Luke Atmey

“Ace Detective”



“Without further ado, let me fulfill what should be the first duty of any gentleman... and introduce myself. The name is Atmey... Luke Atmey! ...Ace Detective.”

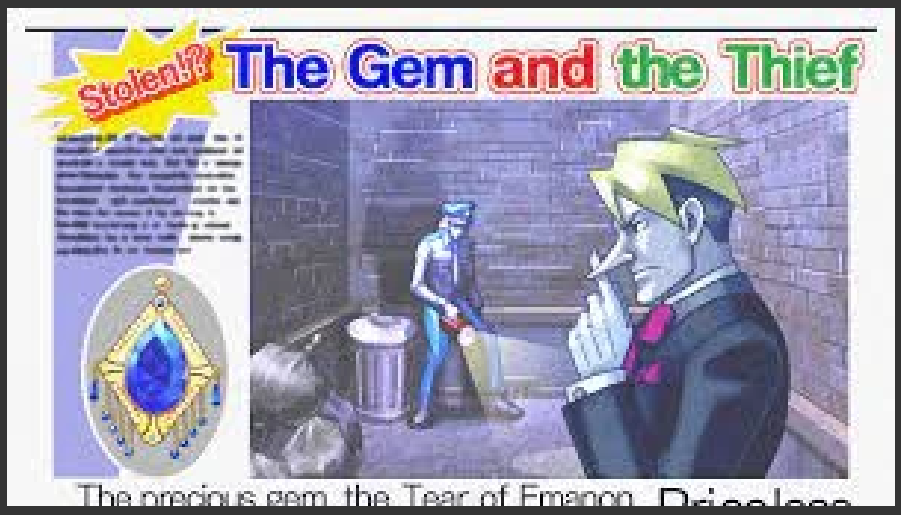
Lore:

Luke Atmey is the main antagonist of the second case in the third and final game in the Phoenix Wright: Ace Attorney trilogy, Trials & Tribulations. He introduces himself as the self-proclaimed “Ace Detective”.

He is an incredibly pompous individual and overly theatrical, loving the centre of attention and frequently shouting his catchphrase “Zvarri!” in similar fashion to the traditional “Eureka!” that many fictional detectives use.

To become FAMOUS!:

Ron DeLite was fired for leaking security company secrets to pay for his wife’s excessive spending habits, and afraid she would leave him the man donned the Mask☆DeMasque persona and stole the Tear of Emanon. To this end, he donned his old security uniform and stuffed his Mask☆DeMasque outfit into a bin so he could blend into the investigation and rid suspicion.



Here, however, Luke Atmey would notice the outfit and quickly reasoned that DeLite was the true thief. Noticing a chance to bolster his fame, Atmey blackmailed DeLite, offering him money in exchange for further heists. Atmey would then coordinate the next heists, sending DeLite foolproof plans for him to follow so he could steal without being caught.

On Mask☆DeMasque's third heist, Atmey was able to retrieve the item that had been stolen (naturally this was all planned by him) and was rewarded with a red jewel from the museum for his success.

By keeping the close rivalry, Atmey was able to heavily boost his public image and keep up his "Ace Detective" façade. Atmey was well-recognised enough for Adrian Andrews to opt to hire him for the "Lordly Tailor"'s security. Atmey was able to keep

this relationship going for 6 months, in which at least 4 heists took place.

(perception, observation, influence building, social engineering, relationship management, cunning, social awareness, abductive + logical reasoning, direct + logical + event manipulation, extortion, blackmailing, long term strategy + building + execution + length, trap evasion, FRI, EE)

Killing Kane Bullard:

At some point, Kane Bullard discovered Atmey's blackmailing and tried to use this as leverage over him, threatening to expose him to the press. As a result, Atmey devised a plan to kill Bullard.

He planned to use the Double Jeopardy law to create a perfect alibi. To begin, Atmey created a Mask☆DeMasque calling card and sent it to the Lordly Tailor, expressing interest in stealing the sacred urn, when Atmey was hired for security (as he specialised in the Mask☆DeMasque case) he dressed as Mask☆DeMasque, and fabricated video evidence of stealing the Kurain Sacred Urn utilising the timestamp so it would appear to be from the night of the murder.



Following this, Atmey repurposed the blackmail letter Bullard had sent to him, going on to send it to DeLite alongside his old security key card from back when he worked there. When DeLite arrived, Atmey knocked him out and killed Bullard, following this he pressed the buzzer to alert security and attempt to mislead them into finding DeLite at the scene of the crime, thus pinning him as the culprit.

DeLite then headed to the police, turning himself in for the Urn theft, afraid that he'd been implicated in the murder instead. Atmey used his forged evidence, tricking Wright into implicating Atmey for the theft instead. DeLite was handed a "Not Guilty" verdict, and Atmey was arrested for the crime.

Naturally, this was according to plan, as shortly after being found innocent, DeLite was arrested under suspicion of killing

Bullard thanks to Wright proving he was not the Urn's thief, and Atmey went to trial for the theft. This means that not only does Wright have to prove DeLite innocent, but he also has to prove Atmey's guilt right there and then, since if he gets away, Double Jeopardy protects him.

During DeLite's new murder trial, Wright eventually has Atmey called to the stand, interrupting his grand larceny trial before the verdict can be passed. Atmey presents the fabricated photo as evidence that he wasn't present at the security company (since he was stealing the Urn at Lordly Tailor) and thus couldn't be responsible.

Atmey also states that he'd never seen the Urn until the night he stole it.

Wright argues the timestamp on the photo could be fabricated, to which Godot shuts down by noting the photo was printed at the Lordly Tailor itself. Wright then argues that the Mask☆DeMasque calling card from earlier, directly mentions a "speckled" urn, which could only be known provided the person who'd written it had seen the urn before the crime had ever taken place, since the "specks" came from an accident involving paint.

This casts doubt on the validity of Atmey's alibi, though (alongside Godot), he switches angles, arguing that he has no motive and quickly setting out one for DeLite.

"Atmey: I, Luke Atmey, had no points of contact with the victim whatsoever. Kane Bullard decided to investigate Mask☆DeMasque and simply mistook who he was! It was Mr. Bullard who wrote the blackmail letter and sent it to Ron DeLite. And it was again Mr. Bullard who harbored a grudge against Mr. DeLite for his betrayal! Mr. Bullard's mistake is quite excusable. The defendant truly believes he is Mask☆DeMasque. That is why Mr. DeLite saw it fit to kill Kane Bullard. Truly a tragedy..."

Wright argues that the blackmail letter specifically mentions a red jewel, though the jewel that was stolen was blue, he argues the letter was intended for Atmey (who sports a red jewel ring), he further asserts that Bullard was trying to blackmail Atmey since he'd discovered that Atmey himself was a blackmailer.

Despite proving that Atmey was a blackmailer, that he wasn't at the Lordly Tailor, Wright still has yet to prove that he was at the scene of the murder.

Wright admits he has no way of proving this without hearing further testimony, and so Godot shuts him down- however, just

at this point, Atmey celebrates and begins ranting about how he's won, Mia is channeled and asserts the right to cross examine that rant.

Atmey appears to be caught off guard, though he quickly regains himself and begins his new testimony.

"Atmey: Indeed, it is true that I was not at Lordly Tailor. I had to leave to see about another vitally important job request. I had known about the date beforehand, so I had this photograph readied. My brilliant deduction was what informed me that the true culprit was Ron DeLite. And thanks to the Key Card and Wallet, it was abundantly clear that he was there. I was also able to make a deduction from the buzzer, which only sounded once. The button did not have any fingerprints on it... Why? The victim would have left prints if he sounded it. Which means the killer sounded it. Mr. DeLite was wearing his Mask☆DeMasque outfit, which is why he left no prints. And, the blackmail letter? The victim likely just mistook the color of the jewel. Zvarri! Therefore, all the evidence points to that poor boy!"

Despite Wright pressing and no new information appearing to be found, Wright catches Atmey with one final slip of the tongue as he mentions that DeLite was wearing his Mask☆DeMasque outfit and that's why he couldn't have left fingerprints-

something Atmey couldn't have known as he would've been in his own trial when this was revealed, unless he'd been at the scene of the crime.

Atmey, having been found out, breaks down.

"Hee hee hee ha ha ha Aha ha ha ha ha ha ha! Ho ho ho hee hee hee! Take a good look, everyone! Unable to find a rival worthy of my genius, I was forced to create one by myself! Here I am! The tragic clown..."

(Emotional Management + Engagement, Composure, Knowledge, Logical + Event + Indirect Manipulation, Misdirection, Fabrication, Information Control, Scapegoating, Disguise, FRI + VCI, short term planning + aim + invincibility + intricacies + coverage, tactics, linear + creative thinking, prediction + setting traps + trap evasion, abductive + logical reasoning, sophistry, acting skills, concealment)

Luke Atmey's category feats explained:
Key: FSIQ, FSEQ, FSSQ, FSAQ, Psychology, Manip/Decep, Thinking/Reasoning, Strat/Planning, Misc.
1- short term planning + aim + invincibility + intricacies + coverage, tactics, linear + creative thinking, prediction +

setting traps + trap evasion, knowledge, Emotional Engagement + Management, strategic deception + scapegoating + information control, (Atmey's double jeopardy plan is incredibly intricate, utilising his knowledge of the law to create an airtight alibi for himself, setting himself up to be arrested for theft while avoiding the much more severe murder charge and placing it onto Ron DeLite - would've gotten away provided he didn't accidentally let slip Ron's outfit)

2- Abductive + logical reasoning, sophistry + verbal deception + concealment, perception/observation, FRI + VCI + PSI(Arguments in court, reasoning behind Ron's guilt - formulating strong and complicated testimony in short spans of time, figuring out Ron = Mask☆DeMasque)

3- Logical + Event + Indirect Manipulation + direct manipulation, extortion, blackmailing, long term strategy + building + execution + length (blackmail of Ron DeLite over 6 months, orchestrating several heists without being caught and later luring DeLite to the security company)

4- influence building, social engineering, relationship management, cunning, social awareness, charisma (boosting his fame and public appearance with his "rivalry" with Mask☆DeMasque, notably being awarded a red jewel for his work and being hired for security detail at the Lordly Tailor - for his plan)

5- Emotional Understanding + Psychological Insight (correctly discerning Wright's old school reports based off of his interactions with him)
6- Composure, perseverance, determination (was completely willing to go to prison for the sake of his plan, composure in court as well + constant rebuttals)
7- short term strategy + adaptability + execution (courtroom strategy on both 1st trial day and 2nd trial day- get arrested for the theft, get the guilty verdict and be perfectly safe from the murder charge)

"Zvarri! The truth has once again been elegantly revealed to me!"



"Well well... How do you do, Sir Lawyer? I never would have thought to see you acting so recklessly."



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