

Character Profile

Name: Herr Peter Langendanch—Prison Warden



Physical

Peter is 59 years old, 185 cm tall with brown hair and brown eyes. His hair is receding and he struggles with his weight. He's married with children. He lives in Zurich, Switzerland.

Role

His job consumes him, so he is surprised when Kyle enters his life. He and his staff of prison psychologists become Kyle's ally.

Problems & Challenges

As warden of the prison in the Swiss canton of Zurich, he has his hands full with nearly 200 inmates, his staff and relations with the community. As a warden he is responsible for hiring, training, promotion, discipline, evaluation and firing of staff. He coordinates staff to maintain a safe working environment, monitors activities for compliance with laws and regulations, and oversees the proper treatment of the incarcerated. It's a demanding job and it's wearing him out. He comes home and falls asleep right after dinner several times each week. His wife is concerned about his health. He doesn't know what to do about the stress he's feeling.

He feels

He is on constant watch to assure [marijuana coming into the prison](#) does not attract unwanted attention from the public or the press. It's use is entrenched in the prison system, yet it is entirely illegal. Politicians occasionally argue against its use, giving the warden yet another challenge.

Accomplishments

Langendanch began his career after being [conscripted into the Swiss military](#) at the age of 18. He served for three years, then entered the prison system as a correctional officer. Over the years, Herr Langendanch held various positions and rose through the ranks to deputy warden before becoming warden of the Zurich canton in 2029.

Behaviors, Motivations, Traits

A no nonsense person, he sees most situations in black and white. The rules, laws and regulations that govern the operation of the prison are clear. He does his best to uphold them.

In spite of his rigorous adherence to the law, he recognizes he needs to temper his management style with compassion from time to time. He's often willing to consider a different way of dealing with events and people than the rules and regulations demand.

He is a leader, willing and ready to take charge of any situation.

He has an easy level of honest communication with others, and a thorough understanding of how he is perceived. He's a student of human behavior, observant and smart.

His most essential job skill is communication style. Whether it's the staff or prison inmates and detainees he oversees he communicates effectively and conveys his message in an assertive, yet tactful manner.

What Others Think of Him

Other men and women respect him as a "man's man." People notice that he carries himself with a sense of professionalism and discipline that comes with his position and the uniform.

His wife knows his deeper, quieter side.

His is respected throughout his community for his moral integrity and dedication to duty, honor and selfless service.