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The Bookstore and Cage



The Cage is the place where Joe Goldberg holds his victims throughout the seasons of You. The cage was created by Joe's father, Ivan Mooney, who used the cage as a way of safely negotiating money. Joe was forced into reading books in the cage as a child. Also Ty for cheatspeed as im taking inspiration from his cage doc also to slick cause i took some wording from his docs but either changed it or kept it mostly similar. Im also to lazy to remove the cheatspeed logo😭

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General Explanation

When Joe was a child he worked for Mr Mooney reading books, shelving books or basic work, nothing complex. When Joe didn't know a book or which one came first even not reading it the whole set Mooney would slap Joe then put him into the cage forcing him to read every book in the cage until he understood the value of these books he would remain in the cage for days to weeks once Joe was finished Mooney would let him or restock it so Joe could further read more this happened over the course of years since Joe was a young boy up until he was an adult. Joe later became the manager of the bookstore after Mr Mooney was too old or if Joe finally met his strict standards.

WM1 CP1 (WM1+PS1) ASPECTS

The important point in this process is the large amount of books Joe has to read considering how often he was locked in for after taking a look at the

amount of books were in the cage and how many years Joe was locked in for etc there was about 3-4 thousand books in total Joe had to read and I'll further go into my math below.

- First of all, this was all learned over the course of 48 hours as he looks pretty much the exact same start to finish, which would heighten this considerably. All of this also gets even more heightened as he was a 13-16 year old when he had done this. It is also heightened by the fact that Joe was in the cage which practically functions like how solitary confinement does, which can cause self harm, psychosis, and suicide.
- This also happens numerous times throughout Joe's childhood being locked in sleeping on and living in the cage for days to weeks on end.
- Joe reads 95-120 books per cycle a good midball would be 110 Joe would read these in 48 hours Joe lived with Mooney for around teenage to adult years so from age 15-18 would be a good estimate the minimum would be 20 cycles maximum would be 60 and a decent midball would be 35-40 were doing the math using the midball. 35x110=3,850 books. 40x110=4,400 books. So the amount he read was 3-4k using the highball would be 7k
- Joe perfectly comprehended all information from all of these books in a total time of 2 days. A book has 80,000 words and 500,000 characters. So again doing the math 110 books tbh I'm too lazy to do the math I'm being honest I'll plug in the stuff into ai Total characters read in one cycle Total characters = 8,800, 000 × 5= 44,000, 000 characters So that's about 44 million characters per cycle. Words and characters per hour 48 hours = 48 × 60 = 2,880 minutes Words per hour 8,800, 000 48- 183, 333 words/hour Characters per hour 44,000, 000 48- ~ 916,666 characters/hour.
- Now the total math isn't finished we're gonna of the math across 30 cycles Books per cycle: 110Words per book: 80,000 Characters per word (avg): 5 Words per cycle: 110 × 80,000 = 8, 800, 000 words Characters per cycle: 8,800,000 x 5 = 44,000, 000 characters For 30 cycles total Total words: 8, 800, 000 × 30 = 264, 000, 000 words Total characters: 44, 000, 000 x 30 = 1,320,000,000 characters This just obv reasons massively boost his wmi psi cpi Fri etc

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- FRI/Fluid Intelligence aspect Joe learned and got perfect mastery (or perfect knowledge application) of all information present in the time read VCI/Crystalized Intelligence portion in simply 48 hours while under a form of solitary confinement, which would give effects like self harm, psychosis, and suicide, all done at the ages 13-16. All of this would give Joe extremely high learning ability and NCPS and very high cognitive adaptability.
- Insight aspect Joe perfectly comprehended all information in the VCI portion in JUST 48 HOURS and he knows how to utilize all of that information perfectly. This would show very high Observation, Perception, and Analysis. There is no Intuition in this feat. As for when I mean 48 hours I meant for each cycle Joe is in the cage he has to apply the knowledge he learned in that time frame sense some people cannot read properly then try to debunk it without even understanding what I'm trying to say

Crystallized Intelligence Aspect

Another impressive part is that Joe manages to use his skills to become a manager of the bookstore this is extremely impressive cause Joe used his previous book experience to become the owner of the shop Joe has to do stuff such as hiring people organizing shelves systems know the value of high quality books what do collectors look for how to do stuff like the cash register helping customers handling employees like Ethan owing websites for the business payroll even in s3 Joe manages to become a worker at the library despite not having a masters degree which also has to make him skilled in stuff like cataloging organizing managing late or due books the Dewey decimal systems and more responsibilities which Joe does for fun and enjoys. Also to be a manager you need a passion for books which Joe also fits. Then later on in season 5 he manages to fully own Mooney's by himself, fix up the dusty areas, restock entirely new books, hire new employees like Brontë reopening to the public renovations to the shop inventory of books etc. Mind you as well Joe also likely was in charge of the literacy and philanthropy part of Lockwood corp as he had a desk in the office and he is mentioned to be a philanthropist in s5 and proposed the idea of a book charity in season 4.

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Fluid Intelligence Aspect

This feat can also be measured in terms of learning ability and adaptability. The achievement is truly incredible because it typically takes at least 2-5 years to become a manager of a bookstore, sometimes even 5-7 years. They have requirements such as a high school diploma with most owners preferring stuff like a bachelor's degree in business marketing or English 2-5 years retail experience with at least 1-2 years of supervisory or management role other stuff like leadership skills, customer service inventory control budgeting POS systems marketing the store overseeing other employees as for working at a library Joe needs a masters yet he skips the requirements and easily becomes the best employee there Joe does this without out any experience in school Joe was raised in an abusive household and reading little books in his house with no time for school then moving to an orphanage getting abused by boys then moving to mooneys Joe even stated he never went to college so despite having no experience in k-12+ grades no college or etc Joe fits even surpasses most of these standards and is way above his level despite having no education no schooling no nothing just books he managed to self learn all these things and actively enjoys it. The cage stuff is even more impressive, again reading all these books many times then perfectly remembering them to fit Mooney's standards Joe has shown the ability to be extremely versed in almost everything in the store he recommends books knows the rare ones the exact temperature they need to be kept at even knowing the exact amount of money the books that Benji destroyed coast in total which he said was 50 grand in inventory. Again he managed to do 8.8 million words 44 million characters now 30 cycles: 264 million words 1.32 billion characters. As for the debunk that he learned all these over the years instead of adapting to it Joe only had basic jobs only restocking the books while he spent his years learning to Mooney's strict standards he then was able to become manager and learn new concepts basically becoming its full time owner due to mooney's stroke and yes while Mooney did teach him stuff like finances or other basic systems Joe would need to fully adapt to and learn further once he took over so while Mooney did teach some of the full time jobs a lot of Joe's youth was dedicated to the books the value of them and how to fully understand them then he had to further expand on his knowledge.

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Adversity Capacity Aspect

As we explained above, achieving this level of knowledge is an incredible success. For something like this, a person must first possess good perseverance towards self-improvement. Joe was able to persevere and do all mentioned while he was in a form a solitary confinement, which has the effects of self harm, psychosis, and suicide. This showcases inhuman levels of intra EE, intra EM, Mental Fortitude, Stress Tolerance, and Perseverance.Joe also in 1x10 said that the cage taught him how to compose his emotions incredibly well, and then the next scene is the scene where Mooney is talking about him making Joe strive for perfection, hinting that Joe has decently high intra EM, Mental Fortitude, Stress Tolerance narratively, though There is no intra EU, Intra EP, Cognitive Discipline, or Impulse Control/Management in this feat.

VCI Aspect

- Comprehension - verbal understanding is also largely related to abstract thinking. Quickly grasping the information you read and making connections between these concepts is directly linked to the Comprehension subtest of VCI and is truly impressive. We have already largely explained the reason above. In such situations, special curricula and teachers help you comprehend these subjects such as the stuff learned from Mooney or by himself like owning the bookstore and managing payroll and hiring employees to work there doing stuff like stocking inventory, customer services running systems etc . This indicates a comprehension ability far beyond what an average intelligent person could possess and is definitely one of the most impressive comprehension abilities.
- Vocabulary - There is no need to explain in detail, expertise in vocabulary as Joe again reading various novels fiction non fiction which do to forced reading would help him learn high level words from authors also considering the fact Mooney's extreme pressure Seeing as Mooney was described by Joe as someone who asks for the highest extreme possible or else he would be beneath his standards, Joe would gain some vocabulary - C2 Proficiency in his primary language, which is english.
- İnformation - Mooney taught Joe how to fix old books make new ones make counters fits the history of books to collectors which glues to use

the temp books need to be kept at and also the self taught knowledge Joe has in being the bookstore manager etc etc Joe would gain knowledge in the following Chemistry,History, Classic literature,Poetry,Philosophy,Psychology ,Sociology,Mythology,Business stuff such as payroll Pos softwares inventory systems scheduling customer service etc stuff like the book repairing needs skills in binding repair glue chemistry paper matching aging replication book values and history of books. Other stuff he learned later on would be the engineering but that's a seperate doc by cheatspeed so no point but other stuff he did learn from books is forensics how to clean up his crimes chemicals which we see him mix to make solutions to clean blood many of his plans like framing of love requires the police to discover the forensic traces left of his toes and how the fire started etc.also legal stuff as he knows that gas leaks have to be fixed by law so he could Beck's house and most of his plans later on exploits the police system.

- Despite the complexity of the concepts, learning and synthesizing this knowledge without formal education, especially considering that the terminology and knowledge level are at an extreme standard, it would be appropriate to classify it as CEFR C2 English (He was already taking C2 because of the university statements, this feat further supported the statements.).

Thinking Aspect

The ability to quickly synthesize acquired knowledge without formal training is clearly an indication of advanced abstract thinking; it is also considered as Linear Thinking and logical thinking.

Final Words

This feat was extremely high level and I tried my best to include everything but I probably forgot some things but this feat is great and not like saying Joe knows every book in the store or he knows 65 languages. I tried to be realistic and I think I achieved that goal pretty well. I will link below more stuff even though some bookstores have more strict standards for managers.

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Bachelor’s degree with two years of retail management or bookstore management experience required OR in lieu of a degree seven (7) years of retail management or bookstore management experience required.

- Two (2) years of experience or education in principles of accounting required.
- Ability to operate standard computerized retail business systems.
- Knowledge of textbook ordering systems preferred.
- Experience with Banner and MBS systems preferred.
- Experience with Direct Digital Adoption (DDA) preferred.
- Ability to frequently lift cartons weighing up to 50 pounds.
- Ability to communicate both orally and written.
- Demonstrated ability to work with diverse populations.
- Valid driver’s license and maintains satisfactory Motor Vehicle Record
- • Execute developed business strategies and identify opportunities drive sales, increase
- customer satisfaction, and expand store traffic.
- • Strong delegation, follow up, and management skills to maintain outstanding visual
- merchandising standards, ensure availability of merchandise, maintain appropriate inventories,
- and complete projects in a deadline driven industry.
- • Ensure high levels of customer satisfaction and sales through effective scheduling, talent
- acquisition, training, and development of store team members.
- • Ability to identify creative solutions, learn independently, embrace change, and act as a change
- agent.
- • Analyze sales figures, interpret trends, and forecast future sales to manage all controllable
- costs and keep operations profitable.
- • Ensure standards for quality, customer service, and health and safety are met by providing a
- safe and clean store environment and implementing loss prevention measures.
- Qualifications:
- • 5+ years’ supervisory experience in a retail setting preferred or a graduate of the Best Seller
- Program.
- • Bachelors in Business Administration or relevant field preferred.
- • Leadership experience to direct and develop a workforce of managers and sales associates.

- • Strong interpersonal, communication, and problem solving skills to manage campus
- relationships and corporate initiatives while achieving customer sales and service goals.
- • Familiarity with financial and customer service principles.
- • Basic reading, writing and accounting skills required.
- • Excellent customer service and communication skills needed.
- • Ability to work a flexible schedule including evenings, weekends, and holidays.

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