Patrick Jane Team Revival Strategy



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Plot of the episode:
https://thementalist.fandom.com/wiki/Little_Red_Book

The strategy follows the strawberries & creams and Patrick getting out of jail via jury's decision.

Bertram fires Lisbon, suspends the whole team, and hires Patrick again. He assigns him the new team. So Patrick makes up a strategy to revive his team.

They are:

- Raymond Haffner - The leader of the new assigned team.
- Rick Tork - The short guy with insecurity about his height.
- Anthony Niskin - The tall, black guy
- Ed (Rick) Masterson - The other tall, white guy.

Steps (very compressed):
-Patrick wants to revive his team.
-Jane needs to make Bertram remove other people on Ray's team to put his people on the team.
-Finally, Jane needs to make Bertram remove Ray and rehire Lisbon.

Patrick goes to the place where his new team is already waiting for him. Ray shakes his hand and introduces him to the team and vice versa.

Patrick examines the body of Markuz Kuzmenko. And Ray asks him if he has any thoughts. Patrick deduces Ray is all about surveillance via that.
P1: He asked Jane if he had any thoughts.

C1: He knows Patrick is a smart person.
C2: He has read the file.
C3: He's a surveillant person.

(FRI, abductive reasoning, logical thinking, linear thinking, quick thinking, psychological analysis).

Patrick talks to Lisbon and asks her about Ray.
Lisbon: "Haffner, uh… a word is he's tough, by a book. I think he started out in the FBI organized crime division. He had a couple of high-profile busts using wiretaps and creative surveillance techniques."
Patrick: "Surveillance, huh?"
Lisbon: "Why do you wanna know?"
Patrick: "Eh, just curious."
Lisbon: "Just so you know, Jane. I'm okay."
Patrick: "About?"
Lisbon: "Losing my job. I'm not gonna say that I like it but we got Red John. It was worth it."
Patrick: "A, you haven't lost your job. And B, we didn't get Red John."
Lisbon: "Timothy Carter told you he was Red John."
Patrick: "He lied. Carter must've known him because he told me things that only the killer of my wife and daughter could know. Someone told that security guard to take Carter's gun and phone, then killed him. Who would do that besides Red John? Ergo, Timothy Carter is not Red John."

Lisbon: “Carter had to have known there was a possibility you’d kill him. You always say you would. So maybe he asked the guard to take the gun and cell phone if you did.”
Patrick: “Why?”
Lisbon: “To mess with your head. And it’s working. You’re looking for a man you’ve already killed. Carter’s wife is in custody. She said anything?”
Patrick: “Nothing.”
Lisbon: “When she does talk, you know what she’s gonna tell you? That you shot and killed Red John.”
Patrick: “No. Thanks for the tea.”

(FRI, abductive reasoning, logical thinking, linear thinking, associative, critical thinking, holistic thinking, psychological profiling, psychological insight, short-term strategy, strategy logistics, short-term planning, planning preparation process, planning versatility, intuition).

Patrick goes back to the office and tells Rigsby who’s working as a temporary security. Patrick tells him they are all gonna have a little secret meeting later and tells him to tell Cho & Van Pelt.

Patrick goes to his normal place, observes stuff. He sits on his couch and Tony says to Rick, “Hey, Tork, you’re still 20 short on Tuesday’s dinner. Man up, my brother.” Patrick perceives that Rick is getting a bit mad after that. He looks at his shoes and sees they’re lifting shoes, to make people look taller. Jane infers Tork is insecure about his height.

Patrick: “Hey. I doubt Niskin meant anything by the way. “You’re short.”, “Man up.” I don’t think he was referring to…”
Rick: “No. I mean, no…”

Patrick does it because he’s observed that Ray & Ed are smart enough to understand they’re getting manipulated but Rick & Tony are the easiest targets and can easily be manipulated to get into a fight.

Ray asks what they have on the victim. Ed gives information about Kuzmenko. And Rick looks at Tony nervously.

Ray asks Patrick what he thinks about Markuz cause he’s the one who reads people. It proves he’s read Patrick’s file.

Patrick: “I guess he was a narcissist and a serial seducer. A jock manicured nails, too much cologne, too tight of pants and he drives a 20-year-old muscle car.”

(FRI, EP, EU, EF, SA, SE, SC, psychological analysis, psychological profiling, abductive reasoning, logical thinking, critical thinking, indirect manipulation, emotional manipulation, individual manipulation, short-term strategy, strategy logistics, short-term planning, planning preparation process, planning versatility, observation).

Ray says he’s gonna go to the gym where Markus worked. Cho comes up to Ray and Ray tells him to meet him at his office.

At this point we go back to Patrick telling Rigsby to tell Cho & Van Pelt about the secret meeting.
P1: Ray is a surveillant person.
C1: He's gonna follow & spy on Patrick.
C2: He needs a person close to Patrick to know what Patrick does.
P2: Cho is the best cop from Patrick's team with the best reputation.
C3: Ray is gonna choose Cho.

And so that's one of the reasons he told Rigsby to tell Cho & Van Pelt about the secret meeting that early.

Cho & Ray talk. Cho "agrees" to help him spy on Patrick but he understood Jane has predicted it so that's why he told Rigsby to tell him about the secret meeting.

(FRI, EU, psychological analysis, psychological profiling, abductive reasoning, logical thinking, linear thinking, fast thinking, logical prediction, short-term strategy, strategy logistics, short-term planning, planning preparation process).

Patrick sits at Tony's place waiting for him at the time when Tork is far away making himself a coffee but he is able to hear & see them. He comes up. Patrick: "Oh. Just admiring your son. He's as tall as you?"
Tony: "No, no. He's just 9 years old."
Patrick while looking at Tork who stands far away but hears: "So, what, he's about Tork's size?"

Tony starts laughing and Rick starts looking at him, confused.
Tony: “No, man. No, Tork’s not that short. My little man is probably about, like, right here.” And shows how tall his son is with his hand.

Now, it makes Tork think they’re talking about him since they’re looking at him, laughing at him, and Tony is showing how tall someone is and for Tork it looks like Tony’s making fun of his height. This also plays on his insecurity to make him get into a fight with Tony.

Patrick goes up near him, by the excuse of putting his dishes in the sink and goes away so that he won’t suspect him.
Tork: “Hey. Was Niskin just talking about me?”
Patrick: “Yeah, I-I gotta make an important phone call.”

Patrick calls someone and says he needs help to locate a special item (I believe it was a list of clients of Markus or lifted shoes).

(FRI, EU, EF, SE, psychological insight, abductive reasoning, logical thinking, linear thinking, creative thinking, indirect manipulation, emotional manipulation, individual manipulation, logical manipulation, misdirection, fabrication, concealment, short-term strategy, strategy execution, strategy logistics, short-term planning, planning versatility, tactical potency, tactical effectiveness, tactical management)

Patrick goes to the gym, perceives & deduces the owner of the gym had an affair with Markus, and finds one client that had an affair with Markus via noticing her eyes were puffy.

(FRI, EP, EU, abductive reasoning, logical thinking, observation).

Patrick puts a bag with lifted shoes inside and the note on the bag, saying, “Tork, try these lifts.” at some time on Rick’s desk so when he, Cho, and Tony come in, he will get mad of him and Patrick, knowing psychology of Tony, would know he will laugh more and will even escalate the conflict so Rick will get into the fight.

(FRI, EU, EF, SE, psychological insight, abductive reasoning, logical thinking, linear thinking, creative thinking, indirect manipulation, emotional manipulation, individual manipulation, mass manipulation, logical manipulation, fabrication, information control, concealment, short-term strategy, strategy execution, strategy logistics, short-term planning, planning versatility, tactical potency, tactical effectiveness, tactical management, logical prediction).

Van Pelt joins the team. Ray tells Patrick it was a good game he played on Tork. Patrick says he needs to go to Kuzmenko's house to take a little look around. Ray asks why, Patrick says that’s what he does to make Ray think he’s concealing the information and is doing something so he tells him Ed is going with him.

It was planned. Patrick knew that Ray would send Ed with him knowing what he did with Tork & Tony so Jane would be able to misdirect Ray.

(FRI, EU, EF, psychological insight, abductive reasoning, logical thinking, linear thinking, creative thinking, indirect manipulation, direct manipulation, emotional manipulation, concealment, information control, individual manipulation, short-term strategy, strategy execution, strategy logistics, strategy short-term planning, planning versatility)

Then, in the house, Patrick is telling Ed he won't tell Ray if he'll drink some coffee and hypnotizes him to fall asleep via saying that he himself likes to take a nap sometimes, repeating the flipping of the page of pictures he's reading, and saying some bunch of stuff connected to falling asleep.

(FRI, abductive reasoning, logical thinking, creative thinking, indirect manipulation, tactical potency).

Then, Patrick writes in his notebook names and ratings of Kuzmenko's clients and puts it in a place where Ray would find it. Then, he drops the book with pictures on the table so Ed wakes up.
Ed: "What happened?"
Patrick: "Huh? Nothing."
Ed: "You did something to me, didn't you? You hypnotized me."
Patrick (chuckling): "That's absurd. You know that only weak-minded and easily manipulated people can be hypnotized."

Ed: “Yeah, we’re leaving.”
Patrick: “I’m not finished.”
Ed: “Yes, you are.”
Patrick: “Okay.”

Patrick acted in a way so that Ed would understand he hypnotized him and he’ll say they both will immediately go away. Patrick predicted it so he will have time to make a secret meeting & make Ray believe that they’re trying to find the case themselves. Also he deduced that Ed knows Patrick can hypnotize people.

(FRI, fluid intelligence, EU, EF, EM, ER, psychological analysis, psychological insight, abductive reasoning, logical thinking, linear thinking, indirect manipulation, emotional manipulation, individual manipulation, fabrication, acting skills, short-term strategy, strategy execution, short-term planning, planning versatility, tactical potency, tactical management, tactical effectiveness, logical prediction).

After the secret meeting where they all talk about a book/journal with lovers & ratings of them in his house, Patrick tells Van Pelt & Rigsby to go to Markus’ house and locate it. Then, Cho goes to Ray to tell him about it.

(FRI, fluid intelligence, EU, EF, psychological insight, abductive reasoning, logical thinking, trap setting, indirect manipulation, emotional manipulation, logical manipulation, individual

manipulation, short-term strategy, strategy execution, short-term planning, planning versatility).

Van Pelt & Rigsby go inside the house. Rigsby tries to pick the door but Ray opens the door, shows the fake notebook and says “Looking for this?” Patrick, for sure, predicted it. He sent Cho there so he will tell Rigsby & Van Pelt are going there and there’s some kind of a journal so he will go there faster than them, find it, and when they come will think he’s a step ahead.

(FRI, fluid intelligence, EU, EF, psychological insight, abductive reasoning, logical thinking, indirect manipulation, individual manipulation, emotional manipulation, short-term strategy, strategy execution, short-term planning, planning versatility, logical prediction).

Then, they sit with Ray and Ray tells them stuff, if they thought they could solve a case without him, etc. and tells them he will show this to Bertram so they will now get fired but in fact this is a fake, fabricated book. He tells them to get out. Patrick then is gonna go to the gym to solve the crime and Jane deduces when Bertram is gonna assume the book is Patrick’s book after he solved the crime. Also he’ll be very, very mad at Haffner because he hates all these types of problems with politicians because Patrick put a lot of women in there with political connection.

(FRI, fluid intelligence, EU, EF, psychological analysis, psychological insight, abductive reasoning, logical thinking,

indirect manipulation, individual manipulation, emotional manipulation, short-term strategy, strategy execution, short-term planning, planning versatility, logical prediction).

Then, he goes and solves the crime. He & Ray sit in the office, Bertram tells Ray that he told politicians about the book but then find out it was a false alarm and that he hates raising fake alarms because it makes him look foolish. Patrick's predicted it. Then, he says he's gonna find something else for Ray. Ray leaves and Bertram has a conversation with Jane.
Bertram: "Now... I have a problem. Because, uh, our urgent need for your skills is precisely balanced by my desire to fire you before you destroy the bureau or my career. Or both."
Patrick: "I understand. Mm. You're in a tough spot. You know who's always been a very healthy moderating influence on me?"
Bertram: "Yeah. Of course. Lisbon. I'm sorry. Not possible."
Patrick: "Well, then you will continue to have a problem."

Bertram rehires Lisbon. Patrick's predicted Bertram is gonna reassign Ray and will try to find a solution on Patrick so Patrick's gonna logically manipulate him into rehiring Lisbon.

(FRI, fluid intelligence, EU, EF, psychological analysis, psychological insight, abductive reasoning, logical thinking, indirect manipulation, individual manipulation, emotional manipulation, short-term strategy, strategy execution, short-term planning, planning versatility, logical prediction).

So all steps summarized (not condensed):
-Find easy targets.
-Determine the easiest targets are Rick & Tony.
-Observe the insecurity of Rick and the tension between Rick and Tony.
-Make Rick believe that Tony is making fun of his height.
-Manipulate Rick to get into a fight with Tony.
-Using that, make Ray not trust him while predicting he's smart enough to understand that Patrick did it.
-Go to the house alone, indirectly manipulating Ray into sending Ed with him.
-Hypnotize Ed and put the notebook of "Kuzmenko's sexual clients rating".
-Predict Ed is gonna understand Jane hypnotized him and is gonna go back to the office immediately taking Jane with him so Ray would himself find the notebook and it will be more believable that Patrick did try to solve the case without Haffner.
-Go to a secret meeting with everyone and tell Cho, the only trusted person of Ray in Lisbon's team to tell Ray about the notebook.
-Making Haffner stop surveillance on Patrick, Cho, and Van Pelt so now they can solve the case themselves without Ray on their tail.
-Make Bertram get angry at Ray because he could've done something stupid and disappointed.
-Make Bertram to fire (reassign) Ray.
-Logically manipulate Bertram into rehiring Lisbon.

All categories:
FRI, fluid intelligence, EP, EU, EF, EM, ER, EE, SS, SA, SE, psychological analysis, psychological profiling, psychological insight, psychological warfare, cold reading, abductive reasoning, linear thinking, non-linear thinking, critical thinking, convergent thinking, analytical thinking, systematic thinking, associative thinking, holistic thinking, short-term strategy, strategy efficiency, strategy effectiveness, strategy complexity, strategy execution, strategy building, strategy logistics, strategy orchestration, strategy control, strategy length, strategy alignment, short-term planning, planning preparation process, planning versatility, planning intricacies, planning coverage, planning process, planning aim, planning accuracy, misdirection, fabrication, acting skills, concealment, information control, direct manipulation, indirect manipulation, logical manipulation, individual manipulation, setting traps, prioritization, information gathering, risk taking, logical prediction, decision making, situational awareness, intuition, observation, perception.