

PGR for Dumbdawns: A Quick Lore Summary!(Vol.1)

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Hello there,fellow Commandant, and welcome to the "PGR for Dumbdawns" project! This is meant to help people who have trouble with catching up to the story mode due to lack of time or other reasons. If you identify yourself with those situations, these summaries are 100% made for you!

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Some important notes:

- These summaries may not contain the whole context of the chapter in question since they are made to be concise and easy to read; I'll try my best to convey all of the key aspects of the lore present in the chapter nonetheless.
- These summaries use terms mainly employed in the English translation for the Global server of PGR as the person elaborating these texts does not know the terms used by the CN community.
- This doc is susceptible to changes to better fit future updates.

The setting of PGR



Basically, in the world of PGR, humanity had achieved peak technological development, and was living at the apex of modern civilization. With the whole planet at their reach, mankind started to look at the stars, and sought to harness the necessary energy to do so. The zero point reactors were devised, and the Babylonia Space Station was projected as the first interstellar spacecraft in history. Using the near infinite energy of the zero point reactors, Babylonia would take mankind to colonize other star systems and beyond. But that never happened.

Before Babylonia installed their reactor, one of them had an accident and exploded. In the fallout of the disaster, a dangerous element originating from it, later dubbed the Punishing Virus, started to spread, killing humans and changing the behavior of the machines and mechanoids to one of extreme hostility towards mankind. The virus eventually reached almost all big populational centers and ushered a massacre, with millions or even billions of deaths.

In desperation, the World Government decided to use Babylonia as their safe haven and started to organize a retreat to the space station. After this retreat, scientists developed a technology capable of turning humans into androids while retaining their consciousness - constructs. Guided by a human commandant and using Inver Devices, the constructs could fight without getting lethally exposed to the virus in most situations.

Prologue

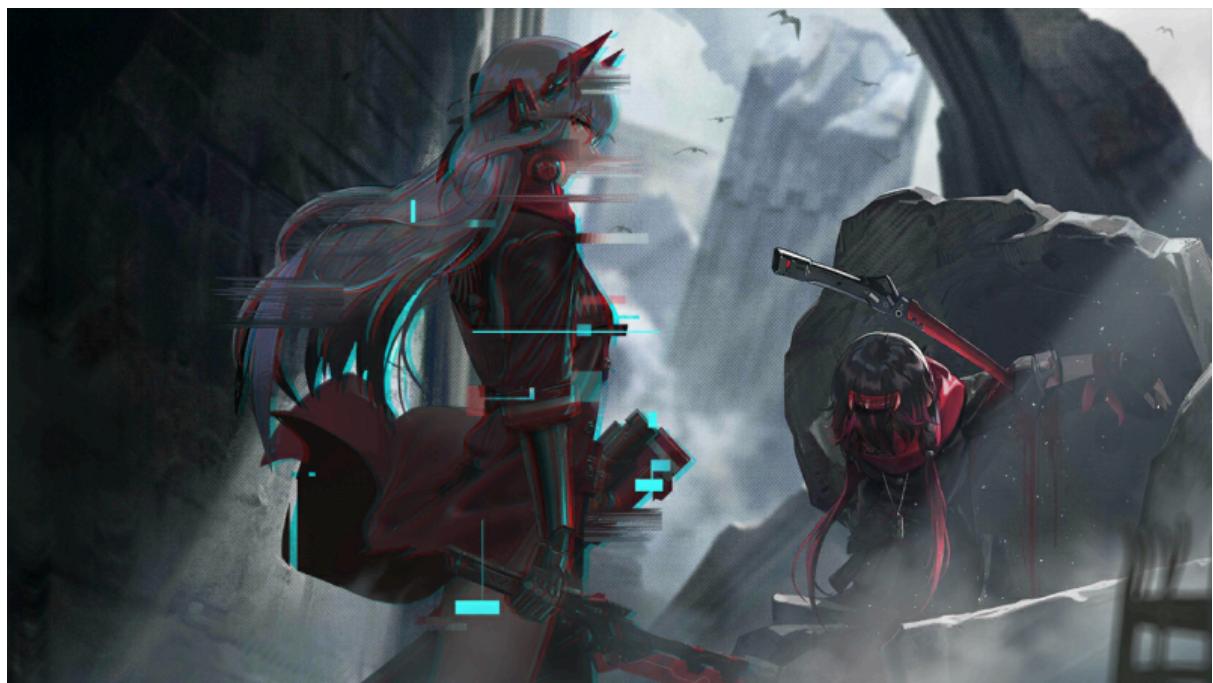


After defeating more than a hundred corrupted in a skirmish in the ruins of City 015, Lucia and Commandant find themselves in a pinch. Lucia is utterly spent while Commandant just emptied the last vial of Anti-Punishing Serum. Aware of how dire the situation is, Lucia asks to have her pain receptors turned off, to which Commandant complies. They successfully

fend off the next wave of corrupted until their teammates blast through the attackers with a concentrated energy ray, opening a path to retreat. After retreating, they rendezvous with their other two Construct teammates, Liv and Lee.

Lee quickly briefs everyone of what is happening: Liv cannot fight anymore due to the previous attack overloading her weapons, and Lee burnt his hands while preparing the strike. They are in the process of clearing City 015 so the Engineering Force can build a permanent base on it. Based on this info, Lee advises against continuing direct combat and suggests they retreat to a nearby church to rest and resupply.

As they move further in, an unknown Construct greatly resembling Lucia appears, and their sensors accuse that such newfound foe has high Punishing levels in her body. Oddly enough, she only attacks Lucia, and for some reason is unable to properly see her. While their fight goes on, Lucia starts having flashbacks from a past that she doesn't recognize.



The fight ends with Lucia soundly defeated, and the unknown foe about to deal the finishing blow. The Commandant, however, shoots her, drawing her attention. The unknown Construct stabs Commandant in retaliation, and asks them if they can truly empathize with Lucia, to which Commandant answers affirmatively. Seeing that they truly trust each other, she leaves, while commenting that she looks forward to seeing how Lucia will react once she discovers the truth.

Chapter 01: Graffiti Art



After the mysterious construct takes her leave, Liv quickly patches Lucia up, while Lee notices that her fighting patterns are similar to Lucia's. Moreso, Lee notices that the visual problems displayed by Lucia in the previous fight shouldn't be possible, since M.I.N.D technology cannot be hacked like normal systems. After Lucia recovers enough, they march into the rendezvous point with another squad, only to find several destroyed Constructs. Liv used her scanning ability to search for survivors, and eventually finds a group of Corrupted using parts of the destroyed Constructs to upgrade themselves. Both groups fight, and while Gray Raven wins, Lucia has her arm rendered useless in the process.

They eventually find a survivor, who details how these corrupted are concentrating themselves around oddly looking graffiti that only machines can understand, and are learning how to form slightly organized groups to attack Babylonian squads. Lee points out to how odd this is, because usually Corrupted are only attracted to signs of human consciousness. The Construct then says to Lucia to take his arm to repair her damaged one, and points out to a place where they can repair Liv's weapons.

At that place they find destroyed Constructs covered in a mix of Construct vital fluid, graffiti paint and cooling fluid.

After repairing her weapons, Liv asks to connect to the M.I.N.D files of a fallen Construct to discover what happened in this place. With Commandant's help, she successfully connects and discovers that the squad eventually found the graffitis and the corrupted mechanoids gathering around it. The squad commander points out that this might mean that the corrupted developed a proper consciousness. His underlings try to erase the graffiti, incurring in the wrath of the nearby Corrupted, which eventually decimated the squad.

After the memory replay ends, a large mechanoid - called Nozzle - appears in front of the group. Hearing how Lee called his creations "horrid", Nozzle gets mad and releases a strange mist before going away, disrupting all radars in the region. Gray Raven pursues it, and they resume communications with Babylonia. Celica briefs them in the situation (Babylonia just passed nearby the corrupted Space Station-more on that later) and sends them info on Nozzle location. They sneak past the enemy lines with special camouflage and reach Nozzle, who complains that neither humans nor Ascendants can understand his art, which is his attempt to spread the enlightenment of the "Sage" throughout the world. Nozzle fights the squad but ends up being defeated. The crew decides to take a look at his memory files searching for more explanations about his odd behavior, but they receive orders from Hassen(president of the World Government) to temporarily halt their mission and return to Babylonia immediately.

At Babylonia, Lucia gets repaired by Asimov, leader of the Science Council and responsible for designing Construct frames. Asimov vaguely comments on the abnormality Lucia displayed during the battle earlier, but doesn't explain it further to the Commandant due to it being top secret. After leaving the lab, Commandant passes by Nikola(Commandant-in-chief of the military forces of Babylonia), who is there to speak to Asimov. Commandant then goes to the main bridge to analyze Nozzle's memory files with Hassen and Celica.



Hidden Story 1

Basically Nozzle was an assistant robot to an old painter. The painter gave Nozzle freedom after years of collaboration, but he couldn't understand Nozzle's creations. Despite this, he still encouraged the mechanoid to keep painting, because someday he would find someone able to understand his creations.

After a while, Nozzle finds himself in a ruined world, awakened by the paintings of the Sage. Nozzle then decided to replicate the patterns of the designs he found, spreading the word of the Sage to enlighten more machines . Eventually, he and his followers are met with hostility by the Construct soldiers, leading to conflict with them and eventually with the Gray Ravens. While running away from the Gray Raven squad, he meets a Corrupted called Iron Maiden, who berates him for not killing the humans on spot and offers him a spot among the Ascendants. Nozzle refuses because he wants to keep spreading the word of the "Sage", and eventually ends up clashing against Iron Maiden as well. Nozzle escapes and shortly after it meets the Gray Ravens for a final showdown.

Chapter 02: Journey of Torture



The squad gets another assignment, this time to deal with the Corrupted called Iron Maiden. Due to the nature of the menace this time, they need to prepare special stun devices beforehand, and to accomplish that they will need to work with other teams . While they are setting the device entrusted to them, a construct with no affiliations called Nanami appears out of nowhere wanting to help. Lee starts to have suspects about her in the spot, but after she helps them with technical issues with their device, she goes away to look at the graffitis ahead.

As Lee tries to check out more info about Nanami(which to his chagrin is scarce and very limited), Commandant receives a connection request from a construct called Tifa, from the Suzaku Squad. But a few details point out to a possible trap: not only the requester is in the middle of a Corrupted infested zone, the official info on the Suzaku Squad shows that their Commander was killed just a few days before, and the 3 constructs of his squad are currently missing. Commandant then denies the connection.

Shortly after that, they receive a call from the Construct Vera, who informs them that Tifa is the real identity of Iron Maiden. Lee is extremely displeased to meet Vera again, since they both worked at Kurono together before. She now is the leader of the Cerberus squad while Lee got assigned to Gray Raven. They decide to track the origin of the signal they received earlier, only to find the abandoned Inver Device of a construct, and the other 2 members of the Suzaku Squad. These members, already dying, say that Tifa accepted the offer of an Ascendant for more power after their Commandant died in combat, and thus ripped out her Inver Device .

After some tactical conundrum, Vera reveals that she didn't inform them earlier about Tifa so that the Gray Raven would end up dealing with foes in the opposite direction of Tifa, therefore allowing Vera to take on Iron Maiden by herself. Vera does guarantee them a "wish ticket" that is basically a promise that next time they need help, Cerberus will offer assistance in their own way.



Eventually Vera fails and needs to retreat with her squad, while the Gray Ravens reach Tifa and engage in combat. Eventually Tifa unleashes her full power in the form of multiple spikes and tentacles. Liv is unable to escape in time, so Lee shields her from the assault with his body and uses this opportunity to shoot at Iron Maiden at point blank distance, putting an end to the combat . Tifa is then overtaken by power craving Corrupted, who tear her body apart while she calls for her commandant in pain. Gray Raven then retreats while Liv tries to patch Lee's wounds. Eventually they rendezvous with Chrome, leader of the Strike Hawk squad, who leads them towards a transport craft to leave the battlefield.

Hidden Story 2

Tifa's body is transported to a nearby base, where Liv connects to her M.I.N.D files in order to discover exactly what happened.

Tifa originally was a timid Support Construct that grew to like her kind and caring Commandant. When he died, he made one last request to Tifa: to keep herself alive at all costs. Tifa then tries to keep that promise no matter what happens, and eventually she accepts the offer made by the Ascendant Roland towards becoming an Ascendant. She quickly decimates the competition of Corrupted, absorbing Virus from them to grow stronger, and eventually she laments that if she had such power before maybe her commandant would still be alive.

Eventually Kamui from the Strike Hawk squad happens to cross paths with her, and the two clash, destroying a bridge in the process. Tifa escapes while Kamui reports back to Chrome.

Chapter 3: Final Exhibition



The Ascendant called Roland crashes into an abandoned estate ,where he receives comms from another Ascendant called Gabriel, who warns him to prepare for the arrival of "Miss Luna". He eventually sets traps for the incoming Babylonian troops that are getting close to the manor.

After a while, we see a scene where hundreds of Corrupted crawl towards Luna, who is seated in a throne, while begging for her power and to be linked to the Ascendant Network(AscNet for short). Roland then says that to prove themselves worthy they must kill a group of humans that is approaching. Luna warns Roland to not play around with her sister

and her friends for too long, and Roland complies, also compromising himself to find worthy "seeds" among the humans.

Outside of the manor, the Gray Ravens are analyzing the corruption levels and find out that the last traces of the Ascendant they are tracking end there. They are surprised by hostile fire from Corrupted, but before the situation gets too dire, Kamui crashes in, rescuing Lucia from a pinch. While he does deliver a heavy blow to the corrupted, he forgets to check if it's dead for good, forcing Lee to cover his back, much to his chagrin. Kamui comments that he met Lucia before when they both entered service, and it feels slightly disappointed that she doesn't remember him. He then reveals that multiple Ascendants are known to exist, all of them sharing power from the AscNet. Lucia asks if they know the whereabouts of the unknown female Construct that they met earlier, but Kamui doesn't know anything about such a person.

Liv then detects that friendly troops are fighting against someone even stronger than Tifa inside the atrium . Kamui recklessly charges into the manor, activating many security systems and greatly irritating Lee in the process. After they deal with all systems, they hear the voice of the steward of the manor being broadcasted all across the state, asking them to leave at once.

While the Gray Ravens are crossing the estate, finding the many traps laid by Roland in the process, Roland finally finds the robotic steward of the manor, Roseblade, who is trying to destroy both corrupted and Constructs so they can't become tools for Roland. Roland and Roseblade fight, but Roseblade ends up defeated, and Roland infects him with the Punishing.

The team finally reaches the two, and Kamui faces Roland alone while the Gray Ravens deal with Roseblade. In the end, a defeated Roseblade activates his self destruction protocol. Roland arrives soon after and decides to test Lucia's strength, and ends up concluding that Lucia is, indeed, just as weak as "she" told him. He then cuts up the pillars to prevent them from reaching Kamui. After he leaves, Chrome appears in the comms and informs them that Kamui's corruption levels are rising.

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