ICHIKA AMASAWA

The Fake Agent
A showcase of her mental feats, statements, and abilities.

Red - Strategy, Planning
Yellow - Deception
Green - Manipulation
Dark Blue - Overall Reasoning
Magenta - Anticipation, Prediction.
Purple - Deduction, Perception, General Reasoning, Observation
Cyan - FSIQ
Orange - Miscellaneous
Blue - EQ

Feats and Statements

(V0) - Ichika Amasawa was a test tube baby born using in vitro fertilization, her parents which she never met are said to be both geniuses and large investors in the White Room Facility. Ichika took part of the 5th Generation Curriculum, which had taken the level of intensity up to Level 4.
She has grown up to be the 2nd best 5th generation student, only behind Takuya Yagami.

(Ichika wants to live free etc frfr)

(Y2V1) - The White Room sent the 5th gens Yagami and Ichika into the ANHS with different tasks in mind for them. While Yagami is branded as the enforcer meant to test Ayanokoji's capabilities in critical situations, Ichika is something entirely different.

(Y2V1) - The Partner Exam of Y2V1 was the first move made by the White Room institution against Ayanokoji.
To start off, Tsukishiro purposefully left a way for Ayanokoji to get out of the exam unscathed no matter what. This only strengthened Kiyotaka's belief that Tsukishiro could've expelled him, as well as the fact that Tsukishiro and the White Room Aim for something different. Although you can't get 501 points by yourself on the exam even if you score perfectly, YOU CAN buy a test point after scoring perfectly. Even if Kiyotaka was matched with someone that wanted to expel him, he could've still avoided expulsion, although it would reveal his strength. We'll call this the 500+1 situation.

Sakayanagi was actually too tunnel visioned on Kiyotaka being expelled VIA the whiteroom student flunking the exam, as well as hiding his strength. This shows Sakayanagi's weakness. She's too much of a practical logical thinker. Directly opposed to Ryuuen, who

thinks wildly and creatively but his strategies and tactics are much more shallow, Sakayanagi is a much more practical, although aggressive thinker, with a lot of depth in how she plans. Sakayanagi offers Kiyotaka a partner she has completely cleared for the exam so that he can pass it without worries of revealing any of his strength. However there's a flaw in that. If on the day of or before the exam, that partner were to be attacked and not make it, the school would assign your partner. Tsukishiro could easily assign the whiteroom student or someone who wants Ayanokoji expelled for him, forcing him into the 500+1 situation. This is why he turns down Sakayanagi, rather than even considering it.

Here's where Ichika comes in. Amasawa has probably the best approach with her goals in mind, and basically steps all over Sakayanagi's way of thinking, or anything she could've come up with to protect Kiyotaka.

Amasawa has 2 goals.

1: Test Ayanokouji Kiyotaka, see if he's the real deal, as he was even worshiped by her and other 5th gens.

2: Punish Ayanokoji harshly if he fails the test, or give him a massive if he passes it.

We know about goal 1 because of her talk about how she didn't believe he was the real deal until she saw it with her own eyes.
Amasawa Ichika's strategy is incredible because of just how much it tests the full faculties of Kiyotaka. If Kiyotaka wasn't as excellent as he was, he would've likely failed and gotten expelled. It completely skirts around Sakayangi's way of protecting him had he accepted it as well.

First, it tests his observational abilities. She intentionally left him clues such as when she easily navigated to the petty knife that was going to be used for the plan. From this clue he himself had to investigate. It also tests his physical abilities. Having not only the strength to overwhelm Housen, but the speed to get there in the knick of time was paramount for the best solution. It also tests his mental fortitude and pain tolerance. Most people would absolutely hesitate to jump into a guy with a knife, let alone get themselves stabbed. Finally it tests his determination, and ability to get the best outcome possible AKA his ability to WIN. To talk about this, We'll need to talk about Amasawa's second goal.

Hell, not only refers to expulsion, but also giving Kiyotaka the thing he really dislikes , "attention" in the worst way possible, getting the police involved. Even if he finds a way to deal with that situation, that sort of attention will stick with him. We've already seen how effective Nagumo's strategy was on him, but imagine if news about Ayanokouji being involved with an incident involving the police, on top of him likely having to exercise some of his full abilities to avoid expulsion. Anything involving criminality is a pretty big deal in Japan.

But what about "heaven". First we have to preface with the fact that Housen was Ayanokouji's ideal candidate for an exam partner. Not only was he most likely not a white room student from the way he acts, but his Academic ability of B makes it so that Ayanokouji can push back a little if Housen decides to flunk the test. Not to mention there's almost no one who could attack Housen the day of the test without encountering problems (just look at

the fucking guy). The only problem is that Housen is Housen. Ayanokouji would absolutely never be able to partner with this guy without some kind of bullshit inconvenience. Housen would absolutely play the hardest kind of hard to get.

Amasawa Ichika's gift of "Heaven" is basically gifting Ayanokouji with a situation where Housen cannot refuse to be his partner with no strings attached, if he navigates the situation correctly. This is the so-called best outcome possible, the "win". It's also her way of protecting Ayanokouji for the exam, giving him the ideal scenario that she predicted he saw. But all of this only happens if he not only passes her test, but does so with flying colors. He had to manufacture the only situation in which Housen had no outs for himself.

We know Amasawa was aiming for this because of when she's telling Ayanokouji that she's not his enemy in Year 2 Volume 2. Ayanokouji says that he doesn't believe her after what she did, implying she was trying to test him with expulsion only, and she replies that she's being underestimated, implying he's not giving her credit for her part in securing him the best possible partner with her test. In fact, Ayanokouji himself probably saw through THIS too, because of his response to her, saying he's made a full evaluation of her, and basically confirmed it indirectly with their confrontation in Year 2 Volume 7. Amasawa had actually been the one underestimating HIM, and he had known that she had engineered the situation to reward him if he passed. He just didn't trust her either way, because that's his way of operating. It's likely he could've avoided it, but saw through it and realized it engineered his ideal scenario, and went along with it. (Which means he let Horikita and Sudou get beat up for his sake as well, which is actually pretty Kiyotaka like)

Amasawa's motives are diverse, and her actions are full of layers.

That's why as you read this, you will see several acronyms. The idea is to facilitate understanding and what is happening while narrating Amasawa's actions. I'll introduce these acronyms as I talk about her tactics and intentions and the best way to present that will be through a summary:

➥ Due to the White Room's 5th generation, Amasawa Ichika learned acting skills which in this essay you will see her using to express ideas [AcSk]

➥ Amasawa will also create numerous pretexts [Pr1] to later use them as justifications [Pr2], most of them are lies.

➥ The pretexts are correlated with the theme of advantage that she always makes use of [Ad], having the advantage the other person has no choice but to obey [Ad1] and in addition to that, she also uses it to get answers from other people when she can't get from Ayanokōji [Ad2].

In addition to her tactics, we should also know her intentions:

➥ Amasawa will often do things just to learn how Ayanokōji and his circle act, as well as their personalities [Re1], she will also do things just to see their reactions and get answers [Re2].

➥ Countless times Amasawa will leave hints on purpose so that Ayanokoji creates suspicion and tries to question what is happening [Hi]. She does that because she wants to confirm that he is the person she worships. If he doesn't understand these hints, he is just too dumb and it's impossible for him to be that person. If he is that person, she saved him from expulsion by giving him the partner and circumstances he wanted.

Amasawa Ichika's introduction.

「“If you’re gonna go for the top spot, how ‘bout partnering up with me?”」[Pr1]

After introducing herself, Amasawa pretends to want the top spot by showing interest in Horikita's Academic Ability and by suggesting pairing up with her [Pr1]. Horikita refuses and proposes Sudō, as Amasawa expected. Amasawa then emphasizes that in this case, there is no way to fight for the top spot; giving her the right to give conditions when accepting the proposal [Pr2, Ad1].

「“I’d say I like strong, powerful people, ya feel?”」[Pr1]

Amasawa then says that she would like to pair up with a strong guy and suggests a ridiculous idea for them to prove that Sudō was the strongest there [Re2, Ad1]. Having successfully read how Ayanokōji and Horikita reacted and how they devised a plan to convince her [Re1], Amasawa finally decides to discard her idea, [Re2].

「Amasawa pressed her forefinger to her lips as she thought it over for a moment.」[AcSk1]

Amasawa finally says that she likes guys who can cook [Pr1]. She asks if Sudō knows how to cook, he denies; then Horikita interferes, but Amasawa refuses her proposal, reaffirming that she wants a boy who can cook [Pr2, Ad1]. She then suggests the ridiculous idea of turning Sudō into a cook pro and wonders if he'll have time since she is a popular girl and might settle on a partner already [Re1, Re2, Pr1, Pr2, Ad1]. Not getting an answer, she makes a new proposal, as long as a boy satisfies her appetite, she would pair up with Sudō [Pr2, Ad1]. As expected by Amasawa, Horikita lies saying that Ayanokōji is a good cook, and he plays along; the similar idea and actions Amasawa observed during their attempts to prove that Sudō was the strongest. Amasawa then shows hurry, things had to be postponed to the next day [Pr2, Ad1]. Just her and Ayanokōji would have to meet at the Keyaki Mall for him to buy the ingredients and stuff, as the dish he was going to make for her was a secret [Pr1, Pr2, Ad1]

Shopping

「“Oh yeah. That too~ You’ve gotta buy the stuff you’ll make for me. Do you have the points~?”」

When Ayanokōji asks about the ingredients, Amasawa purposely emphasizes the line "That too~" making him aware that she prioritized that other "stuff" over the ingredients [AcSk1, Hi]; then she asks if he has the points, knowing he wouldn't say otherwise [Ad1] and giving him the impression that she was too focused on the fact that he will be the one to pay [Hi].

「I could remember the first time I came here and how it was difficult to find what I was looking for right away.」

Amasawa walked straight to the shop specialized in selling home goods instead of the supermarket and then stopped by the section of kitchenware [Hi]. Finding what she wanted with ease, she purposely made him aware that she already knew in advance where to look for what she wanted [Hi]. She also purposely didn't ask for the items he already had to avoid buying new ones, that way he would question her motives [Hi].

「For a couple dozen seconds or so, she stood there, lost in thought with her arms crossed, almost as if she was troubled by something.」[AcSk1]

After appearing to be thinking about what to buy while looking at the shelf of goods, Amasawa suddenly threw several items into the shopping basket, nonstop [AcSk1].

「Her troubled demeanor from earlier was nowhere to be seen, as she proceeded to take hold of a small fruit knife without hesitating in the slightest.」[AcSk2]

However, after displaying that uncertain behavior, she purposely looked at the Petty Knife and quickly picked it up [AcSk2, Hi]. She then says that a Petty Knife should be essential to a skilled cook, if that is true is unnecessary, the intention is making Ayanokōji think about it and conclude that the difference between prices was due to the fact that the Petty Knife came with a sheath [Hi].

In the dorm

「If I didn't manage to cook her a dish she was happy with, all negotiations would probably be broken off then and there.」[Ad]

After asking Ayanokōji to cook tom yum goong, he learns that it won't be necessary to use the Petty Knife [Hi]; when asked, Amasawa simply replies that it will be to peel an apple for her [Hi].

「"It's fine, it's fine~ I'm the one who forced you to cook for me, so at least lemme do this much. Go sit back and relax, Senpai."」

After trying the food, Amasawa avoids giving the verdict quickly and goes to tidy up the kitchen [Hi], saying that there is no problem because she always helped her mother in that aspect [Pr1, Pr2].

「As she thought about it, Amasawa didn't seem to be happy with the position of the ribbon holding up her right ponytail, as she unfastened the ribbon and began to tie it back on, using her reflection on the screen of her phone like a mirror.」[AcSk1]

Amasawa then demonstrates dissatisfaction with her ribbon on her right ponytail, she unties it and then ties it back on [Pr1]. After saying the verdict, she goes back to cleaning up the kitchen [Hi].

「[I tried asking the clerk about that too, just in case. Apparently, just as the first-year was about to pay for it at the register, somebody else showed up and stopped them from going through with the sale. Anywho, the clerk told me the student who tried to buy one looked…]」[Pr1, AcSk1]

A day later, after sending Karuizawa to check information with the clerk, Ayanokōji learns that Amasawa had stopped Hōsen before he could purchase the same Petty Knife [Hi].

「“Who is it!?”」

Returning to the dorm lobby to meet Ayanokōji; due to the incident where Karuizawa found a red hair in his dorm, Karuizawa responds in his place through the speaker to Amasawa.

「She studied my expression for a moment before sending a calculating look at the shoes in the entryway.」

At the front door after greeting Ayanokōji, she takes a look at the shoes in the entryway, asks if it's his girlfriend's, and she gets no answer. She says she lost her favorite hair tie and he lets her in to look for it [Pr2]. She asks Karuizawa if she is his girlfriend, and Karuizawa avoids the question but calls Ayanokōji by his given name "Kiyotaka" [Ad2].

「“Ah…Senpai. This might be a bit too naughty for me to handle.”」[AcSk2]

Kneeling down and taking a look under the bed, exposing her rear to him and increasing Karuizawa's jealousy, Ayanokōji had to replace her in the search [AcSk2, Re2, Ad1, Ad2, Hi]. So she suggests looking for it in the kitchen [Hi]; after a few minutes she appears saying that she finally found it in the gap between the counter and the fridge [Hi].

「“Speaking of which, you know what? It’s prolly not a good idea for it to just be the two of us next time you cook for me, huh?” “Obviously!”」[Re2]

Finally, she suggests that next time, Ayanokōji cooks for her and Karuizawa as it wouldn't be a good idea to just the two of them together after learning that he has a girlfriend [Ad2]. Finally she is 100% sure that she is his girlfriend.

Final Stage

「From the way he gripped the knife in his hand, it was obvious that it wasn’t meant to stab an opponent. He had faced the blade upward to make it look like someone else had stabbed him.」[Hi]

The plan has finally reached its final stage, Hōsen shows the same Petty Knife that Ayanokōji bought, and charges at him with the knife facing the blade upward. Ayanokōji taking everything into consideration let the blade pierce through his palm making him now have the upper hand of the situation.

「“You’re the one who came up with this ridiculous strategy, but Amasawa is the one who helped refine it to perfection.”」

He then says that he is the only one to have bought a Petty Knife and that he first felt something out of place when he went shopping with Amasawa. He also mentions the Petty Knife's convenience due to its sheath, and how strange it was for Amasawa to find it so easily.

「“No, it was thanks to Amasawa that this plan took shape at all. Without her help, everything would’ve fallen apart.”」

Having control over the situation, he forces Hōsen to make Class 1-D cooperate with Class 2-D, and also forces him to partner up with him for the exam.

Understatement

Amasawa needed to make sure that Ayanokōji was the one she worshiped, that's why she developed that strategy and acted that way.

If Ayanokōji didn't get the approximately 16 hints she purposely left, and didn't take advantage of the situation she created so he could protect himself and prove his worth, he would be expelled. Managing to take the hints and take advantage of the situation he was given, Ayanokōji proved to Amasawa that he was the one she worshiped.

This is where another understatement comes in: Ayanokōji wasn't expelled because Amasawa was testing him, she didn't have only his expulsion in mind, she had her own reasons. What would happen then if Amasawa acted with only his expulsion in mind? If she didn't worship him? Amasawa wouldn't purposely leave those hints.

Some examples of what she would do if she only had his expulsion in mind:

- She wouldn't stop Hōsen from buying the knife as soon as he went to pay, she would stop him sooner, so Ayanokōji wouldn't get any information from the clerk.
- She would instruct Hōsen to use the Petty Knife on the "correct side", not with the blade facing upward, that way Ayanokōji couldn't deduce that he wasn't the target. In this situation, no matter how the knife that would stab Hōsen was positioned, it could all be explained saying that Ayanokōji wasn't in his right mind due to the incident.

In addition to these interpretations, you can review the hints she purposely left and imagine how easy it would be for her not to leave any traces.

Amasawa gave Hōsen to Ayanokōji because they both knew it wouldn't be easy for the enforcer to immobilize Hōsen, making use of the exam rule that states that if the partner is incapacitated, the school would choose another partner. If that happened, Tsukishiro would simply put the enforcer as his partner and they would purposely score 0, something Arisu failed to notice when suggesting to help Ayanokōji.

In addition to immunizing Ayanokōji from this rule, Amasawa also gave him the key to avoid being expelled in case Hōsen was the enforcer and purposely got a 0 or simply had in mind to score 0. That's because due to the incident, not only the school could be involved, but it could result in criminal charges.

「Even if the student council was going to be more tolerant, wielding a knife in a fight wouldn’t be excused with just a suspension. It would warrant an expulsion, or it could even end up resulting in criminal charges.」

Conclusion: Ichika's entire strategy in Y2V1 had different goals such as preparing an easy way out for Ayanokoji, making him evaluate Ichika as someone not involved in Tsukishiro's mission to expel Ayanokoji despite being a White Room student and (wip)

However, no misunderstanding should be made such as thinking that Ichika could've had the possibility to expel Ayanokoji.

Even if Ichika didn't leave any clue DELIBERATELY to Ayanokoji, he wouldn't have gotten expelled under any circumstance.

Since the strategy is only possible to execute in a way which leaves clues to Ayanokoji, meaning he has enough Intel to form a conclusion and get himself out of that situation.
So basically if Ayanokoji is "good enough", him escaping out of it is unavoidable for Ichika.
That's another reason why Ichika's strategy in Y2V1 is so complete.

Ichika’s anticipation feat in Y2V3:
Nanase wasn't interested in the reward, yet she was helping Hosen to expel Ayanokouji ---> Nanase must have her own reasons to expel Ayanokouji

Ichika testing Nanase in Y2V2
-->
Confirms Nanase is way stronger than a normal student

(Moving on to the island)

Nanase is traveling with Ayanokouji ---> she has some reason to expel Ayanokouji

Nanase is confirmed to be very strong --> I know for sure she can't beat Ayanokouji --> there must be another purpose

If Nanase knows about Ayanokouji, she should be aware of the whiteroom ---> Nanase isn't a whiteroomer, as she's not from my generation

Ichika following and observing Ayanokouji and Nanase
Kurachi and Kushida are following them

Nanase is planning to fight Aynokouji ---> 2 people are following them ---> it's likely that they are trying to expose Ayanokouji by filming him hitting Nanase