**Themes**

1. Subjugation is unsustainable
2. All human life is equally valuable
3. Technology must be used for the benefit of everyone

**Plot Points**

* Istanbul surrenders to the UNPG, Yevgeny is installed as a provincial governor.
* Jackson and Mayumi travel to Bright Lighthouse in Italy to try and convince Marcus Fairchild to aid the Peregrines, while Ian goes to Geneva with Charlotte
* Marcus and the Peregrines begin laying the foundation for a diplomatic relationship with the UNPG by manipulating the Administrative Parliament
* Ian joins the Inquisition and helps Charlotte with various tasks. They come into conflict with the Magistracy, who Charlotte believes are conspiring against Théoden.
* As Charlotte and Ian are closing in on a suspected spy, Magistrate Nathaniel Barbie convinces Théoden to send them and a group of cadets to the Black Site at Thessaloniki. Charlotte suspects he is trying to get them killed, but the mission is a success, and they retrieve a Mourner drone prototype, taking several captives as well.
* Civil unrest in Istanbul leads the Skywatch to arrest Mayor Ozcan. Yevgeny realizes that the UNPG’s position there is untenable and makes preparations to surrender to the rebels, but is killed in an insurgent bombing.
* Relationship between the Peregrines and UNPG sours. War is declared. The army and navy, sick of being abused by Lancaster, largely defect to the rebels.
* Marcus reveals that ASPIS is protected by a pre-crusade security system, and that the mourner AIs are sophisticated enough to crack it, which is a major reason that Lancaster supported the project.
* Although Eirene wants the weapon destroyed, Alexis and the others agree to activate ASPIS, hoping to convince the UNPG to surrender without bloodshed. Lena is sent to the space station to interface with its command center.
* Kasimira attacks Bright Lighthouse, ostensibly to prevent the rocket launch. While Charlotte and Ian are overseeing the siege, Barbie sends a spy to board the rocket.
* Lena successfully activates ASPIS, but Barbie’s spy – a mourner he built using the data and infrastructure captured from Thessaloniki – destroys her chassis and takes control of the superweapon. Barbie orders it to fire upon all UNPG Black Sites, as well as several other military targets. Meanwhile, on Earth, Bright Lighthouse is finally captured by the Inquisition.
* Barbie does not actually care much for the Kasimiran luddite philosophy, and only used it as rhetoric to inspire its people to fight and conquer.
* Barbie then turns ASPIS against the Inquisition, destroying numerous outposts while beginning a purge in Geneva. As Charlotte and Ian realize what is going on, they destroy the Bright Lighthouse spaceport to prevent the Magistracy from using it to resupply ASPIS and retreat to Herodotus. Théoden and Emma are killed in the purge.

**Character Summaries**

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**Alexis Eliades**

**Summary**:

One of two protagonists in the story, Alexis is a young idealist who became involved in revolutionary activity after witnessing the Civil Guard let civilians die in order to complete their mission. Though loyal to the Peregrine cause, she is suspicious of some allies they’ve been forced to make.

She is deeply in love with her best friend, Eirene, whom she was sent to (wrongly) arrest for treason but instead helped escape. Despite suspecting the feeling to be mutual, Alexis has not made any romantic advances since she still sees Eirene as being under her protection and doesn’t want to take advantage of that relationship.

Has mild OCD, obsessing over cleanliness and order. Is uncomfortable when not in control. Both of these traits worsen significantly when she’s under stress.

**Appearance**: Tall, strong build. Reddish-brown pixie cut hair. Brown eyes. Bronze skin.

**Voice:** Casual, making frequent use of phrases such as “like,” or “I mean” to begin a point. Uses more elevated language in formal situations.

**Age: 25**

**Miscellaneous:** Tosses small objects (e.g. rocks) to herself when bored. Does not drink alcohol. Has an ex-girlfriend named Christen Sinclair who now works at the Defense Administration as an AI Researcher. Was raised as an Orthodox Christian; no longer follows any organized religion but still believes in the existence of God.

**Arc Overview:** As the other Peregrine leaders abandon the cause in pursuit of their own goals, Alexis becomes the de facto leader, the additional stress causing her mental health to rapidly deteriorate. She becomes stubborn and paranoid, unwilling to place her trust in anybody except Eirene, especially after activating ASPIS at Marcus’ behest leads to disaster. Eirene eventually convinces her to relinquish power for the good of everyone.

**Eirene Baros**

**Summary**:

The deuteragonist of the Peregrine chapters. Believes strongly in the value of individual lives, and is more loyal to Alexis than to the revolution. Although fairly shy and introverted, she tends to open up more when she’s with the woman she loves. Eirene flies aircraft for the Peregrines – typically troop transports, but occasionally fighter aircraft as well. The pleasure and excitement that she feels during battle is greatly worrying to her, as she believes that one should not enjoy the taking of lives.

Eirene has a poor relationship with her family, and hasn’t spoken to them for years. Her father disowned her after discovering her homosexuality, and her mother and brother were unwilling or unable to stand up for her.

**Appearance**: Hourglass figure. Wavy, dirty blonde hair. Blue eyes. Light olive skin.

**Voice:** Soft. Tends to let others speak over her during group conversations, communicating any displeasure through body language. Never uses profanity more severe than “hell” or “damn” unless she’s extremely upset, and even then will typically apologize for it.

**Age:** 24

**Miscellaneous:** Enjoys drawing as a hobby, typically with charcoal or pencils. Fidgets rapidly when nervous, often using her fingers to tap a nearby surface. Is knowledgeable about ancient Greek history.

**Arc Overview:** Gradually overcomes shyness and becomes less dependent on Alexis, eventually reversing their roles and becoming Alexis’ protector and moral compass. Her bloodlust grows now that she has something personal to fight for, until she realizes that supporting Alexis’ crusade only harms them both and helps her step down from power.

**Ian Barrow**

**Summary**:

Although he’s initially a Peregrine commander, Ian is the protagonist of the Geneva chapters. He escapes Athens with Charlotte and ends up joining a cult, the Historian Inquisition, in the hopes that they can help him find and, if need be, rescue, the Peregrines.

Ian does care about his friends, but will prioritize his own interests and survival in times of crisis. Takes his work very seriously, and has few qualms about making any sacrifices necessary to ensure the success of the mission.

**Appearance**: Half Chinese. Short, dark hair, with brown eyes. Slim and muscular body.

**Voice:** Tries to put forward a cool, suave image.

**Age**: 31

**Miscellaneous:** ???

**Arc Overview:** As he spends time with the Historians, Ian becomes more loyal to them than to the Peregrines, and chooses to remain with the Inquisition rather than rejoin his friends. He joins Charlotte on her quest for vengeance after Emma’s death at Bright Lighthouse, but her extreme methods make him question his own willingness to sacrifice lives for the cause.

**Hayami Nagai**

**Summary**:

Side character in the Peregrine chapters. Hayami is one of three Peregrine commanders, alongside Alexis Eliades and Ian Barrow. She considers both of them close friends, but is particularly protective of Eirene Baros. As she is aware of Alexis’ romantic interest in Eirene (and vice versa), she keeps a careful look out to make sure that Alexis doesn’t dare break Eirene’s heart.

Puts on an excessively cheerful front to mask her depression and insecurity. Hayami volunteers for the Hotel India suicide mission early on, as she believes that her only chance to do something worthwhile with her life is to sacrifice it for others. When this fails, she becomes despondent and racked with survivor’s guilt, seeking increasingly dangerous ways to “redeem” herself for her perceived failures.

**Appearance**: Svelte and elegant, with her black hair done in a neat undercut. Medium-tan skin. Brown eyes. After Hotel India, has a prominent scar on the left side of her head.

**Voice:** Very causal language, often repeating some words. Tends to go off on tangents if not stopped/focused.

**Age**: 26

**Miscellaneous:** Is fond of horseback riding. Prefers to dress casually whenever possible. Often pursues casual sexual relationships as a distraction from reality.

**Arc Overview:** Eventually breaks down and reveals her depression to Alexis and Eirene after several failed attempts to die in battle. Eventually does sacrifice her life, but only in order to save the people she loves, not because she hates herself.

**Teague Ironwall**

**Summary**:

Side character in the Peregrine chapters. An elderly man and a veteran of the League Crusade, Teague represents the Catholic Church’s interests in the Peregrine revolution. Having been alive before the rise of the UNPG, he sees the revolution as a chance to return to the old world, especially the active religious community that existed before the secularization laws.

Acts as a father figure to the younger rebels, but will always side with those who can more substantially increase the revolution’s power, even if their values conflict with his own, or if doing so would alienate an individual member.

**Appearance**: Muscular (for someone of his age). Sharp, well-trimmed grey beard and hair. Green eyes and pale skin.

**Voice:** Formal and erudite, with an expansive vocabulary. Makes frequent references to Christian mythology and tradition.

**Age**: 62

**Miscellaneous:** ???

**Hector Pendleton**

**Summary**:

Side character in the Peregrine chapters. Formerly the heir to an arms-dealing fortune, Hector had his luxurious lifestyle taken away from him when the UNPG nationalized the arms industry. Nevertheless, he maintained several black-market connections that allow him to keep the Peregrines well-supplied as he uses them to try and regain control of his corporate empire.

Hector is well aware that the others do not care for, or even actively oppose his cause, but he also knows that they can’t do anything about it without depriving themselves of vital resources, and flaunts this advantage at any opportunity.

**Appearance**: Slender, with wispy, greying hair. Smells of expensive cologne.

**Voice:** Flippant and sarcastic, contemptuous of those he believes are wrong about anything but plays it off as friendly banter.

**Age**: 59

**Miscellaneous:** Very fond of Chai tea

**Jacob Lancaster**

**Summary**:

Grand Admiral of the UNPG, who also assumes the office of Director-General after Magnus’ death. A strict authoritarian, he sincerely believes that only a strong, centralized government can take the decisive action necessary in a time of crisis. Despite his arguably tyrannical policies, he aims to be a “benevolent dictator,” offering expansive welfare systems, education, and fair treatment of prisoners in order to promote stability.

Though he believes in God, having once been a Catholic before leaving the church, Lancaster’s experiences with the League Crusade convinced him that organized religion is a major source of conflict, and seeks to promote a secular state at all costs. Resistance only strengthens his resolve in this matter, though he is eventually convinced that he cannot enforce his believes on the entire world.

**Appearance**: Dark skin and grey hair. Heavily scarred due to injuries sustained in the crusade

**Voice:** Stoic and intense

**Age**: 68

**Miscellaneous:**

**Yevgeny Sokolov**

**Summary**:

A close personal friend of the late Director-General Magnus, Yevgeny is appointed Governor of Istanbul after the city-state’s surrender. He is young and naïve, but with good intentions, and initially seeks to bring “civility” to the frontier by building infrastructure and providing access to education. After his initial overtures meet with a cold reception, Yevgeny vows to meet with local leaders in order to better serve his new constituents. Unfortunately, after Mayor Ozcan is executed by Skywatch authorities for collaboration with the Peregrines, tensions escalate into violence, and Yevgeny makes preparations to surrender control of the city back to the rebels, knowing that this is the only way to avoid further bloodshed. Unfortunately, his retainers prevent him from informing the rebels of this to ensure his safety, and they attack his office and kill him before the surrender can occur.

**Appearance**: Fair skin and dirty blonde hair. Young, baby-faced.

**Voice:** Positive, excitable

**Age**: 31

**Miscellaneous:**