DAMON GANT

“Crime Computer”

“One half of the ‘Legendary Duo””



“You know, we should all go swimming together sometime! Jolly!”

Lore:

Damon Gant is the mastermind and true antagonist of the Rise From The Ashes (RFTA) case from the Ace Attorney series. He was the District Chief of Police of the Los Angeles district police department (previously the Deputy Chief prior to convicting Joe Darke in what would be known as the SL-9 incident), up until Wright revealed him as the true culprit.

During his two years as Chief of Police, he (after arranging for Lana Skye- his partner- to be Chief Prosecutor) would blackmail Lana and control the city's law enforcement.

It should be noted, that prior to being Chief of Police, whilst still the Deputy, he and Lana were nicknamed the "Legendary Duo" due to their incredible feats for law enforcement- furthermore: Gant would call himself the "Crime Computer" due to his immense pride in his crime-solving skills.

(social skills, charisma, relationship management, influence building, influence, blackmail, leadership, deduction, GAI, logical/deductive reasoning, experience, CRI, FRI, analysis)

*KEY NOTES: This case is, in my opinion, very messy. Is it a great, fun case with an awesome villain? Yes. But, nonetheless it's also one of the longest cases and at points feels dragged out far further than needs be. I have omitted the SL-9 incident in the **LORE** section, however, note that it is in the document later as it is **VASTLY** important when looking at Gant from a scaling perspective.*

SL-9 Incident:

Note, this incident requires knowledge of the people involved to grasp how Gant's methods are so impactful:

Suspect- Joe Darke
Legendary Duo- Damon Gant, Lana Skye
Detectives- Bruce Goodman, Jake Marshall, Angel Starr
Prosecutor- Neil Marshall (planned, however he wound up being a victim), Miles Edgeworth (replacement)
Witness- Ema Skye

With that out of the way, the incident can be explained properly. The SL-9 incident was a case where Joe Darke had been accused of murdering several people, however, a lack of definitive evidence meant that Darke couldn't be convicted. So

the investigation team (composed of the *Legendary Duo, Detectives,* and *Prosecutor Neil*) decided that they would interrogate Darke in the hopes of acquiring a confession.

During the interrogation however, a power outage would grant Darke an opportunity to flee, being chased by Neil Marshall - where Ema Skye was. Not many details are given, however we know that once Gant arrives to the office, the three (Darke, Marshall and Skye) are all unconscious.

Gant immediately saw how to use the situation to guarantee Darke's conviction and began his ploy to blackmail Lana: he cut a piece of Neil's vest with Ema's handprint on and then proceeded to pick up and impale the unconscious prosecutor onto a sword held by a suit of armour near Gant's desk, killing the man. He then wrote "Ema" on a jar using Neil's blood, and broke the jar to create a fake clue, when Lana arrived, the scene had been arranged in a way that made her assume Ema had accidentally caused Neil's death.

Gant told Lana to rearrange the crime scene to make it look as though Darke had killed Neil, she did as she wished to hide her sister's "involvement". Gant would lock two pieces of evidence in his safe for insurance against her (a piece of the jar that spelled Ema, and the cut piece of fabric with her handprint).

During Darke's trial, Gant and Lana presented false evidence to Miles Edgeworth (who served as Neil's replacement) and Darke was as a result- sentenced to death. Following the trial, as mentioned in the "Lore" segment, Gant would become the Chief of Police, rise Lana to be Chief Prosecutor (allowing him to control both the police and prosecutor's office, giving him a powerful grip over the law, by blackmailing her) and to ensure the team involved would stay quiet- fired Angel Starr, demoted Jake Marshall to patrolman and only allowed Bruce Goodman to keep his job so as to not draw suspicion.

(scapegoating, cunning, experience, information control, indirect manipulation, social manipulation, fabrication, setting traps, logical reasoning, long term planning, gaslighting, acting skills, misdirection, negotiation, concealment, planning formulation, planning contingency, improvisation, determination, composure)



The “Legendary Duo”

The Events of Rise From The Ashes PART 1:

“There are only three people I look out for: Me, Myself and I.”

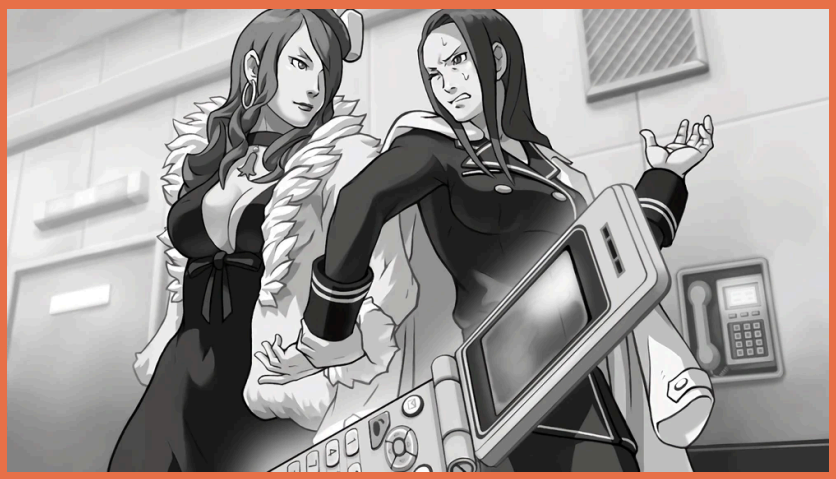
Alright, let’s get into this monster of a case. Fortunately since this is a document on Damon Gant and not Phoenix Wright (or just this case for the matter), I get to jump over some really unnecessary sections and overall just look at the more enjoyable sections- thanks Gant.

A day before the SL-9 evidence was to be transferred into storage, Jake Marshall would convince detective Bruce Goodman to reopen the SL-9 case, as a result, Goodman approached Gant about the subject while the pair were in the evidence room. Panicked, Gant kills Goodman with Darke’s knife

and enlisted the help of Lana Skye and Miles Edgeworth (note: he's unaware of the murder, merely believed he was assisting transport evidence- no, I won't mention this again) to cover up the murder.

Gant placed the corpse in the trunk of Edgeworth's car and told the oblivious prosecutor to transfer a blue screwdriver from the evidence room to another location. Upon the car arriving at the prosecutor building's underground parking lot, Skye would move the corpse of Goodman to the trunk of Edgeworth's car and under the direction of Gant, stab the body using Edgeworth's knife to throw off the scent further.

In a cruel twist of fate, Angel Starr - the detective he fired following his promotion to Chief - would witness Lana stabbing Goodman's corpse and thus, Lana would become the prime suspect in the murder case.



(And now we have a whole section of trying to disprove this from Phoenix's perspective... fortunately, Gant isn't remotely relevant in this bit, so moving on)

Gant would appear in court for the first time (in Lana's trial), submitting her scarf which had Darke's knife contained within, he'd claim that another murder had occurred in the police department, but thanks to Wright, he'd prove that A: the murder in the police department was that of Bruce Goodman, and B: there was no second murder, but rather a minor scuffle between Jake Marshall and a different officer- Mike Meekins (anyone want a document on him? XD).

It would later be discovered by Gant, that Wright had broken into his office and with the help of Dick Gumshoe (the GOAT)- Gant has Gumshoe fired for this- unfortunately for Gant, is was already too late and Wright had successfully broken into his safe and stolen the stored evidence (mentioned in the SL-9 segment, to refresh your memory- a piece of a jar that when put together would have spelled "Ema" in Neil's blood, and a piece of fabric from Neil's clothes that had Ema's handprint.

When the trial resumed, Gant quickly convinced Lana to fire Wright and accept the guilty verdict (note, she's willing to

accept since if she takes the fall, her sister Ema won't be blamed or investigated if she does so prior to the evidence Wright gathered that incriminates her). He is successful in convincing her, HOWEVER, Miles Edgeworth steps in, refusing to allow her to accept a guilty sentence without due proof, ignoring Gant's threats.

As a result, the evidence implicated Ema Skye- and the conclusion that she had killed Neil Marshall was reached.

(negotiation, persuasion, threats, influence, cunning, emotional management, perseverance, determination, stress tolerance - to an extent, composure - to an extent, direct/indirect manipulation, blackmail, information control, critical thinking, improvisation, counter difficulty)



Oh, that's right, Wright would never let it end here:

The Events of Rise From The Ashes PART 2:

Side note: due to Edgeworth's involvement in SL-9 being revealed, the Judge exclaims he'll receive a harsh penalty and bans him from calling witnesses to the stand due to him not being "trustworthy". As a result, Wright calls upon Gant to testify once more.

After pointing out more inconsistencies and placing Gant on the ropes, Gant tries to force himself out of the situation by invoking his powers as Chief of Police- relinquishing his right to testify, following this he threatens Lana and forces her to

testify against herself- which she does. This fails as Wright manages to shut down her testimony.

Gant would then attempt to force Wright to submit the piece of fabric with Ema's handprint from earlier, however, Wright denied the existence of such evidence, AND HERE GANT MAKES THE BIGGEST MISPLAY EVER- Wright asks if Gant deliberately cut out such a piece of fabric, the latter admits it. Wright then presented the cloth to the court and pointed out the lack of blood on the fabric- something that shouldn't be the case unless Gant has removed it prior to Neil's murder- in which case, Gant had to be the killer.

Gant would attempt in one more final, futile ploy that the evidence was illegal and therefore- not allowed to be used against him. Wright retorted that evidence law prevented him from presenting evidence without one of two things: either permission from the police department (something he didn't have at the time he was initially asked to present it) or proof the cloth was relevant to the case at hand, thanks to Gant's blunder- Wright had both.

Giving up, Gant relents, admitting to his crimes (after a brilliant breakdown, mind you- NOTE: Gant is one of the few culprits in Ace Attorney to properly regain their composure after being

caught) and admits to how he planned to get rid of Jake Marshall as well. Gant finishes up by replying to the Judge who asked what happened to the old, noble Gant and he says that Wright and Edgeworth are now there to uphold justice, he warns Edgeworth of why he went down a dark path and is arrested after.

(composure, threats, improvisation, planning formulation, emotional management, cunning, knowledge)



Damon Gant's strongest categories:

Key: FSIQ, FSEQ, FSSQ, RSG/THK, Manip/Decep, G Factor, Strat/Planning, Misc.

1- Influence/Influence building (Damon Gant is Chief of Police and uses this to his advantage, placing his partner - and blackmail victim/planned scapegoat - in the position of Chief Prosecutor, allowing him power over the whole legal system)

2- Indirect/social/persuasion/negotiation/threats/blackmailing (Gant's strongest field overall, in my opinion, Gant is very cunning and uses the scenario he crafted to force Lana Skye to work under him and do what he wants, otherwise being fully prepared to drop evidence that would implicate her sister in a crime)

3- Planning formulation/improvisation/planning contingencies/ long-term planning (Another field that Gant excels in, his plot to force Lana Skye to become his puppet and convict Joe Darke is a great blend of his influence, reputation and quick thinking that allows him to craft a perfect scenario where he comes out on top, furthermore he displays good improvisation skills during the RFTA case itself, by crafting strong testimonies - even if they eventually come loose)

4- Social skills/social integration/relationship management/acting skills (Gant comes off initially as a jolly and eccentric man who loves swimming - he really does love swimming, he's also a widely respected and beloved Chief of Police with many looking up to him, clearly showing his social skills)

5- Leadership (again, Chief of Police, heads up many investigations, most notably the SL-9 incident)
6- Logical & deductive reasoning/GAI/ FRI/CR (Gant is shown to be incredibly intelligent and as the Chief of Police has displayed great crime solving skills)
7- Composure/determination/emotional management/stress tolerance (there are arguments that show him failing these, but as a whole, he's very good at it, being one of the only culprits to accept their defeat and recover with ease, displays determination and emotional management when quickly coming up with the plan to convict Darke)
8- Fabrication/gaslighting/misdirection/sophistry/information control/concealment (A big part of his character- his plan to implicate Ema and thus make Lana work under him involves crafting illegal evidence, he uses his powers as Chief to hide evidence and control it)

"Tell me, Worthy. What are you doing in court? You despise criminals. I can feel it. You and me... we're the same. One day you'll understand. If you want to take them on alone... you'll figure out what's needed!"



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