From Foundational Critique to Fictitious Players:

The Curious Odyssey of Oskar Morgenstern

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“I have the impression that my former scientific life was just full of vague presentiments. I have probably always expected a lot from mathematics and logic, but I was so mistrustful in some aspects, partially under the influence of K. Menger, and rightly so. Since I have known Johnny, everything has changed, and a completely new era has started for me. I am not at all sad that I haven't . . . (many!) papers, because they would mean nothing to me today”

Morgenstern, Diary, December 5, 1943