan to kidnap Gavalle's son Shaun and kidnaps him first before Excelsius can blackmail Gavalle into doing a not guilty verdict.
(Prediction, Induction, EU, Psychology Profiling, Trap Setting, Improvision, Strategy Logistics)



After he learns of Excelsius's men kidnaps his son accidentally, Simeon contacts Edgeworth via the bug planted in Kay from her kidnapping to drop Edgeworth a hint for Shaun's location. He talks to Edgeworth until a firework in the background explodes then turns off the bug. He does this because he knows Edgeworth's skepticism and Simeon doesn't want to reveal his motivations as hinted by him saying he couldn't care less for Laguarde's verdict(which clearly is not true).
(Misdirection, Concealment, Improvision, Strategy Shielding, Strategy Effectiveness, Strategy Versatility, Indirect Manipulation, EU, Social Awareness, Social Engineering, Adaptability)

While contacting Kay and Edgeworth via the bug, he is able to deduce that Lloyd the reporter is listening in based on the conversation between most of the key players before this. Simeon, while observing the conversations by listening to them, realizes Loydd knows about the kidnapping without Edgeworth telling her. With limited knowledge of her, Simeon reads and profiles the type of person she is based on what she says to Edgeworth prior and predicts that she will be tailing Edgeworth for anything worthy of a scoop. Simeon is able to anticipate her taping the call and turns off the bug preventing his voice from being taped.

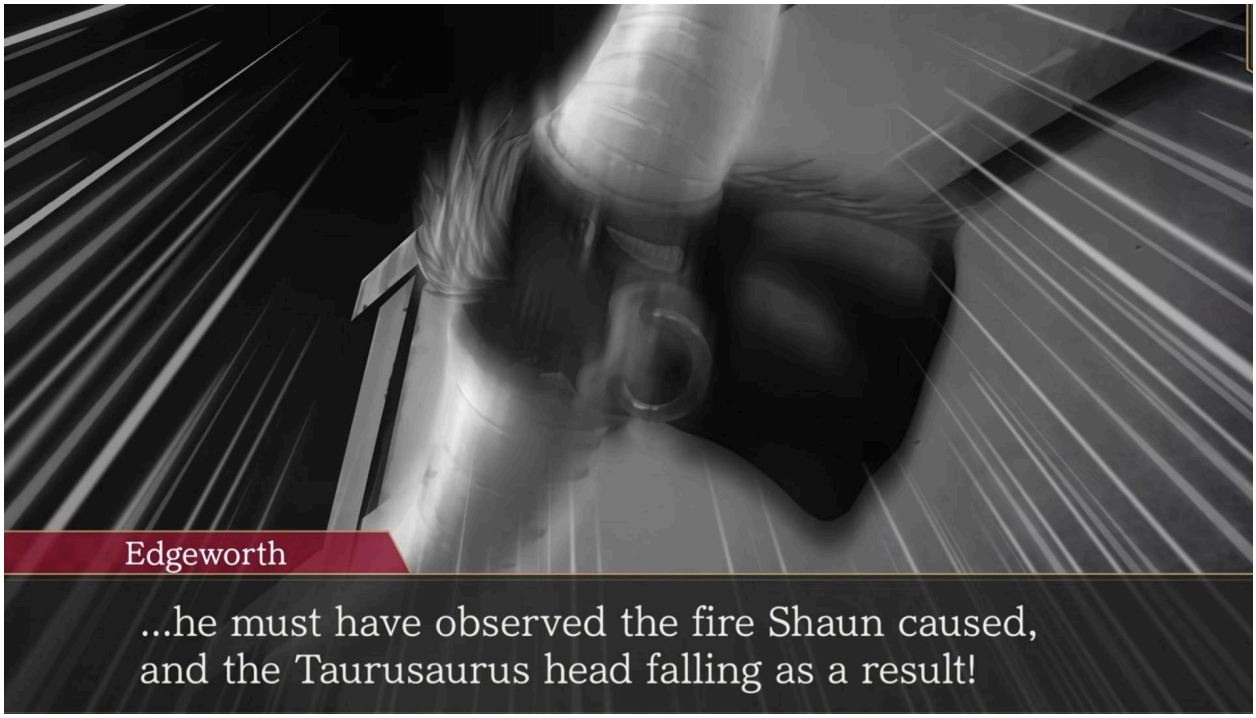
(Social Awareness, EU, EP, Psychological Profiling, Psychological Knowledge, Psychological Insight, Deductive Reasoning, Prediction, Anticipation, Risk Calculation, Trap Evasion, Adaptibility,



This is also another instance of Edgeworth Involvement, to help Simeon prevent Excelsius from worming his way out of a guilty verdict.

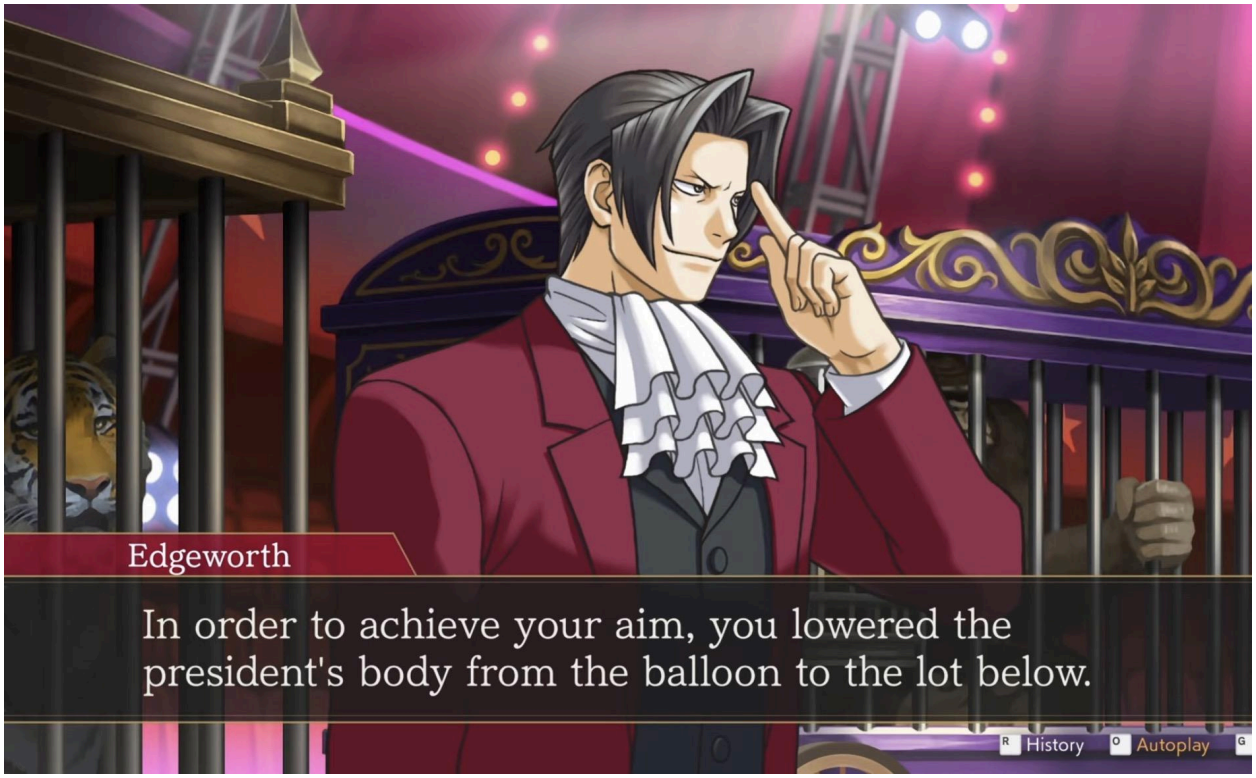
Body Double Murder Plan

This plan was a quick decision for Simeon. After his kidnapping of Kay, he finds the body double and Gavalle on the roof top of the Bigg Building. Suddenly the body double gets Gavalle in the building then opens fire on the hot air balloon Simeon is in, out of fear of being caught. While at this time Shaun is practicing for his movie and drops the Tauersaurus Head on the ground, Simeon observing this hatches a plan.



Edgeworth when breaking down his crime states that Simeon comes up with his murder plan immediately after seeing Shaun dropping the monster head while being shot at.
(PSI, EM, Composure, Mental Fortitude, Cognitive Discipline, Quick Thinking, Decision Making, Adaptability)

Simeon uses a rope he has in the hot air balloon to hang the body double's body from it while Shaun is using his camera for his practice. Putting the body double in a dark area, framing it as if the body double was there with Shaun.
(VSI, FRI, Fluid Intelligence, Strategy Logistics, Creative Thinking, Divergent Thinking)



then taking him to a refrigeration unit to manipulate the cause of death to be on the same day as when Shaun drops the monster head.
(Creative Thinking, Convergent Thinking, Inductive Reasoning, FRI, Fluid Intelligence, Strategy Shielding, Strategy Logistics, Planning Invincibility, Planning Building, Planning Intricacies)



After reading the feats prior to this and how it all seemingly ended up going bad for Simeon bcuz of this particular crime might make you think this is a risk calculation, decision making, or reasoning anti feat but I disagree. The only reason he gets caught because of this is straight bad luck. For example, the only reason they could even find out the identity of the mastermind which of course is Simeon, after linking this crime to him is because Bodhidharma Kanus escapes prison on this same day of the murder, to find Simeon himself then gives Edgeworth the best clues he could ever need.

Full Overview of Edgeworth Involvement Strategy

To make Simeon's main strategy more understandable I will combine the instances of Edgeworth Involvement. I won't be providing images here as it'll just be the same ones, nor will I provide colors since I've already highlighted most of this. It would be better for you guys to interpret the feats. I want this to be an overall more comprehensive explanation. This goes for my overview of Legal Loophole as well.

Edgeworth Presidential Assasination Luring

Simeon uses his high stakes crime to bring Edgeworth to his schemes then makes him feel more connected to the crime by hiring Shelly De'Killer.
(Indirect Manipulation, Psychological Warfare, Social Awareness, Social Engineering)

Simeon has Bronco get caught by Edgeworth(was going to frame him for the assasination attempt or the sham assasination but the idiot committed murder) so that when Bronco goes to Laguarde's prison and eventually gets murdered, Edgeworth will be the one solving the murder.
(Anticipation, Strategy Logistics, Convergent Thinking)

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In a weird twist of fate, Simeon gets arrested for the murder of Bronco. The arrest itself is very silly as Eustace(the prosecutor behind his arrest) basically admits eventually he was arrested for little evidence yet later on stubbornly sticks to his conviction.

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Simeon pretends to be weak and scared to manipulate Edgeworth into taking this case. He directly manipulates Kay and Edgeworth to make them both feel bad for Simeon, thus invested in the case.
(Direct Manipulation, EU, EP, Social Management, Social Awareness, Social Engineering, Improvisation, Strategy Versatility, Divergent Thinking, Strategy Shielding, Acting Skills, Concealment, Fabrication, Misdirection)

Kay Framing

Simeon meets up with Kay then drugs her to incapacitate her. He kidnaps Kay and brings her to the Bigg Building in order to frame her for the murder.

After placing her on the rooftop, he waits for her to awake. Then Simeon lays on the ground pretending to be dead so that Kay would step back in shock, down a hatch.
(EU, Social Awareness, Psychological Profiling, Psychological Insight, Hot Reading, Convergent Thinking, Tactics, Trap Setting, Direct Manipulation)

Simeon places a fake note in Rosie's pocket having it addressed to Kay so that she would appear to be the most suspicious person at the time which would force Edgeworth to solve the case if he wanted to protect her. This fake note gets used by Excelsius to frame her just as Simeon plans wanted, once it gets revealed to him.
(Strategy Shielding, Strategy Logistics, Strategy Effectiveness, Convergent Thinking, Anticipation, Psychological Insight, Psychological Profiling, EU, Trap Setting)

Excelsius's Verdict Counter Strategy

His final step in both Edgeworth Involvement and Legal Loophole is making sure Laguarde and in turn Excelsius both get guilty verdicts. Simeon induces that Excelsius will attempt to kidnap Gavalle's son so Simeon kidnaps Shaun first to ensure a guilty verdict.
(Inductive Reasoning, Critical Thinking, Anticipation, Risk Calculation, Convergent Thinking, Tactics, Trap Setting, Strategy Shielding, Strategy Logistics)

However, something Simeon doesn't anticipate is Excelsius's men accidentally kidnapping Eustace. Simeon contacts Edgeworth with a bug he planted on Kay then taunts him until a firework explodes in the background. Simeon, fully aware of Edgeworth's skills, knows that Edgeworth can figure this out.

The reason Simeon simply doesn't just tell Edgeworth is because of two major reasons. 1, he doesn't want Edgeworth to learn anything of his identity which includes his motivations. While in contact with Edgeworth, Simeon tells him that he doesn't care for the verdict which is of course false. 2. Simeon knows of Edgeworth's skepticism, this same skepticism shining its light in the very same convo I'm talking about as he questions Simeon why he should trust him.
(EU, Social Awareness, Strategy Shielding, Strategy Versatility, Strategy Logistics, Social Management, Social Skills, Convergent Thinking, Inductive Reasoning, Improvisation, Misdirection, Trap Evasion, Concealment, Info Control, Psychological Profiling)

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(Divergent Thinking, VSI, Misdirection, Concealment, Fabrication, Creative Thinking, Planning Building)

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Simeon intends on involving the genius prosecutor Edgeworth by fabricating this high stakes crime and using a hitman he is already aware of to get his attention further. Simeon intends to have Edgeworth suspect Bronco of the fake assassination then getting arrested for it, or if the assasination succeeded framing Bronco for it.
(Misdirection, Fabrication, Trap Setting, Anticipation, Deductive Reasoning, Convergent Thinking, Planning Building, Planning Coverage, Social Awareness, Social Management, Indirect Manipulation)

No matter the conclusion of this case it will end up being the same, Bronco will be arrested for some kind of crime whether it be for the sham assasination, "planning" to assassinate the president, or failing to do so. However, Bronco commits the murder of Rook which does get in the way of Simeon's plan however doesn't change the outcome with the exception of the body double not dying.

Laguarde Murder Goading Strategy

Bronco gets sent to Laguarde's prison as Simeon plans and uses Laguarde to kill him.

Simeon uses the manipulation of Laguarde he had been working on specifically for this moment. Simeon's multi-step manipulation of Laguarde goes as follows. Simeon contacts Kanus before the story via untraceable mail of the correspondence chess game. Simeon induces that Kanis will use this to build his influence in the prison as "the fixer" to blackmail Laguarde. The attempt on Kanus's life 12 years ago also causes Laguarde to be further emotionally manipulated.
(Planning Coverage, Planning Building, Strategy Logistics, Trap Setting, Strategy Effectiveness, EU, Psychological Insight, Emotional Manipulation, Indirect Manipulation, Deductive Reasoning, Convergent Thinking, Social Management, Anticipation, Inductive Reasoning)

Bronco after getting sent to prison continues a correspondence chess game with Simeon where Simeon was manipulating the moves of Kanus and Bronco to be the exact same then sends

them to one another to fabricate a false chess game between the two which causes Laguarde to suspect Bronco of being one of his “young pups” or henchmen.
(Fabrication, Concealment, Misdirection, Trap Setting, Psychological Profiling, Inductive Reasoning, Indirect Manipulation, Emotional Manipulation, Planning Coverage, Planning Building, Strategy Logistics)

Simeon uses the gift to Bronco, that being a chess board with a chisel inside to be the final straw for Laguarde which then causes her to kill Bronco then attempt to frame Kanus for the murder which Simeon also plans for her to do.
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(EU, Social Awareness, Psychological Profiling, Psychological Insight, Hot Reading, Convergent Thinking, Tactics, Trap Setting, Direct Manipulation)

Simeon places a fake note in Rosie’s pocket having it addressed to Kay so that she would appear to be the most suspicious person at the time which would force Edgeworth to solve the

case if he wanted to protect her. This fake note gets used by Excelsius to frame her just as Simeon plans wanted, once it gets revealed to him.
(Strategy Shielding, Strategy Logistics, Strategy Effectiveness, Convergent Thinking, Anticipation, Psychological Insight, Psychological Profiling, EU, Trap Setting)

Excelsius Murder Goading

During an illegal auction at the Bigg Building, Simeon sends Rosie Ringer a note telling her about Excelsius's involvement in her boyfriend's death 12 years ago. Simeon also sends Excelsius a note telling him about Rosie being aware of this involvement.
(Info Control, Indirect Manipulation, Concealment, Emotional Manipulation, Planning Invincibility, Planning Building, Social Awareness, Social Management)

This leaves Excelsius with little options to conceal the crime 12 years ago. As Simeon plans, Excelsius kills Rosie. After Excelsius learns of a fake note Rosie "sent" to Kay and Kay's existence, Excelsius frames Kay just as Simeon plans which forces Edgeworth's involvement.
(Strategy Effectiveness, Trap Setting, Strategy Logistics, Planning Coverage, Planning Building, Indirect Manipulation, Convergent Thinking)

Counter Strategy to Excelsius's Gavalle Blackmailing Plan

His final step in both Edgeworth Involvement and Legal Loophole is making sure Laguarde and in turn Excelsius both get guilty verdicts. Simeon induces that Excelsius will attempt to kidnap Gavalle's son so Simeon kidnaps Shaun first to ensure a guilty verdict.
(Induction, Critical Thinking, Anticipation, Risk Calculation, Convergent Thinking, Tactics, Trap Setting, Strategy Shielding, Strategy Logistics)

However, something Simeon doesn't anticipate is Excelsius's men accidentally kidnapping Eustace. Simeon contacts Edgeworth with a bug he planted on Kay then taunts him until a firework explodes in the background. Simeon, fully aware of Edgeworth's skills, knows that Edgeworth can figure this out.

The reason Simeon simply doesn't just tell Edgeworth is because of two major reasons. 1, he doesn't want Edgeworth to learn anything of his identity which includes his motivations. While in contact with Edgeworth, Simeon tells him that he doesn't care for the verdict which is of course false. 2. Simeon knows of Edgeworth's skepticism, this same skepticism shining its light in the very same convo I'm talking about as he questions Simeon why he should trust him.

(EU, Social Awareness, Strategy Shielding, Strategy Versatility, Strategy Logistics, Social Management, Social Skills, Convergent Thinking, Inductive Reasoning, Improvisation, Misdirection, Trap Evasion, Concealment, Info Control, Psychological Profiling)

Involvement Concealment

This is the final step of Legal Loophole. Even if Simeon was not the one to kill the victims, he knows that he could be charged with incitement. Simeon however conceals any evidence of doing so. Simeon trashes any mail he has, and the few he does possess Simeon specifically leaves out any mention of murder.
(Planning Invincibility, Convergent Thinking, Critical Thinking, Trap Evasion, Risk Calculation, Strategy Shielding, Anticipation)

It's impossible to prove Simeon blackmailed, threatened, or hired anyone to kill as there is at most circumstantial evidence associated with him to the crime.

Initially it was impossible to actually prove he was involved in the murders in any way, however since Simeon is one of the most unlucky characters I've ever seen in SCD. The final letter he sent to Bronco on the day of his murder was delayed to the exact day of this confrontation, and for some reason his boss had it.

However Simeon anticipates this, making the letters circumstantial evidence and no other evidence of his crime.

Categories I Think Simeon is Great In and My Explanations(skip this if you dont rlly care for my explanations)

Scheming

This is arguably Simeon's best category. Simeon's schemes are some of the intricate and invincible plans in semi-realistic SCD. Legal Loophole is near unbeatable because of the several layers it has.

Planning Intricacies-Legal Loophole has at minimum 6 layers of other plans and strategies involved and that isn't mentioning the various tactics and foresight feats. Including Body Double Murder Plan, it too is very layered in its primary goal of framing Shaun.

Planning Invincibility-Similar reasoning as intricacies, its multi-layeredness makes it hard to beat. Legal Loophole specifically is impossible to beat unless you don't care for the law and kill him instead. Referring to the Body Double Murder Plan, the framing of Shaun is also very tough to prove as the time of death gets manipulated to fit with "Shaun's" murder, and Simeon anticipated most of Edgeworth's arguments.

Planning Building-Again, similar reasoning but with the addition of Simeon's ability to formulate complex plans quickly. Excelsius Murder Goading and Laguarde Murder Goading despite being short term plans are made complex and untraceable to Simeon. When met with an unforeseen consequence, that being detained for Bronco's murder. Simeon quickly comes up with a plan to manipulate Edgeworth to solve his case and defend him. Body Double Murder Plan is similar, it was quickly formulated, and it was complex and intricate despite being a short term plan.

Planning Coverage-I don't think I need to repeat myself again, however the feats of his final confrontation apply here. He anticipates and prepares for arguments to reveal his crime, making efficient counter arguments against Edgeworth.

Strategy Logistics-Simeon's strategies are all detailed, manageable, and effective. He succeeds in all of his strategies and it's all logically sound.

Strategy Shielding-With similar reasoning as prior, his strategies are very protected. His Edgeworth Involvement Strategy is untraceable similar to Legal Loophole and Edgeworth(who finds himself constantly fighting against ppl attempting to control him) is incapable of seeing through the strategy.

Strategy Effectiveness-All of Simeon's strategies work pretty much flawlessly. He gets everything he wants with his strategies. They are also logically sound and applicable without need of resources or influence.

Strategy Versatility-Simeon's arrest and Excelsius Counter Strategy best shows his versatility. Simeon's arrest offered him a perfect opportunity to use his Edgeworth Involvement directly, manipulating him to catch Laguarde and saving himself. Excelsius' Counter Strategy is done quickly, he then changes his strategy whenever Excelsius's men accidentally kidnap Eustace.

Manipulation

Another one of Simeon's top 3 categories. All of his manipulation feats are applicable and involve a lot of understanding of his victims as well as deep effects to those victims.

Direct Manipulation-probably his 2nd worst subcat in manipulation, not to say it's necessarily bad. His main showings of direct manipulation is his rage baiting the entire cast during his confrontation and his manipulation of Kay and Edgeworth to get Edgeworth to help solve the Bronco murder. His methods in the latter are actually impressive. He uses Edgeworth's

philosophy against him, then taking advantage of his trauma relating to Gregory to convince him to “do the right thing” all the while pretending to be scared and along, with Edgeworth being a prosecutor “scaring” him even more.

Indirect Manipulation-Easily his best subcat. Simeon is a d1 indirect manipulation spammer 😭. His Laguarde manipulation involves making her lose her mind and getting extremely paranoid in her “paradise” to the point she commits murder herself. He basically indirectly manipulates Excelsius’s entire plan during 2-4 and causes him to commit a murder out of fear. Most of Edgeworth Involvement is him indirectly manipulating Edgeworth using his philosophy, trauma, and emotions.

Emotional Manipulation-Simeon’s 2nd best subcat. Just as Edgeworth says. Simeon’s main strategy is to target the emotional weaknesses of everyone he manipulates in order to control what they do. All of his manipulations involve this specific method and he accomplishes it well.

Logical Manipulation-Legal Loophole and Shaun Framing is Simeon’s primary usage of logical manipulation. He manipulates the reasoning of Edgeworth to come to several dead ends when investigating Simeon’s crimes. His counter arguments also exhibit great logical manipulation feats.

Mass Manipulation-Simeon’s worst subcat. The only feat in this I can think of is ensuring Laguarde and Excelsius’s guilty verdict. He ensures all parties involved keep up with their roles. Not the best of feats but as I said easily his worst subcat.

Deception

Deception is what I would say is probably Simeon’s best category. Most of his feats, especially his schemes are covered in elaborate deception schemes.

Acting Skills-This is probably Simeon’s best subcat. He might have the best acting skills in semi-realistic scd. Nobody suspected a thing even Laguarde who interrogated him for years didn’t recognize him and when Simeon took the fall for Bronco’s murder, she wanted Edgeworth to save him. Speaking of Edgeworth, his various mind chess feats showcase great STP and EP yet he doesn’t suspect a single thing of Simeon. Simeon tells him a bold face lie and Edgeworth doesn't suspect a thing.

Misdirection-This is incorporated in most of Simeon’s schemes. Simeon misdirects the entire cast to chase an invisible mastermind while no one suspects him. He misdirects Edgeworth to solving these crimes thinking of them as simple coincidences. He would’ve been able to continue misdirecting everyone regarding the mastermind’s identity if he wasn’t cursed with the worst luck ever. That being the only person with info that can trace to Simeon who happens to he blind escaping prison the exact day of the body doubles murder.

Fabrication-This is another subcat involved in a lot of Simeon's feats. Simeon's direct manipulation of Edgeworth is him fabricating a false identity, this same false identity he keeps up with everyone else. The "Fake" Assasination Plot also uses deep fabrication in order to associate Bronco with the crime and leading Edgeworth into believing a false reality of what was happening during that particular plan. Lastly, Laguarde's Murder Goading involves fabricating a fake connection between Bronco and Kanus into manipulating her to do Simeon's bidding.

Concealment-Simeon erasing any trace of his involvement in the body doubles murder, and any of his murder incitements. As mentioned before, he manipulates and erases any evidence of his involvement. His Edgeworth Involvement however is perfectly concealed. Edgeworth suspects nothing and is never given a reason to suspect anything until Kay's statements of the red raincoat and Shelly telling them about a mastermind. This wasn't very critical to his schemes since this was supposed to be the end of Edgeworth Involvement.

Info Control-Simeon constantly controls the information of every scheme he makes. Edgeworth Involvement is basically him leading Edgeworth around with information he is controlling.

Emotional Intelligence

Simeon's EQ is commonly applied to a lot of his feats, hence him being good at it.

EU-Easily Simeon's best subcat. Edgeworth manipulation, Laguarde manipulation, Animal Understanding, targeting emotional weaknesses, Excelsius manipulation and action anticipations. All of these feats have Simeon displaying almost if not literally a complete understanding of these characters, those of which he has limited knowledge of excluding knowledge he knows because of the president's murder.

EP-His weakest EQ subcat. Not bad but he only has 2 feats and neither of them I would consider being crazily high. Him perceiving the reporter's emotions through only listening to her talk then anticipating she would tail Edgeworth for info is pretty good. His other feat is perceiving Edgeworth and Kay's emotions during his detainment. Kay wears her emotions on her sleeve however, Edgeworth has really good composure and EM so being able to perceive his emotions at the extent he does is pretty impressive.

EM-Simeon getting shot at by the body double and still formulating his plan of murdering the body double.

EE-Simeon's EE is VERY strong. Simeon as a boy had his life threatened by 3 powerful members of society, one of them being the president of a country. Simeon plans to take out these 3 despite having a drastic advantage in influence and resources, and he succeeded.

Social Intelligence

Social Engineering-Simeon's strongest subcat, manipulating several people into killing one another despite Simeon having barely to no contact with these(aside from Bronco). Causing all of his victims to feel paranoid and fearful.

Social Awareness-Simeon's ability to know how everyone will think and what they will do shows his great awareness. He does this with almost every character in the game.

Social Integration-Simeon garnering the sympathy of Kay and Edgeworth is a great feat in integration, as well as having Laguarde's trust.

Social Skills-Everyone for the most part really likes Simeon when he isn't being an evil genius clown. He's seen as funny and nice, as well as trustworthy.

Social Management-Simeon makes everyone feel the exact way he wants them too. Evident in his Laguarde manipulation, he constantly manages her mental state making sure she never feels safe despite being in her "paradise".

Field Skills

Trap Setting-This is his best field skills subcat if you don't consider foresight field skills(which I honestly don't). Edgeworth Involvement is a constant trap setting feat, putting him in situations he'll need to get out of by doing exactly what Simeon wants. Laguarde manipulation is a trap setting feat. Then there's Shaun framing where he creates one of the most elaborate murders I've seen in AA, the body double murder.

Trap Evasion-Simeon never finds himself in others' intentional traps. However, he is constantly getting screwed over by luck which has him slipping his way out of those inconveniences. Examples of this are the body double on the Bigg Building, Excelsius's men kidnapping Eustace, Kanus escaping prison and giving Edgeworth some of the best clues he could've gotten, and Simeon's arrest. There's also him ensuring a lack of proof in inciting the murders.

Improvision-Simeon constantly improvises in his schemes. In the same reason his Trap Setting and Evasion are good, Simeon will find himself in a problematic scenario and worm his way out of it by some elaborate means.

Observation-Simeon's Shaun framing is a great observation feat. He is observing his surroundings while being shot at and he sees some random kid dropping a large dinosaur head beside the large 51 story skyscraper he is flying a hot air balloon above. That's some crazy observation skills.

Perception-Basically the same thing except this time its his ability to interpret that as the perfect chance to frame the kid and kill the president.

Tactics-Simeon like most of his feats, does elaborate tactics whenever met with an obstacle. I've already discussed his loads of tactics so I don't think I need to go further.

Decision Making-Simeon's decision to kill the body double is a great feat. I could understand someone disagreeing with this saying "he should've waited, it was the only reason he got caught" however there are 2 problems with that. 1. Kay could wake up on the hot air balloon messing up everything and 2. Sure the murder itself was risky, but he did it under the pretense that no one would be able to solve it, which was true before Kanis broke out of prison.

Data Gathering-I also feel like I don't need to explain this. Just basically, he learns as much as possible(which we see is a lot) about the people he manipulates then exploits said data.

Unpredictability-Edgeworth not suspecting a thing, then being completely stuck when at his final confrontation when reasoning isn't enough is a really good feat. This is the same Edgeworth who again, can see through most acts and how people will respond because of mind chess.

Lastly, Thinking(not the last cat he's good at)

Convergent Thinking-A lot of his feats are done by a step by step analysis of him knowing exactly what people will do at certain points. For example, he knows how Laguarde and Kanis will interact with one another, how that interaction will go, how Laguarde will react, then when given an unexpected factor what she'll do after. That's how the entire murder goading goes.

Divergent Thinking-Whenever his feats don't show good convergent thinking, it'll show a good divergent thinking. What I mean by this are his unexpected obstacles. His body double murder is probably his best showing, he gets met with a president who starts wildly firing at him then has to come up with a creative murder in order. He does exactly that, he crushes him with the hot air balloon, frames it as a giant monster head crushing him, then uses a rope to hang him behind the kid in his camera to frame it as though the president was there. That's insanely creative.

Creative Thinking-Same argument as divergent with the body double murder, however his contraption in 2-2 also shows good creative thinking.

Critical Thinking-His inductions of Kanis and Laguarde, his manipulation of Edgeworth, the body double murder, and his counter strategy for Excelsius are all great showings of critical thinking. All of them have a logical basis and process behind all of them.

Quick Thinking-Him coming up with body double murder while being shot at. I don't really think I need to go further here honestly, however I will. That's because Simeon's arrest also shows great quick thinking. Now obviously to a lesser degree and granted he could've planned ahead for this or had some time on his hands, however it wasn't that long when Edgeworth first learned of his detainment and met up with him.