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Aversion

What we know

The War is over in South Africa and the newly elected government is looking to discover hidden atrocities of the time. After studying reports from the South African military about losing numbers and those drafted going missing after being forced to the join the army, the new government body looks to locate these missing individuals. Government officials enlist the Protagonist to go on a recon mission to unearth any information related to the incident. The government gets tipped off by a Torre Gordon about where they may be located and what may have happened. Torre Gordon helps the Protagonist in their quest

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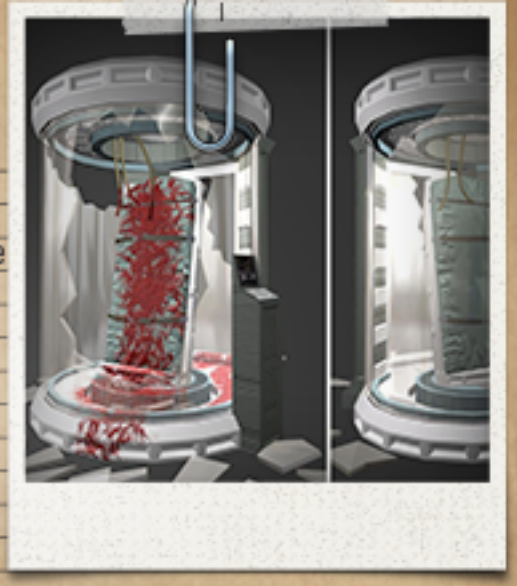
Gameplay



First person, survival/sci-fi/horror game

Objects: weapon, adrenaline needle, camera (record mode disables use of other objects, if in record mode any time something bad happens to you, you can rewind and replay that scenario). Win condition if enter Ward 22, gather information and then escape each sector in one piece

Working list of Scripts/Code:

Camera recording screen/Old film texture camera screen

Experimented Soldier AI, Object pick up, Capture frames, log

Menu system for recordings, documents, notes, end/save game

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THE AVERSION PROJECT
Human rights abuses of gays and lesbians
in the South African Defence Force by

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They didn't like gay people in apartheid-era South Africa. Especially in the armed forces. How they got rid of them is shocking. Using army psychiatrists and military chaplains, who were, presumably privy to private, "confidential" confessions, the apartheid regime flushed out homosexuals in the armed forces. But it did not evict them from the military. The homosexual "undesirables" were sent to a military hospital near Pretoria, to a place called Ward 22 (which in itself sounds terrifying). There, between 1971 and 1989, many victims were submitted to chemical castrations and electric shock treatment, meant to cure them of their homosexual "condition." As many as 900 homosexuals, mostly 16-24 years old who had been drafted and had not voluntarily joined the military, were subjected to forced "sexual reassignment" surgeries. Men were surgically turned into women against their will, then cast out into the world, the gender reassignment often incomplete, and without the means to pay for expensive hormones to maintain their new sexual identities. The head of this project, Dr. Aubrey Levin, went on to become a clinical professor at the University of Calgary. That is until 2010, when his license was suspended for making sexual advances towards a male student. He was sentenced to five years in prison for other sexual assaults (against males).

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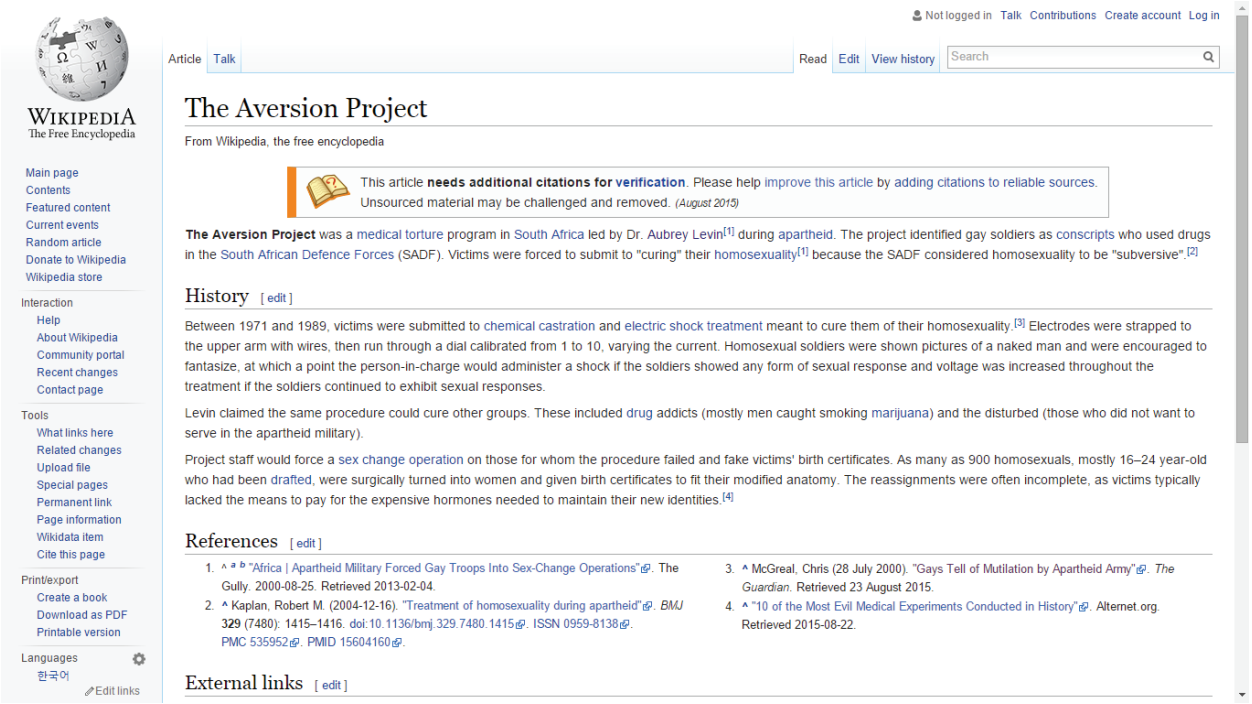

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The Aversion Project was a medical torture program in South Africa led by Dr. Aubrey Levin[1] during apartheid. The project identified gay soldiers as conscripts who used drugs in the South African Defence Forces (SADF). Victims were forced to submit to "curing" their homosexuality[1] because the SADF considered homosexuality to be "subversive".[2]

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Between 1971 and 1989, victims were submitted to chemical castration and electric shock treatment meant to cure them of their homosexuality.[3] Electrodes were strapped to the upper arm with wires, then run through a dial calibrated from 1 to 10, varying the current. Homosexual soldiers were shown pictures of a naked man and were encouraged to fantasize, at which a point the person-in-charge would administer a shock if the soldiers showed any form of sexual response and voltage was increased throughout the treatment if the soldiers continued to exhibit sexual responses.

Levin claimed the same procedure could cure other groups. These included drug addicts (mostly men caught smoking marijuana) and the disturbed (those who did not want to serve in the apartheid military).

Project staff would force a sex change operation on those for whom the procedure failed and fake victims' birth certificates. As many as 900 homosexuals, mostly 16–24 year-old who had been drafted, were surgically turned into women and given birth certificates to fit their modified anatomy. The reassignments were often incomplete, as victims typically lacked the means to pay for the expensive hormones needed to maintain their new identities.[4]

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Aversion Therapy

A form of psychological treatment in which the patient is exposed to a stimulus while simultaneously being subjected to some form of discomfort. This conditioning is intended to cause the patient to associate the stimulus with unpleasant sensations in order to stop the specific behavior.

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Gays tell of mutilation by apartheid army

A report detailing castration and electric shocks adds weight to calls for doctors to be held to account over abuses

Chris McGreal in Johannesburg

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The part-man, part-woman who still calls himself Harold is trying to gather the courage to finally fight back against South Africa's military. It was the army, after all, which abandoned him more than a decade ago, part way through "treatment" to turn him from a male to a female under a discredited policy of trying to "cure" homosexual conscripts.

"I now know that in one sense I was just unlucky. The army had whole gay battalions who they just shunted aside and let be. But if things went wrong and you ended up in the hands of the psychologists then it could get very bad. In my case it began with the electric shocks and only ended after they'd already given me breasts, and then the army said it had abandoned the whole policy," he said.

He is not alone. Thousands of other gays were subjected to electric shock therapy, hormone treatment and chemical castration through the 1970s and 80s, when national service was compulsory for white males and homosexuality was a crime.

Some lesbians were also given "cures".

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