

Analysis: Reasoning of Fang Yuan

This is a breakdown of the reasoning Fang Yuan undertakes upon discovering his portrait stabbed with a dagger in the hidden treehouse.

This is explained from Fang Yuan's POV for better understanding.

P-premise

C-conclusion

P1 - I discovered this treehouse by following a secret red circle marking on the Wang family's beast skin map.

P2 - Old Man Wang attempted to deceive me with a falsified map lacking these crucial markings.

P3 - Inside this secret location, there are clear signs of recent occupation (damp clothing, unburnt firewood).

P4 - Most importantly, my own portrait is pinned to the wall with a dagger.

C1 - The recent occupant of this Wang family secret location knows my identity, is connected to their deepest secrets, and harbors a clear and present murderous intent towards me.

C1=P5

P5 - The occupant has murderous intent towards me and is connected to the Wang family.

P6 - I have personally confirmed the deaths of Old Man Wang, his son Wang Er, and his daughter.

P7 - The two hunters' initial testimony also corroborated that the entire household was present and accounted for before their demise.

C2 - A direct contradiction exists: A tangible, active threat is emanating from a family that is supposedly entirely deceased.

C2=P8

P8 - A contradiction exists between the present threat and the past narrative.

P9 - The evidence of the threat is physical and immediate. The narrative of the family's complete demise is based on testimony and the unverified "death" of one member from three years ago.

C3 - The narrative is the weakest link in this chain of facts. Therefore, a member of the Wang family must still be alive.

C3=P10

P10 - A member of the Wang family is still alive.

P11 - The deceased I personally killed were confirmed mortals, incapable of feigning death in such a convincing manner.

P12 - The only remaining family member in the narrative whose death was not witnessed or verified with

a corpse is the eldest son, Wang Da.

C4 - By process of elimination, Wang Da is the only possible survivor and the source of the threat.

C4=P13

P13 - Wang Da is the survivor. This hypothesis must be tested against all other known family behaviors.

P14 - Old Man Wang's decision to isolate his family from the village increased their physical danger from beasts but maximized their secrecy.

P15 - Old Man Wang actively chased away any young hunters who approached his home, preventing outside observation.

C5 - The family's primary goal for the last three years was not safety, but active, aggressive concealment of a secret.

C5=P16

P16 - The family's primary goal was active concealment.

P17 - I'll re-evaluate the suspicious death of Wang Da's wife. The public story is that she died of a broken heart and was awarded a chastity memorial arch.

P18 - A private rumor, corroborated by the hunters' gossip, stated she wanted to remarry and was subsequently hounded to death by Old Man Wang.

P19 - A chastity arch is a significant public honor, implying village-level approval of a certain narrative. This public narrative directly conflicts with the private rumor.

P20 - If Wang Da was secretly alive, his wife wanting to remarry would be a direct threat to his concealment, giving the family a strong motive to silence her.

C6 - The rumor is almost certainly the truth. The family silenced her to protect their secret, then manipulated the village with a false story to get a memorial arch, thereby cementing the lie of Wang Da's death in public record.

C6=P21

P21 - The Wang family is capable of cold-blooded murder and political manipulation to protect their secret.

P22 - This level of ruthless commitment implies the secret is of a life-or-death nature.

C7 - The secret they were protecting was Wang Da's continued existence.

C7=P23

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P24 - I'll re-evaluate Wang Er. As a mortal, he confronted me, a Gu Master, with unusual calmness.

P25 - His dialogue by the trap ("leave this Qing Mao Mountain and explore the world") showed ambitions and a worldview far beyond that of an isolated, mortal hunter.

P26 - This mindset can only be born from exposure to the wider world and the power of Gu Masters.

C8 - Wang Er's abnormal psychology was a direct result of being influenced by someone who had seen the bigger world and was not afraid of Gu Masters.

C8=P27

P27 - Wang Er was influenced by a hidden power within his family.

P28 - (From C7) The most probable source of this power and knowledge is his brother, Wang Da.

P29 - For a mortal hunter to disappear and become a "power" that can influence his family so profoundly, he must have undergone a fundamental transformation.

P30 - The only path to such power for a mortal outside the clan system is to become a demonic Gu Master through a fortuitous encounter.

C9 - Wang Da did not die three years ago; he became a demonic Gu Master, and the family has been hiding him ever since.

C9=P31

P31 - Wang Da is a demonic Gu Master.

P32 - I recently massacred his entire family, his support system, and the protectors of his secret.

C10 - To Wang Da, this makes me his mortal enemy, responsible for the destruction of everything he had left.

C10=P33

P33 - I am now Wang Da's mortal enemy.

P34 - A demonic cultivator, by nature, is unrestrained by conventional morals and will act directly and ruthlessly on a powerful vendetta.

P35 - The stabbed portrait is his vow of vengeance, a declaration that he is now hunting me.

C11 - Wang Da is now actively and single-mindedly hunting me for revenge.

C11=P36

P36 - Wang Da is actively hunting me.

P37 - The two hunters I spared were the only living witnesses who could identify me and link me to the Wang family's death.

P38 - Wang Da, returning to find his family dead, would have no immediate leads.

P39 - His first logical step would be to find any potential witnesses and silence them.

C12 - Wang Da must have tracked down, interrogated, and then probably silenced the two hunters to obtain my identity and portrait.

C12=P40

P40 - Wang Da has likely silenced the only other witnesses.

P41 - This action demonstrates his ruthlessness, efficiency, and skill as a hunter. He leaves no loose ends.

C13 - He is not a clumsy, newly-awakened cultivator, but a competent and dangerous foe.

C13=P42

P42 - He is a competent and dangerous foe.

P43 - He is aware that I possess his family's true beast skin map, which contains the locations of his other hideouts.

P44 - He knows that I know he is alive and that I have the means to track him or expose his network.

C14 - My possession of the map adds extreme urgency to his hunt; he must kill me before I can use this information against him.

C14=P45

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P46 - The current chaos of the mid-year exam and the beast horde provides the perfect cover for an assassination.

P47 - He would assume I am distracted by the exam and other threats, underestimating the personal threat he poses.

C15 - The current situation is the optimal time for him to strike.

C16=P48

P48 - The attack is imminent.

P49 - His entire family has been a facade, and their actions (the lie about the wife, the chasing of hunters) paint a picture of a cunning and deceptive support network.

C16 - Wang Da, as the core of this deception, is likely as cunning as his father, if not more so.

C16=P50

P50 - My enemy is cunning and deceptive.

P51 - He has a vendetta that can only be settled by my death.

P52 - He possesses the skills of a master hunter, the abilities of a Gu Master, and the ruthlessness of the demonic path.

C17 - The threat he poses is immediate, personal, and deadly.

C17=P53

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P54 - Wang Da has survived as a demonic cultivator in the wilderness for three full years.

P55 - The wilderness around Qing Mao mountain is a hostile environment, filled with dangerous wild beasts and regular patrols from all three clans.

P56 - A Rank one Gu Master has limited primeval essence, weak Gu, and minimal combat endurance. Long-term, independent survival under these conditions is nearly impossible.

P57 - To consistently hunt for sustenance, evade patrols, and defend oneself for three years necessitates the battle strength, endurance, and primeval essence reserves characteristic of at least a Rank two cultivation level.

C18 - Therefore, it is a near certainty that Wang Da is at least a Rank two demonic Gu Master and he is an immediate threat.

C18=P58

P58 - My enemy is most probably a Rank two (at minimum) demonic Gu Master and an immediate threat.

P59 - The upcoming mid-year exam requires all students to hunt wild boars in the surrounding mountains, forcing me into the wilderness where he operates.

P60 - Wang Da will anticipate this forced movement, as the exam is a public, clan-wide event.

C19 - Therefore, the mid-year exam is not just an opportunity for Wang Da, but his most probable and awaited chance to ambush me.

C19=P61

P61 - The mid-year exam is Wang Da's chosen hunting ground.

P62 - My information on him is detailed, but his information on me is limited to a portrait and the knowledge that I killed his mortal family.

P63 - He is likely underestimating my current strength because he is completely unaware of my true combat capability, which is far beyond my rank, and is completely oblivious to my 500 years of experience.

P64 - Due to our identical appearance and Fang Zheng's high-profile A-grade status, Wang Da might mistake my brother for me if he hasn't done thorough reconnaissance.

C20 - My primary advantages are the element of surprise regarding my true capabilities and the information asymmetry between us. My brother, however, is a potential collateral target.

C20=P65

P65 - I have an information advantage.

P66 - My primary disadvantages are my currently low cultivation (relative to my potential) and the fact that I am being hunted on his home turf.

P67 - He is a demonic cultivator driven solely by personal revenge. His actions will be direct and without the restraint of clan politics.

P68 - His target is singular: my death.

C21 (Final Conclusion)-I am being hunted by a vengeful, ruthless, skilled, and cunning Rank two (at minimum) demonic Gu Master who will use the mid-year exam as his hunting ground. All of my immediate actions must be geared towards surviving this specific, imminent threat by leveraging his incomplete information about me to turn his hunt into my own trap, while being aware that my brother is a potential collateral target.

And so, in a matter of moments, the entire reasoning was complete. Without wasting a second, Fang Yuan immediately shifted from analysis to action, preparing to misdirect Wang Da.

Reasoning subcategories covered: Verbal Reasoning, Probabilistic Reasoning, Logical Reasoning, Deductive Reasoning, Inductive Reasoning, Abductive Reasoning, Perceptual Reasoning, Causal Reasoning, Decompositional Reasoning, Systematic Reasoning, Cognitive Reasoning, Abstract Reasoning, Non Verbal Reasoning

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