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Analysis of Sparkle (Honkai Star Rail + Honkai 3rd + TOM)

Introduction:

Have you ever thought about taking action?
In playing a character who is like you… or who is completely different from you.

So that when people see you, they immediately associate you with that particular role. When the performance is over, you can simply go back to being yourself.

But a much more disturbing question arises.

What happens when someone decides to never be who they were before?

What happens when someone turns their entire life into a stage, where every moment is a performance?

That's precisely the kind of question I asked myself, since Sparkle is a particularly strange character even within the Honkai Star Rail universe. As a representative of the Mask Fools, his behavior revolves entirely around theater, acting, and identity manipulation. For this reason, in this documentary, I will analyze his appearances, dialogue, and actions with a clear objective: to showcase and explain Sparkle's mental feats so they can be recognized within the SCD scale.

Very important note: *This documentary aims to create an in-depth analysis of this character and highlight her greatest feats. I won't be able to add much since the Honkai Star Rail lore is vast. It's also worth mentioning that the feats aren't presented in any particular order or chronological sequence. Instead, they are analyses of each of her strengths that I could find, so I divided them into Acts, alluding to the character's context. Most of these feats revolve around interpreting her actions within certain parts of the story. It won't be like other documentaries that simply organize and explain the feats. Because Sparkle is a character affected by the narrative ambiguity that the Hoyoverse employs, it's possible that everything might not be fully understood, but I did my best to avoid that. If you have anything to add to this research, I'd appreciate it if you shared it with me on my DC or TikTok account.*

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To truly understand Sparkle and the implications of her behavior, it's first necessary to examine the stories and scenes that build her backstory. Since I will be explaining her behavior and methods, everything I explain will provide the reasons behind her actions.**It is necessary not to skip this part**.

Act 1: Let's talk about the one who wears the mask.

The origin of the name Sparkle

The first story introduces an orphaned girl who wandered aimlessly, without purpose or direction, simply existing, until one day she stopped in front of a stage. There, an actress, a girl with black hair in two pigtails, was giving a performance that captivated everyone present. Her acting was so powerful that the orphan began to return constantly to watch her shows. Eventually, after a performance, the girl decided to go backstage, where she met the actress. The girl with black hair gave her a mask, and the orphan asked if she could act too.

The answer he gave her was:

“If people think you’re Sparkle… then you are Sparkle.”

At that moment, the girl was pushed onto the stage; it was her turn to perform. Her performance wasn't perfect; there were mistakes, of course, but the actress told her something important: As long as no one notices the mistake… it doesn't matter. The troupe would leave the next day. Before departing, the actress told her something that would change the girl's perspective forever. As long as she wanted, she could be the real Sparkle; she could transform that character into anything she desired. The troupe was small. Very few

people saw their performances, but for the actress, it was enough to know that someone would remember the name Sparkle. Finally, she handed her the mask and said something that defined the entire concept of the character: “When you wear this mask, you will have the power to become anyone… or no one.” Because if she truly wanted to be an actress, she had to look toward a bigger world and explore new horizons.

This story serves as a kind of conceptual origin for Sparkle, introducing the idea that identity is something that can be constructed and adopted. The mask is not just an object; it's a tool that allows one to abandon one identity and adopt another.

This concept will be crucial to understanding all of Sparkle's actions going forward.

(Acting Skills, Disguise, Persuasion, VCI, Linguistic Intelligence, Creative Thinking, Abstract Thinking, Conceptual Thinking, Intrapersonal Intelligence)

Act 1.1: The descendant of the puppet clan

The second part of the story seems completely different. Here appears the last descendant of a clan of puppets, but unlike the orphaned girl in the previous story, this girl possesses no freedom. Her life is entirely determined by a mask. According to her people's tradition, puppets are merely vessels for masks. There is even a particular belief within their culture that the longer a puppet wears a mask, the greater the chance that it will develop a soul, similar to that of a human. As time passed, her clan disappeared, and masks began to be associated in human folklore with tools used to resurrect the dead. Because of this superstition, her people slowly vanished… until only she remained. The curious thing is that this descendant has no interest in becoming human. She simply fulfills the will of the mask, even if it means the constant risk of being discovered and hunted by humans.

But he doesn't have many options either, since disobeying the mask is not easy.

Her expressions must precisely reflect the emotions dictated by the mask. If the mask indicates happiness, she must smile. If it indicates anger, she must clench her teeth. Her voice, too, must match the emotion; in other words, she is obliged to be perfectly expressive, and paradoxically, this restriction allows her to blend in with humans without arousing suspicion. For years she manages to maintain this life and even becomes a playwright.

Over time, he begins to wonder something curious.

Will there be a different mask?

A mask capable of contradictory actions: laughing when seeking revenge, crying while smiling, remaining silent while furious, or speaking calmly while uttering chaotic and sarcastic remarks. She herself cannot act this way, as logically she would be disobeying the mask, but as a playwright, she can explore these ideas through her characters.

One day, someone knocks on her door. It's not the usual delivery person; it's someone who has read her latest work. And this person has a very specific question: does she know anything about masks?

The story ends at that point.

Brief explanation

In this second story, Sparkle demonstrates how he constructs characters based on the idea of the mask as identity. The character doesn't act freely, but rather follows strict rules imposed by the mask, reflecting Sparkle's obsession with perfect acting and total control of visible emotions. Through this concept, Sparkle demonstrates his ability to design complex identities where behavior, expressions, and even voice are completely synchronized with a specific role.

(Creativity, EE, Intrapersonal Intelligence, Abstract Thinking, Conceptual Thinking, Reflective Thinking, Creative Thinking, Acting Skills, Disguise, Psychological Insight, Psychological Profiling, VCI)

Act 1.2: The one who observes without emotions

The third story completely changes the scenario once again.

Here we meet a girl who believes she's under a curse. Her senses function perfectly; she can see, hear, and perceive the world around her. However, something fundamental is missing: she can't feel emotions. She can't experience joy, sadness, anger, or fear. To understand human emotions, she decides to observe other people, but her method proves extremely unsettling. She selects people as if they were subjects of study, ties them to chairs, and begins interviewing them. The questions are specifically designed to elicit emotional reactions.

Each individual responds differently.

She continues interrogating them for hours… even days… until they finally faint. Then she sends them back home and looks for new subjects. Over time, the townspeople begin having nightmares. They dream of a blood-covered girl who forces them to answer endless questions. Meanwhile, the young woman records every emotional reaction on paper masks; each mask contains detailed observations, and when one is full, she simply creates another.

Rumors are slowly starting to circulate.

Some people claim to see paper masks flying through the sky at night, as if someone were living in the shadows of the city, and curiously, the young woman is unaware of the fear she is generating because for her, all of this is simply gathering information. She is trying to understand human emotions. She believes that although she doesn't possess emotions

herself… the masks she creates do possess flesh and blood, and perhaps one day they could become real beings (Keep this detail of her story in mind until later).

Brief explanation

In this third story, Sparkle demonstrates another way of building characters, through the analytical observation of human emotions. The character functions almost like a researcher, gathering emotional data through direct experiments with other people. This reflects Sparkle's ability to study human behavior in detail and then transform it into theatrical performances, creating masks that symbolize specific emotions and observed psychological patterns.

(Psychological Insight, Psychological Analysis, Psychological Profiling, Cold Reading, EP, EU, Observation, Analysis, Information Gathering, Pattern Recognition, Creativity, Connecting The Dots, Intrapersonal Intelligence, Fear Inducement, Hot Reading)

Act 1.3: Sparkle turns her life into a stage

The fourth story finally reveals the truth; this fourth story finally exposes the central concept of the character.

At this point, Sparkle arrives at Po's Tavern, and it is there that the true nature of his way of life is revealed.

- Sparkle doesn't just perform on a stage.
- Sparkle turns her own life into a performance.

Instead of simply playing roles within a play, she imagines different lives, distinct contexts, and multiple characters. Then she begins to portray them, but not by following a traditional script. She immerses herself completely in each character, creating for them a history, a motivation, a personality, and a purpose. She develops each identity to the point of convincing herself that they are real individuals. Because, from her perspective, a fundamental question arises: How could he become emotionally involved with his characters if they don't feel real?

Each character is designed to fit a specific situation, a particular narrative, or a specific moment within the story it aims to portray. That's why Sparkle poses a question in its trailer:

Who is the real Sparkle?

But this question actually functions as a kind of conceptual trap. If Sparkle truly believes in the characters he portrays… then they are all Sparkle.

The trailer for Sparkle is titled Monodrama.

A monodrama is a type of play performed by a single person. A single actor portrays multiple characters within the same narrative. This concept perfectly reflects the nature of the character, as two main versions of Sparkle appear in the trailer:

- Sparkle with a red mask.
- Sparkle with white mask.

The red-masked version represents a chaotic, impulsive, and potentially dangerous personality. On the other hand, the white-masked version presents a calmer, more controlled, and seemingly rational figure. However, Sparkle's base mask combines both halves, one red and one white. This visual detail symbolizes the important concept that both facets exist simultaneously.

If the two versions are combined, we obtain the true nature of the character, which would be a mixture of chaos and serenity, of play and madness (All this will be explained later).

Additional details

Many people describe Sparkle using terms like psychopath, delusional, or someone with a personality disorder. However, a possibly more accurate description would simply be **to the human**Not necessarily because of the specific actions she performs, but because of the fundamental decision she has made in her life. Sparkle has chosen to turn her entire existence into an art form, and most people would likely lose their identity after playing so many different roles for so long. Yet Sparkle maintains an extremely delicate balance, one might say.**She always knows she's acting.**However, at the same time, she chooses to treat her characters as if they were real and doesn't care too much about how others perceive her.

-As long as the performance is interesting.

-As long as the show is entertaining.

She may even portray characters she doesn't morally agree with, simply because she wants to experience different perspectives and explore new forms of storytelling. Manipulation appears primarily in how Sparkle creates identities to fit a situation.

What I'm saying is that Sparkle can imagine different lives.

- creates motivations
- creates personalities
- create complete stories
- and then interpret those characters according to the context.

This means Sparkle can:

to present oneself as someone trustworthy or to present oneself as someone innocent, perhaps
to present oneself as someone chaotic and perhaps
to present oneself as someone weak.

depending on what reaction you want to provoke in others, and this is a classic principle of social manipulation: Adapt your behavior to the psychological goal of the interaction.

For example:

If someone trusts calm people → Sparkle can use the white mask.

If someone responds to chaos → they can use the red

She is not limited to a single personality, which makes her very flexible in manipulating perceptions and adapting to diverse people and situations (although I will explain the monodrama better later).

(Intrapersonal Intelligence, Acting Skills, Disguise, Psychological Insight, Psychological Profiling, Social Manipulation, Emotional Manipulation, Influence, Unpredictability, Creativity, YES, HIM, WMI, Abstract Thinking, Conceptual Thinking, Metacognition, Reflective Thinking, Strategic Thinking, Adaptability, Multi Tasking, Composure, Self Regulation)

Act 1.4: Sparkle's Morality and Philosophy

Sparkle's morality is difficult to categorize within traditional frameworks. He's not simply a good or evil character. His way of thinking operates in a much more ambiguous realm. A clear example of this is when he criticizes Sampo. For Sparkle, Sampo's problem is that he imposes limits on himself. Sampo has principles. There are lines that, according to his own values, he would never cross. However, from Sparkle's perspective, those kinds of restrictions completely ruin the fun.

For her, limiting oneself means wasting opportunities.

Sparkle doesn't believe in staying within a single moral role. Instead, she sees every situation as an opportunity to play a different part. She can be cruel, kind, chaotic, or manipulative, depending on the moment. From her perspective, the world is too big a stage to waste always playing the same character. And this philosophy explains much of her behavior. Sparkle doesn't act guided by a fixed moral code, but rather by the narrative potential of each situation. What matters to her isn't whether an action is right or wrong, but whether the resulting scene is interesting.

Act 1.5 Sparkle in the current story

Although Sparkle hasn't had an extremely extensive presence in the main Penacony arc storyline, her influence on the events is surprisingly noticeable. On multiple occasions, she has demonstrated her ability to adopt different identities within the narrative. For example, she even disguised herself as Sampo simply for fun, using her new identity as a way to interact with events from a different perspective. She was also responsible for guiding the protagonist to the Dreamscape, an action that shows Sparkle doesn't just observe the story from the outside but actively intervenes in its development. One of the most striking examples occurs when she even impersonates Robin, who at that point had been declared dead. These kinds of actions reinforce the idea that Sparkle continues to play different characters even within the game's main narrative. However, there is still a significant element of uncertainty, and that is that we still do not know the true motivations of the character that Sparkle is playing within the Penacony story; in fact, one of his talents within the game is called Red Herring, a narrative term used in literature and film to describe a red herring designed to divert the public's attention.

This detail does not appear to be a coincidence.

It suggests that part of Sparkle's role is precisely to confuse the other characters, generating misinterpretations of what is really happening. For this reason, at this point in the story it is practically impossible to distinguish which of her actions are part of an act… and which could end up having real consequences within the narrative.

(YES, Intrapersonal Intelligence, Fluid Intelligence, Acting Skills, Disguise, Social Manipulation, Influence, Unpredictability, Misdirection, Psychological Insight, Creative Thinking, Abstract Thinking, Adaptability, Composure)

Act 2: Monodrama

(We've reached the trailer part! And it's something I said earlier that I would explain, since this trailer demonstrates many things that make Sparkle interesting.)

UseMy entire narrative will be divided into layers, focusing on what happens in each section. It's also worth mentioning that the explanation itself doesn't change completely, only the way I divide it.

First layer: the characters and the "actresses"

The first thing we must understand is that it's all a narrative stage set, and that it's actually a complete theatrical work. This doesn't diminish its value, as it's a monodrama. The play is scripted, directed, and performed by Sparkle herself. This means that each version of Sparkle that appears in the trailer doesn't represent the same person acting differently. Instead, each one corresponds to a different character played by the same actress within the play. From this perspective, the trailer functions as a kind of stage where Sparkle presents different roles she has created, and within this work, it's possible to identify four distinct types of Sparkle.

Filler Sparkles

The first group comprises the Sparkles who do not wear masks. These Sparkles function as supporting actors within the narrative. They are the easiest to identify precisely because they lack masks, indicating that they do not represent central identities within the play. Their function is primarily theatrical; they reinforce the theatrical atmosphere that Sparkle is creating and help establish the context of the stage where the story unfolds. In other words, they are not protagonists of the conflict but rather part of the background that brings the performance to life.

The two main characters

The true protagonists of the work are two very specific figures.

- The first one is the Sparkle with the red mask.
- The second one is the Sparkle with a white mask.

Each one represents a different psychological concept. For example, the Sparkle with the red mask embodies absolute madness. She represents chaos in its most extreme form; she is someone who acts without restrictions, without fear, and without limits. In contrast, there is the Sparkle with the white mask, who represents something completely different: feigned madness. This character appears chaotic or unpredictable, but when the decisive moment arrives, she discovers that her madness has limits, and it is this contrast between the two figures that drives the main conflict of the story.

The Sparkle director

Finally, a final version of the character appears.

This Sparkle appears at the end of the trailer and is distinguished by a unique mask: half red and half white. This version is not part of the conflict between the protagonists, as she actually represents the Sparkle who directs the entire production. One could say she is the creator of the show, the mind that controls the stage and the characters who move within it.

Second layer: the story that the work tells

Once we understand the actresses and their roles on stage, we can analyze the story being portrayed.

The story tells of a red Sparkle who escapes from an asylum. Once free, she begins to wander the streets; the night seems to belong to her completely. During her wanderings, she eliminates anyone who crosses her path, representing a figure completely liberated from social or moral constraints. However, at some point, another figure appears.

A white Sparkle.

This Sparkle appears to possess a certain degree of madness. Or at least she tries to project that image, and for that reason, she decides to challenge the red Sparkle. The

conflict between them boils down to a simple but powerful premise: there can only be one true madness, and to determine which of them possesses it, they decide to play a game.

At Russian roulette.

Third layer: Russian roulette and the demonstration of madness

To understand the importance of this scene, it is necessary to first understand how the game of Russian roulette works.

In this game, a single bullet is loaded into the cylinder of a revolver. The cylinder has six spaces, meaning there are initially five possible shots without a bullet. However, the probability of dying increases with each shot fired, and normally the participants take turns shooting, but in this scene, something different happens.

The first shot

The white Sparkle starts the game, smiling as she places the gun against her head and fires. At that moment, the probability of dying was approximately 16.7%, and the shot misses. She then hands the gun to the red Sparkle. Here, one of the most important moments of the entire scene occurs: instead of firing a single shot and passing the turn, the red Sparkle decides to fire three times in a row, each shot representing a greater probability of death.

First, 20%.
Then 25%.
And finally, 33.3%.

Taken together, these three shots represent a cumulative probability of nearly 60% of death. This moment is crucial because Red Sparkle isn't simply playing to win; she's trying to prove something—she's proving that her madness is genuine. After those three shots, there are still two spaces left in the cylinder. This means that the next shot has a 50% chance of containing the bullet. At that point, there are two possible paths, and**the first**The idea would be for Red Sparkle to fire the fifth shot and then hand the gun to White Sparkle. If she did that, she'd be practically eliminating any chance of her continuing to play; she'd essentially be handing her a final shot that would be almost guaranteed suicide.

The second path involves something different.

Red Sparkle can hand the weapon to White Sparkle without firing. This would force White Sparkle to decide whether to continue the game with a 50% chance of dying. This is the path Red Sparkle chooses; she hands over the weapon… But White Sparkle doesn't have the courage to continue. At that moment, it becomes clear that her madness was never real; it was just an act. Although Red Sparkle had already won the game, she decided to go even further, forcing White Sparkle to fire a fifth shot directly at her forehead. At that point, the cumulative odds of dying were already around 80%.

This gesture demonstrates something fundamental.

Red Sparkle's madness is not about surviving, it's about proving that she's willing to go further than anyone else. After this moment, the trailer presents a series of scenes where the madness of the red Sparkle is fully manifested, and finally a scene appears where she leads a group of Sparkles.

- This image symbolizes a hierarchy.
- Only the craziest ones can follow her.
- The others do not belong to their world.

The final layer: Sparkle's monologue

During the Russian roulette scene, another important moment occurs. The white Sparkle mentions that she is being attacked by enemies.

The red Sparkle simply replies:

"And?"

After that response, a monologue begins. In this speech, Sparkle defines three fundamental concepts: stupidity, the jester, and exultation. First, he explains that stupidity consists of pretending to be intelligent. Then, he defines the jester as someone who pretends to be a fool, and finally, he arrives at his central conclusion.

Ask *“Who is the Exultate?”*

And he answers:

“I am the Exultant.”

*This monologue reveals what he had explained in his philosophy.*Sparkle identifies with the archetype of the jester, a classic figure in many narratives where the jester appears to be foolish, chaotic, or irrational, but in reality, he perfectly understands what he is doing.

"His madness is not ignorance, it's an act."

Perhaps all of this seems ambiguous to you, but it has an explanation in which Sparkle has orchestrated everything; the fact that it is a monodrama does not detract from the entire strategy and high level of psychological understanding used to create all that drama, and I will explain everything in detail.

1. **The hidden strategy in Red Sparkle Russian Roulette changes the rules of the game**

In traditional Russian roulette:
Each player fires once, then passes the weapon. This maintains a balance, but Red Sparkle breaks that structure; instead of one shot, she fires three consecutive shots.
This completely changes the psychological dynamics of the game.

Because it ceases to be:

- A turn-based game and it becomes

a demonstration of mental dominance.

2. **The play he managed to execute perfectly**

When Red Sparkle fires three shots in a row, she's making something very clear. She's not trying to prove she wants to win; she's saying, "I'm not afraid to die." And this has an immediate psychological effect on White Sparkle. Because at that moment, a mental asymmetry is created. White Sparkle understands that her opponent is willing to risk more than usual, and in a game of extreme risk, this destroys the rival's confidence.

3. **50%**

After the three shots, there are two spaces left in the cylinder. The probability of dying becomes 50%. This is the most important moment, as Red Sparkle doesn't fire; she hands over the weapon. This is extremely clever, because now the psychological burden of the decision rests entirely with White Sparkle.
And here's what Red Sparkle wanted to prove.

The white one can't do it.

(FRI, EU, EP, Acting Skills, Disguise, Psychological Insight, Psychological Analysis, Psychological Profiling, Social Manipulation, Emotional Manipulation, Verbal Deception, Influence, Unpredictability, Strategy Building, Strategy Orchestration, Strategy Foresight, Strategy Control, Abstract Thinking, Conceptual Thinking, Metacognition, Reflective Thinking, Strategic Thinking, Lateral Thinking, Critical Thinking, Creative Thinking, Composure, Mental Fortitude, Stress Tolerance)

Act 3: His conversation with Sampo

At a certain point in the story, a particularly revealing conversation takes place between Sparkle and Sampo Koski.At first glance it seems like just a casual exchange between two members related to the Mask Fools, but if you analyze it carefully, the scene reveals several important aspects of Sparkle's personality, how she interacts with other characters, and the philosophy that guides her actions.

The conversation begins in an apparently relaxed tone.

Sampo tries to justify her behavior, clarifying that she had no hostile intentions or dangerous plans. In other words, she tries to maintain control of the conversation's tone so the situation doesn't escalate; however, Sparkle quickly demonstrates that she doesn't take social interactions conventionally, responding with a mocking tone:

> "Really, I wouldn't do anything to her. Don't worry about that, Memo Keeper."

The statement seems reassuring, but it also hints at something important: Sparkle is perfectly aware of the psychological effect of her words. Even when she claims she won't do anything, she does so in a way that maintains a certain level of ambiguity.

The conversation continues with Sampo reminding her that he has fulfilled his part of their agreement. From his perspective, the situation is simple: he helped Sparkle with what she needed, so now she should reclaim what belongs to her.

His mask.

At that moment, another important aspect of the dynamic between them is revealed, and Sparkle responds sarcastically:

> "Since when did the Masked Fools suddenly start respecting agreements?"

The answer is significant because it reveals the philosophy of the group to which they both belong. The Mask Fools don't operate under conventional rules; agreements, promises, or pacts don't necessarily have real value within their worldview. It all depends on whether keeping or breaking the agreement is more interesting or entertaining.

After saying this, Sparkle abruptly changes the tone of the conversation and adds, laughing at Sampo's reaction:

> "Just kidding. I loved seeing that look on your face."

This demonstrates one of Sparkle's most marked characteristics, which is her constant tendency to provoke emotional reactions in others, since she does not limit herself to conversing or negotiating, she enjoys observing how others react to uncomfortable or unexpected situations.

Then, finally, he gives her a clue where Sparkle tells her:

> "Take this key to the tavern cellar. Third barrel on the left. You never saw me."

The phrase serves two functions at the same time.

- On one hand, it gives Sampo exactly what he wants, the information to recover his mask.

- But at the same time it establishes an implicit condition, which is that the interaction never occurred.

This reinforces the clandestine and theatrical nature of his actions. However, Sampo remains unconvinced. After receiving the information, he decides to question Sparkle's true intentions, his reaction demonstrating that he knows the character well enough to recognize that something is amiss. Sampo remarks that Sparkle's current behavior seems unlike him, hinting that there's a deeper reason behind his decision to retrieve the mask.

At that moment a theory emerges.

- A possible catastrophe that could affect Jarilo-VI.

Faced with this suspicion, Sparkle avoids confirming or denying the information.

Sparkle responds evasively:

> "Well... no comment about that."

The answer is brief but extremely revealing. Instead of denying the possibility, Sparkle simply chooses not to confirm anything, which keeps the mystery intact. Then she shifts the focus of the conversation back to a phrase Sampo had mentioned earlier.

Sparkle then comments with interest:

> "But I loved that line you said… If you're too late to take the stage, you can work behind the scenes."

This phrase is particularly important for understanding the character's mindset. As we've been analyzing, Sparkle sees the world as a theatrical stage; there are those who act in the spotlight and those who control the play from the shadows, and sometimes, even an experienced person can feel tempted to change roles.

Sparkle then adds:

> "Sometimes even an old-timer like me feels like taking the stage and making a fool out of myself."

This reinforces the central concept of the Mask Fools:**the figure of the jester**Someone who seemingly acts absurdly or chaotically, yet is aware of their role within the narrative, and Sampo, however, maintains a certain distance. Although he acknowledges Sparkle's nature, he also makes it clear that there is a difference between them, since for him, the type of entertainment Sparkle seeks can be too extreme.

At that point, Sparkle directly mentions the concept that guides his actions:

> "After all, the Elation that Miss Sparkle seeks…"

The word Elation holds significant meaning within the game's universe, referring to the influence of the Aeon Aha, an entity associated with chaos, humor, and the pursuit of fun

regardless of the consequences. Sampo recognizes that this kind of fun is something he himself cannot follow, marking a key difference between the two characters. Although Sampo also belongs to the Mask Fools, his boundaries are clearer. Sparkle, on the other hand, seems much closer to the extreme philosophy of the Elation path.

The conversation ends with a curious moment when Sampo mentions Giovanni, seemingly as a message or reference within his circle. And Sparkle, true to form, closes the conversation with a comment that reflects her provocative nature.

Then Sparkle says mockingly:

> "Fine, I'm just spitballing here. Don't take it so seriously… why so serious?"

The phrase functions as a direct nod to the archetype of the chaotic jester. Sparkle never allows a conversation to end in a completely serious way; she always leaves the impression that, for her, it's all still part of the show.

Act 3.5:

Here are some topics I'd like to explore further, and they are three key points that came up in this conversation:

1. **Emotional manipulation through provocation**

One of the clearest moments is when Sparkle says, “Just kidding. I loved seeing that look on your face.” Here, one of Sparkle’s most important traits appears: she enjoys provoking emotional reactions.
This is key because it reveals that Sparkle doesn't just interact with people...it experiments with them.

In simple terms, this shows:

1. Emotional reading
2. Deliberate provocation
3. Logical manipulation to observe reactions

She creates tension just to see how others react; this connects directly with her theatrical mindset—people become actors within her scene.

2. Controlled Information Strategy

One of the most interesting moments is when Sampo mentions the possible catastrophe on Jarilo-VI. Sparkle responds: “No comment about that.” This phrase is a classic information control technique.

You neither confirm nor deny.

This maintains three things:

1- The mystery

2- Narrative tension

3- Its informational advantage.

In strategic terms, Sparkle maintains information asymmetry; she knows more than she says, but decides when to reveal information.

3. Social Intelligence (SQ)

Another important detail appears when Sparkle mentions Sampo's phrase: "If you're too late to take the stage, you can work behind the scenes."

This shows that Sparkle:

- Listen carefully.
- Remember key phrases.
- Analyze the symbolic meaning.

This indicates a high level of social intelligence and good working memory (surely not as impressive as other characters in the SCD, but it is impressive that she can remember certain phrases or points that benefit her in conversations and use them as she pleases).

The conversation between Sparkle and Sampo Koski clearly demonstrates Sparkle's mindset within the story. At first glance, it seems like a casual exchange between two characters who know each other, but upon closer inspection, something much more interesting is revealed: how Sparkle completely controls the psychological rhythm of the conversation. All of this reinforces the central idea of the character: Sparkle does not interact with the world in a conventional way. For her, every conversation, every encounter, and every decision is part of a grand performance.

(Social Manipulation, Emotional Manipulation, Verbal Deception, Individual Manipulation, Influence, Gaslighting, Information Control, Psychological Insight, Psychological Analysis, Acting Skills, Unpredictability, Composure, Strategic Thinking, Social Intelligence, Memory, Pattern Recognition, VCI, EU, WMI)

Act 4: Sparkle disguises himself as Zandar and trolls us.

It all begins with a seemingly normal announcement inside the train, as if it were a routine message for passengers.

“Hello, this train departs from Perito station and heads towards the terminal.”

The announcement sounds completely ordinary, something any passenger would hear without paying much attention. However, the tone immediately changes, and the situation begins to take on a much stranger tone.

> “In the name of publishing, traverse the cosmos.”

With that line, the atmosphere shifts from that of a simple journey. It's as if someone were deliberately disrupting the normal context of the train, transforming it into a stage set. Then Sparkle appears, revealing her presence with a line that makes it clear she knows the protagonists perfectly.

“We meet again, liberator come from beyond the heavens.”

His manner of speaking is excessively dramatic; he doesn't speak directly or simply, but instead uses a theatrical tone that transforms the encounter into something akin to a stage performance. He then immediately follows this with an even more absurd and deliberately confusing presentation.

“I am not the Theoros you know… but the Masked Jester Xandar 2 Kuabara.”

Here we see one of the character's most consistent traits: the adoption of false or absurd identities. Sparkle doesn't just lie; she does so in a way that makes her lies seem more theatrical, almost as if she were playing different roles in a play (as we've already observed in this documentary). The scene continues with a statement that reveals the kind of mindset that drives her.

“This time I’ve decided to walk the path of Elation… and I will defeat Nous with my sense of humor.”

This line is particularly interesting within the context of the Honkai Star Rail world. Nous represents intelligence and absolute knowledge, while Elation represents chaos, entertainment, and absurdity. What Sparkle proposes here is not a physical or strategic confrontation in the traditional sense. Instead, he proposes something entirely different: overcoming logic through humor and unpredictability. Then he adds something that further reinforces his sarcasm.

“After all, as I said before… my ultimate dream is to join the Society of Geniuses and act like a genie.”

This phrase reveals a lot about her mindset. Sparkle isn't necessarily seeking to become a real genie; what interests her most is playing the role of one, which reflects her obsession with theater, masks, and acting (as we saw in her lore). After this extravagant introduction, Sparkle greets the members of the Astral Express directly.

“Hey, gray hair… and dear March.”

Her manner of speaking is casual, even mocking, making it clear that she doesn't take the formality of the meeting too seriously. When the others realize who she really is, Sparkle responds with obvious satisfaction.

Sparkle then admits with a smile:

“Ah, so it was you all this time… surprise.”

However, he immediately changes roles again, adopting a completely different new identity.

Sparkle then explains:

“Well, this time I’m here as a cultural advisor for Lan Arcadia, specifically appointed to be the tour director for the Express team.”

This moment is another clear example of her usual behavior. Sparkle constantly reinvents her role, as if each encounter were simply a new play in which she decides to portray a different character. When the protagonists question what she says, Sparkle responds by reaffirming her new role.

“What are you talking about? I’m your principal. Principal Sparkle.”

She even acknowledges the past conflicts they had with her.

Sparkle then adds in a carefree tone:

“I know we had a few little mishaps in Penacony… but you guys had fun there, didn’t you?”

The way he describes these events as "minor entanglements" demonstrates his tendency to downplay potentially chaotic or dangerous situations, treating them as if they were mere pranks.

Then he reveals the supposed reason for his presence.

“Now that the Astral Express has become a well-mannered hero, Her Excellency, the CEO, wanted to find someone who got along well with you to show you around this place.”

The curious detail is that Sparkle describes herself as someone who "gets along" with them, something that clearly raises doubts.

The reaction of others reflects exactly that confusion.

> “What kind of misunderstanding does she have about the phrase ‘getting along’?”

But Sparkle completely ignores the criticism and continues with her carefree attitude.

Then Sparkle says hurriedly:

“Time is running out. Luckily there’s no bomb here.”

This comment is especially characteristic of her. Sparkle casually introduces the idea of something potentially dangerous—"a bomb"—only to immediately dismiss it, creating a moment of tension followed by absurd humor.

Finally, Sparkle pressures the group to accompany her.

Then Sparkle asks:

"So, are you coming with me or what?"

When they give her the condition "that she stop pretending to be other people," Sparkle responds with clear disappointment.

Sparkle then replies:

"How boring."

Even so, she agrees to continue, and Sparkle concludes playfully:

"Well then... shall we go?"

And the scene ends with an exaggeratedly sweet request.

> “Wa… pretty please.”

This moment is very useful for this analysis of Sparkle because it shows several key traits of its behavior:

- Their tendency to constantly change identities.
- His use of theatre and acting as a form of social interaction.
- His way of deliberately introducing chaos or confusion into conversations.
- And his ability to control the emotional tone of the scene through humor, provocation, and absurdity.

Instead of interacting directly, Sparkle turns each encounter into a kind of improvised play, where she decides what role to play and how others will react.

Act 4.5:

This Act 4 shows Sparkle in a different context than her stories or monologues; here we see her actively interacting with other characters and using her psychological skills in real time.

Deliberate use of false identities

One of the clearest elements of the scene is when Sparkle introduces herself as: “the Masked Jester Xandar 2 Kuabara.” This isn't just a simple lie; it's a more organized lie than it appears, designed to generate confusion and humor simultaneously. Sparkle isn't trying to deceive to hide; she's trying to cognitively destabilize others. In terms of strategic deception, this resembles a technique known as “**absurd overload of information**By introducing absurd or unexpected information, the brains of others take longer to process what is happening. Meanwhile, Sparkle maintains control of the interaction.

Mastery of emotional tone

Another important point is how Sparkle constantly controls the emotional tone of the scene.

For example:
First, he creates tension with an out-of-place phrase: "Luckily, there are no bombs here." Then she immediately dismisses it. This type of sudden emotional shift creates psychological disorientation in people, and the conversation never stabilizes. This is a well-known technique in conversational manipulation, which involves constant emotional imbalance, preventing the other person from ever anticipating the tone of the interaction. Sparkle uses this to maintain social control.

(Acting Skills, Disguise, Social Manipulation, Verbal Deception, Emotional Manipulation, Individual Manipulation, Influence, Gaslighting, Unpredictability, Misdirection, Psychological Insight, Composure, Strategic Thinking, Lateral Thinking, Adaptability, IN)

Act 5: Sparkle provokes Aventurine

(I want to make something clear before proceeding: these actions relate to other actions that further explain several important points, so I want you to see it as something that makes sense in light of Sparkle's actions throughout this documentary.)

The scene opens with Sparkle noticing something strange; someone has been following her for a while now. She realizes it's not a chance encounter or a coincidence; Aventurine's presence is too persistent to be accidental, and Sparkle immediately detects it. Instead of ignoring him or confronting him directly, she decides to make the situation more dynamic.

"Hey, let me ask you something... is following girls around like a lost puppy your way of getting their attention?"

From the start, it's clear that Sparkle establishes psychological dominance through mockery and provocation; she's not intimidated. On the contrary, she takes control of the

conversation's tone by ridiculing the other person, even demonstrating that she's been paying attention to the time.

Sparkle then adds:

“You’ve been doing this for almost half an hour of system time… to be exact, 45 minutes.”

This detail is important; it shows not only sarcasm but also keen observation. Sparkle wasn't bluffing; he'd been gauging the other's behavior before intervening, allowing him to adopt a more defensive stance.

Then he adds ironically:

“Time flies when you’re having fun, doesn’t it?”

It's a provocation and a verbal attack, which Aventurine tries to respond to, but Sparkle quickly shifts the focus of the conversation to something more personal, where she takes the opportunity to observe his appearance and origin.

“Although… you’re quite handsome. Are you from Sigonia?”

But the apparent curiosity doesn't last long, and Sparkle immediately makes it clear that she doesn't trust him.

“The Sigonians are famous throughout the universe… liars, thieves, social manipulators… wolves in sheep’s clothing.”

Here Sparkle uses direct provocation; he's not trying to play with him, but rather he's psychologically pressuring him to see how he reacts to the provocation, even adding sarcastically:

“You’re really living up to that reputation.”

After provoking him, Sparkle continues talking with complete nonchalance, which suggests that he should disappear.

“I think your place is under a sewer in space…”**not in a dream**.”

However, Sparkle also reveals something about herself. Although she despises the situation, she makes it clear that she enjoys the surroundings of Penacony.

“Dreamville is frivolous, vain, and flashy… and that suits me perfectly.”

This fits perfectly with her personality; Sparkle feels comfortable in exaggerated, theatrical, and superficial environments, even mentioning something trivial.

“Besides, it never rains here… my clothes are too expensive to be exposed to the weather.”

This kind of comment demonstrates something important. Although the conversation seems aggressive, Sparkle maintains a light and playful tone, as if it were all part of a scene. Aventurine finally tries to cut the conversation short and tells her to leave, but Sparkle responds by showcasing the Masked Fools' philosophy.

Sparkle then states:

“We are jesters… but we are not stupid.”

And he adds something key:

“We are not interested in playing the friendship game with the CPI lapdogs.”

A significant conflict arises here: Aventurine represents the Interastral Peace Corporation, while Sparkle belongs to the Masked Fools. The Masked Fools disregard political and economic rules, prioritizing fun, chaos, and spectacle. The conversation then shifts to an interesting concept—more precisely, gambling chips. Sparkle criticizes Aventurine, implying that he treats people like chips in a game, but Aventurine counters that in a game, the only ones who never lose are precisely the chips. This prompts Sparkle to mention other groups.

“My friends from the Garden of Recollection and the Astral Express are intelligent enough to understand that.”

But he immediately adds an even more interesting observation.

“But the smartest ones wouldn’t have even entered the game.”

This line reveals a key aspect of his mindset: Sparkle not only understood the game they were playing, but he also understood that the best way to avoid losing is not to play at all. Before ending the conversation, Sparkle decides to provoke him once more, reminding him that Aventurine was also invited to the Tavern and offering a sarcastic piece of advice.

Then Sparkle says:

“If you want the Masked Fools to cooperate… you’ll have to figure out what laughter wants.”

The reference is clear to the Aeon of Elation, Aha, and finally ridicules him for the last time.

“If you can’t convince anyone… try befriending a rock. At least a rock can’t refute your arguments.” (Something important to keep in mind later)

After saying this, he simply leaves, ending that interaction.

Act 5.5:

There are very important points to consider in this short conversation, which makes Sparkle very astute.

1. **Sparkle identifies that the other person has been following her for 45 minutes and mentions it precisely.**

Sparkle possessed the ability to observe and track others' behavior for extended periods, detecting patterns of movement and time. This demonstrates constant attention to the environment and another person's actions. She not only noticed being followed, but also kept excellent time, implying good short-term memory.

2. **Resistance to social manipulation**

When Aventurine tries to involve her in IPC and Penacony politics, she responds, "Don't drag me into your office politics." This demonstrates her ability to reject attempts at narrative manipulation or social pressure. The interlocutor tries to create pressure by saying she no longer has a choice and must take sides, but Sparkle doesn't fall for this narrative and rejects the premise of the argument, which is an important logical technique.

3. **Use of psychological provocation to their advantage.**

Sparkle responds with strategic insults like, "little peacock." These are humiliating insinuations, a use of psychological provocation to emotionally destabilize Aventurine. The insults are not just verbal aggression, but an attempt to break the other person's composure and shift the power dynamic in the conversation.

(Observation, Psychological Insight, Psychological Analysis, Psychological Profiling, Social Manipulation, Emotional Manipulation, Verbal Deception, Individual Manipulation, Influence, Gaslighting, Information Control, Seeing Through People, Composure, Stress Tolerance, Mental Fortitude, Strategic Thinking, Critical Thinking, Social Intuition)

Act 6: Reunion with Aventurine

The scene begins with Sparkle reappearing in front of Aventurine after having been observing him for a long period of time.

Aventurine immediately reacts with distrust.

> “Remember what I said? You Sigonians are better off hiding in the sewers.”

By reminding him of a previous warning, Aventurine demonstrates that he has been observing his opponent's behavior for some time, and that this encounter is no coincidence. He had already anticipated the Masked Fool's return, and Aventurine attempts to position himself as someone who already understands what Sparkle was trying to do. However, this

stance also reveals something important to Sparkle, something that had already caught his attention. That is, even before this encounter, Sparkle had already managed to register on his mental radar, and this is significant because Masked Fools typically operate by provoking curiosity and confusion.

The conversation continues, and one of the scene's most important revelations quickly emerges. Aventurine admits that his entire previous behavior had been part of a strategy.

> “Why else do you think I'm handing out cheap trinkets all over the streets? All part of the act. Fool’s bait.”

Here, the mechanism of his plan is clearly exposed. Aventurine had been deliberately acting harmless or ridiculous, since his goal wasn't actually to distribute worthless objects, but rather to create an image of weakness and clumsiness that would entice certain individuals to approach him for an investigation. Sparkle quickly identifies Aventurine's strategy, and one of the most revealing moments occurs when Sparkle mentions Aventurine's strange behavior.

> “Why else do you think I'm handing out cheap trinkets all over the streets?”

This moment is interesting because it shows that Sparkle had been observing his behavior for quite some time; Aventurine had been distributing useless objects around the city to attract the attention of certain individuals (as I mentioned before).

His plan was simple:

1. To look pathetic.

2. Look suspicious.

3. To provoke someone into investigating him.

But Sparkle immediately understands the trick (This proves STP is too good). Sparkle didn't stop at Aventurine's initial behavior; instead of interpreting the objects as mere gifts, she understands they're part of a performance, and that's precisely what makes her dangerous, because Sparkle thinks in exactly the same terms as Aventurine himself. They both see the world as a stage full of performances, and Sparkle uses sarcasm as a tool of psychological pressure.

After listening to Aventurine's explanation, Sparkle responds mockingly.

> “You messed it up and ended up as their prisoner.”

Something interesting happens here.

Sparkle does not attempt to refute his plan directly; instead, he ridicules the outcome of the plan.

This serves two psychological functions:

1. It weakens the image of control that Aventurine tries to project.

2. Introduce an alternative narrative where the strategist appears incompetent.

This type of verbal strategy is common in social manipulators; they don't need to prove the other person wrong, they only need to plant the idea that the other person failed, even if the plan actually worked.

Another important moment occurs when they pick up a previously mentioned clue.

> “Back then when you asked me to find a mute… did you really mean Robin?”

This question shows that Aventurine has been analyzing the clues from the previous conversation for quite some time.

Sparkle has several options here:

- Could you confirm the information?

- I could deny it.

- I could ignore it.

But he decides to do something different and responds by introducing a new variable into the mystery.

> “There were two mutes. But one is dead now.”

Sparkle didn't answer the question; instead, it introduced information that further complicated the problem. This is a classic technique of**cognitive manipulation**The complexity of the puzzle increases; when a person investigates a mystery, their mind seeks to simplify the information.

Sparkle does the exact opposite.

- Add more layers.

- More questions.

- More possible interpretations.

And so she keeps Aventurine trapped in the game, as Sparkle maintains emotional control of the conversation even when Aventurine claims to be close to discovering the truth; Sparkle does not react with fear or aggression, but instead responds with a mocking tone.

> “That’s quite a fancy way of saying you haven't learned anything.”

Sparkle is trying to redefine the meaning of progress in Aventurine. For him, gathering clues means getting closer to the truth, but for Sparkle, it only means he's still stuck, and this demonstrates another important social skill, which is**narrative reframing.**Sparkle changes the frame of interpretation; what is progress for Aventurine is irrelevant to her. Sparkle introduces the destroy button as a psychological test.

One of the most chaotic moments in the dialogue occurs when Sparkle hands over a device supposedly capable of destroying Penacony.

> “When either of us presses it… Penacony will go up in smoke.”

This moment shouldn't be interpreted solely as a threat; from Sparkle's perspective, it's a psychological tool. By introducing an extreme threat, Sparkle forces Aventurine to reveal something important:
how he reacts under pressure.

Aventurine's response is logical and skeptical.

> “Who knows if your gadget will actually work?”

But the important point is that Sparkle managed to alter the tone of the conversation, and suddenly, the dialogue is no longer just about the mystery; it now also includes the possibility of a catastrophe. This demonstrates Sparkle's ability to change the rules of the game mid-match.

Act 6.5

In this encounter with Aventurine, we can glean more valuable information about Sparkle and some of her impressive feats. Sparkle demonstrates that she had been carefully observing Aventurine's behavior before the encounter. When Aventurine explains his plan, Sparkle responds, "Why else do you think I'm handing out cheap trinkets all over the streets?" This reveals that Sparkle had already noticed Aventurine's pattern of behavior; she doesn't just see someone handing out objects, she understands that it's a deliberate method to attract certain individuals.

This proves:

- Ability to read strategic behaviors in others.
- High social perception.
- Ability to identify actions within social interactions.

This is important because Aventurine was using a strategic baiting method, and Sparkle quickly detects it, earning points in Perception in his favor. Sparkle understands that

Aventurine's "pathetic" behavior is an act. Aventurine indirectly confirms this when he explains that appearing weak was part of the plan to lure certain people in.

Sparkle responde con burla: “All part of the act. Fool’s bait.”

This shows that Sparkle understands the logic behind the plan; he didn't just accept the superficial behavior that Aventurine displayed.

It demonstrates:

- An ability to read the strategy behind the behavior of others.
- Analytical thinking applied to social interactions.
- Understanding the use of deception as a strategic tool.

This type of psychological reading is one of the core skills in manipulative characters, along with skills such as Psychology Insight and Psychoanalysis.

(Psychological Insight, Psychological Analysis, Seeing Through People, Social Intuition, Verbal Manipulation, Emotional Manipulation, Information Control, Composure, Gaslighting, Mind reading, Analysis, Anticipation)

Act 7: His Grand Plan

(To clarify this point, this entire plan does not belong to me but to another person, whose Sparkle plan document I will leave here.)https://docs.google.com/document/d/149gfHjntZH9vpEMom0zMegxug2Kv032fXU2zpEEirbs/edit?usp=drivesdk
All credit goes to the original author. I will add some analysis of my own that I found interesting, starting from Act 7.5. It's worth noting that this is a compilation of what happens in lore 2.0 up to patch 3.8. The plan intertwines with the previous two acts, so consider it as something that occurs between those two points. I've also added some images that illustrate what's explained here.

Before understanding Sparkle's plan in Penacony, it's necessary to grasp the kind of setting in which it unfolds. Penacony is neither a linear nor a stable environment, but rather a system built upon layers of dreams, memory, and perception, where reality itself can be constantly altered or reinterpreted. This world, presented as a "planet of festivities," is actually a space where multiple forces, interests, and narratives overlap, creating an ideal environment for manipulation and deception.

Within this context, the main conflict unfolds not only on a physical level, but also on a conceptual one, where the control of dreams, perception, and narrative manifests itself. Figures like Sunday attempt to impose absolute order through an "eternal dream," while other actors operate from the shadows with their own objectives. This plan has many layers, which, while they may go unnoticed due to Hoyoverse's ambiguity in explaining its

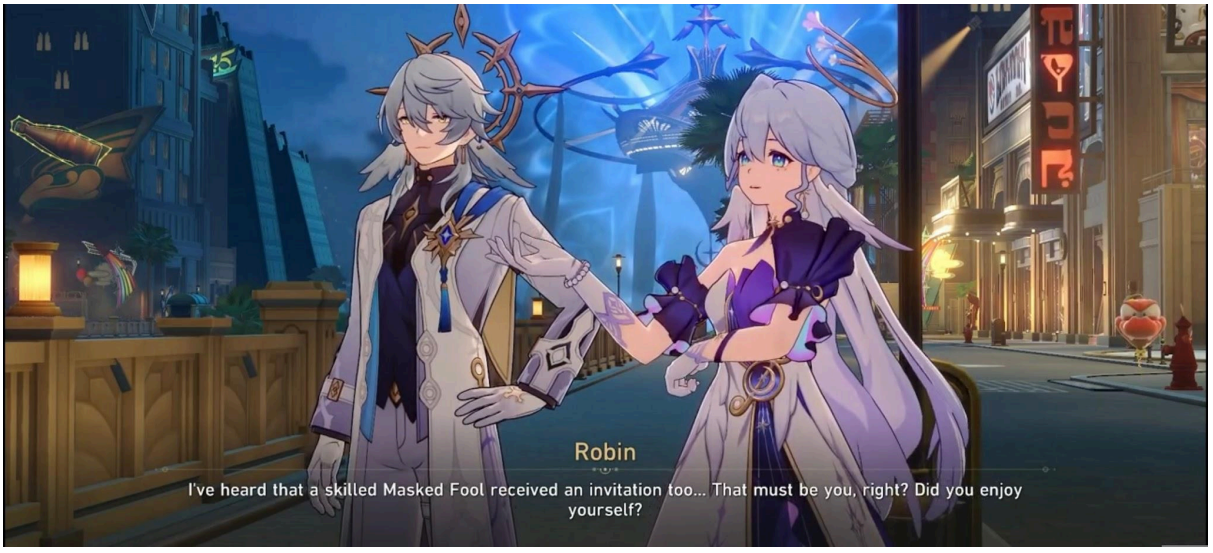
characters' actions, are nonetheless affected by this factor. Therefore, I ask you to please pay attention to the entire plan and my analysis.

Explanation of the Plan:

Before entering the dream, he met with Silver Wolf and agreed to help the Stellaron Hunters ensure that Firefly's three deaths weren't truly fatal. This provided him with Silver Wolf as a contact, which would be useful for a later part of his plan. It also allowed him to see the portion of Penacony's script that Silver Wolf had received from Elio. Although it wasn't very extensive, since Silver Wolf only appeared in small segments of the story related to Firefly, it was enough information for Sparkle to devise a plan to incorporate Firefly's predestined deaths into the larger storyline, while ensuring that he didn't actually die.

Furthermore, briefly joining the Stellaron Hunters gave him the small opportunity he needed to fully analyze them so that he could later impersonate them.
(This behavior is not isolated, but consistent with her own way of operating, which she herself describes as a back-and-forth game where every action provokes a calculated reaction: “Pranks are all about the back-and-forth!” She even recognizes the strategic value of her disguises within this process: “Looks like disguising myself as Sampo was actually worth it.”)https://honkai-star-rail.fandom.com/wiki/Messages/Sparkle)

She infiltrated Penacony in advance to purchase the music box-shaped invitations from Gallagher, helping him fulfill the Watchmaker's wish to distribute them among numerous factions.



(Image that occurs halfway through version 2.2). This is what brought all the variables to Penacony and allowed her to begin the performance in the first place. By convincing Gallagher to let her help with the invitations, she gained the right to choose which factions would be invited. Everyone she invited was there for a reason, as she anticipated the roles they would play in Penacony's story. This allowed her to create a general outline of her plan from the outset.

While there, she also relayed information to Silver Wolf regarding Penacony's security and surveillance. This helped strengthen her alliance with the Stellaron Hunters and, moreover,

placed them in an unofficial "debt" to her, which she would later use to her advantage. She transformed into the Stellaron Hunters and trapped Acheron in a miniature dreamscape before confronting her. This allowed her to assess Acheron's power level, and by provoking her to sever the boundaries of the miniature dreamscape, she was able to deduce that she was secretly an Emanator of Nihility, also capable of cutting the barrier separating the Twelve Hours from the Primordial Dreamscape. From this, she determined Acheron's place in history, predicting that she would be essential to Aventurine's plan, the details of which she had already deduced. The important thing here was not only measuring Acheron's power but understanding her function within the system. Sparkle didn't assess her as a conventional threat or ally, but as a piece capable of altering the structural boundaries of the Dreamscape. Upon discovering her nature as an Emanator, she understood that Acheron could break barriers that other characters couldn't cross.
https://youtu.be/U5PS69ckOHk?si=uJtcazzrjVvtdtvK

Sparkle then gave Aventurine a hint about “befriending a mute.” This gave Aventurine the idea to make her part of his plan, which involved making Robin experience “death.” Through this, he was guided to send letters to Robin (the mute) about his suspicions regarding “death” and the Family, in order to strengthen her resolve to investigate the strange events in Penacony, despite Sunday’s warnings. This would lead Robin to try to hide from the public eye while monitoring the disturbances with her powers, which would ultimately lead her to follow Firefly and the Pathfinder, who were acting suspiciously. Sparkle’s ability to read emotional ties allowed her to directly influence Robin; she understood how she would react to suspicion, familial pressure, and the possibility that something was being hidden within Penacony. Sparkle understood that by activating her curiosity and inner conflict, Robin would ultimately make decisions of her own volition. This demonstrates very good relational thinking, as he did not analyze individuals in isolation, but rather how their emotions would affect others within the system.

Then she disguised herself as Sampo to spy on the Pathfinder and Firefly



giving the former clues about Firefly's true identity, as well as hints to both of them about the truth about Penacony that the Family is trying to cover up. This motivated the Pathfinder to investigate her further and to stay by her side during her 12-Hour journey, strengthening their emotional bond.
(This constant use of identities is not circumstantial, but part of his own conception of the world, where he recognizes moving between roles depending on the context: “In most dreams, I just go from one mask to another…”.https://honkai-star-rail.fandom.com/wiki/Sparkle/Dialogue)

While in disguise, Sparkle convinced Firefly and the Pathfinder to experience a "recreational dream," shaping it to reflect Firefly's tragic history as a member of the Iron Cavalry. This strengthened her resolve to cure her illness and become independent of SAM.






Sampo
You're just so... blind.

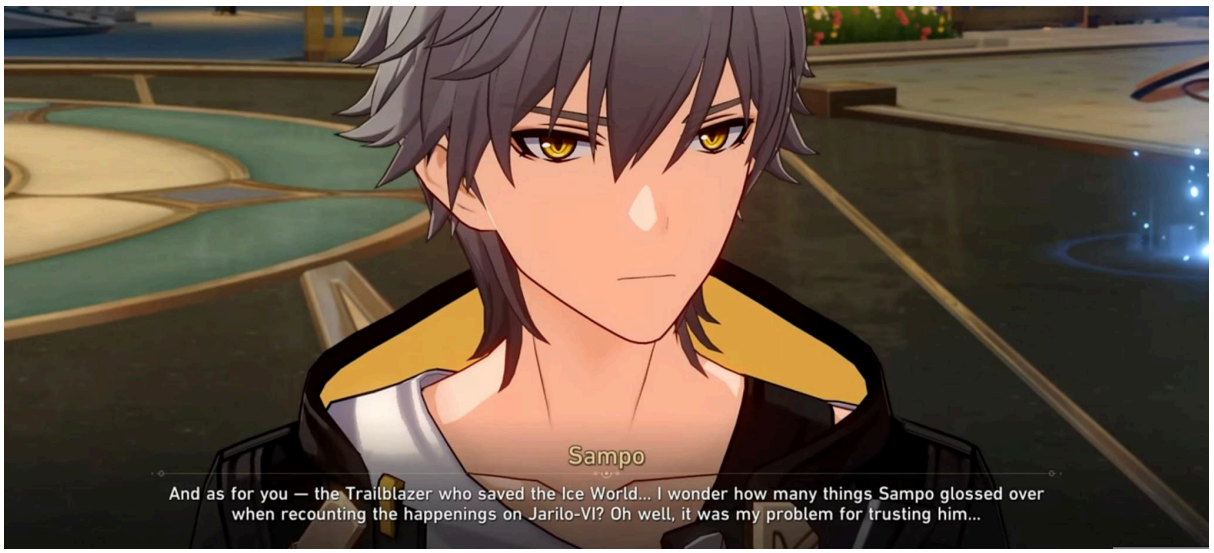

Firefly
...Careful. I'm more than certain now that there's something not right about this friend of yours.


Sampo
Oho, this brave little girl appears to be protecting you. I wonder why? Are you two that close?


Firefly
You talk too much.


Sampo
I love your attitude, my dear. I have to admit you're different from your friend here — your senses are much sharper.


Sampo
Even so, you are lagging far behind the main party. Have you not noticed yet? What The Family is hiding, the secret behind this sweet dream.





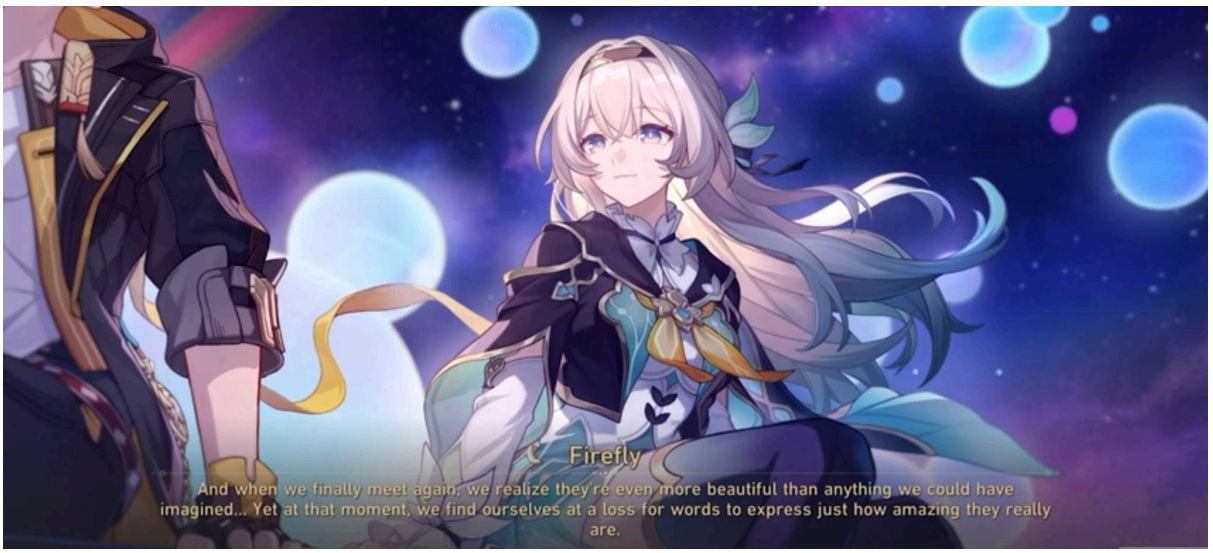
(The last thing they saw before being sent into the dreamscape)

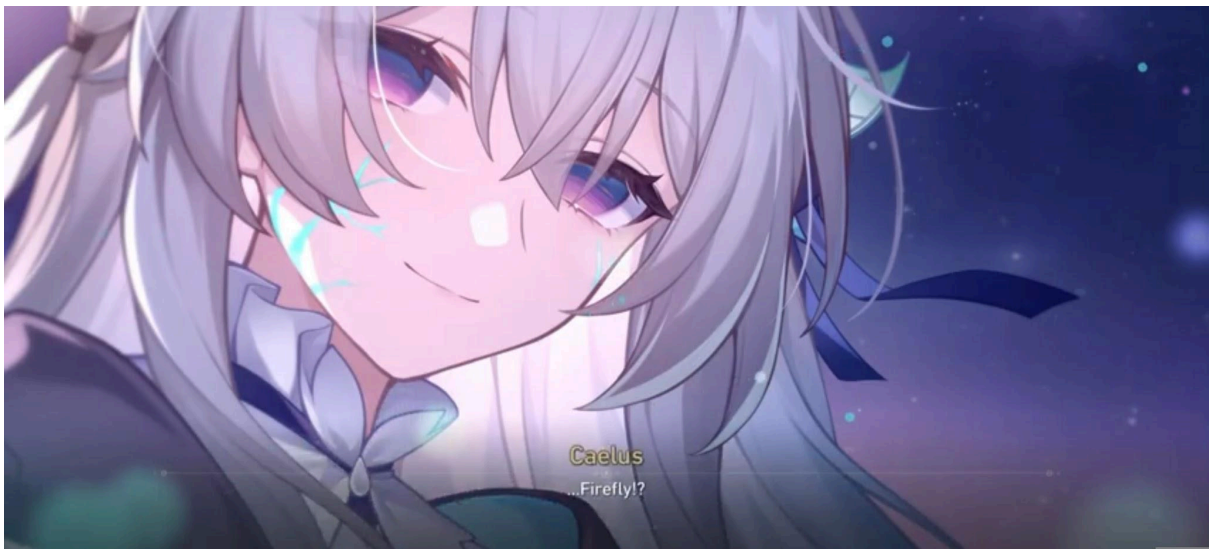


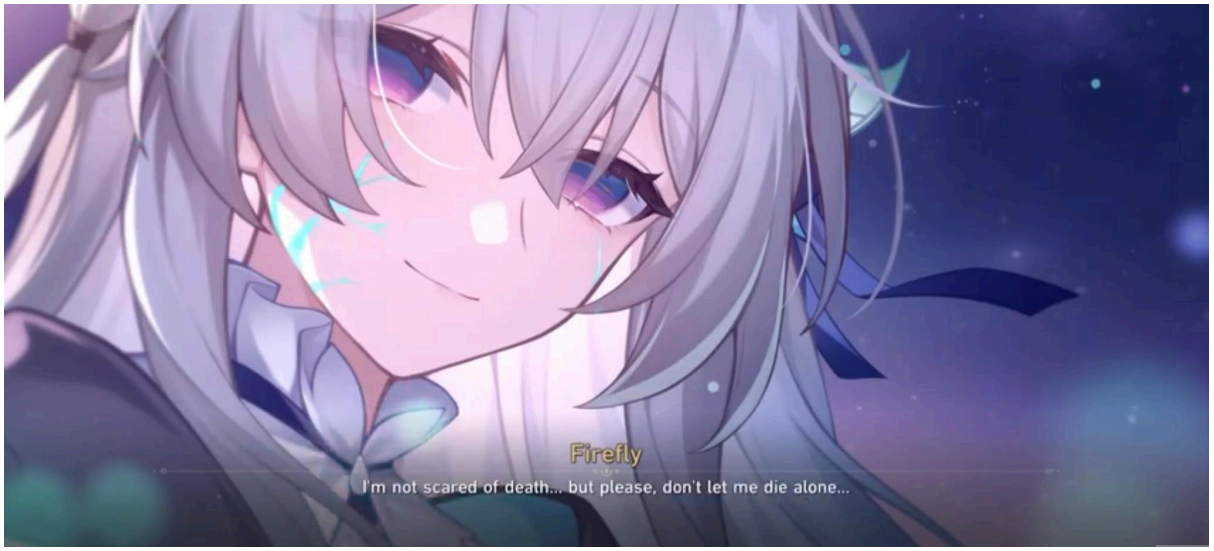
When Robin tried to pursue them to the Dream Edge, Sparkle disguised herself as Sunday and stopped her. This prevented her from interfering in a crucial emotional moment between Firefly and the Pathfinder, allowing their bond to solidify.

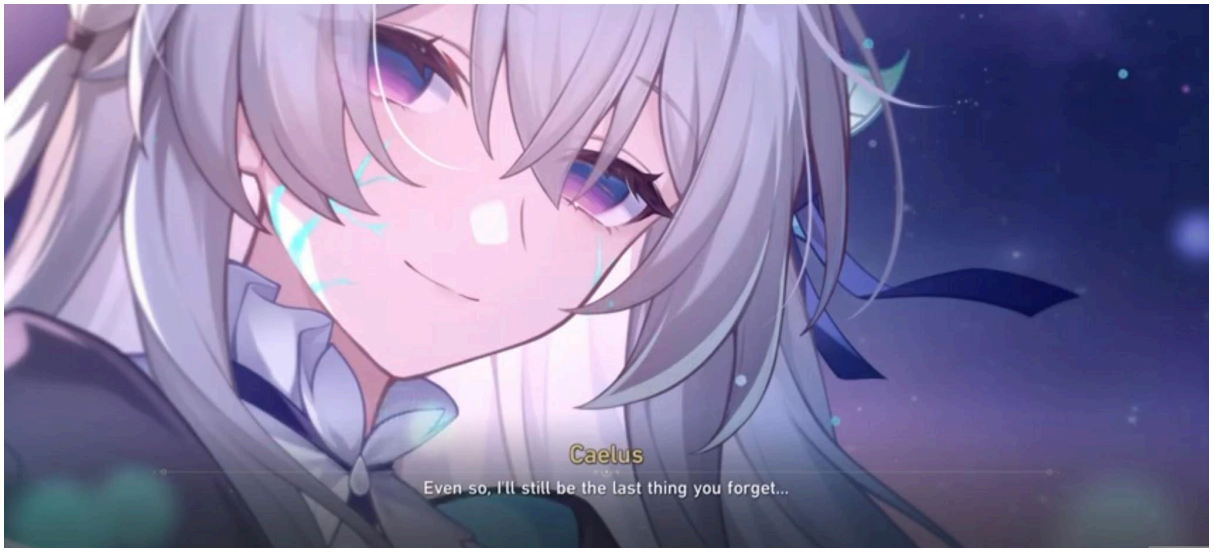


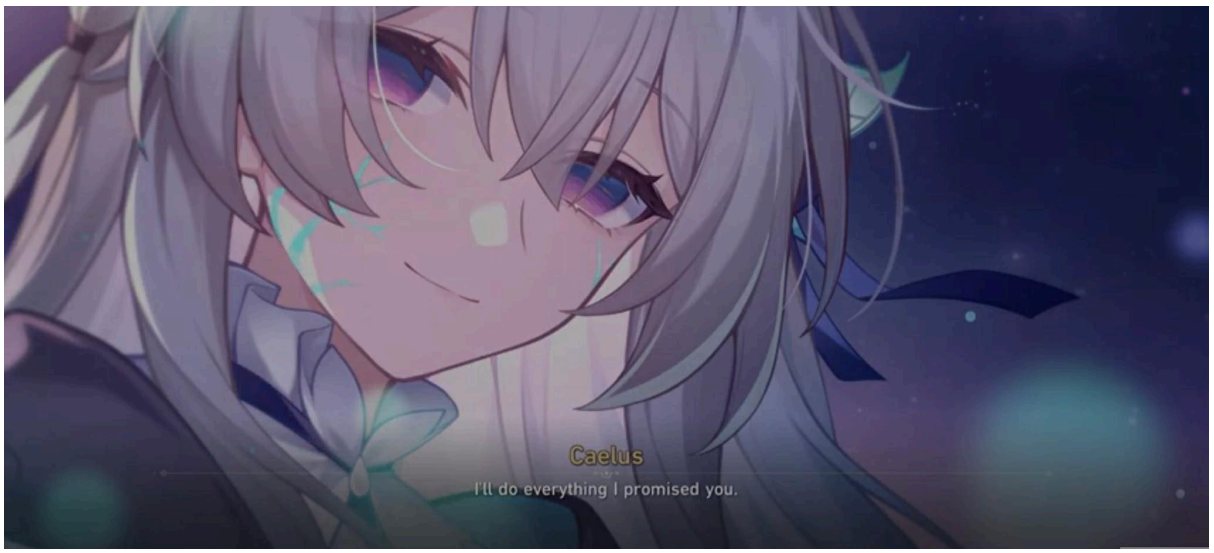





Caelus
...Firefly!?

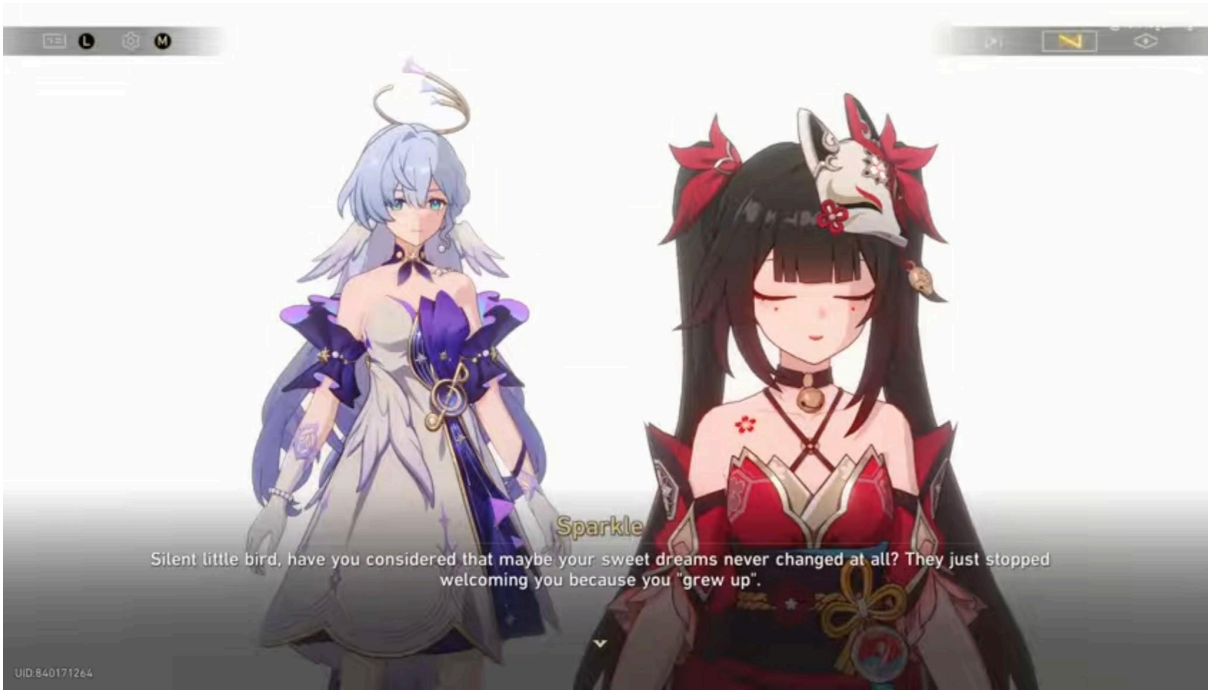

Firefly
I'm not scared of death... but please, don't let me die alone...

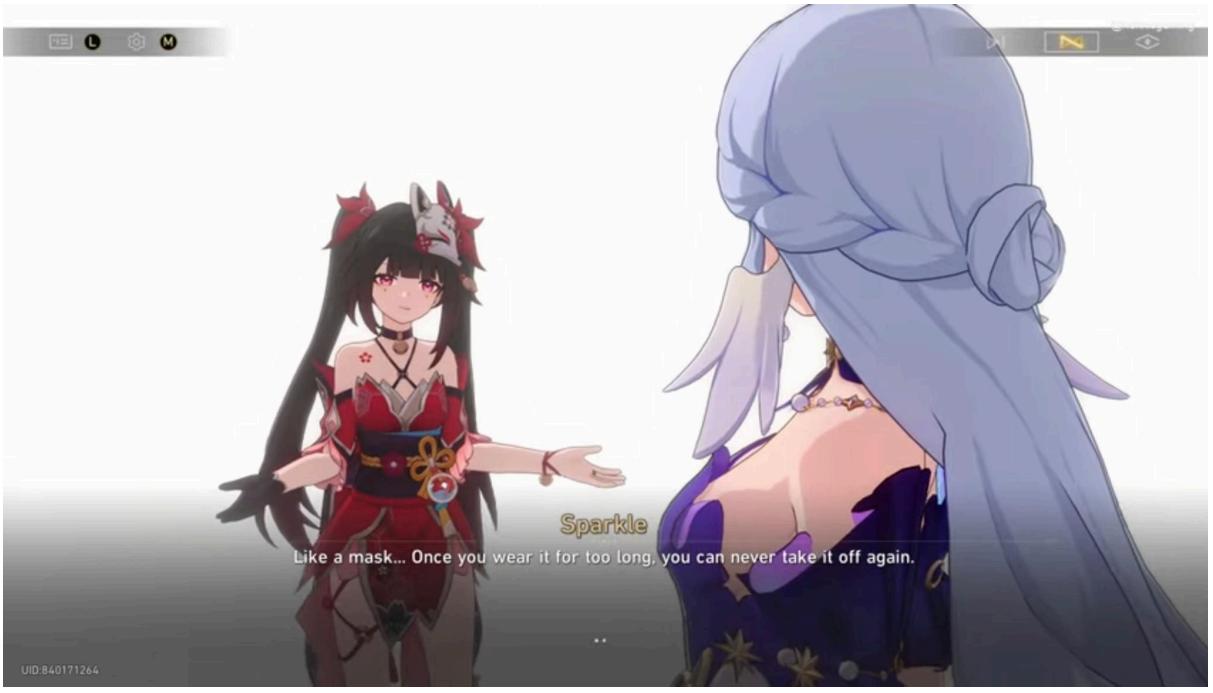

Caelus
Even so, I'll still be the last thing you forget...

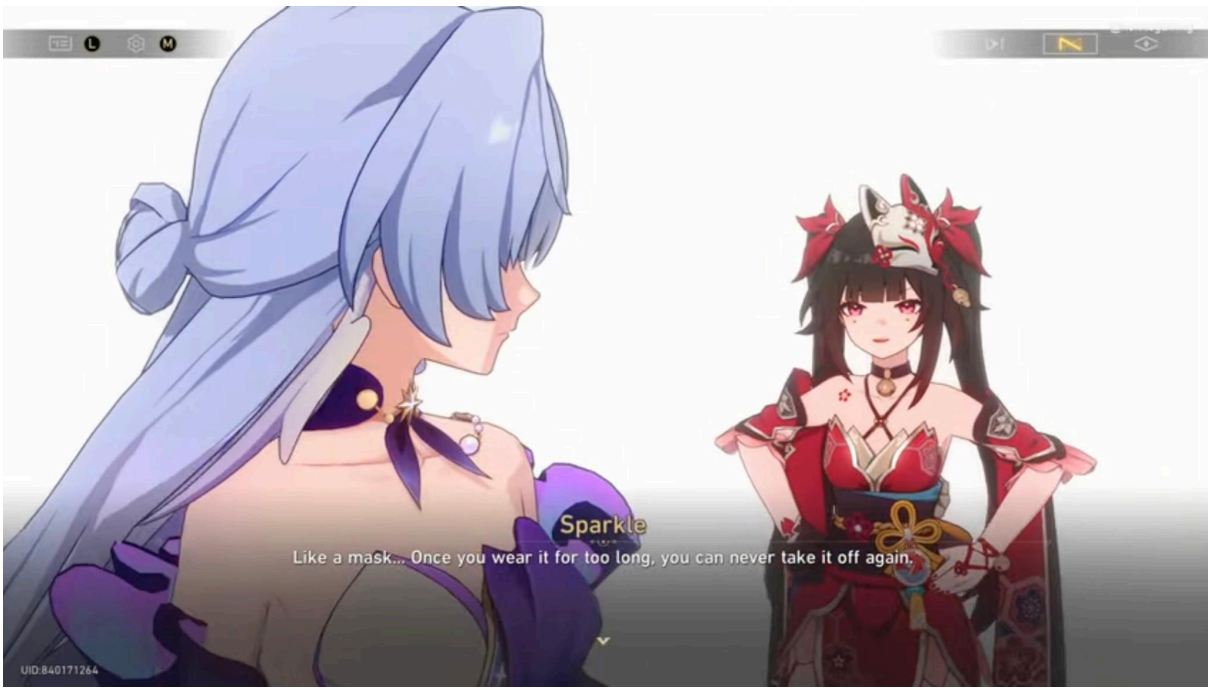


Sparkle then hinted at the Order's interference with Robin's powers before "killing" her and transporting her to Dreamscape Reef.

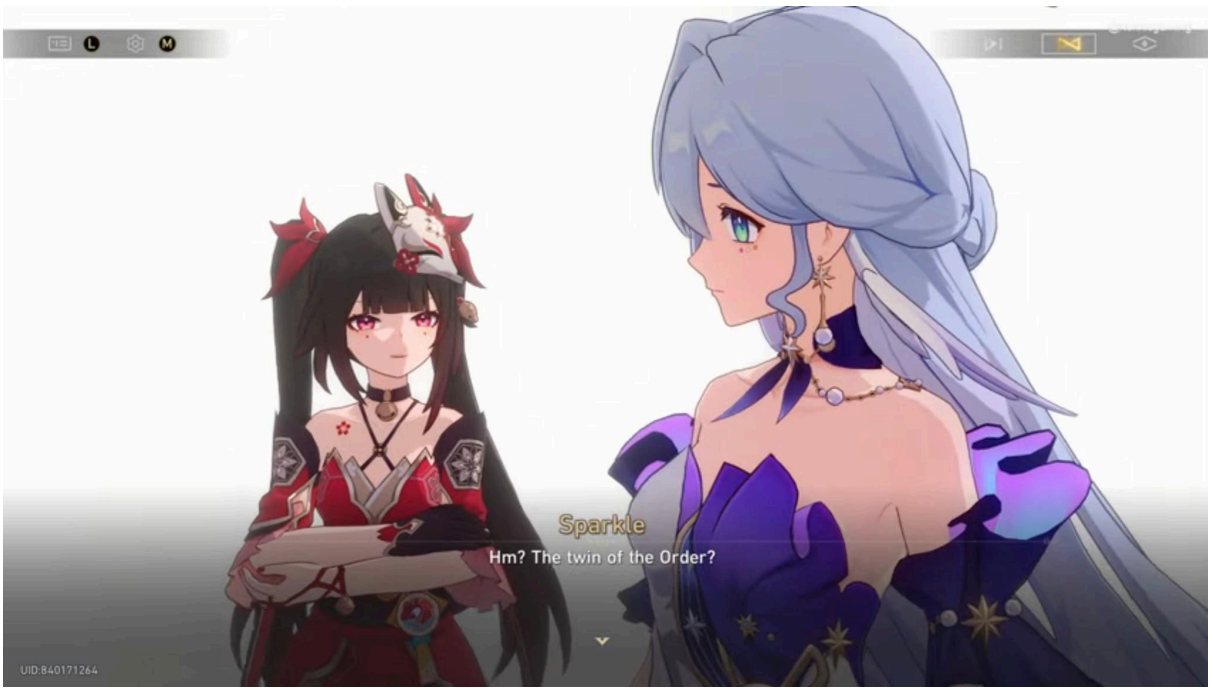



Sparkle
Silent little bird, have you considered that maybe your sweet dreams never changed at all? They just stopped welcoming you because you "grew up".
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Sparkle
Like a mask... Once you wear it for too long, you can never take it off again.
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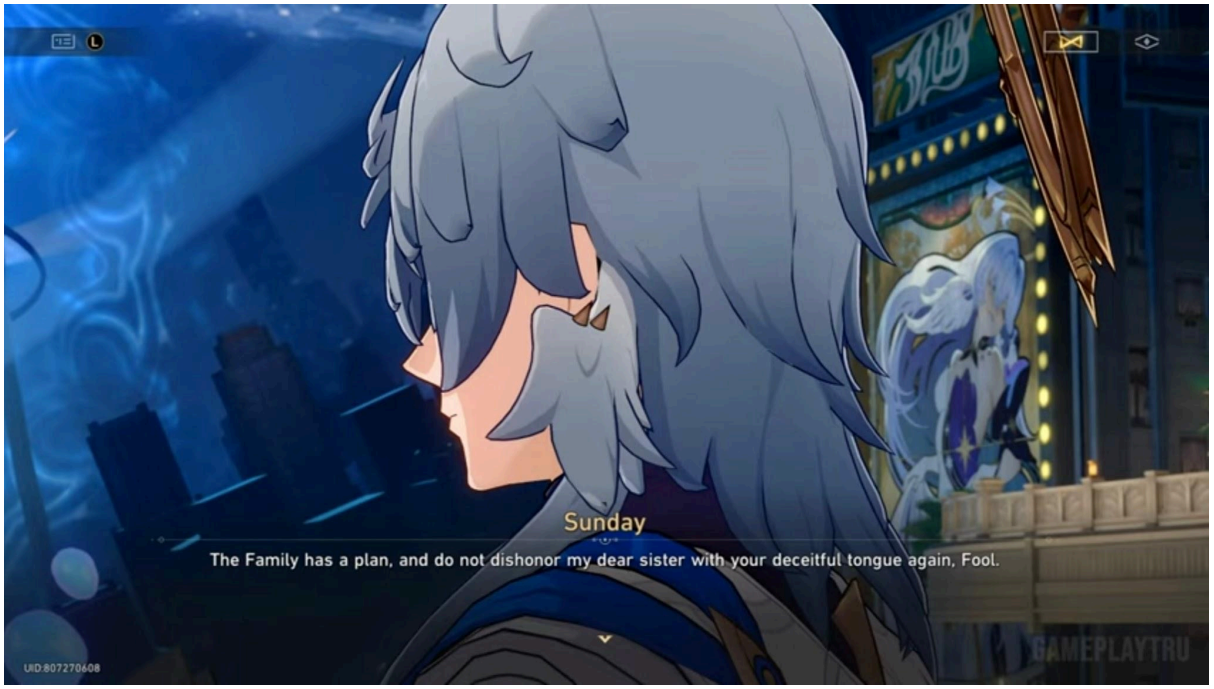

Sparkle
As for that mask of yours... Is it really called the Harmony?
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Sparkle
Hm? The twin of the Order?
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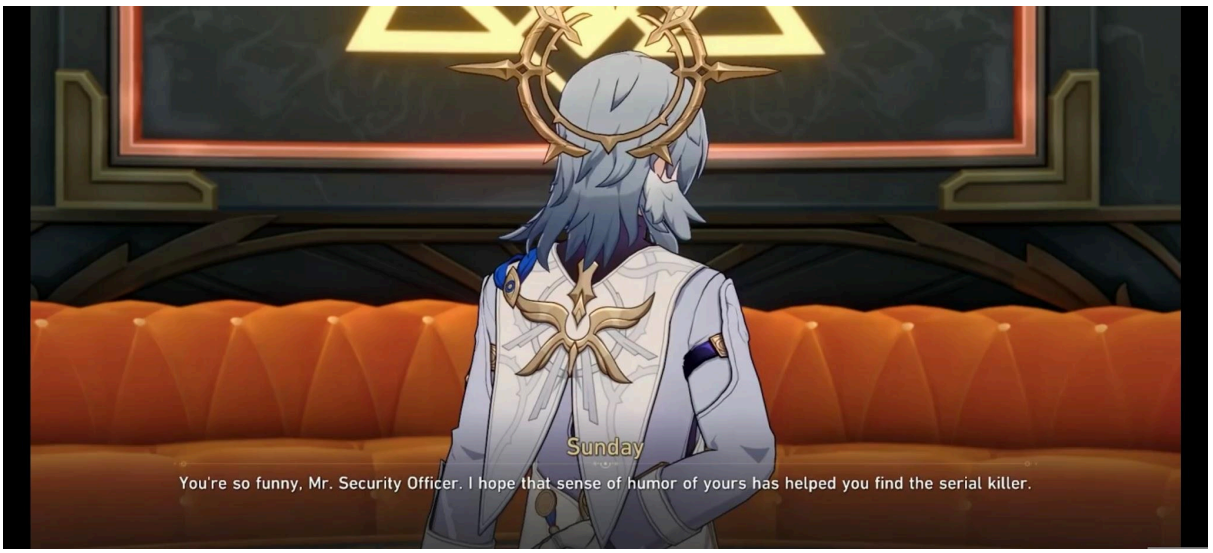

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Sparkle
You know what they say. Robins will fight tooth and nail to protect their territory, even at the cost of their own lives. Looks like that name suits you pretty well.
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This action played a key role in the development of multiple events, including the suspicions surrounding Sunday.

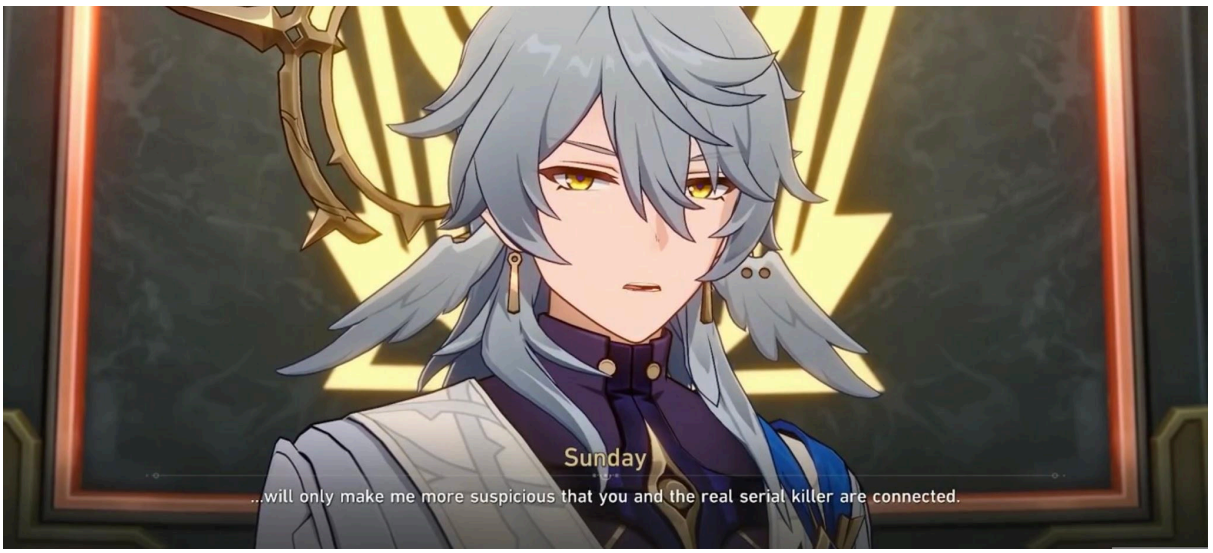


Aventurine's intervention and the subsequent confrontation with Gopher Wood. Sparkle fabricated the crime scene of Robin's supposed murder and presented it to Aventurine, reinforcing the narrative that Gallagher was the culprit and deflecting any suspicion from her.


Sunday
You're so funny, Mr. Security Officer. I hope that sense of humor of yours has helped you find the serial killer.


Gallagher
Just expressing a personal opinion. Why, did I hit a nerve?


Sunday
Mr. Gallagher, my patience is wearing thin. Neglecting duties...


Sunday
...will only make me more suspicious that you and the real serial killer are connected.


Gallagher
Scoundrel, punk, drunk, hooligan... I've heard this trash talk all too often. But I have never once thought that I'd be treated as an accomplice to a murderer!

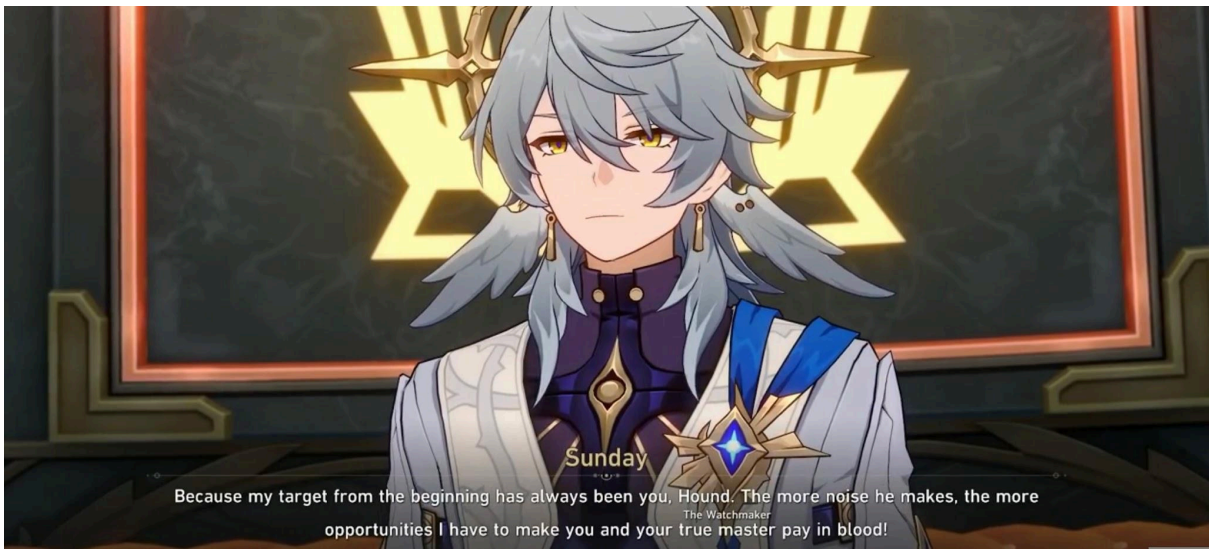

Gallagher
I take back what I said: Your problem isn't paranoia. You're just crazy, you know? Lunatic.

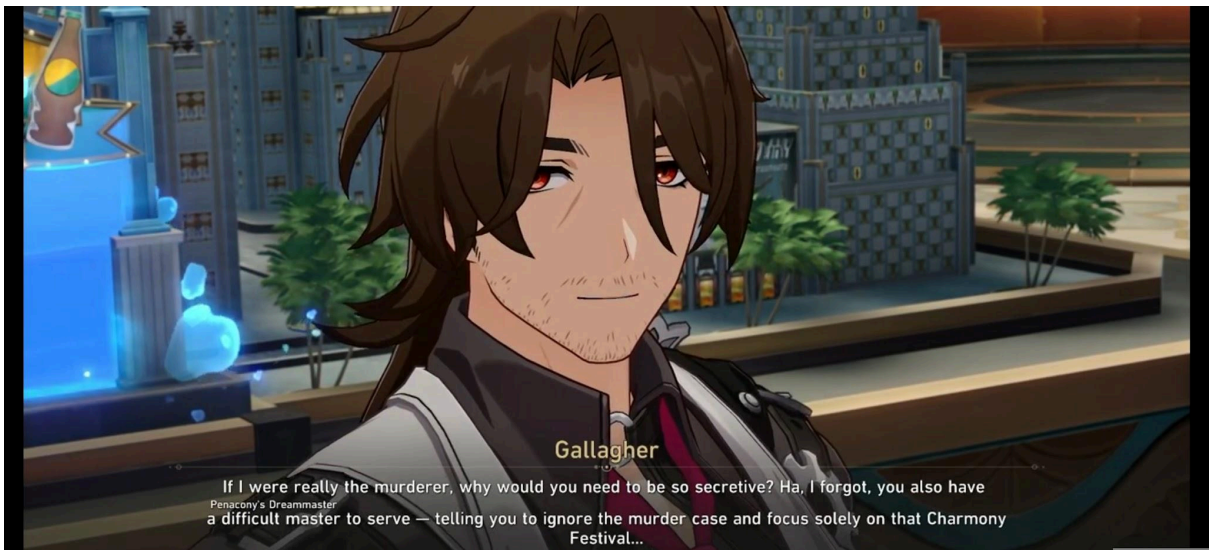

Gallagher
You — The Family — you broke my spine and pulled out my fangs, and now you want to accuse me of murder?
Ridiculous, only idiots who've drunk too much SoulGlad will berate a stray dog on the streets.


Gallagher
What exactly is making you say all this nonsense? You should be more concerned about the outworld visitors
who are making a scene in the theme park than me!


Sunday
I don't need you to remind me. Once that ambassador walks through the doors of the mansion, I will know
what he wants. My servants see everything. His little magic tricks may have fooled me, but no matter, I'm
happy to see how it's turned out.

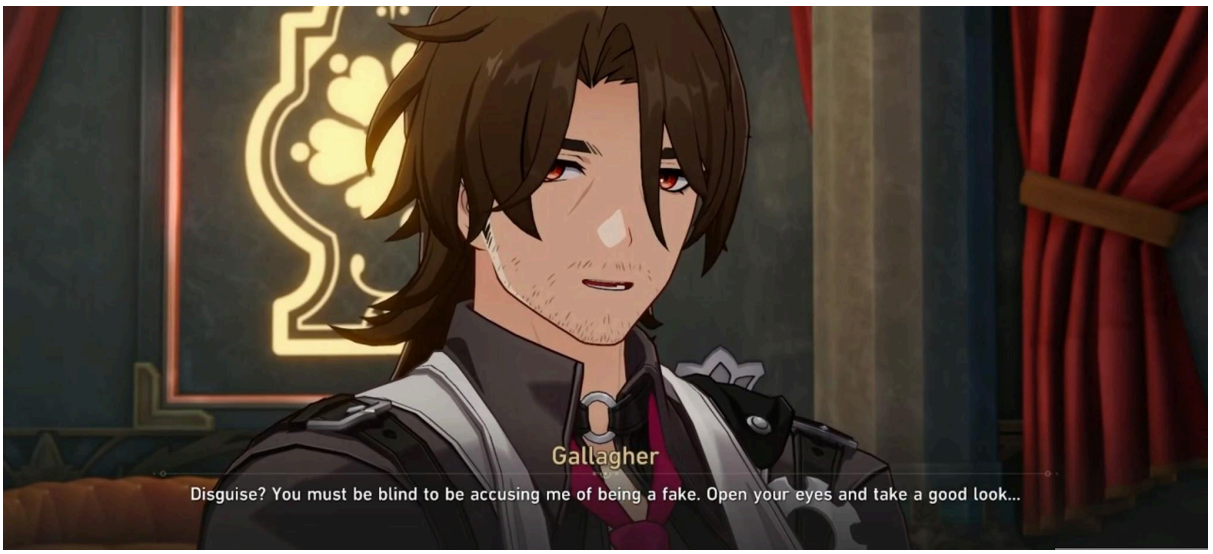

Sunday
Why do you think that I just let him go? And why do you think I emptied the theme park stage?

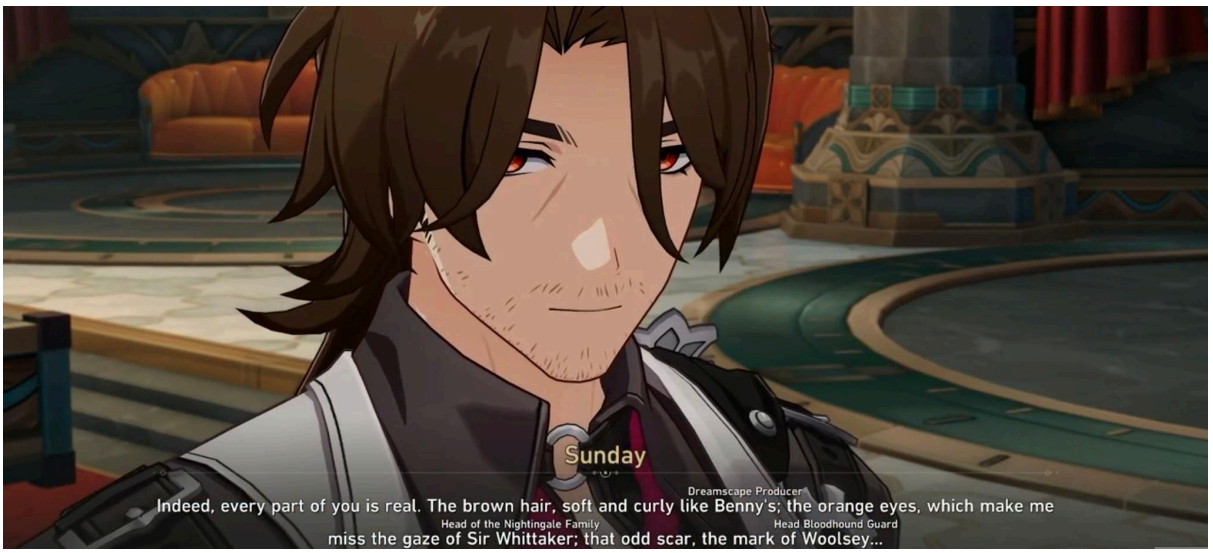

Sunday
Because my target from the beginning has always been you, Hound. The more noise he makes, the more opportunities I have to make you and your true master pay in blood!
The Watchmaker


Gallagher
If I were really the murderer, why would you need to be so secretive? Ha, I forgot, you also have a difficult master to serve — telling you to ignore the murder case and focus solely on that Charmony Festival...
Penacony's Dreammaster


Gallagher
...Isn't that right, my brother?


Sunday
...Looks like your disguise has helped you successfully understand every facet of The Family.


Gallagher
Disguise? You must be blind to be accusing me of being a fake. Open your eyes and take a good look...


Sunday
Dreamscape Producer
Indeed, every part of you is real. The brown hair, soft and curly like Benny's; the orange eyes, which make me
Head of the Nightingale Family
Head Bloodhound Guard
miss the gaze of Sir Whittaker; that odd scar, the mark of Woolsey...


Sunday
And the gray vest, tie, Hound Emblem, bottle, the bartending and your role as a security officer... These are all
true traits...


Sunday
...from all fifty-two loyal Family members.


Sunday
When they are gathered, countless tiny truths are woven together into a lie — you collected a small piece of each of them and claimed them for yourself. Then you invented this facade, a complete Gallagher...

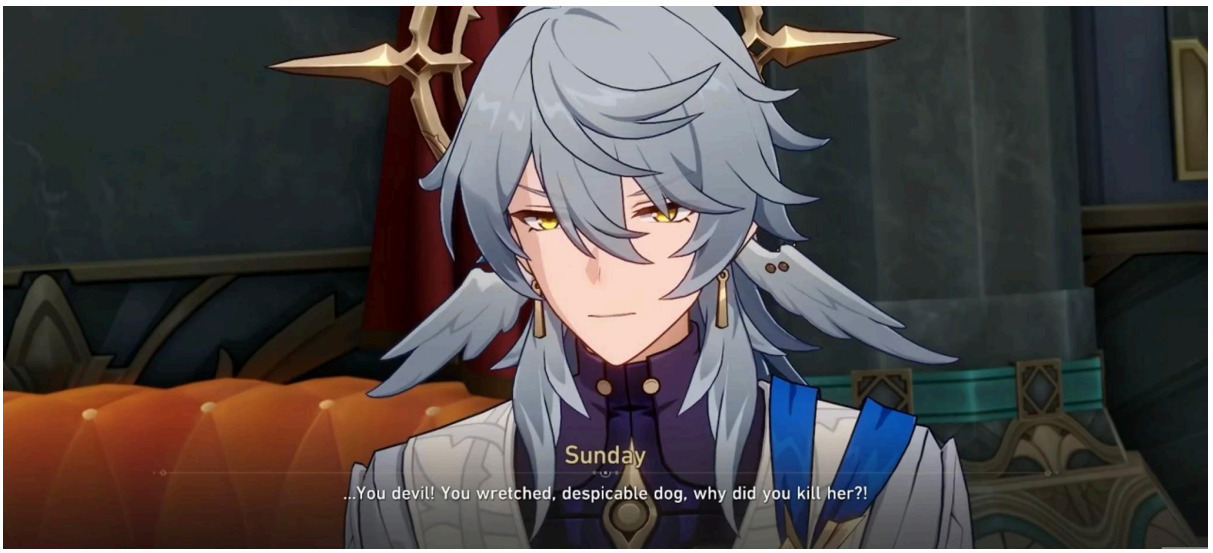

Sunday
...Tell me I'm wrong.


Gallagher
Hahahaha! You have guts. I'll give you that! Not bad. I severely underestimated you...


Gallagher
Admirable. But so what? Can this prove that I murdered your sister and that stowaway?

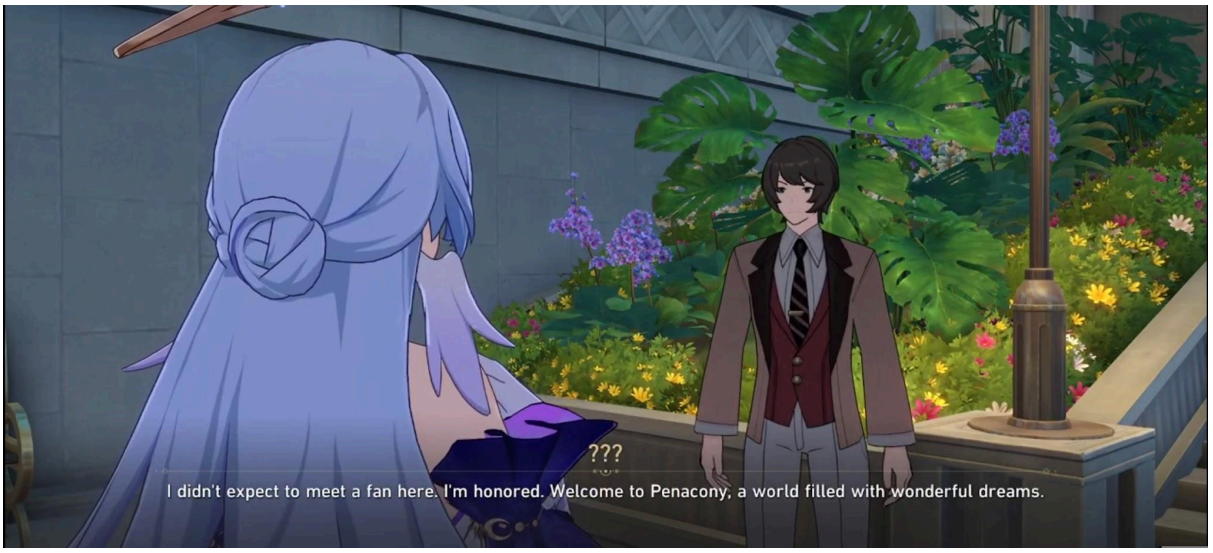

Sunday
This proves that you and the Memory Zone Meme "Death" are linked — and that's enough.

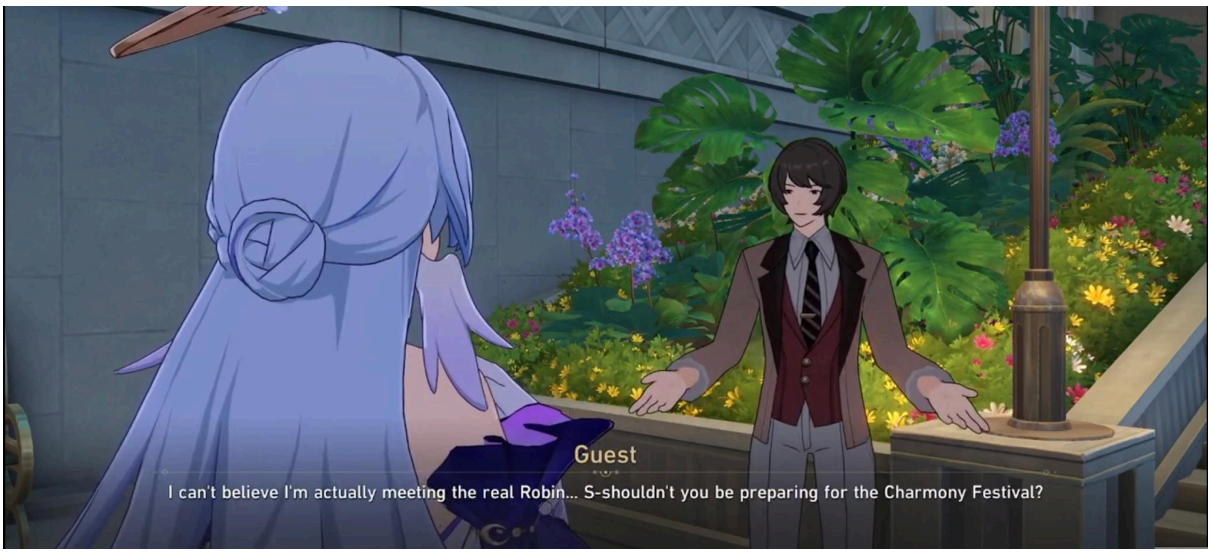

Sunday
Listen up. I don't care how you did it... I only care about one thing, the answer to a question...



She then sent the Pathfinder and Firefly into "A Child's Dream," which allowed Black Swan to intervene. This contributed to the development of Aventurine's plan and allowed her to gather the necessary protagonists for Firefly's first death, which also sent Acheron into the same dream at the precise moment, ensuring he witnessed Firefly's demise. The important thing here is not only that Sparkle knew these events would occur, but how she understood the consequences of each one. The first death functions as an emotional trigger; she knew that by occurring in front of the Pathfinder and other key characters, the emotional impact would make the mystery of Penacony cease to be something external and become something personal. This would change the way the Pathfinder would act, causing him to investigate more thoroughly and further strengthening his connection with Firefly. Her thought here wasn't "Firefly must die," but "what will each person do when this happens?"https://youtu.be/EEpQ2hMCJUs?si=osVXVx-r7oL9-q3u

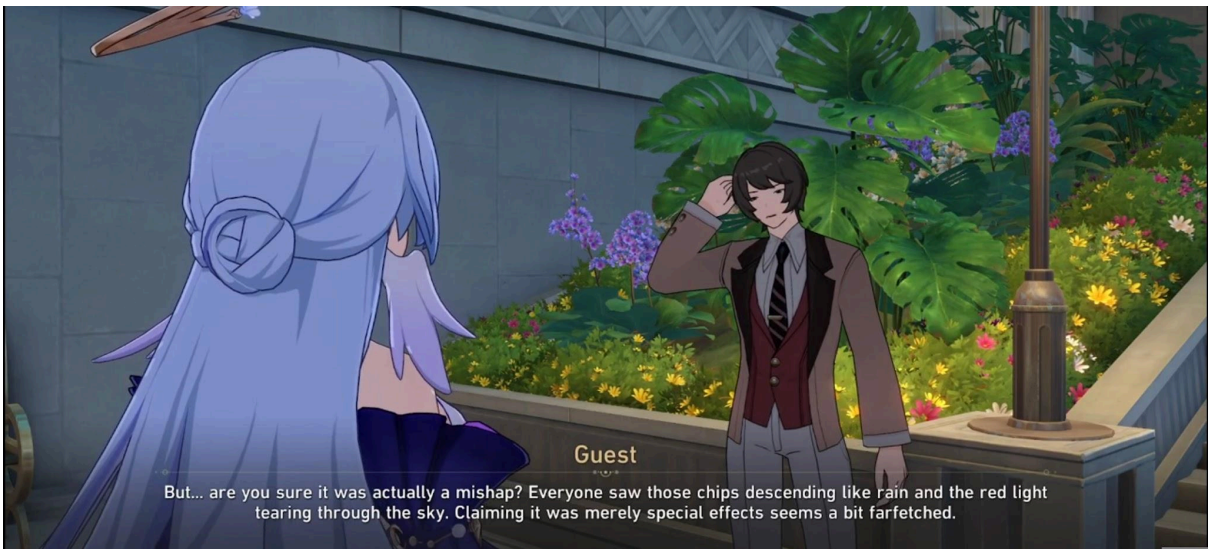
While the other events with Firefly were taking place, Sparkle impersonated Robin in front of the public to help Sunday keep her "death" a secret, preventing panic and allowing the plans of various factions to continue.




Guest
I can't believe I'm actually meeting the real Robin... S-shouldn't you be preparing for the Charmony Festival?


???
Preparation is important, but the ceremony is fundamentally about sharing the Great One's harmony with everyone. If there's a chance to sing with everyone, I will not refuse.


???
Regarding the recent mishap... I understand it negatively impacted some of our guests. As a member of The Family, it's only right for me to come forward and offer my apologies to everyone.







After that, Sparkle provided Aventurine with clues that confirmed his theory about the truth of Penacony, giving him the confidence to carry out his plan. Later, he guided Firefly into the Dream of the Devouring Oak, which triggered a series of crucial events, including his second death and the creation of a breach in the second layer of the Dreamscape. Unlike the first

death, here Firefly ceased to be merely an “emotional trigger” and became an indispensable variable within the plan. Sparkle understood that this event would alter not only the characters involved but also the very workings of the Dreamscape. His reasoning was more abstract, as he used the event to generate a physical fracture within the system, showing that he wasn't just thinking about human relationships but also about how certain events could modify the very structure of Penacony.
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While this was happening, the others had awakened from Ena's dream. Sparkle provoked Robin again by threatening to detonate bombs she had planted. This type of intervention follows the same pattern she has shown throughout the plan, which is to introduce pressure to force decisions within a controlled environment. Sparkle declared, "I planted a bomb on this ship. You have 10 minutes," establishing a time limit that compels everyone to act. This scenario is not merely rhetorical, as it is based on the actual distribution of multiple hidden "bombs" among objects, making the situation a collective problem.https://progameguides.com/honkai-star-rail/how-to-find-the-bombs-based-on-sparkles-wondrous-treasure-map-in-honkai-star-rail/(Reference to the bombs). This motivated Robin to invoke the power of Harmony to protect the population, allowing Sparkle to destroy the deepest layer of the dream without causing casualties. The bomb system wasn't simply a threat from Sparkle, but a construct based on collective pressure and contingency. Sparkle understood how the masses within Penacony reacted, especially during an event like the Harmony Festival. By distributing the buttons, he turned the guests into indirect triggers of the event, while simultaneously anticipating that Robin would intervene to protect them. His reasoning was based on creating enough pressure to force the exact response he needed and thus break the final layer of the dream without causing an actual tragedy.

Ultimately, she orchestrated multiple character arcs, conflicts, and events exactly as she intended. She propelled Sunday and Gopher Wood's plans to near completion, while also orchestrating the destruction of the Dreamscape layers, the awakening of the Astral Express, and the prevention of Sunday's ascension. Furthermore, she orchestrated two of Firefly's deaths with minimal resources, remaining undetected as the mastermind. This outcome perfectly reflects her interventionist philosophy, where she doesn't simply follow events but shapes them according to her own logic—something she herself summarizes in her approach: "If it's not fun anymore, I'll find a way to make it fun!"

Questionable canonicity:

She hid 999 fake bombs on the Charmony Festival airship, making one appear real and informing the Pathfinder. This caused a general emergency and led Firefly to attempt to sacrifice herself to protect everyone. The fireworks explosions made everyone believe she had died, fulfilling her third death without actually killing her and providing a cathartic end to the “performance” she had orchestrated.**Remember this information for later**).

Act 7.5 Sparkle's Plan/ Feats Analysis.

Beyond the direct execution of events, Sparkle's plan in Penacony cannot be understood solely through isolated actions, but rather through the way it articulates and connects

multiple individuals within a single narrative structure. His strategy was not based on direct control, but on manipulating conditions that allow each character to act independently within a pre-established framework.

In Firefly's case, Sparkle's intervention isn't about imposing a decision, but rather guiding her toward scenarios where her emotional development and personal goals lead her to act predictably. By reinforcing her resolve and her connection to the Pathfinder, Sparkle not only influences her behavior, but also ensures that events like her sacrifice occur organically within the narrative, serving as a pivotal point for the plan's progression.

With Aventurine, the relationship is based on the provision of fragmented information and strategic stimuli that strengthen his suspicions and drive him to act. Sparkle doesn't explicitly direct his actions, but provides him with the necessary elements for him to construct his own line of reasoning, making him an active participant in the development of the conflict.

In Robin's case, her role within the plan is even more evident in structural terms. Her "death" doesn't function merely as an isolated event, but as a catalyst that triggers multiple chain reactions, affecting both Sunday and the other factions present in Penacony. The manipulation of her public image and subsequent impersonation allow Sparkle to control collective perception, maintaining the stability of the environment while events continue to unfold.

On the other hand, the interaction with Acheron demonstrates a different approach, based on evaluation and strategic positioning. By testing her and observing her capabilities, Sparkle not only obtains key information about her power but also determines her role within the overall development of the plan, anticipating her relevance in subsequent events.

Even characters like Sunday and Gallagher are integrated into this structure through the manipulation of information and the creation of specific scenarios. Instead of directly opposing them, Sparkle allows his own plans to unfold, using them as part of the system that will eventually lead to the desired outcome.

As events unfold in Penacony, Sparkle's actions begin to reveal a rather specific pattern. Although he often acts chaotically, mockingly, or seemingly spontaneously, several of his interventions occur precisely at moments when the balance of power is about to shift. This suggests that Sparkle not only understood the current state of Penacony but also the direction in which events were heading. If he truly had partial access to Elio's script, then his advantage wouldn't stem solely from "knowing the future" but from understanding which events were inevitable, which characters would play a significant role, and which actions could accelerate the scenario's development without completely altering the overall flow of events. This would explain why he seemed to know exactly whom to approach, which conflicts to provoke, and when to intervene to push certain situations in the direction he needed.

This becomes much more evident as Sparkle not only manipulates characters individually, but also begins to coordinate multiple storylines simultaneously. While characters like Aventurine, Sunday, Robin, and Firefly progress through their own conflicts, Sparkle continues to intervene at various points in the scenario without losing overall control of the

situation. On one hand, she manipulates emotions, suspicions, and tensions among the characters, and on the other, she continues to physically prepare the scenario by distributing the buttons and constantly moving through different areas of the Dreamscape. This implies that Sparkle not only understood the relationships between the characters, but also the spatial and functional structure of Penacony itself. After exploring the environment and observing how the dream system operated, she seems to have developed an extremely detailed understanding of the city, memorizing routes, important areas, and strategic points that she later used to move undetected and interfere in different parts of the scenario. This also significantly alters the perception of the bombs and buttons scattered throughout Penacony.*(which I will discuss in more detail later)*.Instead of being seen merely as chaotic pranks or absurd threats, they begin to function as elements pre-positioned within a scenario that Sparkle had been preparing for some time. The massive deployment of these devices required not only mobility and spatial awareness of the environment, but also the ability to coordinate multiple actions while continuing to manipulate the emotional and narrative flow of the main characters.

Most importantly, Sparkle never seems to lose overall control of the situation, even when multiple conflicts occur simultaneously. While other characters react to Penacony's chaos or try to understand what's really happening, she acts as someone who already expected the scenario to unfold in that direction and simply adjusts small pieces to ensure the plot continues to develop until it reaches the desired outcome. All these interactions demonstrate that Sparkle's plan isn't built on individual actions, but rather on a network of relationships where each character fulfills a specific role within a larger structure. Her true strength lies not in absolute control, but in her ability to anticipate behaviors, manipulate contexts, and coordinate multiple narrative threads without constant direct intervention—qualities that would be very positive for her.

One of the most fundamental parts of his plan is that Sparkle had already orchestrated the grand spectacle he was putting on against Aventurine, and the formulation/process of his plan—pay attention to this.

The key dialogue to understand what I'm talking about is when Sparkle says something like to Aventurine: "If you can't convince anyone, why don't you befriend a rock? At least a rock won't be able to refute your arguments."

He had also told him later: “Befriend a mute person.”

Aventurine interprets the clue as Robin, who is called "the mute" in that Robin ends up becoming a central piece in the investigation into the "deaths" of the Dreamscape.

Here Sparkle is using manipulation, deception, and other categories of cunning, as she gives a clue that can be interpreted in several ways:

- "time"
- "rock"

someone who cannot refute arguments

This makes Aventurine think he figured something out on his own, feel he reached the conclusion through his own intelligence. This is important because when someone believes an idea is their own, they pursue it with more determination.

When Sparkle later says “make friends with a rock,” he’s doing something deeper; what he’s achieving is ridiculing Aventurine’s failure, and this has two psychological effects:

1. Provoke Aventurine's ego, since he is extremely proud and the mockery motivates him to prove that he was not wrong.

2. Force him to insist

The provocation makes Aventurine continue investigating and not abandon his theory, which Sparkle obviously uses to fuel his plan by exploiting the opponent's pride.

Now, Sparkle's plan needed several things, such as:

1. That Aventurine investigate the deaths at Dreamscape.

2. That he suspected the Family.

3. That he interacted with Robin.

4. That he would develop his own strategy.

Now here's the context.

The clue about the "mute" woman points precisely in that direction, prompting Aventurine to write letters to Robin and investigate her "death," which would begin to shape his own plan against the Family. Thus, Sparkle activates another player on the board without giving them direct orders.

Now, there's a rather interesting theory about Sparkle's comment to Aventurine that he'd "better befriend a rock." At first glance, the dialogue seems like just a typical Sparkle taunt, but when analyzed within the full context of the events in Penacony and the plan she was orchestrating, the phrase can be interpreted as having more than one layer of meaning.

On one hand, Aventurine ends up interpreting the clue as a reference to Robin, whom many consider "the mute" due to her position within the story and the mystery surrounding her "death." This interpretation fits perfectly with Sparkle's manipulation of him, as it indirectly pushes him to delve deeper into Robin's case and the irregularities of the Dreamscape. However, the theory proposes that Sparkle's phrase could also be indirectly pointing to another, much more important figure in the Penacony mystery, and that is...**Misha**.

THEORY OF MISHA (TOM/Process)

Misha is an extremely peculiar character within the narrative because his existence is deeply intertwined with Dreamscape itself. Misha is a figure deeply connected to the Clockmaker's legacy, dreams, and the very structure of Penacony. His identity transcends that of a simple bellboy, opening the door to more complex interpretations of his role in the story. For much of the narrative, he behaves almost as if he were invisible to many of the conflict's players, and his presence has an eerie quality, as if he belongs more to the dream system than to the real world. This leads some to interpret the idea of the "mute person" or even the metaphor of the "rock" as referring to someone who is present on the scene but cannot directly intervene in the conversation or the normal power dynamics. In other words, someone who observes more than participates, or whose nature renders him incapable of contradicting other players on the scene.

From Sparkle's abstract perspective, this double meaning fits perfectly with her modus operandi. She rarely gives direct instructions, instead dropping ambiguous comments that function as open-ended clues, allowing the other characters to draw their own conclusions. Aventurine believes he has deciphered the clue by associating it with Robin, which propels him forward with his investigation, but at the same time, the phrase remains vague enough to apply to other figures within the Dreamscape as well. This reinforces the idea that Sparkle wasn't just manipulating Aventurine at that moment, but was playing with multiple interpretations simultaneously—something that aligns with her philosophy of viewing the entire Penacony conflict as a theatrical performance in which each character plays a different role.

From this perspective, that line ceases to be merely a joke and becomes an example of the kind of indirect manipulation Sparkle constantly employs. She introduces an idea, lets another character interpret it in the way that seems most logical to them, and then watches as that interpretation moves the story toward the outcome she had already foreseen. This is precisely what happens with Aventurine, whose interpretation of the clue ends up leading him to become even more involved in the mystery of Penacony and to develop the plan that will subsequently trigger several of the story's most important events.

Now consider how it all fits into the overall pattern of Sparkle's plan in Penacony and the way she handles information, psychological manipulation, and indirect guidance that she has been creating.

From the very beginning of the story, Sparkle demonstrates that it never conveys information directly. Its clues are always disguised as jokes, sarcasm, or absurd metaphors. This is not accidental; it's a deliberate technique that works on two levels.

First, she protects her position as a hidden actress. Because no one can accuse her of having revealed explicit information.

Second, it forces the other characters to interpret his words. This means that they themselves end up making decisions based on the interpretation they believe to be correct. That is a clear feat of indirect manipulation.

When Sparkle tells Aventurine to befriend a mute person, she's seemingly just ridiculing his inability to understand the clue. However, that interaction reveals a clever move: Sparkle

knew Aventurine was trying to unravel the mystery of Penacony and deliberately gave him an ambiguous clue. This demonstrates absurdly good anticipation; she understands that Aventurine is intelligent enough to look for hidden meanings, so she crafted a phrase that could be interpreted in multiple ways. In terms of intelligence scaling, this shows incredible prediction in her favor; Sparkle had calculated how someone with Aventurine's analytical mind would react.

This is where the theory related to Misha comes in. Misha is one of the strangest characters within the Dreamscape. He appears in places where other characters shouldn't normally be able to see him; his existence is deeply tied to the dream system, and he has a direct connection to the Clockmaker's legacy. Narratively, he behaves almost like a part of the dreamscape itself, rather than an independent character. If we look at Sparkle's metaphor from this perspective, the comparison to a "rock" makes sense: a rock is something that is always present in the scene but doesn't actively participate in the conversation or contradict anyone.

If Sparkle's statement was indirectly alluding to Misha, then the intellectual feat is even greater. It would mean that Sparkle not only understood the structure of the Dreamscape but also identified which entities within it were crucial to uncovering the truth. This aligns with other feats we saw in his plan, where Sparkle infiltrates Penacony before almost everyone else, manipulates invitations that draw multiple factions to the planet, and anticipates the roles each group will play in the story. These actions demonstrate large-scale strategic planning.

Furthermore, Sparkle consistently demonstrates an understanding of other characters' motivations and psychological weaknesses. With Aventurine, she uses provocation and sarcasm to push him further into his investigation. With other characters, she employs theatrical performances, false identities, and absurdist humor to control the emotional tone of conversations—another significant feat.

All of this reinforces the idea that his comment wasn't just a taunt. Even if Aventurine didn't grasp the deeper meaning, the phrase served several purposes simultaneously: ridiculing him, psychologically destabilizing him, and possibly hinting at a key element of the Dreamscape. This kind of multi-layered communication is typical of characters who operate as narrative manipulators. They don't just move pieces; they also control how others interpret the game.

Ultimately, what supports the theory isn't direct confirmation within the story, but rather its consistency with Sparkle's overall behavior. Her actions in Penacony demonstrate that she constantly works with fragmented information, ambiguous clues, and indirect psychological manipulation. In that context, a seemingly absurd phrase would perfectly fit her style. As we've been discussing, Sparkle is someone who rarely takes things seriously, and crafting double entendres to be more mocking aligns with her character. And if analyzed from a more abstract perspective, this makes the scene an interesting feat for Sparkle. It demonstrates her ability to guide the reasoning of intelligent characters without ever revealing the answer, something often considered an advanced form of manipulation and strategy in scaling.

Key points that strengthen this feat:

When Sparkle states that “in this dream, everything is permitted, everything is possible,” she explicitly establishes the rules of the scenario in which she operates. This phrase wasn't a poetic description, but rather a validation that she understands Penacony's flexible nature. For her, reality isn't fixed, but malleable, allowing her to consider manipulation, deception, and the distortion of events as entirely viable tools within her plan. This understanding is what grants her the freedom to act without the limitations that affect other characters, who still perceive the environment as something stable or coherent.

This perception is complemented by another of his statements: “We all came here with a goal… and we believe we’ve achieved it.” Here, Sparkle not only acknowledges the existence of multiple motivations but also demonstrates his ability to analyze others as agents within a larger structure. He doesn’t see them as isolated individuals but as pieces moving forward, believing they have fulfilled their purpose. This understanding allows him to anticipate behaviors and exploit false senses of accomplishment or security, thus manipulating the decisions of others without needing to impose direct control. At this point, his advantage lies not only in what he does but in what he understands before acting.

However, it is in the execution that this understanding becomes fully tangible. The statement, “I planted a bomb on this ship, you have 10 minutes,” represents the materialization of all the above. This action cannot be interpreted as an impulsive or chaotic act; on the contrary, it functions as a tool designed to force a specific state in others—that is, to create pressure, urgency, and disorganization. By introducing a time limit, Sparkle reduces his opponents' analytical capacity, forcing them to act reactively and, therefore, predictably. In this way, he transforms chaos into a controlled environment where human responses can be anticipated and used to his advantage.

The key point is that these three ideas—the nature of dreams, individual goals, and crisis creation—don't operate in isolation, but rather as parts of a single structure. First, Sparkle understands the system and its rules; then, he analyzes the actors within that system; and finally, he intervenes strategically to guide the unfolding events. This process demonstrates that his behavior isn't improvised, but rather the result of planning based on anticipation.

I can safely say that these actions might superficially be interpreted as chaotic, but they take on a completely different meaning. The crisis is not an accident, but a tool. The pressure is not a side effect, but a deliberate mechanism. And the environment, far from being uncertain, is a space that Sparkle understands well enough to manipulate.
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Remember I said earlier that the 999 bombs thing could be questionable? Let's dismantle how much of an antifeat it can be. For that, we'll go back to a key moment in 2.3, when Robin finishes giving his speech.

The following dialogue explains it better:

"It's all thanks to that Masked Fool

Miss Sparkle will explain the situation personally!

How dare you show yourself in this group???

Time for us to teach you a lesson!

Sure! Then come through the internet and try to catch me

All right, down to business!

Is everyone flabbergasted yet? Weren't Miss Sparkle's buttons all confiscated already? Why is the bomb timer still active?

Actually, all credit goes to our brave Hounds! Thanks to their meticulous efforts in gathering the buttons, Miss Sparkle was able to press all of them one by one—

...

Miss Sparkle's certainly worked her finger to the bone... Pressing through a whopping 100,000 buttons, she spent a whole 48 system hours on it!
...

What the fridge is wrong with you???

Do not be crass, my silver cowboy!

All the other things you could've done with this level of patience...

...

Your appreciation is received! Of course, it was still down to Miss Sparkle's luck—

I don't know why, but there were a total of 16,537 esteemed Dreamchasers who volunteered to help Mistress Sparkle bear her burden... Girls who like to smile are always the ones with decent luck—

Anyway, the bomb Miss Sparkle placed on the cruise ship is hidden among 999 dolls

You bright-eyed people will surely find where the real bomb is hidden. Good luck!

Don't panic. We'll deal with this together

Everyone, please don't make any commotion to cause unnecessary panic

I will arrange for The Family members to prep for evac. But we'll still have to rely on you all to find and defuse the bomb

(All set... let's start following the plan)”

Sparkle makes her presence known through her intervention in the group chat, where she not only participates in a seemingly hopeless situation but also reveals that she was responsible for orchestrating it from the start. The sequence begins with a direct accusation against the "Masked Fool," establishing a narrative of guilt from the outset. However, before the others can fully process the situation, Sparkle enters the group under the seemingly trivial identity of "Where to watch the fireworks" and declares, "Miss Sparkle will explain the situation personally." This initial move cannot be mere coincidence. Sparkle not only appears but does so in an environment brimming with emotion, suggesting prior staged action. The group's immediate hostility, reflected in phrases like*“How dare you show up?”*the*It's time to teach you a lesson."*This indicates that the collective perception has already been shaped before her direct intervention. Instead of de-escalating the situation, Sparkle responds provocatively: “Then come across the internet and try to catch me.” This act transforms the group's reaction into an active chase, pushing the participants to act impulsively and predictably. The situation escalates when she introduces the central element of the crisis: the bomb. By questioning why the timer is still running despite the buttons having been confiscated, Sparkle not only increases the tension but also indirectly reveals the complexity of the scenario she has constructed. The key lies in her subsequent explanation: thanks to the efforts of the “Hounds” collecting the buttons, she was able to press them all one by one. This statement implies that the actions of others, seemingly aimed at solving the problem, were actually integrated into her own plan. Here we observe a critical point: Sparkle does not act alone but uses others as extensions of her strategy. The revelation that she pressed 100,000 buttons over 48 hours not only emphasizes her dedication but also confirms the existence of prolonged preparation. This cannot be considered a spontaneous act, but rather the result of a meticulous process combining patience, planning, and control of the environment. The moment reaches its climax when she introduces the final riddle: the bomb is hidden among 999 dolls. With this statement, Sparkle transforms the crisis into a game of hide-and-seek, forcing the others to invest time, effort, and coordination under pressure. By immediately withdrawing from the chat, she leaves the others in a state of uncertainty, ensuring they continue to act within the conditions she has established. Most importantly, after her departure, the remaining characters, such as Himeko and Robin, are forced to organize a structured response, transitioning from a state of chaos to one of forced cooperation. This change does not occur naturally, but as a direct consequence of the scenario imposed by Sparkle. Even the Pathfinder's final decision to "start following the plan" reflects that everyone's actions have been channeled in a specific direction.
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Throughout the events surrounding Penacony, we see that Sparkle doesn't manipulate the characters by directly telling them what to do. Instead, his approach involves modifying the environment in which they make decisions. This includes how information is presented, people's emotional states, and the overall context in which events occur. Looking at different cases, a pattern emerges. For example, Sunday reaches an incorrect conclusion about Gallagher not because someone tells her directly, but because she tries to piece together an explanation with incomplete information while under emotional pressure. In Robin's case, her situation generates a strong emotional impact that affects how others react, making their

decisions more impulsive. With Firefly, he isn't forced to act, but he's placed in a situation where, driven by his own motivations, he ends up making a key decision. And with the buttons, people don't press them because they're completely unaware of the risk, but because they believe they're part of a spectacle and not something dangerous. In all these examples, the same thing happens: people feel they are making decisions for themselves, but in reality, they are reacting to a pre-arranged environment. Sparkle didn't directly control what they think, but it does influence how they interpret what is happening. This leads them to fill in the gaps in their information and reach conclusions that fit the situation, even if they are incorrect. This type of manipulation is indirect because it doesn't rely on blatant lies or clear orders, but rather on subtle shifts in perception. For example, in the case of the buttons, instead of concealing their danger, Sparkle alters how they are understood, presenting them as part of a show. It also introduces doubts or distractions to prevent people from calmly analyzing the situation. This can cause someone to question their initial impression or fail to perceive the true risk.

That's why their manipulation is difficult to detect; from the characters' point of view, everything seems to make sense with the information they have. They don't see direct intervention, but rather believe their conclusions are their own. In reality, these conclusions are influenced by the context in which they were presented, and the main criticism of Sparkle's bomb plan revolves around how exaggerated it seems from a completely realistic perspective. The argument maintains that it's implausible that someone could hide hundreds of giant dolls throughout the Radiant Feldspar without being detected, and it also questions how the characters found absurd quantities of dolls in such a short time while the real bomb remained hidden. The behavior of characters like Firefly, the symbolic nature of her "third death," and the true purpose behind distributing hundreds of buttons only to activate one are also criticized. Overall, the complaint interprets the plan from a logistical and completely literal perspective, concluding that many parts function more as narrative exaggeration or absurdist comedy than as a coherent plan.

However, this approach ignores something quite important: Sparkle never operates under completely normal rules. Throughout Penacony, she is consistently shown as someone who specializes in manipulation, illusions, and attention control. She didn't act like an ordinary person physically hiding objects one by one, but rather as someone capable of moving within the Dreamscape, altering how others perceive their surroundings. This had already been demonstrated earlier when she interacted with the Trailblazer practically in front of other characters without being immediately detected.
The important point of the plan is not only "how he hid the dolls", but how he managed to control collective attention within an already unstable and chaotic dream environment.

Furthermore, several situations within the plan suggest that Sparkle likely didn't set up all the puppets from the start, but rather adapted the scenario as events unfolded. This aligns much better with her behavior throughout Penacony; Sparkle constantly observes how the characters react and adjusts her moves in real time, using the chaos as part of the spectacle itself. From this perspective, the final bombshell didn't necessarily have to be exposed from the beginning. It's far more coherent to think that Sparkle allowed everyone to focus their attention on the false threats while reserving the truly crucial move for the end, maintaining control of the situation even when others believed they were resolving the problem.

Another important point is the situation with Black Swan. Although the threat of "memetic entities turning into bananas" was absurd, the true objective didn't seem to be to literally convince her, but rather to alter her behavior and make her act cautiously. Sparkle understands very well how people react to ambiguous or potentially dangerous information, and therefore, rather than directly confronting Black Swan, she uses disinformation and deliberate absurdities to slow down her intervention and keep her distracted. This demonstrates that much of her strategy doesn't rely solely on traditional deception, but on manipulating priorities, perceptions, and psychological decisions within the scenario. Seen in this light, the bomb plot ceases to depend solely on unrealistic logistics and begins to be understood more as an operation of collective manipulation. Sparkle's true success wasn't necessarily in perfectly hiding a thousand dolls, but in transforming the entire Penacony into a scene of paranoia, urgency, and emotional chaos where everyone reacted exactly as she needed for the "script" to continue unfolding.

Possible counterarguments and refutation of the bomb feat

First Antifeat" "It depended on others, it's not my own merit"

It is argued that Sparkle did not execute the plan alone, as the "Hounds" and other participants intervened in the collection of the buttons.

False

This argument stems from a limited interpretation of Sparkle's actions. Sparkle doesn't depend on others due to a lack of ability, but rather integrates the actions of others into his strategy. The Bloodhounds, believing they are acting independently, end up directly contributing to the outcome Sparkle had foreseen. This doesn't diminish their merit; on the contrary, it demonstrates a high level of indirect manipulation, where control isn't exercised directly, but through influencing the decisions of others.

Second anti-feat: "It's a gag or an exaggeration, not a serious feature"

The figure of "100,000 buttons in 48 hours" can be interpreted as a narrative or humorous exaggeration, which would lead to dismissing the event as something not scalable.

False

Although the tone of the dialogue may have stylized elements, the value of the feature lies not in the exact number, but in what it represents. The mention of a prolonged process implies:

1- Prior preparation

2- Time investment

3- Deliberate execution

Even if considered hyperbolic, the central message remains intact: Sparkle didn't improvise, but rather prepared the stage in advance. Although some consider it a stylized device, most interpretations agree that the true value of this detail lies not in its literal meaning, but in what the existence of prolonged preparation implies. This consensus reinforces the idea that the event was not improvised, but rather the result of a deliberate, prior process.

Far from being a chaotic or purely humorous event, the bomb scene is preceded by clear preparation, where Sparkle distributes the devices among the guests and instructs them to activate them at a specific time during the event.

This is evident when, posing as Robin, he explicitly indicates that the attendees should "press the button when the show reaches its climax," showing not only foresight, but also indirect control over a collective action.







We're going to head to this pointhttps://youtu.be/kJBpVBVl9NM?si=2igTl5BYz0vZWuSTThis approach is not only supported theoretically within the narrative, but is also reinforced by external material presented in the film trailer for "Goodbye, Penacony." In it, Sparkle not only acts as a participant, but also as a narrator of the events (as in the monodrama). Sparkle appears directly explaining the result of her intervention. During this sequence, the distribution of the buttons throughout Penacony is explicitly shown, accompanied by images of multiple individuals pressing them. What is relevant here is not only the existence of these devices, but the way in which their use is synchronized among different people and settings, generating a chain of interconnected events. As these scenes unfold, moments featuring various key characters, such as Firefly, Aventurine, and Acheron, are interspersed, suggesting that the actions triggered by these buttons don't occur in isolation, but rather as part of a larger structure where multiple factors converge. This indicates that Sparkle doesn't rely on a single action for her plan to work, but instead designs a system where different individuals, acting independently, contribute to the same outcome. Furthermore, Sparkle's presentation of these events as a "perfect segment" reinforces the idea that she not only anticipated these reactions but also integrated them into a narrative she herself constructed. This directly connects to her modus operandi: she doesn't directly control every action, but rather establishes the necessary conditions for events to unfold as she intends.

However, if the buttons were merely a gag, there would be no need to show their coordinated use or to integrate them into a sequence where multiple actions converge on the same result. On the contrary, the fact that they are represented as recurring and synchronized elements indicates that they fulfill a structural function within the plan. Furthermore, the very way Sparkle handles these devices reinforces this idea. She doesn't present them as a direct or immediate threat (as she did when handing a button to one of the civilians after disguising herself as Robin), but rather as part of a "show," minimizing their significance while establishing specific conditions for their activation. Therefore, rather than a narratively empty exaggeration, the large number of devices can be interpreted as a representation of scale, not intended as an exact technical detail, but as an indication of the scope of the plan and the number of variables Sparkle is able to indirectly manipulate.

Third Antifeat: “There is no complete evidence of the process”

Some might argue that the entire development of the plan is not explicitly shown, leaving room for doubt about its actual complexity.

False

The narrative doesn't always reveal every step of a strategic plan, especially when dealing with characters whose main characteristic is indirect manipulation. However, there is ample evidence to support the existence of prior planning:

- The creation of the crisis scenario
- Group chat manipulation
- The integration of third parties into the process

The existence of a structured objective (the bomb among the dolls) these pieces, when analyzed together, form a coherent structure that confirms the planning, even without explicitly showing every detail.

Fourth Antifeat: “The plan is too chaotic to be controlled”

"One could interpret the situation as being so chaotic that it is unlikely to have been intentionally designed."

This argument ignores a central characteristic of the character: Sparkle uses chaos as a tool. The apparent disorganization isn't a flaw in the plan, but rather part of its design. By introducing multiple variables, time pressure, and misinformation, he forces others to react, which paradoxically makes their behavior more predictable.

The counterarguments surrounding the bomb incident are based primarily on superficial interpretations. Analyzing the full context makes it clear that this feat is not only valid but also reinforces Sparkle's capabilities in indirect manipulation, planning, and environmental control.

(VCI, CPI, VSI, WMI, FRI, EP, EU, ER, EF, Social Awareness, Observation, Pattern Recognition, Analysis, Deduction, Induction, perception, Seeing Through People, PLANNING OVERALL, Strategy Building, Strategy Orchestration, Strategy Foresight, Strategy Control, Strategy Vision, Strategy Complexity, Prediction, Anticipation, Gaslighting, Psychological Manipulation, Social Manipulation, Indirect Manipulation, Event Manipulation, Verbal Manipulation, Emotional Manipulation, Misdirection, Acting Skills, Disguise, Sophistry, Concealment, Mass Deception, Strategic Deception, Misdirection, Information Gathering, Unpredictability, Information Control, Decision Making, Adaptability, Improvisation, Cunning, Intrapersonal Intelligence, Abstract Thinking, Conceptual Thinking, Metacognition, Reflective Thinking, Strategic Thinking, Lateral Thinking, Critical Thinking, Creative Thinking, Causal Reasoning, Abstract Reasoning, Logical

Reasoning, Abductive Reasoning, Connecting The Dots, Multi Tasking, Composure, Mental Fortitude)

Act 8: Sparkle vs. Robin

I also think it's necessary to talk about the conversation Sparkle has with Robin.

The conversation begins with:

> “What are you talking about, dear sister? … Just kidding. Don’t be so tense.”

Here Sparkle does something very characteristic of her style: she first breaks the seriousness of the moment with an absurd joke, but this isn't the simple humor she would normally use; it's a manipulation technique… How? Simple! Sparkle introduces a crazier tone, lowering Robin's guard and forcing him to readjust his mental state. This creates a small psychological advantage because the conversation begins on Sparkle's turf, in**social manipulation**This is frame control; whoever sets the tone of the conversation has a strategic advantage.

> “I watched as he smoothed away the sharp corners of himself… hiding them in the deepest corners of his heart.”

Here Sparkle demonstrates something important:

She possesses profound psychological insight into Robin's inner circle, not speaking of external events, but rather of internal personality shifts. This involves prolonged observation and psychological analysis of individuals; Sparkle is touching upon the emotional identity of the group to which Robin belongs.

When Robin replies:

> “Stop insulting my elder brother. Otherwise, you'll be dealing with me too.”

Sparkle gains something valuable, which is Robin's heightened reaction. This reveals what topics elicit emotional reactions and what relationships are important to Robin. In simpler terms, this is called:**PROBING:**The interviewer's tendency to seek a more complete and relevant answer when the interviewee does not give an adequate response. Sparkle uses this tomapping psychological weaknesses.

> “Don’t you think he's more likable that way?”

Here Sparkle does something very interesting: she doesn't deny the accusation, but instead trivializes it and turns it into a joke. This has a strategic effect and reduces the opponent's moral authority. If the rival seems emotional or indignant, while Sparkle seems relaxed, then Sparkle dominates the narrative of the conversation, which is exactly what happened.

This is one of the most important lines.

> “Have you considered that maybe your sweet dreams never changed at all?”

Here Sparkle makes an existential attack, although she is not criticizing actions, you could say that she is questioning them.

Then it continues:

> “Once you wear it for too long, you can never take it off again.” Esto es una metáfora brutal.

Sparkle suggests that Robin can no longer separate himself from his role and that his identity is just a mask; this is offensive psychology. Sparkle is trying to attack the core of Robin's identity in order to manipulate him.

After all the teasing, Sparkle does this:

> “Why don't we sit down and have a chat?”

This is a radical change of tone because
First she provoked it, then diplomacy.

This sudden change creates confusion in Robin; she doesn't know if Sparkle is Hostile, Cooperative, or Mocking, and that uncertainty is exactly what Sparkle is looking for.

Act 8.5: Psychology-Based Feature

From the outset, when Sparkle breaks the tension with a joke, it wasn't intended to be "random." What it does is pull Robin out of a serious state and force her to readjust. This gives Sparkle a slight advantage from the beginning, because the conversation starts at her pace. In social psychology, this can be understood as control of the "**marco**"of the interaction, which defines the initial tone usually takes the advantage during the rest of the exchange.

Then, when he starts talking about Sunday and how he's changed, he's not making superficial comments. He's directly addressing internal aspects, such as his personality or what he's hiding. This relates to something known as emotional reading or “**theory of mind**"The ability to infer the thoughts, emotions, and intentions of others." Sparkle not only observed Robin's emotional interactions, she interpreted and understood them perfectly.

Robin's reaction is also important, because Sparkle gets exactly what he wanted, which is an emotional response. By defending his brother, Robin makes it clear how much he cares. This aligns with a technique widely used in psychology and interviews called**probing**The goal isn't to elicit a direct response, but rather to provoke reactions that reveal deeper information. Then, when instead of defending herself she begins to mock or downplay what Robin said, something crucial happens: she shifts the emotional dynamic. This can be

related to the regulation of power in the conversation; by remaining calm while Robin becomes agitated, Sparkle projects control and diminishes the other's authority without needing to confront her directly.

The strongest point comes when Robin's identity is questioned, suggesting that her "dreams" or her role never changed. Here, something deeper, closer to...**cognitive dissonance**which states that when a person feels that what they believe about themselves does not fit with what is presented to them, internal discomfort arises.

And right after all that, he completely changes his tone and suggests talking calmly. This abrupt shift can be interpreted as a way of creating psychological uncertainty. By alternating between provocation and calm, he disrupts Robin's ability to predict his behavior, making it difficult to respond strategically.

This is where an even stronger element comes in, reinforcing Sparkle's manipulative skills: a subtle form of gaslighting. Sparkle doesn't directly tell Robin she's wrong, but she does begin to distort how Robin perceives her own reality. By implying that her identity is just a mask that has never changed, she's attacking the very foundation of Robin's self-understanding. Gaslighting works precisely this way: not by imposing a direct lie, but by planting a seed of doubt about one's own perception, until the person begins to question themselves internally. In this case, Sparkle blends provocation, metaphors, and shifts in tone to create that doubt without making it obvious. She doesn't aim for Robin to "believe" something new, but rather to stop completely trusting what she already believes. And that small crack in perception is enough to create a psychological disadvantage in the conversation.

(VCI, EU, EF, EM, Psychological Insight, Psychological Analysis, Psychological Profiling, Psychological Warfare, Social Manipulation, Emotional Manipulation, Verbal Manipulation, Individual Manipulation, Gaslighting, Influence, Persuasion, Acting Skills, Unpredictability, Composure, Self Management, Self Regulation, Abstract Thinking, Conceptual Thinking, Metacognition, Reflective Thinking, Strategic Thinking, Lateral Thinking, Critical Thinking, Deductive Reasoning, Conceptual Reasoning, Observation, Analysis)

Act 9: Sparkle vs. Sparxie

To properly introduce this feat, it is key to understand that the interaction between Sparkle and what we call "Sparxie" is not a normal conversation between two different characters, but an externalized intrapsychic dynamic, that is, a conflict between identities that share the same conceptual origin but have been separated and made to function as independent entities.

1- Psychological dynamics: the “Self” and the mask

From a psychological perspective, this can be explained very well with Carl Jung's concept of the Persona. The Persona is the social "mask" that a person uses to interact with the world, since normally:

- The “I” is the inner core

- The “mask” is an adaptive tool

But in Sparkle's case, there is a complete reversal of this model; Sparkle does not use masks to hide her identity... but rather Sparkle builds her identity from masks.

This implies that:

1. There is no stable “fixed self”.

2. each role can acquire autonomy

Identity is performative (it is defined by what one does, not by what one is)

Now then**Who is Sparxie really?**

“Sparxie” is not simply another person or a clone in the classic sense. It is better to understand her this way.

→ a functional projection of Sparkle
→ an identity created from an idea (the elation, the role, the spectacle)
→ a mask that has been taken to the point of independence

This connects with what in psychology could be seen as an extreme form of:

- functional (but controlled) dissociation

- multiplicity of the self (without loss of coherence)

However, unlike a disorder, in Sparkle's case this is intentional and strategic, since she doesn't lose control of her identity... but rather
It distributes it.

But…**How does this dynamic evolve?**

Initially, Sparkle is the one who creates the idea; she establishes the concept of a mask and the role of the jester with the logic of elation. But at some point, that idea ceases to be merely a narrative tool and becomes something autonomous, and this is where Sparxie comes in. Sparxie comes to represent the evolution of that idea and a version that no longer depends on the "original self," with an identity that can stand on its own.

This creates a very particular relationship:

- Sparkle = creator of the system

- Sparxie = product of the system taken to the limit

Now for the feature and its explanation

It all begins with an immediate break from what we are used to seeing in this doc; Sparkle appears in an unstable environment, aware of the situation.

> “What a ridiculous dream… even more over the top than what that guy promised.”

From the beginning, Sparkle makes it clear that she is not simply in the scene and acting as usual, that is, mocking and playful, but that she is interpreting it and, on a certain level, "controlling".

Then he adds:

> “In the river of time, if cause and effect can be kept apart for long, they’re bound to have a terrifying reunion… am I right, Observer?”

Here's a key point. Sparkle not only speaks to the characters present, but also recognizes an "observer." This implies a heightened awareness of the narrative environment, where even the viewer becomes part of the game.

However, he immediately breaks the tension:

> “You must be totally lost, aren’t you? Then just forget all that nonsense I was spouting.”

This sudden change is not random or something to be taken for granted. It is a way of disorienting, of preventing others (including the viewer) from maintaining a stable, logical understanding of what is happening.

The scene starts to get increasingly strange; Sparkle changes shape, altering its appearance.

> “How did I turn into Pom Pom?”

This moment demonstrates a clear control over identity within the setting. Sparkle isn't limited to a fixed "self"; she can constantly transform, reinterpret, and redefine herself (something I discussed earlier regarding how she interprets characters based on observed emotions and how she creates an independent life). But Sparkle's game is interrupted by the appearance of another figure.

Sparxie enters the scene with a completely opposite stance.

> “That useless old model… soon there will only be one Sparkle.”

Here the core of the conflict is revealed, along with what will unfold later, as Sparxie is not an external enemy, but an entity seeking to replace Sparkle, directly challenging his position as the "original," and the tension escalates rapidly. It's no longer about manipulating other individuals, as with other characters we've seen throughout this documentary, but a clash between two versions of the same idea.

In the midst of this conflict, one of the most important questions of the entire scene arises:

> “Who’s the mask and who’s the original? Shouldn’t that be decided by the one left standing?”

This line completely redefines the concept of identity. There is no pre-existing “truth”. **Identity is not discovered… it is imposed**At this point the phrase makes sense for many reasons (This will be understood later).

Despite Sparxie's threat, Sparkle never loses her characteristic demeanor; she doesn't panic, nor does she attempt to resolve the conflict directly. Instead, she maintains control over the scene's pacing. While Sparxie tries to manipulate Sparkle's conclusion about her identity ("there can only be one"), Sparkle continues to operate according to her own logic, maintaining her composure and cool head, as for Sparkle, this conflict is also part of the spectacle she created.

The most important point for me comes when the central concept of the character is discussed:

> “That elation isn’t mine. It’s the elation everyone chose.”

Sparkle reveals something fundamental. Her influence is neither direct nor forced; she doesn't control others like a traditional puppeteer. Instead, she creates scenarios where others make decisions that, indirectly, fulfill her purpose. This connects to her entire plan in Penacony. Just consider this: each character believes they are acting of their own free will, but their actions were already integrated into the "play." The other Sparkles in their Monodrama, characters created from observed emotions and personalities, and pretending to be someone else (Sampo and Robin)—everything is scripted by Sparkle, demonstrating that she is steps ahead of everyone else.

Now with the end of Sparkle and Sparxie's main mission encounter, although the scene appears to be a "momentary" defeat.

> “I’ve got no comeback.”

This is immediately contradicted by the final speech:

> “Take the mask from a masked fool, and what’s left but a fool… but take the fool out of a masked fool, and all that’s left is the mask.”

This dialogue did not seek to end the conflict between these two entities, but rather to redefine and reshape it, since it posits that:

If you remove the mask → what remains is the “fool”

If you remove the “fool” → what remains is the mask

In other words, both elements are inseparable; there is no pure identity behind the character.

And finally, the scene does not end with a definitive resolution, but with a reaffirmation of her role as creator.

> “No show is complete without a curtain call… shall we become one at last?”

And then:

> “Ladies and gentlemen… are you having fun?”

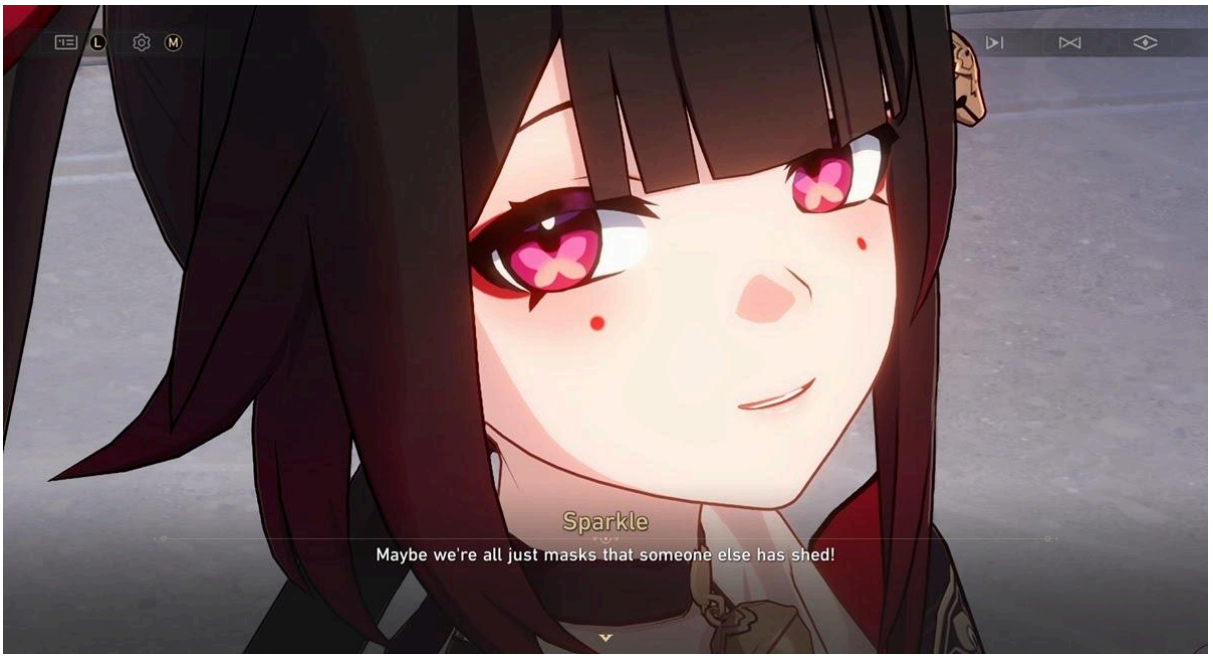
This ending is key because it breaks any expectation of a traditional conclusion, since for Sparkle the conflict is not the end, identities are not fixed, the story doesn't have a closure as such, since everything, as I've said in this feature**It's all part of the show.**

Act 9.5

The important thing about this scene isn't who "wins" the exchange, but what it reveals about Sparkle. Normally, a character whose power is based on acting depends on maintaining control over their roles, and here the opposite occurs.

→ one of her own “roles” evolves to challenge her.

This implies that its operational system has a special property: it can generate independent structures capable of continuing the plan without it. This is extremely important to highlight because it reduces the risk of total failure and allows for multiple simultaneous courses of action, meaning that eliminating Sparkle doesn't necessarily stop its influence. We can now turn to the following dialogue that takes place during the events of 4.0



If you were to ask me, neither of them is the original Sparkle. I mean, they're likely different personalities of the real Sparkle. During the collaboration between Honkai Star Rail and

Honkai Impact 3rd (I'll talk about that later), it was revealed that countless Sparkles exist throughout the universe. This raises the possibility that they aren't completely separate entities, but rather distinct manifestations of the same core. Regardless of which one can be considered "the original," the relevant point is that this ambiguity doesn't create conflict for Sparkle; instead, it's accepted and even used as part of its way of being. This reinforces an idea that had already been hinted at previously: for Sparkle, identity isn't fixed, but something that can be constructed, modified, or even discarded depending on the situation. The phrase "perhaps we are all masks that someone else has left behind" functions not only as a philosophical reflection but also as a declaration of its own method. Under this logic, the different versions of Sparkle are not contradictions, but extensions; that is, each "mask" can act independently, but remains part of the same system. This allows it to operate from multiple fronts without needing to maintain a single, consistent identity, and this has direct implications for its capacity for deception and manipulation. If there is no fixed identity to track, then there is also no clear point from which to anticipate its actions. It's not just about hiding information, but about eliminating the very reference point from which others could interpret it.
In this sense, Sparxie's case doesn't confirm a "true Sparkle," but rather reinforces the idea that all its versions can be valid simultaneously. This makes its use of masks more than just a tool; it transforms it into the foundation of its modus operandi.

So, one of the most important points for the feat would be, when Sparkle mocks Sparxie it's not because she completely underestimates her, but because she's trying to reaffirm her position as "origin".

When Sparkle introduces lines like:

> question who the original is
or suggest control over the situation

What he's really doing is...

→ attempt to re-establish a hierarchy

This sequence represents the character's peak to date. Sparkle no longer merely specializes in deceiving and manipulating people, emotions, and situations she has created; she now manipulates something far more complex: identity itself and the narrative structure. The confrontation with Sparxie confirms that her system is so profound that she can generate entities with their own autonomy… and still maintain control.

Instead of breaking down, its concept actually becomes stronger:

→ Multiple versions

→ Multiple results

→ Multiple interpretations

And they can all be, at the same time, “Sparkle”.

Another point regarding the shots is that Sparkle in this scene is aware that she is being watched or followed, and it's not the first time this has happened. Although it's meant as comic relief, Sparkle has shown that she can troll us by breaking the fourth wall, as seen in these clips.

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As I said before, it can be seen as comic relief (in my case it is) but that doesn't change the fact that it continues to deceive and make us fall into the same traps.

(FRI, EU, Intrapersonal Intelligence, Existential Intelligence, Acting Skills, Disguise, Psychological Insight, Psychological Profiling, Social Manipulation, Emotional Manipulation, Psychological Manipulation, Mass Deception, Influence, Unpredictability, Strategy Orchestration, Abstract Thinking, Conceptual Thinking, Metacognition, Reflective Thinking, Strategic Thinking, Lateral Thinking, Creative Thinking, Abstract Reasoning, Composure, Mental Fortitude, Observation, Analysis, Multi Tasking, Anticipation)

Act 10: Aventurine

ExplanationTo better understand this part, it is necessary that you have understood the previous acts, when I talk with Aventurine, his reunion with him, Sparkle's plan, when he talks with Robin, you can go back and read them if you think it necessary since we will talk about each point in the next feat, clarifying this we can continue.

To truly understand what's happening in Penacony, you have to shift your perspective on the story. At first glance, it all seems to revolve around Aventurine's incredible plan—a character who arrives with everything stacked against him, analyzes his surroundings, discovers something's amiss, and ultimately makes an extreme move that shakes the entire system. But when you look more closely, you realize it's not just his story. What you'll actually read is how Sparkle takes that plan, shapes it, pushes it in certain directions, and ultimately makes it part of something much larger. It's not that she directly stops him… it's that even when he thinks he's winning, she was already playing a part in his scheme.

Aventurine's plan, on its own, is very solid.

Aventurine's plan may seem confusing at first glance. His decision to fake his own death doesn't appear to have an immediate, clear explanation: was he escaping the IPC? Did he want to conquer Penacony? Or was he simply trying to uncover what the Family was hiding? At that moment, many of these questions remain unanswered. However, upon closer examination, the plan begins to take shape. Although the full context of his relationship with

the IPC is unknown, several details suggest that, despite his high rank, Aventurine wasn't entirely free. His own "hallucination," or internal dialogue, hints that his true objective was to break free, as if he were bound by some kind of control or debt he couldn't directly escape. From this perspective, faking his death ceases to be a desperate act and becomes an extremely calculated move. But what's truly important isn't just that he fakes his death, but where and how he does it: in Penacony.

This completely changes the meaning of the plan.

By dying within the Dream World, Aventurine creates a perfect political situation. His “death” becomes the ideal excuse for the IPC to intervene in Penacony and reclaim control, blaming the Family for the downfall of a key figure. This means that his death not only frees him personally but also generates a direct benefit for the IPC. Here's the key point: even if the IPC discovers that Aventurine is still alive, they cannot act freely. If they did, they would be admitting that their intervention in Penacony was based on a false pretense, which could lead to a much larger conflict. In other words, Aventurine constructs a situation where his own pursuers have reasons not to actively search for him. This makes his plan more than just a simple escape: it's a structure where escape and victory occur simultaneously. Furthermore, if Penacony's value is considered a "world that generates wealth almost at no cost," the gains from the IPC could potentially exceed any debt Aventurine might have. This further reinforces the idea that, even if they discover the truth, it is not in their best interest to act against it.

In summary Aventurine not only faked his death to disappear, but he also engineered a situation where his absence would be useful to those who might pursue him. A plan where, even when discovered, he remains untouchable.

Now, Aventurine isn't someone who acts recklessly or improvises without thinking. From the moment he arrives, he begins to carefully observe everything: how the Family behaves, what rules govern this dream world, and, above all, what doesn't make sense. Little by little, he realizes that something is wrong, that what seems "real" isn't really. From there, he develops a key idea: the death in Penacony is probably not a real death. But he doesn't just settle for suspicion; he needs to prove it. And that's where his most important move comes in.

Aventurine decides to risk everything, creating a dangerous situation and putting himself in a position where he could die. Not because he wants to lose, but because he wants to test his theory. It's an extreme decision, but a carefully considered one, and when it finally happens, when he "dies," his idea is confirmed: it wasn't the end, it was just another part of the system. With that, he achieves something enormous. He not only gains a better understanding of how that world works, but his action also affects everyone else, causing them to start doubting, investigating, and taking action. From his perspective, he has made a perfect move, since he discovered the truth and broke the game.

But this is where Sparkle comes in and changes everything..

Despite the seemingly sound nature of Aventurine's plan, it's important to recognize that it isn't entirely self-sufficient. Part of its success hinges on a key external factor: his encounter with Acheron. Keystone Bearers are directly linked to their stones, which function as an

extension of their will and their connection to the Path. Under normal circumstances, as long as Aventurine is alive, his Keystone should remain active. However, after his "death," this ceases, indicating an unusual alteration. This is explained by Acheron's intervention, who is able to sever the influence of the Paths, affecting both Harmony and Preservation. Without this interference, the deception would have been far more difficult to maintain, as his own Keystone would have betrayed his true nature.

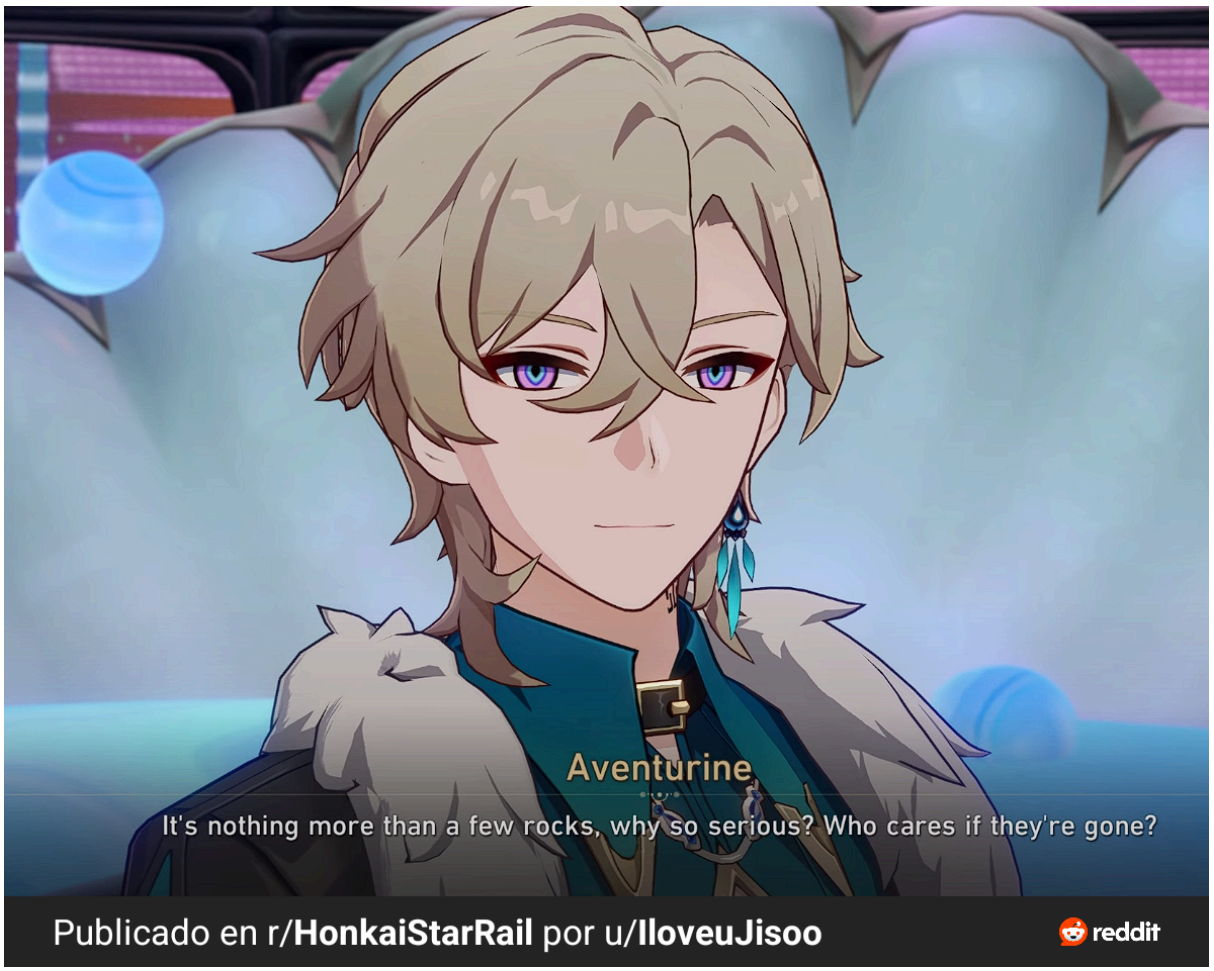
This introduces an important nuance: Aventurine's plan, although extremely well constructed, includes a component of risk and external dependence and is not a completely closed system, but one that still manages to sustain itself even under imperfect conditions.

Here an interesting possibility arises within the analysis. While it cannot be directly stated that Sparkle specifically caused Acheron's intervention, it is possible to consider his influence from another angle. Sparkle did not operate by directly controlling each event, but rather by altering the environment in which they occurred. His method was based on generating encounters and allowing certain factors to coincide at key moments. Under this logic, Acheron's presence within the Dreamscape is not necessarily an isolated event; rather, it can be understood as part of an environment that has already been distorted, where multiple variables end up intersecting. This is important because Acheron's intervention is precisely what allows Aventurine's deception to function undetected through his Keystone. From this perspective, Sparkle did not need to have planned that exact outcome. It was enough for him to create a scenario where that type of outcome was possible.

And this is precisely where Sparkle's role comes in.

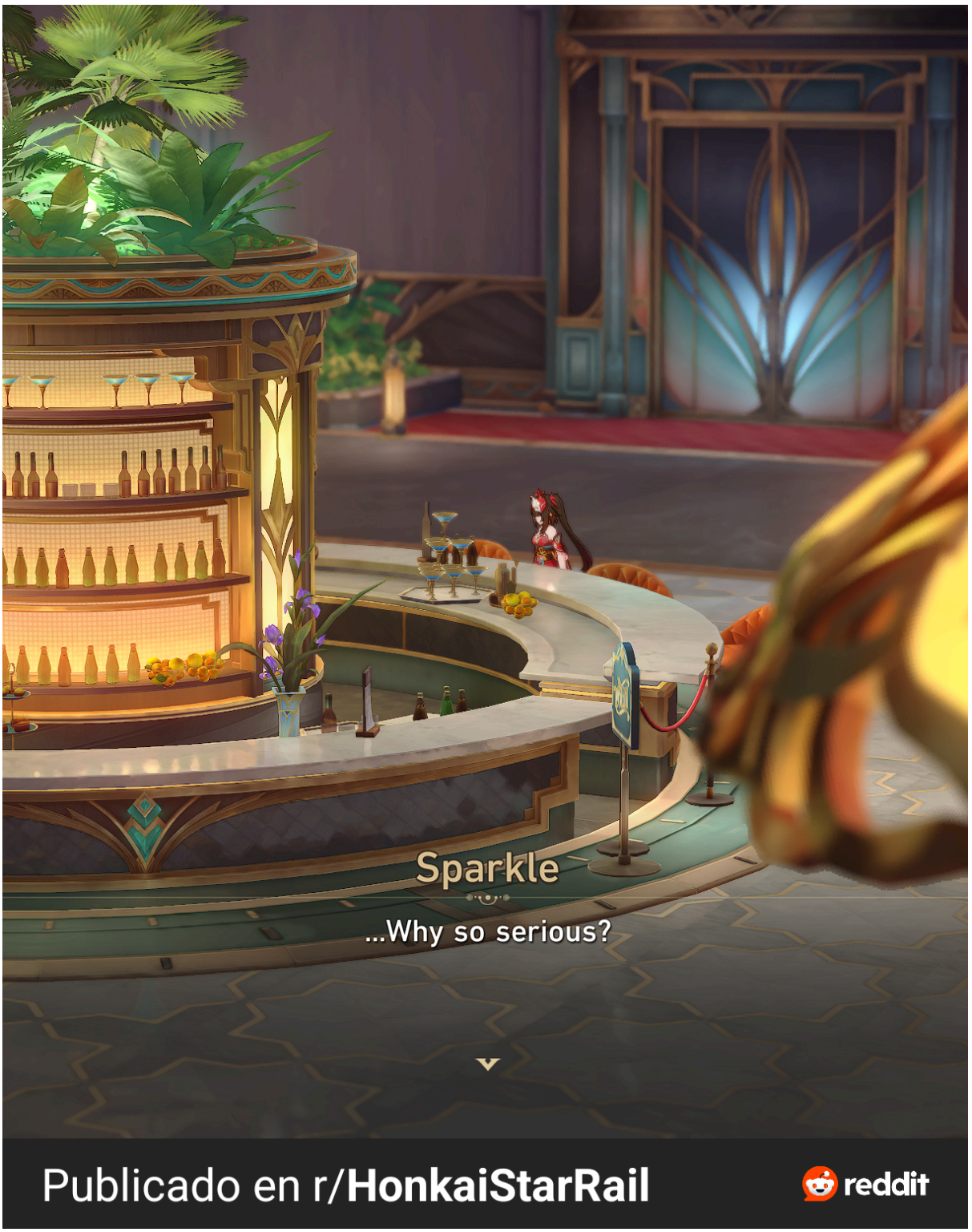
What matters is not that he knows every detail of the plan, but that he understands the reasoning behind it. Aventurine operates according to a clear logic and makes calculated decisions to manipulate the system from within. That pattern, however complex, remains identifiable.
Sparkle doesn't react to Robin's actions, but rather to the pattern they create. This is especially evident in his indirect interaction with Robin. When he introduces the idea of "befriending a mute," it's not a random or absurd line, but a calculated intervention within the flow of decisions. He's planting a possible direction within the environment, knowing that someone like Aventurine, who constantly looks for anomalies and key points, would eventually gravitate toward that kind of variable. In other words, he doesn't directly tell Robin what to do, but rather shapes the decision-making space. This connects directly to how Aventurine develops his plan; he needed to verify, explore, and find what didn't fit. Sparkle, understanding this, introduces elements that seem irrelevant but actually function as points of attraction within his logical process. Thus, even when Aventurine believes he is making decisions on his own, he is actually already operating within a pre-altered environment. This is what distinguishes him from Aventurine. Aventurine constructs a plan to win within the system, even considering risks and external variables like Acheron. Sparkle, on the other hand, didn't need to control every variable; it could be said that influencing how others perceive and navigate the system was enough for him. Therefore, his anticipation isn't based on predicting exact actions, but on understanding how someone will arrive at them. At that point, even a plan as solid as Aventurine's ceases to be completely independent and becomes part of something larger.

However, in their subsequent encounters, the same thing happens: Sparkle never tells him he's wrong, nor does she confirm everything, remaining in that middle ground where what she says is enough for Aventurine to keep moving forward, but never so clear as to seem like manipulation. He feels he's discovering the truth for himself, that everything falls into place thanks to his intelligence. But in reality, many of the pieces he uses to assemble the puzzle were already in place, and it's also worth mentioning that she hardly takes what she says seriously, so much so that she even plays with their conversation whenever she can, as in the following example:



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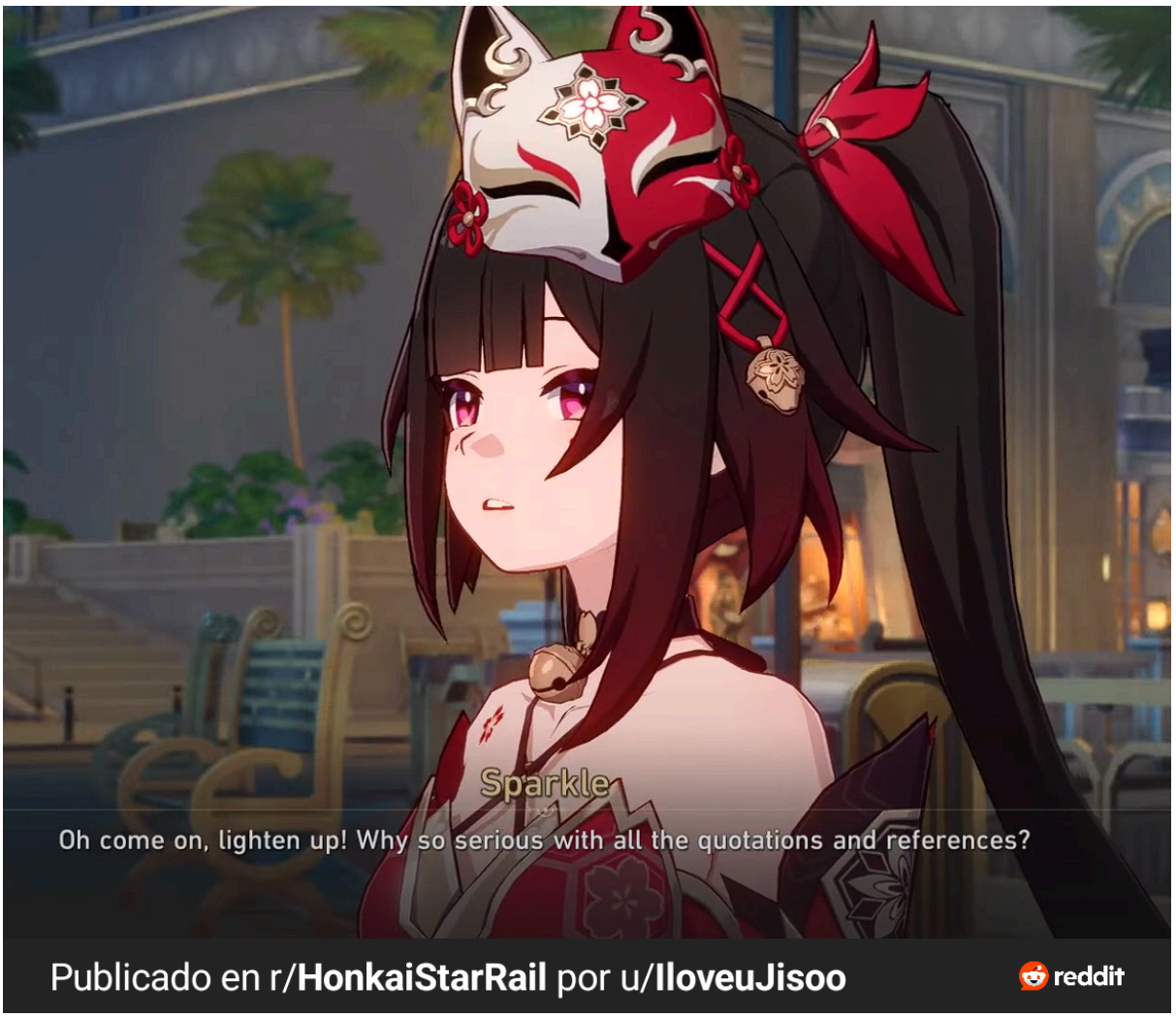
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Sparkle
My dear, why so serious? Haven't you been having a great time? I have, at least.



(It's a reference 👀)

This is where you understand how Sparkle "ruins" his plan, not literally breaking it completely, but rather taking away its independence, because although Aventurine plays incredibly well, although his decision is brilliant, that decision already fit perfectly into the development that Sparkle was building.

The strengths of Sparkle's counter are clear when analyzed together.

First, environmental control Before Aventurine acts, she has already influenced the variables he will use to build his theory.

Second, the manipulation of information: Instead of hiding or imposing, it filters and distorts enough to guide interpretation without being detected.

Third, cognitive direction: allows Aventurine to reach his own conclusions, which makes him act with complete conviction.

And finally, the integration of external actions Instead of blocking other people's moves, he incorporates them into his own plan, ensuring that even the most unpredictable moves work in his favor.

From the very beginning, Sparkle's first action isn't to directly influence the characters, but rather the scenario she wants to create. Even before the major conflicts begin, she's already shaping what happens in Penacony. She gains access, moves between factions, helps distribute invitations, and, most importantly, decides who will be present—this is key, because she doesn't invite people randomly. Every person who arrives (including Aventurine) plays a role in what she wants to happen, as if she were choosing the actors before the play is even fully written. Sparkle approaches different characters, gives them incomplete information, creates situations, and provokes unwanted encounters. None of this seems significant on its own, but each action subtly pushes the others in a specific direction. For example, when she told Aventurine things about a mute person (referring to Robin) or when she directly attacked Robin's circle, she was trying to help him or trap them. Sparkle knows that Aventurine is smart enough to try to interpret her, and that's precisely the trick: when he interprets her, he believes the conclusion is his own.

Then comes an even more important phase: Sparkle begins to connect the characters. She doesn't just move one character; she moves several at once, causing Firefly to cross paths with the Trailblazer, Robin to end up in certain situations, and suspicions about the Family to grow. All of this creates a web of events where each action of one character affects another. At this point, she no longer needs to intervene as much because the system itself begins to move on its own. It's like pushing a row of dominoes: once the first ones fall, the rest follow. While all of this is happening, Sparkle does something crucial: she remains in the background. Although she's everywhere, she never appears to be the center of the conflict. She disguises herself or changes her identity (when she disguised herself as Sunday, as Sampo, and also when she disguised herself as Robin). This prevents anyone from seeing her as the main threat, and that's what gave her complete freedom to keep moving things around without anyone trying to stop her. I can also say with certainty that she begins to force key moments, so that by the time Aventurine decides to make his big move—which is to "risk his life to prove his theory"—he has already gone through a whole process of gathering information, clues, and validations that led him there. But that path wasn't entirely natural; it was gradually shaped by Sparkle. And the most interesting thing is that she doesn't try to prevent that decision; rather, she needs it because her plan isn't to stop the others, but to make their actions serve to advance the story. When Aventurine acts, when Firefly makes his decisions, when other characters react… all of that pushes the world toward a specific point that Sparkle already had in mind.

And finally, everything converges. This is where the true scope of his plan becomes clear, because it wasn't a single move, nor a single objective. It was a chain of events where each character, through their own decisions, ended up playing a role within something larger. That's why his way of thinking is so dangerous. He doesn't need to control every move… he just needs to ensure that, no matter what others do, everything leads to the same outcome.

To further illustrate this point, we'll take it from Sparkle's monologue, which is as follows:

> “Look... the show has come to an end.

A perfect ending... but you're still not completely satisfied, are you?
After all... there is still someone who has not responded.

Why does life sleep?

I think it's because they're afraid of waking up from the dream. Because we're not ready for our final rest.

So you can perfectly understand why we want to be prepared... Who's right? I don't know.

On the grand stage of Penacony... everyone sees themselves as the protagonist.**So I acted.**

The more protagonists there are in this work... the better.

Since the show has to end... what difference is there between those on stage and those in the audience?

Why not step into the spotlight...
and see the play from the best seat?

Let the performance unfold around you.

I've done more than just this... Look, I've sent these little buttons all over the place... and I did my best to bring each and every one of you to the stage.

I hope they provoke a climax... even one that I myself couldn't imagine.

Do you know what kind of waves you can create?

Since the show has to end... why not let the audience become the real stars?

So... why is life asleep?

The answer isn't important. There's no need to take it so seriously.

In the end... it's all about being happy.

To you, my dear audience... I dedicate this performance.

I wonder...
Did it bring a little more Elation into their lives?

And if it wasn't like that...
Don't sleep too deeply tonight.

In this monologue, Sparkle is summarizing his entire plan without stating it directly.

FirstWhen she says that everyone sees themselves as protagonists and that she decided to act, she's making it clear that she didn't follow the others' lead... she changed it. And instead of letting there be a main protagonist (like Aventurine or any other faction), Sparkle does the opposite and brings everyone onto the stage at the same time. This has a very important effect since no one can completely control the situation when the situation is already a field that changes with each character who enters to participate in her play, and that's Sparkle's advantage.

Then he mentions the "buttons" he handed out This is not just a joke or something symbolic; you could say it's a way of saying that he planted tools, events, and decisions at different points.

In other words, it doesn't directly control what happens... But it does cause things to happen.

Then comes one of the most important phrases:

"I hope they provoke a climax… even one that I myself couldn't imagine."

This doesn't mean she wasn't in control of the situation and the events she created; it signifies something more significant, as her plan works even if things turn out differently than expected, demonstrating her versatility in the face of adversity.

When she says that the audience can become protagonists, she is doing something very characteristic of her; you could say that she is the one who observes and participates, and all of this connects with everything we saw before.

And the ending is key.

When he says that the answer "is not important" and that it's all for fun, it's not that he doesn't care; that idea could be used to his advantage, from types of indirect manipulation to more elaborate methods of deception.
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Acto 11: Honkai 3rd

At this point in the analysis, we've already seen how Sparkle was able to move within Penacony, manipulating events, characters, and situations to transform the entire story into a kind of stage where everyone played a role. However, to truly understand the extent of her

abilities, it's necessary to step outside that specific context and observe how she behaves in other environments.

This excerpt, taken from her interaction in another setting, allows us to see that her behavior is not solely dependent on the environments already discussed in this documentary. Here, Sparkle again displays the same patterns that make her an exceptional manipulator: the use of identities, indirect manipulation, the ability to manage multiple intentions simultaneously, and, above all, her tendency to treat every situation as part of a larger game. We will examine two cases and pay close attention.

The dialogue begins like this:

> “Even so... don’t you think you need to think a little more?”

I was being quite considerate of your lovely subordinates. Otherwise, I wouldn't have used a secondary account to go and help them.

—Yeah, sure... you just wanted to check if you were completely blocked, and also provoke that ‘god’, right?

Oh... it seems you understand me better than I expected.

As long as those two objectives do not contradict each other,
There was no need to say something so direct as to sadden the children.

But the result was obvious... the god has been watching your actions.

From now on, everything you do will be more difficult.

Be careful not to overuse your power...
If you leave no trace, you'll be able to find an opening.

Look... we’re still standing here, aren’t we? But as long as the god is watching, you can only be a spectator.

—Well... the gods are too used to being on top. They can't accept that their “servants” will one day cease to be so.

How about you do what you did when you were Selma's pet... and go beg God to stop this absurd situation?

—Hmm... that doesn't sound very good. Isn't there another method?

I guess there's no other way... let me guess your fate.

Oh... great fortune, great fortune.

If the god's wish is about to be granted…
then we'll blow the system to pieces.

After all… fireworks are perfect for the moment when dreams come true.

What do you think?

—Hmm… it's certainly an interesting ending.
I will consider it as one of the backup plans.

Wow… I didn't expect you to be so insistent about comedy.

So, tell me… what did you think of my performance?

While you were pretending to be me, I could only stay here talking with masks on…poor me.

—Your performance was excellent…but… why does the latest version of "her" feel a little different from how I remember it?

—Well… because those "they" only exist in the stories you told.

—I see… so can I play with them too? I won't disappoint "Vita-chan".

—No, not that. Good things are meant to be enjoyed… that's how we do things.

Let me guess where the story is at…

Ah… the circus part again, which I love so much.

The dog breaks its collar…the cat, who observes everything, moves the pieces…and in the end…they all end up on a train towards the abyss.

That's right… God is stubborn and selfish… believers deceive themselves… liars deceive the world… and fools… fools laugh at everything and have fun.

The more that god tries to stop me…
It further proves that I'm heading in the right direction.

Perhaps I should thank him…he is such a simple god to understand.

But hey… you have to choose the right moment.

Sure… we still have plenty of time to have fun until "my stage" arrives.

But let me guess... the main reason you came here... is me, right?

-Correct.

—Then take this...if “Vita-chan” likes to play, these masks will surely suit her.

—Wow... there are a lot. I wonder if someone is desperately looking for them right now.

—They didn't tell me I couldn't take them.

If something has such an interesting past... it should be appreciated.

—I accept the invitation... we definitely get along well.

So...it’s time for the fools.”

In this conversation, we see Sparkle interacting with someone who, like her, is already accustomed to navigating an environment with rules, surveillance, and limitations. However, the important thing isn't the environment itself, but how Sparkle interprets it. From the outset, when she mentions using a secondary account to intervene, it's clear that her actions are never straightforward. She doesn't act in a linear or transparent way; she always introduces additional layers to what she does. She isn't limited to a single objective, but is capable of combining multiple intentions simultaneously, such as helping, testing boundaries, and provoking, without them interfering with each other. This reflects a flexible way of thinking, where she doesn't need to choose between options, but rather integrates them within a single action. And when the figure of the observing "god" appears, the context shifts. It's no longer just about manipulating other people, but about acting under the presence of a superior entity that imposes limits, and yet, Sparkle doesn't perceive it as an absolute restriction, but as just another variable within the environment. Instead of stopping, she adjusts her behavior, which helps her avoid leaving traces. She moves more cautiously and looks for small openings within the system. She doesn't break the rules directly; she uses them to better position herself within them.
The proposal to “blow up the system” is particularly revealing. It doesn't arise as an impulsive or desperate reaction, but as a valid alternative within her way of thinking. For Sparkle, no system is permanent or untouchable. If it ceases to be useful or becomes too restrictive, it can be replaced or destroyed. This shows that her reasoning isn't limited by existing structures, but rather contemplates their elimination as part of the process. The appearance of the masks introduces a more conceptual, yet fundamental, element for understanding her perception of identity. The masks aren't just objects, but tools that represent roles, perspectives, or versions of the same person. For Sparkle, identity isn't fixed, but something that can be adopted, modified, or even transferred. This explains her ability to assume different roles without losing internal coherence, since she doesn't cling to a single definition of herself. Later, when describing the scene with the dog, the cat, and the train toward the abyss, she uses a metaphor to represent the unfolding of events. She doesn't speak directly of specific individuals, but of roles within a narrative structure. This suggests that he not only participates in the story, but also observes it from a broader perspective, as if he can identify patterns and general directions in how events unfold.

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Let's move on to the next dialogue:

> “I was waiting for you, Vita-chan... shall we begin?”

—Do you really think you have any chance of winning?

How cute... what a pretty little fish. What a sharp tongue you have.

Come on... more... make this more exciting.

Let Sparkle reveal it... the first winning move.

Don't die from the beginning, okay? That's all.

How about this? Don't tell me you can't keep up... right?

An even more malicious illusion...

What's wrong, Miss Mask? Are you going to admit defeat already?

I don't want to be the one to ruin the fun...
This is just getting interesting.

—What a shame... the game is over.

Seriously... you just do stupid things.

Enough with the games... it's time to play my final card.

—Are you really going to call it that?

What an adorable girl... are you angry?

But you're not the only one with a final letter.

Unfortunately... you've chosen the wrong time.

Okay... I'll show you.

The real final boss.

What do you think? Did you like what you saw?

Not bad... let's find some new fun.

Sister... I'm sure it will be a very entertaining trip."

From the very beginning of this scene, the first thing one notices is that Sparkle doesn't enter the confrontation reacting to the moment, but rather had already mentally constructed the possibility of this encounter before it occurred. When she mentions that she was waiting, it reveals a way of thinking based on anticipation and prior preparation, and she doesn't act like someone surprised by the situation, but rather like someone who had already considered this scenario as a possibility. Furthermore, throughout the entire conversation, it's also clear that Sparkle never perceives the conflict as something purely physical or competitive. Instead of focusing solely on winning or losing, she constantly redefines the situation as a "game," a "performance," or "fun." This is important because it reveals how she processes events; that is, she doesn't interpret them linearly, but as dynamic structures where emotions, perception, and the rhythm of the interaction are just as important as the final outcome. The part where she talks about the "first winning move" also contributes significantly to her reasoning. The phrase implies that she doesn't enter completely improvising, but rather starts from a favorable mental position. Before acting, she seems to have assessed the situation and created an opening that allows her to take the initiative from the outset. This aligns with a strategic way of thinking where the beginning of an interaction already conditions its subsequent development. When she introduces the idea of "more malicious illusions," another aspect of her reasoning becomes evident: Sparkle doesn't seek to confront problems head-on if she can first alter the opponent's perception. Instead of relying solely on force or direct confrontation, she prioritizes generating confusion, disorientation, or misinterpretations. Her thinking is more focused on controlling how the other person understands the situation than on immediately imposing power. It's also important how she reacts when the other party tries to end the game. Instead of accepting that closure, Sparkle continues the interaction and shifts the tone of the scene. You could say that her way of thinking isn't entirely dependent on the rules the other person tries to impose. She constantly reinterprets the situation to regain control over the pace and direction of the exchange. Finally, the appearance of the "final card" reveals another important aspect of her reasoning: Sparkle works with hidden reserves. She doesn't expose everything she has from the start, nor does she operate by immediately revealing all her options. Rather, she manages information and resources gradually, saving possibilities for specific moments where they can have a greater impact.

Now let's talk about his monologue, which has many things that could be taken into account, and it is as follows:

> "Beautiful fireworks always attract attention, don't they?"

But a good supporting actor can't let that get to him... because it's time to prepare for the next scene.

Why don't you look more closely?

Whether this scenario will be completely destroyed... or not.

An inevitable battle.
A direct confrontation.
A clash of convictions.

It's a typical development...
But if you take one wrong step, you will fall into the abyss.

That tension on the verge of destruction...
It's exciting, isn't it?

But... how can we make the fireworks bloom again in this scenario?

I know... for example... add one more ally.

Takari-chan...don't disappoint Sparkle, okay?

You don't have very good taste, you know?

Oh... did you notice?

Sparkle can see it... surely you too are someone who knows “that”.

Here the focus shifts even further to how Sparkle understands the unfolding of events. Throughout this scene, he doesn't speak as someone caught up in the conflict, but rather as someone observing the overall flow of the "scene" while others only see separate parts. When he mentions that fireworks attract attention, he's really referring to the major events that capture the characters' full attention—conflicts, revelations, chaos, confrontations, or intense emotional moments. But he immediately makes something important clear: while everyone else is focused on those moments, someone else has to set up the next scene.

And that pretty much describes how his thinking works during Penacony.

While others react to the current event, Sparkle is already thinking about what will come after the initial impact. Her attention isn't solely focused on the present, but on how each situation might propel the next chain of events. Then, when she mentions that the scenario may or may not be destroyed, she reveals another important aspect of her reasoning: she doesn't work with a single, fixed line of outcomes. She considers multiple possibilities simultaneously and allows events to unfold to a certain extent before deciding how to intervene. This is essential because it demonstrates an adaptable mindset, since instead of relying on a single, exact result, Sparkle seems to construct situations where several different outcomes can still benefit her or keep the scenario alive. The part where she speaks of an "inevitable battle" and a "clash of convictions" also reveals a great deal about her perception, as she understands that certain conflicts cannot be avoided because they arise naturally from the motivations of the characters involved. But instead of trying to prevent these clashes, she chooses to use them as part of the overall development; that is, she doesn't need to

completely control each person if she already understands how they will act when their interests conflict. This directly connects to how she handled many of the events in Penacony. Several situations appear to be uncontrolled chaos on the surface, but Sparkle consistently acts as someone who already expected these tensions to eventually explode.

Finally, the most important part comes when he proposes "adding another ally".

Here it's clear that Sparkle understands something fundamental about how complex systems work: sometimes it's not necessary to change the entire scenario; simply introducing a new piece at the right moment is enough to completely alter the course of events. This fits perfectly with how she handled relationships, encounters, and interactions throughout the plan. Often, she doesn't intervene directly to force outcomes, but rather introduces specific people, information, or situations, knowing that this will naturally modify the behavior of others. That's why her influence in Penacony often seems invisible, and she doesn't always move the pieces directly, but instead alters the environmental conditions so that the characters themselves steer the development in the direction she wants.

And this is exactly what he did throughout his plan:

- Enter people
- Move them from place
- Make them interact

It doesn't change the world directly, it changes who is on the scene.

And finally, when he says he can “see” and that the other also “knows that,” he’s implying that he recognizes other players who understand the same kind of game. This connects to his interactions with characters like Aventurine, where he doesn’t see them as mere pawns, but as other conscious participants.
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Act 12: TOM (Theory of Misha)

The Theory of Misha (TOM) can be integrated as an independent act that functions as pre-planning within the analysis of Sparkle's plan in Honkai: Star Rail. This theory does not aim to assert facts beyond canon, but rather to offer a coherent interpretation that reinforces the strategic understanding of the Penacony arc and adds greater depth to Sparkle's role as a manipulator and observer of the spectacle. You may have already

noticed that I included this theory in her plan; the reason is that the theory is separate to better understand her plan and her behind-the-scenes process.

Since his appearance in version 2.0, Misha has been presented as the friendly bellboy at the Reverie Hotel. However, from the very first encounter, there are indications that he is not an ordinary character, as he appears even before reaching Penacony, repeats lines in different contexts, and seems to move naturally within the dream world. Furthermore, he is connected to phenomena that other characters don't fully perceive, such as voices within the dream or elements like Clockie, suggesting that he is not only within the system… but also a part of it.https://www.thegamer.com/honkai-star-rail-penacony-complete-lore-explained

We will position ourselves in the following dialogue

Sparkle:
“Ding-dong! Is anyone home? Just dropping by to remind you that time is running out. Have you found the 'truth' you're looking for, or are you still running in circles?”

Data Record (About The Family):
“The Family insists that Penacony is a perfect dream, but the cracks are starting to show. Something dark is moving in the shadows of the Dreamscape, and not even the Oak family lineage can hide it for much longer.”

Misha:
“Mr. Trailblazer, do you think dreams can last forever? Sometimes I'm afraid of waking up and realizing that everything I've known is gone.”

Sparkle:
“Don't be so dramatic, little bellboy. Death isn't the end in this place—it's just the beginning of a much more interesting performance.”

In this interaction, Sparkle doesn't simply respond to Misha, but interprets the emotional state behind her question: "I'm afraid of waking up and realizing that everything I knew is gone." Misha was expressing insecurity about the permanence of her reality. Sparkle identifies this and, instead of giving a direct answer, completely reframes the meaning of the situation, transforming the fear of everything disappearing into the idea that this change is just the beginning of something more interesting. This demonstrates that she not only understands what others feel, but also how they process reality, and is able to intervene in that process to modify their perception. This scene also stands out for its emotional perception, as Sparkle doesn't respond to Misha's literal words, but to the implicit feeling behind them. Sparkle immediately identifies the existential insecurity behind her question, demonstrating that her perception isn't limited to superficial or visible emotions, but reaches more abstract emotional states related to identity, reality, and permanence. Furthermore, instead of simply acknowledging that fear, Sparkle completely redefines its meaning. It transforms the idea of the "end" into the beginning of another function, thus altering the way the concept itself is perceived within the conversation.

Within the fandom itself, this idea began to develop early on. In Reddit discussions, several users noticed strange behavior in Misha, such as other characters partially ignoring him or him appearing in contexts where he shouldn't be, suggesting that his existence isn't entirely "real" within the narrative world.https://www.reddit.com/r/HonkaiStarRail/comments/1aqp73v/misha_theory_evidence Other theories even link it directly to the Clockmaker's legacy or to the structure of the Penacony system, pointing to its relationship with time, memory, and the mechanisms of sleep.https://www.reddit.com/r/HonkaiStarRail/comments/1aw64g8/super_long_misha_theory

This fits perfectly with what Penacony represents: a world built on dreams, memories, and fragmented identities. In this context, Misha ceases to be a secondary character and becomes a structural element. He represents the memory, the origin, and the truth of the system. He is, simply put, a manifestation of the setting itself.

As we move into version 2.1, the narrative focus shifts towards conflict and manipulation. This is where Aventurine enters the scene, and with him, Sparkle's direct intervention (already explained in the Aventurine and Encounters section). Sparkle didn't give clear instructions or directly control events; instead, he uses ambiguity, provokes decisions, and lets others act on their own. This demonstrates that he isn't improvising but rather reading people and the environment (when Aventurine followed her, when Robin showed weaknesses in her social groups).

At the same time, key events such as Robin's "death" and the increasing instability of sleep show that Penacony operates under rules where perception matters more than reality. This is important because it directly connects to the theory: if the world is based on memory and interpretation, then whoever understands that system has an advantage.

In version 2.2, when more truths about Penacony are revealed, it's confirmed that the entire setting is built upon layers of dream and narrative control. Here, Misha can no longer be interpreted as a mere guide but is now part of the core of the system, a link to the world's origin and the logic that sustains it. Some fan interpretations even describe him as an existence born directly from memory or the "dream" itself, reinforcing his role as a structural element of the setting.
https://www.reddit.com/r/HonkaiStarRail/comments/1jb5svf/heres_a_better_explanation_of_penaconys_story.

Meanwhile, Sparkle never goes through that process of discovery. She doesn't need to "understand" Penacony like the other characters, because from the beginning she acts as if she already knows the rules. Her philosophy makes that clear.

> “On the grand stage of Penacony, everyone sees themselves as the protagonist…”

and also when he states:

“I’ve sent these little buttons all over the place to get them on stage.”

These phrases are evidence of how Sparkle operates; it doesn't directly control the system, but it does control how people interact with it. And to do that, it needs to understand how that system works beforehand.

That's where TOM fits in as pre-planning.

The theory doesn't say that Sparkle created Misha or the events of Penacony. What it proposes is that she understood something fundamental before the others: that the world they inhabited wasn't stable, that it was built upon memory and perception, and that pieces like Misha existed to represent that structure.

This is further reinforced by how the fandom interprets the story as a whole. Many analyses agree that the events of Penacony are neither linear nor entirely real, but rather a layered tapestry of dreams where the characters were already being manipulated from the beginning without their knowledge.https://www.reddit.com/r/HonkaiStarRail/comments/1qjih5w/why_is_penaconys_storyline_so_confusing.
In that type of environment, the advantage is not strength or straightforward logic… it's understanding the system before everyone else.

And that's exactly what Sparkle does.

In this context, Theory of Mind (TOM) functions as the conceptual foundation that explains the scenario before the plan. Misha represents truth, memory, and the structure of the world. Sparkle represents interpretation, manipulation, and execution within that world. It's not that one depends directly on the other, but rather that together they explain how Penacony works, the established rules, and how those rules can be broken.

Although there is no prominent canonical dialogue between them, they share the same narrative space and a clear thematic connection. This symbolic link is especially relevant, since Sparkle is characterized by interacting with the most important pieces on the board. If Misha is key to understanding the truth about Penacony, it makes sense to consider that Sparkle, an expert in masks and illusions, would recognize her importance or, at least, understand the role she played within the spectacle.

This interpretation is strengthened by Sparkle's actions in version 2.1, particularly in her conversations with Aventurine. Through ambiguous phrases and carefully calculated insinuations, she prompts him to act without directly imposing herself, demonstrating an exceptional mastery of indirect manipulation and anticipation. Her ability to foresee the impact of key events, such as the mass reaction to Robin's supposed death, reveals a deep understanding of collective psychology. Various fan analyses highlight this dynamic as a strategic game where Sparkle acts as a puppeteer within the stage.https://www.reddit.com/r/HonkaiStarRail/

While the idea that Sparkle operates with superior knowledge has also emerged, it has also been pointed out by the community that it "knew too much" from the beginning of the events in Penacony. This perception reinforces the hypothesis that it doesn't improvise, but rather acts with a prior understanding of the system it's in.

In discussions within the fandom, several users point out that his way of interacting with other characters (especially Aventurine) doesn't seem like that of someone discovering the conflict, but rather someone who already understands the "game" and is simply moving pieces within it. Some comments even suggest that his dialogue seems to have a constant double meaning, as if he were testing reactions rather than seeking answers.

Another point the fandom has highlighted is that Sparkle introduces chaos at very specific moments, not randomly. This has led to interpretations suggesting that her actions aren't impulsive, but rather calculated based on how other characters and the Penacony system itself will react. In other words, she doesn't create chaos on her own, but activates it when she knows it will have a specific impact within the "scenario."

Furthermore, several analyses agree that Sparkle seems to grasp the illusory nature of Penacony before most of the cast. While other characters question what is real and what is not, she already operates under the premise that everything is a performance. This reinforces the idea that she is not processing information at the same time as the others, but rather operates from a pre-existing understanding of the environment.

From this perspective, it ceases to be a mere fan impression and becomes a consistent narrative clue. It doesn't necessarily imply that Sparkle has absolute knowledge, but it does suggest that she possesses a conceptual advantage; she understands the kind of world she inhabits and adapts her behavior accordingly.
https://www.reddit.com/r/HonkaiStarRail/

Another fascinating aspect of Sparkle's role in Honkai: Star Rail is its meta-narrative dimension. From her introduction in Penacony, Sparkle didn't behave like a conventional character, but rather like someone aware that she's part of a performance. Her language, her attitude, and her constant references to the spectacle suggest that she perceives reality as a theatrical production, where each individual plays a specific role.

This approach has been widely discussed within the community, with some analyses interpreting Sparkle as a figure who transcends traditional narrative. Users point out that her speech, replete with allusions to the "stage," the "protagonists," and the "spectacle," indicates that she not only participates in the story but also observes it from a superior perspective, as if she were a director or undercover narrator.

Within these discussions, several fans have linked Sparkle's behavior to the concept of breaking the fourth wall, or at least to a partial awareness of the narrative structure. Although Sparkle doesn't interact directly with the player, his way of describing events as a theatrical performance gives the impression that he understands the story as a developing script. This interpretation is reinforced by his tendency to manipulate events to intensify the drama, as if his goal were to ensure the spectacle reaches its climax.

Furthermore, the fandom has pointed out that this view aligns with the philosophy of the Masked Fools, who consider reality a cosmic joke. From this perspective, Sparkle doesn't simply seek to alter the course of events, but rather to make them more interesting. Some

analyses even describe the Masked Fools as "actors within a play," whose purpose is to ensure that the story continues to move forward and maintains its unpredictable nature. https://www.reddit.com/r/HonkaiStarRail/comments/1ipp8go/

This meta-narrative approach also explains why Sparkle seems to act with such freedom in Penacony. While other characters struggle to distinguish between reality and dream, she moves naturally within the chaos, as if she understands that both are part of the same performance (very good resistance to psychological manipulation). Her apparent nonchalance didn't reflect ignorance, but rather understanding, as she grasps that the world she inhabits is, in essence, a stage set.
https://www.reddit.com/r/HonkaiStarRail/

In this context, it doesn't imply that she created the events or directly controlled Misha's existence, but rather that she was able to interpret the environment, understand its fundamental elements, and exploit them strategically. This provides a necessary background for understanding the complexity of Penacony, while Sparkle embodies the mind capable of transforming that knowledge into tactical advantage.

Thus, Misha symbolizes the truth and memory that underpin the stage, while Sparkle represents the illusion and manipulation that drive the play. Both embody Penacony's central duality: identity and mask, reality and dream. This not only enriches the interpretation of the narrative arc but also reinforces the categories of anticipation, psychology, and planning within the character analysis.

One of the latest elements solidifying the Theory of Misha (TOM) is the increasingly accepted interpretation within the fandom that Misha is not simply a secondary character, but a manifestation of Penacony's past. His presence, deeply intertwined with the Clockmaker's legacy, makes him a symbol of memory, time, and the very structure of the dream world. This interpretation has been widely discussed in forums like Reddit, where numerous players agree that his behavior and connection to dreams position him as a fundamental part of the system.

This interpretation is strengthened by considering the symbolic relationship between Misha and time. The Clockmaker's legacy evokes mechanisms, cycles, and continuity, suggesting that Penacony is a space where the past doesn't disappear but is preserved and manifested within the dream. From this perspective, Misha acts as a "living memory." Various discussions on forums like Reddit agree that his presence, behavior, and way of interacting with the environment set him apart from the other characters, positioning him more as a representation of an autonomous individual. His connection to the Reverie Hotel, his familiarity with the dream world, and his implicit link to figures like the Clockmaker reinforce this reading, where Misha not only exists within the system but also seems to be part of its origin.

By integrating these elements, the Theory of Mind (TOM) gains greater coherence. That is, if Misha defines the Clockmaker's legacy, constantly associated with mechanisms, cycles, and repetition, it has led many players to interpret Penacony as a space where the past doesn't disappear, but is preserved and manifests within the dream. In this sense, Misha can be understood as a "living/active memory," a piece that keeps the world's structure alive. Some

fan commentary even suggests that her existence reflects how Penacony recycles identities, memories, and roles within its own narrative system, functioning almost as a conceptual loop where the past continues to directly influence the present. And it is precisely here that Sparkle comes into play. The fandom has pointed out on multiple occasions that Sparkle seems to "know too much" from the beginning of the arc. Her nonchalant behavior, her lack of surprise at events, and her theatrical language indicate that she perceives reality as a performance. This perception aligns with her own philosophy, reflected in her words:

“On the grand stage of Penacony, everyone sees themselves as the protagonist. So I took action… the more protagonists there are in this play, the better.”
https://www.reddit.com/r/HonkaiStarRail/

By integrating this with what we've already developed, the Theory of Mind (TOM) gains much greater significance. If Misha represents the system's structural memory—"what Penacony is"—then all of Sparkle's behavior makes even more sense. Her anticipation, her ability to manipulate indirectly, and her reading of the environment cease to be merely advanced skills and are instead interpreted as the result of having understood this structure before others. She doesn't need to discover how the city worked because she acts like someone who has already identified its fundamental rules.

This interpretation gains even more strength when analyzing her role as a catalyst for the narrative climax. Various fan discussions agree that her function is not to create the conflict, but to accelerate it and bring it to its climax. Sparkle introduces chaos at precise moments, pushing other characters to act without issuing direct orders. This is especially evident in her interactions with Aventurine, whom she manipulates through carefully calculated insinuations and ambiguities.

His vision is summarized in another of his most representative reflections:

“If the show must end, why not let the audience become the ultimate stars?”

From this perspective, everything fits together:

- Misha represents the foundation of the system (memory, past, structure).
- Penacony functions as an environment where those memories remain active.
- Sparkle recognizes this behavior and acts accordingly.
- And instead of stabilizing the system, it brings it to its climax.

This approach demonstrates that Sparkle wasn't seeking to control the system, but rather to guide its development toward an inevitable outcome (the grand act she was orchestrating). Similarly, when she claims to have sent "little buttons" everywhere to bring the actors onto the stage, she reveals her intention to set the stage for the story's climax. These actions not only reinforce her capacity for indirect manipulation but also solidify her role as the catalyst for the denouement in Penacony.

From the perspective of TOM, these interventions take on a deeper meaning. If Misha symbolizes the memory that sustains the stage and the legacy of time that defines it, then Sparkle acts as the force that activates that system and drives it toward its conclusion. She doesn't need to create the structure, because it was enough for her to understand and manipulate it to provoke its breaking point.

Ultimately, all of this falls within the narrative ambiguity characteristic of the HoYoverse. Penacony's story has been designed to encourage interpretation, allowing players to construct theories from clues, symbolism, and dialogue. This creative intention legitimizes readings like the Theory of Mind (TOM), which don't contradict the canon but rather enrich it by connecting its elements coherently. The clues, dialogue, and world-building deliberately leave room for theories, allowing for multiple readings without invalidating the canon. This ambiguity doesn't weaken the theory; on the contrary, it legitimizes it as a valid way to understand the story from a deeper perspective.

Conclusion:

The Theory of Misha (TOM) stands as a coherent and deeply symbolic interpretation of the Penacony arc. Far from contradicting the canon, this theory complements it by proposing that Misha represents memory and the fundamental structure of the dream world, while Sparkle embodies the mind that understands its rules and manipulates them strategically.

Throughout this analysis of the theory, it has been shown that Sparkle did not act as a conventional character, but rather as an observer conscious of Penacony's theatrical nature. Her actions, dialogue, and symbolism demonstrate a superior understanding of the environment, reinforcing her role as a catalyst for the narrative climax. This positioning is supported by several key clues.

1. The Monodrama

Sparkle's promotional monologue constitutes one of the strongest pieces of evidence for his meta-narrative perception. In it, he states:

> “On the grand stage of Penacony, everyone sees themselves as the protagonist.”

This statement reveals that Sparkle not only participates in the story, but also understands its structure. Her view of the world as a theater supports the idea that she acts with prior knowledge of the system, reinforcing her ability to anticipate and manipulate events.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RC6wQ-75uQU
https://www.hoyoverse.com/en-us/news

2. Their dialogues and indirect manipulation

Sparkle's interactions with characters like Aventurine demonstrate her psychological and strategic mastery. Instead of imposing decisions, she uses innuendo and ambiguity to guide events. This style of indirect manipulation confirms her understanding of both the individuals and the environment they inhabit. Various fan discussions interpret her role as that of a

puppeteer who moves the pieces without directly intervening, reinforcing her image as a catalyst for the conflict.
https://www.reddit.com/r/HonkaiStarRail/
https://honkai-star-rail.fandom.com/wiki/Penacony

3. The connection with the Theory of Misha

The TOM achieves its fullest coherence by integrating these clues. If Misha represents the memory and structure of Penacony's dream, then Sparkle symbolizes the mind that understands and strategically uses that system. This duality reflects the arc's central themes: identity and mask, illusion and truth, reality and representation. Furthermore, the narrative ambiguity characteristic of the HoYoverse legitimizes the existence of profound interpretations like this one, encouraging analysis and fan engagement.
https://honkai-star-rail.fandom.com/wiki/Misha
https://www.hoyoverse.com/
https://www.reddit.com/r/HonkaiStarRail/

(Existential Intelligence, Metacognition, Social Engineering, Mass Deception, Strategic Deception, Pattern Recognition, Abstract Reasoning, Anticipation, Psychological Profiling, Information Control, Sophistry, Event Manipulation, Connecting The Dots, Lateral Thinking, VCI, PSI, WMI, EF, ER, Perception, EU, EP, Social Cognition, Observation, Analysis, Unpredictability, Disguise, Psychological Insight, Critical Thinking, Conceptual Thinking, Setting Traps, Strategy Foresight, Strategy Vision, Planning Coverage, Planning Contingency)

Epilogue: Critical Evaluation of Anti-feats

"It is pure chaos, not strategy, which makes it unworthy of being taken seriously" (Origin / philosophy)

Within the analysis of Sparkle's behavior, one of the most debated points is his philosophy as part of the Masked Fools, since it is often interpreted as an inclination towards aimless chaos. However, this interpretation falls short by not considering how this "chaos" manifests in his actions. Sparkle doesn't introduce senseless disorder, but rather uses chaos as a tool to alter the behavior of others. His pattern is consistent: he observes, introduces an extraneous or independent variable, and then withdraws, allowing the environment to evolve on its own. This implies that he doesn't need to control every individual action, but rather establishes conditions where the decisions of others become predictable.

Phrases like "We all came here with a goal… and we believe we've achieved it" reflect that he not only understands the context but also has a clear grasp of collective motivations. This is key because it demonstrates that his "chaos" doesn't break the structure of the scenario but rather indirectly reorganizes it.

Unlike other characters whose plans are conditioned by power, status, or concrete results, Sparkle operates under a different logic. Her motivation isn't tied to traditional benefits, but to

"fun," which eliminates common limitations in decision-making and allows her to structure plans without external restrictions. The following dialogue explains this better:

"I'm not someone with outstanding abilities, and dreaming big isn't really my thing. But you know what I've been up to lately... getting admitted to the Circle of Geniuses! Ha, I'm ready to give it a shot. Do you think anyone would believe that?"

A member of the Masked Jesters. Inscrutable and unscrupulous.

A dangerous mime artist who revels in playing someone else. A woman of countless masks and multiple faces.

Wealth, status, power... None of this matters to Sparkle. The only thing that can pique her interest is "fun."

This perception is reinforced by statements where Sparkle affirms that the only thing that truly interests him is "fun." However, this doesn't imply a lack of planning, but rather a difference in the type of objective. His motivation doesn't eliminate the structure of his actions, but allows him to operate without the traditional limitations of power, status, or profit, while maintaining the coherence of his plans.

https://honkai-star-rail.fandom.com/es/wiki/Sparkle
https://www.reddit.com/r/HonkaiStarRail/comments/1h0d2u5/what_do_you_guys_think_of_sparkle_as_a_character/
https://m.hoyolab.com/#/article/23589650

“Monodrama = acting only”

Monodrama is often seen as a purely theatrical element, leading to its underestimation as a feat. However, in Sparkle's case, this device functions as a direct extension of her strategic ability. Through monodrama, she not only changes roles but also constructs and controls the narrative on stage. Her capacity to alternate between tones, intentions, and perspectives in real time indicates a constant awareness of the environment and the emotions of others.

When he states, “In this dream, everything is permitted, everything is possible,” he isn't simply dramatizing the situation, but rather demonstrating that he understands the rules of the environment and knows how to exploit them. Monodrama, then, is not just acting, but a way to manipulate the perception of reality and guide how others interpret what is happening. The following dialogue, taken from his character's story, will help you better understand what I mean.

The dialogue is as follows:

"Some versions are especially popular." When Sparkle arrived at the Fools' Tavern, he admitted his actions. "Liking and believing are two different things, but people tend to believe their favorite stories."

"Lies? Come on, I'm not trying to tell a grand story or create a flashy experience... I simply use all my imagination for myself. I imagine various lives, find the inspiration, and then recreate them as best I can. That said, I always stop the balloon of my imagination a split second before it bursts."

"Seriously, having a script isn't enough. First and foremost, I must fully believe that the character I'm portraying actually exists. Then, I need to imagine the other stories where the character will appear. I always need extra information to make their motivation both logical and emotional."

"Only in this way do I feel I capture the essence of the character without the influence of others. After all, I could run into other Fools and I won't know what they want until I find out who they are. Sometimes you just like the look of a character, and other times you just want to try it out for fun. I do that sometimes too."

"And of course, there are some who act just to make money or to become other people, hoping to gain wealth, status, or unparalleled power... Be that as it may, what I'm trying to say is that in an environment like this, who but me can guarantee that I won't stray from my path and become a character in someone else's story? Nobody! That's why I must imagine and immerse myself tirelessly in acting."

"No, I don't deny it... I find it addictive. The more I imagine, the more absorbed I become in those characters, in the wonderful and tragic situations I create for them, and in the emotions they experience in those circumstances..."

"Sure, I used to think about that kind of life... Joining a company, becoming an actress, traveling to unknown planets to do shows, creating a character with my name... But one day, suddenly, I realized something!"

"If you want to act, what stage is more fascinating than your own life?"This dialogue best illustrates what I'm trying to say about Sparkle's acting. Sparkle doesn't see acting as a simple external imitation, but as a complete process of internally constructing the character. She herself explains that she needs to fully believe in the existence of the role she's playing

and develop its context, motivations, and possible scenarios before performing it. This involves not only emotional understanding, but also actively simulating behavior in different situations, allowing her to anticipate reactions and maintain consistency in complex environments. In this sense, her acting doesn't replace analysis, but rather embodies it, leading her to:

1. It even builds complete profiles
2. It can anticipate how they would act in different situations.
3. And it can adjust its behavior according to adversity.

(In fact, this further strengthens their planning in Penacony, giving them more strength in)**Planning AIM, Versatility, Preparation Process**and without mentioning the one that would take**EM, EA and EU**)

https://honkai-star-rail.fandom.com/es/wiki/Sparkle

"The disguise (Zandar) can be very superficial"

The use of disguise, as in Zandar's case, might seem limited if evaluated from a purely technical infiltration perspective. However, that's not Sparkle's objective. His use of disguise isn't about maintaining a perfect identity for extended periods, but rather about intervening at specific moments to alter others' perceptions. His strength lies not in physical detail, but in psychological impact.

By presenting themselves under a different identity, what they achieve is not so much "being another person" in the literal sense, but rather altering how others understand the situation. This fits with their general pattern of manipulation and doesn't directly change reality, but rather the way it is interpreted. A clear example is the creation of their avatar "Sparxie," which not only functions as an alternative identity but also operates independently after being fueled by the "Wishpower" generated by interaction with their audience. This case goes beyond simple disguise, as it involves the construction of an identity with a functional presence within a different system, even capable of replacing it in certain contexts.

Far from demonstrating superficiality, this shows that Sparkle doesn't simply copy external forms, but is capable of developing complete identity structures that can interact with her environment autonomously. In this sense, her disguises are not empty imitations, but coherent extensions of a model that she herself constructs and adapts according to the situation.

https://villains.fandom.com/wiki/Sparkle_(Honkai:_Star_Rail)

"***I don't demonstrate enough superiority to beat Sampo."***

The interaction with Sampo Koski is often interpreted as a draw, which some believe diminishes the scene's value. However, this approach ignores the nature of the interaction. When two characters with similar profiles clash, the objective isn't necessarily to achieve overt dominance, but rather to avoid exposing oneself while assessing the other.

Sparkle wasn't trying to dominate Sampo, but rather to maintain ambiguity and operate on the same level without losing control. The fact that she can sustain this dynamic without fully revealing her intentions demonstrates her ability to interact effectively with other manipulators, which is more significant than a direct "victory."

This is evident in his own assessment of Sampo, whom he describes as “fun and reliable when it comes to getting things done,” but who has clear limitations on what he is willing to do. Far from trying to force these limitations, Sparkle acknowledges them and incorporates them into his approach, adjusting his strategy rather than directly confronting Sampo.

In this sense, the absence of explicit mastery does not indicate a lack of ability, but rather a difference in method. Sparkle doesn't need to surpass Sampo to use it effectively; she simply needs to understand how it works and its limits. Her approach is not competitive, but structural, where each individual acts within the boundaries she has already established.

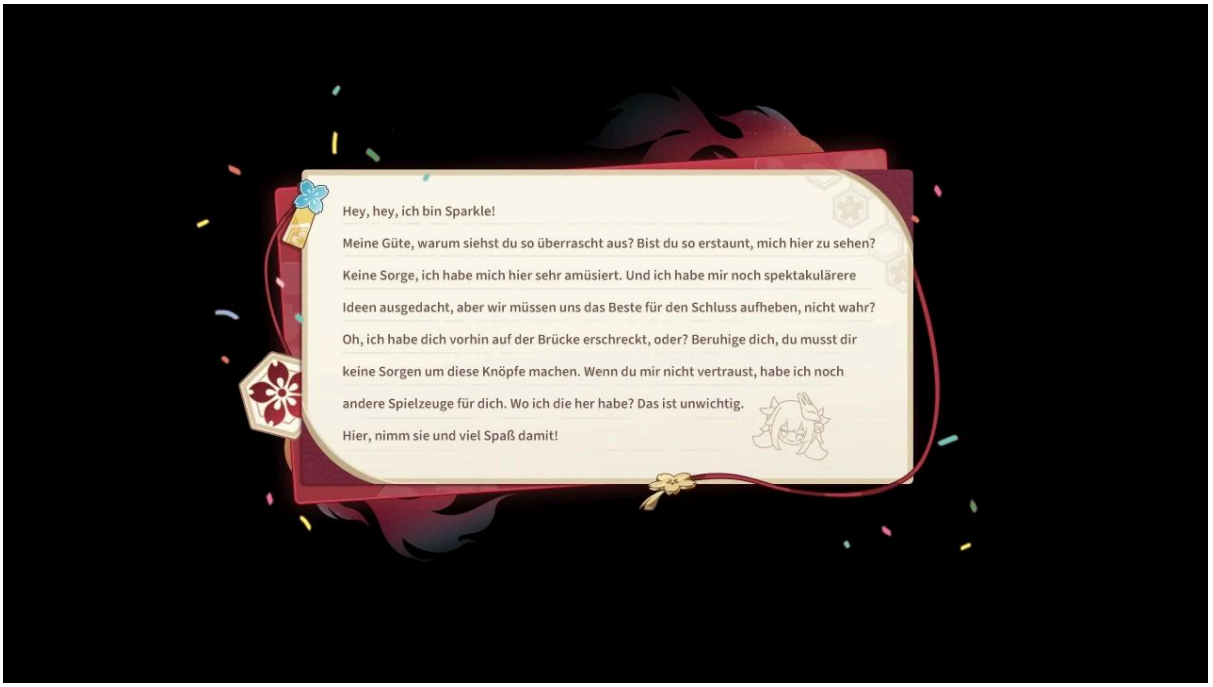
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“HI3rd is not scalable / does not count”

Its appearance or connection to Honkai Impact 3rd is often questioned because it's not directly scalable within Honkai: Star Rail. This criticism is partly valid, but the problem arises when trying to use this element as a direct feature. Its true value lies not in scaling it, but in demonstrating consistency in its behavior.

These kinds of appearances reinforce the idea that her character, based on manipulation, ambiguity, and narrative control, is not exclusive to a single context but rather a constant within her character development. Therefore, it shouldn't be used as evidence of power or planning, but rather as support for the coherence of her profile, showing that everything connects to each action she has taken while acting as the jester she always is.

—Image that explains it better—



In these interactions, Sparkle maintains a clear pattern: she trivializes potentially dangerous situations, presents risky elements as mere "toys," and adopts a carefree tone even in tense contexts. This approach is not isolated but consistent with her behavior in other scenarios, where she introduces pressure or chaos under a lighthearted guise, reducing the perceived threat to those around her. These appearances reinforce that her character, based on manipulation, ambiguity, and narrative control, is not exclusive to a single context but a constant within her character development. It's not about transferring events between works but recognizing a recurring pattern in her operation. Therefore, it shouldn't be used as direct evidence of power or planning, but rather as supporting evidence that strengthens the consistency of her profile, showing that her behavior remains stable regardless of the environment and that her actions follow the same structured method.

https://honkai-star-rail.fandom.com/es/wiki/Sparkle
https://honkaiimpact3.fandom.com/wiki/Sparkle/Gallery

“It’s all acting / there’s no real analysis”

Another common misconception is that Sparkle's abilities are merely actions devoid of any analytical component. However, his very origin contradicts this idea. Sparkle doesn't act instinctively; instead, he bases his behavior on observation and the study of human emotions. His ability to change his attitude, tone, and approach in a matter of seconds implies that he is constantly evaluating the situation.

This is clearly reflected in how he handles high-pressure situations, such as the chat event, where he shifts from mockery to threat and then to play in a matter of moments. Phrases like “I planted a bomb on this ship, you have 10 minutes” or “There are 999 dummies… find the bomb” not only generate tension but also structure the behavior of everyone involved. In this case, acting doesn't replace analysis; it's simply how that analysis is executed.

Sparkle's character description during her promotion in Patch 2.0 as a "drama queen," "performance addict," and possessor of "a thousand masks" might lead one to interpret her abilities as limited to superficial role-playing. This interpretation is reinforced by the fact that her primary motivation is "pleasure," which could suggest a lack of structure or analysis behind her actions.

However, this interpretation ignores how his method actually works. His performance is not an external imitation, but the result of a process where he constructs complete identities, with motivations, contexts, and emotional coherence. The fact that he can adopt multiple personas does not imply superficiality, but rather the ability to generate consistent behavioral patterns and use them according to the context.

In this sense, her role as an “actress” doesn't replace analysis, but rather enacts it. Her skill lies not in pretending, but in understanding others well enough to effectively portray them in different settings.

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https://villains.fandom.com/wiki/Sparkle_(Honkai:_Star_Rail)
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When these points are analyzed together, it becomes clear that the criticisms don't stem from actual flaws in the character, but rather from evaluating her using criteria that don't correspond to her style. Sparkle doesn't rely on direct control or explicit plans, but on indirect manipulation, control of the environment, and reading human behavior. Her intelligence isn't overtly displayed, but it manifests itself in how she creates situations where others end up acting within the limits she has established.

CONCLUSION:

This documentary aimed to demonstrate that many of his best plays are not the most flashy, but small details that go unnoticed at first, but which ultimately turn out to be key to everything.

And truly, thank you to everyone who made it this far. This kind of analysis wouldn't be the same without the interest, curiosity, and mystery this character evokes. If this journey teaches us anything, it's that there are always more layers to uncover… and Sparkle was probably several steps ahead from the start. In fact, this documentary should have come out sooner, but many factors caused it to be delayed. This wasn't a bad thing, though, since the immense amount of information available in the forums and the lore made this documentary more information-rich and usefully influenced our understanding of this character and all the ambiguity surrounding him.

That's all! See you next time..

