The player initially assumes the role of Orpheus, an amnesiac detective who, in the case of a missing child, arrives at the Oletus Manor, the main setting of the game. The Oletus Manor is a large manor owned by a mysterious individual that holds "games" of the Hunter and the Hunted. Throughout the duration of his stay, Orpheus collects evidence from written records, or "diaries", allowing him to visualize "games" from a participant's perspective.

On October 28, 2021, NetEase released a major expansion pack called "Time of Reunion" that expanded the storyline, particularly Orpheus's past and his involvement in the manor games. On April 20, 2023, NetEase released Update 2.0, "Ashes of Memory", which changes the main character to Alice DeRoss, a journalist whose investigations lead her to the Oletus Manor.