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: a: \uparrow \text{ elem\_t }, b: \uparrow \text{ elem\_t}
: bool
pa < -a; pb < -b
pa \neq \text{ nil and } pb \neq \text{ nil}
\text{if } pa.i < pb.i \text{ then}
\text{return False}
\text{elseif } pa.i > pb.i \text{ then}
pb < -pb.n
\text{else}
pa < -pa.n
pb < -pb.n
\text{end if}
/**/
\text{return } pa = \text{nil}
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