

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **THE GAMES:**

Everybody knows there are many different ways to play through the games and that the 'true' story is a mixture of the various character's paths and routes chosen throughout.

## **REMAKE**

I have presented remake as a hybrid of Chris and Jill's stories. The cannon ending has both Rebecca and Barry survive and this cannot be achieved in either separate scenario and so they have been merged. I have added my own preferences to events such as I still have Richard aid Jill against the Yawn in the attic, yet I have Richard survive and he later goes on to meet Chris in the aqua ring. My choices also take into account the Umbrella Chronicles, for example, originally I had the climax of Jill and Barry facing Wesker in the lab but I have now changed it to Chris and Rebecca as UC clearly shows that Wesker does not activate the self destruct system.

## **RE2**

I use aspects of all four scenarios although as the climax builds I go for Claire A/Leon B. UC seems to back this up. It includes the Sherry infection subplot and makes Ada's survival more likely. Despite what Wesker's Report says, we never see or have any evidence of him actually saving her life in any way. The only headache with this is that Leon B implies Ada got the G-Virus out of Raccoon through Sherry's pendant whereas UC states she retrieved a tissue sample from Birkin's corpse.

## **RE3**

I go for the ending where Barry makes a cameo. Everyone loves a bit of Burton. Also, Nicholai surviving makes a nice change from the usual formula for an RE baddie. He also pops up in an October dated report in RE Survivor and in the original beta build of RECV it is Nicholai who is attacking Claire at Umbrella's European HQ in the helicopter.

## **OUTBREAKS 1 AND 2**

Again, there is no official way through this game and no official word on which characters survive and which die. I had Yoko survive as she works for Umbrella and testifies against them which fits in nicely with the court case following the Raccoon City incident. Below is why I have placed the scenarios in the order they are on the timeline.

### **REOUT1 – OUTBREAK – Evening of 25th September**

Chief Irons' Sep 23rd diary entry implies the virus spill was very recent; i.e. the night before and that soon the streets will be crawling with zombies. Other police files from RE2 indicate that the zombies begin to show up en masse on Sep 26th, such as Operation Report 1 when the RPD was 'unexpectedly attacked by zombies.' The Outbreak scenario suggests that the wave of zombies at the end is the first sighting of a major group of them, {if they were already loads walking round the city, why would people still be running their normal lives such as going for a drink after work?} With this in mind, I place this scenario on the evening of the 25th, the day before the zombies appear everywhere.

### **REOUT1 – HELLFIRE – Evening of 25th September**

This is placed at the same time as Outbreak. The Apple Inn is close to J's bar and smoke can be seen billowing from it. Also the firemen at the end suggest that the incident has only just kicked off.

### **REOUT2 – WILD THINGS – Evening of 25th Sep – Early hours of 26th Sep**

The players who make their way to the zoo find an Evacuation Order file written by RPD officer Raymond Douglas who is the same officer that pops up outside J's bar in the Outbreak scenario. He obviously had to have written this before he was killed by zombies meaning this file must be dated on the 25th.

## REOUT2 – UNDERBELLY – Morning of 26th September

As stated before, many documents indicate the 26th is when the balance begins to change. The intro to this scenario shows many zombies but still many people alive, shocked and confused, indicating this is taking place early on in the disaster.

## REOUT1 – THE HIVE – Evening of 26th September

The UBCS are deployed in Raccoon City in the early hours of September 27th. The hospital in this scenario shows no signs of any UBCS corpses which indicates this scenario took place several hours before they arrived.

## REOUT1 – BELOW FREEZING POINT – Early hours of 27th September

I have this scenario directly follow The Hive as that level concludes with the survivors taking a boat in the sewers; a boat which is indicated in a file as leading directly to Birkin's lab.

## REOUT2 – FLASHBACK – Day of 27th September

This is the most ambiguous of all ten scenarios as it takes place outside of the city in Raccoon Forest. I have it follow on directly from the end of Below Freezing Point as the train is the only logical way for the survivors to reach the forest.

## REOUT2 – DESPERATE TIMES – Early evening of 27th September

The RPD make their stand on the early hours of the 27th where they lose a majority of their officers. Operation Report 1 states that another battle breaks out at 1pm on the 27th and twelve more people are killed. So by early evening only a handful of officers are left alive. Also, due the nature of Marvin's wounds, it can't be more than 12 hours of so before Jill discovers him on the afternoon of September 28th.

## REOUT1 – DECISIONS, DECISIONS – Afternoon of 30th September to Dawn October 1st

The survivors are holed up at the RPD and it takes them three hours to reach the university. Nicholai's presence and further events take things right up to the missile strike on Oct 1st.

## REOUT2 – END OF THE ROAD – Late evening September 30th to Dawn October 1st.

Doesn't really need any explanations.

## **UMBRELLA CHRONICLES**

The main four scenarios can be disregarded as they contrast events taking place in the original games and so they are not included here except for small story details such as Richard's radio call to Rebecca at the beginning of Train Derailment 2. The bonus scenarios are a different matter. All seem to fit nicely bar two.

## BEGINNINGS

Beginnings really sums up what a pain in the arse Resident Evil's storytelling can sometimes be. These early Wesker levels are pretty pointless and add nothing whatsoever to the plot besides his very unlikely meeting with Sergei at the end. I mean, what the hell was he doing there? If it wasn't relevant to the plot I would have left out beginnings altogether. The only conceivable reason I can find for Wesker to visit the Training Facility was to see for himself first hand the damage the virus had caused and to see if the place was a total loss.

## DEATH'S DOOR

A very nice little scenario that ties in with the events of REOUT2 End of the Road, thus confirming it as cannon?? There are however, a couple of issues. First off, Ada tells Wesker she got the G-Virus sample from Birkin's body as opposed to Sherry's pendant. Yet this would seem impossible as Claire is battling Birkin the same time as Ada throws the rocket launcher to Leon in his battle with Mr X. How would Ada have time to do this, make her way back to the lab and get a sample after Claire has defeated Birkin and left and then somehow manage to escape the lab before it blows up? Basically throws a huge spanner in the works of the RE2 Claire A Leon B cannon. Secondly, Sergei extracts the UMF-013 before the morning of September 30th when the lab is destroyed. Why then, is he still flying around Raccoon City with it dangling beneath his helicopter nearly 24 hours later on October 1st?

## **RE5**

Surprisingly for an RE game, the developers seemed to have paid attention to past events and nothing really contradicts or goes against things that have happened in previous titles. There seems to be a little mix-up with the Progenitor Virus in that in RE0 it is described as nothing more than a prototype to the T-Virus yet now it appears almost superior.

On another note, most of the Tricell documents are undated. The original belief is that RE5 would take place 10 years after RE1 placing it roughly in the summer of 2008. This would fit in nicely with many of the documents in RE5 such as the Village Youth's Diary and Plagas tests being dated April/May time. Also, when the Reaper is discovered, again dated May, which has to mean May 2008, it mentions loading the Uroboros missiles implying that the new virus is ready.

Why then, does Wesker not launch his plan for another nine months in March 2009? I believe that with the game being delayed, Capcom changed the dates the game takes place to coincide with the release of the game. It makes some events a little extreme such as the Ndipaya people being infected with the Type 3 Plagas for nine months before the BSAA found them, but it's not impossible. Overall, just minor criticisms.

## **THE FILES**

Here is a list of several files that have been slightly altered by myself.

### **RECVX: ALEXANDER'S MEMO**

I have made one change here. Eagle-eyed readers will notice that in the original text Alexander states 'Now there is great competition in the field of T-Virus research.' Now this is a mistake as, even though it is undated the document was written after Edward Ashford's death and before the Antarctic Base was constructed which places this in 1968/69 period, nearly ten years before James Marcus creates the T-Virus in 1977. What Alexander means here is Progenitor/Mother Virus and so it has been corrected.

### **SIDE NOTE**

Before the release of some of the later titles in the series, I used to be under the misconception that the Mother Virus and Progenitor Virus were separate things. Now that this is confirmed to be not the case, in all files I have changed the word 'Mother' or 'Founder' to 'Progenitor'. The sole reason for this is just to avoid confusion as they are all the same thing.

### **RE GENESIS – ANNIVERSARY CARD**

Dated November 8th, it actually states that "Lisa and I are missing you at the mansion." We know this is a mistake as Trevor's Letters and Trevor's Diary confirm that Jessica and Lisa arrived at the Spencer Estate on November 10th. As I really wanted to accommodate this file I changed it slightly to say "We will miss you at the mansion." All other files have not been altered and are presented exactly as they are found in the games.

## **CHARACTERS**

### **SERGEI VLADIMIR**

One very important plot aspect but which in typical RE style is very briefly explained is Sergei's influence on the Tyrant programme. What is clear is that he is a suitable host for a Tyrant and that ten clones were created to help produce more experimental Tyrants, including the T-103 model which would later become both 'Ivan', 'Mr X' and be mass produced on Sheena Island under the direction of Vincent Goldman. The only thing we have to work with is the file 'Sergei's letter to Nicholai.' However, the timing of this is vague.

Wesker didn't seem to know anything about the T-103 model as he believed the T-002 being developed at the mansion was the pinnacle weapon. He knew about the prototype in Birkin's lab at Raccoon City but in Umbrella Chronicles he notes how it was a 'failure' and 'I thought we had disposed of you.' Therefore, I believe Sergei donated these clones as late as 1997, so that his 'Ivan' model was the first ready unit by the time of the mansion incident in 1998. His successful recovery of the TALOS prototype would naturally lead to another T-103 being used to find the G-Virus in Raccoon City. This also fits in neatly with the events of Survivor and the Tyrant factory. For me, this is the only conceivable way around the whole plot hole of Ivan appearing before the mansion incident, as quite simply, he shouldn't exist.

### **JAMES MARCUS**

Yes okay, I give in, he died in 1988. Although it still makes more sense for him to be killed in 1978.

### **NICHOLAI GINOVEAF**

Is he still alive? In short, probably not as he has yet to make a re-appearance in the series though rumours were sparked when shots of Krauser first emerged in RE4 but alas, it was not to be. I have chosen to have him alive as; 1. If he lives, we see Barry again, which cannot be a bad thing! 2. In the original version of Code Veronica, he was to be piloting the chopper shooting at Claire in the intro sequence. 3. He appears in an October 1998 file of Gun Survivor (yes I know the original Japanese version is by 'UBCS Member' yet I don't have the Japanese version, I have the PAL version and so I stick to what that says. 4. Some believe it is Nicholai on the phone during the March 1999 dated epilogue for RE Outbreak. Hopefully, RE Darkside Chronicles will definitively answer this question.

### **TALOS**

A failed experiment, both in game and out as it was hated by most fans across the RE universe. The development of this project is unclear as all the documents relating to it are unclear, however, as Sergei recovers an early prototype from the Arklay lab during the mansion incident, I am guessing that the project was begun in 1998 and development transferred to the Russian Base following the incident, where Sergei took over the project.

### **HOW DID LAS PLAGAS APPEAR IN RESIDENT EVIL 5?**

This is a bit of a sticky issue due to RE4 Separate Ways in which Ada's Report indicates that Ada betrayed Wesker and did not send him the plaga sample. However, in the official strategy guide from RE5 the developers state that Wesker acquired the Las Plagas sample in a side-story in RE4, indicating that Separate Ways is now no longer canon. I cannot accept this and still see Separate Ways as very much part of the story. With all his resources, it's not a stretch to say that Wesker acquired his own sample. In RE5 Excella implies that Wesker brought Las Plagas to Tricell when he first approached them directly after the events of RE4. The sample was then passed to Irving to experiment on leading to the B.S.A.A.'s belief that Irving acquired it from the black market.

Thanks for reading and thanks again to those who contributed. Any feedback of questions please e-mail to [johnnic01@hotmail.com](mailto:johnnic01@hotmail.com) Cheers!