ANALYSIS ON ANASTASIA

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This document covers the exploits of Anastasia in the game Altered Beast (PS2). This analysis is based on my own analysis as well as information gathered from the game's fandom, and dialogues from the game itself.

Introduction of Anastasia

Anastasia is the main antagonist and final boss in Altered Beast (PS2). Her character, dialogue, and actions during the game reflect a multifaceted intelligence that ranges from manipulation to...

Categories

RED-FSIQ, EI
GREEN: SQ, MISCELLANEOUS, AC
PURPLE: THINKING, REASONING
YELLOW: STRATEGY, PLANNING
BLUE: DECEPTION, MANIPULATION
CYAN: TRAPS, FORESIGHT
WHITE OR BLACK: PSYCHOLOGY, INTELLIGENCE

Anastasia's first appearance is in the central fortress, where she is introduced as the main antagonist. The scene depicts a dark and oppressive atmosphere, with Anastasia standing before an ancient altar, surrounded by mystical symbols and advanced technology. Her posture is serene, but her gaze conveys a latent threat. "The power that lies in the shadows is not for the faint of heart. Only those willing to embrace their destiny can claim it."

The phrase is laden with symbolism and double meaning, suggesting that the power he wields is both physical and metaphysical. By using terms like "shadows" and "destiny," he appeals to universal concepts that generate a sense of inevitability and fatalism. This not only establishes his authority but also psychologically manipulates the protagonist and the other characters, sowing doubt and fear.

The scene is designed so that her presence dominates the space. The characters surrounding her show deference, and the lighting highlights her figure as a focal point, reflecting her ability to control the environment and people without resorting to violence.

Although there is no direct interaction, her composure in a hostile environment indicates absolute emotional control, suggesting that she will not be an impulsive adversary but a calculating one.

(VCI, PRI, FRI, IN, EQA, Influence, Social Awareness, Psychological Manipulation, Indirect Manipulation, Verbal Manipulation,
Strategic Deception, Misdirection, Concealment, Information Control, Psychological Analysis, Psychological Warfare, Hot Reading,
Strategy Building, Strategy Orchestration, Strategy Control, Strategy Foresight,
Critical Thinking, Strategic Thinking,
Logical Reasoning, Abductive Reasoning,
Prediction, Anticipation)

Before the final battle, Anastasia confronts the protagonist in a room filled with ancient relics and ruined technology. The tension is palpable, and the dialogue becomes a verbal duel where she attempts to break Luke's spirit.

"Do you think your efforts will change the course of the inevitable? Every step you take only brings you closer to your downfall. Don't you feel the weight of fate crushing you?"

This line is a clear example of gaslighting. Anastasia not only challenges the protagonist's abilities but also makes him question the validity of his own actions and hopes. By

suggesting that fate is immutable, she undermines Luke's confidence, weakening his will before the physical fight.

The precision with which she attacks the protagonist's morale indicates that Anastasia has read his emotions and weaknesses. She doesn't hurl generic insults, but rather targets hopelessness and fear, emotions she knows can paralyze.

On a strategic level, this verbal confrontation is part of a broader method: to wear down the mind first in order to reduce resistance during actual combat. Anastasia doesn't waste energy; she optimizes it. She knows that an enemy who enters the fray psychologically weakened is less capable of reacting, planning, and executing. That's why she manipulates Luke's narrative about the situation, not to convince him, but to disrupt his mental clarity and diminish his ability to make decisions under pressure.

Thus, his intervention is not only an act of intimidation, but a tactical move that reveals his mastery of emotional analysis, control of the environment, and discursive manipulation as tools to tip the scales in his favor before the fight begins.

(EP, EF, Gaslighting, Psychological Manipulation, Emotional Manipulation,
Psychological Insight, Psychological Analysis,,
Verbal Manipulation, Persuasion, Concealment, Information Control,
Strategic Deception, Strategy Orchestration, Strategy Control,
Critical Thinking, Strategic Thinking, Analytical Thinking, Logical Reasoning, Deductive Reasoning, Abductive Reasoning,
Prediction, Anticipation)

In the midst of the battle, just as the protagonist manages to withstand her initial attacks, Anastasia transforms into a gigantic dragon. The scene shows her changing form, her wings unfurling, and her power dramatically increasing, altering the dynamics of the fight.

The transformation is not merely a change, but a tactical response to the opponent's resistance. Anastasia demonstrates mental flexibility to shift her strategy and form, adapting to the situation to maintain her advantage.

In its dragon form, it dominates the airspace, attacking from multiple angles and anticipating movements. This requires complex and rapid mental visualization, as well as holistic thinking to coordinate attacks in three dimensions.

The controlled fury he displays in this form enhances his attacks, reflecting a conscious management of his emotions to maximize his performance.

(This will be explained in more detail later)

(VSI, PRI, CPI, Adaptability, Mental Fortitude,Thinking, Holistic Thinking, IF, Strategic Execution, Anticipation, Prediction)

When Anastasia was blamed for her actions, she showed not despair but an unsettling calm. Luke asked her, "Are you a cyborg?" also calling her by the name she had asked him to use (Ana).

"That's right, just like you, I am the second creation after Brad, and when they created you they decided that Brad was no longer relevant, just like me, where I was just a system error for not being completely perfect."

This reflection demonstrates a high degree of self-awareness and a complex view of reality. Anastasia understands the moral and existential implications of her actions and projects them onto the protagonist.

The phrase suggests that her being discarded is not just an episode in a larger struggle, indicating that her plans and objectives transcend the present moment. Despite being "useless," she attempts to manipulate the protagonist into doubting her motives and actions, maintaining influence even after being captured, though this demonstrates that she had anticipated this situation.

(VCI, WMI, PRI,Self Awareness, Emotional Composure, Strategic Manipulation, Psychological Manipulation, Influence Maintenance, Critical Thinking, Analytical Thinking, Planning AIM, Contingency Planning,
Psychological Warfare)

Anastasia has left subtle narrative clues that suggest she has been manipulating events from the shadows long before the direct confrontation.

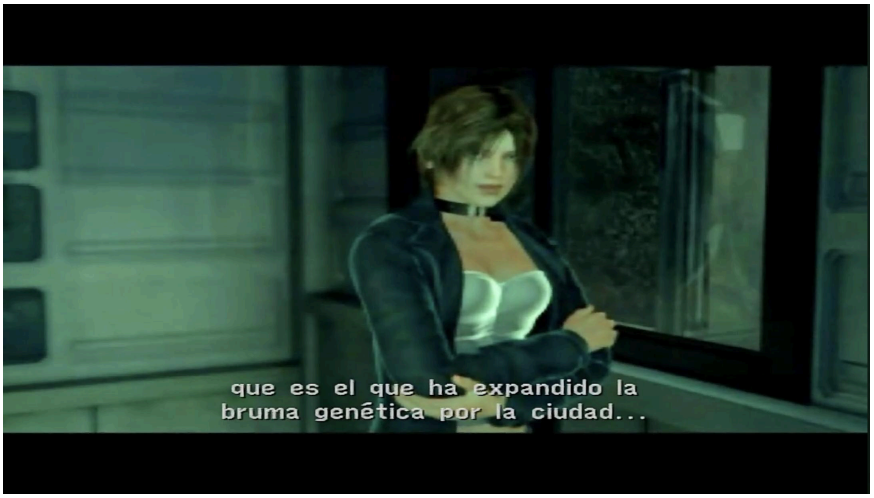
It is speculated that Anastasia fomented conflicts between rival factions to weaken her enemies without exposing herself, demonstrating a mastery of mass manipulation and indirect strategy, which helped Dr. Eric to get the government to contribute to the DNA mutation experiments and thus carry out his plan (which is explained below).

He also keeps secrets and controls the information that reaches his subordinates and enemies, ensuring that no one has a complete view of his plans, giving him a significant strategic advantage.

It uses psychological warfare techniques to demoralize and divide its enemies, exploiting their fears and weaknesses without the need for direct confrontation.

(Mass Manipulation, Indirect Manipulation, Psychological Warfare, Information Control, Concealment, Strategic Deception, Psychological Manipulation,Planning, Long Term Planning, Contingency Planning, Social Manipulation, Influence, Leadership, Critical Thinking, Strategic Thinking, Analytical Thinking, Prediction, Anticipation)

It is explained that Anastasia released the genetic mist, which caused massive damage to the city and a large part of the island where it was released. Her plan was to have Luke sent to investigate how the mist had spread. Anastasia's plan had gone perfectly since Luke was sent on the mission, but she hadn't counted on Brad ordering the destruction of the plane Luke was on. After a brief interaction with a tired Luke, she learns that Luke had lost his memory and used this disadvantage to create conflict between Luke and Brad.





“Brad is searching for the Dragon chip, I don’t want to imagine what he would do if he got his hands on it…he would be indestructible.”

On one hand, Anastasia managed to get Luke to meet Brad, so much so that she killed his "pet" and managed to seriously injure him.

(Their strategy begins here).
Since Anastasia presented herself as "Dr. Eric's Assistant," there was no way she could be the culprit, especially since she helped the protagonist at the beginning, following various clues until she reached the headquarters where the Dragon Chip and Brad were located.

Ana devised a plan that involved following the Doctor's orders and obtaining information about the blueprints for the gas that altered living beings. With these blueprints, she could spread the gas across the entire island. Anastasia sought Dr. Eric's help, having participated in his experiments and learned how the blueprints for the various beasts and the mist functioned. Using the information she had gathered during her few times supervising the experiments, she managed to control the mist, deceiving Eric and causing a disaster on the island by altering the genes of the living beings there. Using the information from the mist blueprints, she modified the DNA of living beings, creating new life forms that took over the entire island. She used various positions of the mist to block military access, making it impossible for a normal human to enter or leave. Ana memorized the entire island, from abandoned mines and cities to lakes and laboratories, allowing her to move freely.

(WMI, CPI, VSI, EU, EM, EE Planning,Long Term Planning, Contingency Planning, Planning Versatility, Planning Risk Calculation, Strategy Orchestration, Strategy Building, Strategy Adaptability, Strategy Execution, Strategy Resilience, Strategy Control, Strategy Foresight, Concealment, Information Control, Manipulation, Psychological Manipulation, Mass Manipulation, Indirect Manipulation, Psychological Warfare, Analytical Thinking, Critical Thinking, Inductive Reasoning, Abductive Reasoning, Memory, Adaptability, Knowledge Application,Prediction, Anticipation)

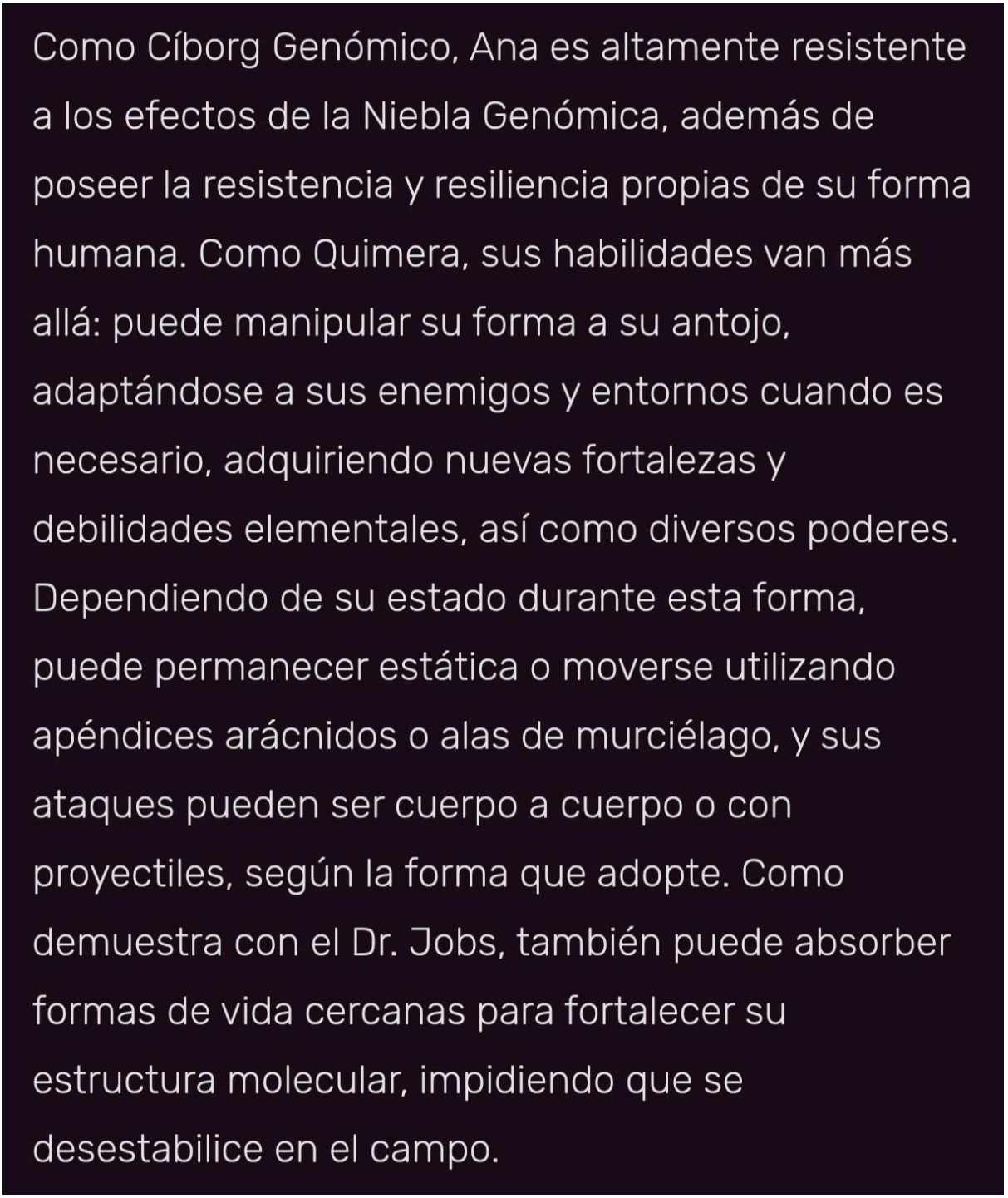
The release of the gas is the key moment, as it doesn't attack directly, but rather creates a chaotic environment to weaken the organization and the protagonist. Its objective isn't immediate; instead, it waits for the opportune moment to act, waiting for Luke to be consumed by the beast. Anastasia knew Luke was experiencing amnesia, which served as her escape route from capture. After the encounter, Anastasia remained hidden while the chaos unfolded, allowing the mutant enemies to weaken Luke and the military personnel before intervening herself and thus remaining undetected once again.

Anastasia manages to release the gas that transforms humans and animals into violent mutations. She understands how to alter the containment and distribution system, which requires advanced knowledge of biotechnology and biological data manipulation. Ana begins her strategy: she knows Luke is destined to obtain the dragon chip, so she knows that sooner or later he will remember everything. This leads her to devise a plan to keep Dr. Eric alive so he can witness his creation complete its mission without killing him in the process. To achieve this, she sends Luke to different locations where the other chips he needs are located, hoping to reunite them.

Luke obtains the chips along with his memories, which allows Ana to anticipate everything that was going to happen until the end.

(Strategic Orchestration, Long Term Planning, Contingency Planning, Adaptability, Analytical Thinking, Critical Thinking, Inductive Reasoning, Abductive Reasoning, Prediction, Anticipation, Information Control, Concealment, Manipulation, Psychological Manipulation, Mass Manipulation, Knowledge Application)

As a Genome-Cyborg, Anastasia was able to assimilate and survive multiple genetic codes, indicating a level of mental and physiological processing above the average human, creating several routes where she could move and spread the gas to various areas of the island. Being a Cyborg, she could move within the gas, avoiding being found and captured, trapping Eric within the gas, thus completing her strategy (which I just explained). It should also be mentioned that Ana is a chimera, which means she can transform into various forms, adapting to the different scenarios where she faces Luke.



This gives him enormous adaptability in combat and mind; besides, he knows that his form is incomplete, so he absorbs Eric and thus maintains his form for a longer period of time.

- Habilidad de adaptación : a pesar de tener solo una forma de bestia, la transformación de Quimera de Anna puede alterar su apariencia y composición genética para que coincida con las otras transformaciones de Luke de manera uniforme tanto en poder como en afinidad elemental, y cambiará constantemente en la batalla contra ella por cada barra de salud agotada.

(VCI, VSI, FRI, EM, EU, EF,
Social Skills, Social Awareness, Empathy, Social Cognition, Leadership, Influence,Composure, Determination, Cognitive Discipline, Perseverance, Stress Tolerance, Mental Fortitude, Manipulation, Psychological Manipulation, Mass Manipulation, Indirect Manipulation, Information Control, Concealment,
Strategic Orchestration, Long Term Planning, Contingency Planning, Analytical Thinking, Critical Thinking, Strategic Thinking, Inductive Reasoning, Abductive Reasoning, Prediction, Anticipation, Knowledge Application, Adaptability)

(To explain Ana's plan, you need to know and understand how she formulated everything with just a few hours of research and also how it links to her strategy).

Explanation: The plan becomes a kind of compilation, but explained in a better way, that is, the previous strategy where she manages to persuade Luke that Brad is looking for the chip will also be there because everything revolves around her master plan, it should be mentioned that everything that will be explained is demonstrated in the game, that she is the one who has LITERALLY pulled the strings from the beginning.

- Monstruo de ojos verdes : Mucho más envidioso de Luke que Brad, hasta el punto de comprometer el proyecto y su personal solo para vengarse de ellos por descartarla.
- The Heavy : Ella sola pone en marcha los eventos del juego y trabaja activamente para guiar a Luke por el camino que ella quiere que siga, todo para poder absorberlo y obtener sus capacidades genéticas para mejorar las suyas.

Now let's explain the plan.

Ana, being Dr. Eric's second creation, was created to absorb other beasts (remember this for later). When Luke and Brad were built, she was discarded, and out of hatred and resentment for not being loved by her father, she creates the following plan. To understand this, we need to understand what she did when creating her plan.

1-Ana knows that Luke can transform into various sentient mint beasts, but he needs the chips to do so. Ana studies this and uses it as a lure for Brad to escape from the lab with the genetic chips. Luke finds out and is sent to retrieve the chips, where he has a confrontation with Brad and, needless to say, loses. With this, Ana gets rid of Brad and avoids creating conflict between the two brothers. With Brad out of the equation, she begins her plan.

2- When Eric was summoned to discuss his experiments, Ana was present and was the Doctor's "assistant," making it difficult to suspect she was up to something. Ana managed to convince the executives and special forces to fund the Doctor's experiments under the pretext that "they would support the military." Half agreed and began funding the experiments, which involved testing different gases on animals to alter their behavior in order to create biological weapons that could support the special forces. The other half remained "out" because the experiments were unethical and against the laws of nature. Ana understood the executives' point and decided to tell the Doctor to consider the following points.

- 1-The experiments will be for the government only and no one else
- 2- Any inconvenience or issue outside of what was agreed upon will result in a refund of the money that was contributed.

- 3- Everything was for research purposes and to help the government; there was no intention to cause harm to human beings…

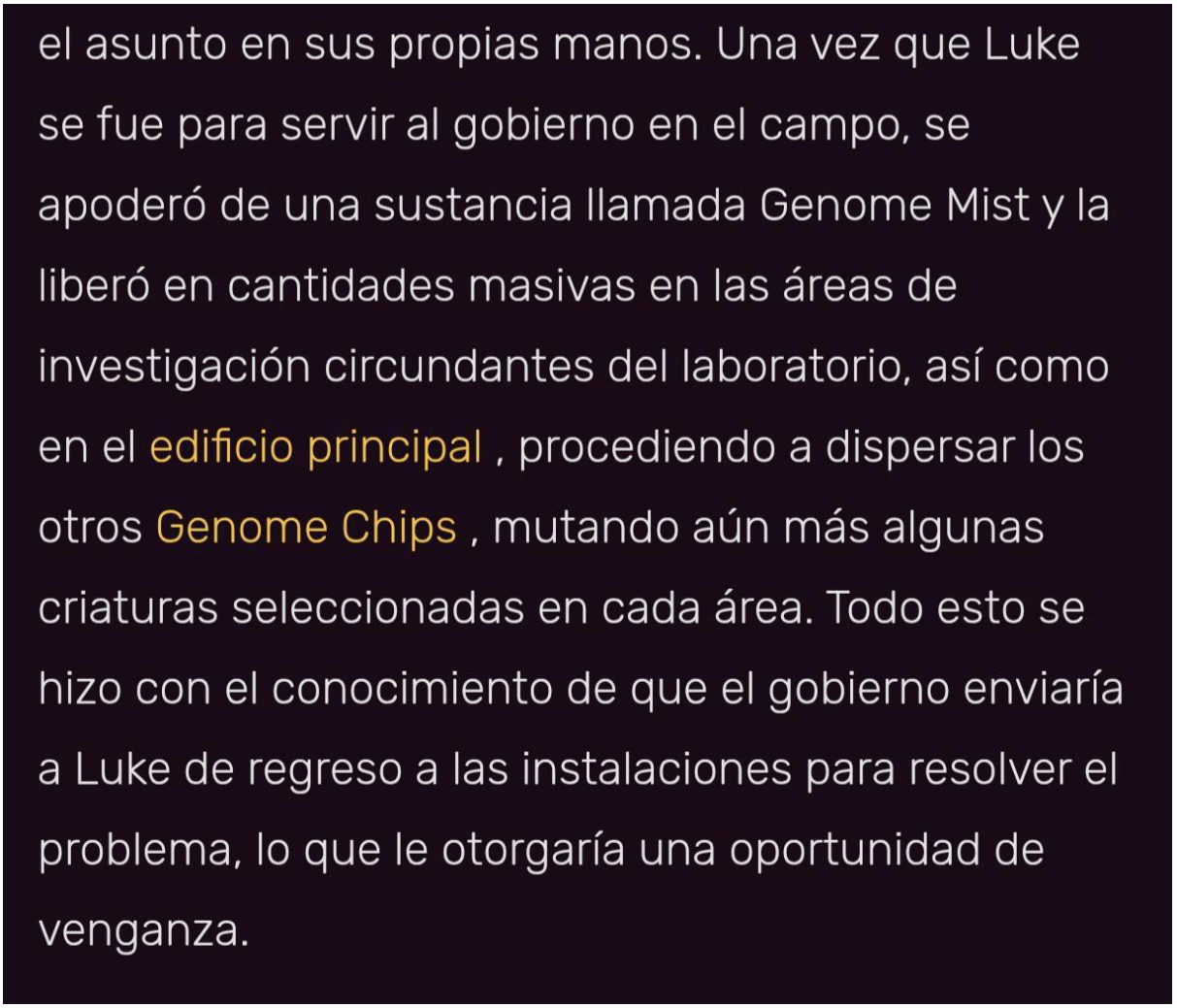
With all this, the executives came to accept the terms that the doctor had set (clearly the idea was Ana's).

3- Ana spent little time studying how the Gas Mist worked and how living beings mutated upon contact with it. Ana studied each animal body and how they changed biologically. She had limited time, and these were the few times she participated in the experiments and the creation of each chip. Speaking of these chips! Ana perfectly understood how they worked and how the chips revealed noticeable physiological changes in animals and how these altered their behavior to a more hostile state. With all this in mind, she began to study the gas more deeply, and I repeat, SHE ONLY STUDIED IT WHEN SHE WAS A PARTICIPANT. In any case, it was only a few times, vaguely, which shows her incredible memory at this point. Ana also took on the task of studying the key entry and exit points of the gas mist. She also took chips and strategically scattered them where Luke could find them after arriving on the Island. Once Luke had them, he could absorb them and become the ultimate beast, thus being recognized by Dr. Eric.

With the 3 points already explained, here comes his master plan.

When Brad escapes, he begins to create a separate plan (this plan consisted of destroying the plane in which Luke was being transported, although Brad's plan was very useful to Ana and I will explain why later). When Brad leaves, Luke is informed that the gas was spread throughout the island. The government doesn't understand how it happened, but their reason was "a failure in the laboratory's security." Ana had begun her plan; releasing the mist was the beginning.

Luke is warned that he will investigate what is inside the mist since he is a Cyborg, therefore the mist would not harm him in any way; the animals and humans who were on the island were also victims of Ana's act (at this point I have to clarify that Ana knew about all this, that is, she knew that Luke would be sent on the mission and there is data on the wiki that explains it.



It's no surprise that the best soldier was sent, but that doesn't diminish the fact that he predicted and anticipated it.

Luke is sent on a plane and Ana plans to leave him at the ARA-15, Dr. Erick's lab. Ana intends to shoot down the plane, but something unexpected happens. A strange beast destroys the plane, and Luke falls at the entrance to the cemetery. Ana sees the explosion and goes to investigate. When she arrives, she finds a dying Luke and injects him with a serum. The first thing she notices is that Luke has lost his memory, and she uses this to her advantage (you can go back and read how Ana used this to her advantage). She uses Luke's amnesia to create conflict between him and Brad, manipulating his mind into believing Brad is the bad guy. Ana indirectly guides Luke to the location of the chips so he can become whole.

Explanation: This doesn't mean his plan failed; his plan was to shoot down the plane and have him get the chips on his own. The help from the mysterious beast only accelerated his plan, and with Luke's amnesia, this would add to the versatility and adaptability of his plan in the face of these events.

Ana's plan was going perfectly; no external force could enter or leave the mist. Luke was still looking for Brad, and she continued feeding Dr. Eric so he wouldn't die from the mist's contamination. Ana intended to continue using Brad as a scapegoat to further her plan.

Ana encounters Luke again, who tells her that Brad had spread the mist and the chips, without mentioning that he was protecting the dragon chip at the facility. Ana introduces herself as "Dr. Eric's former assistant," and Luke believes her. She continues to manipulate him, exploiting his limited memory. Ana manages to evade Luke's questions about her identity and escapes the interrogation unharmed. She says goodbye, stating that Brad is a threat and they should eliminate them together. After Luke returns from Area 9 (the mines), Ana leaves him a pamphlet with clues about the dragon beast and why it is so powerful. Why would she have done that? It's very simple, as I've already mentioned, Brad protects the chip with his life and knows that Luke is looking for the chips. Ana sets a trap for both of them. Brad waits for Luke, and Luke arrives with the other beasts and is stronger than him. Therefore, Luke should have killed him, but miraculously, Luke spares his life and lets him escape, but not before saying that Ana was the cause of everything. At this point, Brad's revelation is important, but it also ceases to be so since Luke will recover his memory and remember everything about Ana (which means that in one way or another he would know that she was the culprit).

Ana awaits him in Area 15 (The Laboratory). Luke tells her his name, the name she introduced herself with, "Ana." Ana understands that he has recovered his memory. From here, Ana explains her entire plan through a monologue. She explains that she has been feeding Eric so that he wouldn't die from the mist's contamination and was waiting for Luke to appear with the dragon chip so she could mentally destroy him as part of her revenge. Ana had been preparing for combat, absorbing more enemies to face Luke, and we see this in her various transformations during the final battle.

As a final point, it should be explained that she was defeated, but I want to make it clear that even though she couldn't absorb Luke, the entire plan, up to the final battle, went perfectly, which doesn't diminish this incredible feat.

(VCI, VSI, WMI, CPI, FRI, EM, EU, EP, EF
Long Term Planning, Contingency Planning, Planning Intricacies, Planning Coverage, Planning Versatility, Planning Risk Calculation, Planning Invincibility, Planning Accuracy, Planning Formulation, Planning Preparation Process, Planning Aim
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Crystallized Intelligence, Fluid Intelligence)

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