Johan Liebert's Induction

Introduction



Johan Liebert manipulates Schuwald and his biological son Karl through precise psychological and logical reasoning, orchestrating events to gain Schuwald's absolute trust and ultimately seize control of his financial empire.

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Context

We know that Johan's plan to seize Schuwald's financial resources was drawn up much earlier than commonly believed, and that Johan collected data for this purpose.

Johan learned of Helena Novakova's existence thanks to Schuwald's visit; he listened to and knew about things being said about her past. Thanks to the data he acquired, he was able to learn about potential material that would prove his connection to Schuwald, Karl's biological father. To obtain this data, Johan began living with Helena and behaved so closely to her that she felt as if she were talking to her son. During this time, Johan discovered the rabbit foot that would prove Karl was Schuwald's biological son, and this allowed him to proceed confidently, knowing this evidence existed.

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This chain of events proves that even when Johan approached Karl, he knew that Karl was Schuwald's biological son, and he knew where this evidence might be hidden and under what circumstances it might be revealed. It also shows that he controlled this scheme by creating a fake heir and indirectly guided Karl from the beginning of the process, trying to get him to prepare the appropriate scheme.

Johan waited for the right moment to use the past data he had obtained. By killing Edmund Fahren, he ensured that Karl was the only valid candidate, but his real intention was to break Karl's self-confidence. Thanks to Karl's emphasis on spiritual values over material expectations, he resigned from his job and rejected material expectations.

Johan then acted to obtain the evidence he already knew about by asking Karl, whose confidence had been shattered, to "try to remember, there must be something." By doing so, he used past data to determine future action. Instead of creating pressure to take the evidence he had obtained to Schuwald himself, he ensured that it was entrusted to him, thereby taking control into his own hands. What he did was essentially to turn past data into a tool for carrying out future actions.

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Premises

P1: The skepticism of the goal: It is known that Schuwald was searching for his biological son. Because of previous impostors who had come forward, gaining Schuwald's trust required extraordinary motivation, the kind that could form a warm, disinterested relationship free from material gain. "My father's search for his biological son was actually widely known in Munich. Several times before, men had come to him, claiming to be his heir..."

P2: Johan kills the false heir Edmund Fahren, whom he used to manipulate Karl. This act solidifies Karl's position as the true son. Karl is left as the only valid candidate. Any evidence concerning Karl will no longer be subject to comparative verification.

P3: Johan knew the family that adopted Karl (he gave Karl much information about himself). And he knew of Karl's affection for them. He also knew that

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Karl valued spirituality more than money. As we see in the panel, Karl asked Johan for Latin lessons because he wanted to please his father. Thus, Johan realized that Karl valued spiritual matters. Johan must have understood this long beforehand, since he could infer why Karl wanted Latin lessons, and Karl feared that Schuwald would see his presence as that of a hyena closing in on him. As stated in both the novel and the manga, his self-confidence had already been shattered. Johan then told Karl to find something that would prove to Schuwald that he was indeed his biological son. By quitting his job and handing over the proof, Karl demonstrated to Schuwald that he had completely renounced any material expectation. By encouraging Karl to resign, Johan established the necessary precondition for Schuwald to accept Karl as "well-intentioned."

In this way, he grounded the premises needed for Karl's current state to become that of the perfect heir.

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P4: Karl entrusts the talisman the rabbit's foot left by his mother to Johan, thereby showing that he has given up on telling Schuwald the truth and on claiming the inheritance.

P5: Johan presents (or ensures the presentation of) Karl's rabbit-foot talisman to Schuwald. Schuwald recalls having given this charm to his lover Margot and thus speaks Karl's real name.

Conclusion: Johan becomes the heir. Because of this event, Schuwald trusted him. After hearing Schuwald's praises of Johan, Johan seeks to obtain information from Karl, aiming to prove that he is not only a person of exceptional intellect but also trustworthy. Knowing that Karl, whose self-confidence was shattered and who did not value money, feared facing his father, Johan asked whether there was any document proving his paternity. He knew Karl would not bring it to Schuwald himself. Therefore, Johan asked Karl to keep the documents until he strengthened his resolve. In simple terms, the point at which Johan realized he was close to becoming the heir was when Karl mentioned that his father had praised Johan; from there, he devised a plan to gain Schuwald's trust. For this, he used pure induction — reasoning backward from the necessary conditions for becoming the heir to construct his plan of action.

Final conclusion: Johan's seizure of control over Schuwald's empire.

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Fundamental premise: Schuwald must have absolute trust in Johan and support him.

Conclusion and the Logic of the Inferential Plan

The three inferences he made are:

A) To become the heir, gaining Schuwald's trust is essential. Johan had already proven his intelligence to him.

B) Karl has low self-confidence (due to the Latin lesson incident) and, as stated in the novel and manga, does not value money. Therefore, it is impossible for him to present the proof to Schuwald himself.

C) To gain Schuwald's trust, spiritual renunciation beyond traditional proof is necessary. Johan achieves this through Karl, as stated in the novel.

Why is this good?

Because Johan, within a short conversation with Karl, observed a great deal and identified the premises needed to reach his conclusion. By asking Karl specific questions, he elicited responses that provided the necessary causal grounds for his plan.

Why is the new document better than the old one?

The identification of necessary conditions was predicted by backward reasoning, and under the heading of the logic of the inferential plan, Johan's inferences A, B, and C are clearly examined. This solidifies the logical basis of the plan.
Karl's psychology, his lack of self-confidence and disregard for money were known. P3 and Conclusion B clearly state that it was impossible for Karl to present the evidence himself due to his low self-confidence (the Latin class incident) and disregard for material things, showing that it was a necessary condition for Johan to take on the role of intermediary. The Purpose of the Action is to take the rabbit's foot. It proves that the real purpose of taking the

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rabbit′s foot is to create a pattern of spiritual renunciation beyond traditional evidence, along with Karl′s resignation from work.

The most important part is predictive pattern recognition. What Johan does is not just analyze past data, it is a chain of actions designed to anticipate and guarantee future outcomes.

Descriptive pattern: I can use Schuwald′s son and I can use the rabbit′s foot.
Predictive Pattern: If I create conditions A, B, and C, Schuwald will definitely trust me.
Input data: Karl′s request for Latin lessons, Karl′s shyness, Schuwald′s paranoia about fraudsters, Margot′s story, the symbolic value of the rabbit′s foot.
Processing: In light of this data, I am solving the question backwards: what is the shortest and most certain way to gain Schuwald′s absolute trust?
Prediction and output section: If I get Karl to waive his rights and entrust the evidence to me instead of presenting it myself, trust will be cemented.

The second part of predictive pattern recognition is not just making predictions, but bringing about the actions that necessitate the predicted outcome. This is what Johan does here.

Creating causality: In a short conversation, Johan uses Karl′s responses to create the causal groundwork necessary for his plan. Johan anticipates how to combine past data (rabbit foot) and current psychological patterns (Karl′s shyness) to achieve the future outcome (absolute confidence). And it is Schuwald going to Johan′s mother, his old friend, while searching for Helenka, and the Twins overhearing Johan and Anna′s conversation and adapting it to their plan to be the last ones alive. Becoming the heir to Schuwald, the owner of the European financial empire, is an important step on this path.