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## Dramatis Personae

Character Type	Subtype	Colour
Primary	Protagonist	Red
	Deuteragonist	Green
	Tritagonist	Blue
	Antagonist	Purple
Secondary		Black

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## ***Salvatore Pasquale***

**Birthday:** 26 September 1988

**Death:** 2 July 2011

- Legally died on 2 July 2011; revived and nanotech-enhanced on 3 July 2011

**Origin:** Venice, Veneto, Italy

**Full Name:** Salvatore Amilcare Pasquale

**Gender:** Male

**Height:** 6’ 2” (1.88 m)

**Nationality:** DUAL – Italian / British (English)

Salvatore is a gentle, emotionally driven and determined fellow, holding dual Italian and British citizenship. Immigrating to the USA from Europe to pursue his goal as a man of honour, he suffers from Asperger Syndrome, making him a prime target for bullies and deviants. He has a penchant for “sticking it” to authority, although ultimately he will do what is best for everybody, despite his fanaticism and extreme dedication to his personal agenda. He speaks Italian, French and English.

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### ***Vladimir Redski***

**Birthday:** 21 March 1991

**Death:** 27 July 2016 (25 years old)

**Origin:** City of Saint Petersburg, Saint Petersburg, Russia

**Full Name:** Vladimir Ivan Redski

**Gender:** Male

**Height:** 5’ 11” (1.8 m)

**Nationality:** DUAL – Russian / British (Welsh)

Vladimir is a seemingly rational and logical but also highly unpredictable man, holding dual Russian and British citizenship. Growing up both in front of and behind the Iron Curtain, he met Salvatore in the UK, and the two became friends, coming to the USA together. He is dyslexic, and will act unexpectedly if threatened, although, unlike his friend, will change allegiances if he believes his current allies are too much of a threat to his personal survival. He speaks Russian, Welsh and English.

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### ***Frank Morris***

**Birthday:** 1 January 1977

**Origin:** Montréal, Quebec, Canada

**Full Name:** François Eduard Morris

**Gender:** Male

**Height:** 6’ 1” (1.85 m)

**Nationality:** French-Canadian

Born and raised in the French-speaking area of Canada, Frank is bilingual in French and English. He joined the Canadian Army at the age of 18 and was discharged after two years of service under the rank of Captain. He is often the mediator between people of conflicting character, and is willing to take charge if necessary, although he has a strong dislike for unnecessary violence. Eventually joining the Quebec Police Force, he moved on to Interpol and left Canada for the USA sometime before the formation of the Sol Federation, meeting and eventually partnering with Jenna after a catastrophic hostage crisis. His main strength is his dedication to the job, although it is also his weakness in terms of his conscience and morality.

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### *Holly Carson*

**Birthday:** 13 July 1985

**Origin:** San Francisco, California, USA

**Full Name:** Holly Irene Carson

**Gender:** Female

**Height:** 5’ 6” (1.68 m)

**Nationality:** DUAL – American / Canadian

A kind, sweet and caring soul, Holly met Salvatore at a night club-cum-pool party, despite the latter’s reluctance to attend (he was eventually persuaded into going by Vladimir). She feels a strong connection between herself and Salvatore, and there are hints of a romantic attraction between the two. She is also prepared to do anything to save her friend, even at the expense of her own life. A lifelong athlete and performer, Holly spent her college years as Cheer Captain, and eventually graduating in Performing Arts. She speaks Italian and English, thanks to Salvatore.



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### ***Jenna Lane***

**Birthday:** 21 October 1984

**Origin:** Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

**Full Name:** Jenna Alicia Lane

**Gender:** Female

**Height:** 5’ 5” (1.65 m)

**Nationality:** DUAL – Australian / New Zealander

The daughter of a computing journalist, Jenna took up the sciences and arts at an early age. After a failed rape attempt, she took up Martial Arts as part of a self-defence course and eventually joined the Victoria Police Force, eventually becoming an Interpol agent after two years of service. She holds dual Australian and New Zealander citizenship and has no interest in becoming an American citizen. Leaving Australia for the USA, she met Holly at a video game convention and the two quickly became firm friends. Personality-wise, Jenna is confident, strong and honest with a compassionate nature. She speaks French, German and English.

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## *Miranda Ekerot*

**Birthday:** 15 December 1988

**Origin:** City of Stockholm, Stockholm, Sweden

**Full Name:** Miranda Rosa Ekerot

**Gender:** Female

**Height:** 5’ 4” (1.63 m)

**Nationality:** Swedish

Born into a wealthy family in Stockholm, Miranda spent her formative years being educated at home and training in Martial Arts, dance and swimming. Joining the Stockholm Police Force at the age of 18, she was picked up by Interpol three years later and stationed in America. Upon learning of the true motives of the Sol Federation, she started an underground rebellion, using her unique position as a cover – this marked the genesis of a rebel organisation called ARCUS. Her personality on the surface is that of a cold assassin but she is actually a strong-willed and caring person with a genuine sense of justice with a hidden soft side. She speaks Swedish, English, French and German.

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### ***Miranda Alpha***

**Birthday:** 5 July 2011

**Origin:** DIVIETO Laboratory

**Full Name:** Miranda Alpha

**Gender:** Female

**Height:** 5’ 4” (1.63 m)

**Nationality:** Swedish

Little is known about Miranda Alpha other than she is a perfect 1:1 clone of the original Miranda and she was created for combat. However, her memories and personality traits inherited from her mother conflict with her programming. Will she side with DIVIETO or join the light and fight with ARCUS?

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### ***Tobias Jonsson***

**Birthday:** 7 June 1986

**Origin:** City of Stockholm, Stockholm, Sweden

**Full Name:** Tobias Erik Gunnar Jonsson

**Gender:** Male

**Height:** 6’ 3” (1.91 m)

**Nationality:** Swedish

Tobias is Miranda’s friend from the latter’s days at college. Unlike Miranda, who went into law enforcement, Tobias took private flying courses in both Sweden and the USA, studying a course in Engineering in both countries. Eventually qualifying as a private pilot, he is allowed to fly civilian planes and helicopters, and often acts as Miranda’s aerial chauffeur, having joined her in her cause after she discovered the truth about the Federation sometime after their arrival in the USA. He is a quiet and straightforward soul and speaks Swedish, German, French and English.

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### ***Vojislav Brévic***

**Birthday:** 10 November 1978

**Death:** Ambiguous

- Legally died on 20 June 2009; revived and automated on 21 June 2009

**Origin:** City of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia

**Full Name:** Vojislav Sanja Brévic

**Gender:** Male

**Height:** 6’ 1” (1.85 m)

**Nationality:** DUAL – Serbian / Bosnian

Growing up behind the Iron Curtain, Vojislav holds dual Serbian and Bosnian citizenship. Other than that, little is known about him, other than he came to America at the age of 30, tiring of life in Eastern Europe. This mysterious figure speaks English, Bosnian and Serbian.

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### ***Otto Handke***

**Birthday:** 2 April 1989

**Death:** 2 November 2016 (27 years old)

**Origin:** Berchtesgaden, Bavarian Alps, Germany

**Full Name:** Otto Frederick Handke

**Gender:** Male

**Height:** 5’ 10” (1.78 m)

**Nationality:** DUAL – German / British (Northern Irish)

Growing up both in front of and behind the Iron Curtain, Otto is from a privileged family. After three years of national service in the *Bundeswehr* (German Armed Forces), he was discharged as a Sergeant and subsequently immigrated to the UK at the age of 21, eventually settling in Belfast, Northern Ireland. He is loyal and honest, eager to speak his mind, although his greatest downfall is his cocky nature and willingness to impress others. He speaks English and German.

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### ***Vila Volfango***

**Birthday:** 10 October 1977

**Origin:** City of Budapest, Budapest, Hungary

**Full Name:** Vila Andreievich János Volfango

**Gender:** Male

**Height:** 6’ 7” (2.01 m)

**Nationality:** DUAL – Hungarian / British (Scottish)

Born and raised in Budapest, Vila grew up behind the Iron Curtain until its dissolution at the end of the 1980s. He joined the Hungarian Armed Forces at the age of 18 and was discharged after three years as a Captain, having been trained in combat, electronics and piloting – ready for ANY situation. He speaks English, Gaelic and Hungarian.

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### ***Grigori Markóvic***

**Birthday:** 16 February 1964

**Death:** 27 July 2016 (52 years old)

**Origin:** City of Bratislava, Bratislava, Slovakia

**Full Name:** Grigori Eduardo Markóvic

**Gender:** Male

**Height:** 6' (1.83 m)

**Nationality:** DUAL – Slovak / British (English)

Little is known about Grigori other than he is a former KGB operative and was trained in the Red Army, mastering some of the deadliest known torture techniques in the World, so he is not to be trifled with. He speaks English and Slovak.



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### ***Miletto Fresson***

**Birthday:** 27 May 1951

**Death:** 5 November 2016 (65 years old)

**Origin:** Marseille, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, France

**Full Name:** Miletto Christophe Fresson

**Gender:** Male

**Height:** 5' 10" (1.78 m)

**Nationality:** DUAL – French / British (Scottish)

Originally from France and educated in Scotland, Miletto spent his formative years in both Marseille and Glasgow under a strict authoritarian parental rule. Knowing that his parents' ways was wrong, Miletto fought against it, eventually going to live with his aunt at the age of 11. He graduated from the Universities of Paris and Glasgow, majoring in engineering and electronics. With a career in the *Armée de Terre* (French Armed Forces) spanning a quarter of a century, Miletto eventually resigned under the rank of Major, going into arms dealership at the age of 45. Personality-wise, he is headstrong but also compassionate, although he is often torn between loyalty to his conscience and his pride. He speaks English, French and Gaelic.

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### ***Himika Takara***

**Birthday:** 15 December 1979

**Origin:** Kyoto, Kanto, Japan

**Full Name:** Himika Kasumi Takara

**Gender:** Female

**Height:** 5’ 6” (1.68 m)

**Nationality:** DUAL – Japanese / American

Originally from Japan, Himika studied literature and media studies in college against her father’s approval, supported by her mother. Immigrating to the US at the age of 25, she took up modelling work to make ends meet. She now works as a TV reporter and is always eager to get her next scoop, even if it means endangering her own life for the sake of integrity and media coverage.

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### ***Hayate Takara***

**Birthday:** 21 August 1950

**Origin:** Kyoto, Kanto, Japan

**Full Name:** Hayate Goro Takara

**Gender:** Male

**Height:** 5’ 8” (1.73 m)

**Nationality:** Japanese

Little is known about Hayate other than he is a high-ranking member of the DIVIETO organisation, and is capable of using his power to control his potential adversaries. He strongly disapproved of his daughter’s creative and artistic streak, and despite his attempts to subdue her, he ultimately let her go. He is authoritarian to the core and does not tolerate anyone who goes against his word, which makes him a formidable foe.

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### ***Hermann Krumpf***

**Birthday:** 2 February 1949

**Death:** 27 July 2016 (67 years old)

**Origin:** City of Vienna, Vienna, Austria

**Full Name:** Hermann Wilhelm Krumpf

**Gender:** Male

**Height:** 5’ 11” (1.8 m)

**Nationality:** DUAL – Austrian / German

Little is known about Hermann other than his education in Vienna and Innsbruck, graduating in biology and nanotech research and development. He was hired by the DIVIETO organisation after they saw fit to exploit his talents and his commitment to his work. He is naïve and friendly, always excited about progress and results – and he cares very much for his experiments. He speaks English and German.

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### *Rosh Goldman*

**Birthday:** 16 March 1949

**Death:** 8 May 2017 (68 years old)

**Origin:** Jerusalem, Israel

**Full Name:** Rosh Adam Goldman

**Gender:** Male

**Height:** 5’ 11” (1.8 m)

**Nationality:** Israeli

A media mogul and politician, Rosh is connected in all circles and is capable of influencing anything from the slightest intervention to the most significant of events if it will mean pursuing his own lust for power. He is the head of an organisation named DIVIETO – a direct descendant of the Bavarian Illuminati. He also has friends in various exalted circles, making him a formidable foe.

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### ***Francis Baxter***

**Birthday:** 30 January 1951

**Origin:** Salisbury, Wiltshire, England, UK

**Full Name:** Francis Ambrose Baxter

**Gender:** Male

**Height:** 5' 7" (1.71 m)

**Nationality:** British (English)

Francis is Salvatore’s personal tutor on his college course. Despite Salvatore’s nonconformist nature, Francis considers him to be his star student due to his dedication to the assignments and his unwillingness to accept failure as a result. Little else is known about Francis other than he speaks English and French.

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### *Amilcare Pasquale*

**Birthday:** 6 June 1958

**Origin:** Padova, Veneto, Italy

**Full Name:** Amilcare Luciano Pasquale

**Gender:** Male

**Height:** 6' (1.83 m)

**Nationality:** Italian

A true disciplinarian to boot, Amilcare is not necessarily tactful. His relationship with his older son, Remigio (Salvatore’s brother) is virtually non-existent, while he is closer to his younger son, Salvatore, despite their competitive natures. Critical of Salvatore’s love of the United States, he makes no effort to disguise his disappointment regarding his son’s choice of career, although he ultimately loves him. He speaks Italian and English.

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### ***Loredana Serrano-Pasquale***

**Birthday:** 2 April 1961

**Origin:** Mellaredo, Pianiga, Veneto, Italy

**Full Name:** Loredana Giuliana Pasquale (née Serrano)

**Gender:** Female

**Height:** 5’ 1” (1.55 m)

**Nationality:** Italian

Coming from a Roman Catholic family, Loredana is kind and sweet at heart, although her genteelness is put to the test with Amilcare’s altercations with Salvatore and Remigio. She is close to Salvatore and misses him dearly, despite her efforts to help him gain his independence and self-reliance. She speaks Italian and English.



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### *Ivan Redski*

**Birthday:** 5 October 1955

**Origin:** City of Moscow, Moskva, Russia

**Full Name:** Ivan Dimitri Redski

**Gender:** Male

**Height:** 5’ 11” (1.8 m)

**Nationality:** Russian

A former DIVIETO associate, Ivan quit the organisation when he met and married Krista. Severing most of his ties, he could not help but be drawn back into the World of his former associates after his son Vladimir left Russia for the United States. He speaks Russian and English.

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### ***Krista Belemov-Redski***

**Birthday:** 11 November 1959

**Origin:** Yekaterinburg, Sverdlovsk Oblast, Russia

**Full Name:** Krista Isabella Harkov Redski (née Belemov)

**Gender:** Female

**Height:** 5’ 4” (1.63 m)

**Nationality:** Russian

Little is known about Krista except that she is from a rather wealthy Russian oligarchy and she spent time as a model, winning the Miss Soviet Union title at the age of 18. After her modelling days, she turned to fashion designing and acting, meeting Ivan on a shoot in Georgia. The two became a couple and eventually married. Krista supported her son’s decision to move to the US and that was the last she saw of him.

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## Part 1: Genesis (1996, 2007, 2009, 2011)

### *Prologue*

In 1996, a political summit meeting takes place in New York City in order to combat the increasing crime and to prevent an imminent economic collapse. It is agreed by the United Nations that NATO consolidate their armed forces into a single organisation, marking the genesis of the **Sol Federation**, with the Member for Israel as its President.

### **Act 1**

In 2011, **Salvatore Pasquale**, a soon-to-be college graduate with Asperger Syndrome, finishes his course in the US. Going for a walk, he meets Interpol officer **Frank Morris** at a leisure centre, where his friend **Holly Carson** works. Holly and Salvatore discuss the ups and downs of the course and Salvatore has an anxiety attack, injuring him. Salvatore prepares to attend his last day of college with on/off friend **Vladimir Redski**, a dyslexic sportsman. In a fit of frustration, Salvatore injures himself, requiring medical attention. At a coffee house, Salvatore is distracted by several items, most notably the seemingly-aggressive and irresponsible parents around his person – behaviour which is considered acceptable by society (and the Sol Federation)’s standards.

Tiring of life as a sycophant and taking a stand, Salvatore confronts the indifferent mother and authoritarian father and gives an impassioned speech on how role models in any field – personal, political, religious – can be total hypocrites and complete cowards when given power. Going for a walk, Salvatore discovers a Federation camp consisting of “**Imperfects**” – people with disabilities, different views, minorities, etc. People denied a fair life in the US due to their particularities and/or personal views.

Feeling sympathetic for such people, Salvatore crosses the line from civilian to criminal by helping the prisoners flee, their leader informing him of how the Government imposed Martial Law to counter the Economic Crisis. He also mentions an organisation called

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**ARCUS.** Salvatore photographs the camp with the intention of exposing the corruption. As he comes back to the city, Salvatore is cornered by Federation troops and is incapacitated, being arrested shortly afterwards. The next day, Holly tries to contact Salvatore before heading to the leisure centre. Salvatore awakens in a prison cell. He escapes thanks to an unknown assistant.

Holly encounters her friend **Jenna Lane**, an Interpol officer from Australia. Holly informs Jenna of Salvatore’s escape, prompting the cop to send out a search and rescue party, despite the athletic dancer’s protests. Salvatore embarks on a personal vendetta after acquiring some weapons, eventually stumbling across a subterranean city, where he is cornered by Frank and Jenna, accompanied by some Federation soldiers. Salvatore escapes and goes deeper underground. **Miranda Ekerot**, leader of the rebel organisation ARCUS posing as an assassin, is hired to take out Salvatore on the condition that she cooperates with Jenna. She accepts, albeit reluctantly. Salvatore is cornered by a nameless adversary but is able to incapacitate and disarm him. While Frank, Jenna and Miranda search for him, Salvatore escapes and returns home to say goodbye to Holly as the two have a tender moment before the renegade fugitive heads back into the subterranean metropolis. Vladimir is left alone at the police station. Bored with doing nothing, he writes Frank a note and leaves, contacting Salvatore to inform him of the situation. Vladimir then proceeds to head for Holly’s apartment, asking for her help. After a terse altercation, the two make up and settle their differences. Frank and Jenna return to the police station. Noticing Vladimir absent, Frank puts 2 and 2 together and determines that he’s gone to Holly’s place.

The Interpol officers confront Vladimir and get him to come along on a rescue mission with them, with Holly in tow. Salvatore runs into Miranda in the underground city – his heated exchange is interrupted by Frank and Vladimir, who offer to let him graduate with honours

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on the condition that he returns alive, but Salvatore seemingly refuses. While Frank and Jenna search for Salvatore, Vladimir admits to planting his friend’s cell phone with a locator, earning him a reprimand from Frank. Miranda calms down, remembering what drove her to become an assassin in the first place back in 2009: Her former lover, an activist from Eastern Europe named **Vojislav Brévic**, saw through the lies promised by the American Dream. Coupled with the Economic Crisis and the increasing Martial Law at the hands of the Sol Federation, he takes the college hostage, including Miranda’s friend, **Tobias Jonsson**. Miranda, a former police officer herself, worked with Jenna to bring Vojislav to justice, but the Slavic activist was killed after a fight with the assassin. Delusional and disillusioned, Miranda quit and went freelance.

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### Act 2

In the Present Day (2011), Miranda has a change of heart and finds Salvatore with the intention of rescuing him. After a hand-to-hand fight, the two denizens are cornered by Federation troops, who are promptly killed by a cyborg ninja of sorts, who injures and cripples Salvatore. Vladimir and Holly work together as they infiltrate part of a subterranean base with Frank and Jenna, the dancer and the sportsman getting accidentally trapped in a cell. Miranda, having seemingly gotten Salvatore to safety, tries to help the renegade fugitive, who declares his hatred for the Nazi-Fascist regime in the US. He is promptly cornered and brutally murdered by the ninja, who leaves without a trace. Miranda contacts Jenna, informing her of Salvatore’s death. Vladimir manages to free himself and Holly, news of the denizen’s death breaking the dancer’s heart. The survivors the underground base and return to the surface, Vladimir reminiscing about how Salvatore met Holly, the two doomed friends first encountering each other at a nightclub-cum-pool party back in 2007.

The next day, Salvatore is revived with the use of nanotech upgrades, which also heal his wounds in addition to granting him some basic augmentations such as light and speed enhancement. Miranda allies with Salvatore, showing him her true nature as a rebel leader and inducting him into the ARCUS organisation. She shows him evidence of the Economic Crisis and the Sol Federation’s formation as a response to combat the increasing crime and unemployment.

Salvatore is sent to Serbia to find out more, eventually discovering that the UN and NATO directly ordered the formation of the Federation as part of a peacekeeping project. He contacts Holly, who, relieved and irritated to hear he is alive, promptly goes to see Jenna with news of his still-living status – the two women propose that Holly goes undercover. Returning from Serbia, Salvatore shows Miranda the countries controlled by the Federation and related powers, mostly NATO member states – the Federation HQ is located in a

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subterranean base, underneath the Signal de Botrange in Belgium. Holly goes undercover, using her middle name – Irene – as an alias. She meets Miranda and is shown around the base before being inducted into ARCUS herself. Contacting Jenna, she confirms that Salvatore is present.

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### Act 3

Miranda and Tobias, now ARCUS’s pilot, have a heart-to-heart about their childhood together. A gunfight soon escalates amongst the base. Salvatore, suspecting a snitch, locks himself in Miranda’s quarters and contemplates suicide. Fighting her way through the chaos, Miranda goes to check on Salvatore. The two of them agree to escape together with Tobias. The trio are captured by Jenna, who threatens to hand over Salvatore unless he surrenders. Refusing to return to his old life, Salvatore taunts Jenna into killing him, the cop eventually refusing to do so. The denizen then deduces that it was a joint collaboration between Holly and Jenna, just as Frank and Vladimir arrive, having heard about the news. Openly expressing his distaste for an unnecessary massacre, Frank leaves with Jenna while Vladimir joins Salvatore in the final assault on the Federation, the two friends seemingly settling their differences. Miranda gives Holly her word that Salvatore will be kept safe. On their way to Belgium, the group are contacted by a senior echelon of the Federation with orders that Salvatore surrender and turn himself in at the UN HQ in NYC. Salvatore adamantly refuses and the helicopter sustains some gunfire. Miranda is informed of an experimental cryogenic project – a cold-sleep program – and offers herself as a test subject in exchange for Salvatore’s liberty, and a deal is made.

Flying over to Belgium, Salvatore and Miranda break into the base and eventually corner the Federation President after defeating his bodyguards. Miranda forces the Federation President to admit to his wrongdoings while Salvatore shows him the evidence. With his mission accomplished, Salvatore leaves, expecting Miranda to do the same – but she tells him of the cold-sleep program, declaring her love for him. In a final moment of tenderness and romance, Salvatore kisses Miranda before leaving. The Federation President confirms and verifies Miranda’s permission to take part in the cold-sleep program and she is led to a laboratory, where she is cloned and cryogenically frozen.



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### **Finale**

Salvatore reaches the helicopter but decides to rescue Miranda. He and Vladimir argue until the Federation President injures Salvatore, preparing to execute him. The denizen is saved, however, by the cyborg ninja from earlier, revealed to be an augmented and resurrected Vojislav. Salvatore refuses to kill the Federation President and instead lets him go as he and Vojislav duke it out in a final hand-to-hand fight, ending in a draw. Salvatore mentions Miranda to Vojislav, who tells him to continue the ARCUS legacy before leaving. Salvatore, now on the verge of consciousness, is rescued by Vladimir and Tobias, the pilot stating that he knows a safe place to hide, implying that a new base will be built for ARCUS.

## Part 2: Aftermath (2013, 2016)

### *Prologue*

5 years later, in 2016, Salvatore is now ARCUS Commander with two new members – **Vila Volfango** and **Otto Handke**. Intercepting a phone call, Salvatore, with help from his old friend Vladimir, confronts an authoritarian father in Norway, injuring him as a warning to be more compassionate and logical in future. **Rosh Goldman**, a politician-cum-media mogul and head of **DIVIETO**, a descendant organisation of the **Bavarian Illuminati**, begins a campaign against ARCUS, stating that they have been offending people’s cultures and beliefs under the guise of freedom and independence.

### **Act 1**

ARCUS take a false call in Sweden – Vila is sent in to investigate with Otto. Discovering a pair of corpses, the two are set up and the organisation is implicated on false charges of murder and terrorism. Vila and Otto escape with help from Tobias, ARCUS’s resident pilot. Rosh uses his influence and connections to tarnish ARCUS’s reputation, particularly in the religious and educational communities. Holly is still in the USA. She is now a reporter in addition to a dancer, and is partnered with her friend **Himika Takara**, a photographer and a Japanese immigrant.

Frank and Jenna have returned home to Canada and Australia respectively, the former now a Detective Inspector and the latter now a Captain, both still with Interpol. Frank is given orders to track down Salvatore and ARCUS – he goes to Australia to ask Jenna for help. Holly and Himika interview Rosh and are inducted into DIVIETO – they use their undercover positions to investigate further, uncovering some controversial details in the process regarding both the organisation and Rosh himself. ARCUS receive aid from an anonymous tip, providing them with insights into the DIVIETO organisation, along with a list of known key officials.

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Salvatore, Vila and Otto head for Slovakia, capturing and interrogating their only lead, **Grigori Markóvic**. Despite gaining information successfully, Salvatore refuses to kill Grigori. During the extraction, the three ARCUS operatives encounter Slovak police and a hectic gunfight ensues as the trio escape from the city. Salvatore is separated from Vila and Otto and is forced to continue alone, eventually rendezvousing with the others at the edge of the city, just barely escaping in the nick of time with Tobias’s helicopter.

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### Act 2

Vojislav and his rogue crew of mercenaries find Miranda’s frozen body at an abandoned ex-Federation base, underneath the Signal de Botrange in Belgium. Miranda, now a test subject for experimental cryonics research, and her clone – **Miranda Alpha** – are transported to a subterranean DIVIETO laboratory in Austria. Miranda Alpha is awoken by **Doctor Hermann Krumpf**, who trains and conditions her for combat with some mind-control from Rosh. The information gathered from the tipper leads ARCUS to Mont Blanc on the French-Italian border, where arms dealer and gunsmith **Miletto Fresson** is hiding in a mountain house at the Summit. Salvatore captures and interrogates Miletto, who defects to ARCUS. Vojislav and his rogue crew close in on Salvatore and ARCUS, seemingly on the verge of victory. Vila mistakes Vojislav for a DIVIETO agent and the ARCUS operatives escape via snowmobile, heading for the base of the mountain.

In the ensuing chase, Salvatore takes out the rogue agents except for Vojislav, who joins Salvatore with evidence of DIVIETO’s connection to the “murder” and smear campaign. Frank and Jenna head for Interpol HQ for a briefing on the Salvatore situation. However, due to the case now verging on political controversy in addition to cultural backlash, Interpol relieves Frank of the Salvatore case, leading him to go rogue with Jenna. Frank openly admits that Salvatore made him question authority, made him use his brain instead of being a blind sycophant – but is still determined to arrest him.

Holly and Himika find evidence of ARCUS’s controversial methods, implying that they are not so different from DIVIETO – Holly refuses to believe Salvatore is a terrorist while Himika calls her boss for a news scoop. Miranda Alpha reaches Mont Blanc and extracts information from one of Vojislav’s dying men – she then receives an anonymous tip as to the location of Salvatore’s HQ. In Sweden, Salvatore deduces that his adversaries are closing in on him. With Vila and Otto’s help, he activates the self-destruct sequence but is betrayed by

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Vladimir, who hands him over to Miranda Alpha. In a flashback set in England in 2013, Vojislav and his rogue squad discover Vladimir openly discussing Salvatore’s cause with Rosh in the Houses of Parliament in London. Unsure as to whether or not Vladimir intends to betray Salvatore or if it is part of a sting, Vojislav records the information for safekeeping before extraction. Back in the Present Day (2016), the ARCUS agents are captured, while Salvatore is tortured and interrogated by a vengeful Grigori, who reminds him to kill next time. Miranda Alpha arrives, blaming Salvatore for the original Miranda’s capture. After the lengthy torture session, Vojislav arrives to rescue Salvatore and his men. The ARCUS operatives escape from the DIVIETO prison in Switzerland with Vladimir in hot pursuit.

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### **Act 3**

Thanks to Vojislav, Salvatore discovers the original Miranda’s location and the squad heads for Austria. Salvatore, Vila, Vojislav and Otto infiltrate the DIVIETO laboratory and rescue Miranda, offering to protect Hermann in return for his help. During the extraction, Grigori and Vladimir capture the ARCUS operatives, the latter coldly executing Hermann. Tobias rescues Salvatore and his men with Miletto’s help. Vojislav and Vila help Miranda escape while Otto and Salvatore pursue Grigori and Vladimir. Salvatore contacts Rosh and asks for his help under the justification that his enemy’s enemy is his friend. Rosh informs Salvatore of his associate’s plan to escape and subsequently goes into hiding. Salvatore corners and tackles Vladimir, who justifies his betrayal with the reason that Salvatore’s extremist attitude was causing too much controversy – his lack of being taken seriously coupled with their different cultural backgrounds and political views galvanised Vladimir’s motivation to betray Salvatore. Otto accidentally kills Grigori and later attacks Vladimir to save Salvatore. During the struggle, Vladimir stabs Otto and is shot dead by Salvatore.

### **Finale**

Now in a dire situation beyond his original expectations, Salvatore radios Tobias for an emergency extraction – Vojislav and Vila help Otto aboard the helicopter with the intention of getting to a hospital and going into hiding. Salvatore vows revenge, his ultimate goal being to win the fight against DIVIETO.

## Part 3: Endgame (2016 – 2017)

### *Prologue*

Several hours after escaping from Austria, the remaining ARCUS operatives – Salvatore, Vila, Vojislav and a dying Otto – reach a hospital in Germany, where Vila and Vojislav work furiously to save Otto’s life. 3 months later, Otto recovers. In the interim, Miranda has been regaining her memories due to cryosleep-induced amnesia, while Vojislav and Vila have been investigating further leads with ARCUS defector Miletto’s help – a DIVIETO contact named **Hayate Takara** has key information and is residing in Japan.

### **Act 1**

ARCUS head for Japan and capture Hayate, who not only has information about DIVIETO’s true motive but is also Himika’s father – Salvatore tortures Hayate for the information before being subdued by Vila. Tobias and Miletto discover that Rosh is back on the grid, having launched a personal attack against Salvatore’s parents in Italy. Holly and Himika hear of Salvatore’s return – the news of the attack on her father’s life in Japan prompts Himika to go public with her news and she and Holly go live on the air to expose the truth.

After the exposé, Holly and Himika leave the US for Europe, deciding to lay low in Sweden. Upon arrival, the reporters are captured by a hidden DIVIETO agent, who is pursued by Frank and Jenna, the two Interpol officers having left France for Sweden after being taken off the case. Frank disables the DIVIETO agent’s car and rescues Holly and Himika, taking the intrepid heroines to a penthouse suite. Miranda Alpha finds her creator and “father”, Hermann, dead – this drives her to defect over to ARCUS as Rosh’s brainwashing breaks apart. Frank and Jenna place Holly and Himika under house arrest for their own safety. After a rather rough flight over Europe, Tobias lands the ARCUS helicopter in order to rest – the next day, Miranda Alpha, having located the helicopter, asks to join ARCUS in revenge for Hermann’s death.

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### Act 2

Miranda and Miranda Alpha come face-to-face for the first time. To give the others a break, Salvatore heads for Italy with Vila in tow. He finds his parents in hospital, injured but alive – after an emotionally intense reunion and resolution, Salvatore vows to finish the war that has started. Reuniting with ARCUS, Salvatore and the team head for the US in order to ask for help from Holly – reaching her old apartment, Salvatore and his men are cornered by Rosh, who shoots and mortally wounds Otto before setting off explosives in the apartment. The ARCUS operatives fight their way through the city while Salvatore helps a dying Otto, reaching the extraction point – the team escape the US and head for Europe. Despite Salvatore’s efforts, he is unable to help Otto, who succumbs to his injuries, but not before informing Salvatore of Miranda Alpha’s relationship with Rosh.

Enraged at his friend’s death and feeling betrayed, Salvatore hits Miranda Alpha and threatens to execute her but is mollified by the original Miranda. Miranda Alpha tells Salvatore of the genesis of her creation and her relationship with Rosh and Hermann, mollifying Salvatore as he makes his peace with the clone, the ARCUS operatives giving Otto an official burial in Germany. In Sweden, Frank hears a recording of Holly’s report – suspecting the worst, he and Jenna return to the penthouse suite, to find Holly and Himika gone. Frank is contacted by an anonymous source, informing him of the girls’ location – he and Jenna decide to contact Salvatore and form a temporary mutual alliance. Salvatore hears of the news and decides to join forces, but not before heading for Russia, where he confesses to Vladimir’s parents of their son’s murder at his own hands and berates his late friend’s father for inducting him into a life of politics and deception.

Returning to Sweden, Salvatore meets Frank for the first time in 5 years, the disavowed cop allying with the renegade fugitive. Miletto phones Rosh under the guise of having captured Miranda and Miranda Alpha – Rosh seemingly takes the bait and provides Miletto (and



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ARCUS) with DIVIETO HQ’s location. The remaining ARCUS operatives infiltrate the base – an ocean laboratory located at the base of the Norwegian Sea. Salvatore and his men disguise themselves as DIVIETO officers while Miranda and Miranda Alpha use their stealth skills to find the prison cells while Miletto manipulates Rosh into revealing his master plan – a “Final Solution” – to promote authoritarianism Worldwide by launching a MIRV over Europe and blaming it on ARCUS, who are now alternately praised and derided by traditionally libertarian and authoritarian nations Worldwide respectively.

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### Act 3

Learning of the potential destruction of Europe and collapse of civilisation, Miranda informs Salvatore, who begins to crack under the pressure. In a final stand, Frank and Jenna return to France and head for Interpol HQ, informing them of the true nature of DIVIETO thanks to information acquired by Holly, Himika and Vojislav – despite his pleas, Interpol deny him authority once again, prompting Frank’s resignation, with Jenna following suit. Frank gives up on arresting Salvatore and decides to aid him in his cause. Miranda and Miranda Alpha rescue Holly and Himika, meeting up with the ARCUS operatives while Frank and Jenna head for the ocean laboratory via minisub. Jenna contacts Salvatore with orders for extraction – Miletto realises Rosh’s true nature and holds his former friend at gunpoint. Salvatore and his men arrive, confronting Rosh and holding him hostage. An encounter with DIVIETO officers sans uniforms (from whom Salvatore, Vila and Vojislav stole in order to get inside) sparks a gunfight at the docks of the ocean laboratory.

Miletto is mortally wounded in the ensuing conflict and dies after wounding Rosh. An injured Salvatore refuses to fall back, instead ordering Miranda and Miranda Alpha to get Holly and Himika off the base while he and his men pursue Rosh, who locks himself in the control room and sends out a deadly laser turret after Salvatore and Vila, while Vojislav balances the scales. Jenna escorts Holly and Himika back to the airport with tickets to the US before returning to meet Frank – the former cops and the blonde assassins – one original, one clone – return to the ocean laboratory to rescue the ARCUS men. Rosh sets the base’s self-destruct sequence while Salvatore runs into Miranda – the two of them head for the control room to stop Rosh, who, after revealing his true goal, prepares to execute Salvatore but is stopped by Miranda Alpha. Rosh escapes.

Vila realises the minisub cannot hold everybody while Vojislav finds an incapacitated Salvatore and helps him to safety. Salvatore is led into the minisub and loses consciousness

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during the escape while Miranda and Miranda Alpha anaesthetise him to work on his injuries. News spreads all over the World about ARCUS’s heroics and DIVIETO’s true goal, effectively putting a permanent end to authoritarian and disciplinarian power on personal and cultural levels in addition to the political and religious communities on a Global scale. Holly and Himika are thanked for their efforts and the two organisations officially disband.

### **Finale**

In 2017, Salvatore recovers in a hospital in Hungary, 6 months after the climactic assault on the ocean laboratory. In the interim, Vila and Vojislav have been looking for traces of Rosh’s presence, eventually tracking him down at the Burj Khalifa tower in the UAE. With renewed vigour, Salvatore orders one last assault on the tower with Vila and Vojislav’s help. Salvatore contacts Rosh and vows revenge, promising to make him pay for ruining his life and corrupting Vladimir into betraying him. Arriving in the UAE, Salvatore, Vila and Vojislav fight their way through Rosh’s private security team as they ascend the tower. Nearing the top of the tower, Vojislav is injured and incapacitated, leaving Vila to administer first aid. This leaves Salvatore with no choice but to proceed alone. Salvatore corners Rosh at the tower’s helipad and injures him while his helicopter is forced to depart without him. Pursuing Rosh into the spire of the tower, Salvatore confronts his nemesis at the very top of the Burj Khalifa, and a long fight ensues. Both men eventually fall to the base of the spire, Salvatore landing on concrete and Rosh landing in a pool of petroleum. Pursuing Rosh back to the helipad, Salvatore beats him savagely before the former DIVIETO Leader gains the upper hand while the ex-ARCUS Commander is distracted. Preparing to execute his adversary, Rosh is injured by a semi-conscious Vojislav, who is incapacitated by an anti-tank projectile from Rosh’s helicopter, which Vila destroys with a grenade launcher. Salvatore, full of rage from Rosh’s authoritarian dictatorship on a Global level and for the atrocities done to those close to him, kills Rosh in a brutal and almost sadistic manner. Shooting (and mortally

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wounding) his nemesis, Salvatore then incinerates Rosh alive, letting the doomed psychopath fall to his death. Injured and exhausted, Salvatore is picked up by Tobias along with his friends and they leave the UAE.

### **Epilogue**

7 months later, in a mausoleum in Sweden, Salvatore pays his final tributes to his deceased friends and leaves with Miranda and Miranda Alpha with a sense of hope and peace, having found tranquillity and happiness for the first time in his life. He strongly implies that he will also continue fighting for equal rights Worldwide, ending the story.